



THE MAIL POUCH

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The Pony Express Branch #69
October — 2019 Edition



Alan Weinel, Editor

PAT'S PAPERS



For the October luncheon our current Little Sir (Big Sir elect for 2020) Jimmy Buckley will be conducting the Branch Executive Committee meeting and luncheon presentation. Give Jimmy your support like I have received over these many months. I will be switching roles with Jimmy in October and taking on the Little Sir tasks.

I want to thank our membership for filling the valuable positions of luncheon callers for 2020. We had a great group of callers for 2019 and some of these members are moving on to new positions within the branch. Some are continuing as callers into the year 2020. We had six caller positions to fill for 2020 and when this was announced at the September luncheon we had all six opening positions filled by volunteers. Thanks to those members stepping up to fill this branch role.

I'm hopeful that we can make a push to increase recruitment before the years end. At the check-in table at the luncheon we now have available business cards and the branch flyer we use at the Golf Exposition. This provides information about our branch and includes a golf schedule for the year. Please take one and show it to a friend, relative, neighbor or stranger (Ha-ha) that you think might be interested in joining our branch. It's important to remain engaged and active as seniors. Let someone else you know also be involved. It's a fact that those who remain active live longer and more productive lives.

I, for one, am enjoying the activities we have within our branch this year. I'm not the best bowler or golfer but really enjoy participating and being around friends at these events. I would like to see more variety in the activities we provide, but we do not currently have an activities coordinator to work on this.

There was some confusion on our meals at the September luncheon. Unfortunately the Elks Club cook was sick and the quantity of food and preparation suffered. Our apologies and this will be addressed with the Elks Club.

I hope to see good attendance at the October luncheon. Like always, please plan to attend if you can, thanks.

Pat Quinn, Big Sir

JIMMY'S GEMS



Last month we welcomed Taylor Lewis Nursery manager UCD Arboretum and Public Garden as our guest speaker. Taylor is a horticulture specialist. One of his goals is to provide information to local homeowners about the best drought resistant plants that are both environmentally beneficial & sustainable, and are conducive to or complement your lawn and/or garden. Some of our members remained to ask questions concerning their particular gardens. Some questions were in regards to the use of "Roundup" and should homeowners/gardeners use of weed preventing mesh and other weed preventing measures.

This month's speaker is Douglas Bonetti. Doug is a Civil War expert. He has BS and MS degrees from Sacramento State University. His presentation will include video and a display of Civil War weapons, letters, artifacts and memorabilia.

Preparation for the **Ladies Day Luncheon** is well underway. This year's luncheon will feature more excitement and fun. We will have more gifts, recognition of members, raffle amongst other items. The luncheon is planned for December 12, 2019 at the Carmichael Elks Club. Don't forget to bring/invite your wives, friends and significant others. Spread the word. Let's make this a premier event. We have a delicious menu from which to choose. Let's have a great time and lots of fun.

How can we increase the attendance at the luncheon monthly? Are you enjoying the buffet? Please let me or other members of the BEC know of your concerns.

Hope to see you at our luncheon on October 10th.

Jimmy Buckley, Little Sir

Octoberber 2019 LUNCHEON MENU

Thursday October 10, 2019

Barbeque Chicken,
Baked Beans, Southern Potato Salad,
Pineapple Coleslaw, Rolls, Butter and
Chef's choice for dessert!



BOWLING NEWS



Our 2019-2020 bowling season is well under way. It's too early to predict which teams will compete for the lead in the first half of the season—every week brings surprise upsets and new leaders.

Part of the fun of starting a new season is each team picking its name. Some teams find a name that fits right away. Other teams take weeks of deliberation and thought to find an appropriate name. All the teams have names now! We have a team called Mixed Nuts, another named Eight Balls, one called FUBARS, plus Bud's Duds, No Guarantee and Ten Pins. We even have a team called Bernie's Here and another named LoBalls.

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

Tom Page, League Secretary 488-6465

October Birthdays

Otis Benning	1	80
Charlie Landau	5	
Tom Mezzanares	5	
John Valdes	9	
Adrian Herrell	13	82
Rick Hom	13	
Marty Miller	15	
Sandy Davis	15	
Pete Pozzuto	18	
Doug Bailey	19	
Bob Clanton	21	
Mike Pinkston	21	
Ted Canty	28	



2019 ATTENDANCE REPORT

Gentlemen: For September, 2019 our luncheon attendance was 66%, and YTD is 67%
The SIR minimum goal is 70%

Paul Sickert, Attendance Chair



2020 OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS FOR SIRS BRANCH 69

OFFICERS:

Big Sir, Jim Buckley
From Little Sir in 2019



Little Sir, Paul Sickert
From Attendance



Secretary, Jim Huffman
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



Thank you gentlemen for serving Branch 69!

Your 2019 Golf Directors



Lennie Silva—Regular Course

OCTOBER GOLF:

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

NOVEMBER GOLF:

- 11-01 Thurs **GOLF AWARDS LUNCHEON**
- 11-07 Thurs Bing Maloney Turkey Shoot
- 11-21 Thurs Arcade Creek Low Net



Greg Schweitzer—Progressive Golf Club

OCTOBER GOLF:

- 10-21 Mon Cavanaugh 4 man Shamble—
White Tees

NOVEMBER GOLF:

- 11-04 Mon Wildhawk Stroke Play w/G combo
- 11-18 Mon Bing Maloney 4-Man Best Ball

URGENT NOTE FROM THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR

As reported last month, I am stepping down as the Newsletter editor at the end of this year, after three years of service. To date, nobody has come forward to volunteer to be the next editor. My term will end with the publishing of the January 2020 NL. At that time, unless “someone” comes forward, the *Mail Pouch* will cease publication, which I truly would hate to see happen. This is a fine newsletter, developed by the late Frank Franzago and then nurtured by my predecessor, Pat Quinn. The time commitment ****at first**** will be several days a month. Then, as you get the hang of it, it drops to just over a day or so. I PROMISE to help bring you up to speed, and will ALSO be available for any questions or technical advice.

Thank you for considering this task.

Alan Weinel, Newsletter / Roster



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. 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

We had a couple very interesting guests last month at our luncheon. Both men seemed very interested in joining our branch. Another guest who was scheduled to join last month had to postpone for a month because of vacation plans. Overall, our recruiting efforts look to be as strong as always.



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 October luncheon.

Tom Page Recruiting & Publicity Director

October Anniversaries

Larry and Kathy Aronson	3
Curtis and Carole Main	3
Bill and Cheryl Pritchett	5
Hal and Dolly Copperberg	6
Pat and Sandy Quinn	16
Mark and Nancy Machado	21
Rex and Jodie Bowling	31

HOW ARE WE DOING?

9/24/2019

INCOME	ACTUAL	BUDGET	DIFF
Contributions	\$3,524	\$3,700	\$ 176
Other	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
TOTAL INCOME	\$3,524	\$3,700	\$ 176

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.	\$ 1,151	\$1,800	\$ 649
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2,159	\$4,050	\$1,891

CASH BALANCE AT END OF 2018	\$3,509
CURRENT CASH BALANCE	\$4,874
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.

WARREN SENEGAL: He is recovering from shoulder surgery and an infection

BOB BAKER: He had a cardiac procedure (4 stents) and is also dealing with compressed discs

BILL NICHOLS: He will be having a knee replacement.

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
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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		
Programs	Jim Buckley	(916) 284-2364
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
Golf (PGC)	Greg Schweitzer	(916) 687-8629
Bowling	PBS Tom Page	(916) 488-6465
Audit	Don Neufeld	(916) 863-5228
Nominating	PBS Tony Vigil	(916) 217-7816
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

Honored Members**HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS**

PBS RON HUTCHESON
PBS TOM PAGE
PBS JIM PORTERFIELD
PRD WARREN SENEGAL
PBS LENNIE SILVA

SENIOR CERTIFICATES

SIR JIM PAGE

**TREASURER'S REPORT – AUGUST 2019****Cash Balance 1/1/2019= \$3,509**

	SEPTEMBER	YTD
Beginning Cash Balance	\$5,024	N/A
Contributions	\$-0-	\$3,524
Expenses	\$149	\$2,159
Ending Cash Balance	\$4,875	N/A

MEMBERSHIP

Membership, Gain/Loss	+0/-2	152
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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

SIR Branch 69 Ladies Day Holiday Luncheon

Thursday, December 12, 2019

Carmichael Elks Lodge, 5631 Cypress Ave. Carmichael, Ca

11:00 Drinks and Conversation, 12:00 Lunch

1:00 Music & Dancing



Holiday Luncheon 2019 welcomes all members of Branch 69, wives, significant others and guests.

Entrance by Pre-Paid Reservations Only. Dress: Dressy Casual.

Today's program will include a sit down luncheon and recognition of members for significant accomplishments, prize drawings, gifts for the ladies and dancing to the Sly Fox Band. 🎵

Lunch Menu

Tenderloins of Beef – Black Pepper Corn Crusted Chateaubriand

Chicken Marsala – with Roasted Mushroom

Eggplant Parmesan – Herbed Panko Breaded Eggplant

Each meal is served with roasted red potatoes, seasonal vegetables, green salad, rolls, butter and chocolate mousse cake. Coffee and water will be provided at the table

Please clip form below and return with a check made out to SIR BRANCH 69

Reservations:

• SIR Name _____

Quantity

• Tenderloins of Beef _____ @ \$25 = _____

• Chicken Marsala _____ @ \$21 = _____

• Eggplant Parmesan _____ @ \$17 = _____

Amount Enclosed = _____

Prepay at October or November Luncheon, make Check out to SIRS Branch 69, send or give check to Treasurer, Jerry Buhlert, 4825 Willowbrook Drive, Sacramento, CA 95842 - by **December 1**

On reverse side, please list the members of your party and seating requests, if any. Seating: If you would like to be seated as a group with other members, write on the back of the reservation sheet, otherwise seats will be assigned.