



# THE MAIL POUCH

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The Pony Express Branch #69  
February — 2018 Edition



Alan Weinel, Editor



## TONY'S TALK

Welcome to February 2018 everyone! Who would have thought? We are now well into the second millennium and the second decade of the 2000's. I guess, you could just say, "time continues to move on." Even though we keep getting older, "life continues to get better."

What a great start to the New Year, with a 76% attendance (114 out of 149 members) at our January luncheon. In addition, we were treated to a hilarious Guest Speaker, brewing scientist Charlie Bamforth (the Beer man).

Our first and foremost goal for 2018 is to bring new members into Branch 69. In fact our goal is to increase our membership by 10% or 15 new members for 2018. You might ask, "Is this a realistic goal?" I believe that it is. Even though we will be losing two of our members in February, we had six potential members at our January luncheon. I've heard through the grapevine that at a minimum, three of those potential members will be joining SIRs in February. We increase our membership through word of mouth, Golf Expo (Tom Page, chairman), etc. From time to time, you will hear me asking you to bring your friends, acquaintances, etc., to our luncheons so they can learn and possibly share in our various activities.

A second goal is to get our current members more active in becoming Branch officers. A third goal is to add additional activities to our Branch such as Bocce (Ball), Cards & Sports Events.

There is an opening for a new Dinner/Theater & Lunch/Explorer Chairman. This position is valued, as the Chairman provides our members with an opportunity for a social event that includes our wives or significant others. It's easier to enjoy a night at the theater when someone else plans it! And more fun, too, to go out with people you know. See Jim Porterfield and he will give you all the help that is needed.

Finally, just to let the Branch know, if anyone is having any issues with SIRs Branch 69, please bring it to my attention. Thank You,

*Tony Vigil, Big Sir*

## QUINN'S QUIPS

*If quitters never win, and winners never quit, then who is the fool who said, "quit while you're ahead?"*



Wasn't Charles Bamforth a great speaker at our January luncheon? I thought the information he covered was very interesting, and his entertainment value was off-the-charts. If you can make a large group of guys have a good laugh, that's priceless. If you had to miss this luncheon you unfortunately missed a very entertaining speaker. I don't believe anyone left after Charles started his presentation. I'm hopeful that this is a good trend and that I can schedule informative and entertaining speakers for future luncheons.

At the January luncheon I mentioned the need to have members consider volunteering for future officer, director or chairman positions. We've had some great guys step up and take on some of these activities but more volunteers are always appreciated. It doesn't really take that much time and effort. It's unfortunate that no one has considered taking over the Dinner Theater or Luncheon Explorer activities. I hate to see the branch lose out. I asked a long time member the other day why he didn't participate as an officer or chairman and he said that no one ever asked him and that now it's too late. I don't buy that. And now you can't say that you weren't asked.

For February, our guest speaker will be Pamela Mondello from Sierra Regency. This is an independent living facility that caters to seniors who want to remain active (like us). It so happens that my mom currently lives there. I can't imagine my mom living by herself and trying to maintain her home. (Or would that be me doing the upkeep?) Pamela also has experience about other facilities that provide more detailed care. I talked her into doing this presentation because I think it might be relevant to know what can be offered in the future for us or our love ones. This is Pamela's first presentation, so be nice guys.

Hope to see you all in February.

*Pat Quinn, Little Sir*

*February's lunch menu is on Page 2.*



We have bowled a few weeks into the second half of the bowling season. As of right now, two teams share the lead with a significant advantage over the rest of the league. Split Happens (Captain Steve Eason, Tony Vigil, Sam LeRouge and Floyd Scott) share first place with the Pin Killers (Captain Don Baldwin, Rick Lee, Richard Herr and Phil Olivarri). The rest of the teams are trying hard to make up ground and join in the first-place fight.

Our bowlers continue to roll some really impressive scores. Steve Eason and Tod Davis both rolled 257 scratch games; Steve finished with a 671 scratch series, too. Tod Davis and Bernie Moreno had a 294 handicap game each.

Interested in joining our bowling fun? We're always looking for substitutes almost every week. Give me a call or email if you might want to share the fun.

*Tom Page, League Secretary 488-6465*

**February Anniversaries**

<b>Dan and Sarita Turner</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>50</b>
Ron and Diana Hutcheson	4	
<b>Don and Patricia Neufeld</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>56</b>
Victor and Barbara Scott	14	
Tony and Barbara Vigil	14	
<b>Bill and Lena Mueller</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>55</b>
<b>Bob and Loretta Turner</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>57</b>
Jim and Lavina Smalling	23	



**2018 SIRS Branch 69 Roster**

**The 2018 Roster is now here and ready to distribute. If you haven't already, please pick-up your roster at the February luncheon when you make your annual voluntary \$25 Branch contribution.**

**February Birthdays**

Frank Levings	1	
Leander 'Doc' Jones	9	
<b>Dick Borah</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>80</b>
Connor Chin	16	
<b>Lennie Silva</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>80</b>
Denis Welsh	23	
Ross Martin	25	
Jim Luttig	27	
Allen Riker	28	

*Happy Birthday*



**RECRUITING & PUBLICITY**

Hallelujah, we had multiple guests at the January luncheon; I've heard that at least a couple of the guests have completed their applications. Let's keep those guests coming—it's our road to continued prosperity as a SIR branch.

I continue to be in touch with Morton Golf and my counterpart at Branch 102 in Carmichael over our booth for Golf Expo next year. Our paperwork is signed and submitted for our booth (same great booth location as last year). When I think of the valued Branch 69 members who came to us via Golf Expos in the past, it always renews my enthusiasm for this event and its potential for more members in the future.

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at the February luncheon—don't forget to invite a guest or two.

*Tom Page Recruiting & Publicity Director*

**2018 ATTENDANCE REPORT**

Our January attendance was 76.5%! Great start, guys! The SIR minimum goal is 70%.

*Paul Sickert, Attendance Chairman*

**FEBRUARY 2018 LUNCHEON MENU**

**Thursday February 8, 2018**

Chicken Parmesan over Angel Hair Pasta, Broccoli, Salad & Bread. Dessert is Black Forest Mousse with Cherry topping.

*Vegetarian / Vegan options available. Ask your Caller.*

**REMINDER:** A new area code (279) is being added to the area served by the 916 area code. Because more than one area code will serve the same area, **beginning February 10th you'll need to enter the area code for all calls—\*\*EVEN YOUR NEXT DOOR NEIGHBOR\*\*.**

**To make calls from a LANDLINE with a 916 or 279 area code, to another 916 or 279 number, you must enter 1+ the area code + the 7-digit phone number.**

**To complete calls from a WIRELESS phone you may omit adding the "1" before the area code and number.**

## Your 2018 Golf Directors



**Lennie Silva—Regular Course**

### FEBRUARY GOLF:

02-15 Thurs	Wild Hawk	Low Net
02-22 Thurs	Ancil Hoffman	Low Net

### MARCH GOLF:

03-01 Thurs	Cherry Island	Low Net
03-15 Thurs	Bing Maloney	Low Net
03-29 Thurs	Mather	Low Net

And **\*\*ANOTHER\*\*** reason to be glad you aren't golfing in Florida ...



An alligator AND a Burmese python just off the green on a course in Naples, in a death struggle. 'Gator reportedly won.

If you landed too close and want to take a drop, do you have to take the one stroke penalty? Or does this fall under the relief provisions?

In EITHER case, **\*\*I\*\*** wouldn't suggest that you play it where it lies!!

Think I will stick to bowling!

*Alan W, Editor*



**Greg Schweitzer—Progressive Golf Club**

### FEBRUARY GOLF:

02-05	Mon	Cavanaugh	Stroke Play
02-19	Mon	Alister McKenzie	4 Man BB

### MARCH GOLF:

03-05	Mon	Wildhorse	Stroke Play
03-19	Mon	Emerald Lakes	You Pick Best 9 Holes

Thanks to Bud Rodgers for the following helpful guide ...

Here's the Table of Contents from the new book, "Winning Golf Strategies," which gives the reader valuable playing tips and insider information that I've gained through my own years of experience in the game and observations of my golfing partners.

- Ch. 1 How to properly line up your fourth putt.
- Ch. 2 How to hit a Nike from the rough when you hit a Titlist from the tee.
- Ch. 3 How to avoid the water when you lie 8 in a bunker.
- Ch. 4 How to get more distance off a shank.
- Ch. 5 When to give the Ranger the finger.
- Ch. 6 Using your shadow on the green to confuse your opponent.
- Ch. 7 When to implement Handicap Management.
- Ch. 8 Proper excuses for drinking beer before 9 a.m.
- Ch. 9 How to urinate behind a 4x4 post. Undetected.
- Ch. 10 How to rationalize a 6 hour round.
- Ch. 11 How to find that ball that everyone else saw go in the water.
- Ch. 12 Why your spouse doesn't care that you birdied the 5th.
- Ch. 13 How to let a Foursome play through your Twosome.
- Ch. 14 How to relax when you are hitting three off the Tee.
- Ch. 15 When to suggest major swing corrections to your opponent.
- Ch. 16 God and the meaning of the Birdie-To-Bogey Putt.
- Ch. 17 When to re-grip your Ball Retriever.
- Ch. 18 Use a strong grip on the Hand Wedge and Weak Slip on the Foot Wedge.
- Ch. 19 Why male golfers will pay \$5.00 a beer from the Cart Girl and give her a \$3 tip, but will balk at a \$3.50 beer at the 19th Hole and stiff the Bartender.

**HOW ARE WE DOING?**

01/24/2018

INCOME	ACTUAL	BUDG	DIFF
Contributions	\$2,085	\$3,700	\$1,615
Other	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
<b>Total INCOME</b>	<b>\$2,085</b>	<b>\$3,700</b>	<b>\$1,615</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Printing & Postage	\$ 0	\$ 650	\$ 650
Officers' Expenses	\$ 0	\$ 350	\$ 350
Guest Expenses	\$ 0	\$ 100	\$ 100
State Pro Rata	\$ 224	\$ 950	\$ 726
Other, Golf Expo	\$ 0	\$ 300	\$ 300
Other, Misc.	\$ 15	\$2,000	\$ 1,985
<b>TOTAL EXP.</b>	<b>\$ 239</b>	<b>\$4,350</b>	<b>\$ 4,111</b>
CASH BALANCE AT END OF 2017			\$3,572
CURRENT CASH BALANCE			\$5,419
PROJECTED BALANCE 12/31/2018			\$2,922

PROJECTED 2018 YEAR END MEMBERSHIP 159  
 PROJECTED CASH BALANCE PER MEMBER \$ 18

**Jerry Buhlert, Treasurer****SUNSHINE**

**WARREN SENEGAL** Warren underwent successful prostate surgery in early January and will be back with us this month.

**KARL MUNZ** Karl has completed his chemo and radiation treatments and hopes to be back with us soon.

**THOMAS WALTON** Train is currently confined to his bed and has had surgery on his foot. Our prayers go out to Train for comfort and healing.

**RICO NANNINI** Rico, who was one of our Super Seniors passed on Jan 14, 2018.

**JIM OBLIZALO** Our prayers go out to Jim and his family due to the passing of his daughter last month.

**RICK HOM** His wife, Nancy, will be undergoing major surgery on the day of the luncheon.

**TOM PAGE** Prayers go out to the Tom Page family due to the passing of his Sister Mary Elizabeth

**JERRY BUHLERT** We are all saddened to here of the passing of Jerry's Mother on Jan 22, 2018.

Let's keep these men in our prayers, and any other men of our branch who are dealing with health problems.

**If you know of any of our members or immediate family with health problems give me a call @ (916) 635-8516**

**Jim Carlson, Sunshine Chairman**

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**TREASURER'S REPORT – JANUARY 2018****Cash Balance 1/1/2018 = \$3,572**

	<b>JANUARY</b>	<b>YTD</b>
Beginning Cash Balance	\$3,572	N/A
Contributions	\$2,085	\$2,085
Expenses	\$ 239	\$ 239
Ending Cash Balance	\$5,419	N/A

**MEMBERSHIP**

Membership, Gain/Loss	+0/-0	149
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