

# Sons in Retirement



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## **Big SIR sez:**

We had a good turnout for the January Meeting. I know that everyone enjoyed Bill Randolph's anecdotes about his flight around the world. That is one of the benefits of coming to the meetings. We almost always have a very entertaining speaker. Another benefit is the opportunity to spend time with other members of SIR. I think that everyone will agree that the food is very good, too. But for various reasons, only 55 to 60 per cent of our members attend the meetings. I urge all of the members of SIR Branch 5 to attend every meeting. Bring a friend with you. If you need transportation, contact me, or one of the other Executive Committee members, and we'll try to arrange for someone to pick you up.

Seventeen of our members had perfect attendance in 2009. Two of them deserve special recognition; **Al Gardner** has now had 27 years of perfect attendance, and **Ken Liddicoat**, 19 years. Wow!

Have you ever sponsored a new member? Many of us have. **Kamel Totah**, for example, has sponsored 10 new members, and **Les Spring**, 6 new members. Someone sponsored you. Now it's time for you to sponsor someone. We must continue to induct new members each month if we want to maintain our membership. Let's keep Branch 5 as a group of men you enjoy being with by encouraging your friends to join. Be a friend, bring a friend.

Are you computer literate? Can you listen and take notes? Then Branch 5 needs you for the Secretary or Assistant Secretary job. Both positions are open and the nominations committee is looking for candidates. To keep this enterprise viable, we must not only attend

meetings and bring in new members, but we must also volunteer to serve the branch. If you want to serve, but are not interested in being Secretary, we have other jobs open. I want to get back-ups in place for every one of our Executive Committee assignments. Contact **Fred Van Kirk** of the Nominations Committee if you're interested.

February is the rainiest month of winter. Let's hope that the rain continues and maybe we can start to make-up for the last few dry winters, even if it does mean that golf gets cancelled. If you haven't already done so, please send your annual contribution of \$25 to our Treasurer, **Don Harryman**, or

### **Lunch, February 24th**

Salads: Mixed Greens  
Spinach with Mushroom and Egg  
Caesar  
Tomatoes Vinaigrette

Entrees: Meat Loaf  
Rosemary Chicken

Dessert: Sherbet

bring it to our next meeting on February 24. The speaker will be entertaining and the food will be good. See you there!

*Howard Trudeau*  
Big SIR

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## **SPEAKER**

Bob McGrath is a PGA Pro and has been General Manager of San Jose Municipal Golf Course since 1985. Among other things, Bob will speak

about his new Pacesetter Program that he established at both San Jose Muni and Santa Teresa Golf Courses. This is a program that keeps players on pace with the group ahead, and which he terms "foolproof".

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## **Attendance Report**

We had 57 Members and four Guests at the January 27 Luncheon. The speaker was the attraction that encouraged many members to attend. Bill Randolph told us and then told us some more about his solo flight around the world in a single engine plane that he built. Every stop was an exciting incident and every time he tried to stop before finishing his story the members wouldn't let him. It was an exciting adventure and Bill is a good story teller. If you weren't present, it was your loss.

Ray Odell  
Attendance Chairman

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## **Membership**

January 27, 2010

**In Memory of:** #362 Henry A. Koehler, Robert H. Spittler #42 (inactive)

**New members:** One Paul V. Butler #27

**Membership Changes:** John M. Gordon #327 resigned, moved to Arizona

**Membership Status:**

Active: \_\_\_99

Waiting: \_\_\_none

Inactive: \_\_\_5( 2 no Bulletin)

Widows on mailing list: \_3

**Current Mailing List:**

152, 93 by email and 59 by snail mail.

**Member Record Updates :** none

*Al Stratz ,*  
Membership Chairman  
——Editor's note——

Bob Spitler died of pneumonia on August 13 last year at the age of 89 after a fall that broke his pelvis. Bob was a past BIG SIR, bulletin editor, and held numerous other positions during his tenure. He had been inactive for the last few years.

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**March Birthdays**

- George J. Hossfeld 3/4
- Raman W. Stultz 3/11
- Robert H. Carlstead 3/12
- Don Harryman 3/15
- Robert V. Merk 3/16

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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Board Meeting SIR Branch 5 November 18, 2009**

1. Call to order. 10:00 A.M.
2. A minimum of 6 directors present was confirmed.
3. There were no additions or corrections to last month's minutes.
4. No visitors nor guests were introduced.
5. Big Sir Report: Presentation equipment (projector, computer, etc.,) for purchase or rent. Checks with suppliers confirmed none were available.
6. Secretary's report: None.
7. Treasurer's Report: Refer to Form 28, Cash Report.
8. Committee Chairman Reports.
  - A. Membership: Refer to Attendance Report.
  - B. Holiday Party: There will be 3 entrees. 8 per table, and would provide assignment sheets for each table at today's meeting
  - C. Attendance Budget. 65 members at the last meeting is on the low side of normal attendance
  - D. Travel. Joe Ames pre-

sented a handout for an overnight trip to Reno on Feb. 25.

performance. MSP.

F. Member Contact: Howard Trudeau will update the member contact list.

J. Roster Updates: Inputs required for 2010 roster.

Howard Trudeau is responsible for all the non-member data and for interfacing with the printer. Al Stratz is responsible for the member data.

- 9. Area Governor: Not present
- 10. Region 5 Director: Not present.
- 11. Old Business: None.
- 12. Call for adjournment: Ted Hinshaw expressed thanks to the Board members for their efforts during the past year.

Adjournment MSP 10:48 A.M.

*Bill Chamberlin*  
Secretary

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

January 27, 2010

There being a quorum, Big SIR, Howard Trudeau, convened the meeting at 10 AM, at the Mountain View Shoreline Golf Course Pro Shop conference room.

The minutes of the November 18, 2009, meeting were approved without change.

The following reports were submitted:

**BIG SIR-Howard Trudeau:**

Tom Loughead advised that he would be unable to serve as Secretary due to illness. Big SIR asked the Nominating Committee, headed by Ted Hinshaw and assisted by Fred Van Kirk and Les Spring to pursue other prospective candidates and to report back to him ASAP.

Howard Hushbeck and Stan Kazul were reported to be in the hospital. (As of this writing, Stan has returned home.)

Honorary Life Member Bob Spitler died in August at age 89. Also SIRS Henry Koehler and Arlo Gilpatrick

passed away in late 2009.

The 2010 Roster is due to the State Board by February 28, 2010. Big SIR is working on this. There are several membership databases that are being used by different members. These are to be consolidated into one list. Membership Chairman, Al Stratz, was requested to handle the consolidation.

Several members are eligible for special recognition as Senior SIR, Super Senior SIR or Century SIR. The Membership Chairman will canvas the roster to see which members are eligible and advise the Board at the February meeting. Ken Liddicoat will look into having these categories added to the member's badges. Ken also suggested that these members be recognized at a future Branch meeting.

The luncheon price will remain at \$20.00 for the year 2010. The bar minimum is not being met and bar service may have to be discontinued. If so, the waiters will be available to take drink orders. The November and December luncheons will be held on the third Wednesday of those months. The BBQ will be held the fourth Wednesday of July.

**TREASURER-Don Harryman:**

The cash balance as of December 31, 2009, was \$6,111.76. The cash balance at the start of 2009 was \$5,693.74.

Many members have as yet to make their 2010 contribution. The annual contribution of \$25.00 should be sent to Don Harryman ASAP.

Zeke Sicotte will audit the 2009 Treasurer's report. Zeke will also be asked to audit the Golf Group financial report for 2009.

The Branch 5 checking account is now with the Chase Bank. The signature card on file is outdated. It will be changed to Don Harryman, Treasurer; Art Kraemer, Assistant Treasurer; and, Howard Trudeau, Big SIR.

The signature card for the Golf Group is to be updated.

**LITTLE SIR-John Geibel:**

Speakers are scheduled for February, March and April.

**MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN-Al Stratz:**

Paul Butler, Badge #27, became a member of Branch 5, and John Gordon resigned as a result of his move to Ari-

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zona.

There are 99 active members and 5 inactive members.

Our current mailing list indicates we are sending out 152 Newsletters per month, 93 by email and 59 by "snail" mail. Emmett Hearne was requested to review the mailing list with Al Stratz to ensure that it contains only current members.

ATTENDANCE CHAIRMAN-Ray Odell:

We had a total of attendance of 60 at our November luncheon. The average attendance in 2009 was 58 with a low of 52 and a high of 65.

The Holiday Luncheon was well attended and received by the members and their guests. An attendance count was not taken.

TRAVEL CHAIRMAN-Joe Ames:

The New Years trip to Arizona was very enjoyable and well received by all. Forms 52 and 59 for the trip were filed with the Secretary.

GOLF-Wayne Richter:

The 2010 Golf Schedule was submitted for approval by Wayne Richter. It was moved, seconded and passed to accept the Schedule as submitted.

SPECIAL PROJECTS AND GOOD SAMARITAN:

The Big SIR will talk to Les Spring about the preparation of special certificates.

Neither the Area Governor nor the Region 5 Director were present at the meeting.

There was no old or new business brought before the Board. A call for adjournment was moved, seconded and passed. Meeting adjourned at 11:05 AM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Fred Van Kirk  
"Acting Secretary"

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**GOLF**

January

Sunnyvale 1-7-10

Jim Stevens 92 net 66  
Kamel Totah 102 net 72  
Adel Nazzal 99 net 75

Fred Van Kirk 105 net 68  
Wayne Richter 112 net 75  
Azimi Habib 112 net 75

Jiries Nazzal cttp

Santa Clara 1-14-10

Adel Nazzal 93 net 69 cttp  
Azimi Habib 111 net 74  
Jim Stevens 101 net 75  
Naim Nazzal 103 net 84 cttp

Spring Valley 1-28-10

Jim Stevens 100 net 75  
Jim Loos 102 net 80  
Howard Trudeau 112 net 80

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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:

Feb 10—Gary Sasaki for a talk about the CES that took place in January, especially about the new 3-D technology.

Mar 10: A representative from the Media Center including a tour.

April 14: Hank Skawinski (tentative)

May 12: Kevin Lynn (tentative)

NOTE: SIR's are welcome at either meeting time 12:30 or 7:15 pm

To get on Compusir mailing list <http://mailman.svpal.org/mailman/listinfo/compusir16> OR Jim Dinkey at [jimdinkey\(at\)jimdinkey.com](mailto:jimdinkey(at)jimdinkey.com)  
JIM DINKEY (493-9307)

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

**CANCELLED**

Feb 25 – 26 ; 2 Days; **The RAT PACK is BACK! \$141pp dbl** Escort: Joe Ames 408-736-8387

**CRUISE on Board the SEA PRINCESS:** May 22 – June 1:: 11 Days; **ALASKA'S INSIDE PASSAGE (Round Trip from San Francisco); \$1416 – 2551pp dbl;** Escort:

Arthur Lloyd 650-851-0998

**LOTS TO SEE and DO in OREGON!**

June 9 – 15:: 7 Days  
**FESTIVALS & ROSES TOUR (No Flying!) \$1425pp dbl**  
Escort: Joe Ames 408-736-8387

**ONCE EVERY TEN YEARS:** Aug 31 – Sep 10:: 11 Days  
**PASSION PLAY in OBERAMMERGAU & GERMAN HI-LIGHTS; \$2838pp dbl + Airfare;** Escorted By: Talbot Tours 408-879-0101

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

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**Bowling  
BRANCHES 5, 35,**

**& 51**

**EVERY TUESDAY –  
HOMESTEAD LANES,  
HOMESTEAD AND  
STELLING,  
SUNNYVALE.**

Play starts at 1pm - Practice lanes available at 12:50pm

Join us for the Winter Tournament. If the change in location gets you interested in bowling with the group, please call Art England at 650-948-5828 for more information.

[Ann\\_Eng@att.net](mailto:Ann_Eng@att.net)

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CHANGE IN BOWLING ALLEY: Note we have moved to Homestead Lanes near Homestead and Stelling in Sunnyvale.

**Highest games in January**

Tim Eastham: 186  
Hal Knowlton: 179  
Bill Nye: 173

**Highest "3 game series" in January:**

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Tim Eastham: 516  
Bill Nye: 479  
Roy Robinson: 462 Highest handicapped games in January:

Roy Robinson: 233  
Hal Knowlton: 229  
Earl Pampeyan: 228

**Highest handicapped series in January:**

Roy Robinson: 645, 622  
Tim Eastham: 621  
Year to date (top Br. 35 score):

**High "3 game handicapped series":**

Roy Robinson: 645

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# Biking

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

**2nd Thursday— February 11, 11:00 AM ; Wives and guests welcome ; Rain cancels; Helmet required :: Stevens Creek Trail & Shoreline Park (Mt. View)**

Ride: We will ride a flat 12-mile round-trip to Michael's Restaurant in Shoreline Park, plus an optional 5-Mile loop to the Palo Alto Duck Pond, near the Palo Alto airport (a total ride of 17 miles). Lunch will be at Michael's.

Directions: Meet at the south end of the Stevens Creek bike path at the dead end of Yuba Drive in Mountain View at 11:00 AM. Yuba Drive is off El Camino Real between Highways 237 and 85 and can be reached from El Camino Real or via Centre or Church Streets from 237.

**To ride, contact me (see above), or Tom Gregory, 650-493-8894, [tgreg@surfree.com](mailto:tgreg@surfree.com)**

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