



# THE MAIL POUCH

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The Pony Express Branch #69  
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Alan Weinel, Editor



## Jimmy's Gems

Hello, Fellow SIR

I hope that you and your families are well.

Our branch continues to progress despite COVID. I am pleased with the way we continue to do the work of SIR. Under COVID, many changes are being instituted. Some are being used for the first time and will require your patience. Thank you for your continued support.

Thanks to all of you who responded to requests that include:

Voting for the 2021 Slate of branch officers. We got a very good response with approximately 55 plus or 38% of the 145 roster members.

Interest in participating in a ZOOM meeting. We wanted to expand our meeting to include activities similar to those presented during the in-person. The survey indicated there was some interest but not enough at this time that would warrant the expanded meeting. Because COVID will continue to "plague" us for some time, ZOOM may be the best method to stay in contact with your friends. There is still room for you in the ZOOM Meeting. "It's Free" to you.

Special thanks to members who identify potentially new SIR members. These potentially new members should attend a Branch 69 ZOOM meeting.

The Branch 69 is being recognized by Area Governor Dave Gonzales and Regional Director Mark Stuart as one of the better branches in the area and has invited Big and Little Sir to participate in a ZOOM meeting with the State SIR President. The date is TBD. If the president's meeting doesn't happen until after our monthly meeting and there are items of concern and/or recommendations that can suggest methods of improving SIR during COVID. If you have something don't hesitate, Give me a call at 916 284 2364

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## Sickert Says

The Mission of SIR is to enrich the lives of our members through fun activities and events while making friends for life. This certainly reflects my experience. I came to Branch 69 initially for the golf after retiring from the State. I found here a place where I was made to feel welcome and helped to engage in new for me activities like bowling. Now I really miss that we are not bowling. (Hoping for soon Tom.)

I still enjoy golf and our golf is one of the great strengths of our branch. The golf programs have brought in the new members that we have this year. I am so thankful that Tom Page approached me and asked me to join Sirs. It has made all the difference in how I am experiencing my post-work life.

While I personally cannot wait to have the branch fully restart all of its activities, we are still in a pandemic. Although there are signs that the dangers in California may be lessening people are still being hospitalized and dying. One day we will have all of our activities and our lunches again. Until then, be mindful of your and your loved ones physical vulnerabilities and stay safe.

*Paul Sickert, Little Sir*



## Jimmy's Gems

*Continued...*

SIR is quite concerned about the continued loss of members. Where do we go and do between now and a reliable solution to COVID is found and widely distributed?

Once again BEC members are invited to be a part of the Branch 69 ZOOM Meeting. During the last couple of months, there have been new members that have joined the meeting. All BEC members including committee chairs and directors of current and 2021 administrations should attend the ZOOM meeting.

All you need to join the meeting is a laptop, desktop, tablet, or cellphone with an internet connection. Logon information is sent as part of the Agenda published by Ron Hutcheson.

Thanks very much to all members for continuing the work of SIR. Special thanks to members of the Branch Executive Committee much appreciated. As my mother would say "Your kindness will never be forgotten"

*Jimmy Buckley, Big Sir*

## October Birthdays

|                       |              |                 |
|-----------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| <b>Otis Benning</b>   | <b>10/01</b> | <b>81 Years</b> |
| Charlie Landau        | 10/05        |                 |
| Tom Mezzanares        | 10/05        |                 |
| John Valdes           | 10/09        |                 |
| <b>Adrian Herrell</b> | <b>10/13</b> | <b>83 Years</b> |
| Rick Hom              | 10/13        |                 |
| Sandy Davis           | 10/15        |                 |
| Marty Miller          | 10/15        |                 |
| Pietro Pozzuto        | 10/18        |                 |
| Doug Bailey           | 10/19        |                 |
| Mike Pinkston         | 10/21        |                 |
| Ted Canty             | 10/28        |                 |



## October Anniversaries

|                           |       |
|---------------------------|-------|
| Larry and Cathy Aronson   | 10/03 |
| Curtis and Carole Main    | 10/03 |
| Bill and Cheryl Pritchett | 10/05 |
| Hal and Dolly Copperberg  | 10/06 |
| Pat and Sandy Quinn       | 10/16 |
| Mark and Nancy Machado    | 10/21 |



## Your 2020 Golf Directors



**Lennie Silva—Regular Course**



**Greg Schweitzer—Progressive Golf Club**

### OCTOBER GOLF:

10-01 Thurs Teal Bend Low Net  
 10-15 Thurs Alister Mac Vintage Tourney  
 10-22 Thurs River Oaks 4 Man; 2 Best Balls

### NOVEMBER GOLF:

11-05 Thurs Wildhawk Turkey Shoot  
 11-06 Fri Awards Luncheon—**CANCELLED**  
 11-19 Thurs Bing Maloney Low Net

### OCTOBER GOLF:

10-05 Mon River Oaks Stroke Play, Fwd Tees  
 10-19 Mon Cavanaugh Stroke Play, Black Tees


### NOVEMBER GOLF:

11-09 Mon Antelope Green 4 Clubs; White Tees  
 11-23 Mon Bing Maloney 4 Man; 2 Best Balls



## BOWLING NEWS



 Not much has changed since my article last month. Our bowling centers continue to be closed. I have been in regular contact with Bobbi Nicholson at Country Club Lanes. She has not heard anything from Sacramento County about a timeline for re-opening bowling alleys. We know that Knotty Pine Lanes in Pollock Pines has just now re-opened, but apparently Sac County is not following suit just yet. As I mentioned last month, we will have to make some decisions about how to manage our season:


- start late and run longer into May or June
- start late and have a shortened season
- start late and do a combination of the above choices

I have contacted almost all of our bowlers from previous seasons to see who is interested in bowling in the league next fall **IF** we are able to have a league. I haven't tried to put together any team combinations for next season because the situation seems so fluid right now. Also, some bowlers who previously said that they intended to bowl have changed their minds and now don't seem so sure about their intentions.

Let's keep a good thought in our minds and hope for a bowling season later this year.

**Tom Page, League Secretary 916-488-6465**

## RECRUITING AND PUBLICITY

 We're seeing a few positive signs of progress in the fight against Covid-19. Progress, but still not there. I remain hopeful that SIR activities in addition to golf could start up again before the end of the year. Let's keep our fingers crossed and keep ourselves healthy and hopeful.

Lastly, thank you Lennie and Greg for keeping our lives normal on the golf courses!

I hope to see you all at our next luncheon, whenever that will be. Stay safe.

**Tom Page Recruiting & Publicity Director**

## HOW ARE WE DOING?

9/30/2020

| INCOME              | ACTUAL         | BUDGET         | DIFF          |
|---------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| Contributions       | \$3,470        | \$3,750        | \$ 280        |
| Other               | \$ 0           | \$ 0           | \$ 0          |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME</b> | <b>\$3,470</b> | <b>\$3,750</b> | <b>\$ 280</b> |

| EXPENSES              |                |                |                |
|-----------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Printing & Postage    | \$ 275         | \$ 350         | \$ 75          |
| Officers' Expenses    | \$ 214         | \$ 200         | \$ 14          |
| Guest Expenses        | \$ 0           | \$ 100         | \$ 100         |
| State Assessment      | \$ 518         | \$1,100        | \$ 582         |
| Other, Golf Expo      | \$ 0           | \$ 200         | \$ 200         |
| Other, Misc.          | \$1,029        | \$2,175        | \$ 1,146       |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b> | <b>\$2,036</b> | <b>\$4,125</b> | <b>\$2,089</b> |

|                              |         |
|------------------------------|---------|
| CASH BALANCE AT END OF 2019  | \$3,489 |
| CURRENT CASH BALANCE         | \$4,924 |
| PROJECTED BALANCE 12/31/2020 | \$3,114 |

|                                    |       |
|------------------------------------|-------|
| PROJECTED 2020 YEAR END MEMBERSHIP | 155   |
| PROJECTED CASH BALANCE PER MEMBER  | \$ 20 |



*Hal Copperberg, Treasurer*



## SUNSHINE



**Gentlemen:** Hello everyone, as your sunshine chair it is my heartfelt wish and hope that you are finding your way through the smoke and fending off the virus, there are always things to celebrate but finding it can sometimes be difficult, don't give up.

**Nothing to report ...**

*Neither my computer nor phone allow me to take part in Zoom, so I will depend on the follow up input to keep abreast.*

Stay safe my fellow SIR members...

**kindest Regards,**

**Bill Nichols, Sunshine Chairman**

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| 2020 Officers  |                                    |                                    |
|--|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| BIG SIR  | JIM BUCKLEY                        | (916) 284-2364                     |
| LITTLE SIR   | PAUL SICKERT                       | (916) 396-6230                     |
| SECRETARY  | RON HUTCHESON                      | (916) 897-2807                     |
| ASST SECRETARY   | PAT QUINN                          | (916) 201-5262                     |
| TREASURER  | HAL COPPERBERG                     | (916) 722-2606                     |
| ASST TREASURER   | ALAN WEINEL                        | (209) 843-1804                     |
| Directors  |                                    |                                    |
| PBS PAT QUINN  | (916) 201-5262                     | STEVE BRANDENBURGER (916) 765-0585 |
| STEVE GOODMAN  | (916) 521-6546                     | JOHN POPADAK (916) 662-0695        |
| ERNIE BERRYMAN   | (916) 723-2148                     | BUD ROGERS (916) 991-2611          |
| State Officers   |                                    |                                    |
| STATE PRES:  |                                    | ED BENSON                          |
| REG. 1 DIRECTOR:   |                                    | MARK STUART                        |
| AREA 4 GOV:  |                                    | DAVE GONZALES                      |
| 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   | Paul Sickert (916) 396-6230        | <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    | PBS RON HUTCHESON                  |
| Golf (PGC)   | Greg Schweitzer (916) 687-8629     | PBS TOM PAGE                       |
| Bowling  | PBS Tom Page (916) 488-6465        | PBS JIM PORTERFIELD                |
| Audit  | Don Neufeld (916) 863-5228         | PRD WARREN SENEGAL                 |
| Nominating   | PBS Pat Quinn (916) 201-5262       | PBS LENNIE SILVA                   |
| Attendance   | Ernie Berryman (916) 723-2148      |                                    |
| Orientation  | Steve Goodman (916) 521-6546       | SENIOR CERTIFICATES                |
| Branch Apparel   | Mike Ratzlaff (916) 768-6348       | SIR JIM PAGE                       |
| Meeting Review   | John Popadak (916) 662-0695        | SIR KEN TOWNS                      |
| Sunshine   | Bill Nichols (916) 844-9382        | SIR VERNON FREEMAN                 |
| Lunch Reception  | Ron Bacher (916) 422-5583          | SIR HEMAN SMITH                    |
| Web Site   | Ross Martin (916) 427-0559         | SIR DON BALDWIN                    |
| 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 |                                    |

### TREASURER'S REPORT – September, 2020

**Cash Balance 1/1/2020= \$3,489**

|                        | August  | YTD     |
|------------------------|---------|---------|
| Beginning Cash Balance | \$4,939 | N/A     |
| Contributions          | \$ 25   | \$3,445 |
| Expenses               | \$ 40   | \$1,996 |
| Ending Cash Balance    | \$4,924 | N/A     |

### MEMBERSHIP

|                       |       |     |
|-----------------------|-------|-----|
| Membership, Gain/Loss | +2/-2 | 149 |
|-----------------------|-------|-----|

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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 twelve consecutive month period. may be notified, by letter, of the pending termination of his membership in SIR. (Rule 60, 100 & 107).

