

Sons in Retirement



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Big SIR sez:

It is with sadness that we received the resignation of Little Sir, Ken Christie, from the Board and from his committee appointments. Ken is recovering from a serious illness and still under a doctor's care. We wish him a speedy recovery to good health and hope that he will continue to join us at our monthly luncheons.

We were pleased to induct two new members at our March meeting, Gary Hornberger and Pipat (Pat) Temiyasathit, both through the efforts of Fred Van Kirk. These additions are a step in the right direction, but we need every member helping in this effort to bring us new members. We also lost two members last week, so our active membership remains at 70. New members are the life-blood of this organization. We need everyone to help in this effort, so please "bring a friend to lunch".

The program for the April luncheon is "Yosemite in the Springtime" by Thomas A. Smith, a retired Yosemite Park Ranger. He promises to be an interesting and entertaining speaker.

Our March program on Alzheimer's and Dementia, as presented by Tiffany Mikles, was very well received. The question period continued for 20 minutes which showed this subject is important to the members.

Receipt of annual \$25.00 fee has been very slow this year with only

about 50% of membership participation so far. Please mail a check to Treasurer Don Harryman or bring to April luncheon.

Please note that our June luncheon is Wednesday, June 20th, not the 27th.

Al Stratz

SPEAKER

Springtime in Yosemite
by Tom Smith

Thomas A. Smith is a retired instructor in Park management from West Valley College and had over 20 years of experience as a seasonal park ranger with the National Park Service and the

Lunch, April 25

Salads: Mixed greens, Caesar, Red Potato and Dill, Pasta Primavera

Entrees: Breast of Chicken w/Herb Butter Sauce; Beef Stroganoff

Dessert: Ice Cream

Santa Clara County Department of Parks and Recreation. In 1986, the County borrowed him from the College to act as an interim director/full-time consultant for the park system while they conducted a nationwide search for a new director. Santa Clara County has 26 parks and over 50 thousand acres. He held this position for five months before returning to teach. After retirement he lectured and worked part-time at San Jose State University for ten years in the Department of Recreation and Leisure Studies, teaching all park related courses and handling the park

internships.

Smith holds certificates from the National Park Service's Horace Albright Training Center in Park Operations, the Santa Rosa Criminal Justice Training Center in National Park Law Enforcement, and in National Forest Recreation from Colorado State University.

He serves on several college advisory boards including: West Valley College (currently), Cal Poly San Luis Obispo State University, and San Jose State University (currently).

He served as the Director of the Region Five Recreation Academy for the United States Forest Service for 11 years until retirement.

HONORS: Thomas Smith spent many years as a volunteer in the Boy Scouts of America and hold the Silver Beaver awarded for distinguished service to the Youth of Santa Clara County.

He received the first honorary lifetime membership to the Park Rangers Association of California (PRAC) and was one of the founding fathers of the organization. He has a scholarship placed in his name with PRAC.

While employed with the National Park Service, he received a Special Achievement Award for work performance exceeding job standards.

He is one of the Founders of the Arizona Track and Cross Country Association and was placed in their Hall of Fame as a coach in 1999.

EDUCATION: B.S. Physical Education, Purdue University; M.S. Physical Education, Indiana University

EMPLOYMENT: Consultant, Santa Clara County parks 2001-present. He helped develop and write a natural resource management policy document for the county park system and has written resource management plans for seven of their parks as of this writing. Coordinator and Instructor in Park management West Valley College. He

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was on the original staff when the school started in 1961. He worked seasonally for Santa Clara County and the National Park Service in Yosemite National Park as a park ranger.

Attendance Report

Meeting of March 28, 2012.
49 members represents 70% of total members

- 1 Region Director
- 2 Guests
- 1 Speaker
- 53 Total

Respectfully Submitted
DUANE STAUFFER
Attendance Chairman

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### Membership

No changes

### Roster Changes

No changes

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April Birthdays

Ken Liddicoat, 4/8

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### Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Board

March 28, 2012

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:11 a.m.

A quorum was present. In attendance were the following: Ed Schwabecher-Program Chairman, Art Kraemer-Assistant Treasurer, Ken Liddicoat-Director, Howard Trudeau-Visitor/past Big SIR, Al Stratz-Big SIR, Paul Butler-Membership Chairman, Don Harryman-Treasurer, Duane Stauffer-Attendance Chairman, and Arthur Schmid-Secretary.

2. The minutes of the last meeting were approved after the following corrections: a. The Big Sir report is now

listed as a separate entry. b. Under Old Business, it should be noted that Les Spring was nominated for the position of Honorary Life Member, not awarded the position as incorrectly stated in the minutes.

3. Big SIR Report-Albert Stratz.

a. The June meeting will be held on the 20th rather than the 27th, in order to accommodate a schedule conflict at Michael's.

b. Because of health issues, Ken Christie submitted his resignation from the position of Little SIR of our branch effective this date. He concurrently resigned from being a member of the Member Contact Committee and also the Speaker Committee.

Ken's resignation was accepted with regrets. He will continue his membership in our Branch.

c. The Form 27 Branch Membership Report was presented showing one inactive and 70 active members. The full report is on file.

d. Re Honorary Life Members, with the nomination of Les Spring, we will have our limit of two members entitled to this honor for our club size.

e. Budget issues were discussed briefly regarding paid or unpaid entertainment at our summer BBQ and our holiday parties. Howard Trudeau agreed to consider this and bring his suggestions to our next meeting.

4. Treasurers Report-Don Harryman. Only 36 have paid their annual dues thus far. The monthly beginning cash balance was \$4362.59, and the ending cash balance was 4465.07. The detailed report is on file. A short discussion was held re the possibility of reducing our costs which cover such things as our club rosters plus 16 hard copies of the bulletin and 57 computer copies. Paul will check whether the four widows really care to receive their hard copies. Fred Van Kirk does the mailing of the bulletin.

Les Spring would like Board approval to purchase a copy of a Microsoft publishing program. It is believed to be well worth the approximate cost of \$200.00.

It was moved that this purchase be approved. Seconded and carried.

Signatories for expenditures from our Chase account are Art Kraemer and Al Stratz.

5. Attendance Report-Duane Stauffer. February attendance was 39 members plus 2 visitors and 2 guests. The following members are resigning effective this date:

Chuck Minor and James Wilhelm. (badge 123). On a positive note, Fred Van Kirk is bringing two people today who intend to join.

6. Membership Report-Paul Butler. New members include Pipat Temiyasathit #40 and Gary Hornberger #43. We currently have 72 active and 1 inactive member. The detailed report is on file. Art Kraemer reported that Robert Carlstead has been sent a get-well card.

7. Program Chairman Report-Ed Schwabecher. Today's program is titled, Your Brain Matters, presented by Tiffany Mikles. The talk deals with Alzheimer's and dementia. The April program will be "Yosemite in the Springtime" by Thomas A. Smith, a past Yosemite Ranger. May speaker: (Mr. Roadshow possibly). June speaker: Seth Shostak talking about Intelligent Life in the Universe.

8. There being no further business, it was moved that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded and carried. The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Arthur Schmid,*  
Secretary

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GOLF

Sunnyvale Golf March 8

Jiries Nazzal	96 net 68
Naim Nazzal	91 net 71 CTPP, CTPP
Adel Nazzal	93 net 72
Art Kraemer	96 net 76
Howard Trudeau	104 net 72
Azmi Habib	109 net 72
Fred Van Kirk	117 net 80

Los Lagos Golf March 22

Adel Nazzal	89 net 68
Jim Stevens	95 net 70 CTPP
Jim Loos	100 net 72
Jiries Nazzal	101 net 74

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Naim Nazzal 100 net 80
Wayne Richter 122 net 86 CTPP
Gary Hornberger 83

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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:

April 11th: RED CALUB from Micro Center on coming products

May 9th: ANDY MARKEN on future "gadgets"

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

Still looking for a travel chairman. See **BIG SIR**. You can read the State SIR newsletter called SIR HAPPENINGS at the state website

www.sirinc.org/sirhappenings/, which includes travel news from other branches

May 19-June 3, 2012

Romance of the Rhine and Mosel

Cruise aboard a private Grand Circle river ship starting in

Basel, Switzerland and ending in Antwerp, Belgium. The ship will make stops at Strasbourg, Speyer, Baden-Baden, Boppard, Koblenz, Cochem, Bernkastel, Trier, Bonn,

Nijmegen, Kinderdijk, and Antwerp. Prices range from \$3895 to \$5295 PPDO. Pre and post trips are also

available. Offered by Area 2 Travel. Contact Ken Richter at 925-689-6217

June 6-12, 2012

Canyon Country Experience

Spend seven days exploring the best National Parks of the

Southwest and immersed in Native American Culture. Tour highlights include: Las Vegas, Grand Canyon National Park, Navajo Culture Monument, Valley Arches National Park, Colorado River jet boat ride, Dead Horse Point State Park, Capital Reef National Park, Scenic Highway 12,

Bryce Canyon National Park, and Zion National Park. All inclusive trip is priced at \$2040 PPDO. Offered by Branch 73 Travel. Contact Paul Peters at 510-724-8345.

June 7-20, 2012

European Cruise

Cruise aboard the Avalon Tranquility. Visit such places as: Prague, Budapest, Vienna, and Nuremburg. All meals and nightly entertainment, including shore tours. Round trip air from SFO. All inclusive cost is \$5150 PPDO. Offered by Area 1 Travel. Contact Harry Redlick at 650-583-3961.

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Bowling
BRANCHES 5, 35,
& 51

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

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Prizes: Roy Robinson

Every Tuesday - Homestead Lanes - Homestead & Stelling, in Cupertino.

ATTENTION NEW BOWLERS. Join the new Spring/Summer session starting on May 1st. The Winter/Spring session ends on the following Tuesday, April 17th, with the "sweeper" (\$\$\$). The teams will be revised to get them

balanced by ability as much as possible for this next 16-week session.

We bowl every Tuesday at the Homestead Lanes - Homestead & Stelling Roads - in Cupertino. Play starts at 1:00 PM. We bowl on a handicap system, so each bowler has an equal chance to be on a winning team, as well as to win weekly individual prizes. The cost is \$12 per week and the 'Lanes' provide free bowling shoes and balls

If you are interested, please call Bob or Doug in advance. - or just show up.

YEAR-TO-DATE AND WEEKLY STANDINGS THROUGH MARCH 13

1st PLACE TEAM Chuck Huff, Jerry Ososkie, Bill Finkemeier	2nd PLACE TEAM Bill Webster, Bob Taggart, Fred Schwalbach
3rd PLACE TEAM (Tie) Jeff Grundy, Earl Pampeyan, Doug Anderson	3rd PLACE TEAM (Tie) John Snyder, Hal Knowlton, Roger Anderson, Ptah Bennet

5th PLACE TEAM Tim Eastham, Roy Robinson, Alan Gaudie, Mac McKim	6th PLACE TEAM Bill Nye, Art England, Arnie Satterlee, Jerry Coe
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HIGH SERIES SCRATCH- WEEK 1st - Bob Taggart: 492 2nd - Chuck Huff: 468 3rd - Jerry Ososkie: 432	HIGH GAME SCRATCH- WEEK 1st - Tim Eastham: 213 2nd - John Snyder: 188 3rd - Alan Gaudie: 169
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HIGH SERIES HANDICAP- WEEK 1st - Jerry Coe: 657 2nd - Bill Finkemeier: 615 3rd - Roy Robinson: 596	HIGH GAME HANDICAP- WEEK 1st - Bill Webster: 255 2nd - Roger Anderson: 230 (Tie) 2nd - Doug Anderson: 230 (Tie)
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Biking

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Jerry Butler – (650)494-8078

2nd Thursday, April 12, 11:00 a.m. Wives and guests welcome.

RAIN CANCELS. HELMET REQUIRED.

Ride - Brisbane/Oyster Point. We will ride the flat Bay Trail along San Francisco Bay for about 7.5 miles, going south from the Walmart Tower building in Brisbane to South Airport Blvd. (near SFO). There we will have lunch at a McDonalds or Costco (no other choices) and then ride back for a total of about 15 miles.

Directions - Take Hwy.101 north past SFO to Sierra Pt. Parkway (2nd exit past the Oyster Point exit). Turn right at the first intersection, then immediately turn left at the next intersection which is Marina Blvd., going left. Follow Marina Blvd. around a big curve. Just past the Walmart Tower building on the left side, turn left into a

large public parking lot with a short boulevard entrance. We will meet there.
If you plan to ride or have questions, please reply to Jerry Butler (above) or to Karl Reseck at 650-941-8837, karl.reseck@stanfordalumni.org.

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