

# Sons in Retirement



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## **Big SIR sez:**

The majority of the spring rains are now behind us and we can look forward to more sunshine. What a great time of the year! Time to get the gardens planted.

Those who attended the March lunch heard our speaker, Duncan Mac Vicar, give an interesting presentation of the "Visible Wounds of War." The prevalence of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder among the combat veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan is disturbing.

Welcome Ed Schwabecher, the fourth new member this year, who was inducted at the March luncheon. Ed is a recent retiree from Lockheed Martin. We were also happy to have three guests at this lunch, all of whom are potential new members. Come to the April lunch to welcome them.

Little SIR, Al Stratz, noted that many members were having difficulty hearing the speakers at our lunch meetings. Al and Les Spring obtained a more sensitive microphone that was used at the March luncheon. The attendees noted a definite improvement in the quality of the sound system, although with some feedback problems. Al and Fred Van Kirk have worked with Michael's to reduce the feedback. You can experience our improved system at the April lunch.

It is time to think ahead to 2012 and begin to assemble the slate of officers for Branch 5. Past Big SIR,

Ted Hinshaw is the chair of the Branch 5 Nominating Committee. The proposed slate of officers for 2012 will be presented to the Branch Executive Committee at the June meeting, and published in the July Bulletin. The official election will be held at the August Luncheon Meeting. I ask each member of Branch 5 to give serious thought to serving as an officer or committee chair in 2012. Do your part to keep the branch

### **Lunch,** **April 27**

**Salads:** Caesar, Mixed Greens, Pasta Primavera, and Red Potato and Dill

**Entrees:** Breast of Chicken, Herb Butter Sauce and Beef Stroganoff

**Dessert:** Ice Cream

alive and thriving. Contact Ted if you would like to serve.

**Save the date:** the annual **All SIR Day** with the World Champion San Francisco Giants will be August 11, when they play the Pittsburgh Pirates. Join your fellow SIR members at AT&T Park to watch some great baseball and see SIR State President Bob Mannell throw out the first pitch. Informational flyers will be available at the April lunch.

See you at the April lunch!

*Howard Trudeau*  
Big SIR

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## **SPEAKER**

Bob Parsons, awoke from a brief nap on a plane trip to Taiwan in a blur. He stared blankly at unfamiliar faces in front of him, only aware of voices. "Mr. Parsons are you ill?" and "Would you like a glass of water?" echoed in his head.

**Update:** Over the past six years, Parsons has spoken to over 17,000 Bay Area residents on behalf of the Stanford Stroke Center and the Stroke Awareness Foundation (SAF) of San Jose. He has given more than 400 talks and along with SAF advocated for EMS stroke policy in Santa Clara, San Mateo, Alameda and Contra Costa counties.

Included in Bob's presentation will be a "Stroke Awareness Questionnaire".

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## **Attendance** **Report**

We continue to hold our average attendance at the March 23 luncheon with 47 members and 3 visitors plus our speaker present. I did have a few who either entered no badge number or the wrong badge number. The number is on the back of the badge. If you forgot to wear your badge, your number is in the roster and those can be found at the front desk. All you have to do is check.

*Ray Odell*  
Attendance Chairman

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**Membership**

Welcome Ed Schwabecher

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**Roster Changes**

Frank W. Herterich resigned in March.  
Alvin A. Rathbun died in March.

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**April Birthdays**

|            |           |      |
|------------|-----------|------|
| Tom A.     | Loughead  | 4/4  |
| Kenneth E. | Liddicoat | 4/8  |
| David E.   | Gielow    | 4/18 |
| Charles F. | Jacobson  | 4/23 |

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

March 23, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 10:07 a.m.

A quorum was present. Those attending were: Howard Trudeau-Big Sir, Wayne Richter-Assistant Secretary, Ray Odell-Attendance Chairman, Ken Liddicoat-Director, Fred Van Kirk-Director, Don Harryman- Treasurer, Al Stratz-Little Sir, Paul Butler-Membership, Art Kraemer-Assistant Treasurer, Alfred Gardner-Parliamentarian and Art Schmid-Secretary.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as presented

Pursuant to the provisions of California Corporations Code 5239, effective January 1, 2002, Branch 5 has received a determination made by the SIR State Insurance Committee which reveals that the cost of obtaining Officer and Directors Liability insurance exceeds 5% of the prior year budget. This constitutes a good faith effort to obtain such in-

surance and we therefore defer to the Section 5239 which states “there shall be no personal liability to a third party for monetary damages on the part of a volunteer director or volunteer executive officer of a nonprofit corporation subject to this part, caused by the director’s or officer’s negligent act or omission in the performance of that person’s duties as a director or officer.” Therefore it is moved, seconded, and passed that Branch 5 cannot afford to purchase this type of liability insurance and the Branch elects to be covered by the provision of Section 5239.

The list of inactive members was discussed. Wayne Richter reported that Herman Grothman wishes to remain inactive and has sent a contribution to receive the Bulletin. Ken Liddicoat reported that there was no phone response from Wallace Leung. Paul Butler has an action item (continued from last month) to call the remainder of those listed on the inactive list to determine their status.

The 1 March 2011 Form 27 **MONTHLY BRANCH MEMBERSHIP REPORT** was reviewed. It was reported that our membership totals 96, of whom 48 attended our last meeting.

**Report from Little SIR**, Al Stratz: a). Some members couldn’t hear our speakers in the past. Al has found a lapel microphone which sells for \$200.00. He rented one for \$25.00 to try at today’s meeting. b). A projector has been rented for today’s speaker, at a cost of about \$ 81.00. Our speaker today is Duncan Mac Vicar who will speak on “The Invisible Wounds of War”. c). Re our source of speakers, there is a SIR Area Speakers Bureau which lists about 200 names. Member’s suggestions are also a source for speakers.

**Treasurer’s Report-** Don Harryman. The monthly cash report was

provided which shows a beginning monthly balance of \$6,112.88 and a month-end balance of \$6,130.17. Fifty percent of our Branch have not paid their annual dues. Don Harryman and Paul Butler were asked to work together to prepare a list of unpaid members from the current roster and present it at the next meeting.

**Membership Report:** Paul Butler provided a copy. We have 93 members on the Active list, 10 Inactive. Membership changes include John Whittier-New, Frank Herterich-Resigned, and Al Rathbun and Jeffry Denton deceased (Condolences to be sent). Additional details are in his report.

**Attendance Report-**Ray Odell. February attendance was 48 members and 4 visitors. Further details provided.

**Entertainment:** Fred Van Kirk met two musicians who could play for our group for about \$300.00. We have a budget of about \$625.00 for entertainment for the two parties. In 2010 we spent \$701.00 for this. Fred will contact and negotiate for entertainment to be provided at the Christmas and BBQ activities.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:18 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Arthur Schmid, Secretary

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**GOLF**

**Santa Clara Golf Course**  
**3-10-2011**

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|----------------|-----------------|
| Jim Stevens    | 94 net 68       |
| Jiries Nazzal  | 99 net 70       |
| Ed Nazzal      | 92 net 71 cttp  |
| Jere Austin    | 102 net 69      |
| Howard Trudeau | 100 net 70 cttp |
| Azmi Habib     | 108 net 71      |

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**Shoreline Golf Course**  
**3-17-2011**

Jere Austin 101 net 68  
Jim Stevens 96 net 70  
Adel Nazzal 93 net 72

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**SPECIAL EVENT**

Jimmie Johnson, Governor of area 9 is now handling the Sacramento Rivercats event at Raley Field in Sacramento. Jimmie reports that the ninth annual SIR day at the Ballpark will be on **May 9th**.

This has always been a fun event at a great ballpark. If you have never been to Raley field you are in for a treat. It is an intimate park and you really feel you are part of the game.

Put together a group from your branch and join in the fun.

Tickets may be purchased individually or as a group. The flier is on the web and explains the process. You will find it at: <http://sirinc.org/siractivities/SIR-sports.htm>

If the link doesn't work for you, try this: Launch [sirinc.org](http://sirinc.org); Click on "Activities"; Click on "Sports Events".

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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 Palo Alto Elks—4249 El Camino Real, Palo Alto.

The following speaker(s) are currently scheduled:  
Speaker: Gene Barlow, Founder - User Group Relations.  
Topic: Modern Methods And Utilities For Hard Drive Organization, Protection And Backup

Over the years, new methods and utilities have evolved to setup and organize your hard drive.

The problem is that most users are not aware of what changes they can make to their hard drives with easy-to-use utilities. The speaker will show

you some of the better ways to organize your hard drive and describe how you can do this on your own computer. He will also show you the best way to backup the contents of your hard drive and how to run your computer in a "sandbox" mode to protect your hard drive contents while you are doing risky functions with your computer.

The speaker, Gene Barlow, has been a presenter to the user group community for over 28 years. For many years he managed IBM's user group support organization. Now retired, Gene started his own company called User Group Relations ([www.ugr.com](http://www.ugr.com)), providing support for software companies serving the user group community. This presentation will be a remote, live and interactive Webinar presentation via the Internet.

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

Still looking for a travel chairman. See BIG SIR.

**May 6, 2011 ☐ Horse Racing at Golden Gate Fields☐**

Branch 32 Escorts John Pletsch (408) 274-2992 and Mike Console (408) 246-1080. Come and enjoy a full day of thoroughbred racing while enjoying a luncheon buffet in the Turf Club. Enjoy the races as you watch your horse flash across the finish line (hopefully in first place). Contact John or Mike for more information.

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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 Winter/Spring 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.

Tournament High Scores through March 15.

Highest "3 game series":  
Tim Eastham: 608  
Chuck Huff: 528  
Fred Schwalbach: 487

Highest game:  
Bill Nye: 203  
John Snyder: 196  
Jeff Grundy: 192

Highest handicap "3 game series":  
Art England: 687  
Roy Robinson: 667  
Dick Frakes: 667  
Bill Webster:

Highest handicap game:  
Bill Finkemeier: 250  
Arnie Satterlee: 247  
Jerry Coe: 247  
Roger Anderson: 243

Bowler is listed only once above, and in the category where he has the highest ranking.

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**Biking**  
**Jerry Butler – (650)494-8078**  
**GXB366@aol.com**

**2nd Thursday, April 14, 11:00 a.m. Wives and guests welcome.**

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**RAIN CANCELS - HELMET REQUIRED**

**Route - Foster City Bay Trail.** We will ride the flat Foster City Bay Trail for about 10 miles from Oracle to the Poplar Creek Golf Club at Coyote Point. We will stop there for lunch and then return. The total ride - round trip - is approximately 20 miles. It might be windy so bring a jacket or windbreaker.

**Directions** - Get off Highway 101 at Exit 412 for Ralston Ave./ Marine Pkwy. Turn right on Marine Parkway, followed by 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 is full, backtrack over the creek to 401-501 Island Parkway and park in the

Oracle lot. Ride your bike across the pedestrian bridge to the meeting point.

If you plan to ride or have questions, contact Jerry Butler at GXB366@aol.com (650-494-8078) or Karl Reseck, at karl.reseck@stanfordalumni.org (650-941-8837).

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