



# Branch #49 Folsom

July 2025

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

Speaker: Stephani Leigh, Executive Director, North District YMCA

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	Dave Ward
TICKET SALES	Ray Jerd
	John McKim
WEBSITE	Kim Hammon

## 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  
PRES. — Rich Carlston  
V.P. — Lee Lamp  
SEC. — Jeff Chin  
TREAS. — Carl Mason



## Say Hello to Art Vallerga!

Art has graciously accepted the key position of Director of Marketing for our branch. He has hit the ground running, identifying several SIR brochures designed to inform and encourage prospective members to contact us by phone and our website. So far, he has contacted six local facilities that serve seniors to display

and distribute these brochures.

If there are any places you think would be good to distribute to, please contact Art.

He will also have these at our luncheons, so make sure you pick up some to distribute to your friends, neighbors, and guys you meet on the golf course.

Here is his contact info:

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

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



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

Happy 4th of July!





## **Big SIR - Roland Kleinman**

### **Summer Solstice**

Well, we're past the longest day, a.k.a. the Summer Solstice. Don't let that get you down, though! Get out and enjoy this great season; there are still many summer days to enjoy! Just

be sure to stay hydrated and pace yourself when out in the heat.

This past April marked my second anniversary with the SIR 49ers. I've fully enjoyed being part of the group. I've seen great advances during my short time here. Thanks to our Activities Chairman David Butt's initiative and leadership, we're enjoying monthly happy hour outings and quarterly wine tasting meetups. Special thanks to the members who have opened their homes to host the wine tasting events! Another great change was the move to our current meeting venue, thanks to PBS Max Hartley's vision and coordination. I've also appreciated the move to the delicious catered lunches we now enjoy, thanks to our food purveyor Joe Artim (and I believe Max was involved).

If any of you have ideas for other activities you think members would enjoy, please consider taking the lead to make them happen with the help of fellow members. Volunteer members are the heart of our group, leading to many successful and fun activities we enjoy.

As we enjoy these great activities, let's not forget to share them with others. Let's all keep up the push for new members. Thanks to Art Vallergera, we have some new flyers/promotional materials to help attract folks. Make sure and take a few and hand them out to prospective members.

I look forward to seeing you all again at our next meeting/luncheon!

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**Big SIR**  
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## **Little SIR - Mike Panelo**

### **Grill Marks / Hot Sparks**

Hello SIR brothers,

Happy Fourth! Count me in as loving a good fireworks show. Hopefully, everyone enjoyed the holiday.

As mature gentlemen (OK, old fogies), we've got plenty of Fourth of July memories. The fireworks and the people. I remember, as a kid, tossing sparklers down the street while visiting cousins. A bad toss landed in a neighbor's shrub. It must have been an especially dry shrub. The sparks turned into a flame. I roused my uncle from across the street. By the time the fire department arrived, the fire was out. Lessons were learned. Also, a story about my favorite uncle. My hero, to say the least.

Let's welcome Executive Director, North District YMCA, Stephani Leigh, as guest speaker at the July luncheon. Thanks to Bob Losik for the speaker lead. A few of the topics Mrs. Leigh will cover: How their community athletic center at Rollingwood serves retirees like us, and how we might qualify for free membership through our existing health insurance. It's worth checking out.

Thanks again to Zachary Vaccarezza from the Folsom Historical Society, who gave an interesting and fun local history talk at our last luncheon.

While we didn't induct new members last month, I'd like to recognize Art Vallergera for the time and effort he's put into designing and distributing SIR brochures. Make sure to take some and hand them out to potential SIRs. Thanks, Art.

Let's all continue spreading the word. Whether it's golf, wine tasting, happy hour, or lunch with the guys, there's plenty to love about SIR.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the July luncheon.

Until then, keep those fireworks aimed away from the dry shrubs next to the driveway!

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## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership Chairman: Bill  
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Asst. Membership Chairman: Joel  
Reisman (916) 983-2492  
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### CURRENT MEMBERSHIP:

Active: 93

Added back Ken Johnson

Returning Member: 1

Bob Marnach

New Inducted Members: 0

Members Lost: 1

Russ Dawson

Anniversaries for July: 11

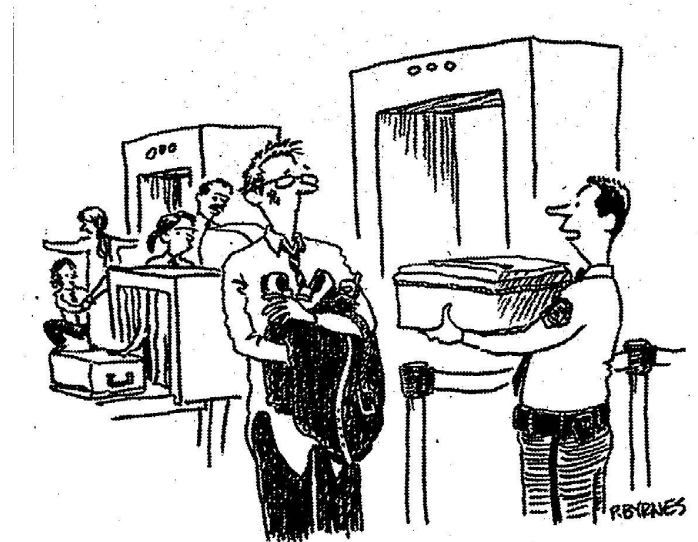
WILLIAMS	Robin	2019
ARTIM	Joe	2019
SIMS	Steve	2019
WARD	Dave	2019
FISCHER	Ray	2017
GARGANO	Gary	2015
PEARCE	Scott	2014
SMOTHERS	Ray	2012
JACOBS	Fred	2008
NAKAMURA	Jerry	2007
SCHULTZE	Ron	2007



Good thing we're not in Kansas anymore  
(or Texas, or Oklahoma, or . . .)

## Pepper . . . and Salt

THE WALL STREET JOURNAL



"You're free to go, sir. But seriously, I'd  
get that prostate looked at."





## Branch 49 Golf Club

Chairman: Steve Sims  
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Asst. Chairman/Handicap Chair:  
Don Fuller  
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Tournament Directors: Ed Nish-  
io, Tim Hammon & Robin Wil-  
liams  
Treasurer: Pat Flynn  
Secretary: Robin Williams

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

We have played 21 tournaments so far and we have 17 left to play. This season has been a huge success with many first-time winners, a few new courses and some fun second games. Having said that I must let you all know we had 14 weeks of great play, unfortunately two of the last three weeks have seen us creep up into the slow play category. When it happened the first time, I thought it was a one off, then it happened again last week. We all know just how unacceptable a 5 plus hour round of golf is. It makes us look bad at the course, our fellow players behind the slow group get frustrated and it extends play well into the hot summer afternoons. I am going to add tips for pace of play below in the Tip Corner. I have been soliciting opinions on how to better manage slow play in our club. Having said that, it is our responsibility as Sir Br 49 Golf Club members to finish our rounds in a timely manner. Only we can prevent slow play, so please help each other get through the rounds in a timely manner. Let's finish the season strong.

### HATS

If you would like a new hat, Gray or Khaki just get with Pat Flynn and he can give you the color of your choice. The cost is \$20.

### LAST THREE

**Diamond Oaks 6/30/25**

**Winner: Dave Butt 85/68**

**Stroke:**

Flt 1: Dave Butt **85/67**

Flt 2: Gary Veffredo **87/68**

Flt 3: Ray Jerd **102/73**

**Closest to the Pin:**

Tom Conrad **19' 8"**

Joel Reisman **29' 3"**

**Ancil Hoffman 6/23/25**

**Winner: Dan Mikles 83/68**

**Stroke:**

Flt 1: Roland Kleinman **78/70**

Flt 2: Dan Mikles **83/67**

Flt 3: Gene Phelps **96/70**

Flt 4: Allen Wong **102/73**

**ChaChaCha:**

1st: Veffredo/Sims/Hammon T/Fuller **-12/130**

2nd: Flynn/Conrad//Post/Myers **-10/132**

3rd: Horewitch/Hammon/Brewer/Mikles **-8/134**

**Closest to the Pin:**

Gene Phelps **2' 10" Wow!**

Warren Myers **7' 4"**

### Haggin Oaks- Mackenzie

**Winner: Jerry Nakamura 85/69**

**Stroke:**

Flt 1: Joel Reisman **85/70**

Flt 2: Jerry Nakamura **85/68**

Flt 3: Bill Bertsch **96/72**

**4x3BB:**

1<sup>st</sup>: Williams-Butt-Post-Blind **215**

2<sup>nd</sup>: Reisman-Myers-Fischer-McKim **217**

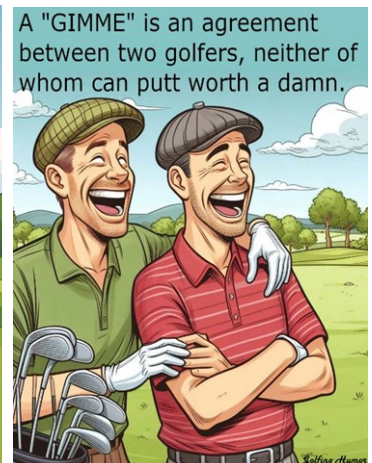
3<sup>rd</sup>: Flynn-Kleinman-Bertsch-Pearce **218**

**Closest to the Pin:**

Joe Artim **7' 0"**

Roland Kleinman **13' 11"**

## LIGHTER SIDE



## PLAYER OF THE YEAR LEADERBOARD:

Ya'll have 17 weeks to catch the leader.

1. Brad Carter
2. Warren Myers
3. Dave Butt
4. Allen Wong
5. Jerry Nakamura
6. Joel Reisman

## **NEXT UP ~ JULY**

### **TIP CORNER**

7/7/2025	9:34	Plumas Lakes
7/15/2025	9:00	Teal Bend
7/22/2025	9:00	River Oaks
7/28/2025	9:06	Haggin Oaks Mac

### **Speeding up play:**

**Ready golf:** This is one of the simplest tips to improve pace of play. Invite others to play if they're ready and set and you're not. This is a must.

**Pace check:** Stay aware of your group's speed and course flow. Try and make sure you keep up with play. Know how far the group behind is as well as the group in front. We need to be in the middle.

**Stay focused:** Minimize chatting on the course and use waiting time to plan your shot.

**Swift movements:** Walk briskly between shots and from greens.

**Pre-shot routine:** Try and keep it under 15 seconds for efficient play.

**Equipment placement:** Leave bags/carts near the exit to the next tee.

**Assistance matters:** Offer help, rake bunkers and handle flagsticks where possible.

**Search and mark:** If balls are lost, split up to search and mark locations. Remember you only get 3 minutes.

**Readying for play:** Plan putts in advance, save time on the green.

**Team effort:** Ensure everyone's contribution to pace and not slowing the group down. Don't be afraid to tell a playing partner, we need to pick it up.



**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

**Dave Butt (408) 295-9933**

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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!"



L/R: Gary Veffredo, Pat Flynn, Jerry Nakamura, Art Vallergera, Dave Butt, Tom Conrad



L/R: Fred Jacobs, Jerry Hudson, Bob Losik, Steve Dowling, Joel Reisman





L/R: Don Pressley, Bill Bertsch, Tom Baker, Warren Myers, Al Edwards, Tom Coultas



L/R: Dave Ward, Bob Reilly, Don Marnach, Jerry Helme