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Big SIR sez:

Please note that the November luncheon date is November **14**, the second Wednesday.

Our speaker for October 31, Steve Blank, gave an outstanding program on the work of Professor Fred Terman for the Department of Defense during WW2. It was so interesting that, by popular request, he continued for more than an hour.

The November speaker is Robert Walker on "How to be a Better Wine Drinker". I'm sure we all have this goal in mind with every purchase at the wine store. It should be an interesting presentation.

The Holiday Party on December 12 promises to be an entertaining event, chaired by Howard Trudeau. Please save the date and plan to attend with your spouse or guest.

Come to the November 14 luncheon, bring a friend, and learn to be a more informed wine drinker.

I wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving with family and friends.

Big SIR,
Al Stratz

SPEAKER

How to Be a Better Wine Drinker

Speaker: Bob Walker

Bob has 35 years of experience in the wine industry, ranging from senior level marketing and

Lunch, 11/14/12:

- Harvest salad with Apples and dried cranberries
- Fruit Ambrosia
- Mashed potatoes and Yams
- Gravy and Cranberry Sauce
- Stuffing
- Vegetables
- Roast Turkey
- Pumpkin Pie

sales positions at two of the world's largest wine companies, to fine wine retailing, importing and exporting. Since 2002, he has owned a wine consulting and exporting company, RWWines LLC, focusing on brand development and strategic planning for family owned California wineries and exporting California wines to Asia.

Prior to starting his wine career, he was a sales manager at Procter & Gamble and earned MBA and BBA degrees from Texas Christian University.

Bob, his wife and his son have lived in San Mateo since 1990.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY **DECEMBER 12, 2012**

INVITE YOUR WIFE
OR A FRIEND

MENU:

- ROAST BEEF - \$30
- SALMON - \$30
- VEGETARIAN - \$25

MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT

RAFFLE PRIZES

SIGN-UP AT THE NOVEMBER MEETING

OR CONTACT:

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You **MUST** Sign Up by December 1.

Attendance Report

October 31, 2012

Members	37
Guests	2
Visitors	1
Total	40

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Membership

No Report

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Roster Changes

No Report

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## November Birthdays

|                  |       |
|------------------|-------|
| Arthur Kraemer   | 11/8  |
| Ronald Fredlunds | 11/15 |
| James Stevens    | 11/29 |

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Board

October 31, 2012

- The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m.
Those in attendance were: Art Kramer-Assistant Treasurer, Ken Liddicoat-Director, Don Harryman- Treasurer, Al Stratz-Big SIR, Dan Haley-Greeter, Art Schmid-Secretary, Paul Krug-Forthcoming Secretary, and Pete LoPresto. Since only five of the above are officers, no quorum of six was present.
- The minutes of the last meeting were approved as presented.
- Big SIR-Al Stratz. We presently have 70 members in our branch, and desire a growth rate of 10% per year. Thus far we have four new members towards our goal, and expect one more to transfer in. The Form 27 Monthly Branch Membership Report was presented and is on file. It shows that typically 64% to 70% of our members attend the monthly meetings.
We should again encourage members to bring friends to lunch. In the past, we had a New Member Recruiting Committee plus business cards to

distribute. Howard will talk to Les Spring and Paul Butler re the use of such cards in recruiting efforts, along with participation by Al Stratz. As an aside, it was noted that our youngest member is 66, which suggests that additional youth would improve our member diversity.

We need an information packet for new members, which could include a list of past speakers and the content of their talks. This would present an additional benefit of luncheon meeting attendance.

4. Art Kraemer-Special Projects. A sympathy card was sent to the family of Jerry Levy who passed away recently.

5. It was noted that the proposed recommendations of Howard Trudeau regarding perfect attendance rules and perfect attendance recognition have been implemented after their adoption at our last meeting.

6. Treasurer's Report-Don Harryman. For the month, the beginning cash balance was \$4049.15 and the ending cash balance was 3947.70. For the year, the beginning cash balance was \$4131.27 and the ending balance 3947.70. The full report is on file.

7. Our member Paul Krug has accepted the position of Secretary for the forthcoming year. Thank you and congratulations.

A Form 20 will be submitted to our Area Governor regarding the filling of this position. The current Secretary will also check on the SIR Rule regarding the holding of a meeting without

having a quorum.

8. There being no further business, it was moved that we adjourn. The motion was seconded and carried. The meeting was adjourned at 10: 41 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur Schmid,
Secretary

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## GOLF October

### Sunnyvale Golf Course

10-4

|                 |            |
|-----------------|------------|
| Greg Kemist     | 85 net 72  |
| Gary Hornberger | 91 net 72  |
| CTTP, CTTP      |            |
| Art Kraemer     | 94 net 74  |
| Jim Swanson     | 99 net 74  |
| Jere Austin     | 96 net 65  |
| Howard Trudeau  | 96 net 65  |
| Jim Stevens     | 103 net 75 |

### Santa Clara Golf

10-11

|             |                |
|-------------|----------------|
| Naim Nazzal | 89 net 67 CTTP |
| Ed Nazzal   | 94 net 72 CTTP |
| Greg Kemist | 86 net 73      |
| Jere Austin | 106 net 74     |
| Jim Stevens | 109 net 81     |
| Azmi Habib  | 119 net 82     |

### Shoreline Golf

10-18

|                 |                |
|-----------------|----------------|
| Jim Stevens     | 93 net 64 CTTP |
| Jere Austin     | 98 net 66      |
| Naim Nazzal     | 91 net 69      |
| Azmi Habib      | 110 net 73     |
| Gary Hornberger | 98 net 78 CTTP |

### Los Lagos Golf

10-25

|                |                      |
|----------------|----------------------|
| Greg Kemist    | 79 net 66 CTTP, CTTP |
| Art Kraemer    | 90 net 70            |
| Naim Nazzal    | 92 net 71            |
| Jere Austin    | 96 net 66            |
| Howard Trudeau | 102 net 72           |
| Wayne Richter  | 112 net 76           |

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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:

November: There will be no November CompuSIR meeting on November 14, but there will be a regular SPAUG meeting that evening, to which the CompuSIR personnel are invited.

December: There will be no December CompuSIR meeting on December 12, but plans are being developed for a party in the evening, hosted by SPAUG.

The next regular CompuSIR meeting will be on the 2nd Wednesday, January 9, 2013, 12:30 p.m.

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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/](http://www.sirinc.org/sirhappenings/), which includes travel news from other branches or. [http://sirinc.org/new\\_site/travel.html](http://sirinc.org/new_site/travel.html)

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The Fall 2012 edition of SIR Happenings has just been posted on the SIR website: <http://sirinc.org/sirhappenings/>

President Stedman discusses leadership in his front page article and again closes with these remarks for all of us "Please take full advantage of your SIR membership, be a participant, invite your friends to join and enjoy retirement more."

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

EVERY TUESDAY,  
HOMESTEAD LANES,  
HOMESTEAD AND  
STELLING,  
Cupertino

Co-Chairmen: Bob Taggart  
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Roy Robinson  
Doug Anderson  
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415-407-4000

Here are the results at the half-way point in the Fall/Winter league, which started on August 28th. There is only a 1-point difference between the top two teams and the rankings are getting closer. If you would like to join us, there are 8 weeks remaining - December 18th will wrap it up for the year. We have immediate openings for bowlers of any level.

Call either Bob or Doug if you have any questions.

**STANDINGS THROUGH WEEK #8**

- 1ST PLACE  
Alan Gaudie, Fred Schwalbach
- 2nd PLACE  
Arnie Satterlee, Roy Robinson, Hal Knowlton
- 3RD PLACE - TIE  
Bill Webster, Doug Anderson, Bob Taggart
- 3RD PLACE - (TIE)  
Ptah Bennett, Bill Finkemeier, Tim Eastham
- 5TH PLACE  
Harold Kaye, Jeff Grundy, Jerry Ososkie
- 6TH PLACE  
Jerry Coe, Earl Pampeyan, Chuck Huff

**HIGH SERIES – SCRATCH**

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Bob Taggart: 494
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Jerry Ososkie: 466
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Jeff Grundy: 445

**HIGH GAME - SCRATCH**

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Chuck Huff: 180
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Tim Eastham: 173
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Roy Robinson: 154

**HIGH HANDICAP SERIES**

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Ptah Bennett: 634
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Arnie Satterlee: 593
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Alan Gaudie: 568

**HIGH HANDICAP GAME**

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Fred Schwalbach: 224
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Doug Anderson: 213
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Bill Webster: 205

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Biking

Jerry Butler – (650)494-8078
2nd Thursday, November 8,
11:00 a.m. Wives and guests are 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 where we will have lunch, and

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then return (approximately 20 miles round trip). It might be windy, so bring a jacket or windbreaker. **Directions:** Exit Highway 101 at Marine Parkway/Ralston. Turn right on Marine Parkway, then make 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, please contact Karl as per above, or Peter Barba at (650) 949-4191, peter_barba@alumni.stanford.edu

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Gentlemen:

I just spoke to Al Gardner's son-in-law who informed me that Al passed away on October 28. Al had not been feeling well when he and Florence returned from a cruise in October. He was hospitalized and passed away a few days later. Private services have been held.

Al was a long time member of Branch 5, inducted 4/82. He was Big SIR in 1986, and has been Parliamentarian for many years. He was a Senior Honorary Life Member.

Al will be missed.

*Howard*

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HERE**

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