



THE MAIL POUCH

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The Pony Express Branch #69
January — 2019 Edition



Alan Weinel, Editor



PAT'S PAPERS

Hi everyone—I want to begin by thanking 2018's Big Sir, Tony Vigil. It's been a kick working with Tony through the year. I also must thank our Branch Executive Committee (BEC) and Committee Chairs for their outstanding efforts and support in helping to continue Branch 69's recognition as one of the best branches in the State. A result of our branch membership in maintaining a healthy and vibrant branch.

I thought the Ladies Day Holiday Luncheon was a positive success. The band, The Sly Fox, played a good variety of songs and sounded great. I thought the Dante Club did a very nice job with our event this year. Festive table settings and very tasty meals prepared right.

At the January 10th luncheon, the 2019 Membership New Rosters will be available. Although Branch 69 does not have a membership fee, we do request an annual donation of \$25 per member. **Please see the article on Page 4.** Our Treasurer, Jerry Buhlert, will be collecting your donation at the luncheon and in turn, providing you with a roster.

SIRs Inc. says the #1 issue is membership. With the support of our BEC and Committee Chairmen, we will be recruiting new members to replace attrition—at least 10% new members over our 2018 year end membership of 150. Finally, and this can only occur with our membership's support and effort, the monthly luncheon attendance average should be 70% or more. In 2018 our average was almost 66%. During the January's BEC meeting, specific goals will be developed in support of maintaining a healthy branch.

Lastly, I hope your holiday season was most enjoyable and I wish you all a healthy and prosperous New Year

I'll be am honored and looking forward to serving as your Big Sir for 2019.

Pat Quinn, Big Sir



JIMMY'S GEMS

Greetings and Happy New Year!

First, I want to thank everyone for their confidence and support in my selection as Little Sir for 2019. It is an honor.

Once again the Ladies Day Holiday Luncheon was a great success. Sly Fox, played some good tunes—and everyone seemed to have a great time. If you missed it, consider attending next year—It really is a nice event.

During my term as your Little Sir I will aggressively participate in resolving the issues and challenges that we face. I know that change can be difficult, but if we fact it head-on with an eye towards the betterment of Branch 69, it will all work out fine. Sometimes we just need to take that first step ...

Along those lines, we have a meeting scheduled with the Dante Club immediately following our luncheon next week. We plan to lay it out what we need, and we should come to a meeting of the minds as to whether or not we will be able to remain with them. Stay tuned!

One of my personal goals for the upcoming year is to bring even better and more exciting speakers for our luncheons. Unfortunately, due to the Federal shutdown, we have had a couple of speakers back out, at least for now. So, right now, I am still working on the speaker for next week!

I invite all members to voice your opinions regarding how to improve the branch.

I hope to see you all at the luncheon next week.

Jimmy Buckley, Little Sir

2018 ATTENDANCE REPORT

Gentlemen: For the year 2018 our average luncheon attendance was 65.9%. The SIR minimum goal is 70%

Paul Sickert, Attendance Chairman

JANUARY 2019 LUNCHEON MENU

Thursday January 10, 2019

Chicken Scarpariello w/ Sausage, Onions and Pickled Pepper also Roasted Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables and Cherry Chocolate Cake.



We have a winner! The Pocket Dwellers (Jim Smalling, Bud Rogers, Patrick Fintel and Alan Weinel) won the first half of our 2018-2019 season. This will guarantee them a place in the finals in April against the winner of the second half, unless they win that, too. If that happens, they win without even a playoff. Thirteen other teams will try their best to see that there is a real playoff in April.

As always, we have had some outstanding bowling. Jim Smalling recently bowled a rousing 286 game, the second highest so far this season, and a 755 series, best for the year. Jose Fernandez just rolled a 733 handicap series. Jim Happs continues to lead the handicap games with a 313 effort.

We still have room for more bowlers—we can always use substitutes and sometimes a team position opens up

Tom Page, League Secretary 488-6465

January Anniversaries

Table with 3 columns: Name, Age, and another number. Includes names like Glen and Jayne Halvorsen, Horace and Beather Holmes, Ted and Jane Canty, etc.

Last month, due to a typo, I changed Nancy McLeod's name to "Carolyn". Mrs. McLeod—please accept my sincerest apology. (PS—Larry is NOT seeing anyone named "Carolyn") (At least not to the best of my knowledge).

Alan W.

January Birthdays

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Table with 3 columns: Name, Age, and another number. Includes names like Ernie Shell, Amnon Igra, Ron Peters, etc.



RECRUITING & PUBLICITY



As I mentioned last month, we inducted two new members in November. This was a good way to close out 2018. We have a couple more prospects for January, so I'm hoping that 2019 will start out well, too.

The most important part of recruiting is the efforts of individual members, so keep those friends and neighbors coming. As with all organizations, our long-term success depends on our recruitment of new members. If we're standing still, we're fading!

I have heard from several Dante Club members that their new chef is presenting some really good meals. This was born out at the Ladies Day Holiday Luncheon—all compliments for the different meal selections served there. Joanne and I thought our entrees were excellent. I can't wait for the January luncheon and more good food.

I hope to see all of you at the January luncheon and at the golf courses and at the bowling alley—don't forget to invite a guest or two to our upcoming luncheons.

Tom Page Recruiting & Publicity Director

AND—due to an editing error last month I missed:

Ed Linn November 14 82 Years

Happy Birthday to SIR Ed Linn, and my apologies. Alan W.

Did you know ...

It wasn't until 1958 that the U.S. Cavalry retired its last horse, "Chief". (The last official US Cavalry charge was on January 16, 1942 during the fight on the Bataan Peninsula in the Philippines, although there was an impromptu charge at a machine gun nest in Italy in April 1945.)

Your 2019 Golf Directors



Lennie Silva—Regular Course

DATE	COURSE	TYPE OF TOURNEY
17-Jan	Alister Mackenzie	4 Man Scramble
31-Jan	BartleyCavanaugh	Low Net
7-Feb	Bing Maloney	Low Net
21-Feb	Ancil Hoffman	Low Net
7-Mar	Wildhawk	4 Man Best Ball
21-Mar	Cherry Island	Low Net
4-Apr	Mather	Low Net
18-Apr	Alister Mackenzie	Low Net
25-Apr	Bartley Cavanaugh	Low Net
4/26thru 28	Golf Expo at Alister	
16-May	The Reserve	Low Net
23-May	Bing Maloney	4 Man 2 Best Ball
30-May	Micke Grove	Low Net
20-Jun	Bartley Cavanaugh	1st Rd C/C
27-Jun	Teal Bend	8:00 Shotgun, Low Net
18-Jul	Mather	Shot Gun/Low Net
25-Jul	Alister Mackenzie	2nd Rd C/C
1-Aug	Dry Creek	Low Net
15-Aug	Turkey Creek	8:00 Shotgun, Low Net
29-Aug	Wildhawk	Low Net
19-Sep	Empire Ranch	8:00 Shotgun, Low Net
26-Sep	Bing Maloney	3rd Rd C/C
3-Oct	Elkhorn	Low Net
17-Oct	Bartley Cavanaugh	Vintage tournament
24-Oct	Alister Mackenzie	Low Net
1-Nov	Golf Awards Luncl	
7-Nov	Bing Maloney	Turkey Shoot
21-Nov	Arcade Creek	Low Net
5-Dec	Wildhawk	Xmas Shoot

WE WANT YOU ...

To send in pictures ... golf course, bowling, vacations or other interesting topics ... so that they can be added to the monthly newsletter. OR if you have an interesting topic you would like to see covered or highlighted, please let me know that too! Remember, gentlemen, this is YOUR newsletter—I really want it to reflect what is happening in the lives of our members. You can e-mail me at my home (aweinel@sbcglobal.net) or at branch.69.sir@gmail.com. I look forward to some interesting items for consideration!

Alan Weinel, Editor



Greg Schweitzer—Progressive Golf Club

DATE	DAY	COURSE	PLAYERS	TIME	INFORMATION
7-Jan	MON	DAVIS	32	9:00	STROKE PLAY
4-Feb	MON	CAVAUGH	32	9:00	4-MAN BEST BALL
4-Mar	MON	WILDHORSE	36	8:56	STROKE PLAY FORWARD TEES
18-Mar	MON	ALISTER MACKENZIE	32	9:00	4-MAN SHAMBLE
15-Apr	MON	EMERALD LAKES	32	9:00	STROKE PLAY WHITE TEES
22-Apr	MON	ANTELOPE GREENS	32	9:00	2-MAN BEST BALL
6-May	MON	BING MALONEY	36	9:15	4-MAN SCRAMBLE
20-May	MON	RIVER OAKS	32	8:00	FORWARD TEES-STROKE PLAY
10-Jun	MON	WILDHAWK	32	8:00	4-MAN SHAMBLE W/G COMBO TEES
24-Jun	MON	ALISTER MACKENZIE	32	8:00	1ST ROUND CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP
22-Jul	MON	CAVAUGH	32	8:00	FORWARD TEES STROKE PLAY
12-Aug	MON	BING MALONEY	36	8:48	2ND ROUND CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP
26-Aug	MON	RIVER OAKS	28	8:00	4-MAN SCRAMBLE
9-Sep	MON	WILDHAWK	32	8:00	FINAL ROUND CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP
23-Sep	MON	WILDHORSE	36	8:00	2-MAN BEST BALL
30-Sep	MON	DAVIS	32	9:00	STROKE PLAY WHITE TEES
21-Oct	MON	CAVAUGH	28	9:00	4-MAN SHAMBLE WHITE TEES
4-Nov	MON	WILDHAWK	32	9:00	STROKE PLAY W/G COMBO
18-Nov	MON	BING MALONEY	36	9:33	4-MAN BEST BALL
9-Dec	MON	ANTELOPE GREENS	32	9:00	4 - CLUBS ONLY

SIRS #69 and #93 co-host golf at Land Park every Tuesday at 10 AM. Come join McLeod, Machado, Martin, Brazil, Copperberg and others. Very simple, no entry fee, no prize money, just chance to practice and socialize. If interested email me at mratz246@sbcglobal.net and I will put you on my weekly email announcement. It is important that we know if you are coming so we have enough tee times. We also welcome non-SIRS - perhaps a chance to recruit a new member. Thanks,

Mike Ratzlaff



Special Birthday Congratulations

TO ...

Sir Roger Brunssen on his 80th Birthday

Sir Dave Yorston on his 80th Birthday

Sir Don Baldwin on his 90th Birthday

You gentlemen are an inspiration to us all!!

2019 SIRS Branch 69 Roster

The 2019 Roster is now here and ready to distribute. Please pick-up your roster at the January luncheon when you make your annual voluntary Branch contribution.

See our branch Secretary Jerry Buhlert in the back-room area before or immediately following the luncheon. For your voluntary contribution of \$25.00, he will provide you with this year's updated 2019 roster booklet.

The \$25.00 voluntary contribution goes towards publishing of the branch roster and newsletter as well as to pay for obligations including mandated State SIR pro rata, supplemental expenses towards the Ladies Day Luncheon and Sirs Day in the Park events, appreciation gifts to our speakers and various office supplies consumed during the year. Your help towards branch expenses is appreciated.

These two old guys ...

These old guys were sitting on a bench outside a general store. This old hound dog comes up onto the porch, lays down and starts licking himself. One old fella notices and nudges his buddy ...

"I wonder what it would be like to do that..."

His buddy looks at the dog. Then at the first guy. Then at the dog. And then again at his buddy. Finally he sez ...

"Well, now, I reckon this is your chance. But if I were you I would kinda work up to it by petting him a little bit first..."

2019 ROSTER REPAIRS

HEFREN CUIEL—Please change his telephone to (916) 413-2358

DAVE YORSTON—his new e-mail address is dsyjay@gmail.com

GEORGE LANGFORD—On **page 2**, Elected Officers, please change his area code to 650

Alan Weinel, Roster Chairman

YOUR 2019 LUNCHEON CALLERS



Bill Mueller,
Roster pages 4 and 5



Jim Huffman
Roster pages 6 and 7



Rick Hom
Roster pages 8 and 9



Bob Houghton
Roster pages 10 and 11



Tom Noble
Roster pages 12 and 13



Rod Lukins
Roster pages 14 and 15



Fred Schack
Roster pages 16 and 17



Frank Calcagno
Roster pages 18 and 19



Dan Nelson
Roster pages 20 and 21

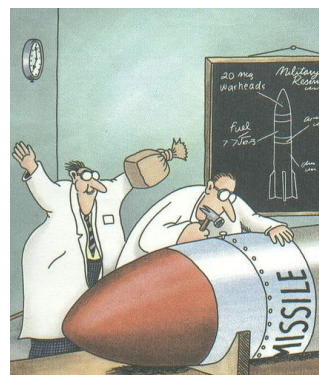


Joe Riley
Roster pages 22 and 23



Connor Chin
Roster pages 24 and 25

Thank you gentlemen for volunteering to help the branch as our 2019 luncheon callers.



HOW ARE WE DOING?

12/28/2018

INCOME	ACTUAL	BUDG	DIFF
Contributions	\$3,422	\$3,700	\$ 278
Other	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
TOTAL INCOME	\$3,422	\$3,700	\$ 278

EXPENSES			
Printing & Postage	\$ 461	\$ 650	\$ 189
Officers' Expenses	\$ 202	\$ 350	\$ 148
Guest Expenses	\$ 0	\$ 100	\$ 100
State Pro Rata	\$ 945	\$ 950	\$ 5
Other, Golf Expo	\$ 147	\$ 300	\$ 153
Other, Misc.	\$ 1,581	\$2,000	\$ 419
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 3,336	\$4,350	\$1,014

CASH BALANCE AT END OF 2017	\$3,572
CURRENT CASH BALANCE	\$3,509
PROJECTED BALANCE 12/31/2018	\$2,922

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

ACTUAL 2018 YEAR END MEMBERSHIP	150
ACTUAL CASH BALANCE PER MEMBER	\$ 23

Jerry Buhlert, Treasurer



In late November we lost two wonderful Members:



NOBLE ZUMWALT: Noble Passed on November 21st at age 100.



AUBRY STONE: Aubry Passed on November 28th at age 74.

These were two fine gentlemen whose lives were an example that all of us should aspire to emulate.

Let's keep their families in our prayers in this difficult time.

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.)

Bill Nichols, Sunshine Chairman

2019 Officers		
BIG SIR:	PAT QUINN	(916) 201-5262
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RAMP	PBS Jerry Schroeder (916) 801-2530	



TREASURER'S REPORT – DECEMBER 2018

Cash Balance 1/1/2018 = \$3,572

	DECEMBER	YTD
Beginning Cash Balance	\$6,343	N/A
Contributions	\$ -0-	\$3,422
Expenses	\$1,322	\$3,335
Ending Cash Balance	\$3,509	N/A

MEMBERSHIP

Membership, Gain/Loss	+0 / -0	150
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