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A special thanks to our new member, Al Wilmot for donating that wonderful tasting coffee for our swim and to Mike Wynn for that life saving tonic that he furnished the swimmers.

This article could go on indefinitely but I think that it shows that an awfully lot of wonderful members are necessary to make any affair a success and our Golden Gate Swims have been successful. The outstanding financial wiz and the outstanding work horse of this affair was none other than Ray Savigliano. A great fellow and a real South Ender.

General meeting of the membership at the Boathouse, Thursday, Dec. 4, 8:30 P.M. to select a nominating committee.

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Emmett Malone and Max Girard fought a spirited contest the other evening with Max, winning a hard fought victory. Max and Emmett are two of the most improved players in the club and will bear watching in the future.

It is always good to report that Chief Dullee and Dewey Ritter are still going strong with the fine help of Chief Healy on the coaching end.

Was hoping by this time to report that Jimmy Metzgar has finally decided to give handball a "whirl" In the opinion of the writer, and Bill, Stanton, Jimmy certainly has the promise, but apparently the business world's gain has to be handball's loss.

MY IMPRESSIONS OF THE SERC
By Harlow Meyers

There is no necessity for "selling" the SERC to its membership, but this writer is welcoming the opportunity of reflecting his viewpoints as a budding, fledgling member.

The un-initiated, of course, have no idea of the (Continued on back page)
EXCERPTS FROM SECRETARY
ROBERT J. DICKSON'S MINUTES
OF DIRECTOR'S MEETINGS

July 3, 1958
Gene Wall reported a net of $80 from handball tournament -- Swim. Com. Rourke set 9.9 swim from shore to shore October 5. Competitors must have dues paid through September.

Nat Calagari -- Johnny Lajinga -- Bill Hyman -- Harry Hunt and Phil Hunter were thanked for donations and services to the club.

Frank Gallagher was appointed chairman of G.G. swim. com. Ray Savigliano spoke on abuses around the clubhouse -- throwing rubbish in beverage containers -- cigarette butts on porches and top of boat shed -- use of showers as a steam bath -- barbecue pit used as garbage can. Richard Shinn commended for his excellent performance of duties.

Admitted to membership; A. A. Gramorecchini, John Perris, Jr., Mario R. Guevara, Manning W. West, and Art Weinrib.

August 7, 1958
Routine business transacted -- contract for G.G. swim, music, etc -- Auggie Carella reported on plans for G. C. swim luncheon and dinner dance on Nov. 8.

George Birdsal submitted financial report for year ending June 30 in a clear and concise manner and explained status of various insurance policies.

Letter from M. Steele on Aquatic Park situation and rowing activities at Lake Merced. D. Marble to supervise repair of #2 handball court and to have help of membership.


Resigned: Mewsers Topoleon, Ellasier, Oman, and Howard.

September, 1958
Routine business transacted -- Mr. Gallagher reported net of $36.86 from Alcatraz swim. Auggie Carella reported progress in preparations for dinner dance.

Application for membership of Mr. Parks waived new members -- John F. O'Rourke, James A. O'Carra, Ralph H. Saver, Harlow Meyer.

October 2, 1958

Herman Dudak working hard on the difficult task of lighting the #2 court.

November 6, 1958
Regular business -- reports of progress from various committees -- Chairman Frank Gallagher rendered a full report on the results of the Golden Gate Swim. The swim was a big success and Frank was given a heartfelt vote of thanks for his hard work in a difficult task by Pres. Cervello.

Resignation; W. Granfield, R. Nelson, and C. Rogers.

New Members: John E. Schultz, Hugh C. Byrne, Piero A. Cacianiti, Burtram Biljo, and David Gallagher.

On November 8
A capacity crowd of swells and belles of the S. E. R. C. dined and danced to the dulcet strains of Forgarty's Orchestra.

The beef was choice Cow Palace -- the potatoes fluffy -- the salads crisp -- the portions man-sized and the vintages the bottled sunshine of the California hills.

Chairman Carello received many compliments for his success.

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tremendous advantages of our facilities; believe me, the newcomer, in a very short time, will begin to receive the dividends that are so rich -- in health, complete escape from the pressures of the work-a-day business world, and the warm friendliness that prevail within the club walls.

Here is truly a perfect example of the well-known phrase; "You can pay more, but you can't buy better". I find that in all respects, we can be proud of a very elegant club -- a complete success to say the least.

There is no place like home, -- and next to home there is no place like the SERC.

In no uncertain terms, the qualities inherent in athletics are an asset in any line of endeavor and an important part of our great American tradition.

There can be no doubt that our leading activities -- handball, swimming and rowing will continue to flourish in the days ahead, just as they have in the days gone by -- why?? because as loyal South Enders it is our constant endeavor to strive forever onward.

In the immortal words of David Farragut: "Damm the torpedoes -- full speed ahead!!!
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coffee bar 7 a.m. dip 10 a.m. breakfast 10:30 a.m.
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