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Big SIR sez:

One of the best parts of our meetings is the induction of new members. We were pleased to have Ching Hwang and Mark Castro joined our branch at the August 24th meeting. Ching was sponsored by Greg Kemist and Mark was sponsored by Richard McGrath. There was a record number of golfers at Los Lagos the next day as Ching offered to buy everyone a round of drinks to celebrate his hole-in-one. We look forward to playing with Mark and Ching and hope they continue to make more holes-in-one as we are quite thirsty after a round.

We sincerely appreciate those members who have agreed to head up our Branch Executive Committee in 2017. Foster Kinney will be our new Big SIR, Roy Dreisbach will be Little SIR, Chris Vasques will be Secretary and Peter LoPresto will continue on as Treasurer. Don Andrews will be Assistant Treasurer and our Directors will be Phil Yurtis, Carl Orta, and Al Stratz. We still need an Assistant Secretary to complete the roster. Many thanks to Howard Trudeau and Al Stratz for recruiting these members. I hope they all will enjoy the rewarding experience of providing leadership for Branch 5.

As I left the meeting, I saw that the card group was going full steam in the lounge at Michael's. Greg Kemist and Shum Mukherjee are

the leaders of the group, so please let them know if you would like to play or just join them after the next meeting. Bocce is starting up again in both Los Altos and Redwood City. The next bocce in Los Altos will be September 6th. Bocce in Redwood City will be September 14th and 21st..

Lunch, 9/26/16; noon

Salads:

Spring Mix Greens
Antipasto
Red Potato and Dill

Entrees:

Snapper Monterey
Breast of Chicken, Marsala

Dessert:

Ice Cream

The speaker for our September 28th meeting will be Greg Horne. Greg is a SIR member from Santa Cruz and will be speaking on his trip to Tanzania to climb Mt. Kilimanjaro. We'll see you then.

Gary

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September Branch 5 Calendar

September 1 - Golf at Sunnyvale – 9:30 AM
September 6 - Bocce at Los Altos - 2:00 PM
September 8 - Golf at Shoreline – 9:30 AM

September 14 - Bocce at Redwood City – 3:00 PM
September 15 - Golf at Sunnyvale – 9:30 AM
September 21 - Bocce at Redwood City – 3:00 PM
September 22 - Golf at Los Lagos – 10:00 AM
September 28 – Lunch at Michaels - 11:00 AM
September 28 – Cards at Michaels – 1:30 PM
September 29 - Golf at Moffett – 9:30 AM
October 4 - Bocce at Los Altos - 2:00 PM

SPEAKER

Santa Cruz SIR Greg Horne describes the trip he took to Tanzania with his brother to climb Mt. Kilimanjaro. Set in the midst of tropical grasslands, Mt. Kilimanjaro is Africa's highest peak, and the tallest freestanding mountain in the world.

Greg compares walking up Kilimanjaro with walking in one week from the Equator to the Arctic. Passing through 5 distinct climate and vegetation zones, the climb progresses from equatorial rainforest through temperate forest, heathland and alpine desert to the snow-capped, perpetually frozen summit. At 19,340 feet above sea level, it's certainly a challenge, and one that defeats more than half of those who attempt it. But it's not a technical climb, and with proper preparation can be managed by fit trekkers of

all ages.

Greg’s PowerPoint presentation includes background on the mountain, details of the preparations he made for the trip, and many photographs taken on the climb from the forest to the summit.

Attendance Report

43 members
1 guest
1 speaker

45
Tom Donahue

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Membership

No data received

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Roster Changes

No data received

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September Birthdays

Sep 27 David A. Spaulding
Sep 27 Ching F Hwang

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SUMMARY OF BRANCH 5 Executive Board MINUTES

**Shoreline Golf Course
Pro Shop
August 24, 2016**

Big SIR Report.

2017 Officers to be elected today – Form 20 due August 30.
Ching Hwuang and Mark Castro will be inducted today.
July BBQ – 51 attendees. Pictures are on the website and at today’s meeting.

Committee Reports:

Meeting lunch attendance at the July meeting – 30 members.

Form 27 shows 61 active members for July, no change from June. Charles Shanieh and Andy Doughman were inducted in June and Ching Hwang and Mark Castro in August.

Speakers –

Today’s speaker is Jim Colton, who has photographed and will discuss his visit to Cuba.

The October speaker, Spencer Christian, is a 45-year career TV news reporter, sportscaster, talk show host, and weather forecaster. He can be followed @SpencerABC7 on Twitter.

Activities:

Bocce is couples activity scheduled the 1st Tuesday in Los Altos from 2:00 to 4:00 and from 3:00 to 5:00 on every 2nd and 3rd Wednesday at Red Morton Park in Redwood City.

Greg Kemist – is arranging card game activities for interested members and wives.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Krug,
Branch 5 Secretary

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GOLF

Sunnyvale golf course 8-4-16

Phil Yurtis	89 net 63
CTTP	
Gary Hornberger	86 net 64
Jim Stevens	97 net 68
Richard McGrath	81 net 69
Greg Kemist	87 net 73
CTTP	
Howard Trudeau	109 net 74
Jere Austin	112 net 77
Norm Nazzal	101 net 78
Carl Orta	114 net 83
Jiries Nazzal	117 net 83
Charles Shamieh	133 net 98
Mark Castro	98

Moffett Field golf 8-11-16

Greg Kemist	82 net 68
Richard McGrath	81 net 69
CTTP,CTTP	
Norm Nazzal	95 net71
Howard Trudeau	110 net 73
Phil Yurtis	102 net 75
Jere Austin	113 net 76
Jiries Nazzal	110 net 76
Azmi Habib	123 net 86
Charles Shamieh	131 net 94
Anwar Dughman	134 net 97
Mark Castro	93

Sunnyvale golf 8-18-16

Richard McGrath	82 net 71
CTTP	
Jim Stevens	101 net 72
Jiries Nazzal	106 net 73
Howard Trudeau	108 net73
Norm Nazzal	100 net 77
Azmi Habib	119 net 84
Charles Shamieh	127 net 92
Anwar Dughman	133 net 98
Ching Hwang	96 CTTP

Los Lagos golf 8-25-16

Gary Hornberger	86 net 65
CTTP,CTTP	
Phil Yurtis	92 net 68
Jiries Nazzal	100 net 68
Howard Trudeau	104 net 69
Richard McGrath	81 net 70
Jere Austin	106 net 71
Jim Stevens	101 net 73
Greg Kemist	89 net 75
Mark Castro	105 net 83
Azmi Habib	123 net 88
Charles Shamieh	126 net 91
Anwar Dughman	132 net 97
Ching Whang	96

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MAC Group

MAC users should contact W.A. Ross, <waross@closereach.com>

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(aka Skip) for information on this group.

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**Bocce Ball**

Foster Kinney is reserving the two bocce courts at Red Morton Park in Redwood City (1400 Roosevelt) on the second & third Wednesdays from 3:00 to 5:00 PM for members of SIR-5 and their guests. We also play at the Los Altos Senior Center at Hillview at 2 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month.

We have enough bocce balls for 8 players, so there is plenty of room.

And the cost is FREE!

Please contact Foster 650-299-9479, or email [fostertkinney@gmail.com](mailto:fostertkinney@gmail.com) (note the extra "t") to tell him you are coming to Redwood City or Carl Orta , 650-868-5221, [carlcal54@sbcglobal.net](mailto:carlcal54@sbcglobal.net) if you are coming to Los Altos



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Tennis:

Tennis group meets Mondays and Thursdays at Rinconada Park, 777 Embarcadero Road, Palo Alto, at 8:00 a.m. when doubles are formed. Late arrivals will play as sets are completed. Skill level is about 2.5. Contact is Bob Kamin, 650-322-4300.

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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 .

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Bowling
BRANCHES 5, 35,
& 51

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Doug Anderson marktintl@aol.com
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Prizes: Alan Gaudie

This is the tightest battle to date. With only 2 weeks remaining, 7 of the 10 teams have an opportunity to win the league. Our immediate goal: **More women Bowlers.** We bowl every Tuesday at the Homestead Lanes - Homestead & Stelling Roads in Cupertino at 1:00 PM. The cost is \$15 per week.

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**Biking**

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**SIR BICYCLE GROUP**  
**BRANCH 5,16,35 AND 51**  
---COME RIDE WITH US)

The SIR Branch 35 monthly bicycling is a combined activity with all SIR Branches in Area 16. The objectives of the monthly rides are to continue to promote fellowship, share experiences, get some exercise and above all, have FUN! Planned SIR rides are announced in each SIR Monthly Newsletter and by email to all interested members. The rides are on the 2nd Thursday of each month. Wives and guests are welcome. All that a bicyclist needs are a bike,

bicycling helmet, and a jacket or vest, if it is windy. Rain will cancel the planned ride. We ask that all participants exhibit a positive attitude, exercise good judgment when riding such as maintaining a safe distance between riders, obeying all traffic signs and stop lights, etc.

There are 9 standard SIR bike trails (all very scenic) from South San Jose to South San Francisco and from Half Moon Bay to Fremont all between 15 to 20 miles round trip on paved, level bicycle trails. Some trails will have optional 4-5 mile extensions. The riding pace is moderate between 9-12 mph depending on oncoming headwinds. Riding on streets is kept to a minimum. Planned rides will have short restroom/water breaks and lunch is at a known restaurant at the halfway point of the ride.

Some of the SIR bicyclists have been experimenting with establishing a 4th Thursday of the month ride. This ride will be more unstructured with the objective of finding new, paved and safe biking trails to add to the standard 9 SIR ride list. Some of these new trails may be outside of the Immediate Bay Area. The riding pace is a little faster depending on the riders, bike trails are new to the riders so there may be some backtracking and are not always well marked/identified so it makes for a more adventurous ride. If interested, please talk with Jim Lunt or Gordon Tong.

**THE SIR Bicycle Ride for**  
**September 8, 2016**

2nd Thursday— Sept 8, 2016,  
11:00 AM

Wives ands guests welcome  
Rain cancels; Helmet required

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**Mountain View to Alviso**

**The Ride:** We begin the ride at the La Avenida Trail Head and follow the Stevens Creek Trail for 1.5 miles where we connect with the BayTrail. We continue the ride 3.5 miles on the levees and old service roads as we cross the waters north of Moffett Field. (Note: This portion of the Bay Trail has been resurfaced and is not bumpy as before) We then head for Sunnyvale Baylands Park where we do go on packed gravel to downtown Alviso, where we will have lunch at a restaurant. The ride is 9.5 miles one way. We will return on the same route for a round trip of 19 miles. There are no optional shortcuts.

**Directions:** Meet at the La Avenida Trail Head at the end of La Avenida Ave. From the intersection of Hwy 101 and Shoreline Blvd, head north on Shoreline Blvd. toward the Computer Museum. La Avenida is the first

street on the right, but you can't turn there as it is a one-way street. Instead go past the Computer Museum to Pear Ave; turn right. Ingo Way is the next street; turn right. La Avenida is the next St.; turn left. (It is a two-way street here). Go four blocks to the end of the street. Park on the street, next to the curb.

To ride or for info, contact me (see above), or Gordon Tong (gordy6850@gmail.com)

(This time because of the traffic at the exit of 101, some riders may start from the Sleeper Ave. start. We will leave La Avenida a little after 11:00 AM to give them a chance to join us)

COME RIDE WITH US



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