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## **Big SIR sez:**

May was certainly a cool and wet month. But that's behind us and now we can enjoy our normal beautiful weather.

Summer is almost here, so it's time to remind you that our annual **Summer Barbeque** will be held on **July 28**. Chicken, ribs, corn, salad and strawberry shortcake, & giving away 24 bottles of wine and some women's gifts all for only \$25. Wives, friends, and prospective members are invited. (Make sure that they have it on their calendar.) This is always an enjoyable event with great food and a fun raffle. Be ready to sign-up at the June luncheon meeting.

It is sad to report that Past Big SIR, **Adrian Flakoll**, passed away on May 5. A long time member of Branch 5, "Flake" was Big SIR in 1993. He was an avid golfer who played regularly with the Golf Group. His sense of humor and his golfing skill will be missed. Services are pending.

Past Big SIR **Ted Hinshaw**

is the chairman of the Branch 5 nominating committee. Ted reported at the May BEC meeting that the slate of officers for 2011 is nearly complete. A replacement for **Joe Ames**, Travel Chair, is still needed. This is an ideal job for someone who likes to travel. Call Ted if you're interested. The slate of officers will be presented to the BEC for approval at the June 23 meeting. If approved, the names will be published in the July Branch Bulletin. The election will be held at the

### **Lunch, June 23**

- Salads: Mixed Greens  
Caesar  
Tomatoes Vinaigrette  
Antipasto
- Entrees: Beef Stroganoff  
Rosemary Chicken
- Dessert: Sherbet

August 25 luncheon meeting. The 2011 officers will be installed at the November 17 meeting.

Those of you who attended the May luncheon meeting heard me describe the new philosophy for the monthly birthday drawing: you must

have paid your annual contribution to have your name in the drawing. It doesn't seem right to me to have someone who hasn't paid their annual \$25 contribution win a \$20 check for a free lunch. Only one member with a birthday in June was eliminated from the drawing. As of the end of May, there were 26 members who have not made their contribution. If you are one of them, please send your check to **Treasurer Don Harryman**.

It was great to see so many of you at the May luncheon. Thank you for your encouraging words and support. I'm always happy to hear your comments on how you think things are going in Branch 5. I welcome your suggestions. See you for lunch on June 23. **Don't forget to bring a potential new member.**

*Howard*

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The May edition of **SIR Happenings** has just been posted on the SIR website: <http://sirinc.org/sirhappenings/index.htm>

President Buck's Challenge on the front page tells us what he thinks it will take to stop our serious decline in membership.

You can also learn more about our State leaders Vice President, Bob Mannell and State Secretary, Gary Gruber on page 2 entitled, "Spotlight on SIR Officers."

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**SPEAKER**

Ed Wendler retired from IBM in 1995 after 30 years of service and several moves around the country. He was a field engineer, instructor, manager, programmer and project manager. After "retiring" he continued to work part time in the IBM Executive Briefing Center conducting presentations to customer executives from around the world.

He first came into contact with **Hospice** when his mother became terminally ill and twice again with friends. He became a Hospice of the Valley volunteer last year, completed their comprehensive training, and hopes that through the ambassador program he can make others aware of the wonderful services that are available to them at a very critical time in life.

He is a member of SIR branch 125 but currently inactive due to conflicting schedules.

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**Attendance Report**

Attendance at the May 26

luncheon was reasonably good considering that four of our members were on a SIR Golf Trip to Carson City. We had 53 members and two guests at the luncheon. That's pretty good but we need to work on those members who didn't make it to the luncheon. I know that some of our members have health problems or other factors that make it difficult for them to attend but that's not everyone that missed. Maybe next month?

*Ray Odell*  
Attendance Chairman

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**Membership**

**In Memory of:** None  
**New members:** Charles F. Jacobson #32

**Membership Changes:**  
None

**Membership Status:**  
Active: \_\_ 9  
Waiting: \_\_ None  
Inactive: \_\_5 (2 no Bulletin)

Widows on mailing list: \_\_ 3

**Current Mailing List:**  
128,:89 by email and 39 by snail mail.

**Member Record Updates:**  
None

*Al Stratz*  
Membership Chairman

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**Note re a long time member:**

Parker Robinson passed away the morning of June 2nd. A memorial service will be held on Sat, June 19th, 2:00 PM at The Sequoias, Hansen Hall ,501 Portola Rd, Portola Valley, CA 94028 .

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**June Birthdays**

Lester E. Spring	06/10
Richard A. Dole	06/01
Elias Botto	06/10
Daniel T. Haley	06/02
Allen E. Smoll	06/07
Wayne L. Richter	06/11
Albert E. Stratz	06/26
N. Duane Stauffer	06/07
Dean L. Johnson	06/08
Frederick N. VanKirk	06/08

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

May 26, 2010

No data received.

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**GOLF**

**May**

**Sunnyvale Golf Course**  
**5-6-10**

Naim Nazzal	96 net 76
Ed Nazzal	100 net 76 cttp
Jim Stevens	104 net 77 cttp

Azmi Habib	106 net 76
Kamel Totah	102 net 77
Howard Trudeau	105 met 71

**Moffett Field**  
**5-13-10**

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Jim Stevens 99 net 70 cttp  
 Ed Nazzal 102 net 77 cttp  
 Jim Swanson 103 Net 80

Jere Austin 101 net 68  
 Jiries Nazzal 102 net 72  
 Azmi Habib 113 net 74

**Shoreline Golf**  
**5-20-10 best 9 holes**

Jiries Nazzal 46 net 32 cttp  
 Jim Stevens 48 net 34.5  
 Ed Nazzal 47 net 35

Jere Austin 49 net 34 cttp  
 Kamel Totah 54 net 37.5  
 Azmi Habib 56 net 37.5

**Santa Clara Golf**  
**5-27-10**

Ed Nazzal 88 net 64 cttp  
 Jere Austin 97 net 67  
 Jim Stevens 95 net 68

Azmi Habib 104 net 67  
 Fred Van Kirk 105 net 68  
 Howard Trudeau 106 net 72 cttp

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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:**

Wednesday the 9th of June Hank Skawinski, President of Datawise, will cover all of your questions about what software to invest in, how to clean up a computer, how to assure virus free operation, what computer to buy, alternative operating systems, functionality of alternative operating systems, how to protect your computer, how to set up backup protections, vendors to avoid, what is new, and many more topics.

Come to the American Legion Hall Wednesday the 9th to hear Hank tell it like it is.

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

Want to be the chairman? See the Big Sir...

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

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

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 Assistant: Bob Taggart  
 Prizes: Roy Robinson

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

Join us for the Spring/Summer Tournament. If you're new, it's easier if you call Art in advance so we will be prepared.

**Season High Scores**  
**through May 18:**

**Highest games:**

John Snyder: 233, 209  
 Bill Finkemeier: 203  
 Tim Eastham: 193

**Highest "3 game series":**

Bill Nye: 558

**Highest handicap games:**

John Synder: 281, 258  
 Bill Finkemeier: 253  
 Bill Nye: 248

**Highest handicap "3 game series":**

John Synder: 700  
 Bill Nye: 696  
 Arnie Satterlee: 679

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**Biking**

Karl Reseck (650)-941-8837  
[karl.reseck@stanfordalumni.org](mailto:karl.reseck@stanfordalumni.org)

2<sup>Nd</sup> Thursday— June 10,  
 11:00 AM

Wives ands guests welcome:  
Coyote Creek Trail (South San Jose) Rain Cancels;  
**Helmet Required**

**Ride:** We will ride the Coyote Creek Trail starting from the Holiday Inn-San Jose-Silicon Valley. The ride will be about 6 miles to

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**the Coyote Creek Golf Course. We will go past the golf course another 3 miles to a model airplane launching site, then double back to the golf course club house for lunch. After lunch we will ride back to the Holiday Inn for a total of 18 flat miles, round trip. For those who want a shorter ride, they may omit the ride to the airplane site, thus reducing the roundtrip to 12 miles.**

**Directions:** The Holiday Inn is located South of San Jose, one block east of highway 101 and just north of the highway 101/ 85 interchange. The directions are the same whether coming on highway 101 or 85: Take the Bernal Rd. exit. Turn left on Bernal Rd., which becomes Silicon Valley Blvd after crossing under 101. Turn left on the service road next to the Holiday Inn and park in the Holiday Inn parking lot just past the

last building.

**For this ride, if you plan to go or need information, please send an email or call me (see above).**

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