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Our monthly luncheon will be held on Wednesday, April 12th at the Dante Club, located at 2330 Fair Oaks Blvd, Sacramento 95825. This is across from the Pavilion Shopping Center, just east of University Avenue. Our social hour begins at 11:30am, with lunch beginning at noon.

See the menu planned for April 12th on the top right side of the next page.

See Gordon Callander's Activities Update for the "Activities Update" on the next page. See some of the varied activities we have to offer at SIRS Branch 23.

ACTIVITIES UPDATE!



Our Luncheon and Meeting is at
 The Dante Club, 2330 Fair Oaks Blvd,
 Sacramento Our Next Delicious Luncheon,
 Wednesday, April 12th
 Social, Golf Sign Up, Book Exchange 11:30-12:00,
 Meeting, Lunch & Speaker 12:00 to ∞1:30

Luncheon Menu
 Tomato Basil Soup, Pasta Primavera
Chicken Picatta
 Seasonal Vegetables, Dinner Rolls with
 Sweet Butter, Chef's Choice Dessert
Vegan, Vegetarian, Gluten Free Options

GOLF

We offer the most robust golf program in the Sacramento Area.
 Both 9 and 18 hole weekly tournaments held from February ~November.
 Go to our website for complete info.

SIR23.org/activities

Gary Bradley 18 Hole (L)

Steve Ng 9 Hole (R)



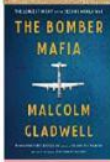
HAPPY HIKERS and WALKERS

Tuesday April 18 th at 10:00 am at the "Collage Wall" in the UCD Arboretum.
 A leisurely walk/hike is about 3.6 miles, (option to turn back at any time)
 Many flowers should be in bloom. This has been a popular trip each year.
 Contact Brian Benner, 916 -747-1139, btaxmanblb@aol.com



Book-n-Neers Book Group

Join us on March 27th at 9 a.m. for an enlightening fun filled morning!
 We will be discussing Best Selling Book, The Air Mafia by Malcom Gladwell
 Raleys 4840 San Juan Ave. Fair Oaks
 Nick Catrantzos | Catransauce@gmail.com



BOOK EXCHANGE

Choose from 100's of titles displayed at each luncheon. Pick up as many books
 as you want and take your time reading, return when you have finished.
 Mike Pruss, Book Exchange Manager mjkpruss@gmail.com, 916-675-2663



JOLLY HOOKERS

The Lake Almanor trout fishing trip on April 20 is completely filled with
 8 anglers. The halibut trip on June 23 has room for a few more anglers.
 Contact me 916-803-0281, rogerkriley@gmail.com



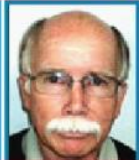
BOWLING

Over 20 Branch members participate in a bowling league formed from Branches in
 the Sacramento Area. The league begins bowling in September and ends in April.
 Check our monthly Newsletter or contact Ray Zelinski at rczelinski@sbcglobal.net
 for bowling results and information during the bowling season.



BOCCE BALL

We have ongoing use of two bocce ball courts located at
 Carmichael Park. We will start league play February 14th. A schedule
 and further information is available in our newsletter
 or contact Dave Peterson at davidjpeterason08@yahoo.com.



COUNTRY CLUB AIRES

Our chorus and band gives weekly sing-along
 performances at senior facilities in the Sacramento
 area. We are seeking members of any SIR branch to
 join our group as singers or musicians.
 Visit our website www.countryclubaires.com
 Bob Baker 916 -944-8070

WANTED

Volunteers to Start New Activities
 Pinochle * Poker * Bridge
 Chess * Investments * Social
 CONTACT: JD Bamfield
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kemb4211@yahoo.com

BRIDGE

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Check Our Website for Travel Ideas... SIR23.org/activities

BIG SIR REPORT:

I grew up in Southern Oregon. I feel like I am still there, except we always had one warm week in March. Then, we all went out for a freezing swim in the river or creek. Where is our warm week?

We need some sunshine so we can enjoy our many SIR activities. We have winter golf (as Steve calls it), bowling is over, hiking is wet and bocce ball is still looking for better weather. The only thing going well right now is the Book-n-neers, as their group has grown through the winter. Well, spring is officially here, yet not in reality. I think we could use some good dry weather. We have a great group of 154 members just waiting to have some fun together.

Hopefully, there will be some better weather and a fishing trip in April. See you at the April luncheon!

That's all I have for now.

Jerry Westerman
BIG SIR

LITTLE SIR REPORT:

Our April presentation will be from the Veteran's Sacramento Valley National Cemetery. This facility is located in Dixon, just west of Davis.

Plans are underway for the May picnic. As usual it will be at Carmichael Park, off of Fair Oaks Blvd. See the flyer at the end of this Nugget.

Mark Ashley
LITTLE SIR

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jim Coe

(Beginning Balance (Checking)	Feb.1, 2023	\$6,491.06
Beginning Petty Cash		400.00
Funds Received		3,169.00
Funds Disbursed		2,483.87
Ending Checking Balance	Feb. 28, 2023	7,176.19
Ending Savings Balance		- 0-
Ending Petty Cash		400.00
Ending Cash Balance (Total Cash)	Feb. 28, 2023	\$7,576.19

Of the cash balance, \$414 is in the bocce account.

SUNSHINE REPORT: by Gordon Routsong

As always, please keep me apprised of anyone of our members that is ill or has had an accident. I can be reached on my cell phone, (916) 761-2080, or email lgroutsong@att.net.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT FOR APRIL NUGGET: by Ray Zelinski

Mar 16, 2023

MEMBERSHIP STATUS: 153 Members including one Senior Honorary Life Member and three Honorary Life Members.

DELETIONS:

Joe Hannon (Resigned 2/25/23)
Donald Smith (Resigned 3/15/23)

MARCH NEW MEMBER: (Sponsor shown in parentheses)

Johnnie E. "John" Davis (Gordon Routsong)

PENDING APRIL NEW MEMBERS: (Sponsors shown in parentheses)

Kevin Thompson (Craig Chatelain)
Bob Clark (Carroll Hamon)

OTHER MEMBERSHIP/ROSTER/DIRECTORY CHANGES:

Moore: Phone number should be 3660 (not 2660)
Mohler: Phone area code should be 916 (not 704)

New Members Information:

#076 Johnnie E. "John" Davis, 105 May Court, Folsom
95630-4887
916-337-6646 coachjohndavis@gmail.com Born
7/16/45.

John was employed by the SJUSD as a teacher and coach for 40 years. He taught history & geography and coached football, basketball & golf. He is interested in multiple activities including golf, hiking, travel, cooking, dancing and sport days.



2023 SIR Branch 23 New Members Information:

Name	Phone	Email
Mark DeSalvatore	916-757-8618	mdsalvatore@comcast.net
Bill Hooper	916-870-2179	b.g.hoop13@gmail.com
Emmett Mahle	916-769-2422	mahlecyberlaw@yahoo.com
Dave Schlaufman	916-397-8078	clafong52@yahoo.com
John Davis	916-337-6646	coachjohndavis@gmail.com

2023 SIR Branch 23 Separated Members Information:

SHLM Joe White (released 2/8/23)
David Godinho (resigned 2/14/23)
Joe Hannon (resigned 2/25/23)
Donald Smith (resigned 3/15/23)

BRANCH 23 ACTIVITIES:

Our March luncheon was well received by the members who attended. Our own Little Sir, Mark Ashley, gave a very nice presentation of the construction of the new Jelly's Ferry Bridge over the Sacramento River. This new bridge replaces an older, nearby bridge that was deemed to be obsolescent.



Also at the March meeting, we had two guests, Kevin Thompson and Bob Clark. Kevin was sponsored by Craig Chatelain and Bob was sponsored by Carroll Hamon. Both are pictured below, with Kevin on the left and Bob right.



Most importantly at our March meeting, Scott Kenney, on behalf of his father Bob Kenney who reached his 100th birthday this past month, was presented with a plaque from Big Sir Jerry Westerman. Unfortunately, Bob Kenney was not feeling well on the luncheon date, so Scott gave a talk about his father's life. This is Scott's speech:

100 years ago, Bob Kenney's humble journey started on the family homestead outside of Morrystown, SD. He was born on March 7, 1923, in a 300 square foot, 2-room shack that served as home, the 3rd of 4 sons. Their 160-acre homestead couldn't provide enough to feed the family and pay the property taxes, so it was lost to the county. The family moved into Morrystown where Bob's Mom (Maud) opened a restaurant, and his father (Charles) went to work for the railroad and the 4th brother was born. Eventually they saved enough money to purchase another farm only to lose it in 1932, during the depths of the Depression.

The Kenney family moved to Coweta, OK. Bob's father (Charles) share cropped for a couple of years until he went to work for the WPA. Charles had an 8th grade education from growing up in Tennessee. He could read, write, and do simple arithmetic so he became a timekeeper shortly after starting work at the WPA, boosting his monthly income from \$23 to \$38. This was a big step up for the struggling family. In 1935 Bob's oldest brother (Jake) hitched a ride with an aunt to Taft, CA and started junior college there. This was a consequential move for the family, eventually leading them to California. In some ways it was like the Steinbeck story of the Joad family in the "Grapes of Wrath".

To complete college, Jake moved to Berkeley to attend Cal Berkeley. Jake lived over the garage of a girl's boarding house, where he washed dishes. The lady that owned it needed a cook and agreed to hire Maud. She hopped on a Greyhound bus with Bob and his little brother (Bill), arriving on University Avenue in July, 1936. Maud commented that with the cool weather in the middle of July, she thought she might have died and gone to heaven. A month later, the 2nd son (Jack) hitchhiked to Berkeley and Charles followed soon after. The family's situation continued to improve with Maud eventually owning her own boarding house. Most importantly all the boys were able to graduate from college, some with advanced degrees.

After college Bob took a job as a probation officer for San Bernardino County. Bob's future wife (Dorothy) worked at juvenile hall; they met through mutual friends. They married in 1950, proceeding to have and raise 4 children. Their favorite son (Scott) was their 4th and only boy child. In the mid 1950's Bob took a job with the California Youth Authority as a parole officer. In the early 1960's, Bob took a promotion as supervisor of all the parole officers in Southern California. Bob's office was in Santa Ana so he moved his family to Huntington Beach. In 1967 Bob was promoted to the Parole Board for Youth Authority in Sacramento, where he worked until his retirement in 1984.

After retirement, Bob and Dorothy traveled extensively throughout the USA and Canada. Bob continued traveling visiting friends and relatives after Dorothy's death in 1997. With his kids, Bob took several nostalgic trips to South Dakota, Coweta, OK., Berkeley and Tennessee where his parents were born and raised.

In 1986 Bob joined SIR Branch #23 making numerous friends and acquaintances. He continued playing golf until 2021. In 2010 when his favorite son retired, he brought me into Sir Branch #23.

Bob lived alone and drove his car until he was 99 ½ when he fell ill with an infection. He continues to live in his assisted living apartment hoping someday to return to SIR Branch #23 luncheons.



Scott Kenney receiving the plaque from Big Sir Jerry Westerman at the March meeting.

Congratulations to Bob Kenney on his 100th birthday, and to Scott Kenney for a wonderful talk about his father's life.

BRANCH ACTIVITIES:

Our outdoor activities continue to be affected by the number and severity of winter storms, with golf tournaments postponed along with the start of the bocce ball and hiking seasons. All will most likely be forgiven, as the July and August heat will be having us wish for cooler days. In the meantime, a little extra practice time at the putting and chipping greens might lower some scores when play resumes in earnest.

Our picnic is scheduled for May 23rd at Carmichael Park. Reservations will be taken at the April and May meetings. There will be a chipping contest, as well as bingo, bocce ball and cornhole contests. Wives and others are welcome to this outdoor event.

See the flyer on the last page of this bulletin.

BRANCH 23 SPORTS ACTIVITIES:

Bocce ball will resume when the weather cooperates.

APRIL NUGGET BOWLING REPORT by Ray Zelinski

Branch 23 Team Statistics (Weeks 26 thru 29; Feb 21 thru Mar14):

Div 2	Dream Team	1st Place	(Jesse Kegarise)
	Soaring Eagles		(Tony Pruitt, George Hodsdon, Mike Holmgren)
	One Board Left		(Gordon Hubble)
Div 3	Oh So Close	1st Place (Tie)	(Jim Eaton, J D Bamfield)
	The Old Farts	1st Place (Tie)	(Tony Tipton, Paul Elkins)
Div 4	Groovers		(Kevin Wall, Marwan Siagian)
	Alley Oops		(Forrest Wright, Carroll Hamon, Ray Zelinski)
	Wizards		(John Brown, Ralph Williams)

Playoffs between the Four Division winners will take place on Mar 21 & 28 to determine the first four rankings in the SIR League. As shown above, two Br 23 teams (a tie breaking process will determine the Div 3 winner) will be in the playoffs. Prize money is riding on the final rankings. The other teams will continue battling for wins which will help pad their season prize money. The 2022-23 league concludes on Mar 28 and restarts in late August 2023.

Branch 23 Individual Honors:

		<u>200+ Games</u>	<u>500+ Series</u>
Week 26	Eaton	204	565
	Hubble	210	551
	Pruitt	211	502
	Holmgren	207	537
Week 27	Holmgren		537
	Eaton	201	502

	Pruitt	203	519
Week 28	Holmgren Siagian		504 510
Week 29	Holmgren	211	540

GOLF Report for April 2023 Nugget

BR 23 Golf Web Site: Visit this site to determine golf start times, pairings, results and other golf related matters. The address is sb23.golfclub.net

Upcoming Tournaments:

18 Hole League:

Apr 5: Whitney Oaks
 Apr 19: Dry Creek
 Apr 26: Mather
 May 3: Teal Bend
 May 17: MacKenzie
 May 23: Cherry Island
 May 31: River Oaks

9 Hole League:

Apr 14: Emerald Lakes
 Apr 17 :Arcade Creek Red
 Apr 24: Antelope Greens
 May 8: Emerald Lakes
 May 19:Arcade Creek Blue

18 Hole League Results:

March 1, Bartley Cavanaugh:

Flight 1: Wohlenberg (79), Bradley (80), Brunton (81). CTP: Craig Chatelain
 Flight 2: Freeman (79), Jones (84), Bamfield (86). CTP: No Winner
 Flight 3: Erickson (80), Rowland (82), Singer (82). CTP: John Rowland
 Flight 4: Lenny (74), Frank (86), Slusher (94), Billingsley (94).
 CTP: Ron Slusher

March 15, Davis, Replaced by Wildhawk, Mar 16, and rescheduled to Wednesday, Aug 23.

March 16, Wildhawk, cancelled due to wet conditions

March 22, Diamond Oaks, cancelled due to wet conditions

HIKING:

Brian Benner has scheduled a walk through the Arboretum at the UC Davis campus for April 18th. Meet at the "Collage Wall" area at 10am. See the activities page for more information. Also, Brian will send out a reminder later in April.

IMPORTANT MEMBER DATES FOR APRIL:

JOIN DATE:

LeFebure, Tam	2002
Rogerson, Robin	2003
Caldwell, Curt	2018
Shilliday, Ron	2018
Biesanz, David	2019
Vijitakula, Paul	2019
Raymond, John	2020
Billingsley, "Pat"	2022
Valder, Mitch	2022
Weakley, Ron	2022

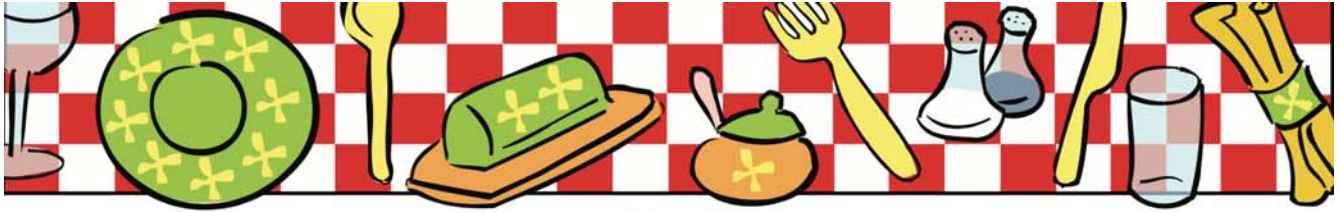
WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

Ahders, Bob and Jan	1970
Lum, Wes and Anita	1976
Eaton, Jim and Joanie	1981
Raymond, John and Corrine	1981
Sickels, Chuck and Gail	1982
Del Torchio Marvin and Sheri	1984
Joyce, Paul and Mary	1986
Kegarise, Jesse and Suzanne	1986
Rogel, Al and Sue Lia	1993

BIRTHDAY MONTH:

Wright, Forrest	1927
Mellon, Floyd	1932
Del Torchio, Marvin	1934
Nielsen, Bob	1936
Abel, Frank	1939
Yamamoto, George	1939
Brunton, Dave	1950
Schlaufman, Dave	1952
Freeman, Tom	1954
Ng, Steve	1957
Caldwell, Curt	1960
Post, Tom	1961
McGuire, Brendan	1965

The photos in this issue, with the exception of those on the Activities page, are courtesy of member Ski Brown



SIR Branch 23, 10th Annual

FAMILY PICNIC

Tuesday, May 23, 2023 | 11:30am-2:30pm

📍 Carmichael Park Picnic Pavilion

TICKETS ON SALE

at the April & May Monthly Luncheons

\$17 per person

GREAT FOOD



Fresh Mexican grill catered by Xochimilco Restaurant & Brownie Dessert

FUN ACTIVITIES



BINGO



Chipping Contest & Putting Contest



Cornhole



Bocce Ball Competition

(advanced registration required at luncheon or call Dave Peterson at (916) 768-5087)

ENTRY FEE AND PRIZES FOR EACH ACTIVITY!

Ice water provided, bring your own soda • Alcohol prohibited in the park • No sign-ups at the park on May 23

