



SONS IN RETIREMENT ALMADEN BRANCH 94

A Nonprofit Organization For Retired Men

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Almaden Branch 94 meets the second Thursday of each month at the Elks' Lodge,
444 West Alma Avenue, San Jose, CA 95110

Branch Executive Committee Meeting - 10:00 AM,
Fellowship - 11:00 AM, Luncheon - 11:45 AM

Big Sir Message September 2020



(Q?) How about the SIRs meeting the second Thursday of September?

(A) Great!! What's on the menu?

Things are far from back to normal, but your Executive Board is calling a Branch Virtual Meeting next Thursday, 7:00 in the

evening. I hope that most of you have Computers or CellPhones to get on line and spell ZOOM. This will get your computer or phone into the Meeting. I know you have missed the good lunches, but this get-together will include: Pledge Allegiance, God Bless America, Invocation, Good Jokes, and a well qualified guest Speaker from the County Board of Supervisors.

Tuesday, September 8, you will get instructions on how to connect to the ZOOM meeting a few days before the Magnificent Event. If your confused, you can Call In Advance to family members, who can be of assistance. Don't be too proud to ask. The company you have will keep your spirits up, even if we won't have the level of good feeling that usually fills the Elks Lodge.

How're ya doin??

**This is our first try at getting Br. 94 members, your friends, together during the Covid-19 procedures. I have beaten the drum for members to contact FRIENDS in my column the last two months. I make 10-20 calls to member-friends myself. Most are a few minutes, some 15-20 minutes, but the connection is made and enriched, using what we have, doing what we should be doing, not moaning about we aren't doing. Look at the Birthdays and Anniversaries listed on the next page. You hate to miss opportunities. Live it up. Make that call-
-Mike**

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Branch 94 Meeting

This meeting will be on the internet using the Zoom program /app at 7:00 PM on September 10. Zoom directions will be emailed on September 9.

Speaker:	Mike Wasserman, Santa Clara County District 1 Supervisor
Topic:	Q and A following remarks.



Treasurer's Report
April - August 2020
 Submitted by Ed Shpiel

Opening Balance	\$2406.92
Income:	
Refund Valsona Park BBQ	\$282.00
Total Income	\$282.00
Expenses:	
Additional 2Q State dues	\$8.75
3Q State dues	\$183.75
May Bank service fee	\$16.00
June Bank service fee	\$16.00
July Bank service fee	\$16.00
Total Expenses	\$240.50
Bank of America balance	\$2373.42
Petty Cash	\$75.00
Total	\$2448.42



September Birthdays

Bob Kuechler	Neil Keever
Cliff Marks	Ralph Dinardo
Dennis Pitchford	Tony Medeiros
Bruce Gieseke	Darrel Jensen
Leo Pursley	Parker Willey Jr.
Rich Norona	Tom Kearney
Rich George	Darrell Jones
Bob Blaufus	

September Anniversaries

Mac & Marjorie Adcock, 65
 Ted & O'Lynda Head, 59
 Bill & Betty Benevento, 58
 Dennis & Nancy Pitchford, 23
 Bob & Doris Blaufus



Newsletter Access

If you would like to access any Branch 94 Newsletter published since January 2018, they are available on our website at [URL: branch94.sirinc2.org](http://branch94.sirinc2.org). At the bottom of the page click on "Newsletters", then select the issue you would like to read.

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SONS IN RETIRMENT BRANCH 94
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

FOR AUGUST 13th, 2020

Committee: Big Sir Mike Conley; Little Sir Julian Luci; Secretary Jim Stonehouse; Treasurer Ed Shpiel.; **Directors:** Neil Keever, Sam Walters, Rich George, Ron Carter, and John Sargent. **Advisors:** Chuck McCoy; Darrell Jones (Newspaper Editor); Chris Monahan (Program Chair); Leo Pursley (past Big Sir).

Committee Officers, Directors, & Advisors absent: Sam Walters; Rich George; John Sargent; Chuck McCoy; and Leo Pursley.

Quorum Present: Yes (6 of 9 members present when meeting was called to order).

The current meeting is (again) being conducted through Zoom technology.

A. Open meeting: When everyone was 'connected', the meeting was called to order at 7:05. by Big Sir Mike Conley.

B. Big Sir Comments: After calling the Committee to order and welcoming everyone, Big Sir Mike Conley mentioned that things with the Elks Club are still up in the air regarding covid-19 restrictions, but feels that maybe we might begin to plan for a general meeting for Branch 94 in October. According to his latest message in the Branch newsletter, Big Sir Mike Conley is again asking that Branch members be cognizant of other members who remain 'out there' in limbo, and is asking that each SIR member connect with at least three other members as we continue to shelter in place.

C. Secretary's Report: The minutes from the BEC's last scheduled meeting in July were reviewed by Committee members and were approved by voice vote without correction. Secretary Stonehouse also reported that he is in the process of completing Form 20 regarding a roster of the Administrative Personnel scheduled for 2021--and due by the last day of August at Dwight Sales office.

D. Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Ed Shpiel submitted Form 28 for review, which was accepted by voice vote by the Committee. While the current balance of our account with Bank America stands at \$2,448, Sir Ed stated that we continue to be charged \$16 a month because our balance falls below \$3,000 (the required minimum).

Little Sir / Membership: Little Sir Julian Luci had nothing to report. However Big Sir Mike Conley stressed to Sir Julian and his callers, that when making contact with their list of members, leaving a message (LM) is not acceptable. Their contact needs to be to a 'live' person. Membership Chair Ron Carter reported no change in membership over the last several months.

F. Old Business: Several open slots still need filling

G. New Business: As things appear to be calming down, it was agreed that Branch 94 will again start scheduling Bocce, starting this coming Thursday, August 30th, at 10:00 at Almaden Lake Park. Sir Julian Luci volunteered to send out an e-mail to those who may be interested. Is there any interest in organizing a Christmas party and all the work that such a luncheon entails? Ron Carter volunteered to send out an e-mail to Branch 94 members as a way of gauging their interest.

Sir Ted Head has agreed to serve as Chairman of the Sunshine Committee. and submitted a one page summary to the Committee as to what his duties would entail. Thank you Ted!

Committee Reports:

- **Travel** – Travel Chairman Paul Berg was not in attendance. However, word has it that the Travel Committee has disbanded—although Branches 39 and 125 still remain active--the Committee is wondering if anything else is being considered in its place, and is hoping that Sir Paul can do some follow up and report back to the Committee.
- **Special Programs** – It has been suggested by the BEC that Chris Monahan, Special Programs Chair, start thinking about lining up speakers for either September or October, but also remain as flexible as possibility.
- **Golf** – Darrell Jones Golf Chairman reported that all State and Area 11 golf tournaments scheduled for the remainder 2020 have been cancelled.
- **Newsletter** – Newsletter Editor Darrell Jones had nothing to report. However, in spite of the lack of Branch news, he will continue to publish a monthly newsletter.
- **Nominating Committee:** Nominating Committee Chairman Rich George was not in attendance. However, it has been noted that several slots remain open: Assistant Secretary; Treasurer; and Assistant Treasurer.
- Mentioned previously, Ed Shpiel has agreed to be Big Sir for next year; that Julia Luci has agreed to serve one more year as Little Sir; and that Darrell Jenson has agreed to serve as the Assistant
- **H. Date of next B.E.C. Zoom meeting:** September 10th, 2020

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Golf

Proposed Golf Schedule For 2021 Area 11 Monthly Events

This planning schedule is subject to change.
 To sign up for these events, please see Darrell Jones

Date / Time	Course / Format	Price / Host(s)
Feb 22, 2021 10:00 AM First tee time	Spring Valley (Milpitas) Medal Play by flight. 32 Golfers	\$60 Darrell Jones (94)
Mar 20, 2021 10:00 AM First tee time	San Jose Muni TBD	TBD Dan Love (39)
Apr 19, 2021 10:00 AM First Tee Time	Moffett Field (Mountain View) Irish Rumble + \$5 Skins	\$60 Ray Gilchrist, Henry Melin (125)
May 24, 2021 10:00 AM First tee time	Pacific Grove 4 man 2 Best Ball 40 Golfers	\$80 Darrell Jones (94)
May 28, 2021 10:00 AM First tee time	Spring Valley (Milpitas) State Team Qualifier (scramble)	Ray Gilchrist, Henry Melin (125)
Jun 28, 2021 10:00 AM First tee time	Seascape (Aptos) Colored Ball + \$5 skins	\$55 Ray Gilchrist, Henry Melin (125)
Jul 26, 2021	State Individual Qualifier	Rick Hausman (32)
Aug 21, 2021	The Villages (San Jose) TBD	Richard James (38/114)
Sep 27, 2021 10:00 AM First tee time	De Lavega (Santa Cruz)	Paul Goodwin
Oct 25, 2021 10:00 AM First tee time	Spring Hills (Watsonville) TBD	\$45 Dan Love (39)
November 21, 2021 10:00 AM First tee time	Spring Valley Turkey Shoot	?