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Monthly meetings are generally held at the Carmichael Elks Club on Cypress Avenue. Due to the Covid 19 epidemic, Branch 23 meetings are currently being held on the ZOOM platform.

The February, 2021 meeting will be held on the second Wednesday, the 10th. Details for access to the Zoom meeting will be announced to our membership a few days prior to the 10th.

BIG SIR REPORT:

“New members are important to any organization, but they are especially important for SIR because a continuous supply of new members is needed to replace outgoing members and maintain a healthy balance of new and older members”. These words are from the SIR Leaders Guide and are especially true for our organization primarily due to the loss of so many members last year. As we get closer to reopening our luncheon, hopefully later this spring or early summer, please do your best to bring in a friend or acquaintance as a guest. Jim Doolittle was inducted at our last meeting as a new member to our branch. He was heavily recruited by Dave Peterson last month when Dave, Phil, and I met Jim at Haggin Oaks. Welcome Jim!

Your 2021 dues of \$25 are now payable. Please send a check to treasurer Jim Coe, 4313 Wood Estates Ct., Fair Oaks, CA, 95628. Make your check payable to: SIR Branch 23. On that subject, because of Covid 19, state SIR did not require the normal quarterly assessment last year because the shutdown of SIR activities reduced state costs. This, in turn, gave our branch a budget surplus. As a result of this budget surplus, the BEC decided to keep the dues at \$25. However, when we return to our first “in person” luncheon, your lunch will be FREE.

Your BEC is taking a “leap of faith” to open golf in February. State SIR has not given official approval for any of its branches to resume outdoor activities. Stu Williams, state SIR president, will be taking our request for a February start for golf (and other outside activities) to the state SIR board in February (or sooner if he can make it happen). If the state board gives approval to open activities, we are “good to go”. If the board does not meet prior to our golf start date, we will have a waiver for you to sign when you get your scorecard at the course. The waiver limits liability for arranging and for playing SIR organized golf.

Hang in there during these uncertain and often crazy times! We will make it, just continue to stay safe.

Roger Riley

LITTLE SIR REPORT:

I hope you all enjoyed a very informative presentation by Joe Smith, the Advocacy Director for Loaves and Fishes. His story of raising himself from homelessness is the type of success that we all need to appreciate. We also learned that Loaves and Fishes is a much broader, full family service to assist the homeless in advancing their lives and the benefits it provides to the Sacramento region.

Our February speaker is Mr. Taylor Lewis. A highly lauded speaker, he comes to us from UC Davis, where he is the manager of the Arboretum, Nursery, and Public Gardens. Mr. Lewis is a single parent of two daughters and a son, and has two grandchildren. His two younger children are both in college, one at CSU, Humboldt State and the other at CSU, Chico State. Mr. Lewis earned his degree from UC Davis in Urban Forestry and worked in the wholesale and retail nursery business for several years before returning to UCD in 2012. At UCD, he specializes in environmental horticulture, urban forests and

drought tolerant plants, focusing on the Sacramento and Central Valleys. He also does consulting as a “Garden Coach” and runs the UCD natural plant nursery where students and volunteers grow regional varieties which locals can buy. These are plants specific to this area which are drought tolerant and are wildlife friendly. His plant website is “arboretum.UCDavis.edu”. Mr. Lewis is very engaging and I believe you will enjoy his presentation.

JD Bamfield

TREASURER’S REPORT: by Jim Coe

(Beginning Balance (Checking) December 1, 2020	\$5,531.89
Beginning Petty Cash	400.00
Funds Received:	175.00
Funds Disbursed	0
Ending Checking Balance December 31, 2020	5,706.89
Ending Savings Balance	- 0-
Ending Petty Cash	400.00
Ending Cash Balance (Total Cash) Dec. 31, 2020	\$6,106.89

DUES ARE DUE

As Big Sir Roger Riley noted in his report, dues for calendar year 2021 are now due and payable. Please send a check to treasurer Jim Coe for \$25 for the yearly dues. His address is 4313 Wood Estates Ct., Fair Oaks, CA., 95628-6727. If you have still not paid dues for 2020, please include the 2020 dues also. Make the check payable to: SIRS Branch 23.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: by Phil Sittner January 2021

Deceased members during 2020:

Harold Mattson	Jim Wallace	Gene Reames
Gene Marquart	Dave Salminen	Kurt Moller
Don Kehoe	Jim Monteverde	Bob Yeager
Wayne Morehead		

Membership Status: 151 members including one Senior Honorary Life Member and three Honorary Life Members.

Membership/Roster Changes:

Deletions: George Hood, resigned	Larry Storlie, deceased
Wayne Morehead, deceased	Bob Yeager, deceased

New Member in January: Jim Doolittle

Other Roster/Membership changes: None

New member information:

Jim Doolittle

9223 Edisto Way

Elk Grove, California 95758-4075

Phone: 916-995-2533

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Jim was born January 26, 1951. He is married to Joanne and worked in sales for ihouseweb.com, a website designer for the real estate industry. He became a member on January 13, 2021 and wishes to receive his Nugget by email. His badge number is 218. Jim's interests include golf, cooking and travel.

SUNSHINE REPORT: by Chris Christopherson

As always, I request the assistance of members in reporting any illnesses of our members. Please keep me informed of any deaths, illnesses, or other medical problems of our members so I can publish them in the bulletin.

BRANCH ACTIVITIES:

As noted on Page 1, the next virtual meeting will be on Zoom, at **11:30 on February 10, 2021**. A link will be provided to you prior to the meeting. As always, if you need any assistance, please call one of the following zoom team members:

General Davie 916-961-3199

JD Bamfield 916-757-2676

Lam Nguyễn 916-335-0357

OTHER BRANCH NEWS: SirBranch23@googlegroups.com. Please do not use this website unless you want to communicate with all of the Branch 23 members at the same time. Lam Nguyen has been streamlining our ability to contact members via email, and this site is the result of his labor.

Also, please note the **new logo** on the top of the first page of the Nugget. A big "Thank You " to Gordon Callander for his work in adding this new slogan of the SIRS to the masthead of the Nugget.

Branch 23 Sports Activities:

Bocce Ball has no start date, as by State Sir directive, we cannot play this sport at this time due to Covid 19 considerations.

Bowling: There is no new information regarding a start for bowling.

GOLF Report by 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/.

2021 Schedule: The golf schedule for 2021 is about 90% complete, and pending any further pandemic restrictions, we will start the 18-hole season on Wednesday, February 3rd at Bartley Cavanaugh. The 9-hole season will start on Friday, February 26th at Bradshaw Ranch. Until we are able to resume our normal lunch schedule, signups for tournaments will be directly by email or phone to Gary Bradley and Steve Ng. They will send out emails to announce the signup schedule each month.

Upcoming Tournaments:

18-Hole League:

- Feb 3, Bartley Cavanaugh, Big Sir Championship Nbr 1.
- Feb 17, MacKenzie, Big Sir Championship Nbr 2.
- Feb 24, Bing Maloney, Big Sir Championship Nbr 3.
- Mar 3, Diamond Oaks, League Championship Nr. 1.
- Mar 18, Wildhawk.
- Mar 30, Ancil Hoffman.

9-Hole League:

- Feb 26, Bradshaw Ranch.
- Mar 11, Arcade Creek Red.
- Mar 22, William Land Park.

Regarding the upcoming golf season, we should remember a few basics.

- 1) **Be there on time.** Try to get to the course at least 30-45 minutes before your tee time. Remember, you need to check in at the course starter and also the SIR starter (for your scorecard).
- 2) **Stay up with the group in front of you.**
- 3) **Please do not leave your cart (motorized or push cart) at the front of the green while you are putting out.** Leaving it in front of the green causes undo delay for the group behind. Park it to the side or behind the green, preferably on a cart path that leads to the next tee box. Do not leave it where an approach shot from a golfer in the group behind can hit the cart, or worse, someone in your group. **Also, if you “top” a shot more than a few yards, do not walk up to the ball, hit it, then walk back to the cart. Move the cart forward, then hit your next shot.**
- 4) **Have fun.** It is not life and death out there, at least not until it's 110 degrees, or you have a 4 footer for the pink slip of your classic car on the 18th green. (Ed.)

HIKING: There is no hike scheduled for January, 2021

ROSTER CHANGES:

SIR Branch 23 New Member Information:

Last Name:	First Name:	Phone:	Email:
Doolittle	Jim	916-995-2533	jdoolittle@surewest.net

SIR Branch 23 SEPARATED MEMBERS:

Hood, George	Resigned
Storlie, Larry	Deceased

Please use the above information to update your 2021 rosters, which are now in the mail.

NOTABLE MEMBER DATES FOR FEBRUARY

MEMBER JOIN DATES:

Landers, Odell	1999
Sakauye, Jiro	1999
Joyce, Paul	2001
Rodriguez, Joe	2003
Zelinski, Ray	2003
Ahders, Bob	2007
Barsch, Ray	2008
Bradley, Gary	2009
Yamamoto, George	2009
Kenney, Scott	2010
Stastney, Joe	2011
Dutcher, Scott	2016
Singer, Rich	2016
Bullock, Greg	2017
Adge, Fred	2018
Rowland, John	2018
Tipton, Tony	2018
Raley, John	2019
Young, Gary	2019
Irish, Dave	2020
Smith, Don	2020

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

Sakauye, Jiro	1929
Breien, Doug	1929
Fotopoulos, Phil	1942
Schmidt, Steve	1944
Kopf, Buzz	1945
Raley, John	1948
Biesanz, David	1953
Rudkin, Derik	1953
Elkins, Paul	1955

MEMBER WEDDING DATES:

Anderson, Bob and Marcia	1965
Wright, Forrest and Muriel	1966
Espinosa, Bill and Marcie	1973
Callander, Gordon and Gladys	1991
LeDoux, Bill and Jana	1999

Stay safe!

