



Branch #49 Folsom

March 2025

State SIR Website
<https://www.sirinc.org/>

Branch 49 Website
<https://www.Sirinc2.org/branch49>



Next Luncheon: March 20, 2025 at the Robert H. Miller III Rotary Clubhouse located at 7150 Baldwin Dam Rd. in Folsom

Speakers: Folsom Public Library Director Thomas Gruneisen, and Supervisor Andrew Tweet.

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
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Secretary	Bob Hedges
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ATTENDANCE	Cory Lindholm
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BEVERAGE AIDS	John Cordero
	Manny Cordero
	Gene Phelps
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MUSIC	OPEN
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	Joe Lopilusa
PURVEYOR	Joe Artim (PBS)
SUNSHINE	Dave Ward
TICKET SALES	Ray Jerd
	John McKim
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Activities Chairmen

BOWLING	Bob Collins
GOLF	Steve Sims
WINE TASTING	Dave Butt

Past Big SIRs

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

State SIRs

AREA 3 REPRESENTATIVE
Jim Gragg (retired 2/28/25)

SIR STATE OFFICERS
PRES. — Rich Carlston
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TREAS. — Carl Mason



- 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



Coming Soon! 4th ANNUAL SIR BRANCH 49 PICNIC May 15, 2025—GUESTS WELCOME!

12 NOON – FOOD SERVED AT 12:30-1:00 PM. End time approx. 2:00 PM

Lew Howard Memorial Park – Across from our usual luncheon location

Cheeseburgers, Grilled Chicken Sandwiches

Please Bring a "POT LUCK" Dish and Mark it with Your Name!

Water and Sodas Will be Provided

Adults: \$10.00 Children Under 12: \$5.00

TICKETS ON SALE AT MARCH & APRIL MEETINGS

We will have our usual cornhole "Cornament"



Proposed new activity for Branch 49. . . . Who's in?



Big SIR - Roland Kleinman Marching into Spring!

Hello SIR 49ers! Spring is almost upon us! We had a great February meeting with well-received guest speakers Dan Awe and Vinny Jacobs – thanks to our Little Sir Mike Panelo for arranging! Their discussion

about golf experiences and suggestions for improving were captivating! Thanks to Joe Artim, our food purveyor, for a nice change of pace on the menu: soup, salad and sandwiches. I feel it really turned out to be a very tasty / satisfying meal!

In case you hadn't noticed in this year's earlier newsletters, we are holding our annual picnic in the month of May instead of June. We made the shift because it was quite hot at last year's picnic. As such, our 4th annual Picnic in the Park will be May 15 at Lee Howard Park, which is directly across from our usual monthly lunch location. Start practicing your corn-hole bean-bag tossing – the champs from last year are itching for another victory! Tickets will go on sale at this month's meeting, and guests are welcome! Look for the details in the official announcement column within this newsletter. In order to make this year's event as successful as prior years (or more!), we really need the help of members. Please contact me if you are willing to lend a hand.

It's nice to see the variety of fun activities our members are enjoying: golf, bowling, wine tasting, and happy hours. If you have ideas for other fun activities, please consider taking the lead in suggesting to the members and organizing. Raise your hand at an upcoming meeting, and I'll hand you the mic! Some ideas I've heard from folks include pickleball, RC planes, breakfast/walking, field trips, travel.

Speaking of travel, there was a recent email about SIR trips being considered by another branch – this was forwarded to our branch's email list, so you should have received it. If you are interested in joining any of those trips, please reach out directly to the folks listed as the coordinators.

Remember to watch for other fun guys that you think would enjoy being part of SIR. Invite them to come to a meeting and enjoy a free lunch.

If you haven't already done so, please pay your SIR renewal fee of \$25 at the lunch check-in table this month.

I look forward to seeing you all at our March meeting!

Roland J. Kleinman
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Little SIR - Mike Panelo The price of spring? One measly hour!

Gentlemen! Spring Training baseball, Daylight Savings Time, and St. Patrick's Day are upon us. I may have a little Irish in me as I do enjoy a pint (or two...). Cheers!

We've all experienced illness or injury at one time or another that has caused us to miss normal activities with the group. My turn. While showing my kids how great their dad is at pickleball (not great), I also showed them how to partially tear your Achilles. Warning, pickleball can be dangerous. I'll be back.

We were happy to induct two new members at the February luncheon. Ken Davis and Bob Luther, welcome to the group! Let's keep it going and invite our acquaintances to a luncheon or a golf tournament. An excellent introduction to the group would be the happy hour or wine tasting that is organized by Dave Butt. The wine tasting is a blast, and I recommend you give it a try.

Potential members could also have a look at our branch website at <https://branch49.sirinc2.org>. Kim Hammon has done an expert job designing and putting it all together.

Our speakers at the February luncheon shared entertaining stories from their golf experiences and interesting historical facts about Mather Golf Course. In March, we'll be joined by representatives from the Folsom Public Library, Director Thomas Gruneisen, and Supervisor Andrew Tweet.

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Welcome Bob Luther and Ken Davis!



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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Sadly, we lost 5 members in February

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP: Active: 93

Inducted in Feb: 2

**Bob Luther
Ken Davis**

Members Lost: 5

**Tony Gane
Doug Mooney (deceased)
Dave Sutter
Gary Morton
Ray Trice**

Anniversaries for March:

**Tom Baker
Steve Alfonso
Mike McCormack
Bob Collins
Bob Hedges**



Big SIR Roland Kleinman and Little SIR Mike Panelo bookend our speakers for February; Dan Awe and Vinny Jacobs, golf pros at Mather Golf Course.



L/R: Steve Alfonso, Tom Baker, Warren Myers, Ed Puchi, John Herrmann, Ray Smothers



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

Happy March everyone, and the time change, which I am sure we all like the longer days. We are a full month into the summer season.

Soon the golf board will be meeting to discuss a few very important issues. One of those issues is going to be the maximum score on a hole, seems like the State Sir group is having similar discussions. Second, we have had quite a few new members to the golf club, some with USGA handicaps and some without. We will also be discussing how best to manage that so we can get the newer guys right into the player of the year pool and into the prize fund.

As many of you know, new membership had been down due to Covid recovery, and we also lost a few members. That seems to have self-corrected, and we have experienced an uptick in new players. Having said that, a very warm welcome to all the new members this year. Lastly, our tournament numbers have been outstanding into this new season averaging 3 flights in all but one tournament so far.

Last Three

Ancil Hoffman 2-10-25

Stroke

Flight 1: Chuck Bradshaw **81/71**
 Flight 2: Don Fuller **90/73**
 Flight 3: Steve Alfonso **88/69**

ChaChaCha:

1st Place Team Tseng-Kleinman-Flores-Davis - **8/134**
 2nd Place Team Hammon(K)-Carter-Rawlinson-Mikles -**7/135**
 3rd Place Team Sims-Butt-Veffredo-Alfonso **-4/138**

Closest to the Pin:

1st Place- Tseng: **15' 5"**
 2nd Place- Kleinman: **16'1"**

Wildhorse 2-18-25

Stroke:

Flight 1 - Tom Tseng **81/73**
 Flight 2 - Gary Rawlinson **92/71**
 Flight 3 -Gene Phelps **101/70**

4x3BB:

1st Place – Hammon(T)-Sims-Nakamura-Phelps **202**
 2nd Place - Carter-Rawlinson-Lindholm-Mikles **208**
 3rd Place - Nishio-Veffredo-Hammon(K)-Fischer **210**

Closest to the Pin:

1st Place - Steve Sims **5' 2"**
 2nd Place - Ray Fischer **16' 4"**

Teal Bend 2-25-25

Stroke:

Flight 1 - Joel Reisman **88/75**
 Flight 2 - Gary Veffredo **85/71**
 Flight 3 - Allen Wong **103/72**

Lone Ranger:

1st Place - Williams-Butt-Conrad-Alfonso **140**
 2nd Place - Flynn-Flores-Tseng-Nakamura **148**
 3rd Place - Reisman-Mikles-Hedges-Edwards **148**

Closest to the Pin:

1st Place - Gary Veffredo **23' 4"**
 2nd Place - Dave Butt **26' 8"**

Player of the Year Leaderboard

Brad Carter
 Chuck Bradshaw
 Kim Hammon
 Allen Wong
 Steve Alfonso

Next Up – March

3/4/2025	9:00	River Oaks
3/11/2025	8:32	Wildhawk
3/17/2025	8:00	Mather-Shotgun Start
3/24/2025	10:00	Empire Ranch
3/31/2025	9:00	Dry Creek

USGA Fees & Hole in One Insurance

If you have not paid your USGA fees or HIO insurance, please do so either at the next tournament or luncheon whichever comes first.

Golf quotes

"You swing your best when you have the fewest things to think about." Bobby Jones

"Putts get really difficult the day they hand out the money." Lee Trevino

"I don't think it's healthy to take yourself too seriously." Payne Stewart

"The more I practice, the luckier I get." Gray Player

"The most important shot in golf is the next one." Ben Hogan



Branch 49 Bowling
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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 24 of 32 on February 26, 2025. We took a two week break during the holidays and returned 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 (139), Bob Collins (150) (up by 2 pins); Alan Wong (136), Jim Boles (aka Bowls!!) (143), Ron Peters (135) (up by 2 pins); Tom Coultas (Avg 110, up from 100, is now a substitute), along with Mike Panelo. (Avg 149)

We are still working on our handicap but showing progress. Ray, John and Bob are on the "Gold" team, on the standing list in ninth place, up from last (16th) place a few weeks ago. Alan is on the "Nuggets" in 5th place; Jim Boles is on the "Claim Jumpers," in 11th place; Ron Peters is on "Young at Heart", in 13th place.

Jim Boles (aka Bowls) has the current high scratch series of 573 for our group. Bob Collins still has the current average of 150 – and a good series of 569 (several weeks ago) for the SIRs bowlers. (Not bad, but not quite in the same "league" as Jim Boles.). We have had a few drop-outs recently....more to follow. John McKim comes in at an average of 139. 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 and handicap game of 318!! And 810 handicap series!!!!. Wow!! Congrats to all!! Despite inconsistent scores, we ARE having fun.....or so I'm told.

Most of our chapter bowlers in the league consider a "good" average as anything above 165, and a series of 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! 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 a substitute, you can contact me (Bob Collins-bowling coordinator for Branch 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!



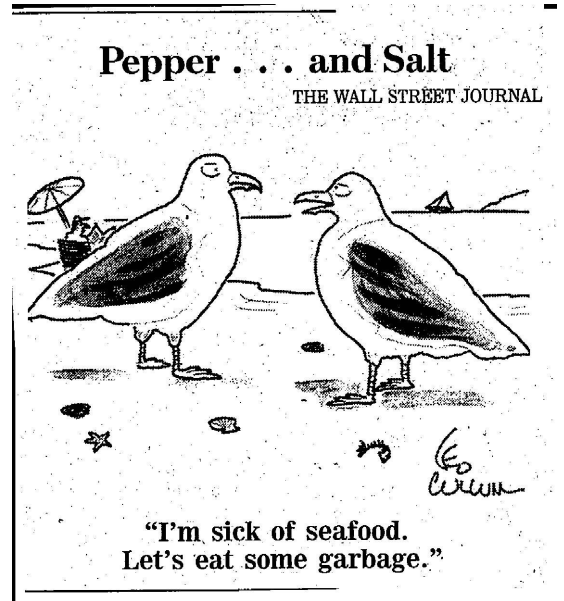
The Social Corner

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The next happy hour will be at Daniello's on Vernon St in Roseville on March 13 starting at 4 PM.

Daniello's is a restaurant and speakeasy which supposedly was in operation during prohibition. The password to get in is "Irish you were here." Don't be surprised by the storefront - it may be a candy store, but with the password they will let you into the speakeasy. They have good appetizers at 50% off and an interesting drink menu as well. It should be fun.



"I'm sick of seafood.
Let's eat some garbage."



L/R: Joel Reisman, Joe LaPilusa, Allen Wong, Joe Artim, Bill Bertsch, new member Bob Luther



L/R: Steve Lewis, Dave Ward, Jim Reed, Gene Phelps, John Yeager

More from Stephen Wright

He has his own unique take on life:

- ◆ I'd kill for a Nobel Peace Prize.
- ◆ Borrow money from pessimists -- they don't expect it back.
- ◆ Half the people you know are below average.
- ◆ 99% of lawyers give the rest a bad name.
- ◆ 82.7% of all statistics are made up on the spot.
- ◆ I almost had a psychic girlfriend, But she left me before we met.
- ◆ When everything is coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.
- ◆ Hard work pays off in the future; laziness pays off now.
- ◆ What happens if you get scared half to death twice?
- ◆ My mechanic told me, "I couldn't repair your brakes, so I made your horn louder."
- ◆ Why do psychics have to ask you for your name.
- ◆ Experience is something you don't get until just after you need it.
- ◆ The problem with the gene pool is that there is no lifeguard.
- ◆ Everyone has a photographic memory - some just don't have film.
- ◆ If your car could travel at the speed of light, would your headlights work?



Through some unfortunate celestial error,
Ernie is sent to Hog Heaven.