



Branch #49 Folsom

December 2024

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Next Luncheon: December 19, 2024 at the Robert H. Miller III Rotary Clubhouse located at 7150 Baldwin Dam Rd. in Folsom
Holiday Luncheon— No Speaker

No Board Meeting or Golfer's Meeting
Lunch/Party: 11:00 AM—2:00 PM

2024 Officers

Big SIR	Max Hartley
Little SIR	Roland Kleinman
Secretary	Bob Hedges
Asst. Secretary	Ed Puchi
Treasurer	Mike McCormack
Asst. Treasurer	OPEN
Membership	Bill Bertsch
Asst. Membership	Joel Reisman

Board of Directors

Jerry Helme (PBS)	Ed Puchi (PBS)
Joe Artim (PBS)	Al Edwards (PBS)
Allen Wong (PBS)	

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	OPEN
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 Helme
2020	.....	Al Edwards
2021	.....	Joe Artim
2022	.....	Joe Artim
2023	.....	Allen Wong

State SIRs

AREA 3 REPRESENTATIVE
Jim Gragg

SIR STATE OFFICERS
PRES. — Rich Carlston
V.P. — Lee Lamp
SEC. — Jeff Chin
TREAS. — Carl Mason
Chief Admin Officer — Roy Hodgkinson



- 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



Welcome new member Gary Morton!

Happy Holidays



Your Board of Directors for 2025 L/R: Ed Puchi (At-large), Stephen Post (Treasurer), Joel Reisman (At-large), Roland Kleinman (Big SIR), Bob Hedges (Secretary), Bill Bertsch (Membership Chair), Mike Panelo (Little SIR)



Big SIR - Max Hartley

THIS IS THE MONTH FOR REJOICING!

SIRS 49er members, I hope you all had a good time at our November meeting and enjoyed our guest speaker who had some good information about how to avoid scams, etc.

We recognized our lunch callers who have done a great job of calling our members and getting an accurate head count for our lunches. These gentlemen spent a lot of their time on this job and we truly appreciate it. We also recognized Bob Riley who was their coordinator and made sure that the head count got into our food purveyor on time each month.

Also recognized was Kim Hammon for all he has done and continues to do on our lunch sign up RSVP e-mail system which is getting better each month. I asked Kim just after the first of this year to come up with a system and he did not disappoint, he has worked tirelessly on this new system.

Also, we honored Bob Haines who has reached the golden age of 92 with a State Sir Presidential certificate. Congratulations, Bob.

Recruiting: Our membership is slowly growing and I want to thank all of you who have sponsored a new member for your hard work, it is greatly appreciated.

Dues: Please remember that January is the start of a new year and it's time to pay your yearly membership dues of \$25.00. You can pay at the door at our January meeting. This was in my November's article but I'm putting it in again just to remind you that your BEC has voted to reward each person on their birthday a \$10.00 gift card from assorted venues beginning in January 2025. However, to get your birthday gift card you do have to be present at the luncheon on your birthday month.

Christmas Luncheon: Thursday December 19th at the Rotary Clubhouse beginning at 11:00 AM and ending at 2:00 PM. I want to thank all of you who bought tickets for our Christmas luncheon this month. We are looking forward to a fun time. Our committee made up of member's wives and members have been working hard for you so that we will all have an enjoyable time.

As I said last month I am looking forward to Roland Kleinman and Mike Panelo taking the helm and leading us to an excellent and fun filled year in 2025. It has truly been a pleasure and honor serving as your Big Sir for 2024.

Guest Speakers: If you have a suggestion for an informative guest speaker please contact Mike Panelo as he will be our LS starting in January.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Max Hartley



Little SIR - Roland Kleinman

Happy Holidays!

Seasons Greetings to all of my fellow Sirs Members of Branch 49 Folsom! Our November meeting was well attended and we had a very informative speaker: State SIR Webmaster and chairman of the Website

Committee, Alan Baker. Alan provided great insights on staying safe on the internet, sharing relevant examples of scams to be cautious of. He answered many questions, and provided a small handout with contact info for the 3 major credit reporting agencies (encouraging setting a security freeze) — if you weren't present, or misplaced yours, just email me and I'll send you the info.

This is my last newsletter as your Little SIR. It has been an interesting and enjoyable experience — everyone has been very supportive; I hope you all enjoyed our guest speakers! I look forward to being Big SIR starting in January. I feel our branch will continue to run smoothly with the help of our incoming Little SIR Mike Panelo and new Treasurer Stephen Post. Please join me in extending a warm welcome and thanks for stepping up. I know you all will continue to provide them the same great support and encouragement as you have to the prior leaders! Both have been participating in transition activities. Mike already has some interesting guest speakers lined up for the first few months of 2025 — stay tuned!

Our November Thanksgiving lunch was delicious — a big thanks to Joe Artim and our caterer. I personally enjoyed yet another tasty Bloody Mary thanks to the top-notch bartending crew!

I am looking forward to our December luncheon — it is always nice to see our members and their spouses mingling, as well as having an opportunity for winning some great prizes; don't forget to get your raffle tickets at the door!

I also want to give a huge thanks to our retiring Big Sir Max Hartley for everything he has done over the last few years supporting / leading our branch (as Little SIR and Big SIR). We appreciate your service, Max!

This is our final newsletter of 2024. I'll give one last plug to keep up your efforts to find prospective new members.

I hope you all enjoy the holidays surrounded by your friends and family, and I wish you a happy and safe New Year!!

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

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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

Inducted in Nov: 0

Applications for Induction for Jan : 3

Bob Luther

Steve Dowling

Steve Lewis

Anniversaries for Nov:

Jim RAMSTAD

Ed NISHIO

Mike PANELO

Dave BUTT

John IRWIN

Charley LYONS



Reminder: Contact Jim Reed, Jim-reed1@hotmail.com (916) 380-9348 if you wish to attend the Kings vs. Miami Heat basketball game January 6. Tickets are \$35.



Lunch Menu for Holiday Party

Salad

Turkey, Brisket

Mashed Potatoes

Stuffing

Vegetables

Dessert



“Retired” SIR callers are recognized for their contribution to the branch. L/R: Bob Reilly, Bob Haines, Warren Myers, Jim Reed, Kim Hammon, Bob Losik, Dave Farrelly, Dave Ward.



Allan Baker gave a very informative talk on avoiding fraudsters on the internet.



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

This will be our last newsletter entry until 2025. As we wrap up the calendar year, I find this to be a time of reflection and gratitude. First, I would like to wish all of you a very Happy Holiday season with much joy as you gather with family and friends. Next, I would like to thank all the Branch 49 volunteers for a great 2024, and a job very well done. Lastly, I would like to thank all the members of the golf board for a very successful 2024 season. It was a season of great fun and great golf.

2024 Award Winners

Player of the Year

- 1st Steve Sims
- 2nd Robin Williams
- 3rd Roland Kleinman
- 4th Jerry Nakamura
- 5th Warren Myers

Club Championship Champion: Mark Funk

1st Flight

- 1st Warren Myers
- 2nd Steve Sims
- 3rd Gary Veffredo

2nd Flight

- 1st Dan Mikles
- 2nd Don Fuller
- 3rd Terry Greenshields

3rd Flight

- 1st Mark Funk
- 2nd Kim Hammon
- 3rd Gene Phelps

Iron Man

- 1st Robin Williams (32)
- 2nd Warren Myers (31)
- 3rd Joel Reisman (30)
- Tie: Jerry Nakamura (30)
- Tie: Dave Butt (30)

Most Improved: Robin Williams (4.4)

Low Gross: Roland Kleinman (74)

Low Net: Mark Funk (60)

Most Wins: Tie: Robin Williams, Roland Kleinman (4)

LAST TWO

ARCADE CREEK

(TRIPLE SIX)

1st Flight

- Mikles/Bradshaw (67)
- Post/Kleinman (68)
- Sims/Hammon (69)

2nd Flight

- Fischer/Lindholm (63)
- Fuller/Nishio (63)
- Bennett/Pearce (67)

CTP: Panelo 8', Veffredo 15'3"

WILDHAWK: 4 MAN LOW GROSS/LOW NET

- Sims/Hammon/Kleinman/Pearce (-8)
- Williams/Butt/Myer/Phelps (-8)
- Horewitch/Rawlinson/Carter/Blind (-4)
- Post/Bradshaw/Veffredo/Hedges (-3)

CTP: Veffredo 7'7", Sims 10'9"

NEXT UP

12/10/2024	9:02	Mather
12/16/2024	9:00	Diamond Oaks
1/6/2025	9:48	Bing Maloney
1/14/2025	9:24	Bartley Cavanaugh

USGA FEES

We will start collecting USGA fees starting January 6th and 14th. The cost is \$46 per player. If you are a member of another club and have paid, there is no additional fee. We must finalize our roster by 1/31/25. We will also be collecting at the January luncheon.

Please make checks payable to Sir Branch 49 Golf.



Branch 49 Bowling

Bowling Chairman: Bob Collins

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Next bowling report will be in the January newsletter. Happy Holidays!



A Smattering of Ogden Nash, America's Laureate of Light Verse

A Word To Husbands

To keep your marriage brimming
With love in the loving cup,
Whenever you're wrong, admit it;
Whenever you're right, shut up.

Crossing The Border

Senescence begins
And middle age ends
The day your descendants
Outnumber your friends.

Grandpa Is Ashamed

A child need not be very clever
To learn that "Later, dear" means "Never."

Ice Breaking

Candy
Is dandy,
But liquor
Is quicker

Song Of The Open Road

I think that I shall never see
A billboard lovely as a tree
Indeed, unless the billboards fall
I'll never see a tree at all.

The Camel

The camel has a single hump;
The dromedary, two;
Or else the other way around.
I'm never sure. Are you?

The Cow

The cow is of the bovine ilk;
One end is moo, the other, milk.

The Fly

God in his wisdom made the fly
And then forgot to tell us why.

The Hunter

The hunter crouches in his blind
'Neath camouflage of every kind
And conjures up a quacking noise
To lend allure to his decoys
This grown-up man, with pluck and luck
is hoping to outwit a duck

The Romantic Age

This one is entering her teens,
Ripe for sentimental scenes,
Has picked a gangling unripe male,
Sees herself in bridal veil,
Presses lips and tosses head,
Declares she's not too young to wed,
Informs you pertly you forget
Romeo and Juliet.
Do not argue, do not shout;
Remind her how that one turned out.

The Termite

Some primal termite knocked on wood
And tasted it, and found it good!
And that is why your Cousin May
Fell through the parlor floor today.



The Social Corner

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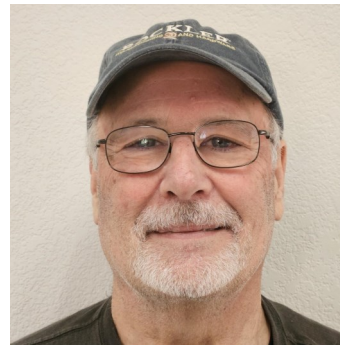
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On November 8 we got our bubbly on with a sparkling wine tasting at Diane and Pat Flynn's house. For the first time we actually had people

bring duplicate selections, but we were able to enjoy a wide variety of Champagne, Cremant, Prosecco and sparkling wine from many different vintners.

On November 14 we held happy hour at the House of Mules. It was an enjoyable afternoon with an increase in participation. We are taking the month of December off, as everyone already have a number of holiday events on their calendars. Happy hour for January will be on January 9 at Back Bistro in the Palladio, again at 3 pm. 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 to the email list. I will report on the wine tasting in the December issue.



Poker Corner

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Contact Rick Horewitch if interested in joining a game.

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L/R: Russ Dawson, Don Fuller, Ed Nishio, Cory Lindholm, John McKim



L/R: Tom Coultas, Don Pressley, Ron Peters, Mike Panelo, Frank Haener, Scott Pearce



L/R: Art Vallerrga, Bob Crawford, Bob Reilly, Don Marnach, Jerry Hudson

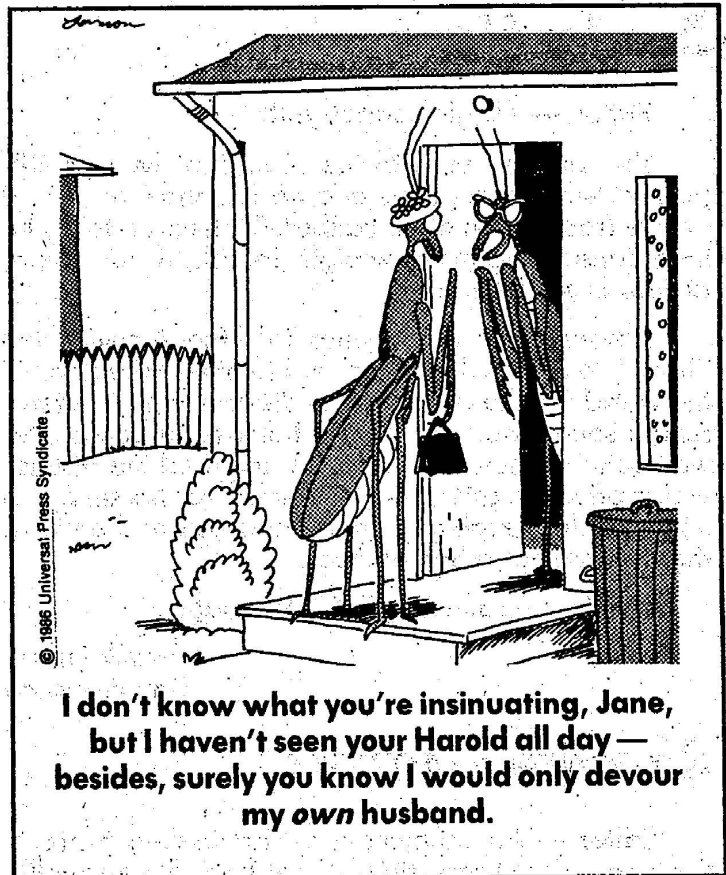
Pepper ... And Salt

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*"If I hire you as my lawyer,
everyone will know I'm guilty."*

THE FAR SIDE



**I don't know what you're insinuating, Jane,
but I haven't seen your Harold all day —
besides, surely you know I would only devour
my own husband.**



L/R: Jim Cole, Gary Gargano, John Chegia, Gary Veffredo, Ed Puchi, Tom Conrad

Tiny Bubbles! Wine Tasting Party at Pat and Diane Flynn's



