



Branch #49 Folsom

June 2025

Next Luncheon: June 19, 2025 at the Robert H. Miller III Rotary Clubhouse located at 7150 Baldwin Dam Rd. in Folsom.

Speaker: Zachary Vaccarezza from the Folsom History Society

State SIR Website

<https://www.sirinc.org/>

Branch 49 Website

<https://www.Sirinc2.org/branch49>



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
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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	

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ATTENDANCE	Cory Lindholm
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BEVERAGE AIDS	John Cordero
	Manny Cordero
	Gene Phelps
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EDITOR	Joel Reisman
GREETER	Fred Jacobs (PBS)
MARKETING	Art Vallerga
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	Ed Puchi
	Joe Lapilusa
PURVEYOR	Joe Artim (PBS)
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	John McKim
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Activities Chairmen

BOWLING	Bob Collins
GOLF	Steve Sims
WINE TASTING	Dave Butt

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 (retired 2/28/25)

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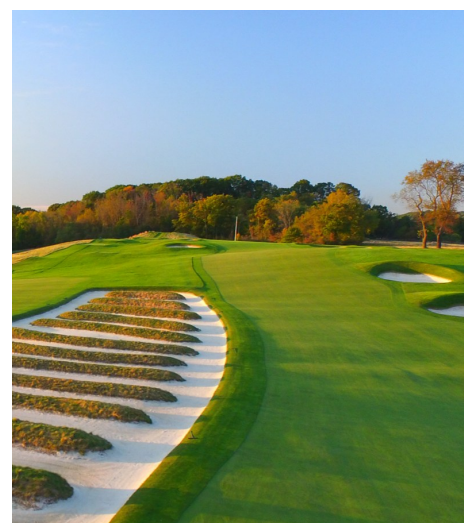
Karl Ryden—SHLM
Frank Donner
Joe LaPilusa
Jack DuBé emeritus
* Roy Estep
* Bob Griggs — SHLM
* Frank Reetz
* Bill Staiger—SHLM
* Gordon Vinther
* Ralph Housley * Deceased

Notes:

Check out Eli Flores' interesting trip report on his recent trip to Viet Nam pp. 8—10.

Warren Meyers shot 76 at Wildhawk June 2— two strokes under his age! (Chuck Bradshaw also beat his age . . . again.)

The picnic was a great success. The park was very well-appointed and offered lots of shade. See photos on page 7.



If you are going to the US Open at Oakmont Country Club, be sure and send us photos!



Flag Day is June 14!



Big SIR - Roland Kleinman

Dog Days of Summer

I hope everyone has had a wonderful Spring and is anticipating Summer as much as I am! I'm writing this over Memorial Day weekend, our national day of mourning for the military personnel who

died while serving in the U.S. armed forces. Their ultimate sacrifice is a significant reason we enjoy the peace, security, and freedom we have today. My heart goes out to the friends and families of these heroic patriots.

Our Picnic in the Park was once again a huge success! This was our first time at Lew Howard Park, across from our regular monthly meeting and luncheon location. I heard nothing but positive feedback from attendees. Thanks to everyone who brought side dishes (salads, lumpia, and other appetizers, cookies, dessert bars, cakes, etc.), cornhole sets, and of course, the cooks who did a fabulous job barbecuing the delicious burgers and chicken: Steve Sims, David Butt, Pat Flynn, and Jim Reed. Thanks also to Joe Artim for procuring all the main course food and fixings that we enjoyed. It amazes me how smoothly everything went!

The competition events were great, too! Thanks to Tim Hammon for running the cornhole contest and Joel Reisman for running the inaugural golf chipping contest. The team of Eli Flores and Jerry Nakamura took first place in cornhole. I enjoyed watching the final matches – lots of suspense and a come-from-behind victory! Then, in the golf chipping contest, coming off the big cornhole win, Eli cruised on to chip four of the five golf balls into the net, blowing out the competition for another first-place finish.

I want to thank you all for doing a great job using the luncheon online RSVP system. The vast majority of you are giving your responses, including the "not attending" selection, which is a tremendous help in getting an accurate count to the caterer. The importance of this is twofold: we're obligated to pay the caterer for the number we provide, and the caterer relies on that number to determine the amount of food to prepare. The signup email is typically sent the week prior to the luncheon. You can also access the RSVP tool via our Branch 49 web portal in case you haven't received the email.

Happy Fathers Day to all of you that are dads, grandpa's, great grandpa's, and so on!

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Little SIR - Mike Panelo

Poultry Surprises: SIR Branch 49 Gets Corny

Hello SIR brothers. I hope the world is treating you well. It was good to see everyone at the picnic. A few

beers, good company, and picnic food, yes, please. It was festive and fun. Raise your hand if Jim Reed flashed you his cock-a-doodle-doo! Holy moly.

I enjoyed the back-and-forth contest between eventual cornhole winners, Jerry Nakamura/Eli Flores, and runners-up, Dave Farrelly/Stephen Post. Not content, Eli also won the chipping contest, geez, I mean congratulations! In order of finish: Eli, Stephen Post, and Joel Reisman.

Crazy how time has flown. It is already June, and we welcome guest speaker Zachary Vaccarezza from the Folsom History Society to our next luncheon. As always, I look forward to seeing you there.

Coming soon, Father's Day! Way to go, guys. It's clear we know what we're doing.

Speaking of which, thanks to all that make our picnic such a great event.

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The picnic this year was great, best ever.

Keep recruiting new members, we want to stay strong.

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP:

Active: 92

New Inducted Members: 0

Members Lost: 0

Anniversaries for Jun: 5

Pat FLYNN

Mark FUNK

Max HARTLEY

Dan MIKLES

Gary RAWLINSON

Pepper . . . and Salt

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NEW ACCOUNTS



"We don't pay any interest, but your money is kept in a climate-controlled vault and looked after by people who wear only natural-fiber clothes and eat plant-based diets."





Branch 49 Golf Club

Chairman: Steve Sims
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Asst. Chairman/Handicap Chair:
Don Fuller
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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

This season is full steam ahead, we are well into it and so far, so good. As we head into June, I want to remind everyone that the warmer weather is eminent and cover a few hydration tips. When the weather heats up the most important thing you can do to play well and enjoy the game is to stay hydrated. Hydration begins the day before the tournament so drink plenty of water the day before. You can also add electrolytes to your hydration strategy. On the day of please make sure you have plenty of water in hand. Great hydration snacks are green grapes and bananas. To avoid overheating a lot of guys bring cooling towels, another reason to have plenty of water. If you find yourself cramping after the round or you would like to prevent it all together, I have found pickle juice to be effective. Scientists say they have yet to figure out why it helps, all I know is it has helped me.

Great news, the new hats have arrived. Remember we have them in gray and khaki. (Expect \$20 price range). If you are a new member and have never received a hat, we will provide your first hat at no cost. They will be available at the June golf meeting.

LAST THREE

Mather 5/27/25

Winner: Gene Phelps 93/65

Stroke:

Flt 1: Steve Sims: 80/71

Flt 2: Dan Mikles: 85/68

Flt 3: Gene Phelps: 93/65

9/9:

1st Place: Wong, Reed, Artim, Bradshaw: -14/164

2nd Place: Post, Phelps, Pressley, Hedges: -9/169

3rd Place: Williams, Butt, Mikles, Periquet: -7/171

Closest to the Pin:

1st Place: Chuck Bradshaw 9' 5.5"

2nd Place: Joe Artim 14' 2.5"

Haggin Oaks Mackenzie 5/19/25

Winner: Patrick Flynn 85/72 Joe Artim 97/72

Stroke:

Flt 1: Patrick Flynn 85/72

Flt 2: Bill Bertsch 96/73

Flt 3: Joe Artim 97/71

4x2BB:

1st Place: Carter-Rawlinson-Mikles-Jerd 139

2nd Place: Flynn-Post-Luther-Davis 140

3rd Place: Nakamura-Funk-Haines-Bertsch 141

Closest to the Pin:

1st Place: Ed Nishio 15' 0"

2nd Place: Stephen Post 15' 4"

Lincoln Hills-Hills 5/13/25

Winner: Terry Greenshields 81/64

Stroke:

Flt 1: Joel Reisman 88/72

Flt 2: Terry Greenshields 81/63

Flt 3: Kim Hammon 103/73

Closest to the Pin:

1st Place: Jerry Nakamura 7'3"

2nd Place: Steve Sims 9'0"

PLAYER OF THE YEAR LEADERBOARD:

Just a mild shake up:

Brad Carter
Allen Wong
Warren Myers
Dave Butt
Jerry Nakamura

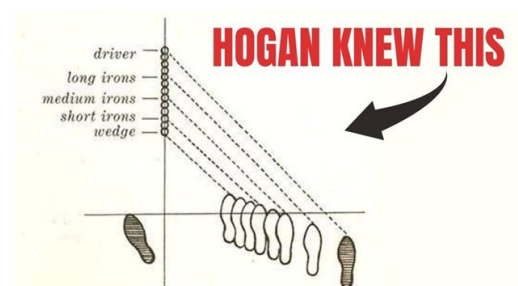
NEXT UP - JUNE

6/2/2025	9:04	Wildhawk
6/9/2025	10:00	Empire Ranch
6/16/2025	9:06	Haggin Oaks Mac
6/23/2025	9:00	Ancil Hoffman
6/30/2025	9:00	Diamond Oaks

LIGHTER SIDE



TIP CORNER





Branch 49 Bowling

Bowling Chairman: Bob Collins

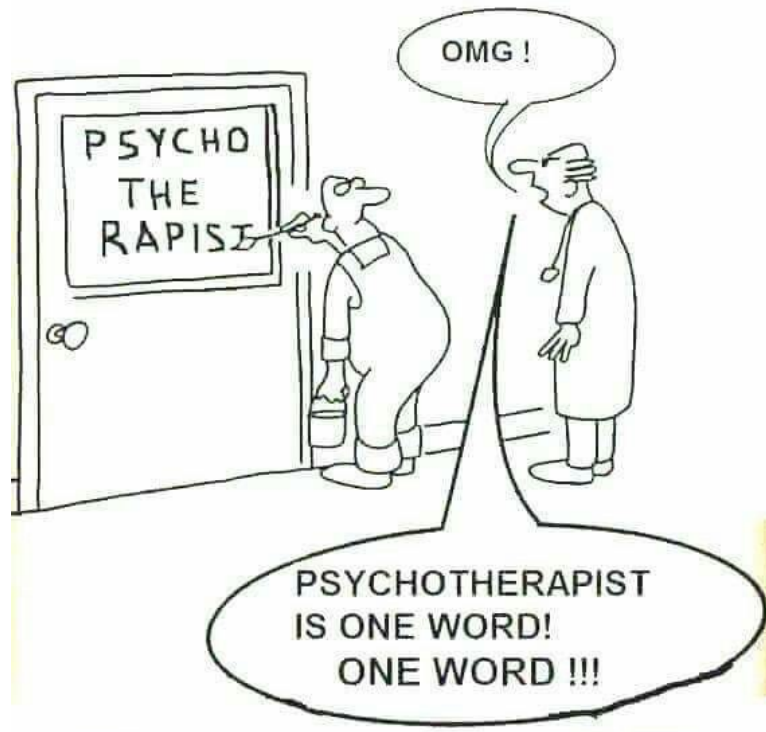
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We ended the fall spring session. There will be no bowling news until August.

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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Happy hour continues to be a success with several new people joining us. Our next foray will be to Tonno's Sports Bar and Grill on June 12 at 3 PM. Tonno's is located at 9267 Greenback Lane, between Walnut and Chestnut.

For July we are going to combine happy hour with our wine tasting and go to Le Casque winery on July 10 starting at 2 PM. It is located at 9280 Horseshoe Bar Rd - just off Folsom Auburn next to the Flower Farm. This Boutique winery focuses on Rhône wines both white and red and have a real nice outdoor seating area. Their tasting fee is \$15 for 5-7 wines and they have a red flight, a white flight, and a combination flight. They do not have food but do allow people to bring stuff in, so if people want to bring something to share with the group, that would be great. They ask for larger groups to make reservations, so I'm going to tell them we have 12, and if more show up, "what a surprise that you guys decided to go tasting here too!"



ANNUAL PICNIC!



One of our members, Eli Flores, traveled to Viet Nam recently and was kind enough to prepare the following trip report for our Branch:

I departed on February 27 and returned March 19. During that time I traveled from the north of China near Sapa to the south of Vietnam at Ho Chi Minh City (formerly Saigon), which is the capital. I went with a group of fifteen and we used a bus and also took a few flights. We played golf eight times and had a great time being spoiled with caddies and great treatment. All the golf courses had showers and restaurants. They really know how to spoil you.

We stopped at many sightseeing places along the way. Like Ha Long Bay with a boat ride through over 1,000 limestone mountains. Hanoi was a busy hustling city and we took in various temples, sightseeing, and shopping along the way. We flew to a nearby island and stayed there a couple of days. In Saigon, I visited the Vietnam War Remnants Museum and had the best meals anyone could possibly have. Haircuts were only two dollars. Money goes a long way in Vietnam. It'd be a great vacation for anyone.



600 stairs to the top of Fansipan Temple. Tough climb in high elevation but I made it.



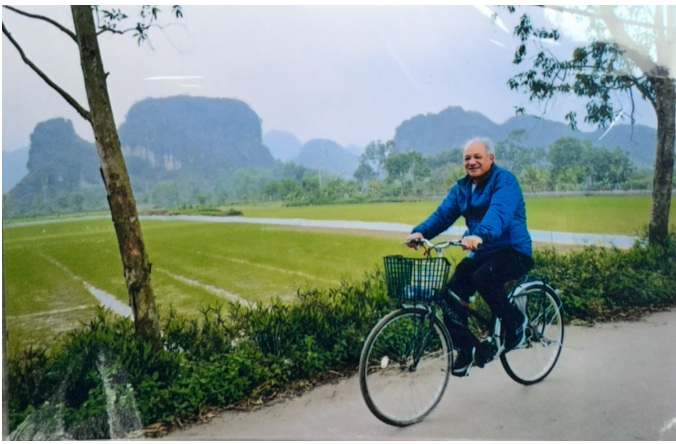
This was one of the stair steps to the 600 it took to get up to the top of Fansipan. Very steep.



Sunset while on an overnight boat cruise @ Ha Lon Bay



Buying good from Locals



Bike ride at Ha Lon Bay.



Caddies on the golf course. They all wear the same uniform. Very kind and do an excellent job navigating the course.

Fun boat ride with a guide controlling the boat. In this picture I was being spun in circles maybe 20 times up and down getting dizzy. A lot of fun.



Kayaking at Ha Lon Bay