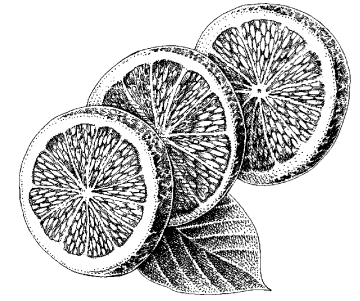




Orangevale Branch 150



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September 2006

Meetings - 3rd Wednesday of Each Month		Next Meeting - September 20, 2006	
Location	Regular Monthly Schedule	Menu:	Chicken Cordon Blue, rice pilaf, vegetables, dinner rolls, green salad and banana cake
Rancho Cordova Elks Lodge 11440 Elks Circle Rancho Cordova, CA 95742	Business meeting 10:30 Social time 11:00 Luncheon 12:00	Speaker:	Terry Privott, CEO for First Tee of Greater Sacramento
		Topic:	Getting kids involved in golf

FRED HOLTON

February 16, 1939-August 11, 2006



Fred was born in Vicksburg, Mississippi and lived all over the West Coast as a young man. He met his future wife Mary, in San Francisco, and some at the funeral said that it was the red '59 corvette he was driving that attracted her to this young civil engineer. Mary moved to Los Angeles and Fred pursued her there to work for Caltrans. They married, had three children and eventually three grandchildren.

I first met Fred about 30 years ago when his family moved into my neighborhood in Carmichael. He went to work at Caltrans Headquarters in a newly organized Division of Mass Transportation where I was also employed. For six years, starting in 1982, Fred was part of my staff engaged in developing projects for railroad stations, track work, and rolling stock. Fred was a very competent engineer but kept a low profile and let others take credit for successful projects. That way he also escaped blame when things went wrong. One day we sent Fred to meet with some local politicians on a station project and our big boss asked who was going and was told it was Fred. "Fred who?" he asked. "No, it is Fred Holton," we replied and that is how he became known as Fred Who.

After I retired 13 years ago my wife got me walking the neighborhood daily and I passed by the Holton residence about 4 times a week. He would keep me up to date on his home remodeling projects, so I never lost contact with Fred. When Fred retired from Caltrans I convinced him to join SIR Branch #150 where he was a member the last four years. He was the Branch Secretary for the last two and a half years and was very meticulous in keeping the records. April was the last SIR meeting that Fred was able to attend. It was fitting that our luncheon speakers were two old friends from Caltrans. Fred was also a participant in our Branch Bridge group when added players were needed. Our SIR Branch has a very active golf program, and Fred loved to play golf. He and I drove down Watt Ave. every Friday morning at 7:00 am (he said it was like commuting to work) to play at Cordova Golf Course with our Branch. The only problem was that Fred was better than me, and he would usually win all the prize money.

I am grateful to have known Fred as a good friend and glad that I got to visit him on the day he died and say good-bye. He was at peace after a year long battle with cancer. I look forward to seeing him again in that celestial house not made with human hands which incidentally, never requires remodeling so I know he is happy. -*JimRae*

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Spotlighted Sirs

by Bruce Kennedy



Rowland Severance

A self described “roustabout”, Rowland has held enough jobs to populate an EDD Work Directory. In the process, he has seen a lot of America. Growing up a “Mainiac”, his first employment was in the woods. He left that when drafted during World War II. He commenced his service with the Army Air Corps in January 1945 and was

trained as an aircraft mechanic. After training he served three years in the Army of Occupation in Germany. As luck would have it, he was stationed in Weisbaden when the Soviet Union closed all access to West Berlin. The “Berlin Airlift” was about to begin. Everyone was a little nervous. This was to be primarily the job of C-54’s, but they were not ready. So Rowland went to work resurrecting a bunch of C-47’s left sitting in German fields and they started the lift.

Leaving the military in 1949, Rowland, now 22, went back to Maine. He soon left for a succession of diverse activities. He worked as a lumberjack in Oregon, worked crops up and down the West Coast, went back to Maine to operate heavy equipment for the state, did some aircraft maintenance, and was a city “tree-topper” among other jobs. Rowland also found enough time to qualify as a pilot.

Things changed when, at 42, Rowland’s varied jobs took him to New Hampshire, where he met and married his wife Barbara. Her oldest son was working in Sacramento for the now defunct Sacramento Union. The family moved out here where Rowland went into the handyman business for himself. They raised the other two children, and kept busy. Rowland also joined a flying club and purchased a Cessna 150 in which Barbara and he flew around the West. His last flight was just a few years ago in his Ultra-light. It is awaiting repair after being flipped over in a wind storm. Rowland was not flying it at the time.

Rowland sort of retired in 1989, but soon found himself working at Wal-Mart and for the Postal Service. He tags 1997 as the year he “really” retired, but was still known to accept some small jobs.

Rowland and Barbara purchased a motorhome and toured the West. They also traveled from Mount Rushmore to the Grand Canyon. Current travel is mostly family related. One daughter is in Colorado and the other in New Jersey. Almost all other family members for both Rowland and Barbara still reside on the East Coast.

Rowland joined SIR 150 at the beginning of this year. He was introduced to us through a group at his church which includes Jim Rae, Jim Delk and Bob Bonner. Jim Rae was his sponsor. In past years, Rowland was a semi-serious “average” golfer, but has not played in several years. He is considering restarting with SIRS.



Earl Livingston

Earl is that rare commodity: a native Northern Californian. He and the three other guys have a reunion every couple of years. Earl was born in Berkeley, attended Berkeley schools and started college at UC Berkeley. World War II and the draft changed that.

Somehow he was able to skip basic training. (Why couldn’t I get a deal like that?) Instead he went

right to radio school. Then he was sent to Karachi; via Hawaii, New Zealand, Australia and Bombay, India. There he received two months of

intense training in Japanese code prior to being lifted “over-the-hump” by the 14th Army Air Corp. to Kunming, China. He spent the next two years there monitoring Japanese radio transmissions to the Philippines.

He returned to Cal after the war and graduated with a degree in Business in 1947 and started work with a major corporation, Chevron. It was during this time that he met and married his first wife. After a couple of years with Chevron, Earl’s father-in-law convinced him to go out to Sacramento and get involved in real estate and insurance. Earl lost his first wife in 1989. Earl and his wife Carole now own a dwelling in Maryland and spend about 5 months of every year back there. Watching the fall leaves is pleasant; stewing in summer’s humidity is not.

Earl stayed in insurance until they sold the company in 1982. He then retired and soon after commenced volunteering in various activities. In 1986 he started with Channel 3 as a volunteer doing consumer complaints review. He stayed 20 years. One call he remembers was an irate woman who was going ballistic. She’d heard a commercial that a local car dealer was selling cars “for peanuts.” She took a bag of peanuts and they would not give her a car. She wanted to sue. Earl is now volunteering as a “Friend of the Fair”, and is working an information booth in the County Exhibit Building at this year’s State Fair.

The stay at home kid has morphed into a world traveler who has been to Asia, Africa and Europe. Last year it was Greece, this year Holland and Belgium. He returned to China in 1982 for a vacation when everyone was still in Mao Jackets. He spent one long vacation in the Florence, Italy area, with a group of Stanford folk. (Earl’s wife graduated from there.) How many “Old Blues” would do that for their spouse? They sit in the Cal side at the Big Game, but Carole cheers for Stanford. That’s been interesting. Earl has two sons, one in Livermore in the insurance business, and one semiretired in Park City, Utah. He has four grandchildren.

Earl is one of the “waiting list” members of SIRS Branch 150. Together with Charlie Martin, Bill Anderson and Bill’s brother, they applied at a Branch that shall not be named but used to meet at Shepherders. They were put on a waiting list and the rest is history. Earl also participates in golf and bridge with Branch 150.

September Speaker - Terry Privott

by Jerry Courter

You will find our September speaker very interesting. His name is Terry Privott and he is involved in the game of golf. His primary interest is getting young people involved in the game. Terry is the CEO for First Tee of Greater Sacramento.

The First Tee of Greater Sacramento mission is to develop quality Life Skill programs for local kids and provide them with access to a variety of Sacramento area golf facilities. If not for TFTGS, many of these youths would never have the opportunity to experience the game of golf. TFTGS Life skills program develops and nurtures essential values including honesty, integrity, sportsmanship, self-discipline, dedication, self-esteem, confidence, and a solid work ethic.

Terry said. “It’s an exciting time to be joining The First Tee of Greater Sacramento team. There is so much this program is doing to improve the quality of life for Sacramento’s youth. Last year TFTGS reached nearly 5000 Sacramento youth and I’m looking forward to expanding our programs and exposing even more youth to the First Tee Life Skills training and the game of golf.”

Don’t miss this presentation. He will provide you with an opportunity to experience the dynamic programs that are taking place in Sacramento to give young people of all backgrounds an opportunity to develop through golf and character education, providing life-enhancing values in a positive learning environment.

GOLF NEWS

Call Harold Doppelmayer at 922-6134 or his assistant John Sigl at 362-2429 if you have questions or concerns. Tournament sign-ups are available at each monthly luncheon and at all tournaments.

Cordova Golf Course **Weekly Tournament Play**

Every Friday except the last Friday of the month.

Sign-up when you show up

End-of-Month Scramble

Every last Friday of the month.

Prior sign-up required

Away Tournaments

September 6 th	Wild Wing	October 16 th	Bing Maloney **
September 19 th	Green Tree	November 6 th	Alister Mackenzie **
October 4 th	Bass Lake	November 21 st	Wild Hawk

** Capitol City Cards must be up-to-date

Golf News

The 2007 NCGA dues are increasing by \$5.00, that makes the renewal fee \$40.00. The fee for any new member that joins between Oct. 1 and Dec. 31 2006, will only be charged \$10.00. The remaining \$30.00 will be billed in January of 2007.

There is a new column on the away sign-up sheet. It is to indicate if the golfer is car-pooling. Please put down who will be providing the transportation. This information will be used to make tee time pairings. If there is no entry after the person playing, it will be assumed that the golfer is driving himself. Your friendly tournament director will then place that person where he chooses in the lineup.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

For detailed information contact Jim Rae at 967-4951.

Printed rosters are available at the monthly meetings or an electronic copy can be requested from jamesrae@earthlink.net.

Changes for June

Added Members: Andrew Munson
Dropped Members: Barney Madden (moved to Florida)
& Fred Holton (died 8/11/06)

Transferred to Inactive: Les Peterson

We now have 107 active members and 17 inactive members for a total of 124.

Note: If you are bringing a guest to the luncheons, please let your caller, or Communications Chair, Bob Neubacher (685-7528) know for our lunch count. For membership applications, call Jim Rae

BRIDGE

For detailed information related to bridge meetings and schedules, contact Chairman John Mahony at 485-2449

As the summer comes to a conclusion, the number of players seems to remain the same. We were able to assemble four tables of players. There were some players who responded too late to be included, however they will be called for the next meeting.

The women players have earned all the top scores this month starting from the top Joan Bittner, Charleen Gaugler, Leona White, and LaVerne Mahony. The men have said that the women only scored because they had better cards.

Next month I will be calling in the week preceding the playing date of Sept. 11. Make sure that your phone line is open and ready to answer the call. See you all there.

FISHING NEWS

Monthly Breakfast Meetings: Jolly Hookers meet at Folsom Elks on the 2nd Friday at 8:00 AM. Wheels & Reels meet at Coco's Restaurant on the 3rd Monday at 8:00 AM. If you are a fisherman and want to enjoy like company, why not join us for breakfast.

For more information, contact Bob Bonner at 961-5403

TRAVEL & EVENTS

All SIR members are welcome to go on any trip with other branches when space is available. Put a little joy in your life traveling with your old and new friends on a sirs trip. For detailed information contact John Galik at 366-0195

LAUGHLIN BUS TRIP

October 29- November 3, 2006

6 days/ 5 nights

2 nights at El Capitan Resort Casino
3 nights at the Flamingo, Laughlin

\$355.00
dbl. occ per person

* travel with Branch 112
Call John Valiska 916-631-8710

From Big & Little Sir

Big Sir says: We are saddened by the loss of Fred Holton. The term "gentleman" fit him to a tee. Leon Vann was nominated to replace Fred. He also moved a bit too far to participate with the Jolly Hookers so Bob Bonner will be your new fishing chairman.

I've spent most of August on jury duty. A great experience, but I'll be glad to be able to swing a club again. Congratulations to our new officers for 2007. I hope to see all of you at the next meeting.

Little Sir says: In July I had the opportunity to beat the heat. Jeannie and I went up to the California Redwoods. If it has been a long time since you have been there, you might consider making a return trip to revisit the most beautiful and the tallest trees in the world. If you have never been to the redwoods, they must be put on your things to-do list. In contrast to the valley heat, you will see magnificent trees, live in filtered sunlight, and enjoy cool evenings.

Being a member of SIRS 150 adds to the enjoyment of getting back home. I can dust off my "clubs", check the newsletter to see what is going on, look at the website to check out what has been happening on the links, look forward to the next meeting and swapping stories with the rest of you. I believe what makes "150" such a good club is the variety of outstanding personalities in our membership and the friendships that develop through the mutual activities we share.

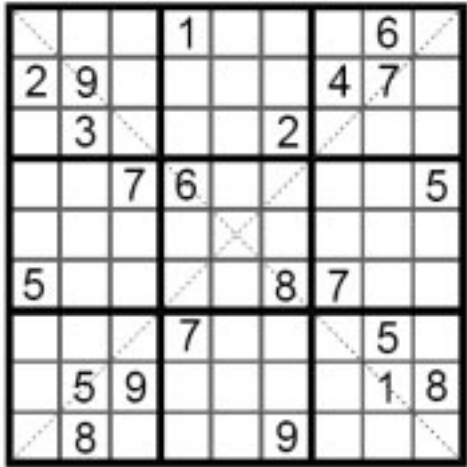
And for you avid golfers, bowlers, bridge players, and fisherman: Remember ... *Failure is a far better teacher than success.*

Fun Stuff

The first person to provide the correct solution will receive a prize at the September meeting. Send your answers by e-mail to Bob Carlstroem at bcarl@sirewest.net or mail to 7990 South Lake Cir., Granite Bay, CA 95746. Last month's puzzle was solved by Jim Rae.

Diagonal Sudoku

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, every 3x3 box, and the two major diagonal cells contains the digits 1 through 9.



June Solutions

The following is Jim's solution: Labeling the Columns as A,B,C and the Rows as 1,2,3 I get 16 moves.

First Round:	Second Round:	Third Round:	Final Round:
W ₁ to C2	A3	B1	C3
B ₁ to B1	C3	A2	C1
W ₂ to B3	A1	C2	A3
B ₂ to A2	C1	B3	A1

New Officers for 2007

Big Sir - Jerry Courter, Little Sir - Stan Wirth, Secretary - Leon Vann III, Asst. Secretary - Bruce Kennedy, Treasurer - Ralph Tomson, Asst. Treasurer - Ray Avila, Directors: Bob Carlstroem, Don Severance, Len Bloom, Jim Rae, Bob Trathen, and Joe Ramay.

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Honored Members

Past Big Sirs		Birthdays	
1989	George Erkson *	Gomez	Alfred M 6-Sep
1990	Jim Eastlund	Ferreirae	William L 7-Sep
1991	John Mahony	Qualls	Clinton F 8-Sep
1992	Lou Parton *	Allard	Kennett I 11-Sep
1993	Ken Allard	Schweickert	Ben V 11-Sep
1994	Ruel Smith	Cheyne	Bill 13-Sep
1995	Bill McCarthy *	Chargin	Robert A 15-Sep
1996	Tom Wirth	MacPherson	William J 18-Sep
1997	John Means	Jensen	Neil 20-Sep
1998	Jim Delk	Galik	John C 24-Sep
1999	Bob Smith	Munson	Andrew W 26-Sep
2000	Bob O'Neal		
2001	Lou Joaquin *		
2001	Joe Ramay		
2002	Bob Trathen		
2003	Jim Rae		
2004	Len Bloom		
2005	Don Severance		
* Deceased			
Preparation for old age is essential and should be started the moment you turn eighty.			
Honorary Lifetime Member			
		John Mahony	2001
		Jim Eastlund	2002

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