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Big SIR sez:

Greetings!

Well there is nothing like change to keep you young. The bad news is that Fremont Hills Country Club has advised us that the price of our lunch was going to be increased from \$17.00 to \$25.00! The good news is that we have found an equal, if not better, venue at Michael's at Shoreline, located at the Shoreline Golf Course in Mountain View. The cost at Michael's will be \$20.00.

We tried to negotiate a lesser price with FHCC, but they held firm, contending that they were charging us less than they charge their members for a similar meal, etc. We investigated four other venues, but concluded that because of location and or price Michael's was our best bet. Those members present at the January Branch Executive Committee voted unanimously to meet at Michael's beginning March 26.

Our next and last meeting at FHCC will be held February 27. All future meetings after our March meeting will

be held the fourth Wednesday of each month, except for our November meeting which will be on the 12th and our December meeting which has not been determined at this time. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Feb. 27th
Menu
The cook was not
Available to let us
Know what the menu
Is, but 'twill be great..

I'm sorry to report that Howard Hushbeck, our longtime Historian and Vice Chairman of the Lunch Revenuers has requested to be relieved of his duties. Pete LoPresto has volunteered to take Howard's place as Chairman of the Revenuers-thanks Pete. We are seeking a Historian. Please contact me if you can help us out.

Thanks Howard for all your contributions to Branch 5, including your term as Big SIR.

See you at Fremont Hills on February 27. Stay Well!

Fred Van Kirk, Big SIR

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Executive Sacramento River Cats
Baseball Club, 400 Ballpark Drive,

West Sacramento, CA 95691
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www.raleyfield.com
River Cats Baseball. Everybody plays. To purchase Season Tickets, Mini Plans or Group Tickets -- Call (916) 371-HITS!
2007 Triple-A Champions
2003, 2004 & 2007 Pacific Coast League Champions
2000, 2001, 2003, 2004, 2005 & 2007 PCL Pacific Conference South
Division Champions
Memo to Big SIRs and all SIRs and guests interested in attending this event. We had a great time last year and "The Cats" treat us royally. This year the SIR Day River Cats Event will be held on May 21 (Wednesday). The River Cats will host the Colorado Sky Sox and game time will be 11:30 with the Stadium opening at 10:30.
Remember:

1. Tickets are bought directly from the River Cats. The flyers/orders will be in the Branches this month and will also be posted on the SIR Website and "Happenings".
2. The Branch with the most attendees can select the person (e.g. Big SIR) to throw out the first pitch, this is quite an honor.
3. If you wish together seating, send a single check/order for your attending group. The flyer is the order form.
4. IMPORTANT. Checks (or credit cards) MUST BE RECEIVED BY April 30, 2007.

Our own "COUNTRY CLUB AIRES" from Branch #33 will again open the ceremonies with their rendition of the "National Anthem". The River

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Cats are proving themselves to be a most exciting ball club; for example: In 2000, 2001, 2003, 2004, 2005, and 2007 they were the Pacific Conference South Division Champions. In 2003, 2004, and 2007 they were the Pacific Coast League Champions.

And in 2007 they were the Pacific Coast League Champions. SEE YOU AT THE GAME. (AAA Baseball at its Best!!!)

Ken Edwards
Chairman, River Cats Event
kedwards@volcano.net

SPEAKER

We've arranged to have Joe Fonzi, a well-known local sports figure, speak at our February meeting. Currently the KTVU weekend sports anchor, Joe hosts "49er Total Access", appears on "49er Playbook", files reports from the locker room for "The Point After" post-game show, and contributes to "Trackside at Infineon".

Fonzi graduated from CSU-Chico, and has previously worked for KHSL (Chico), KXTV (Sacramento), KSBW (Salinas-Monterey), and KPX (San Francisco) as a sportscaster and feature reporter. Additionally, Fonzi has called play-by-play for the Oakland A's, San Francisco Giants, San Francisco 49ers, and California Bears football games.

Joe has been honored by the San Francisco Press Club, and has received several UPI, NorCal RTNDA, and Emmy awards.

A lifetime northern California resident, Joe and his family reside in the East Bay.

Attendance Report

Attendance Report for January; 1/23/08

The badge you were issued when you joined SIR was for two reasons. One is for you to wear to each

meeting so that the rest of us will know who you are (we sometimes forget names) and the other is so you can check it to be sure you enter the correct badge number on the Sign In Sheet each month. At least five of you entered the incorrect badge number at the last luncheon and there may have been more but I have no way of knowing. REMEMBER: WEAR YOUR BADGE EACH MONTH AND CHECK YOUR BADGE NUMBER WHEN SIGNING IN. YOUR BADGE NUMBER IS ON THE BACK.

Attendance at the January 23 luncheon was 73 members and 3 guests for a total of 76. Member Attendance in 2007 ranged from a high of 94 in July to a low of 75 in April. The average attendance for the year was 81 per month or 55% of our membership. Also, we had a total of 18 members with perfect attendance in 2007.

Ray Odell
Attendance Chairman

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### **Membership**

Paul Warner, #187, has resigned

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March Birthdays

- 12 Robert Carlstead
- 26 John Evard
- 15 Don Harryman
- 4 George Hossfeld
- 16 Robert Merk
- 11 Raman Stultz
- 15 O. Carrloll Worely

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### **Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Board**

SOUTHERN PENINSULA  
BRANCH #5

### **FREMONT HILLS COUNTRY CLUB**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Board  
January 23, 2008

BIG SIR, Fred Van Kirk, called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM at the Fremont Hills Country Club, 12889 Viscano Place, Los Altos Hills, CA 94024. BIG SIR confirmed a Quorum of 6 or more officers and directors present. No additions or corrections were reported for the Minutes of the November 14, 2007 meeting of the BEC (Branch Executive Committee).

#### BIG SIR REPORT:

Luncheon Venues: A spread sheet was presented comparing five potential venue locations for 2008, namely Fremont Hills C.C., Michael's Shoreline Mountain View, Dominic's Emerald Hills Elks Club Redwood City, Cabana Hotel Palo Alto and Portuguese Club Mountain View. Member Bob Carlstead also presented information on Ming's of Palo Alto, however they could not accommodate us on Wednesdays. Much discussion followed. It was concluded that Michael's Shoreline would provide the best venue for this year with a \$20 luncheon cost, good meeting facilities, and a verbal commitment to meetings on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month (specials for Thanksgiving and Christmas). The rejected venues were too expensive, too far away, had poor meeting room suitability or were not available on our meeting days.

MS&P to accept the Michael's Shoreline venue contingent on firm confirmation of their verbal commitment. The first meeting there will be scheduled for March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2008

Errors and Omissions Insurance (Individual Umbrella Coverage for Branch Officers). Insurance Chairman, George Knapp has agreed to investigate need and make recommendations.

C Howard Hushbeck has requested to be relieved of his long held duties as Vice Chairman for Revenuers and Branch Historian. Peter LoPresto will become Chairman of Revenuers. A new Historian is now being sought.

D. Branch E-mail Contact was confirmed to be Fred Van Kirk.

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E. Nominating and Audit Committees: By custom, the Branch #5 Nominating Committee for each year is; the previous year's Big Sir, Chair, assisted by the previous last two Past Big Sirs. The committee for 2008 will be Jack Parks, Les Spring and Bernie Meseth.

The Auditor is and has been Zeke Sicotte.

Chairman of activities and special events.

Cal Cook reported that there were 84 attendees for the Christmas Party, a very successful affair. He is submitting bills, within his assigned budget, \$300 for the choir, \$250 for the Jazz musician and \$50 covering prizes.

Approve Branch #5 Activities as shown in the Bulletin or reported in the minutes of the last meeting. MS&P

LITTLE SIR REPORT: no report.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: no report.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer, Don Harryman was absent, however, Auditor, Zeke Sicotte reported that the treasurer's records were in excellent order and accurate. He provided a copy of the Treasurer's statement dated December 31, 2007 showing an ending balance of \$5,056.87.

TRAVEL CHAIRMAN (Joe Ames) Joe reports that the 2008 Branch #5 Directory is being printed by Golden Gate Tours and should be ready by the next meeting. He also reminded us that Branches #16 and #90 are now combined with his travel group by State decree. This has created some unrest among the travel chairmen. Joe presented a request for approval for the Mexican Riviera Cruise for October 13-24, 2008. MS&P (see attached Addendum). He also presented completed Travel Event Checklists for the Alaska and the New York to New Orleans cruises.

REVENUER'S CHAIRMAN: (Peter LoPresto) working out front.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: (Ken Christie) Ken was absent due to a severe shoulder injury but his report was submitted for him. In Memory Of: Andrew M. (Andy) Herceg, #162 passed away in late 2007; New Members: none; Membership Changes: Leonard R. Schweitzerhof, #213, (inactive) has resigned. MS&P to remove his name from the membership; Membership Status: 142 Active, none waiting, 8 Inactive (2 no bulletin), 5 Widows on the mailing list; Current

Mailing List: total 167 (including 18 complimentary), 95 by e-mail and 72 by snail mail, Member Record Updates: Jack Parks, #253, has relocated to 9002 Village View Loop, San Jose, CA 94135. His new telephone number is (408) 227-2677.

ATTENDANCE REPORT: (Ray Odell) Attendance at the November 14, 2007 meeting was 76 members, 1 guest and 1 visitor for a total of 78. Member attendance in 2007 ranged from a high of 94 in July to a low of 75 in April. The average attendance for the year was 81 per month or 55% of our membership. Total attendance including guests and visitors was 84 per month. Fifteen members did not attend any meeting during 2007. Eighteen members had perfect attendance during 2007.

INSURANCE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: (George Knapp) excused absence.

PARLIAMENTARIAN: (Al Gardner) Al received a gift from Cal Cook in recognition of 25 years of perfect attendance.

HISTORIAN'S REPORT: (Howard Hushbeck) excused absence for illness.

WEBMASTER CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: (Ed Nazzal) Looking for golfers pictures to post on the Web. Also wants pictures of the 2008 officers as soon as he can get us all together.

COMPUSIR CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: (Emmett Hearn) no report.

GOLF CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: (Stan Kazul) we have a good number of players now. We're looking forward to a game at Poppy Hills later in the year.

SPECIAL PROJECTS REPORT: (Parker Robinson) All is well.

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS: none.

MEETING ADJOURNED 11.22 AM by the BIG SIR.

Jere Austin-Branch Secretary  
Wayne L. Richter-Assistant Branch Secretary

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GOLF

No golf info as we have been rained out during all of January. Maybe next month will be drier.

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**CompuSIR**  
**Chairman,**  
**Jim Dinkey, Branch 35**

The CompuSIR group meets the second Wednesday of each month at noon for a brown bag lunch at the Los Altos Legion Hall , 347 First Street, Los Altos. The following speakers are currently scheduled: February 13: "Library 2.0" and What's in store for the Palo Alto Library by Dianne Jennings, Director of the Palo Alto Library. March 12 will feature Bob Mitchell talking about video editing. April 9th: hany Farid, Dartmouth College, will speak on digital image forensics.

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TRAVEL NEWS
FOR AREA 16,
BRANCHES 5, 35,
& 51

April 3 – 12 10 Days
SIR 50th ANNIVERSARY
HAWAIIAN CRUISE Price
Varies w/cabin Call Your
Branch Travel Chairman

July 14 – 18 5 Days
HEARST CASTLE,
PAGEANT of the MASTERS
& the GETTY \$955pp dbl
Escort Br. #5 Joe Ames
408-736-8387

July 30 – Aug 7 9 Days
TRAINS of the COLO-
RADO ROCKIES
\$2224pp dbl Escort Br. #16 :
Bill Bulanti 650-369-4450

October 13 – 24 12 Days

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MEXICAN RIVIERA CRUISE (Round Trip from San Francisco) Price Varies w/cabin Escort Br. #5 Joe Ames 408-736-8387 Starts under \$100/day **Very Good Prices & NO FLYING!**

Oct 24 – Nov 4 12 Days **ITALIAN LAKES & GREEK ISLANDS** \$3839-4339 pp dbl : Escort Br. #16 Bill Bulanti 650-369-4450

Call the Escorts for Complete Information and Reservations for the trips.
(See Flyers for complete details)

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**Bowling**  
**BRANCHES 5, 35, & 51**

We Bowl Every Thursday. Come Join Us  
Palo Alto Bowl  
4329 El Camino Real  
Palo Alto  
Practice at 12:45, Bowl at 1:00  
*George Falkenthal*  
Branch 35  
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493-8401

Bowling results for month of January "08

Scratch games over 199:  
Jim Eastman: 206 and 212  
Scratch series over 499:  
Fred Schwalbach: 500 and 528  
Chuck Huff: 517  
George Falkenthal: 500

Palo Alto Bowl is offering: Bowling classes - only 4 weeks long - at \$10 per week. Classes include instruction, free use of rental shoes and 2 free games of bowling each week. On completion of the 4 classes you will be given, free of charge, your own new ball - custom fitted and drilled - and a ball bag. Please call (650) 948-1031 to register.

George Falkenthal

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