

# Sons in Retirement



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## **Big SIR sez:**

Well, here we are in March. It is still a Super Moon (nice and bright when you can see it, if it is not raining!) And would you believe it?

Another Blue Moon! So soon, after the January 31 Blue moon.

So, the Full Worm Moon was March 1 and the Blue Moon is the Pink Moon on March 31. That will be enough Blue Moons for awhile. There is only one full moon in April, on April 29. The next Blue Moon (second full moon in one month) is October 31, 2020. So, "save the date" on your calendar!

Sunday, March 11, Daylight Savings Time begins. Your clock Springs Forward. Remember to set your clocks!

March 17 is Saint Patrick's Day. Remember to wear green!

Spring begins on Tuesday, March 20. The day is the same length as the night. After this the days get longer and the nights get shorter until June 21, the longest day of the year and the beginning of Summer.

Palm Sunday will be March 25, Good Friday on March 30 and Easter is early this year, on April 1, and that is no April Fool!

Our Birthday Boy for March is Bob Simons. Our Raffle Winner for February was Bob Carlstead. Remember, you have to show your SIR Business Card to win the monthly raffle.

Come on out to our monthly activities. Golf every Thursday at nearby courses. Bocce on the first and third Tuesdays at the Los Altos Senior Center at 2:00 PM. Both depend on whether it is raining this dry winter. Bowling every Tuesday

at 12:45 PM at Homestead Lanes. Cards after our lunch. Guests are always welcome at all of our activities, so give them a try! Then on Wednesday, March 28, saunter on down to Michaels for our Monthly Lunch. Bring a friend. We will buy his lunch!

And we will see you there!

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### **Lunch 3/28: Noon**

#### **Salads:**

Spring Mix Greens  
Tomato and Cucumber.  
Vinaigrette  
Three Bean

#### **Entrees:**

Monterey Snapper  
Meatloaf with Mushroom Sauce

#### **Dessert:**

Ice Cream

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## **SPEAKER**

### **“River Monsters of Guyana” On a fly rod**

You’ve seen “River Monsters” on TV, but nothing quite like this... and Jeremy Wade doesn’t use a fly rod.

On March 28, Sam Bishop will present a fascinating program about fly fishing in the jungles of Guyana, capped by his unexpected participation in an amazing rescue operation.

“It was 17 nights in a hammock with a blue tarp for shelter and no ice for drinks. Actually, when the one bottle ran out there were no drinks (alcoholic) anyway This was the most remote place I have ever been and I have been a lot of places in the world.”



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### **March Branch 5 Calendar**

March 1 - Golf at Sunnyvale 9:30 AM

March 6 – Bocce at Los Altos -2:00 PM

March 8 Golf at Shoreline – 9:30 AM

March 15 - Golf at Moffett – 10:00 AM – Time Subject to Change

March 20 -Bocce at Los Altos - 2:00 PM

March 22 - Golf at Los Lagos - 10:00 AM

March 28 – Lunch Meeting at Michaels – 11:00 AM

March 29 – **No Golf**

April 3 – Bocce at Los Altos - 2:00 PM

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## Attendance Report

No data received

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## Membership

No data received

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## Roster Changes

No data received

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## March 2018 Birthdays

- Mar 4 Foster Kinney
- Mar 12 Robert Carlstead
- Mar 16 Robert Merk
- Mar 24 Henry Cooper
- Mar 31 Robert Simons

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### SIR Branch 5

#### Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

February 28, 2018– 10:00 AM

1. The meeting was called to order at 10 AM.
2. A Quorum was reached including the following attendees: Chris Vasquez, Carl Orta, Pete LoPresto, Gary Hornberger, Paul Butler, Albert Stratz, Howard Trudeau, Roy Dreisbach, Foster Kinney, Dan Haley, Bob Simons and Tom Donahue.
3. The minutes of January 24, 2018, BEC meeting were approved after one correction.
4. Gary introduced Bob Fox, Regional Director, as a guest. Foster gave Bob kudos for bringing all the big SIR leaders together for the sharing of information, which continues to work well.
5. Big SIR reports:  
Foster reported that SIR turns 60 on June 23, 2018. We will have some sort of recognition. Ken Newton, Area 13 Governor will be with us. That will be a good time to hand out Senior Sir (age 90) Certificates. Foster will check with Carol to see if Michaels will prepare a cake for

the June 27th meeting. He stated we would also celebrate during the July barbecue.

Emmett Hearn’s service was Saturday, January 27, 2:00 PM at Los Altos Methodist Church, 655 Magdalena. Foster shared the service program.

Cal Cook’s service was Thursday, Feb. 15 at Golden Altar Ministries in San Jose. SIRs had a good showing. Foster shared Cal’s service program.

d.Foster reported no services yet for Paul Camenzind.

6. Secretary’s Report – Chris Vasquez had nothing to report.

7. Treasurer’s Report and approval – Pete LoPresto

a. Budget forecast for 2028  
Pete passed out the forecast, which is attached.

Pete reported that income was \$1805 with \$1288.19 in expenses. He reported that the January gain was \$516.81 Pete stated that compared to year-end 2016 we are starting the year better this year and are over the minimum necessary in our checking account. He stated we had about an \$800 gain this last year. Foster reported we are also currently charged 2017 prices from Michael’s. There was some discussion regarding the idea of a bottle of wine for birthday gifts but the board decided that a birthday lunch is sufficient. There was a discussion about unpaid dues and various board members volunteered to follow up with members to ascertain if they will continue to remain members and the status of the dues. Foster stated that we would be firming up the member ship list next month.

8. Committee Reports

**Attendance** – Tom Donahue reported that at the last meeting 3 guests, 36 members and 1 speaker for total of 40 attended. Tom also mentioned that Cal appeared to have formulated the last stated purpose of SIR that is included in the membership book. Foster stated that he always includes the motto “SIR adds years to your life and life to your years“ in his communications. All agreed this was a great

motto. There was a recommendation that a roster list be constructed so that those taking tickets at the door can check members off. The board decided to take this under advisement and to continue to utilize the current method.

**Membership** - Paul Butler passed out a membership report (attached), which showed 57 members after we removed Parsons as a new member. Also there was a correction to Cal Cook’s name on the report.

**Recruiting/Retention** – Bob Simons did not report .

**New Member Orientation** - Phil Yurtis was not in attendance.

**Speakers** – Al Stratz reported Jeanne MacVicar speaks on The Orphan Train today. He also reported that Sam Bishop, the speaker for March, would be talking about an 8-foot fish that he caught on fly rod equipment. He’s still looking for a speaker for April. Al said that he has a speaker for July by the name of Liz Giarratona. Al stated that she has a travel therapist and will talk about her travels.

**Web Master** – Ed Nazzal was not in attendance. Carl Orta confirmed he posted Holiday Pictures on our web site but Foster said we need the Officer Picture.

**Activities** - Carl Orta said Bocce play and schedule look good and he is expecting a game next Tuesday.

**Golf** - Howard Trudeau reported that rain is expected tomorrow and golf may be called off. He stated that this is determined at 7:30 PM the night before.

**Cards** Shum Mukherjee was not in attendance. Foster reported that they might play cards if they can find a foursome. He will call for this during the luncheon meeting

**9. Old Business:**

Foster called for names of people who may be interested in being the party chair. Foster is also looking to several members who are not regularly attending meetings and needs a list. Tom volunteered to provide the list to Foster by next month. Foster said there will be a

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survey our members who are not attending to determine why and if they need help getting to meetings.

**10. New Business:**

Foster brought up the question of how to respond to Dwight Sale's request for names and emails of members. There was a discussion of how to provide the names requested. It was decided that Paul would provide Chris a soft copy list and Chris would forward this to Dwight.

Foster stated that Mark Castro is requesting a replacement. Pete volunteered to provide the "sunshine" cards and will pick this up. Gary volunteered to pick up production of the certificates of appreciation. Dan is considering coordinating the baseball game for this year. He stated that he would get back to the committee at the next meeting.

Foster asked who should go to the State SIR Annual Meeting Tuesday, August 7th. It was decided that Foster and Roy would attend the meeting in Lincoln on Tuesday, August 7.

Chris reported that he will not be in attendance in the March meeting and will get in touch with Phil to backfill the secretary position.

Howard volunteered to provide additional caps to the membership. Those who are interested in SIR caps should get in touch with Howard. The caps go for \$12.

Carl suggested a couple of ways to go about getting new members. He said that there will be a festival in Los Altos in September and his idea is to staff a booth there including displaying a SIR banner to be able to hand out materials and attract new members. He also suggested placing flyers at senior centers, libraries and other locations to attract members. All liked this idea and Foster said he would put out a call to staff this as the time draws near.

Bob Simons reported that Roger Teeter would be bringing a guest today.

11. The meeting was adjourned at 11:17 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Chris Vasquez

SIR Branch 5 Secretary

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**GOLF**



**Golf Luncheon**

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**Sunnyvale golf course**  
**2-1-18**

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|-----------------|-------------|
| Norm Nazzal     | 95 net 67   |
| Jiries Nazzal   | 101 net 70  |
| CTTP            |             |
| Phil Vollmer    | 101 net 73  |
| CTTP            |             |
| Jim Stevens     | 99 net 73   |
| Howard Trudeau  | 110 net 75  |
| Phil Yurtis     | 98 net 76   |
| Mark Castro     | 106 net 77  |
| Azmi Habib      | 115 net 80  |
| Charles Shamieh | 119 net 84  |
| Anwar Dughman   | 135 net 100 |

**Shoreline golf course**  
**2-8-18**

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|----------------|------------|
| Jim Stevens    | 92 net 65  |
| CTTP           |            |
| Phil Yurtis    | 91 net 68  |
| CTTP           |            |
| Howard Trudeau | 109 net 72 |
| Phil Vollmer   | 102 net 73 |
| Mark Castro    | 104 net 74 |
| Greg Kemist    | 92 net 78  |

**Moffett Field golf course**  
**2-15-18**

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|--------------|------------|
| Greg Kemist  | 88 net 74  |
| Phil Vollmer | 105 net 75 |
| Azmi Habib   | 113 net 75 |
| Jim Stevens  | 103 net 76 |
| CTTP, CTTP   |            |
| Mark Castro  | 111 net 80 |

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**MAC Group**

MAC users should contact W.A. Ross, <waross@closereach.com> (aka Skip) for information on this group.

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**Bocce Ball**

Bocce ball play in Los Altos: all members/guests/spouses are welcome, we play from 2:00 to 4:00 pm, and it's free. There is no residency requirement. The courts are at the Hillview senior center, next to Room 10, 97 Hillview Ave. For 2018 we are playing on the FIRST and THIRD Tues. of each month. We plan to keep the Redwood City courts as a back-up venue as needed, on the third Wed. of each month from 3:00 to 5:00 pm. Come join us, stay active and learn a new sport.



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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**

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**

EVERY TUESDAY,  
HOMESTEAD LANES,  
HOMESTEAD AND  
STELLING,  
CUPERTINO

(BRANCHES 5, 35 & 51) We bowl on a handicap system, so all have an equal chance. Each season teams are revised and always have a mix of players by ability. Be there by **12.45**. New bowlers are always welcome at any level of experience. If you're new, it's easier if you call me in advance so we will be prepared.  
TIM EASTHAM (366-2449)

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**Biking**

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If you plan to ride or have questions please contact Jim Lunt as above, or Gordon Tong at [gordy6850@gmail.com](mailto:gordy6850@gmail.com)

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**Coyote Hills / Alameda Creek -- Niles/ Fremont**

The Ride: We will begin the ride at the Coyote Hills Park and continue on the Alameda Trail to Niles where we will have lunch at a restaurant in downtown Niles. The ride is flat and approximately 9 miles each way, with an optional loop of a scenic view of the bay that adds about one mile (a total ride of 19 miles).

Directions: Take Highway 84 across the Dumbarton Bridge past the toll booth to the first exit, which is Paseo Padre Parkway. Turn left and go one mile to Paterson Ranch Road; turn left. This is the entrance to Coyote Hills Park (there is a small sign). Go 1/2 mile to the park toll booth (\$5 per car or use your East Bay Regional Park District season pass). Continue another 1/2 mile over several speed bumps to the park office and museum; park there.

If you plan to ride, or have questions, please contact James Lunt as above or contact GORDON TONG [gordy6850@gmail.com](mailto:gordy6850@gmail.com)

The next 3 months ride:

- # March--Coyote Hills
- # April----Foster City Bay Trail
- # May----Brisbane, Oyster Point

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