

MID-PENINSULA BRANCH #51

NO. 441
A non-Profit Organization
For Retired Men



FEBRUARY 2013
Devoted to the
promotion of independence and
Dignity of retirement

LUNCHEON-12 NOON - FIRST WEDNESDAY - FREMONT HILLS CC, 12889 VISCAINO PL. LOS ALTOS HILL

Speaker
FEBRUARY 6TH
Cap Guns
Dave Stoner

When we hear the term "Cap Gun", what comes to mind? Maybe Roy Rogers, Gene Autry, Hopalong Cassidy, Tom Mix, Red Rider & Little Beaver or the Lone Ranger and Tonto. As kids, we played with Cap Guns inscribed with those famous Wild West names. Were those famous names the whole story about Cap Guns? No! Those names were at the end of the story; not the beginning.

When was the beginning of Cap Guns in America-for that matter the world? DAVE and DONNIS STONER will take you back in time, to 1870, and share with you the story when the very first toy guns became available to the kids of a war torn America. You will learn why these toy guns were named "Cap" guns and how they were first used. You can follow the next thirty years of the 19th Century and learn how these unique toys evolved.

You will learn why the Civil War in America played an important role in early cast iron toy making. The names of many early Cap Guns were not "politically correct" by today's contemporary standards. You will follow the innovative progress of those early toy makers that evolved into the modern Twenty First Century Cap Guns our children play with today.

On the day of the presentation, you will see many of these original antique Cap Guns; actually hold them, and have your questions answered."

FUTURE SPEAKERS

MARCH 6: Luke Rizzuto owner of a 1920 Chevy about a race from east Russia to Paris

APRIL 3: Roger S. Dong – a China expert

MAY 1: Xiao Wang on Chinese culture

JUNE 5: Summer BBQ

JULY 3: Jacob England - Canadian Oil Sands

**IF ANY MEMBER HAS ANY
SUGGESTIONS REGARDING SPEAKERS
PLEASE CONTACT
LITTLE SIR: Channell Wasson
321-0808**

IN MEMORIUM

Bob Janopaul
Services will be at
St. Marks Church
600 Colorado Ave, Palo Alto
January 19th At 2PM

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

It is that time again. The contribution amount is the same as last year, which allowed us to "break even" for our 2012 operating budget. The contribution amount is therefore again \$20 for active members and \$10 for inactive members. It can be paid by check or cash (checks preferred – payable to SIR Branch #51). Payments can be made at our regular monthly meetings or checks can be mailed any time to the treasurer at the following address:

Myron Hollister
4148 Old Trace Road
Palo Alto Ca 94306

SIR HAPPENINGS

The NEWEST issue of SIR Happenings
Is now available
for information about statewide
Activities of SIR go to SIR HAPPENINGS
<http://www.sirinc.org/sirhappenings/>

ACTIVITIES



BRIDGE: If you would like to play bridge for an hour or so after a meeting please call BOB WARD (650-592-8545) or e-mail at [bandward\(at\)sbcglobal.net](mailto:bandward(at)sbcglobal.net). There is almost always a game after our luncheon.



COMPUSIR: Meetings are held the SECOND WEDNESDAY of each month at 12:30 and 7:15 pm. at The PALO ALTO ELKS LODGE 4249 EL CAMINO REAL – PALO ALTO. For entry, use the announce button on the pedestal to the left of the door. The meeting is upstairs. (elevator available past the stairway).

NOTE: SIR's are welcome at either meeting time
12:30 or 7:15 pm

Feb 13: Speaker to be determined

To get on Compusir mailing list :club

<http://mailman.svpal.org/mailman/listinfo/compusir16>

OR To suggest a speaker contact Jim Dinkey at [jimdinkey\(at\)jimdinkey.com](mailto:jimdinkey(at)jimdinkey.com)

JIM DINKEY (493-9307)

MACINTOSH USERS

Skip Ross 541-857-6224

[waross\(at\)closereach.com](mailto:waross(at)closereach.com)

Contact Skip Ross to join this e-mail group where SIR members in all branches can exchange MAC-related news, get answers to questions and share experiences.



TENNIS: Our tennis group meets Mondays and Thursdays at Rinconada Park in Palo Alto. Please be there by 8 AM when doubles teams will be formed. Later arrivals will play as sets are completed. We play an open spin-in doubles format. Play level is around 2.5. We welcome non-SIRS players so bring a friend!

BILL KAMIN (322-4300)



GOLF: The following months' schedules are

January		February	
02 Wed NO GOLF		05 TUE Sunnyvale	9:30
08 TUE Sunnyvale	10:00	13 Wed Spring Valley	10:00
16 Wed Poplar Creek	10:15	20 Wed Santa Clara	10:00
23 Wed Shoreline	10:00	27 Wed Crystal Springs	10:00
30 Wed Los Lagos	10:00		

December Leader Board

GROSS		NET	
1-Ned Miller	82	1-Tony Hanley	64
2-Tony Hanley	86	2-Marc Cohen	67
3-Roy Deffebach	87	3-Art Lewis	68
4-Jim Cummings	87	Bob Guffey	68
5-Kingsley Wood	89	Ned Miller	68
6-Ben Guess	91	6-Roy Deffebach	69
7-Art Lewis	92	7-Jim Cummings	70

PLEASE BE AT THE COURSE AT LEAST ONE HOUR BEFORE THE FIRST TEE TIME.

All of the golf courses we play require a player count 7 to 14 days prior to play date. Please call or e-mail JIM CUMMINGS (650-328-2168) if your play or no-play commitment changes.

KAI JOHANSEN (853-2493)



INDOOR BOWLING:

(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.

Tuesdays at Homestead Lanes: Homestead and Stelling in Sunnyvale. 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.

SEASON HIGH SCORES

SCRATCH SERIES		SCRATCH GAME	
Bob Taggart	581	Chuck Huff	215
Tim Eastham	589	Roy Robinson	200
Fred Schwalbach	524	Jerry Ososkie	190

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Harold Kaye	699	Bill Webster	275
Earl Pampeyan	674	Doug Anderson	247
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Bill Finkemeier (323-2177)



The summer hours (June through October) are Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Please be there by 9:30 for the start time of 10:00. Experienced players should show up 30 minutes early to be entered into the draw for teams. **FREE COACHING IS AVAILABLE FOR NEW PLAYERS.**

DON HUGHES (323-9916)



SIRS ON BIKES: SIR Area #16 bike rides regularly start at 11:00 AM the **2nd Thursday of the month.** Wives and Guests are welcome.

Bring bike, helmet and a jacket if it is windy. Rain will cancel. Attendance averages 10-15 riders. More are welcome. Rides are planned to be 15-20 miles on paved bicycle trails (so that almost any type of bike is usable) with some optional ride distances. The pace is moderate and riding on streets is kept to a minimum and includes a restaurant lunch break.

February 14

COYOTE CREEK TRAIL Ride: We will ride the Coyote Creek Trail starting from the formerly Holiday Inn at 399 Silicon Valley Rd, San Jose. The ride will be about 6 miles to the Coyote Creek Golf Course. We will go past the golf course another 3 miles to a model airplane launching site, then double back to the golf course club house for lunch. After lunch we will ride back to the Holiday Inn for a total of 18 flat miles, round trip. For those who want a shorter ride, they may omit the ride to the airplane site, thus reducing the roundtrip to 12 miles.

Directions: Note: The Holiday Inn is in the process of changing it's name: first to Four Points Hotel, then to Sheraton hotel. It is located south of San Jose, one block east of highway 101 and just north of the highway 101/ 85 interchange. The directions are the same whether coming on highway 101 or 85: Take the Bernal Rd. exit. Turn left on Bernal Rd., which becomes Silicon Valley Blvd after crossing under 101. Turn left on Rue Ferrari Rd., the service road next to the hotel, and park in the hotel parking lot behind the furthest hotel building on the right.

To Ride – contact Jerry Butler or Karl Resick

<u>CHAIRMAN</u>		<u>ALTERNATE</u>
Jerry Butler		Karl Resick
650-494-8078	OR	650-941-8837
gxb366(at)aol.com		karl.resick(at)
		Stanfordalumni.org

FUTURE RIDES

Mar 14: Coyote Hills-Alameda Creek(Fremont)
 April 11: Foster City Bay Trail
 May 9: Brisbane Bayshore Trail
 June 13: Mt. View to Alviso
 July 11: Coyote Creek (So. San Jose)
 Aug 8: Stevens Creek/Shoreline Park (Mt. View)
 Sept 12: Los Gatos Creek
 Oct 10: Coyote Creek – Alameda Creek(Fremont)
 Nov 14: Foster City Bay Trail
 December – NO RIDE Scheduled

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NON-RESPONSIBILITY DECLARATION: All activities arranged for or by, or sponsored by, Sons in Retirement, Inc., and its Branches, are for the convenience and pleasure of the members and their guests who desire to participate. Sons in Retirement, Inc., and its Branches do not assume any responsibility for the well being or safety of the participants or their property, in any matters pertaining to said activities.

BRANCHES 5, 16, 35 & 51 TRAVEL NEWS



**SIR 55TH ANNIVERSARY
 ALASKA CRUISE aboard the GRAND PRINCESS**

**August 28 – September 7, 2013
 San Francisco to San Francisco
 Juneau, Skagway, Tracy Arm, Ketchikan,
 Victoria B.C.**

\$ 1579 - \$ 3300 (11 days)
 Contact Art Lloyd 650-384-6424
 Or Sonoma Travel 888-900-7772

All changes in address and/or telephone number must be reported to the Membership Committee Chairman:
Tim Eastham, 2110 Ward Way, Woodside, Ca 94062 (650-366-2449).

SIR BRANCH #51 OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Big Sir: Jim Cochran	968-9049
Little Sir: Channell Wasson	321-0808
Secretary: Carl Otto	321-3945
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Treasurer: Myron Hollister	867-4784
Asst. Treas.: Bob Myrdal	595-1293
Director: Chuck Yirchott	508-1374
Director: Roger Murray	329-8832
Director: Jim Cummings	328-2168
Director: Tim Eastham	366-2449

ACTIVITIES CHAIRMEN

Bowling, Indoor: Bill Finkemeier	323-2177
Lawn Bowling: Don Hughes	323-9916
Bridge: Bob Ward	592-8545
Bicycling: Jerry Butler (Br. 35)	494-8078
Compusir: Jim Dinkey (Br 35)	493-9307
Golf: Kai Johansen	853-2493
Tennis: Bill Kamin	322-4300
Travel: Art Lloyd	384-6424

ADMINISTRATIVE CHAIRMEN

Attendance: Arjun Godhwani	510-490-7503	Luncheon Coordinator: Bill Finkemeier	323-2177
Audit: Don Hughes	323-9916	Luncheon Programs: Channell Wasson	321-0808
Bulletin: Jim Cummings	328-2168	Membership: Tim Eastham	366-2449
E-Mail Contact: Art Lewis	964-3223	New Members: Roger Murray	329-8832
Good Samaritan: Charlie Lomax	948-6702	New Member orientation: Roy Deffebach	631-0585
Greeters: Norv Steele & Al Runge	408-243-2620	Nominating Committee: Bob Guffey	593-3496
Historian:		Special Events: Ed Wright	462-1554

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TIM EASTHAM
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