

The NUGGET MARCH 2018



EL DORADO BRANCH NO. 23

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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 \$15**

Please call Dave Nemzek if you cannot attend the meeting. 481-7173. We need an accurate count.

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BIG SIR REPORT:

The Executive Committee is very pleased with the number of new members and guests who have been sponsored in recent monthly meetings going back to October of last year. Of course, also included in our gratification, is the number of members who have chosen to transfer to Br 23 from the defunct Br 50. We are expecting additional new members and transferees to be inducted at the March meeting.

Retention of members is very important also. Little SIR Phil Sittner is doing a great job lining up speakers to help make our monthly luncheons interesting and enjoyable. We welcome any comments or

references with respect to our speaker program. The programs are designed to benefit you, so let us hear from you.

Also, we believe that part of the retention task is to provide other avenues of participation for both you and your spouses. Greg Hood has lined up a couple of baseball games and is looking into a Bay Area tour. Tom Novi annually initiates partnering with the Dante Club scholarship fund raising events such as crab feeds, wine/cheese tastings & cioppino dinners. Br 23 participates with the Turlock Br 143 travel program. A bridge playing group is active and fishing is available through other Branches. And we are attempting to resurrect the bocce ball and horseshoe competitions. And, we have strong golf and bowling programs. Let us know if you wish to initiate any other activity.

Finally, on a less cheerful note, the Elks Lodge has raised their lunch cost and have added a couple other cost clauses to their annual contract. Contract negotiations are ongoing. The Executive Board will address the cost impacts at the March meeting. It is very probable that the meal cost will need to be increased from the current \$15 cost to avoid a serious Branch fund drain. The lunch cost was last raised from \$14 to \$15 in January 2011.

So as we go forward, let's look at all the positives of member fellowship, golf and a monthly speaker presentation; and maybe some March rain storms.

Big Sir Ray Zelinski

LITTLE SIR REPORT:

February's speaker, John Wagner, presented a colorful and fact filled accounting of the battle of Guadalcanal. His presentation was a bit delayed while we scrambled to determine that the HDMI cable provided by the Elks Lodge was defective. John's presentation was a bit long but was well received and a few of our members stayed to ask detailed questions of the events revolving around that battle. Many thanks to Ray Zelinski and Birge Clark for greeting and assisting while I was cruising the Caribbean.

War again will be the topic for March and our speaker is Doug Bonetti, a Civil War history buff whose topic is "Little Known Civil War Facts". This presentation has been made to a number of groups and the reviews have been outstanding. In addition, a number of artifacts will be available for us to view. Authentic period rifles, sabers and other military hardware will be presented and these props will be used to complement the discussion topics. It is expected that our members, like most of his prior audiences, will have numerous questions for Mr. Bonetti.

Little Sir Phil Sittner

TREASURER'S REPORT: by Treasurer Jim Coe

(Beginning Balance (Checking), December 31, 2017:	\$2,186.26
Beginning Petty Cash	400.00
Funds Received:	3,968.00
Funds Disbursed	2,192.29
Ending Checking Balance December 31, 2017	3,962.07
Ending Savings Balance	\$ 0
Ending Petty Cash	\$ 400.00
Ending Cash Balance (Total Cash) Dec. 31, 2107	\$4,362.07

SUNSHINE REPORT: 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.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: by Carroll Hamon

Membership Status: 151 active members, including one Senior HLM, one HLM Emeritus, one HLM, and four Emeritus members. In addition, there are 11 inactive members.

Deletions: None

New Members in February: Andre Boutros, sponsor Steve Ng; John Rowland, sponsor Bill Sutherland; Fred Adge, sponsor Don Landsittel; Anthony Tipton, sponsor Steve Ng.

New Members to be Inducted in March: Doug Breien and Wes Lum transferring from Branch 50; Lee Landry, sponsor Rich Singer; Donald Rodriguez, sponsor Bill Espinosa.

Other Membership/Roster Changes: Dave Bailey new address: 3939 Walnut Ave. #383, Carmichael, Ca, 95608-7308

New Member Information:

Fred Adge
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Fred Adge



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Fred was born on November 9, 1949. He retired as an Account Manager for Corvel Corporation in January 2010. His interests are golf and coaching softball. He prefers to receive the Nugget electronically. Fred became a member of Branch 23 on February 14, 2018 and was assigned badge #170.

Andre Boutros
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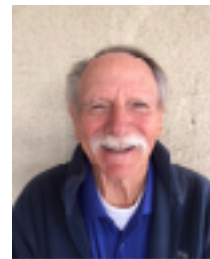


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Andre was born on January 4, 1958. He was Executive Director for the California Transportation Commission when he retired in December 2014. His interest is golf. He prefers to receive the Nugget electronically. Andre became a member of Branch 23 on February 14, 2018 and was assigned badge #171.

John Rowland
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John
Rowland



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John was born on January 15, 1941. He was married to Linda on June 16, 1964. He was an Educator in the San Juan School District when he retired on June 16, 2000. His interests are golf, fishing, and MG cars. He prefers to receive the Nugget electronically. John became a member of Branch 23 on February 14, 2018 and was assigned badge #175.

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Tony
Tipton



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Tony was born on November 8, 1962. He was married to Debbie on August 3, 2004. He was a Civil Engineer at CalTrans when he retired on November 11, 2017. His interests are golf, bowling, model railroad, and woodworking. He prefers to receive the

Nugget electronically. He became a member of Branch 23 on February 14, 2018 and was assigned badge #173.

BOWLING NEWS: by Frank Semans

SIR League High Score

				Game	Series
Scratch	73-79	wk 21	Frank Semans	223	
Handicap:	73-79	wk 19	Frank Semans		772
	73-79	wk 21	Frak Semans	275	
	55-72	wk 22	Kevin Wall	299	
200+ games bowled by:		wk 19	Frank Semans	246	
		wk 19	Roger Neighbors	205	
		wk 20	Frank Semans	214	
		wk 21	Frank Semans	223	
		wk 21	Marwan Siagian	206	
		wk 22	Kevin Wall	213	
		wk 22	Frank Semans	205	

600 Series wk 19 Frank Semans **610**

Week 19 Most improved average: Kevin Wall 107 to 129.57 (22.57) 3rd

Week 20 Most improved average: Kevin Wall 107 to 129.57 (22.57) 3rd

Week 21 Most improved average: Kevin Wall 107 to 129.56 (22.56) 3rd

Week 18 Most improves average: Kevin Wall 107 to 131.38 (24.38) 2nd

Week 22 (02/06/18)

SIR Bowling League 2017 (26 teams)

Branch 23 TEAM Standings:

	Won	Lost	Place
Dream Team (21) (Div. 3) Coy, Neighbors, Nielsen, Benson (Br.?)	40	48	5
Groovers (2) (Div 2) Semans, Siagian, Wall, Shank (Br ?)	48	40	3
Strikers (19) (Div 4) Naquin, Hettinger (Br.?) Salman (?), Shanahan (?)	33	55	4
Alley Oops (12) (Div 2) Hamon, Zelinski, Wright Br.?), Weaver (Br.?)	40	48	3

Honor Roll: Exceptional:

(70+ over average game and/or series

wk 19 Frank Semans

wk 22 Kevin Wall

game:

246 +81

213 + 84

series:

610 +115

498 + 111

Above Average:

(40+ over average game and/or series:

wk 19 Kevin Wall

game:

169 + 41

series:

430 + 66

wk 19	Roger Neighbors	205 + 63	492 + 46
wk 20	Dave Naquin		444 + 69
wk 20	Frank Semans	214 + 47	548 + 47
wk 21	Frank Semans	223 + 56	557 + 56
wk 21	Marwan Siagian	206 + 43	
wk 18	Dave Naquin	180 + 54	437 + 59

GOLF NEWS: Bill Sutherland

Branch 23 Golf website: Visit this site to determine starting times, pairings results, and other golf related items. Address is web2golfsoftware.net/9958/

18 hole golf:

March Lunch Signups:

March 28th, Wednesday, Diamond Oaks. Tee times begin at 9:00am. This is the first of the League Championship tournaments. Pick your tee box and remember that whichever tee box you choose, it will be the same tee box for the next 4 League Championship tournaments.

April 4th, Wednesday, Mather. 10:06 tee times, individual competition dual tees. MATHER IS A PREPAY TOURNAMENT, SO BE SURE YOU HAVE ADEQUATE FUNDS IN YOU ACCOUNT. (\$39 ride, \$28 to walk,)

April 18, Wednesday, Teal Bend. Tee times begin at 9:00am. Individual event with dual tees.

Tournament results:

Bartley Cavanaugh, Feb 7, First Big Sir Tournament:

Flight 1: Fairhurst (66), Battistessa (66), Novi (67) CTP: Bill Abalona

Flight 2: Siagian (62), Askelson (70), Joe Rodriguez (70), CTP: Marwan Siagian

Flight 3: Leatherby (67), Pruss (68), Heavner (69), Sutherland (69), CTP: Tam LeFebure

Flight 4: Frank (61), Peterson (62), Buss (63), CTP Jim Siegfried

MacKenzie, Feb 21, Second Big Sir Tournament:

Flight 1: Espinosa (68), Battistessa (68), Landsittel (71), Don Rodriguez (71), CTP Neil Fairhurst

Flight 2: Wall (65), Semans (65), Askelson (68), CTP Frank Semans

Flight 3: Buss (58), Sutherland (64), casino (65), CTP Bill Sutherland

Flight 4: Scarlett (62), Routsong (67), Christopherson , Hood, Peterson (68) CTP Howard Frank

9-hole Golf:

March 26, Monday, Emerald Lakes.

April 2, Monday, Arcade Creek Back Nine.

April 12, Thursday, Antelope Greens

NOTABLE MARCH DATES:

JOIN ANNIVERSARIES:

1998	Stan Newell	2004	Arlis Coy	2009	Bob Yeager
2000	Ken Zacher	2004	Wayne Morehead	2013	Gib Wright (i)
2001	Larry Storlie	2007	Bob Anderson	2015	Mark Jones
2002	Gail Murrell	2007	Fred Lythgoe	2016	Jerry Westerman
2003	Bill LeDoux	2008	Marwan Siagian	2017	Ron Retterer

BIRTHDAYS:

Bob Kenney	Jerry Adams	Paul Lenny
Stan Newell	George Zarzana	Brian Mancarti
Ben Matsuo	Gordon Routsong	
Dick Crippen	Bill McGuire	
Bernie Whitcomb	Jim Siegfried	
George Dunham	Wayne Andrade	

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Over, Sam and Marilyn
Crabb, Harry and Jeanette
Crippen, Dick and Barbara
Pennington, Dallas and Merrily
Monteverde, Jim and Sarah
Nemana, Gopal and Vijaya
Fotopoulos, Phil and Soula
Yeager, Bob and Carol
Riley, Roger and Karen

Editor's note: I apologize for omitting the names of two members from the February Nugget birthday list. Congratulations and Happy Birthday to Richard "Pete" Peterson and Dave Cattanach.

Other News:

Branch 143 has an 8 night trip to Nashville, Memphis and New Orleans scheduled from October 24 to November 2, 2018. You should have received an email if you have an email address with us. Call Bill Stires at 209 544 2684 for more information.

SIR Branch 23 goes to Oakland



vs.



Oakland A's vs. Houston Astros

When: **June 14, 2018**

- Leave 9:30am sharp

Where: Oakland Coliseum

How: Bus from Safeway on Arden near Watt to the Coliseum and return

What's included:

- Bus Ride
- Game ticket
- Donuts and water
- Snacks, water and games for the bus

Price: \$75 per person

Pay Greg Hood – 19 Free River Ct, Sacto 95831

questions? Call Greg 916-717-7874

2017 Branch 23 History Summary

A summary of Branch Historian Bill Sutherland's report follows. Log onto BR 23 web site to view the entire document.

MEMBERSHIP: Chairman Sir Carroll Hamon reported that the ending 2017 membership was 144 active members, including one Honorary Life member, one Senior Honorary Life member, one Emeritus Honorary Life member, and five members with Emeritus status. In addition, there are 14 inactive members. We added 21 new members during the year, including 7 members transferring from other branches, and had a net increase of 6 active members for the year. The average age of our branch members remained virtually the same at 79.5 years.

TREASURER REPORT: Treasurer Jim Coe reported the following: The branch started 2017 with \$4,031.57 available and ended the year with \$2,586.26. The reduction in available funds was due primarily to the decision to provide a free lunch for all branch members in January, 2017.

AWARDS: Sir Ray Barsch coordinated the following awards in 2017:

Certificate of Meritorious Work: Greg Hood (January) for serving as Big Sir , 2016.

Senior Sir Awards: - 90 years of age: Sam Scarlett (March), Dr. Bob Mellberg (April) Chris Christopherson (July), Ken Zacher (November).

Super Senior Sir Award: 95 years of age: David Bailey (June).

Century SIR President's Award - 100 years of age: Robert (Whiz) Whisenhunt (October).

Attendance: Chairman Dave Nemzek reported that the monthly meeting attendance averaged 62.8% during 2017. The highest and lowest numbers were 94 in March and 78 in February.

SPEAKERS: Little Sir Ray Zelinski invited a variety of speakers for the monthly meetings. The speakers and topics were as follows: Brian Moore, California Certified Wine Judge; Randall Rosa, Rosa Law Office on elder law issues; KevinThompson, California High Speed Rail; Jay Heckinlively and Alan Hersch, Sacramento Railyard Development; Dr. Amy Rogers, Salmon and Steelhead Spawning; Michael Kane, Sacramento County Deputy District Attorney on Identity Theft; Tom Burchell, Boston Marathon runner; Elaine Rock, Blood Source; Doug Maas, Sacramento County Traffic Operations Center; James Hart, Sacramento County Sheriff Deputy on Video Surveillance; Joyce Bilyeu, Sacramento County Family Justice Center.

SIR Branch 23 Bowling 2016/2017

Bowling Chairman Frank Semans reported that the SIR Bowling League is open to all SIR members 55 and older and is also looking for new bowlers. Bowling is once a week at Country Club Lanes from September to April for a total of 30 weeks.

The SIR Bowling League had 26 teams divided into 4 divisions with 4 men on each team for a total of 104 bowlers. Branch 23 had 10 bowlers on 4 teams.

GOLF:

9 hole League: The chairman and tournament director is Steve Ng. There were 19 scheduled tournaments, with 2 rainouts. The 9 hole awards luncheon was combined with the 18 hole league luncheon. During the year, 39 members participated in the 9 hole golf league, with a total of 396 rounds played.

18 hole League: The Chairman is Cass Mastalski and the tournament director is Gary Bradley. The season included 35 tournaments. Four events were cancelled due to rain, and three were rescheduled. The 18 hole player award luncheon was held at the Cattleman's Restaurant in Rancho Cordova on December 1. During the year, 76 members participated in the 18 hole league, with a total of 1,159 rounds played.

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

Special Activities:

Giants game: For the 5th year, Greg Hood coordinated a trip to the Giants/Dodger game on May 17. Forty eight people made the trip, which cost \$90 per ticket.

Alcatraz Tour: Greg Hood organized a trip to Alcatraz Island. As a docent at Alcatraz, Greg was able to arrange for our April 28th tour to visit some locations within the prison and the island not normally available to other public tours. The cost was \$33.75 per person, and 36 people attended.

Ladies Day Luncheon: The Ladies Day Lunch was held at the Red Hawk Casino in Shingle Springs on December 13, with a total of 77 people attending at a cost of \$20 per person.

Annual Picnic: The picnic was held in Carmichael Park on May 23 for the 6th year and attended by 64 members, spouses and guests at a cost of \$10 per person. The picnic was catered by Kentucky Fried Chicken, with baked beans provided by Jim Monteverde.

Photo Contest: Past Big Sir Dick Crippen coordinated a branch photo contest open to all branch members and their significant others. The contest included three categories: Portrait, Architecture, and Nature. Prizes were awarded to the top three in each category, based on a vote count of members at the August lunch.

Book Exchange: Managed by Fred Lythgoe, this program is continuing in its 5th year and is very popular with the members. At the end of the year, Fred experienced a problem with the Elk's Club that may affect the future of the program. They are not likely to provide storage space in the hall for our inventory of books. It will be impractical to continue if the inventory cannot be stored onsite. However, as Fred has been giving many of our overage books to the Bookworm, our branch now has an account balance of about \$600 that the members can use to buy books at half price.

Horseshoes: Our horseshoe competitions have been discontinued due to a lack of participation.

Bocce Ball: The heat rain in 2017, condition of the courts, and lack of participation has hampered David Peterson's effort to create Bocce Ball competition. The effort will continue into 2018.