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**EL DORADO
Branch 23**

ANNUAL HISTORY

2012

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Branch meetings are held at Carmichael Elks Lodge, 5631 Cypress Avenue in Carmichael, California. Branch 23 meets on the second Wednesday of each month. The Executive Committee meets at 10:30AM and the general meeting begins at noon. At the monthly meetings, members sign up for golf tournaments to be held in the following weeks and for travel to sporting events, stage presentations and other recreational destinations. Most meetings also include a guest speaker, with their presentations covering a variety of subjects of interest to the members.

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD FOR 2012

OFFICERS:

BIG SIR:	Bob Yeager	LITTLE SIR:	Tom Novi
SECRETARY:	Joe Davis	ASSISTANT:	Bill Sutherland
TREASURER:	Fritz Walgenbach	ASSISTANT:	Ray Barsch

DIRECTORS:

Carroll Hamon	Scott Kenney	Gail Murrell
Roger Neighbours	Art Pancheri	Darrell Schneider

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN:

ATTENDANCE:	Dave Nemzek	ASSISTANT	Vacant
MEMBERSHIP:	Bill Sutherland	ASSISTANT	Vacant
TRAVEL	Vacant		
SUNSHINE	Chris Christopherson		
EDITOR	Ray Zelinski	ASSISTANT	Vacant
HISTORIAN	Bill Sutherland		
BOWLING	Frank Semans		
GOLF (18 HOLE)	Cass Mastalski	ASSISTANTS:	Gary Bradley, Fritz Walgenbach, Paul Domyancic, Scott Kenney, Bill Sutherland, Stan Holmes, Neil Fairhurst, Paul Joyce
GOLF (9 HOLE)	Russ Korhonen	ASSISTANTS:	Dick Oxford, George Hood, Dick LeBeau, Bill Sutherland

MONTHLY PUBLICATION: Our monthly publication, edited by SIR Ray Zelinski is called "The Nugget". It informs the members of news concerning: officers, meeting information, Big

SIR report, Little SIR scheduled speakers or program notes, membership status, bowling and golf information, sunshine report, and financial figures. The Nugget is published by Al Williams, of Sir Branch 3.

MEMBERSHIP: Chairman Sir Bill Sutherland reported that the ending 2012 membership included 165 active members, 10 inactive members, four Honorary Lifetime members, and two Senior Honorary Lifetime members. We no longer maintain a membership waiting list. Changes to the membership roles for 2012 included six new members; 11 members passed away during the year, including two who had been inactive and three who had previously resigned; six members resigned; four members moved to the inactive roles, and one moved back to active status from inactive.

New members were:

Bob Belancik (Jan)	Rick Dillon (Jan)	Rick Rivera (Jan)
Andy Rosenberger (Jan)	Doug Allen (May)	George Glaser (Aug)

Deceased active and inactive members were:

Fred Ausmus (3/17/12)	Floyd Henson (3/27/12)	Bill Scofield (6/28/12)
George Fung (7/11/12)	Jack Galvin (7/13/12)	Ralph Shenemen (8/7/12)
Emerson Heinen (12/13/12)	Les Sanders (12/20/12)	

Deceased previously resigned members were:

Jim Standly (12/18/11)	Paul Granquist (4/1/12)	Jim Puffer (12/1/11)
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Resigned members were:

Charles McAvoy (Jan)	Kiyo Hasegawa (Jan)	Hank Means (Jan)
Bob Fickenschur (Aug)	Don McClurg (Aug)	Walt Bedwell (Aug)

Member who moved from inactive to active status:

Bob Whisenhunt (Sep)

Members who moved to inactive status were:

Ed Radliff (Jan)	Jim Okimura (Jan)	David Leatherby (Aug)
Jim Coviello (Nov)		

TREASURER REPORT: Treasurer Sir Fritz Walgenbach reported the following:

Funds Available	January 1, 2012	January 1, 2013
Checking Account	\$3676.09	\$3980.02
Savings Account	\$0.00	\$0.00
Petty Cash Account	\$400.00	\$400.00
Total Funds Available	\$4076.09	\$4380.02

ATTENDANCE: Chairman Sir Dave Nemzek reported that the monthly meeting attendance averaged 62.6% during 2012. The most attended meeting was January, with 125 members

attending, which was 71.4% of our total at that time. The least attended meeting was September, with 88 members, equal to 52.3%.

SUNSHINE: The Sunshine chairman, Sir Chris Christopherson, reported receiving numerous contacts regarding illnesses, hospitalizations, and the deaths of current and past members. Monthly reports were made in the "Nugget" and announced at monthly meetings. "GET WELL" cards were mailed to those that were ill and sympathy cards were mailed to the families of deceased members.

TRAVEL: As SIR Branch 23 did not have a travel chairman for 2012, we did not have organized luncheon presentations on travel opportunities. Our Nugget publisher, Al Williams, includes travel announcements from Branch 117 Travel Chairman, Bill Hale, and travel announcements for State SIR programs.

BOWLING: The SIR Bowling League had 30 teams divided into 4 Divisions, 2 of 7 teams and 2 of 8 teams, with 4 men on each team for a total of 120 bowlers.

Branch 23 had 18 bowlers on 6 teams:

Alley Oops:	Carroll Hamon, Joe White
Dream Team:	Arlis Coy, Roger Neighbours, Bob Nielsen
F.O.F.:	Horace Conrad, Darrell Schneider, Ray Barsch, Ray Zelinski
Groovers:	Ron Jespersen, Joe Rodriguez, Frank Semans
Br. 23-Pin Heads:	Russ Korhonen, Joe Davis, Fritz Walgenbach, Marwan Siagian
Strikers:	Bob Belancik, David Naquin

The Groovers finished 2nd in Division 1, losing out to the Mavericks on the last day.
The Dream Team finished 2nd in Division 2, losing out to the GP2-Bad Boys on the last day.

SIR League Team Awards:

F.O.F.: High Handicap Series (2764) in Division 4
Br, 23-Pin Heads: High Handicap Game (988) in Division 4

SIR League Individual Awards:

Roger Neighbours: High Scratch Game (257) in Division 2
Fritz Walgenbach: High Scratch Game (232) in Division 4
Marwan Siagian: High Handicap Game (299) in Division 4
Frank Semans: High Scratch Game (248) for ages 55-72.

Frank Yeater, who was a founding member of the Groovers and from another SIRs Branch, passed away suddenly in 2012.

The SIR Bowling League is open to all SIR members 55 or older and is always looking for new bowlers. We bowl once a week at Country Club Lanes from September to April. The 2012 season began Tuesday, September 4, 2012. If any SIR Branch 23 Member is interested in bowling contact Frank Semans (944-2313) or the League Secretary, Joe Dahilig (369-1933).

Frank Semans ó Chairman 2011/ 2012

GOLF:

General: Our branch participates with two separate groups; an 18-hole and a 9-hole group. All members are allowed to play in either or both groups. Tournaments are scheduled so there is no conflict of tournament dates.

9 Hole League: The chairman is Russ Korhonen, who is also the tournament director and statistician. The 9 hole league is made possible by the assistance of Dick Oxford, treasurer, George Hood and Dick LeBeau, assistant tournament directors, and Bill Sutherland, handicapper. Also, Gary Bradley assisted Russ Korhonen by publishing the 9 hole information on the 18 hole league website. There were 19 scheduled tournaments, and three were rescheduled due to weather. The 9 hole league's awards luncheon was combined with the 18 hole league's luncheon at the Cattlemen's in Rancho Cordova, on Dec 7, 2012. The top ten point winners and the flight winners for each tournament are shown in the following tables. During the year, 66 members participated in the 9 hole golf league.

9 HOLE GOLF LEAGUE - 2012		
TOP TEN POINT WINNERS		
POSITION	NAME	POINTS
T1	Mike Catino	40
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3	Scott Kenney	37
4	Bob Mellberg	36
T5	Tom Bogetich	31
T5	Wayne Morehead	31
T5	Bob Yeager	31
8	Bill Sutherland	28
9	Frank Abel	27
10	Carroll Hamon	26

SIR BRANCH 23 - 9 HOLE GOLF LEAGUE - 2012						
TOURNAMENT FLIGHT WINNERS						
Tournament Number	Date	Course	1st Flight	2nd Flight	3rd Flight	4th Flight
1	2/9	Arcade Creek - Back	Paul Joyce	Bill LeDoux	Joe Ryan	Wayne Morehead
2	2/27	Cordova	Mike Catino	Nick DiMuccio	Wayne Morehead	
3	3/1	Antelope Greens	Bill Sutherland	Mike Catino	Stan Holmes	Wayne Morehead
4	3/15	Davis	Rainout - Rescheduled to June 21			
5	3/28	Emerald Lakes	Rainout - Rescheduled to May 15			
6	4/9	Arcade Creek - Back	Marwan Siagian	Joe Davis	Nick DiMuccio	Dick Crippen
7	4/26	Black Oak	Rainout - Rescheduled to July 19			
8	5/7	Sierra Pines	John Mahoney	Bill LeDoux	Howard Frank	
5A	5/15	Emerald Lakes	Frank Abel	Sam Scarlett	Birge Clark	Jim Otto
9	5/24	Indian Creek	Cass Mastalski	Bob Mellberg	Jim Otto	
10	6/14	Wild Wings	John Mahoney	Joe Ryan	Ray Zelinski	
4A	6/21	Davis	Frank Abel	Sam Osver	George Hood	Wayne Morehead
11	6/29	Arcade Creek - Front	Frank Abel	Stan Holmes	Scott Kenney	
12	7/2	Emerald Lakes	John Mahoney	Bob Yeager	Wayne Hippenstiel	
13	7/9	Wild Wings	John Mahoney	Scott Kenney		
14	7/12	Indian Creek	Mike Catino	Russ Korhonen		
7A	7/19	Black Oak	Tam LeFebure	Carroll Hamon		
15	8/9	Arcade Creek - Front	Neil Fairhurst	Bob Yeager	Bob Mellberg	Scott Kenney
16	9/5	Antelope Greens	Sam Scarlett	Stan Holmes	Bob Stakolich	
17	9/13	Arc Crk-Fr. Best Ball	Sutherland / Stakolich	Davis / Neighbours	Kenney / Kenney	
18	10/3	Davis	Bob Stakolich	Fred Lythgoe		
19	10/11	Cordova	Bob Yeager	Gail Jesswein		

18 Hole League: The chairman is Cass Mastalski and the tournament director is Gary Bradley. They were assisted by Fritz Walgenbach, treasurer, Stan Holmes, assistant tournament director, Paul Domyancic, statistician, Scott Kenney, starter, and Bill Sutherland, handicapper. There were 24 scheduled tournaments; one was rescheduled due to weather. One additional event was added at the end of the year, which was not included in the points totals. The 18-holers awards luncheon was held at the Cattlemen's Restaurant in Rancho Cordova, on Dec 7, 2012. The top ten point winners and the flight winners for each tournament are shown in the following tables. During the year, 102 members participated in the 18-hole golf league. This total includes 24 members of Branch 67 who played at least once during the year. Most of those Branch 67 members will not be returning to our league in 2013.

18 HOLE GOLF LEAGUE - 2012		
TOP TEN POINT WINNERS		
POSITION	NAME	POINTS
1	Mike Catino	91
2	Howard Frank	83
3	Gary Bradley	73
4	Neil Fairhurst	70
5	John Mahoney	69
6	Fritz Walgenbach	67
T7	Frank Abel	66
T7	Scott Kenney	66
T9	Arlis Coy	65
T9	Marwan Siagian	65

SIR BRANCH 23 - 18 HOLE GOLF LEAGUE - 2012							
TOURNAMENT FLIGHT WINNERS							
Tourn. Nr	Date	Course	1st Flight	2nd Flight	3rd Flight	4th Flight	5th Flight
1	2/1	Bartley Cavanaugh	Joe Rodriguez	Mike Catino	Hal Mattson	Nick DiMuccio	Marv Del Torchio
2	2/15	Alistair MacKenzie	John Mahoney	John Arong	Fritz Walgenbach	Nick DiMuccio	Bob McDonell
3	2/29	Bing Maloney	Rainout - Rescheduled to May 23				
4	3/7	Ancil Hoffman	Bill Sutherland	Larry Hinchberger	Paul Askelson	Sam Scarlett	Nick DiMuccio
5	3/21	Teal Bend	Bill Sutherland	Arlis Coy	Dick Gaspari	Bob Yeager	Marv Del Torchio
6	4/18	Diamond Oaks	Frank Abel	Val Kobza	Bob Yeager	Scott Kenney	
7	4/25	Mather Shamble	Jim Monteverde / Chuck Cobb / Nick DiMuccio / Howard Frank				
8	5/2	River Oaks	Gary Bradley	Paul Domyancic	Chris Christopherson	Marv Del Torchio	
9	5/16	Micke Grove	Gary Bradley	Paul Domyancic	Bob Melberg	Scott Kenney	
3A	5/23	Bing Maloney	Paul Joyce	Paul Domyancic	George Yamamoto	Tom Bogetich	Scott Kenney
10	5/30	Bartley Cavanaugh	Neil Fairhurst	Arlis Coy	Val Kobza	Scott Kenney	
11	6/6	Morgan Creek Scramble	Tony Vargas / Ron Vance / Fritz Walgenbach / Howard Frank				
12	6/20	Dry Creek	John Mahoney	Tam LeFebure	Fritz Walgenbach	Scott Kenney	
13	6/27	Cherry Island	Paul Joyce	Tom Novi	Tom Bogetich	Stan Holmes	
14	7/10	Wildhawk	Bill Sutherland	Mike Riley	Bob Stakolich	Bill Hinch	
15	7/18	Mather	Joe Rodriguez	Mo Walker	Scott Kenney	Bob Mellberg	
16	7/25	Davis	Joe Rodriguez	David Cattanach	Marv Del Torchio	Bob Anderson	
17	8/1	Diam Oaks-ChaChaCha	Birge Clark / Howard Frank / Bob Mellberg / Bob Yeager				
18	8/15	Alistair MacKenzie	Bill Sutherland	Mike Catino	Bob Yeager	Louis Espinoza	
19	8/22	Wildhawk - Best Ball	Novi / Riley	Barnes / Cattanach	Davis / Neighbours		
20	8/29	Teal Bend	Jim Greene	Jim DeLong	George Hood	Billy Barnes	
21	9/19	Timber Creek Devil Ball	Lee Harrity / Tony Vargas / Ron Vance / Frank Lockhart				
22	9/26	Bing Maloney	Frank Semans	Cass Mastalski	Tom Bogetich	Bob Anderson	
23	10/17	Ancil Hoffman	Lee Harrity	Arlis Coy	Ron Vance	George Hood	Ed Campini
24	10/24	Bartley Cavanaugh	John Mahoney	Cass Mastalski	Frank Lockhart	Russ Korhonen	
Added	11/19	Granite Bay	Doug Allen	Mike Riley	George Yamamoto		

SPEAKERS: Little Sir Tom Novi invited a variety of speakers and performers for the monthly meetings. The speakers and others are as follows:

January	George Valvarde	Director of DMV. Presentation on DMV service and senior driver issues.
February	Susan Peters	Sacramento County Supervisor, including the Carmichael and Arden of Arcade areas. Discussed local program issues.
March	Fat Lever	Former NBA star; Director of Player Development, Sacramento Kings. Presentation of his experiences as an NBA player and current Kings issues.
April	Tom Schuyler	SIR member at Lake of the Pines. Discussed his book, "Rightful Heirs", concerning the property of Italian Jews during WW II, and the difficulties of writing and publishing a book.
May	Dr. John Chuck	Chief of Physical Health and Wellness, Kaiser Hospital. Discussed issues of health and aging.
June	Mike Owen	CEO of Crystal Basin Winery. Presentation on the art of making and marketing wine.
July	Dave Torgerson Greg Maples Sherrie Carheart	Sacramento County Sheriff Department personnel discussing the crime trends in the north area.
August	Eric Pollard	Head Golf Pro, Ancil Hoffman Golf Course. Discussions on youth golf development programs.
September	Linda Clifford Terrance McNamara	Employees of CC Meyer Construction Company, presenting their company philosophy of performance excellence, and discussing the challenges of some of the local civil engineering projects.
October	Larry Muzamel	GM of Car Max. Tips of buying new and used automobiles.
November	Tom Tomich	Orangevale resident. Discussed personal stories of his life and service in WWII under General Patton

AWARDS: SIR Carroll Hamon coordinated the following awards during 2012.

Four members were identified to receive SIR STATE PRESIDENTS AWARDS. These awards are framed certificates given to a SIR member who has achieved the milestone in life of 90 years and should henceforth be addressed as SENIOR SIR. The members identified for the award were Jack Galvin in January, Warren Fleckenstein in April, and Leonard Griffin and Len Kovar in November. Some of these members were unable to attend a luncheon to receive the award yet, and unfortunately, Jack Galvin passed away in July.

Jim Reifschneider was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation in August to acknowledge his 10 years of service to Branch 23 as the Membership Chairman.

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: The following discussion highlights some of the significant events in 2012 for SIR Branch 23.

Status of Moving to a New Luncheon Location:

Significant effort was taken in 2011 to find a new location for our monthly luncheon. This was due to some difficulties dealing with the Elks Club, and resulted in a final decision to move our luncheons to the Eskaton facility in Carmichael. However, Eskaton had planned some major facility renovations in 2012 that would have prevented them from accommodating us in their banquet room until the work was done. They hoped to have it done in time to allow us to move during 2012, but the work has not yet been completed. It was therefore decided that we would remain at the Elks Club for the time being. Although the general consensus is to continue with the planned move eventually, the Elks Club situation has improved. Although we still are offered only one entrée, there was no price increase for 2013, and we have been given access to a conference room for the Branch Executive Committee meetings.

Summer Picnic: The efforts in 2011 to organize a branch picnic culminated in us having our first picnic in many years at the Carmichael Park on May 23, 2012. It was a very well attended event, with outstanding food and entertainment, and has resulted in enthusiastic support to make it an annual event. The picnic is covered in detail in the June, 2012 Nugget.