

# Sons in Retirement



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## **Big SIR sez:**

I'd like to take this opportunity to encourage more membership participation in the operation of our branch, and now is an opportune time to address this.

We are in the process of selecting our 2010 officers and directors, and I'm pleased to announce that Howard Trudeau, and John Geibel have accepted the positions of Big SIR, and Little SIR, respectively.

The most important position unfilled is that of Branch Secretary, who is responsible for preparing and maintaining the official minutes of the monthly Board Executive Committee meeting. The position also includes Board of Directors membership. Our current Secretary, Bill Chamberlin, is unable to continue in office due to family health-care considerations.

We are also looking for a replacement for Lloyd Lettis as Assistant Treasurer. We'd like to train a successor to Lloyd in the intricacies of financial management, eventually leading to Branch Treasurer.

Anyone interested in either position, or wishing to recommend a member, is invited to contact me, or Fred VanKirk, for further discussion.

In addition, I've been notified by the Area Governor, Stan Barkey, that we need to submit our recommendation for the 2010 Area Governor. Such recommendation must be for a current, or past, Big SIR, Little SIR, Secretary, or Treasurer

of Branch #5. Any qualified member interested in this office should

### **Lunch,**

July Bar-B-Q luncheon  
The July 22 luncheon will be our annual Bar-B-Q and is open to spouses, relatives, friends, prospective members. (Please do not bring minors).

The menu will be Bar-B-Qed ribs, chicken and sausage with corn on the cob, chili, potato salad, green salad, garlic bread, and melon slices.

Following the luncheon, we will have a wine raffle.

The cost is \$24 per person.

**Please contact John Geibel with your reservations by the second week in July. 650-328-2458 or [geibel@sbcglobal.net](mailto:geibel@sbcglobal.net)**

contact me, and I'll prepare and forward the necessary paperwork.

I am looking forward to seeing you at Michaels for our mid-year

festivities on July 22.

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## **SPEAKER**

No speaker this month during our annual picnic & ladies' day meeting.

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## **Attendance Report**

Attendance at the June 24 luncheon was 61 members plus 2 guests. Hopefully, as we add a few new members, luncheon attendance should increase.

We also had 47 sign up for the barbecue next month. Hopefully a few more will be able to attend.

*Ray Odell*

Attendance Chairman

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## **Membership Report**

June 24, 2009

**In Memory of:** None

**New members:** Norman N. Nazzal, #12; John R. Sluis, #22

**Membership Changes:**  
Ray Stultz #15 resigned from membership for health reasons.

**Membership Status:**

Active: \_\_\_\_\_ 107

Waiting: \_\_\_\_\_ 0

Inactive: \_\_\_\_\_ 3 (2 no Bulletin)
Of the 10 inactives, 5 asked to be dropped, 1 transferred to Branch 51, 1 died, 3 are inactive.
Widows on mailing list: \_3

Current Mailing List: 152: 93 by e-mail and 59 by snail mail.

Member Record Updates: Les Spring's e-mail address 4retsel-gni@sbcglobal.net.

Al Stratz,
Membership Chairman

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August Birthdays

- Peter S. Blair 8/18
Robert R. Freeman 8/6
Herman J. Grothmann 8/25
Jines J. Nazzal 8/7
Arthur A. Schmid 8/21
Gerardus B. Staal 8/19
Donald K. Stites 8/15
Edwin S. Tanner 8/12

(Ed. Note: to be celebrated at ] August meeting)

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Board

2009-6-24

- 1. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by Big SIR Ted Hinshaw
2. A quorum was confirmed.
3. There were no additions or corrections to the last meeting minutes.
4. There were no visitors nor guests.
5. Big SIR report.
Big SIR asked Nominations Committee Chairman, Fred VanKirk, to comment on the on-

going succession process for Branch #5 officers and directors. Fred announced that next year's Big SIR would be Howard Trudeau, this year's Little Sir, and that next year's Little SIR would be John Geibel. In addition the Assistant Treasurer, Lloyd Lettis, suggested that the Nominations Committee conduct a search for his successor to that position. Discussion was minimal, and a motion to approve the new officers was made. MSP.

6. Secretary's report. A new Secretary will be required starting next year. The current nominee will be unable to serve.

7. Don Harryman, Treasurer, distributed the May 2009 Form 28, which showed an account balance of \$6684.12. This report in conjunction with the 2009 Budget Report, supplied by Ray Odell, portrays a healthy financial picture for Branch #5.

8. Committee Chairmen's reports:

A. Membership. Al Stratz, Chairman, commented that he made contact with 7 out of 10 presumably inactive members, and as a result, determined that all no longer wished to remain as inactive members, and do not want Bulletin delivery continued.

B. Attendance. Ray Odell. Some members have come in late after the ticket sales line closed, and have not paid for their dinners. Late-comers should contact Ray Odell and pay him.

C. Travel. Joe Ames. A flyer describing a new trip to Arizona was announced, and set

out for those interested. A motion to approve the trip was made. MSP.

D. Speaker. Ken Christie. Paul Chamberlin (my son and a former Smoke-jumper) will speak this fall.

E. Member Contact. Howard Trudeau. Will shorten the member calling lists so that it will be easier to make the reminders.

H. Holiday Parties: John Geibel, provided commentary on the upcoming barbeque event in July. Three entrees, ribs, chicken, and sausage, plus salad, and dessert, will be on the menu. For door-prizes, John will round up a couple of cases of wine. It was recommended that the Member Contact Committee members conduct their calls a week, or 2, early in July to insure that all members are fully informed.

I. Webmaster. Ed Nazzal. The website has been renewed, and Ed needs minutes since January. I'll snailmail them to you Ed, but if that is not what you want, contact me, and you can teach me how to transmit them by email.

L. Special Projects. Howard Hushbeck. Next month is the Barbeque, and it will be much as before, except the price will be \$24.00

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10. Area Governor not present.
11. Region 5 Director not present
12. Old /new Business. None
13. Call for adjournment by Big SIR Ted Hinshaw.

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11:10 AM.

Bill Chamberlin

Secretary

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### GOLF

#### Sunnyvale June 4

- Kraemer 84 net 68
  - Swanson 89 net 70
  - Stevens 96 net 71
  - Kazul 94 net 63
  - Totah 95 net 65
  - Trudeau 103 net 71
- CTTP KRAEMER, SWANSON

#### Santa Clara June 11

- A. Nazzal 91 net 69
  - Kraemer 87 net 71
  - Swanson 90 net 71
  - Kazul 97 net 66
  - Van Kirk 105 net 68
  - J. Nazzal 99 net 69
- CTTP A. NAZZAL , HABIB

#### Los Lagos June 18

- Flakoll 87 net 68
  - A. Nazzal 92 net 71
  - Kraemer 87 net 72
  - Trudeau 101 net 71
  - J. Nazzal 101 net 73
  - Totah 107 net 79
- CTTP FLAKOLL, LOOS

#### Shoreline June 25

- Swanson 89 net 69
  - Kraemer 87 net 71
  - Austin 101 net 69
  - Huang 105 net 73
  - Trudeau 107 net 74
- CTTP AUSTIN , KRAEMER

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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:**

**July 8th :**

**Will Windows 7 make it? When will XP die? What to do?**

Hank Skawinski, Datawise PC

Hank will give his update on what you should buy, what you should avoid, based on his extensive experience supporting over 1,000 computers (including many for SPAUG members). He'll discuss hardware and software, and probably compare and contrast Windows with Linux.

This is always an informative presentation, and if you are considering an upgrade of your peripherals, computer or software, be sure to attend. Hank will also help with the CrossTalk session, so if you're having problems, bring your questions.

Hank is a favorite speaker, and a guru to our gurus.

**August 12th -** Gene Barlow in an interactive video conference on backing up your hard drive using Acronis True Image Home 2009 (version 12)

**September 9th -** roundtable/panel discussion regarding how to change your e-mail using your domain to avoid problems when changing ISP; using whois; etc. Jim will address the problem of leaving one ISP for another.

**October 14th -** Red Calub (general Manager of Micro Center) will discuss what is coming down the line and Christmas suggestions.

**November 11th -** Hank Skawinski

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### **TRAVEL NEWS** **FOR AREA 16,** **BRANCHES 5, 35,** **51, & Guests**

**DON'T WAIT - GOOD CABINS LEFT!**

Oct 12 - 23: 12 Days MEXICAN RIVIERA CRUISE (Round Trip from San Francisco)

**\$1015 - 1545pp dbl** Escort: Joe Ames 408-736-8387

**OPTIONAL SHORE TRIP to**

### **COPPER CANYON!**

**COME SPEND NEW YEAR'S WITH US!!**

Dec 30 - Jan 3: 5 Days NEW YEAR'S in ARIZONA (SUNNY Arizona!) **\$1160 - 1675pp dbl**

Escort: Joe Ames 408-736-8387

**CRUISE on Board the SEA PRINCESS**

May 22 - June 1, 2010: 11 Days ALASKA'S INSIDE PASSAGE (Round Trip from San Francisco) **\$1416 - 2551pp dbl** : Escort: Arthur Lloyd 650-851-0998

**ONCE EVERY TEN YEARS**

Aug 31 - Sep 10, 2010: 11 Days PASSION PLAY in OBERAMMERGAU & GERMAN HI-LIGHTS **\$2838pp dbl + Airfare** : Escort: Talbot Tours 408-879-0101 **\$200 Refundable Reservation Deposit**:

Call the Escorts for Complete Information and Reservations for the trips.

(See Flyers for 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. Contact Bill Finkemeier, Branch 51, 650-323-2177.

**Thursday Bowling for June**

- HIGH GAME SCRATCH  
Bill Finkemeier 190
- HIGH SERIES SCRATCH  
Bob Beuttler 480
- HIGH GAME HDCP  
Bill Finkemeier 250
- HIGH SERIES HDCP  
Bob Beuttler 660

*Bill Finkemeier*

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# Biking

**Jerry Butler – (650)494-8078**  
[GXB366@aol.com](mailto:GXB366@aol.com)

2nd Thursday — July 9, 2009, 11:00 AM  
Wives and guests welcome. Rain cancels; Helmet required.

Coyote Hills-- Alameda Creek -- Niles/Fremont

**Ride:** We will begin the ride at the Coyote Hills Park and continue on the Alameda Trail to Niles where will have lunch at a restaurant in downtown Niles. The ride is flat and approximately 9 miles each way, with an op-

tional loop with a scenic view of the bay that adds about one mile (a total ride of 19 miles).

**Directions:** Take highway 84 across the Dumbarton Bridge past the toll booth to the first exit, which is Paseo Padre Parkway. Turn left and go one mile to Paterson Ranch Road ; turn left. This is the entrance to Coyote Hills Park (there is a small sign). Go 1/2 mile to the toll booth (\$5 per car or show your East Bay Regional Park District season pass). Continue another 1/2 mile over several speed bumps to the park office and museum & park there.

If you plan to ride send an email or contact me, (per above), or Tom Gregory, 650-493-8894, [tgreg@surf.free.com](mailto:tgreg@surf.free.com) .

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