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<b>BIG SIR</b>	<b>LITTLE SIR</b>	<b>SECRETARY</b>	<b>ASST. SECRETARY</b>	<b>TREASURER</b>	<b>ASST. TREASURER</b>
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**Monthly meetings on 2nd Wednesdays Carmichael Elks Lodge 5631 Cypress, Carmichael**  
**10:30 am Executive Meeting,   11:00 am social   Noon Luncheon, Cost \$19.00**

**Next luncheon meeting is May 8, 2019**

**Please call Dave Nemzek (916-481-7173) by May 2, 2019 if you cannot attend the meeting. That is the Thursday before the May 8, 2019 meeting. We need an accurate count and need your cooperation to have the proper amount of food at the luncheon, so if you are bringing guests, please let us know, also by May 2, 2019.**

## **BIG SIR REPORT by Phil Sittner**

Tournament director Gary Bradley reports that spring has finally arrived and our members are smiling. Not only for the 18 hole events, but also for Steve Ng's 9 hole program. These gentlemen, along with Cass Mastalski, Scott Kenny, John Mahoney, Bill Sutherland, Rich Singer, George Hood and Wayne Hippenstiel put significant effort into these events and we owe all of them a hearty thanks for a job well done.

Gordon Callander is developing a co-ed hiking group for our branch. He will have a signup sheet at each luncheon table during the May meeting for those interested in participating. Gordon's wife Gladys is quite the hiking enthusiast and has a large number of events planned. It should be a great program for all of us.

Our Bocce program is off and running and hopefully this activity is also free of any further rain postponements. Dave Peterson is happy with the continued growth in the number of players but still has room for more. We hold our practices at the Dante Club and tournament play will begin soon. The events are currently scheduled for the first and third Mondays at 10:30. Contact Dave should you wish more information on the scheduling.

May 14th is the date of the Lady's Day Picnic. We will still be accepting signups during the May luncheon. Like last year, the fee is \$10 per person. The committee is arranging for Bingo and the golf chipping contest (at least I hope so), along with the food. Deb and I had a great time last year and look forward to this one as well.

In September we will hold our 50th anniversary celebration and bill it as a Lady's Day event. The event will be held at Northridge Country Club, a very nice venue. Details regarding meal selection, times, and the beginning of registration will follow. Our 50th anniversary is quite a milestone and throughout the balance of the year our historian, Bill Sutherland, will be providing literary snapshots of key events in our evolution. It's an event we should all be looking forward to.

Gordon Callander has accepted the role of Nominating Committee Chair. The strength of our organization revolves around membership participation and we can always use volunteers. None of these positions require major commitments of your time, but provide you with an opportunity to grow friendships and develop a better understanding of how SIR functions. Please take the time to talk to Gordon to see how you can help the branch.

**Finally, Dave Nemzek would like to thank our members for the great job done recently in notifying him of any planned absence for our luncheons. I have mentioned in the past that we must pay for any lunches that we order, whether you attend or not. If you do not call Dave (916-481-7173) we order lunch for you.**

## **LITTLE SIR REPORT by Dave Peterson**

**"We must constantly build dykes of courage to hold back the flood of fear." Martin Luther King, Jr.**

### **3 YEAR BRANCH IMPROVEMENT PLAN:**

As many of you know, we have been striving to create a plan that allows our organization to better prepare for the future. We cannot only focus on our immediate needs; we must have a long term vision. With that said, we are developing both short term and long term goals. As we've all experienced in our personal and professional lives, proper planning leads to peak performance.

In order to develop this road map, we need to obtain as much information from the members of Branch 23 so we can meet the needs and goals of the entire membership. **We ask that you share any questions, concerns, thoughts, or ideas with the board and the officers to assist this project.**

**APRIL's Guest Speaker: Terry Hennessy of Senior Softball USA.**

With both keen entrepreneurial skills and a love for the sport of softball, Terry has built a successful organization. Senior softball USA encourages ball players to play well into their eighties, keeping both body and mind in shape. He has helped spread the sport within the U.S. and internationally for over 25 years.

The May speaker is to be announced.

**TREASURER'S REPORT: by Jim Coe**

(Beginning Balance (Checking) March 1, 2019:	\$5,192.35
Beginning Petty Cash	400.00
Funds Received:	2,132.00
Funds Disbursed	2,112.07
Ending Checking Balance Mar. 31, 2019	5,212.28
Ending Savings Balance	0
Ending Petty Cash	400.00
Ending Cash Balance (Total Cash) Mar. 31, 2019	\$5,612.28

**SUNSHINE REPORT: by Chris Christopherson**

As always, I request assistance from all members by keeping me informed about deaths, illnesses, and other medical problems of fellow members so I can publish them in the newsletter and send cards. In April we lost two fellow SIRs. Former Branch 23 member Jim Borden passed away on April 14, 2019 after a lingering illness. Member Carl Baumgartner died of cancer on April 17. They will both be missed.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT: by Carroll Hamon**

**Membership Status:** 145 members, including one Senior HLM and three HLMs.

**Deletions:** None

**New Members in April:** Paul Vijitakula, sponsor Gene Reames  
David Biesanz, sponsor John Rowland

**New Members to be inducted in May:** Jean Brown, sponsor Carroll Hamon  
Bob Mohler, sponsor Bill Sutherland

**Other Membership/Roster Changes:**

Change Rich Singer's email to [richsingergolf@gmail.com](mailto:richsingergolf@gmail.com)

## **New Member Information:**

### **David Biesanz**

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David was born on February 6, 1953. He was a High School Teacher in San Juan Unified School District when he retired on June 10, 2017. He is married to CJ. David's interests include golf, bocce, backgammon, cribbage and pool. He prefers to receive the Nugget electronically. He became a member of Branch 23 on April 10, 2019 and was assigned badge # 192.

His sponsor was John Rowland.

### **Paul Vijitakula**

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Paul was born on March 30, 1948. He was a Senior Bridge Engineer at CalTrans when he retired on May 1, 2018. He is married to Sue. Paul's main interests are golf and travel. He prefers to receive the Nugget electronically. He became a member of Branch 23 on April 10, 2019 and was assigned badge # 95.

His sponsor was Gene Reames

## **MEMBER ACTIVITIES:**

**Member John Bloomer is a published author and is willing and able to start a group of members interested in becoming better writers or even published authors.**

**We are also looking for members interested in woodworking and photography to start small groups of Branch 23 members on their way in these interesting activities.**

**As Big SIR Phil Sittner noted, Gordon Callander is developing a co-ed hiking group for Branch 23. See the flyer near the end of this month's bulletin.**

**BRANCH 23 SPORTS ACTIVITIES:**



**BOCCE 23** Gaining favor with core group of players. By the banter exhibited by the players, this game is growing and is being enjoyed as if we all have played Bocce since the first ball was thrown in what is often referred to as the oldest of all sports on Earth. Come join JoeD, Phill the Boss, Bowler Carroll, RayZ and B, Delta Buzz and SloPitchBob at the Dante Club, 10:30 AM every other Monday.

**NEXT GAMES:**

**Monday April 29<sup>th</sup> and May 13<sup>th</sup>**

Contact Dave Peterson for info at [davidjpeterson08@yahoo.com](mailto:davidjpeterson08@yahoo.com) or 916-768-5087.

**BOWLING: Frank Semans**

The bowling season is now complete.

**GOLF Report for the May, 2019 Nugget Bill Sutherland**

BR 23 Golf Web Site: Visit this site to determine golf start times, pairings, results and other golf related matters. The address is [web2.golfsoftware.net/9958/](http://web2.golfsoftware.net/9958/).

18-Hole Golf:

**Sign-ups for May Meeting:**

May 29, Cherry Island. Individual dual tee event.  
June 6, Wildhawk. League Championship #2.  
June 11, Diamond Oaks, Rescheduled League Championship #1.  
June 19, River Oaks. 8 A.M. shotgun \$40 everyone takes cart.

**Tournament Results:**

Ancil Hoffman, April 3.  
Flight 1: Shilliday (71), Adge (72), Bradley (73). CTP: Ron Shilliday.  
Flight 2: Moore (73), Semans (73), Schmidt (74). CTP: Bill Moore.  
Flight 3: Heavner (67), Pruss (67), Sutherland (68). CTP: Cass Mastalski  
Flight 4: Ng (69), Lenny (71), Landers (73), Nemzek (73), Siegfried (73), Zelinski (73), Boss (73). CTP: No winner

Bing Maloney, April 9, Big Sir Championship Event #3

Flight 1: Landsittel (70), Adge (71), Rinaldi (72). CTP: Bernie Rinaldi

Flight 2: Schmidt (68), Moore (73), McGuire (77). CTP: Bill McGuire

Flight 3: Abel (68), Westerman (69), Askelson (70), Zarzana (70).

CTP: Jim Heavner

Flight 4: Nemzek (73), Landers (73), Boss (73). CTP: No winner

Davis, April 17

Flight 1: Rinaldi (56), Abalona (62), Mahoney (64). CTP: Neil Fairhurst

Flight 2: Sittner (65), Schmidt (67), Askelson (67). CTP: Kevin Wall.

Flight 3: Mastalski (62), Phelps (63), Young (64). CTP: Mike Pruss

Flight 4: Christopherson (54), Nemzek (55), Callander (60). CTP: No winner

Annual Big Sir Championship Winners:

Long Tee Flight – Don Landsittel, (-4)

Short Tee Flight – Paul Lenny (-15)

### **9-Hole Golf:**

#### **Sign-ups for May Meeting:**

May 24, Friday, Arcade Creek Red.

June 3, Monday, William Land Park.

June 13, Thursday, Cordova.

Tournament Results:

Arcade Creek Blue, April 16

Flight 1: Westerman (33), Sittner (35), Pennington (36), Phelps (36).

CTP: Greg Hood

Flight 2: Zelinski (35), Callander (36), Salminen (37), Christopherson (37),

Ng (37). CTP: Chris Christopherson

## **NOTES AND ACTIVITIES:**

### **ANNUAL PICNIC**

**by Ray Zelinski**

The **8th Annual Branch 23 Picnic** is approaching quickly. **Tuesday, May 14** is the big day ... be sure to mark your calendars now. The cost is the same **\$10** as in past years. Come and enjoy KFC chicken, beans, potato salad, Gary's brownies ... bingo, golf chipping contest, visiting and more. **See the flyer** elsewhere in this newsletter for all details. Sign up at the May 8 luncheon; spouses, friends, grandkids, etc. welcome.

## NOTABLE APRIL DATES:

### MEMBER JOIN ANNIVERSARIES:

Matsuo	1998
Coviello	2000
Sandhu	2000
Monteverde	2003
Sutherland	2003
Nielsen	2005
Fairhurst	2006
Schmidt	2006
Domyancic	2011
Naquin	2011
Abalona	2017
Pruss	2017
Dobrowolski	2018
Lum	2018

### MEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

Askelson	1937
Storlie	1937
Coe	1938
Semans	1939
Fairhurst	1941
Siagian	1945
Sittner	1948
Pruss	1950
Stott	1957

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

Graebe, Fred and Hilde	1955
Breien, Doug and Fran	1960
Yamamoto, George and Harumi	1967
Peterson, David and Elaine	1975
Rinaldi, Barney and Gail	1976
Elkins, Paul and Tanya	1978
Ng, Steve and Debbie	1985
Salto, Jesse and Lydia	1988
Coviello, Jim and Cheryl	2000
Laumer, Jerry and Pat	2004



*Hikes and Walks will be stimulating, easy urban walks and close by foothill hikes.*

**Some of the spots we have in mind.** Capitol Park Loop, William Land Park Trail, UC Davis Arboretum Trail, Effie Yeaw Nature Center Trails, Lodi Lake Nature Trail, Cosumnes River Preserve, Indian Grinding Rock Loop Trails, Windy Point Trail, Over the River and Through the Woods (Rancho Cordova).

**If there is an interest or need more information just leave your name and preferred days.**

*\*Weekdays would be non-conflicting days with other activities.*

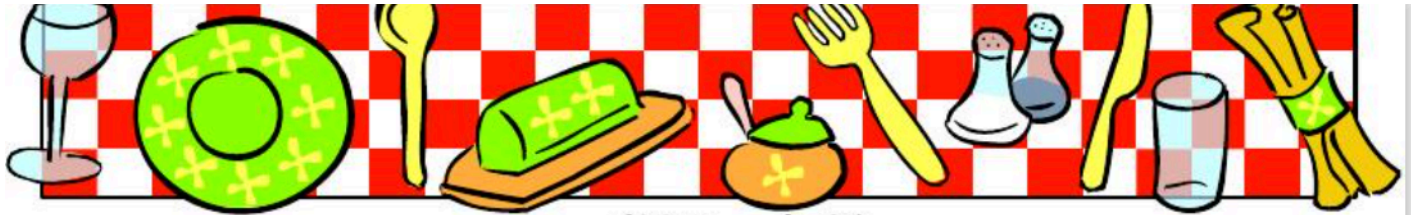
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**SIR Branch 23**  
8th Annual

# **FAMILY PICNIC**

**Wives, Companions, Grandkids, Friends Welcome**

**Tuesday, May 14, 2019, 11:30AM**

**11:30 - noon Social, Noon - 1:00 lunch, 1:00 - 3:00 games**

**Carmichael Park Shelter House**

## **MENU:**

**KFC Chicken, Corn, Baked Beans**

**Cole Slaw, Biscuits, Potato Salad, Dessert**

**Ice water provided, Bring your own soda**

**(Sorry..alcoholic beverages prohibited in the park)**

**Golf Chipping Contest & Bingo Prizes Awarded!!**

**€1.00 Participation Fee for Both Golf and Bingo**

**Cost: €10 per person**

**Sign up at the April & May Monthly Luncheon**

**(Sorry, no signups at the park on May 14)**

**DIRECTIONS:** Go west on Grant Ave from Fair Oaks Blvd; enter the park just past the group of buildings on your left; follow the "SIR Picnic" signs to the Shelter House at the south edge of the park.

