



# THE MAIL POUCH

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The Pony Express Branch #69  
September — 2019 Edition



Alan Weinel, Editor



## PAT'S PAPERS

We're more than half way through the year and our preparation for 2020 is going according to plan. We have been able to fill the critical branch officer positions but we still have some other committee positions available..

Sir Jim Huffman, with a bit of persuasion, convicted Sir Tom Knoble to take the vacant position of Assistant Secretary. I want to thank Tom for filling this position. I hope our members will consider filling vacancies in the future like Jim and Tom have. Not to mention the other members that have also filled needs for the upcoming 2020 year. You many not want to take a spot where you have to be a presenter at luncheons, like the Big Sir, Little Sir and some committee leaders. If you prefer to work behind the scenes, but want to help out, there are other assignments and branch needs to consider. Our Big Sir elect, Jim Buckley, will be working to fill any of these vacant positions.

At our luncheon in August our menu was scheduled to be Baked Cod. Just prior to the luncheon the Elks Club chef determined that the quality of the cod was not good enough to be served and the meals were switched to chicken. I want to thank the chef for having our best interests in mind. It's good to know that the quality of our meals is important to the Elks Club.

Little Sir Jim Buckley and I attended to State Sirs annual meeting on August 20th at Thunder Valley. We casted our Branch 69 votes to appoint your state officers for the year 2020. This meeting also emphasized and covered a number of topics. In general, increased activities was a high priority at this meeting as was secession planning for positions that support each branch. Getting away from the label of "retirement" to become a member was also emphasized. SIR is now more of an "Activities for Men" organization. If you can participate in activities and luncheons you can be part of SIR regardless of your current employment.

I hope to see good attendance at the September luncheon. Please plan to attend if you can, thanks.

*Pat Quinn, Big Sir*



## JIMMY'S GEMS

Our Speaker for August speaker was Bruce Jester. Bruce was an Air Force officer during the Vietnam war. After leaving the service, he made a career in Commercial Real Estate, specializing in Apartments, President of Sacramento Apartment Association, Member of National Speakers Association, long time Rotarian. He recently retired after 40 years. His presentation last month was on how our world is doing and where it might be headed. The presentation included interesting demographics (income and education, and population) comparing early and today's world facts.

To our vegan members when partaking of salad from the buffet, please use the same plate that your lunch was served. By using the same plate, it helps with calculating how many members were actually served.

Don't forget to attend this month's luncheon.

**SAVE THE DATE**, Thursday, December 12, 2019, SIRS Ladies Day Luncheon. Please bring your wives, significant others and friends. We will have a band, good food and lots fun. Let's make this years' luncheon the most fun and well attended. Remember, our holiday luncheon is designed to be a celebration for our ladies. At this year's luncheon there will be special gifts for the ladies. We often hear from the ladies wanting to know more about SIRS. We can take this opportunity to have our wives meet the wives of other members.

Our scheduled speaker for September is Taylor Lewis, Nursery Manager UCD Arboretum and Public Garden.

*Jimmy Buckley, Little Sir*

### September 2019 LUNCHEON MENU

Thursday September 12, 2019

Roasted Pork Loin,  
Rosemary Roasted Potatoes  
Seasonal Vegetables, Salad, Rolls & Butter and  
Chef's choice for dessert!



# BOWLING NEWS



The 2019-2020 bowling season started in late August. All the bowlers are looking forward to our competition and camaraderie at Country Club Lanes every Wednesday.

Quite a few Branch 69 bowlers participated in the Pollock Pines tournament in late July. Jim Smalling took 5<sup>th</sup> in the Division 1 singles, while Mas Miyagi finished 10<sup>th</sup> in the Division 2 singles. Mas teamed up with Ernie Berryman to take 5<sup>th</sup> in the Division 2 doubles, and Mattie Dukes and Eddie Caviel grabbed 7<sup>th</sup>. Darren Simonds took 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Scratch All-Events and Jim Smalling finished 4<sup>th</sup> in the same class. Eddie Caviel was in the money at 9<sup>th</sup> place in the Division 1 All-Events and Mas Miyagi took 11<sup>th</sup> in the Division 2 All-Events.

I'll keep you posted in the league progress as the season goes on.

*Tom Page, League Secretary 488-6465*

## September Birthdays

Jim Porterfield	9	
John Popadak	9	
<b>Karl Munz</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>83</b>
Don Neufeld	14	
Patrick "Stick" Fintel	15	
<b>Ron Glick</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>87</b>
<b>Arnie Keller</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>86</b>
Steve Brandenburger	18	
Larry McLeod	20	
<b>Ronald Bacher</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>81</b>
<b>Rick Lee</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>83</b>
<b>Bob Turner</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>81</b>
Jim Smalling	25	
Eddie Caviel	25	
<b>Lorren Jacobs</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>84</b>
Bill Rhoe	30	



## September Anniversaries

<b>Dave and Judy Yorston</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>54 Years</b>
Jeffery and Brinn Yterdal	5	
<b>Ritchie and Glenda Carlson</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>57 Years</b>
Jimmy and Velma Buckley	12	
<b>Otis and Willa Benning</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>57 Years</b>
Phil and Linda Olavarri	27	
<b>Tom and Donna Costello</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>57 Years</b>

# 2020 OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS FOR BRANCH 69

**The Nominating Committee recommends:**

### OFFICERS:

Big Sir, Jim Buckley  
From Little Sir in 2019



Little Sir, Paul Sickert  
From Attendance



Secretary,  
From Director



Assistant Secretary; Tom Knoble



Treasurer; Hal Copperberg  
From Assistant Treasurer



Assistant Treasurer, Alan Weinel  
From Newsletter Editor & Roster



### DIRECTORS:

PBS Pat Quinn



Steve Brandenburger  
Term: 2020-2022



Ernie Berryman  
Term: 2020-2022



Steve Goodman  
Term: 2018-2020



John Popadak  
Term: 2019-2021



Rex Bowling  
Term: 2019-2021



Patrick Fintel  
Term 2020-2022



**Thank you gentlemen for serving Branch 69!**

# WELCOME!!

## SIR JACK MEHL

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 Sacramento 95834  
 916-852-1772 jackmehl@gmail.com  
 Sponsor: transfer from Branch 49



Jack was born in San Francisco but grew up in Sacramento and went to Sacramento High School. After high school, he attended Sacramento State and achieved a BA in Business Administration. While in high school, Jack joined the Navy Reserve program. Later, he enlisted in the Army National Guard and served in both active and reserve duty. He graduated from the Army Sergeants Major Academy and retired from the Army as a Command Sergeant Major. Jack's primary working career was spent with Sacramento County. He worked as a purchasing agent, and subsequently for Emergency Services and also served for several years as Clerk of the County Board of Supervisors.

After he retired from his county work, Jack went back to school and earned a Masters of Science in Education from National University. He also earned his teaching credential and worked for several years as a Middle School teacher for the Washington Unified School District in West Sacramento. He retired from this work at the end of 1994.

Jack has three children and seven grandchildren. He enjoys golf, history, travel dining and billiards. He has already played in a Progressive Golf Club tournament with our branch and is looking forward to many more.

Birthday: February 18, 1938

*Please welcome him!*

## HEMAN SMITH, with Sirs President's Award



## NOTE FROM THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR

After three years as the editor of the Mail Pouch for this SIR branch, I have decided that the time is right to step down and pass the torch on to someone else.

There are TWO openings, and they do NOT need to be the same person: **Newsletter Editor/Publisher** (Along with being the point person for distribution of news to the general membership) **##AND## Roster Chair**. **I WILL work with you to get you up to speed—if *\*\*I\*\** can learn it, it cannot be THAT difficult!** 😊

**NEWSLETTER:** The first few months it WILL take you 20+ hours to publish. After you get the hang of it, the job is generally most of a single day, say 8 hours or so. You should have a good sense of grammar and a working knowledge of Word. We use Publisher, which is kind of a "souped-up" version of Word. If you do NOT have Publisher, there is a free version that can be downloaded and used (Open Office). It really isn't *that bad* of a job.

**ROSTER:** This is an annual job that DOES take a fair amount of work, but only once a year! We really try to make the roster correct—names, addresses, etc. **Lots of "proofing"**. Up to 2019, the roster was done in Word. For 2020, I am converting it to Publisher, which will make the process of adding and deleting people MUCH easier.

You do NOT need to make a "long term" commitment—but a minimum one year commitment should be considered—that provides for some sense of stability.

*Alan Weinel, Newsletter / Roster*

## 2019 ATTENDANCE REPORT

Gentlemen: For August, 2019 our luncheon attendance was 64%., and YTD is 67%  
 The SIR minimum goal is 70%

*Paul Sickert, Attendance Chair*



## Your 2019 Golf Directors



**Lennie Silva—Regular Course**

**SEPTEMBER GOLF:**

09-19	Thurs	Turkey Crk.	8:00 Shotgun/Low Net
09-26	Thurs	Bing Maloney	3 <sup>rd</sup> Round C/C

**OCTOBER GOLF:**

10-03	Thurs	Elkhorn.	Low Net
10-17	Thurs	Cavanaugh	Vintage Tourney
10-24	Thurs	Alister Mac	Low Net



**Greg Schweitzer—Progressive Golf Club**

**SEPTEMBER GOLF:**

09-09	Mon	Wildhawk	Final Round C/C
09-23	Mon	Wild Horse	2 Man Best Ball
09-30	Mon	Davis	Stroke Play—White Tees

**OCTOBER GOLF:**

10-21	Mon	Cavanaugh	4 man Shamble—White Tees
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Land Park Seniors composed of members of 69 and 93 and others invite you to join us every Tuesday at Land Park 9 AM for 9 holes of golf. Currently running 20-24 players each week room for more. \$3 buy in playing for lowest number of putts for 9 holes, gross score on three selected holes plus closest to the pin for sleeve of golf balls. Group divided into two groups based on index 0-24 and 24 plus no index.

Email sent out every Sunday morning asking who is playing.

To join email list contact [mratz246@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mratz246@sbcglobal.net). Questions text Mike Ratzlaff 916-768-6348. No prepayment just need to know by Monday night that you are coming and we will have a space for you.

Thanks,

**Mike Ratzlaff**

### RECRUITING AND PUBLICITY

Welcome to Jack Mehl, who joined our branch last month. We'll look forward to seeing him at our tournaments and in our other activities. We had a couple guests at the July luncheon, too, plus we're expecting more interested guys next month in September.



As always, I want to stress the importance of keeping up with our recruiting efforts. Year after year, Branch 69 has been successful in maintaining and even increasing our membership numbers. Keep up the good work!

I hope to see you all at the September luncheon.

**Tom Page Recruiting & Publicity Director**

### TWO WAYS OUT OF A TRAP—Hit or Toss!



### WELCOME JACK



## HOW ARE WE DOING?

8/26/2019

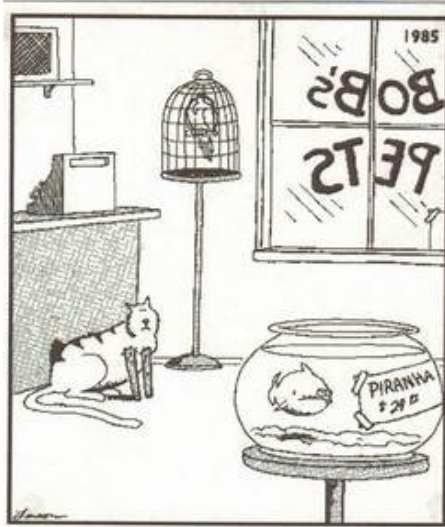
INCOME	ACTUAL	BUDGET	DIFF
Contributions	\$3,524	\$3,700	\$ 176
Other	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$3,524</b>	<b>\$3,700</b>	<b>\$ 176</b>

EXPENSES			
Printing & Postage	\$ 0	\$ 550	\$ 550
Officers' Expenses	\$ 88	\$ 300	\$ 212
Guest Expenses	\$ 0	\$ 100	\$ 100
State Assessment	\$ 721	\$1,000	\$ 279
Other, Golf Expo	\$ 199	\$ 300	\$ 101
Other, Misc.	\$ 1,002	\$1,800	\$ 798
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$2,010</b>	<b>\$4,050</b>	<b>\$2,040</b>

CASH BALANCE AT END OF 2018	\$3,509
CURRENT CASH BALANCE	\$5,024
PROJECTED BALANCE 12/31/2019	\$3,159

PROJECTED 2018 YEAR END MEMBERSHIP	155
PROJECTED CASH BALANCE PER MEMBER	\$ 20

*Jerry Buhlert, Treasurer*



**SUNSHINE**



**Gentlemen:** Please keep all of our members who are struggling with health problems in your prayers and if there is anyone you are aware of that might benefit from a card or a call from us, please let me know.

**If you know of any of our members or immediate family with health problems give me a call @ (916) 844-9832 (Text is also OK.)**

*kindest Regards,  
 Bill Nichols, Sunshine Chairman*

2019 Officers		
BIG SIR:	PAT QUINN	(916) 201-5262
LITTLE SIR:	JIM BUCKLEY	(916) 284-2364
SEC:	PBS RON HUTCHESON	(916) 897-2807
ASST SEC:	GEORGE LANGFORD	(650) 823-5493
TREAS:	JERRY BUHLERT	(916) 704-0159
ASST TREAS	HAL COPPERBERG	(916) 722-2606
Directors		
PBS TONY VIGIL	(916) 217-7816	BILL NICHOLS (916) 844-9382
STEVE GOODMAN	(916) 521-6546	JOHN POPADAK (916) 662-0695
JIM HUFFMAN	(916) 468-8197	REX BOWLING (530) 519-1601
State Officers		
STATE PRES:		ED BENSON
REG. 1 DIRECTOR:		MARK STUART
AREA 4 GOV:		BOB PEREZ
Recruitment, Activities, Member Relations & Publicity (RAMP)		
RECRUITING/PUBLICITY/BIO	PBS TOM PAGE	(916) 488-6465
ACTIVITIES	PBS JERRY SCHROEDER	(916) 801-2530
MEMBERSHIP	JOHN POPADAK	(916) 662-0695
Committee Chairs		Honored Members
Programs	Jim Buckley (916) 284-2364	<b>HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS</b>
Newsletter	Alan Weinel (209) 843-1804	
Chaplain	Bill Nichols (916) 844-9382	
Roster	Alan Weinel (209) 843-1804	
Golf (BR69/RC)	PBS Lennie Silva (916) 487-9812	
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Bowling	PBS Tom Page (916) 488-6465	PBS JIM PORTERFIELD
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Attendance	Paul Sickert (916) 396-6230	
Orientation	Steve Goodman (916) 521-6546	
Branch Apparel	Mike Ratzlaff (916) 768-6348	
Meeting Review	Jim Huffman (916) 468-8197	
Sunshine	Bill Nichols (916) 844-9382	
Lunch Reception	Ron Bacher (916) 422-5583	
Web Site	Ross Martin (916) 427-0559	
Book Club	Bernie Moreno (209) 245-6313	
RV	Bob Houghton (916) 487-1190	
NCGA Ambassador	Jim Huffman (916) 468-8197	
RAMP	PBS Jerry Schroeder (916) 801-2530	
		<b>SENIOR CERTIFICATES</b>
		SIR JIM PAGE



### TREASURER'S REPORT – AUGUST 2019

Cash Balance 1/1/2019= \$3,509

	AUGUST	YTD
Beginning Cash Balance	\$5,148	N/A
Contributions	\$-0-	\$3,524
Expenses	\$124	\$2,010
Ending Cash Balance	\$5,024	N/A

### MEMBERSHIP

Membership, Gain/Loss	+1/-2	154
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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