

Sons in Retirement



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Big SIR sez:

At our January luncheon meeting, we were pleased to have four guests in attendance, thanks to Fred Van Kirk, Bill Homan and Ron Fredlund, who brought two guests!

The speaker, Larry Tartaglino, was very entertaining with his stories about sailing and the history of The America's Cup.

George Kramen, Region 5 Director, was also in attendance and presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Howard Trudeau for his outstanding service to Branch 5 serving as Big Sir for the past two years. Thank you, Howard.

Our new speaker chairman, Ed Schwabecher, is busy with a survey to find topics that are of primary interest to members and will be making a report at our February meeting.

Based on our membership, Branch 5 is entitled to have two Honorary Life Members. The two members who held that honor have passed away. Ken Liddicoat's name and resume were submitted and are being processed. One more name may be submitted to our Branch Executive Committee for approval, and acceptance by the area and regional officers. Any member may submit a member's name and resume to me for consideration. The criteria for Honorary Life Membership are stated on the application form, which is available by phoning or e-mailing me.

Attendance at the January luncheon was 52, much better than in recent months. I hope we can continue this level of attendance. So, "bring a friend to lunch", along with a \$25 check for annual fee.

See you at Michaels!

Al Stratz

SIR President Jim Stedman's message to all SIR members

**NEW MEMBER
RECRUITMENT IS
SUCCESSFUL BRANCHES
ARE IMPROVING**

Our goal was to recruit 1,900 new members in 2011. Branch leaders exceeded this goal by recruiting and inducting 2,100 new members. This is an outstanding accomplishment which puts to rest the idea that newly retired men are not joiners. They will join SIR branches that are appealing. But this successful year is only a start.

The SIR organization fell on hard times in recent years. Overall membership declined from about 32,000 members in 1990 to about 18,000 now. Forty-four branches failed and closed in the last 12 years. We know why this happened. We lost our focus on maintaining a good balance of newer and older members in our branches. We did not recruit enough new members annually to maintain a good proportion of newer members and our branches became less appealing and lost members.

Lunch, February 22

**Salads: Mixed Greens,
Spinach with Mushroom and
Egg, Caesar,
Mediterranean 3 Bean**

**Entrees: Crab and Shrimp
Canneloni, Rosemary Chicken**

Dessert: Chocolate Mouse

Our challenge now is to restore this balance. We have found that recruiting new members every year at the annual rate of at least 10% of membership is needed. We met and exceeded this goal in 2011. So when Branch leaders remind you to sponsor a new member, please respond by inviting your retired friends and acquaintances to join. Each successive year this goal is met the proportion of newer members in your branch will increase. Over time balance will be restored and your improved branch will be there for you and for those who come after you.

SPEAKER

The Rengstorff House in Mountain View was built in 1867 by Henry Rengstorff after immigrating to California from Hanover, Germany in 1850. The history of the Rengstorff

House and the farming and shipping activities of the Henry Rengstorff family will be presented by Mr. Charles Grant and Ms. Kristina Rockhold. They will inject humor and little known facts of our local history into this presentation.

Charlie Grant, a WWII Navy veteran, UC Berkeley alumnus, and CPA, was active in several Silicon Valley companies before retirement. He now serves on the board of directors that oversees the Rengstorff House and is an active senior docent. He is also an active competitive slalom skier in national seniors' events.

Ms. Kristina Perino is Senior Recreation Coordinator for the Shoreline Division of the City of Mountain View and is responsible for the maintenance and operations of the Rengstorff House. Prior to her role with the City of Mountain View, Kristina served as Capital Campaign Manager and Development Director for the Community School of Music and Arts in Mountain View.

SIR DAY WITH THE GIANTS

When: AUGUST 2, 12:45 PM

Who: GIANTS VS METS

Where: AT&T PARK/BOX SEATS/SECTION 131

Cost: \$34.00 PER TICKET TO

SIGN UP CONTACT:

FRED VAN KIRK

@ 650-948-7435

Attendance Report

No data received

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## Membership

### Membership Changes:

New: none  
 Resigned: Alvin Soderquist # 145 (11/28/11)  
 Donald Miller # 14 (11/11)  
 Bill Chamberlin #16 (1/16/12)  
 Deceased: Al Gardner #97 (11/15/11)

### Membership Status:

Active: \_\_\_ 70  
 Inactive: \_\_\_ 1  
 Widows on mailing list: \_ 4

### Current Mailing List:

Active & Inactive members: 71, with 54 by email and 16 by snail mail  
**Total Mailing:** 76, 79 by email and 16 by snail mail.

### Member Record Updates:

Active: Robert Merk - [robertmerk@sbcglobal.net](mailto:robertmerk@sbcglobal.net)  
 Don Drews' - [rhm1car7@att.net](mailto:rhm1car7@att.net).  
*Paul V Butler*  
 Membership Chairman

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## February Birthdays

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|---------------------|----------|
| Donald H. Sweet     | 02/02/24 |
| Paul C. Pickert     | 02/07/27 |
| John J. Geibel      | 02/12/44 |
| Sheldon D. Sicotte  | 02/22/31 |
| Russell C. Currier  | 02/22/25 |
| Kamel I. Totah      | 02/22/39 |
| Theodore W. Hinshaw | 02/23/33 |

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## Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Board

January 25, 2012

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:07 a.m. A quorum of six was present. Attending were: Al Stratz-Big Sir, Paul Butler-Membership Chairman, Fred Van Kirk-Director, Art Kraemer-Assistant Treasurer, Duane Stauffer-Attendance, Ken Liddicoat-Director, John Geibel-Assistant Secretary, Don Harryman-Treasurer, Howard Trudeau-Member, Ed Schwabecher-Speaker Program Chairman, and Arthur Schmid-Secretary.
2. George Kranen, our Region 5 Director, was a guest visitor.
3. The minutes of the November meeting were approved as presented.
4. Big SIR Report-Al Stratz. The Form 27 Monthly Branch Membership Report was presented, and a copy is on file. Our total number of members is 76 Active, and 1

Inactive. Our goal is 98 Active members. The latest 2012 State Roster is on the web  
 5. Treasurers Report-Don Harryman. Our Beginning Cash balance was \$4753.83 and our Ending Cash Balance was \$3971.27. The complete report is on file.  
 6. Attendance Report-Duane Stauffer. Luncheon attendance on October 26 was 44 members plus the speaker. Attendance on November 16 was 45 members plus the speaker. This represents 58% of our current membership.

A summary of attendance activities for the past year was presented. Attendance high was 72% and low was 50% of our membership. Thirteen people had perfect attendance, while twelve did not attend during the year. We have a guest card which can be used to credit the visit by a member of another club. The detailed report is on file.

7. Holiday Party-Howard Trudeau. Income was \$1307.56 while total expenses were \$2061.99, which includes Musicians \$450 and prizes \$264.43. The net cost was \$711.99. Further details are on file

8. Membership Report-Paul Butler. We have no new members, three members have resigned, while Ray Odell and Al Gardner are deceased. We now have 70 active and 1 inactive member. Member updates include: [robertmerk@sbcglobal.net](mailto:robertmerk@sbcglobal.net), Don Drews: [rhm1car7@att.net](mailto:rhm1car7@att.net), John Geibel [jigeibel@gmail.com](mailto:jigeibel@gmail.com) and Paul Butler: [PAUL973@sbcglobal.net](mailto:PAUL973@sbcglobal.net). The full report is on file

9. SIR 5 Golf. The schedule for 2012 was presented. The Co-Chairmen are Stan Kazul and Kamel Totah. Further details are on file.

10. Speaker Survey-Ed Schwabecher. Ed solicited our input on speakers and our interests, and provided a nice form on which to indicate such interests. This form is on file.

### NEW BUSINESS

1. Members Ray Odell and Al Gardner have passed on. It was thought that a Memorial Listing could be considered for such past members. No action was taken.
2. We desire candidate recommendations for Honorary Life Members. Ken Liddicoat believes Les Spring is a good candidate. Names of other candidates were solicited.
3. It was suggested that a Perfect Attendance Award for time periods of 5 and 10+ years should be considered. It was moved that Howard Trudeau develop a Perfect Attendance Certificate which can be used for such cases. The proposed certificate should be presented at our next meeting. A motion for this was made, seconded and carried.
4. A sign-up sheet for a SIR Giants Day was presented by Fred Van Kirk. The se-

lected date is Thursday, August 2  
 5. It was moved that SIR BRANCH 5 adopt all of its activities for year 2012 as SIR sponsored activities.

Discussion: This should be done every year since we are a Legal Corporation and are governed by the state code which changes every year. Our Directors and Officers should be insured in case of a lawsuit involving any BRANCH 5 activity, with the insurance cost to be born by Branch 5, unless the cost is greater than 5% of the Branch's prior year budget. Related insurance details are found on P. 20 of our SIR LEADERS GUIDE.

After this discussion the motion was carried.

6. The Computer Museum was discussed and it was suggested that we invite their Director to give a talk to our Branch. Ed Schwabecher will research this.

There being no further business, it was moved that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded and carried. The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Arthur Schmid,  
 Secretary

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## GOLF

### Sunnyvale golf course 1-5-2012

Jim Stevens 92 net 68  
 Jiries Nazzal 101 net 75  
 Art Kraemer 96 net 77  
 Ed Nazzal 99 net 78

### Howard Trudeau 105 net 74 CTPP

Jere Austin 105 net 75  
 Azmi Habib 114 net 78  
 Wayne Richter 115 net 79

### Santa Clara golf course 1-12-2012

Naim Nazzal 91(45) net 72  
 Art Kraemer 91(46) net 72  
 Ed Nazzal 98 net 77  
 Jim Stevens 104 net 79  
 CTPP

Azmi Habib 101 net 64  
 Kamel Totah 105 net 70  
 Jere Austin 105 net 74  
 Wayne Richter 111 net 74

### Moffett Field golf course 1-19-2012

Howard Trudeau 101 net 69  
 Azmi Habib 110 net 73  
 Naim Nazzal 97 net 78  
 Jim Stevens 109 net 84 CTPP, CTPP

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**Los Lagos golf course**  
**1-26-2012**

**Art Kraemer 86 net 67**  
**CTTP**

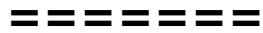
**Jim Stevens 96 net 72**  
**Jiries Nazzal 100 net 74**  
**Jim Loos 108 net 81**

**Azmi Habib 108 net 72**  
**Jere Austin 104 net 74**  
**CTTP**

**Howard Trudeau 106 net 75**  
**Wayne Richter 111 net 75 Naim Nazzal 91**  
**(45) net 72**

**Art Kraemer 91(46) net 72**  
**Ed Nazzal 98 net 77**  
**Jim Stevens 104 net 79**  
**CTTP**

**Azmi Habib 101 net 64**  
**Kamel Totah 105 net 70**  
**Jere Austin 105 net 74**  
**Wayne Richter 111 net 74**



**SONS IN RETIREMENT**  
**GOLF TOURNAMENT**

Las Vegas, Nevada

*Palace Station Hotel & Casino*

April 22-26, 2012 **Four Nights** Hosts: Bob Mannell, Bill Wilhelm and Rich Seyler

**ELIGIBILITY:** Must be a member in good standing in SONS IN RETIREMENT, INC., with a valid SIR NCGA GHIN Number.

Lady guests must have a **Verifiable Handicap**. Any golfer not meeting these requirements will not be eligible to collect any prizes they might win.

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**ENTRY FEES: Luxury Tower Package**  
2 Golfers Sharing a room.\$609/golfer  
1 Golfer/1 Non-Golfer Sharing a Room..\$824  
Single Golfer.....\$709

**PACKAGE PRICE INCLUDES**  
Deluxe Tower Room at Palace Station Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas: Three Days of Golf: Angel Park and Painted Desert Transportation to and from the Golf Courses Welcome Reception with a No-host Bar on the first evening Four Breakfast Buffets Gourmet Awards Banquet Wednesday Evening with a No-host Bar Prize Fund Paid to Approximately 30% of Field – Closest to the Hole Prizes for Men and Women Each

Day  
**Send** entry form with credit card information or with check payable to Palace Station To: Palace Station Hotel & Casino or **Fax** completed form to: 1 (702) 367-6138 Attn: Nakaba Ando, Group Sales or **email:** nakaba.Ando@stationcasinos.com 2411 W. Sahara Avenue or **Call:** 1 (888) 319-4661

Las Vegas, Nevada 89102 and refer to the **Sir Golf Tournament – PCISIR2 CANCELLATION POLICY:** If you cancel 45 days before arrival, you get a full refund. Within 45 days and before 14 days of arrival, there will be a \$50 charge. 14 days to 48 hours, there will be a \$250 charge per golfer. Within 48 hours and No-shows will not receive any refund. All charges will be at the discretion of the SIR Golf Committee.

Cutoff for registration is Friday, March 23, 2012 or when space is full, whichever comes first.

E-mail for details/form to:  
Nakaba.Ando@stationcasinos.com

**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:  
Gene Barlow

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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 .

Samples of the many there:
Oct. 11 – 23, 2012 iSpain’s Costa del Sol & The Portuguese Riviera
(Br 38) Escorts, Bill Rodman (408) 274-4521 & Nick Lickwar (408) 532-6992.

Thirteen day escorted land tour of

Spain’s Costa del Sol & Portugal’s Riviera. You’ll be picked up at The Villages and possibly a second site. Highlights...Madrid, Prado Museum, High Speed Train, Cordoba, Costa del Sol, Granada, Alhambra, Cadiz, Seville, Cascais, Lisbon, Sintra, Estoril, Obidos, Fatima. These & other optional excursions are exciting destinations with details described in our brochure – available at your branch travel table or, call Br 38 escorts or, e-mail brodman@sbcglobal.net. You can also view the brochure (without the options) on the Br 38 website: <http://branch38.sirinc2.org/> Book by Apr. 11, 2012 & save \$100 per person. Also covered in the \$4244 pp dbl occupancy (\$4144 until Apr. 11, 2012) are Cancellation & Waiver Insurance of \$220 pp, air taxes & fees/surcharges of \$150, hotel transfers, gratuities & RT air fare from San Francisco & transportation to/from The Villages to the airport. First deposit of \$470 pp (which includes cancellation & waiver insurance) is due upon reservation. Make checks payable to COLLETTE VACATIONS or use the Credit Card Authorization Form (included in the brochure) & address to Bill Rodman, 2025 Folle Blanche Dr, San Jose, CA 95135.

*****ONE DAY TRIPS*****

April 20, 2012 I
Golden Gate Fields
(Br 62) Escorts: Jim Hohenshelt 408-394-7226 or Roy Jordan 408-735-8765. SIR is hosting another race day at Golden Gate Fields. Transportation to the track is not included but price does include admission to the Turf Club, buffet lunch, daily program, valet parking, and the best in thoroughbred horse racing. Cost is expected to be approximately \$30..

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**Bowling**  
**BRANCHES 5, 35, & 51**  
EVERY TUESDAY,  
HOMESTEAD LANES,  
HOMESTEAD AND  
STELLING,  
SUNNYVALE.

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| BOB TAGGART<br>650-321-2654<br>cbtagart(at)<br>earthlink.net | Doug Anderson<br>415-407-4000<br>marktintl(at)aol.com |
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Prizes: Roy Robinson

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- . Play starts at 1:00 p.m. with practice lanes available at 12:50 p.m. Join us for the Winter/Spring Tournament. We bowl on a handicap system, so all bowlers have an equal chance of winning the individual and team priz-es. Each season, teams are revised and always have a cross section of bowlers, distributed by ability. If you're new, it's easier if you call Bob or Doug in advance so we will be prepared. The new season just started on January 3rd and there are several openings on existing teams. Weekly High Scores for January 10, 2012

**1st PLACE TEAM**

Jeff Grundy, Earl Pampeyan, Doug Anderson

**2nd PLACE TEAM**

Bill Nye, Art England,

Arnie Satterlee, Jerry Coe

**3rd PLACE TEAM (Tie)**

Bill Webster, Bob Taggart,

Fred Schwalbach 3rd PLACE TEAM (Tie)

Chuck Huff, Jerry Ososkie,

Bill Finkemeier

**4th PLACE TEAM**

Tim Eastham, Roy Robinson, Alan Gaudie

**5th PLACE TEAM** John Snyder, Hal Knowlton,

Roger Anderson, Ptah Bennet

**HIGH SERIES SCRATCH**

1st - Bob Taggart: 524

2nd - Chuck Huff: 474

3rd - Earl Pampeyan: 452

**HIGH GAME SCRATCH**

1st - Alan Gaudie: 198

2nd - John Snyder: 178

3rd - Hal Knowlton: 165

**HIGH SERIES HANDICAP**

Ptah Bennet: 646

Fred Schwalbach: 617

Doug Anderson: 601

**HIGH GAME HANDICAP**

1st - Jerry Coe: 235 (Tie)

1st - Art England: 235 (Tie)

2nd - Bill Finkemeier: 229

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