

MID-PENINSULA BRANCH #51

NO. 442  
A non-Profit Organization  
For Retired Men



MARCH 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**  
**MARCH 6<sup>TH</sup>**  
**Longest Auto Race**  
**World Tour**

LUKE RIZZUTO will speak to us about the upcoming adventure of driving around the world in his original 1918 Chevrolet V. Mr Rizzuto will bring the Chevrolet for our viewing.

The goal of the racing group is to be the very first group of auto drivers in modern history to literally drive “around the world.” Their route will follow the often remote original route of George Schuster – winner of the 1908 historic great race.

If Luke’s expedition is successful he will return at a later date to tell us about the adventure.

**FUTURE SPEAKERS**

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**

**MEMBERSHIP ROSTER**

A new membership roster is available. Please pick your copy up at the next meeting

**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 bandlward(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:**

NO NOON MEETING this month  
Come only to evening meeting  
6 Pm dinner at The Elks  
Meeting at 7:10 PM

**Feb 13: Speaker: Dr. Simon "Pete" Worden, Director, Ames Research Center**

We've begun to identify places in our own and other solar systems that could, in principle, have liquid water on their surfaces. Another source of insight into our search for life comes from developments in the field of synthetic biology that suggest that we—and presumably extraterrestrial intelligence—could engineer life to exist in broader ranges of conditions than we find on earth. Dr. Worden will discuss these developments and their implications for our search for life. Read more about this interesting topic and the speaker on the SPAUG websites at <http://www.pa-spaug.org/> or at <http://svcs.net/svuga>.

JIM DINKEY (493-9307)

**MACINTOSH USERS**

Skip Ross 541-857-6224

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

February		March	
05 TUE Sunnyvale		9:30 05 TUE Spring Valley	10:00
13 Wed Spring Valley	10:00	13 Wed Shoreline	10:00
20 Wed Santa Clara	10:00	20 Sunol (PALM)	10:00
27 Wed Crystal Springs	10:00	27 Wed Los Lagos	10:00

**January Leader Board**

GROSS		NET	
1-Ned Miller	78	1-Ned Miller	63
2-Chuck Yirchott	82	2-Chuck Yirchott	65
3-Ben Guess	84	3-Al Runge	68
4-Kingsley Wood	86	Ben Guess	68
5-Roy Deffebach	90	5-Kingsley Wood	69
6-Jim Cummings	92	6-Aaron Matityahu	70
7-Al Runge	93	7-Walt McCullough	71

**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	591	Doug Anderson	192
Tim Eastham	516	Arnie Satterlee	189
Chuck Huff	512	Ron Nakamoto	177

HANDICAP SERIES		HANDICAP GAME	
Jeff Grundy	656	Hal Knowlton	238
Earl Pampeyan	638	Harold Kaye	234
Alan Gaudie	634	Bill Finkemeier	229

Bill Finkemeier (323-2177)



**SIRS ON BIKES:** SIR Area #16 bike rides regularly start at 11:00 AM the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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	<b>OR</b>	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



The winter hours (until daylight savings starts) are Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 1:30 Please be there by 1:00 for the start time of 1:30. 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)

**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 55<sup>TH</sup> 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

Numerous Trips are available through SIR statewide through the state publication SIR HAPPENINGS. Use the website:  
[www.sirinc.org](http://www.sirinc.org)  
 click on travel

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
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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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