



# THE MAIL POUCH

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The Pony Express Branch #69  
October 2018 Edition



Alan Weinel, Editor



## TONY'S TALK

Welcome fellow SIRs members to the month of October. Where has the year gone? One thing you can say for a fact, "time keeps moving on with or without us". A couple of

facts for the month of October: **Columbus Day**, is always observed on the second Monday in October. It was on October 12, 1492, that Christopher Columbus landed on a small island in the Bahamas. We also celebrate **Halloween** on October 31<sup>st</sup>.

As in previous years, our branch goals have been first and foremost to enjoy the fellowship and branch activities we all participate in. One goal was to grow our branch by 10%. I'm happy to say that it looks like we will surpass 10%. Another goal was to get our current members more active in becoming Branch officers. As I stated last month and will say again: I have not had members rushing up to me and volunteering for a slightly greater role in the branch. Remember, try something new! You can always back away, but your involvement will benefit both you and Branch 69.

We are continuing to negotiate an additional year to our current 2 year contract with the Dante Club and have also been looking at other sites for our monthly luncheons. Our YTD attendance for our luncheons is at 66%, which is lower than the standard 70%. As I have stated in our quarterly reports to SIRinc, our members are not happy about paying \$25.00 for lunch. Pat Quinn will lead the Board Meeting and the General Meeting for October. It is a Branch suggestion that the Little Sir lead both the BEC and General meetings for the Branch so it will get the Little Sir exposed to what some of his duties will be next year.

Start planning to attend the Holiday Luncheon. We have the fabulous band from last year back and their music made dancing & listening very enjoyable. Let's get a good turnout this year. Your wife or significant other will thank you for the Luncheon. It's OK to come as a single. Those guys also enjoyed the music and camaraderie.

See you at our next luncheon on October 11<sup>th</sup>.

*Tony Vigil, Big Sir*

## QUINN'S QUIPS



*America is the only country where a significant proportion of the population believes that professional wrestling is real but the moon landing was faked.*

Our guest speaker for September was Detective James Hart. Officer Hart is a 12 year veteran with the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department. He works for the Sheriff's Property Crimes Bureau and also runs the Sheriff's SEE (Sheriff's Electronic Eye) program. He provided valuable information about how surveillance systems are used to enable officers to track down crimes. He also provided information on what types of systems are available on the market for homeowners to consider.

**Reminder, there will not be a regular luncheon scheduled for December. Rather, our annual Ladies Day Luncheon will be held.** This years event will take place at the Dante Club on December 13th. I'll do my best to make this years event enjoyable for us and our significant others. The band has already been booked and were working to keep our luncheon costs as reasonable as possible. The Branch Executive Committee has voted to subsidize part of the luncheon cost to keep the total member cost down. See the flyer included with this Newsletter for more details. Sign-up sheets will be passed out at the October and November luncheons. You can also print the last page of this Newsletter and use it to sign-up for this event.

Our guest speaker for October will be "The Dream Team". This will be a bit of a different type of speaker presentation and I hope it works out. The Dream Team is a group that will present a play that's a family dinner table discussion. Dad lives alone and it's becoming more difficult to maintain his house. He's considering selling his home and moving. The family discussion is about where he can relocate and what resources are out there to help him. The members on the Dream Team represent those resources and will be available to answer any of your questions.

*Pat Quinn, Little Sir*

*The Luncheon menu is on Page 2 ...*

## RECRUITING & PUBLICITY

We didn't have any new members at the September luncheon, but we did have several guests. One of the guests has submitted his application, so perhaps we can induct him in October. Meanwhile, I remain in contact with one of our Golf Expo signees—he had some serious family misfortunes and a bad fall which required surgery, but he is recovering from these events and remains interested in our branch.



As I have mentioned before, 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 operations depend on our recruitment of new members. If we're standing still, we're fading!

I'll be out of town for the October luncheon, but I'll see you in November 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**

### October Birthdays

Otis Benning	10/1	
<b>Nobel Zumwalt</b>	<b>10/2</b>	<b><u>100 Years</u></b>
Charlie Landau	10/5	
Tom Mezzanares	10/5	
<b>Ray Chase</b>	<b>10/8</b>	<b>85 Years</b>
Newt Palmer	10/8	
<b>Adrian Herrell</b>	<b>10/13</b>	<b>81 Years</b>
Rick Hom	10/13	
Marty Miller	10/15	
Peter Pozzuto	10/18	
Doug Bailey	10/19	
Bob Clanton	10/21	
<b>Sam LeRouge</b>	<b>10/22</b>	<b>96 Years</b>
Ted Canty	10/28	

## Newsletter Correction

The September Newsletter inadvertently misspelled Jim and Velma Buckley's surname in the anniversary section. Names are ***important!***

I deeply apologize for the error.

**Alan Weinel / Newsletter Editor**

## IMPORTANT NOTE

After 10 years as our Sunshine Chairman, Jim Carlson has decided to pass the torch. Our new Chairman for Sunshine will be Sir Bill Nichols. Please direct future Sunshine items to Bill. His e-mail address is notaford64@gmail.com, or by phone (voice or text) to (916) 844-9382.



## Worthless Tidbits & Factoids

*Courtesy of "Uncle John's Bathroom Reader"*

- It takes 4,000 grains of sugar to fill one teaspoon.
- In 1911 a meteor from Mars fell to earth in Nakhla, Egypt, killing a dog.
- Your thumbnail grows slower than any other.
- A Bison can jump as high as 6 feet off the ground.
- During an average life, you will spend about six months on the toilet.
- Shakespeare's daughter was illiterate.
- There are about as many nerve cells in your brain as there are stars in our galaxy.
- LBJ had an aunt named Frank. They wanted a son.
- In Greenland, there is a place called "Thank God Harbor"
- "Sahara" comes from an Arabic word meaning ... Desert.
- The traditional gift for a 44th wedding anniversary is ... Groceries. (Bet THAT doesn't go over well!)
- On average, people blink 10,800 times a day.
- Danny DeVito once studied to be a hairdresser.
- Official State Dance of Utah: Square Dance.
- Canada has more donut shops per capita than any other nation.
- Aren't you glad you read these? / Alan W.

### OCTOBER 2018 LUNCHEON MENU

Thursday October 11, 2018

**Glazed Balsamic Chicken**, Garlic Roasted Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables, Salad & Rolls, Dessert

*Vegetarian options available. Ask your Caller.*

### 2018 ATTENDANCE REPORT

Our September attendance was only **61.0%**. YTD is 66.2% The SIR minimum goal is 70%.

**Paul Sickert, Attendance Chairman**



# BOWLING NEWS



Our league bowling started at the end of August and the competition is close. All fourteen teams look pretty even—no team has pulled away and no team has fallen hopelessly behind. This is just the way I hope to have it every year, but some years it doesn't look quite this way.

Even this early in the season, we have had some outstanding bowling. Darren Simonds bowled a rousing 288 game the first week of action, followed by Jim Smalling with 268 and Ted Patterson with 263. Joe Bowers nailed a 698 scratch series, while Steve Eason rolled a 680 series. On the handicap side, Tom Page has a 310 game, while Steve Haakenson nailed a 257 game and Ernie Berryman has a 253 score. Tom Page also leads the handicap series with a 738 effort, followed by 682 from Don Baldwin and 679 from Jim Smalling.

As with every season, our league lost several bowlers due to health problems, moving out of the area and family care issues. We will miss these bowlers greatly. Meanwhile, new bowlers have joined the league and several substitutes from last year are now going to bowl as team members. We still have room for more bowlers—we can always use substitutes and sometimes team positions open up. **Contact me to join our fun league—you will enjoy the action.**

*Tom Page, League Secretary 488-6465*



"Lost your ball in the rough? Larry, this is bowling!"

## Special Congratulations to Nobel Zumwalt on his 100th Birthday



### SPECIAL EVENT! Friday October 26th

Gentlemen—this is an opportunity for an evening out with that special some-one:

#### Dinner and a play!

We will meet at Garcia's Mexican Restaurant at 6:00 for a nice dinner and with the chance to chat with members that you perhaps don't know so well. Garcia's is located at 6049 Madison Avenue. Cost will be just \$16, including tax and gratuity. There will be eight entrée choices - See Mike Ratzlaff to review the menu.

Following dinner, it is a 10 minute drive to American River College, where we will see a wonderful production of *West Side Story*. Ticket cost is pending.

## October Anniversaries

Larry and Kathy Aronson	10/3
Curtis and Carole Main	10/3
Bill and Cheryl Pritchett	10/5
Hal and Dolly Copperberg	10/6
Denis and Louise Welsh	10/11
Pat and Sandy Quinn	10/16
Mark and Nancy Machado	10/21
Rex & Jodie Bowling	10/31





## Your 2018 Golf Directors



**Lennie Silva—Regular Course**

**OCTOBER GOLF:**

10-04	Thurs	Elkhorn CC	Low Net
10-15/16	Mo/Tu	State Sirs Golf	Ind. Low Net
10-18	Thurs	Alister Mac	Low Net

**NOVEMBER GOLF:**

11-01	Thurs	Cavanaugh	Turkey Shoot
<b>11-02</b>	<b>Awards Luncheon / Carmichael Elks Lodge</b>		



**Greg Schweitzer—Progressive Golf Club**

**OCTOBER GOLF:**

10-15	Mon	Davis	Stroke Play, White Tees
10-29	Mon	Cavanaugh	Stroke Play, Front Tees

**NOVEMBER GOLF:**

11-5	Mon	Wildhawk	4 Man Scramble
11-26	Mon	Bing Maloney	Stroke Play, Gold Tees



**Golf and the Barn Door**

A lovely afternoon finds Rod and his wife, Phoebe playing a round of golf. They have had a wonderful time and Rod has had a near perfect game. But, the final hole, by far the most difficult, wraps around an old barn.

With a terrible slice Rod puts the barn between his ball and the green. Knowing that the strokes that it will take to get around the barn will destroy his score, he begins to rant and rave.

Phoebe, hating to see him ruin such a great afternoon makes a suggestion: "What if I were to hold open the barn doors? That way you could send it right through the barn on to the green."

Rod thinks this over and decides that it will work. With Phoebe holding open the barn door he lines up with the hole and gives the ball a terrific "whack". The ball shoots through the air and right into the head of his wife, killing her instantly.

Months go by, the man mourning all the while. His friends, hating to see him in such a state, convince him to go golfing with them. They end up at the same course and on the final hole, oddly enough, *another* terrible slice puts the old barn between his ball and the green. Again he begins to rant and rave at what this dilemma will do to his score.

His friend, wanting to please him, makes a suggestion: "What if I were to hold open the barn doors? That way you could send it right through the barn onto the green."

"N..N..No, don't do that," says Rod, "last time I did that I shot two over par."



**SUNSHINE**



For the 2nd time this year, we have not heard of anything to report on!! THAT is great news. Stay Healthy and Happy!!

**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**



## HOW ARE WE DOING?

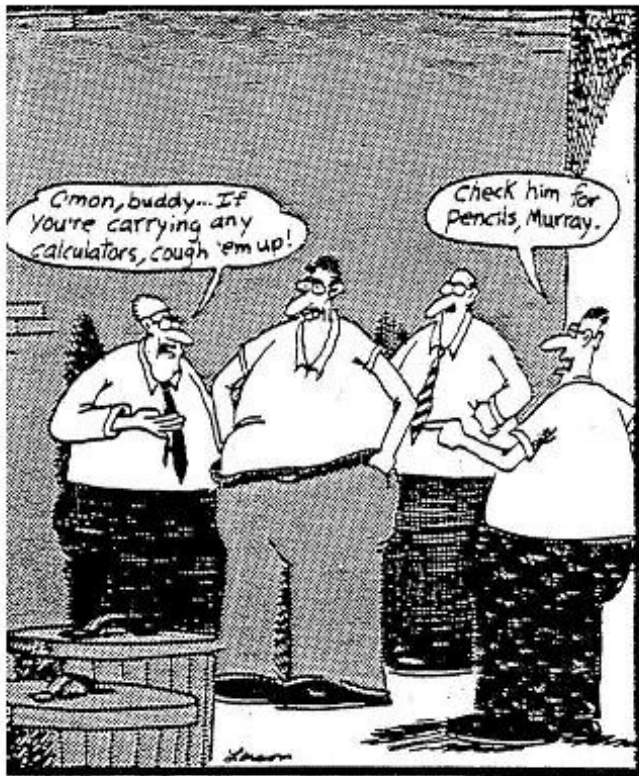
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INCOME	ACTUAL	BUDG	DIFF
Contributions	\$3,320	\$3,700	\$ 380
Other	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$3,320</b>	<b>\$3,700</b>	<b>\$ 380</b>
EXPENSES			
Printing & Postage	\$ 36	\$ 650	\$ 614
Officers' Expenses	\$ 202	\$ 350	\$ 148
Guest Expense	\$ 0	\$ 100	\$ 100
State Pro Rata	\$ 714	\$ 950	\$ 236
Other, Golf Expo	\$ 147	\$ 300	\$ 153
Other, Misc.	\$ 608	\$2,000	\$ 1,392
<b>Total Expenses.</b>	<b>\$1,707</b>	<b>\$4,350</b>	<b>\$ 2,643</b>

CASH BALANCE AT END OF 2017	\$3,572
CURRENT CASH BALANCE	\$5,054
PROJECTED BALANCE 12/31/2018	\$2,922

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

*Jerry Buhlert, Treasurer*



Accountant street gangs

2018 Officers		
BIG SIR:	TONY VIGIL	(916) 217-7816
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RAMP	Jerry Schroeder (916) 801-2530	



## TREASURER'S REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2018

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

	SEPTEMBER	YTD
Beginning Cash Balance	\$5,054	N/A
Contributions	\$ 45	\$3,320
Expenses	\$ 89	\$1,707
Ending Cash Balance	\$5,035	N/A

### MEMBERSHIP

Membership, Gain/Loss	+0/-1	153
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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

# Sir Branch 69 Ladies Day Holiday Luncheon

**Thursday, December 13, 2018**



Dante Club, 2320 Fair Oaks Blvd.  
11:00 Drinks and Conversation, 12:00 Lunch  
1:00 Dancing to the SLY FOX



Holiday Luncheon is open to all members of Branch 69. Entrance by pre-paid reservations only. Wives and significant others are encouraged, but not required. **Dress: Dressy Casual.**

## ***Lunch Menu***

*Sliced Beef Tenderloin with cherry rhubarb glaze, mashed potatoes, and fresh green beans.*

*Pesto Chicken with rainbow potatoes, sautéed shredded Brussel sprouts*

*Vegan tower - stacked with eggplant, butternut squash, zucchini and yellow squash, on top of a Portobello mushroom with Ratatouille style sauce on bed of barley.*

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

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### Reservations:

- Name \_\_\_\_\_

#### Quantity

- Sliced Beef Tenderloin. @ \$27 = \_\_\_\_\_
- Pesto Chicken @ \$20 = \_\_\_\_\_
- Vegan tower @ \$20 = \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed TOTAL= \_\_\_\_\_

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 this reservation sheet, otherwise seats will be assigned.