

Sons in Retirement



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Big SIR sez:

Fall is arriving! The Giants and A's seasons are almost over, and football is beginning. This is always a great time of the year.

Thank you to all of the members who attended the August luncheon. At the luncheon, it was my pleasure, on behalf of the Branch, to present Al Gardner with a certificate honoring him as a Senior Honorary Life Member. Al was Big SIR in 1986, was named an Honorary Life Member in July 1995, and is currently Parliamentarian of the BEC. The other two Honorary Life Members in Branch 5 are Frank Herterich and Ray Odell. The slate of officers for 2011 was ratified by the membership at the luncheon. The "swearing in" of the new officers will occur at the November luncheon.

Ken Christie has resigned his position as Secretary, due to teaching obligations at San Jose State. Thank you, Ken, for serving as Secretary this year. Past Big SIR and BEC member Fred Van Kirk graciously stepped forward to fill the secretary's job for our August meeting. Thank you, Fred. Art Schmid, the Secretary elect for 2011 has agreed to take the job for the remainder of this year.

He will be presented to the BEC for approval at the 22 September meeting and sworn in at the luncheon. Thank you, Art, for agreeing to start your term of office early. We wish you a speedy recovery from your recent cardiac by-pass surgery.

Lunch, Sept. 22nd

- Salads:** Mixed Greens
Caesar
Spinach with Mushroom and Egg
Tomatoes Vinaigrette
- Entrees:** Roast Turkey
Meat Loaf
- Dessert:** Chocolate Mousse

At the BEC meeting on August 25, I asked Al Stratz, our Membership Chair, to form a committee to identify and take actions to improve our recruitment of new members. Please help Al and his committee in any way that you can. If you have any ideas on how we can recruit new members, call Al. He will provide a progress report at the next BEC.

Hope to see you at the next luncheon on September 22.

Howard Trudeau
Big SIR

SPEAKER

Our speakers will be Mike and Art Boudreault speaking on New Almaden Quicksilver Mines which includes the history of the area.

Attendance Report

I do not have official numbers for the July barbeque but believe there were 54 present. Lots of door prizes to those present and apparently the food was excellent. Attendance at the August 25 luncheon was not good with only 46 members and 1 visitor present. We still need to do better. Bring a friend or even someone you may not like too well to one of our luncheons. Give them a chance to see what they think of us and encourage them to join.

Ray Odell
Attendance Chairman

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Membership

No data received

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September Birthdays

No data received

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Board

August 25, 2010

There being a quorum, Big SIR, Howard Trudeau, convened the meeting at 10:02 AM, in the conference room of the Mountain View Shoreline Golf Course Pro Shop.

The minutes of the June 27, 2010, meeting were approved without change.

(No BEC meeting was held in July due to the annual Bar-B-Q event on July 28.)

The following reports were submitted:

BIG SIR-Howard Trudeau:
Ken Christie advised that he would be unable to continue as Secretary due to his teaching assignments at San Jose State University. Big Sir will contact Art Schmid, who has been nominated to serve as Secretary in 2011, to determine if he can serve as Secretary beginning in September. If so, Big Sir will call for a special election for the position of Secretary at the September Branch meeting.

On August 2, Big Sir attended the annual State SIR meeting in Vallejo. Reference is made to the August Branch Five Bulletin for details of this meeting.

Big Sir discussed our declining membership and asked Membership Chairman Al Stratz, if he would form a committee to explore ways in which we might be able to correct this situation. **ACTING SECRETARY-Fred Van Kirk-Nothing to report.**

TREASURER-Don Harryman:
The cash balance as of July 31, was \$6,564.24. The cash balance at the start of 2010 was \$6,111.76.

LITTLE SIR-John Geibel:
Little Sir said he had received favorable comments regarding the July Bar-B-Q, particularly the wines given away as door prizes. It was suggested that we may want to consider having some form of entertainment next year.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN-Al Stratz:
Our current membership consists of 96

active members and 5 inactive members.

ATTENDANCE CHAIRMAN-Ray Odell:

Our total attendance at the May meeting was 53 plus one guest. The total attendance at the June meeting was 43 plus one guest.

Fourteen members have not attended a meeting this year nor have they made their annual contribution. Ray will send Form 4 letters to these individuals within the next few weeks.

Approximately 14 members who have attended at least one meeting this year have not made their contribution. They are urged to do so ASAP.

TRAVEL CHAIRMAN: To date no member has volunteered to be the new Branch Travel Chairman. Anyone wishing to do so, should contact Big Sir Howard Trudeau. No additional old or new business was brought before the BEC. A call for adjournment was moved, seconded and passed. Meeting adjourned at 11:03 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Fred Van Kirk
"Acting Secretary"

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**GOLF**  
**July:**

**Sunnyvale 7-1**

Adel Nazzal 93 net 70 cttp  
Jim Loos 96 net 72  
Naim Nazzal 94 net 73

Jere Austin 101 net 72 cttp  
Kamel Totah 111 net 74  
Fred Van Kirk 116 net 80

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**Santa Clara 7-8**

Naim Nazzal 85 net 63 cttp  
Jim Stevens 92 net 65  
Jiries Nazzal 96 net 69

Kamel Totah 103 net 69  
Jere Austin 104 net 74 cttp  
Azmi Habib 115 net 78

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**Shoreline 7-15**

Adel Nazzal 86 net 64  
Jim Swanson 90 net 65 cttp  
Jim Stevens 94 net 67 cttp

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**Los Lagos 7-22**

Naim Nazzal 90 net 69  
Jiries Nazzal 97 net 71  
Adel Nazzal 95 net 73 cttp

Azmi Habib 100 net 64  
Jere Austin 97 net 68  
Howard Trudeau 105 net 73

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**Spring Valley 7-29**

Naim Nazzal 90 net 69 cttp  
Azmi Nazzal 104 net 69 cttp  
Adel Nazzal 91 net 70

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**August:**

**Sunnyvale 8-5**

Adel Nazzal 91 net 70  
Naim Nazzal 94 net 72 cttp, cttp  
Jiries Nazzal 99 net 72

Jere Austin 98 net 68  
Howard Trudeau 103 net 70  
Azmi Habib 111 net 75

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**Santa Clara 8-12**

Jim Stevens 88 net 61  
Naim Nazzal 87 net 65  
Kamel Totah 106 net 72 cttp  
Jere Austin cttp

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**Shoreline 8-19**

Jim Swanson 93 net 69  
Azmi Habib 107 net 70  
Jere Austin 105 net 73 cttp  
Wayne Richter cttp

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**Spring Valley 8-26**

Jim Swanson 91 net 68 cttp  
Jim Stevens 95 net 70  
Naim Nazzal 91 net 70

Jere Austin 98 net 68  
Kamel Totah 102 net 69  
Howard Trudeau 103 net 71  
Jiries Nazzal 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 fol-

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lowing speakers are currently scheduled:

Speaker will be Dan Gallo, General Manager, Micro Center

Topic: Trends in computer sales: customer preferences, pricing of various types, future of desktops, retail business performance, used computer market, and current deals at Micro Center

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

Still looking for a chairman... see Big SIR

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Bowling BRANCHES 5, 35, & 51

ART ENGLAND: 650-948-5828 ; Anm_Eng@att.net

Assistant: Bob Taggart //

Prizes: Roy Robinson

EVERY TUESDAY - HOMESTEAD LANES, HOMESTEAD AND STELLING, SUNNYVALE.

Play starts at 1pm - Practice lanes available at 12:50pm Join us for the Summer/Fall Tournament. We bowl on a handicap system, so all bowlers have an equal chance winning the team and individual prizes. Each season teams are revised and always have a cross section of bowlers by ability.

If you're new, it's easier if you call Art in advance so we will be prepared.

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**Results of the Spring/Summer Tournament:**

- 1st: Place Team: Tim Eastham, Earl Pampeyan, Alan Gaudie.
- 2nd. Place Team: John Snyder, Fred Schwalbach.
- 3rd. Place Team: Jeff Grundy, Dick Frakes.
- 4th. Place Team: Chuck Huff, Roy Robinson, Jerry Coe. .

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High Series Scratch: 1st: Tim

- Eastham, 2nd: Jeff Grundy, 3rd: Dick Frakes.
- High Game Scratch: 1st: John Synder, 2nd: Bill Finkemeire, 3rd: Arnie Satterlee. .

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**High Series Handicap:** 1st: Chuck Huff, 2nd: Alan Gaudie, 3rd: Art England.

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High Game Handicap: 1st: Bill Nye, 2nd: Bill Webster, 3rd: Fred Schwalbach.

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**Highest Handicap Series on last tournament day:**

- 1st: Tim Eastham
- 2nd: Jerry Coe
- 3rd: Bob Taggart
- 4th: Arnie Satterlee
- 5th: Bill Finkemeire

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Biking

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our bike across the pedestrian bridge to the meeting point.

If you plan to ride or have questions please contact Jerry Butler (see above), or Karl Reseck, (650)941-8837), stanfordalumni.org 2nd Thursday—Sept 9, 2010, 11:00 AM

Wives and guests welcome : Rain cancels; Helmet required

Location: Foster City Bay Trail
Ride: We will ride the flat Foster City Bay Trail for about 10 miles from Oracle to the Poplar Creek Golf Club at Coyote Point for lunch, and then return (approximately 20 miles round trip). It might be a bit windy, so bring a jacket or windbreaker.

Directions: Get off Highway 101 at Marine Parkway/ Ralston. Turn right on Marine Parkway, then an immediate left onto Oracle Parkway. The meeting point is a tree-shaded parking lot with restrooms to the left of this intersection. If the parking lot there is full, backtrack over the creek to 401-501 Island Parkway and park in the Oracle lot. Ride y

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**Note from the state SIR publicity chair**

Harry Hubinger has written a four part series for "Alive", an East Bay publication, or seen at: <http://aliveeastbay.com/archives/california-sons-in-retirement-sirs/>.

**Walter Schick, Chair, State Publicity & Tools Committee**  
**California Sons in Retirement**

**(SIRs)**

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First of a four part series about retirement.

Rob, our recently-retired fictional hero, is discovering the downsides of not devoting a full day, every day, to his boss and his long-time employer.

Retirement was great at first. He slept in a bit each morning and read the paper before getting dressed. The long "honey-do list" was attacked and admittedly the easier jobs went first. He laid out detailed plans on how to handle the minor remodeling he and his wife had discussed so many times. He found Lowe's and Home Depot less crowded than he was used to on the weekends. He had always loved golf and long walks and now began to investigate how to enjoy them at his leisure. There was even a list of local attractions he'd always meant to visit, and they now appeared within the realm of possibility. He even enjoyed having lunch with his wife whenever she wasn't off to one of her activities. The thought of volunteering flicked in and out as well. Unconsciously he even expected a call or two from his employer or old business associates to ask him to do a little part-time fill-in work to help plug that gigantic hole he must have left at work.

But oh – the six month anniversary was coming up, and things were not as rosy as he had hoped.

First and foremost, he was bored. The camaraderie and intellectual stimulation he had had at work was somehow missing. The major in-depth conversations about sports and politics he had enjoyed with fellow workers was now limited to his wife. He knew how she felt about most topics as she did about his opinions. You can go over this just so many times. They had had a great time on that trip to Europe but after three weeks together he was secretly glad to be home.

The call from his employer and other business associates never came, or if they did he got the feeling that they really didn't care about his opinion any more.

Golf presented its own problem. All the guys he used to play with on the weekends were unavailable during the week, and when he checked about joining them on the weekends he found the foursomes filled. When he wandered down to a local course he found he either played alone, there was no opening as a retired group filled the course, or he was matched with three others who dialogued among themselves and left him to wander along – sort of left out.

Our hero Rob was bored. Sure he loved his wife, but with the exception of their kids and their house, they had begun to lead somewhat separate lives. There had to be some answer to this, and it came in a most unexpected way.

One early Tuesday morning he tossed his golf clubs in the car and headed for the local course. He had breakfasted by himself because his wife and three of her friends were off on an "adventure" in San Francisco, and he was left alone. The yard projects looked too painful to work on for the third day in a row; and besides, he was bored – so off to the course he went.

His heart sank a bit when he saw the parking lot loaded with cars – and well it should
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have. The pro behind the desk listed the first opening a full two hours away from his arrival time. With nothing else to do he left his name on the list and headed for the putting green to while away the time. Frankly, it was pretty full as well.

Rob’s curiosity peaked, and he asked the pro what was going on. “Every Tuesday morning the SIR group takes up ten starting times from us.”

Rob wandered back out to the putting green and, screwing up his courage, asked one of the other “puttees” what the deal was.

“SIR stands for Sons in Retirement. There are over one hundred and fifty branches with over twenty thousand members in Northern California. There are no dues, it is non-political, there is no religious orientation – the sole purpose is to help retirees, or semi-retirees enjoy themselves. They play golf, go on local trips, play bridge, go fishing, play tennis, go bowling, travel overseas, have classes on computers, etc.”

Rob’s new-found friend handed him a SIR business card and invited him to this fellow’s SIR branch for lunch the following week. Rob was intrigued, but a little bit hesitant. He never thought of himself as a “joiner” other than maybe a service club or two. Well, maybe he’d go home later and think about it all. There had to be a catch somewhere, and he was sure he’d find it.

(Next – Part Two: Rob learns about the SIR organization.

Part 1 is at: <http://aliveeastbay.com/archives/california-sons-in-retirement->

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The August edition of SIR Happenings has just been posted on the SIR website:

<http://sirinc.org/sirhappenings/index.htm>

President Buck’s column on the front page tells us tells us how we are doing with our new membership program. Don Cummings and Jack Streckfus tell us about the re energized SIR RV committee. There is much about the Annual meeting including great photographs of your new elected officers .

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