



# THE MAIL POUCH

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The Pony Express Branch #69  
November — 2020 Edition



Alan Weinel, Editor



## Jimmy's Gems

Hello, Fellow SIR

As we come to the end of 2020, it has been a difficult year for the branch as we deal with the impact of COVID 19!

We want to stay in touch with each other, but per Regional Director Dave Gonzales's assessment of Sacramento COVID guidelines, luncheons, picnics, etc, are prohibited. Golf is permitted.

The branch is continuing to initiate new members. Thank you, sponsors. Last month SIR Richard Terrell sponsored a new member: SIR Jim Oliver. Jim Oliver was introduced and initiated during the ZOOM meeting. Welcome to Branch 69.

At this month's meeting, the Branch will install the officers for 2021. Warren Senegal HLM, PBS, PRD will perform the installation ceremony.

Hugh Thompson is the new Area Governor and was elected unanimously by the area's Big and Little SIR.

Alan Weinel is pulling together the 2021 Roster. Check with Alan to ensure your information is correct. Don't forget to set aside money for your voluntary contribution.

You are encouraged to attend this month's BEC meeting to become familiar with ZOOM before the start of the new year. There will be gift card drawings for meeting attendees. Please see the attached flyer!

As my administration comes to a close, thank you, officers, chairman, directors, callers, and other members that volunteered to support the goals of the branch and State SIR.

Please support Paul Sickert Big Sir elect during his term of office.

Enjoy the holiday gatherings. Stay Safe.

Thank You

*Jimmy Buckley, Big Sir*



## Sickert Says

Have you ever wondered what the surcharge "CA Relay Service and Communications Devices Fund" at the bottom of your phone bill was for?

It is to fund the programs of the California Telephone Access Program (CTAP). CTAP is a program of the California Public Utilities Commission Deaf and Disabled Telecommunications Program.

The purpose of the Program is to provide specialized telephone equipment and services to Californians who may have difficulty using a standard telephone or smartphone because of a physical or cognitive impairment. CTAP phones and services make it easier for these individuals to remain socially connected with friends and family, to conduct business and to access medical and safety services.

CTAP provides devices with big buttons, cell phone amplifiers, talking keypads, specialized phones, Braille TTY's, headsets, fax machines, and more. In addition, it also provides free smartphone training to iPhone and Android cell phone users on how to better understand their devices and to make them easier to use.

There are no age or income requirements. To be eligible to receive CTAP free specialized equipment and services, you must live in California, have telephone service, and be certified, by an authorized certifying agent, verifying your need for a specialized phone because of difficulty seeing, moving, speaking, hearing, learning or remembering. These do not have to be severe; for example, having glaucoma or hand tremors may be sufficient to qualify.

Go online at <https://californiaphones.org>. or you may call 1-800-806-1911 to learn more and to access an application. Once your application is approved, CTAP will contact you to help you determine the best equipment and services for your needs. You may also do this by visiting a nearby CTAP Service Center. These are located in regions throughout California.

Stay Safe.

Thanks,

*Paul Sickert, Little Sir*

# WELCOME!!

## SIR JIM OLIVER

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Sponsored by Rich Terrell (returning member)



Jim was born in Dimebox, Texas, and grew up in Corpus Christi. After high school, he went to the University of Arizona and graduated with a degree in Corrections, minor in Social Welfare.

Jim went to work for the California Department of Corrections in 1967 and spent his whole career there. He held several positions in the department, but most of his work was as a Parole Agent and Administrator. He retired in January, 1999.

Jim and his wife Bonnie have four children and five grandchildren. He likes to play golf, bowl, participate in book club meetings and travel with his wife, at least until this activity was affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. Jim is also an active member of his church, Faith Fellowship Church in North Highlands. He is a deacon there and sings in the male chorus.

Birthday: October 6, 1942  
Anniversary: Bonnie, November 29, 1987

*Please welcome him!*

VOTE YES ON NO OR VOTE NO ON YES

**JUST VOTE!!**

## November Birthdays

Hal Copperberg	11/01
Mark Steffens	11/03
Jerry Buhkert	11/12
George Ringley	11/13
Richard Terrell	11/16
Orville Noel	11/20
Jack Osborne	11/20
Armond Delestrez	11/21
<b>Tom Costello</b>	<b>11/22</b>
Joe Bowers	11/24
<b>Bud Rogers</b>	<b>11/24</b>
<b>Bob Sanchez</b>	<b>11/24</b>
Darren Simonds	11/25



## November Anniversaries

Steve and Marilyn Flynn	11/05
Alex and Laree Canada	11/09
Lenny and Timmi Silva	11/26
Jim and Bonnie Oliver	11/27
Bob and Paulette Sanchez	11/28
<b>Lorren and Jeanne Jacobs</b>	<b>11/24</b>



## Your 2020 Golf Directors



**Lennie Silva—Regular Course**



**Greg Schweitzer—Progressive Golf Club**

### NOVEMBER GOLF:

11-05 Thurs Wildhawk Turkey Shoot  
 11-06 Fri Awards Luncheon—**CANCELLED**  
 11-19 Thurs Bing Maloney Low Net

### DECEMBER GOLF:

12-03 Thurs Cavanaugh Christmas Shoot

### NOVEMBER GOLF:

11-09 Mon Antelope Green 4 Clubs; White Tees  
 11-23 Mon Bing Maloney 4 Man; 2 Best Balls

### DECEMBER GOLF:

12-14 Mon Wildhawk 4 Man Scramble

## RECRUITING AND PUBLICITY



I'm encouraged by some few positive signs of progress in the fight against Covid-19, but it looks like we still have a long way to go.

I had hoped that our normal SIR activities would have started up by now, but that hasn't happened. Meanwhile, we're happy to welcome back SIR Jim Oliver, who has rejoined Branch 69 last month. See his bio in this issue. We'll keep you informed about progress toward luncheons and other functions. Thank you, Alan Weinel, but keeping the newsletter going—it's our best source of information on Branch 69 news.

I keep in touch with my contact person at Morton Golf; Golf Expo next year is possible but certainly not assured. Like so much in our lives now, it's a wait and see situation. I'll keep you posted on news there.

Stay safe and healthy .

**Tom Page Recruiting & Publicity Director**



## BOWLING NEWS



No news is bad news on the bowling front. Some counties have eased their business restrictions and allowed bowling alleys to open. Sacramento has let some types of businesses open, but not the bowling venues. So, we're still in a wait and see mode.



I have been in regular contact with Bobbi Nicholson at Country Club Lanes. She has not heard anything from Sacramento County about a timeline for re-opening bowling alleys. As I mentioned last month, we will have to make some decisions about how to manage our season:

- start late and run longer into May or June
- start late and have a shortened season
- start late and do a combination of the above choices

We also have to face the possibility that we won't have any bowling season at all this year. If it gets into the start of 2021 with no reopening of the lanes, we will have to consider that question. I hope that will not happen, but the most important issue will be the safety of our bowlers. It looks like we may be running out of time for a safe return to our bowling league.

I have contacted almost all of our bowlers from previous seasons to see who is interested in bowling in the league next fall **IF** we are able to have a league. I haven't tried to put together any team combinations for next season because the situation seems so fluid right now. Also, some bowlers who previously said that they intended to bowl have changed their minds and now don't seem so sure about their intentions.

Let's keep a good thought in our minds and hope for a bowling season at some point.

**Tom Page, League Secretary 916-488-6465**

**HOW ARE WE DOING?**

10/31/2020

INCOME	ACTUAL	BUDGET	DIFF
Contributions	\$3,570	\$3,750	\$ 180
Other	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$3,570</b>	<b>\$3,750</b>	<b>\$ 180</b>

EXPENSES			
Printing & Postage	\$ 275	\$ 350	\$ 75
Officers' Expenses	\$ 214	\$ 200	\$ 14
Guest Expenses	\$ 0	\$ 100	\$ 100
State Assessment	\$ 779	\$1,100	\$ 321
Other, Golf Expo	\$ 0	\$ 200	\$ 200
Other, Misc.	\$1,029	\$2,175	\$ 1,146
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$2,297</b>	<b>\$4,125</b>	<b>\$1,828</b>

CASH BALANCE AT END OF 2019	\$3,489
CURRENT CASH BALANCE	\$4,763
PROJECTED BALANCE 12/31/2020	\$3,114

PROJECTED 2020 YEAR END MEMBERSHIP	155
PROJECTED CASH BALANCE PER MEMBER	\$ 20

**Hal Copperberg, Treasurer****SUNSHINE**

**Gentlemen:** Hello everyone, as your sunshine chair it is my heartfelt wish and hope that you are finding your way through the smoke and fending off the virus, there are always things to celebrate but finding it can sometimes be difficult, don't give up.

**FRED SMITH:** His wife, Janette, passed away on October 5th, succumbing to a terminal illness. It is our hope that Fred will embrace friends and family to find peace and closure.

**MARTY MILLER:** Says he feels better being treated for a leaky heart valve. He is waiting for a transfer to Stanford.

**BOB BAKER:** Has a new hip! Wishing a full and fast recovery.

*Neither my computer nor phone allow me to take part in Zoom, so I will depend on the follow up input to keep abreast.*

Stay safe my fellow SIR members...

**kindest Regards,**  
**Bill Nichols, Sunshine Chairman**

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RAMP	PBS Jerry Schroeder (916) 801-2530	
		<b>SENIOR CERTIFICATES</b> SIR JIM PAGE SIR KEN TOWNS SIR VERNON FREEMAN SIR HEMAN SMITH SIR DON BALDWIN

**TREASURER'S REPORT – October, 2020**  
**Cash Balance 1/1/2020= \$3,489**

	August	YTD
Beginning Cash Balance	\$4,924	N/A
Contributions	\$ 100	\$3,570
Expenses	\$ 261	\$2,297
Ending Cash Balance	\$4,763	N/A

**MEMBERSHIP**

Membership, Gain/Loss	+1/-3	147
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NON-RESPONSIBILITY DECLARATION: ALL ACTIVITIES arranged or sponsored by Sons In Retirement, Inc. and its branches are for the convenience and pleasure of its members and their guests who desire to participate. Sons In Retirement Inc, and its branches do not assume any responsibility for the well-being or safety of the participants or their property in matters pertaining in to said activities.

Checks, money orders or credit cards for Travel for one day or less (no overnight), where a bus/busses is/are used as the primary means of transportation, may be made payable to the Branch sponsoring the event. All other checks, money orders or credit cards for travel must be made payable to the travel agency. (Rule 420 & 421).

Members are obligated to attend all regular luncheon meetings unless prevented by illness or absence from the Branch locale. (Rule 60). REQUIRED ATTENDANCE – A member who misses three (3) consecutive luncheon meetings without having been excused by contacting the designated Branch Attendance person prior to the meeting date, and giving a valid reason, or did not attend one half of the regular luncheon meetings within the previous twelve consecutive month period. may be notified, by letter, of the pending termination of his membership in SIR. (Rule 60, 100 & 107).



# November BEC Meeting

Hello Sir Branch 69 Members! You are hereby invited to attend our November 12<sup>th</sup> 10:00am BEC meeting via the video conferencing tool called ZOOM, for the installation of Branch 69's 2021 Officers. Because of this special annual event, everyone attending (*excluding the BEC*) will be entered into a raffle for one of three Amazon \$25 gift cards. If you do not have a PC w/ Camera or a Smart Phone, please see "Additional Resources" below for instructions on how to join in with Audio from any phone!

When signing on to ZOOM, **please use your complete name**. For specific ZOOM technical requirements and how to use ZOOM, please see the State SIR website below:

If you already use Zoom, the information is **ZOOM meeting ID = 857 8297 6937 / Passcode = 985419**

If you do not have ZOOM on your PC or are not sure HOW to use ZOOM, go to the SIR website at [www.sirinc.org](http://www.sirinc.org),

The following will help walk you through the process

- *On the Home Page under President Benson's message, scroll to 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph down "Meanwhile, communicate with Zoom! Information and assistance are [here](#)." Click on [here](#) to begin ZOOM training.*
- *On the next page, under ZOOM Information, scroll down to "Attend a Meeting" and click on "Set up ZOOM"*
- **ZOOM meeting ID = 857 8297 6937 / Passcode = 985419**

## ***ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:***

### ***FROM THE ZOOM WEBSITE:***

*You can join a Zoom meeting by means of teleconferencing/ audio conferencing (using a traditional phone). This is useful when:*

- *you do not have a microphone or speaker on your PC/Mac,*
- *you do not have a smartphone (iOS or Android) while on the road, or*
- *you cannot connect to a network for video and VoIP (computer audio)*
- The TOLL FREE numbers are 877-853-5247 and 888-788-0099. If you have free long distance, two other numbers are 1-669-900-6833 and 1-646-876-9923. **ZOOM meeting ID = 857 8297 6937 / Passcode = 985419**

Hope you can all make it!