



Branch #49 Folsom

January 2025

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Next Luncheon: January 16, 2025 at the Robert H. Miller III Rotary Clubhouse located at 7150 Baldwin Dam Rd. in Folsom
Speaker: Jackie Simon, Community Relations Coordinator at Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Sacramento County

Board Meeting @ 10:00 a.m.
Social Hour @ 11:00 a.m.
Golfer's Meeting @ 11:00 a.m.
Lunch @ 12:15 p.m.

2025 Officers

Big SIR	Roland Kleinman
Little SIR	Mike Panelo
Secretary	Bob Hedges
Asst. Secretary	Ed Puchi
Treasurer	Stephen Post
Asst. Treasurer	OPEN
Membership	Bill Bertsch
Asst. Membership	Joel Reisman

Board of Directors

Roland Kleinman	Bill Bertsch
Mike Panelo	Ed Puchi (At-large)
Bob Hedges	Joel Reisman (At-large)
Stephen Post	

Committee Chairman

ATTENDANCE	Cory Lindholm
AUDITOR	OPEN
BEVERAGE	Jim Ramstad
BEVERAGE AIDS	John Cordero
	Manny Cordero
	Gene Phelps
BOOK EXCHANGE	OPEN
CHAPLAIN	Ed Puchi
EDITOR	Joel Reisman
GREETER	Fred Jacobs (PBS)
MARKETING	Art Vallerga
MUSIC	OPEN
NOMINATING	Joel Reisman
	Ed Puchi
	Joe Lapilusa
PURVEYOR	Joe Artim (PBS)
SUNSHINE	Max Hartley
TICKET SALES	Ray Jerd
	John McKim
WEBSITE	Kim Hammon

Activities Chairmen

BOWLING	Bob Collins
GOLF	Steve Sims
WINE TASTING	Dave Butt
POKER	Rick Horewitch

Past Big SIRs

2012	.....	Joe Lapilusa
2013	.....	Karl Ryden
2014	.....	Gary Stout
2015	.....	Fred Jacobs
2016	.....	Robert Eplett
2017	.....	Vic Brewer
2018	.....	Ed Puchi
2019	.....	Jerry Helmey
2020	.....	Al Edwards
2021	.....	Joe Artim
2022	.....	Joe Artim
2023	.....	Allen Wong
2024	.....	Max Hartley

State SIRs

AREA 3 REPRESENTATIVE
Jim Gragg

SIR STATE OFFICERS
PRES. — Rich Carlston
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- Karl Ryden—SHLM
- Frank Donner
- Joe LaPilusa
- Jack DuBé emeritus
- * Roy Estep
- * Bob Griggs — SHLM
- * Frank Reetz
- * Bill Staiger— SHLM
- * Gordon Vinther
- * Ralph Housley * Deceased

Luncheon Dates for 2025:

- January 16
- February 20
- March 20
- April 17
- May 15 Summer Picnic @ Lew Howard Park (across from normal lunch location)
- June 19
- July 17
- August 21
- September 18
- October 16
- November 20
- December 4 Holiday Party





Big SIR - Roland Kleinman **2025 Here we come!**

I hope all of you are Healthy & Happy and excited about another great year with Folsom SIR Branch 49!

This is my first newsletter as your Big SIR. I have received a great deal of encouragement from many of you recently – I am honored to have your support in this undertaking! And, of course, I want to thank our past Big SIR Max Hartley for all that he has done over the last couple years (as BS, as well as LS in 2023). It was a pleasure working with you (in my role as LS) – you did a great job for the branch!!

I am excited to welcome Mike Panelo as our new Little SIR. Mike will bring great energy and enthusiasm to the branch. Please join me in congratulating Mike in his new role – we really appreciate him stepping up! Contact Mike with any suggestions you have for guest speakers.

Please take the time to mark your calendars with the schedule of luncheons for 2025. For the most part, the meetings fall on the third Thursday of each month – the current exception is the Christmas luncheon which falls on a Wednesday.

A fun time was had by all at our Christmas party. A huge thank you to the SIR members and wives that served on the Christmas party planning committee – its success is entirely due to their awesome commitment and help! Thanks also to all of the SIR members who attended and donated to the raffle. We had a record number of wonderful prizes – ranging from paintings and other art produced by wives of members, wine and spirits, gift cards for great restaurants, prestigious golf courses, spas and related items, a brand new golf bag, as well as a variety of other goodies! Please be sure to thank our local businesses if you won one of their donations.

I also want to thank Joe Artim for his role as food purveyor this past year, and for stepping up to continue to cover this role in 2025. All of the meals have been great, and the Christmas luncheon was no exception! Thanks also to Max for his support in making the luncheons successful and enjoyable. We also have a top-notch bartending crew – please make sure you bring them your business so we can continue to justify the cost of our wine/beer/liquor license.

As was announced at the November luncheon, beginning this month, Stephen Post is stepping up to be our Treasurer – welcome and thank you! Please join me in thanking Mike McCormack for his service this past year, as well as welcoming and supporting Stephen in his new role.

Moving forward, please keep up your recruiting efforts.



Little SIR - Mike Panelo **New year, new beginnings!**

2024, I hardly knew ya'. I hope you all enjoyed the holidays and were able to connect with family and friends. My wife's family gathers once a year for Christmas and it felt like we saw each other just yesterday. I wish it were more often.

Speaking of holiday gatherings... The Christmas party was a great time. There was plenty of good company, numerous bottles of holiday cheer, raffle prizes, and delicious food for the 60 SIR members and guests that attended. Special thanks and appreciation to Max, Roland, and the planning committee, the backbone of which is made up of some of our better halves: Barbara and Ed Puchi, Dorene and Joel Reisman, Amanda and Allen Wong, and Becky Williams (Robin's better half). It is a great way to kick off the holidays. You don't want to miss next year's.

I am happy to introduce Mrs. Jackie Simon as the speaker for our January 16th luncheon. She does important work as an advocate for children. I've been working at and have been fortunate in finding speakers for our luncheons. I'm always on the lookout for great speakers, so if you have any leads or ideas, please let me know! Thanks in advance. So far, leads from Max, Roland, and Bob Losik (x2) have resulted in confirmed speakers for this year. Much appreciated.

I'm a fairly new member of SIR when compared to you old timers and it has turned out to be a happy blessing. Don Presley was my sponsor and saying "I am thankful" is an understatement. It's been such a good time making friends. Let's all invite someone to a round of golf, a wine tasting event, a happy hour, or a luncheon (which is free for the guest). Be someone's sponsor and they will thank you for it.

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I am sure there are gents who would enjoy being part of our SIR Branch 49 – look for opportunities to tell folks what you like about being a SIR, and invite them to a free introductory lunch.

I wish you all the very best in 2025!!

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership Chairman: Bill Bertsch (916) 791-3570
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Asst. Membership Chairman: Joel Reisman (916) 983-2492
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Recruiting new members is our top priority.

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP:

Active: 93

Applications for Induction for Jan : 5

Bob Luther

Steve Dowling

Steve Lewis

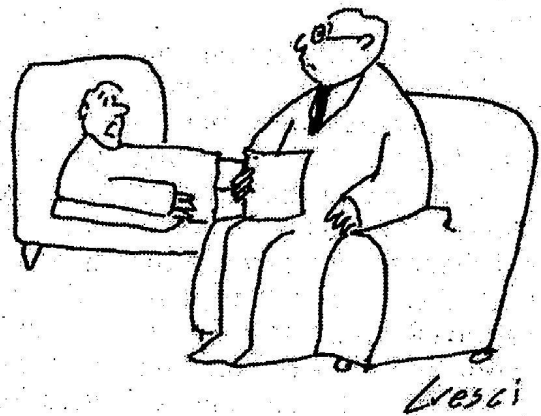
Ken Davis

Ernest Valdez



Pepper ... And Salt

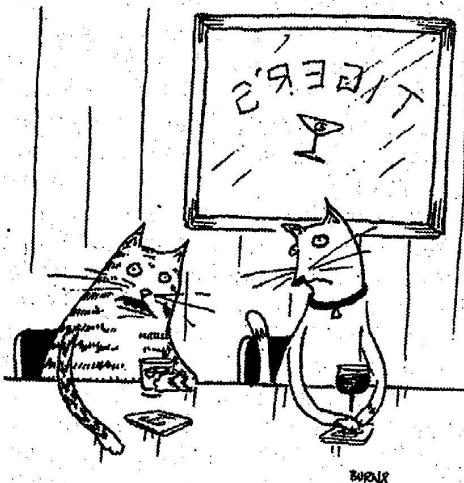
THE WALL STREET JOURNAL



"No, I don't hear voices but I keep getting text messages."

Pepper ... And Salt

THE WALL STREET JOURNAL



"Yeah, when I found out that I could never catch the laser beam, well, something inside me broke."

THE FAR SIDE / Gary Larson



Like most veterinary students, Doreen breezes through Chapter 9



Branch 49 Golf Club

Chairman: Steve Sims
 916- 365-6062
 Asst. Chairman/Handicap
 Chair: Don Fuller
 916-791-4581
 Tournament Directors: Ed
 Nishio, Tim Hammon & Robin
 Williams
 Treasurer: Pat Flynn
 Secretary: Robin Williams

Lead Tournament Leader: Jerry Nakamura
 Rules Chairman: Roland Kleinman
 Advisor/Special Projects: TBD

Welcome to 2025, hopefully everyone has had a very nice holiday season. Now it's time to get back to golf men. Diamond Oaks on the 16th was cancelled due to inclement weather, a fancy word for rain. There is not a lot to report since we have been effectively off for the holidays.

USGA fees are due, \$46, and we are collecting at the next three tournaments and the January luncheon. If you are scheduled to play, please bring that extra check. Cherry Island was not able to accommodate us on 8/18/25, so we have scheduled play at Woodcreek. I have sent out a revised schedule. Please keep in mind that the 2025 season will begin 2/3/25.

Mather results:

STROKE

Flight 1 Stephen Post 92/77

Flight 2 Ed Puchi. 94/71

Flight 3 Allen Wong 100/69

Cha-Cha-Cha

Sims, Steve + Veffredo, Gary + Hammon, Tim +
 Conrad, Tom -6

Flynn, Patrick + Myers, Warren + Fuller, Don +
 Nishio, Edward -2

Mikles, Dan + Greenshields, Terry + Funk, Mark
 + Rawlinson, Gary -1

CTP – Robin Williams 34' 1.5" (Don't laugh—10
 bucks is 10 bucks)

NEXT UP

1/14/2025	9:24	Bartley Cavanaugh
1/21/2025	9:00	Empire Ranch
1/27/2025	9:00	Antelope Greens— 3 Clubs/Putter



From “Wit and Wisdom of Golf”

I play in the low 80's. If its any hotter than that, I don't play. Joe E. Brown

Real golfers go to work to relax. George Dillon

It took me 17 years to get 3,000 hits in baseball. I did it in one afternoon on the golf course. Hank Aaron

Easy. I missed a 20-footer for a 12. Arnold Palmer, on how he made a 13 on a hole.

The way I putted, I must have been reading the greens in Spanish and putting them in English. Homero Blancas

Golf is the only game in the world in which a precise knowledge of the rules can earn one a reputation for bad sportsmanship.
 Patrick Campbell

I don't know if I'll be allowed to play the Senior Tour anymore. My knee's only a few months old, my back is 17 years old, and I recently got a new hip. I might be too young now. George Archer



Branch 49 Bowling

Bowling Chairman: Bob Collins

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Yes, we are still bowling at Steve Cook's Fireside Lanes in Citrus

Heights on Wednesdays 12:30-3:00pm. We just finished week 16 of 32 on December 18, 2024. We took a 2 week break during the holidays and will return to bowling on Wednesday January 8, 2025.

The league is call the "Senior Fun" Bowling League. The league consists of 16 three person teams. The league consists of many SIRs members from other chapters. The league is a mixed gender and "handicap" league, currently with several women (none from SIRs-). This "fall/ winter" season will last until mid-May 2025.

Currently, there are 8 Chapter 49 SIRs bowlers. They are:

Ray Jerd (146 avg), John McKim (143), Bob Collins (148), down by 9 pins;

Alan Wong (136), Jim Boles (aka Bowls!!) (146),

Tom Coultas (100); Ron Peters (133) up by 2 pins; Mike Panelo. (149)

Tom, Ron and Mike are still working on their handicap after not bowling for a long time, but showing progress. Ray, John and Bob are on the "Gold" team, and slipping down the standing list to last place. Ouch! Alan is on the "Nuggets" in 9th place; Jim Boles is on the "Claim Jumpers," in 12th place; Tom, Mike and Ron are on "Team 13" now called "Young at Heart" in 10th place.

Jim Boles (aka Bowls) has the current high series of 573 for our group. Bob Collins still has the current average of 148 –and a high series of 569 (several weeks ago). (Not bad, but not quite in the same "league" as Jim Boles.). Mike Panelo is the holder of the current high average of 149 for our bowlers. This week Mike Panelo had a series of 481,- improving! Good job. John McKim comes in at an average of 143. Alan Wong recently bowled a high game of 184 (a few weeks ago)! Good job Alan. Jim Boles still has the high game of 239 and high series of 573. Wow!! Congrats to all!!

Most of our chapter bowlers in the league consider a "good" average is anything above 165, and a series to be 500 or more. As I have previously reported, several of our SIRS bowlers seem to all be working on increasing our handicap. (Yeah, you read that right! Haha.) Some might say we are "sandbagging" for the end of session tournament. Go for it! Thank you for the Handicap, makes things competitive.

Each week consists two teams competing against each other for 3 games. The better you bowl, (or depending on how much beer you drink), the more fun you have! The cost to bowl each week is \$15.00, and you have to pay even if you miss any week or more. The league also has a raffle each Wednesday which helps to fund the season ending prizes "pot of gold." There are money prizes for best teams, best bowler, high score among others, at the end of each season (Spring, summer, winter).

Scoring for placement consists of 1 point for each team game "win" (including handicap), and 2 points for the team with the high series score (including handicap) for each week. A team can get 0 to 5 points each week. The standings are based on the number of points a team accumulates each week throughout the season.

If you are interested in becoming involved as an alternate, you can contact me (Bob Collins- bowling coordinator for Chp 49) or the league secretary. I can be reached at – Robertcollins325@comcast.net- or by cell phone at (916) 337-6236. The league secretary is Larry Mustain who can be reached at (916) 635-5674 or email at-- lcmustain@sbcglobal.net

Good luck and good bowling.





The Social Corner

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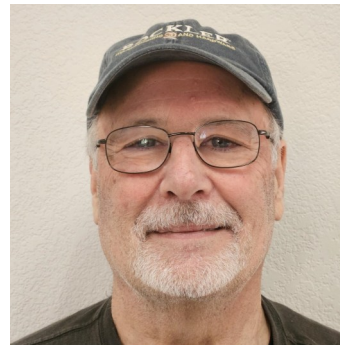
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Our last happy hour for January was on January 9 at Back Bistro in the Palladio (see photo below). Our next happy hour will be on February

6 at La Sienna in EDH.

We do not yet have a host for the next wine tasting. If you are willing to host, contact Dave Butt.

If you are not on the email list for wine tasting and would like to join us, contact Dave Butt to be added.



Poker Corner

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Contact Rick Horewitch if interested in joining a game.

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Who can forget Johnny Carson's "Carnac the Magnificent" and his power to provide answers to enigmatic questions in a sealed envelope.

A: Three Dog Night.	Q: <i>What's A Bad Night For A Tree?"</i>
A: Baja	Q: <i>How Do Sheep Laugh?</i>
A: Henry R. Block.	Q: Name one guy who's rich after April 15th.
A: 10-4	Q: How Do A Big Guy And A Little Guy Split 14 Bucks?"
A: The Orient express.	Q: What is a drink made with soy sauce and prune juice?
A: Praise the Lord and pass the ammunition.	Q: What's the best thing to do if you swallow a hand grenade?
A: Hickory Dickory Dock.	Q: Who do you go to when you have a pain in your hickory dickory?
A: Magnum P.I.	Q: "How do you say "I have to go to the bathroom really bad" in Latin."

Our 2024 Holiday Party!

(Special thanks to Chris Hedges for great photography)



