



# THE MAIL POUCH

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Alan Weinel, Editor



## TONY'S TALK

Welcome fellow SIRs members to the month of September. A special holiday in September is Labor Day, the first Monday in September. For many, the month of September signals the end of summer, the beginning of autumn, and the start of a new school year. As a matter of fact, the first day of autumn is September the 22<sup>nd</sup>. There are three traditional flowers of the month of September: the aster, symbolizing love; the forget-me-not, representing memories and love; and the morning glory, symbolizing unrequited love. I guess you could say, "It's all about the Love".

On Tuesday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, your 2019 Little Sir, Jimmy Buckley, and I attended the 2018 Annual Meeting of SIR Inc. at the Thunder Valley Casino Resort. The meeting lasted for about six and half hours and what was really accomplished was electing the new State Officers for 2019: President – Ed Benson, Vice President – Jim L. Johnson, Secretary – Ronald C. Flagel, Assistant Secretary – Paul Kramer, Treasurer – Roy Hodgkinson, Assistant Treasurer – Jimmie A. Johnson & Chief Administrative Officer – Dean J. Steichen

We were told that a meeting with SIR Inc. and the new officers would take place in September and we could see some significant changes in how SIRs operates going forward. At this time, I don't know what those changes might be. I will keep you posted. One other topic was mentioned and had to do with recruitment. It was suggested that we might be able to recruit new members from different churches, police departments, fire departments, and community colleges.

The last item I would like to address is that I have not exactly been flooded with members rushing up to me and volunteering for a slightly greater role in the group. Remember, try something new! You can always back away but your involvement will benefit both you and also Branch 69.

See you at our next luncheon on September 13<sup>th</sup>.

*Tony Vigil, Big Sir*

## QUINN'S QUIPS



*What do you call that again when you almost win ...  
oh yeah yeah yeah, losing ...*

Our guest speaker for August was Debbie Webber from the Neptune Society of Northern California. Every day we make decisions about the way we live, but we often avoid considering the important decisions that must be made at the time of our passing. Debbie emphasized having a Living Trust or Will prepared. Make sure your family knows who to call and what you want. And make sure you have an Advance Directive in place.

We continue to work with the Dante Club on our luncheon options and development of our next potential contract. Our current contract expires in June 2019. The Dante Club is expected to have cost projections for June 2019 and forward by the end of August. The Branch Executive Committee will then discuss these options. A special committee has also been formed to research and consider alternative locations should we determine based on costs the Dante Club is no longer a good alternative. Stay tuned.

Our guest speaker for September will be Detective James Hart. Officer Hart is a 12 year veteran with the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department. He currently works for the Sheriff's Property Crimes Bureau and also runs the Sheriff's SEE (Sheriff's Electronic Eye) program. The SEE Program was developed in 2014 by Sheriff Scott Jones as a way for citizens to help solve crimes. Prior to 2014 when a crime occurred, deputies and detectives had to go door to door in search of video surveillance footage. The Sheriff's SEE program allows citizens to register their address and contact information. The SEE Program maps out locations of citizen who are willing to help law enforcement and lets officers cut down the time in the search for video evidence.

*Pat Quinn, Little Sir*

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

## RECRUITING & PUBLICITY

Not too much is happening on the Recruiting and Publicity front. We did have two guests at the August luncheon; hopefully they will end up joining 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 you're standing still, you're fading!

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

*Tom Page Recruiting & Publicity Director*



"Listen up, pard. I enjoy a good giggle as much as the next guy, but I believe we've had quite enough laughing gas for one evening."

### IMPORTANT NOTE

After 10 years as our Sunshine Chairman, Jim Carlson had decided to pass the torch. Our new Chairman for Sunshine will be Sir Bill Nichols. Please direct future Sunshine items to Bill. E-mail: no-taford64@gmail.com, or by phone (voice or text) to (916) 844-9382.



### GET YOUR SIR MERCHANDISE!!

Please see the display at the luncheon or contact Mike Ratzlaff (916) 768-6348 for information. Mike has several shirts in stock. Or, if you prefer, you can special order exactly what you want!



### SEPTEMBER 2018 LUNCHEON MENU

Thursday September 13, 2018

**Northern Italian Stuffed Pasta Shells, Garden Salad with Balsamic Dressing, Grilled Veggies, Rolls and Butter, Limoncello cake**

*Vegetarian Lasagna / Vegan options available. Ask your*

**Special Congratulations to Ron Bacher on his 80th Birthday**

### 2018 ATTENDANCE REPORT

Our August attendance was only 61.7%. YTD is 67% The SIR minimum goal is 70%.

*Paul Sickert, Attendance Chairman*



# BOWLING NEWS



New season! Our league bowling started at the end of August and will continue until mid-April. All fourteen teams start even and all the teams look like they could win it all. Which one will? Stay tuned as the season progresses.

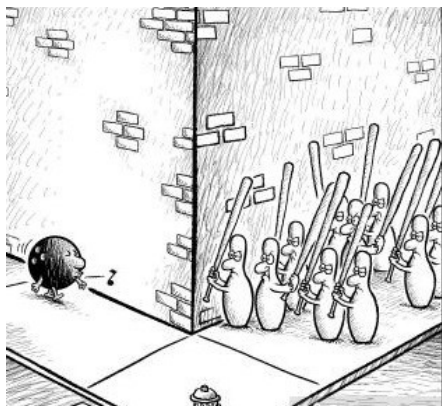
In July, many of our bowlers traveled to Pollock Pines to compete in the SIRs tournament there. Held at the small Knotty Pines Lanes, the tournament is always a fun event in a friendly atmosphere. Several of our guys bowled well and collected prize money: Division B singles, Paul Sickert, 5<sup>th</sup> place, Connor Chin, 9<sup>th</sup> place and Jimmy Buckley, 11<sup>th</sup> place; Division B doubles, Connor Chin/Tom Page, 5<sup>th</sup> place; Division B All-Events, Tom Page, 9<sup>th</sup> place, Paul Sickert, 10<sup>th</sup> place.

We had great representation in August for the State SIR tournament held at the National Bowling Stadium in Reno. This is quite a contrast to the Knotty Pines Lanes—the stadium has 72 lanes! Several of our bowlers finished in the money, led by Ernie Berryman, who was 5<sup>th</sup> in the Division 2 singles. Connor Chin took 17<sup>th</sup> in that event. Allen Riker finished 21<sup>st</sup> in Division 1 singles and Tom Knoble was 25<sup>th</sup>. Rich Taylor/Jim Smalling grabbed 6<sup>th</sup> in the Division 1 doubles. In the All Events, Steve Haakenson took 13<sup>th</sup> in Division 2, Mas Miyagi was 19<sup>th</sup>, Bud Rogers was 23<sup>rd</sup> and Connor Chin finished 25<sup>th</sup>.

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 sometimes open up.

Contact me to join our fun league—you will enjoy the action.

*Tom Page, League Secretary 488-6465*



**Special Congratulations to Bob Turner on his 80th 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 you 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.

## 2018 ROSTER REPAIR

**CURTIS MAIN** has moved. His new address is 6125 Hazel Avenue, #152, Orangevale, CA 95662

*Alan Weinel, Roster Chairman*

## September Anniversaries

<b>Dave and Judy Yorston</b>	<b>9/5</b>	<b>53 Years</b>
<b>Ritchie and Glenda Carlson</b>	<b>9/10</b>	<b>56 Years</b>
Jimmy and Velma Bucklet	9/12	
<b>Otis and Willa Benning</b>	<b>9/21</b>	<b>56 Years</b>
Keith and Caroline Lake	9/22	
Phil and Linda Olavari	9/27	
<b>Tom and Donna Costello</b>	<b>9/29</b>	<b>56 Years</b>



## Your 2018 Golf Directors



**Lennie Silva—Regular Course**



**Greg Schweitzer—Progressive Golf Club**

**SEPTEMBER GOLF:**

09-06	Thurs	Bartley	3rd Round Championship
09-20	Thurs	Empire Ranch	Low Net
09-17/8	Mo/Tu	Lincoln Hills	Low Net
09-27	Thurs	Bing Maloney	Low Net

**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

**SEPTEMBER GOLF:**

09-10	Mon	Wild Hawk	Last Round Club Championship
09-24	Mon	Emerald Lakes	2 man Best Ball.

**OCTOBER GOLF:**

10-15	Mon	Davis	2 man Best Ball.
10-29	Mon	Cavanaugh	Stroke Play, Front Tees

### And YOU think YOUR course was difficult ...

Here is a golf story from the Second World War [1939-1945], a time when many Golf courses in the UK were given over to growing vegetables for a beleaguered population.

However, *nothing*, not even war, could stop the British from playing golf as this list of rules indicates. Here, in outer London, England, in Richmond, Surrey, we have searched the history archives and found this sign which was placed around the Richmond Golf course warning players of war related problems:



"Do you mind if we play through...?"



**SUNSHINE**



**JERRY BUHLERT:** Jerry had surgery on an artery in his neck, which went well. He will be recovering for a few weeks

We have several members that are dealing with some serious health problems and don't wish to be mentioned in this venue. Keep them in your prayers

**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*

### TEMPORARY RULES, 1941

*RICHMOND GOLF CLUB*

LONDON, ENGLAND

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<p><b>1</b> • Players are asked to collect the bomb and shrapnel splinters to save these causing damage to the mowing machines.</p> <p><b>2</b> • In competitions, during gunfire or while bombs are falling, players may take shelter without penalty or ceasing play.</p> <p><b>3</b> • The positions of known delayed action bombs are marked by red flags at a reasonable, but not guaranteed, safe distance therefrom.</p> <p><b>4</b> • Shrapnel and/or bomb splinters on the Fairways, or in Bunkers, within a club's length</p>	<p>of a ball, may be moved without penalty, and no penalty shall be incurred if a ball is thereby caused to move accidentally.</p> <p><b>5</b> • A ball moved by enemy action may be replaced, or if lost, or destroyed, a ball may be dropped not nearer the hole without penalty.</p> <p><b>6</b> • A ball lying in a crater may be lifted and dropped not nearer the hole, preserving the line to the hole, without penalty.</p> <p><b>7</b> • A player whose stroke is affected by the simultaneous explosion of a bomb may play another ball. Penalty one stroke.</p>
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## HOW ARE WE DOING?

08/27/2018

INCOME	ACTUAL	BUDG	DIFF
Contributions	\$3,275	\$3,700	\$ 425
Other	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$3,275</b>	<b>\$3,700</b>	<b>\$ 425</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Printing & Postage	\$ 36	\$ 650	\$ 614
Officers' Expenses	\$ 146	\$ 350	\$ 204
Guest Expenses	\$ 0	\$ 100	\$ 100
State Pro Rata	\$ 714	\$ 950	\$ 236
Other, Golf Expo	\$ 147	\$ 300	\$ 153
Other, Misc.	\$ 575	\$2,000	\$ 1,425
<b>Total Expenses.</b>	<b>\$1,618</b>	<b>\$4,350</b>	<b>\$ 2,732</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*

### Interesting Moon Facts

Because the Moon rotates on its axis each 28 days AND revolves around the Earth each 28 days, living ON the moon would produce some interesting phenomena:



If you lived on the Moon...

- ⇒ The Sun and all of the Stars would all rise and set on a 28 day cycle. EXCEPT that Earth would be different.
- ⇒ The Earth would appear about FOUR TIMES larger in the Lunar sky than the Moon is in the Earth's sky
- ⇒ From the "dark side", you would never see the Earth (since WE can't see the back side of the Moon from Earth, they couldn't see us either!)
- ⇒ One result of above means that the Earth would just hang in the Lunar sky in one place. Earth would not rise or set. It would just be "there." - The exact place it would hang in the sky would depend on WHERE you were on the surface of the Moon.
- ⇒ BUT you would be able to watch Earth rotate on its axis each 24 hours: Different continents coming into view, and then disappearing ...
- ⇒ AND Earth would go through phases (as the moon does when viewed from Earth). A "New Earth" would be when the Sun is highest in the Lunar sky, and a "Full Earth" would happen 7 days after Sunset.

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## TREASURER'S REPORT – AUGUST 2018

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

	AUGUST	YTD
Beginning Cash Balance	\$5,089	N/A
Contributions	\$ - -	\$3,275
Expenses	\$ 35	\$1,619
Ending Cash Balance	\$5,054	N/A

### MEMBERSHIP

Membership, Gain/Loss	+0/-0	154
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