



SONS IN RETIREMENT ALMADEN BRANCH 94

A Nonprofit Organization For Retired Men

Devoted to the promotion of Independence and Dignity of Retirement

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 October 2020



(Q?) How about that September's ZOOM meeting? 27 members were there for Supervisor Mike Wasserman's presentation and Q-n-A. Big SIR Conley was a little slow letting members in, but he made it.

All of you Branch #94, welcome at **Virtual Meeting #2 next Thursday, October 8 at 7:00 PM.**

Andy La Scola will lead our usual warm up routines. Laugh at a few jokes, then Program Chairman Monahan will present Daniel Tucker from the City of San Jose, Office of Emergency Mgt. Do you have batteries in your flashlights, radio, and TV backup? I know enough people that are suffering today to make me want to prepare for the worst.

How are you doin??

I expect that most of you have Computers or Cell Phones. You may want to ask device-handy family members to give you a hand to find the meeting. If you don't have a camera, you still can attend on your cellular or land-line phone. September's twenty-seven was surely a good number, but we can handle more than that. Our average attendance was low-seventies. The good company will keep your spirits up, even if we won't have the level of good feeling that usually fills the Elks Lodge.

Look at the **Birthdays and Anniversaries** listed on the next page. Don't miss opportunities. As Big SIR, I make many phone calls, and find every call a reason to have fun and be grateful, a break in the gloom that can come into our smoky day. Then DO IT. Live it up. Make that call. I call the **ELKS LODGE** monthly; they are closed for lunches and crowds, State guidelines about re-opening have no dates yet. .

MAYDAY MAYDAY. The **BEC** is trying to prepare for the REMOTE CHANCE that we may be able to have a December HOLIDAY LUNCH with spouses and everything. The usual helpers are willing, but we could use some volunteers to assist. "Many hands make short work." Thanks you all for reading this far. I hope to see another good turnout on October 8. Stay safe and be kind to one another.

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Branch 94 Meeting

This meeting will be on the internet using the Zoom program /app at 7:00 PM on October 8.
 Meeting ID: 992 8390 2238
 Passcode: 007750

Speaker:	Daniel Tucker, City of San Jose, Office of Emergency Management
Topic:	Emergency Preparedness.



**Treasurer's Report
September 2020
Submitted by Ed Shpiel**

Opening Balance	\$2448.42
Income:	
No entries	
Total Income	\$0.00
Expenses:	
September Bank service fee	\$16.00
Total Expenses	\$16.00
Bank of America balance	\$2357.42
Petty Cash	\$75.00
Total	\$2432.42



October Birthdays

Flem Mathis	Bob Baker
Bill Benevento	Tim Ruschin
Lyonel Francis	Ray Lubow
Dennis Larson	Dick Sheehan
Tony Fadelli	Jim Dack
Al Morriss	

October Anniversaries

Howard & Elaine Lockhart, 68
Don & Brenda Patterson, 49
Julian & Mickey Luci

Bocce Ball

We are now meeting at Almaden Lake Park every Thursday at 9:30 to play a game or two of bocce. Some of the members playing are Chris M., Mike C., Leo P., Dick C., Paul B., Ted H., Neil K., Ed S., Jim S., and Dan T. We would welcome some additional players, so if you're not to busy on Thursday morning, come on over.

We even give lessons!!

Hope to see you on the bocce courts,

Julian Luci

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. At the bottom of the page click on "Newsletters", then select the issue you would like to read.

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Branch Executive Council September Meeting Minutes

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: Julian Luci; Sam Walters; Rich George; 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 p.m. by Big Sir Mike Conley.

B. Big Sir Comments: Big Sir Mike Conley mentioned that things with the Elks Club are still up in the air regarding covid-19 restrictions, but plans on having another Zoom meeting for Branch 94 in October. Still no word from the Elks as to what their future even holds.

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 Committee member be proactive and phone other members as we continue to shelter in place. Big Sir Mike himself reports that the numerous calls that he has made to other members has very much been appreciated.

C. Secretary's Report: The minutes from the BEC's last scheduled meeting in August were reviewed by Committee members and were approved by voice vote without correction.

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 \$2,448.42, Sir Ed stated that we continue to be charged \$16 a month because our balance falls below \$3,000 (the required minimum). Current expenses: \$32 for bank fees. The purchase of a Branch-only ZOOM license at a cost of \$149.90 was moved, seconded, and approved by the Committee

.Little Sir / Membership: Little Sir Julian Luci was not in attendance.

Membership Chair Ron Carter reported no change in membership over the last several months. Hence, new business cards is still on hold

F. Old Business: Branch Treasurer is still an open slot that needs filling.

G. New Business:

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.

Committee Reports:

- **Travel** – Travel Chairman Paul Berg is in the process of finding out what travel options are available.
- **Special Programs** – Chris Monahan, Special Programs Chair has scheduled Mike Wasserman, Santa Clara County Supervisor for District One to be our speaker for September. He is also in the process of lining up a speaker for October.
- **Golf** – Darrell Jones Golf Chairman again reported that all State and Area 11 golf tournaments scheduled for the remainder 2020 have been cancelled. However, in the September newsletter he did post a schedule of courses that will begin play in February, 2021
- **Newsletter** – Newsletter Editor Darrell Jones had nothing to report. However, he is now including a copy of the latest BEC minutes in the monthly newsletter.
- **Sunshine:** Ted Head, newly elected Sunshine Chairman, encouraged Committee members to send names his way of members who are suffering from poor health or are recuperating from an illness or injury, and need a perk.
- **Nominating Committee:** Nominating Committee Chairman Rich George was not in attendance. However, it has been noted that several slots still 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 Membership Chair. It's anticipated that Ron Carter will continue in his role as Membership Chairman; and Mike Conley has agreed to fill in as Secretary.

Submitted by Jim Stonehouse, Secretary SIR Branch 94

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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	?