

MID-PENINSULA BRANCH #51

NO. 444
A non-Profit Organization
For Retired Men



MAY 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

MAY 1ST
China's 18th Communist
Party Congress

Lt. Col. Roger S. Dong, retired Air Force and former Defense Attache, Defense Intelligence Agency, was a China Specialist for over 32 years. He served throughout Asia but primarily at the Hong Kong Consulate and Taiwan Embassy. He speaks on modern China at local universities including UC Berkeley, Santa , Dominican and many other organizations.

His focus will be the results of the recent 18th Chinese Communist Party Congress (CCP) which elected their Party Chairman and next National leaders in the Politboro Standing Committee (PSC). The new chairman and 7 member PSC will run the government for the next ten years. Roger will provide the most current info on Chinese politics, economics, military, and foreign relations, and the latest on Taiwan.

His presentation will be very current and interactive and will depend partly on our questions and interests

FUTURE SPEAKERS

JUNE 5: Summer Party

JULY 3: Jacob England - Canadian Oil Sands

AUG 7: Larry Hancock – San Jose Opera

SEPT 4: Xaio Wang on Chinese Culture

**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

OUR SUMMER BARBECUE HAS BEEN CHANGED TO AN INDOOR CASUAL DRESS LUNCH and SUMMER ART FLING.

Members and guests may bring and display anything of an artistic nature that you wish, photos – works of art – wood carving – sculpture – anything you and/or your guest may wish to display. **PLEASE NOTIFY BOB GUFFEY ASAP** at 650-593-3496 **IF YOU OR YOUR GUEST WISH TO DISPLAY YOUR ART.**

FROM THE BIG SIR

Members are welcome to invite guests and prospective members to join us at any luncheon. A prospective member is a retired man who would be an asset to the branch and has some interest in joining. The prospect accompanied by his sponsor is entitled to a free lunch and the sponsor may have a free lunch if the prospect becomes a member.

Guests are a person who is not a prospective member such as a neighbor, an out of town relative, etc. The member bringing the guest is expected to provide the cost of the luncheon.

Business type cards passed out at our last meeting are designed to be given out to prospective members. You should put your name and phone # on the cards which also give the member an understanding about the organization.

BIG SIR: Jim Cochran

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

IN MEMORIUM

AL CHAN
Passed away March 20, 2013
Family Contact: Chu Lee
CHU9988@gmail.com

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](mailto: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).

April 10th: SPAUG experts answer questions from the floor and submitted in advance
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

<u>April</u>		<u>May</u>	
02 TUE Sunnyvale 10:00	08 TUE Sunol(cypress) 10:00		
10 Wed Spring Valley 10:00	15 Wed Shoreline 10:00		
17 Wed Santa Clara 10:00	22 Wed Spring Valley 10:00		
24 Wed Crystal Spngs 10:45	29 Wed Los Lagos 10:30		
30 TUE Poplar Creek 10:15			

March Leader Board

<u>GROSS</u>		<u>NET</u>	
1-Bud Nelligan 84		1-Nevand Godhwani 66	
2-Kingsley Wood 86		2-Marcus Cohen 67	
3-Ned Miller 84		3-Arjun Godhwani 68	
4-Ben Guess 89		Bud Nelligan 68	
5-Chuck Yirchott 90		Jim Cochran 68	
6-Tony Hanley 92		Aaron Matityahu 68	
7-Lyle Johnson 94		7-Kingsley Wood 69	
Jeff Colflesh 94		Bob Guffey 69	
Jim Cummings 94			

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	Earl Pampeyan	208
Tim Eastham	573	Ron Nakamoto	203
Chuck Huff	512	Arnie Satterlee	189
Jeff Grundy	512		

HANDICAP SERIES		HANDICAP GAME	
Bill Finkemeier	688	Harold Kaye	263
Hal Knowlton	676	Doug Anderson	242
Jerry Coe	644	Ptah Bennett	236

Bill Finkemeier (323-2177)



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.

April 11 Ride:

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 for lunch, and then return (approximately 20 miles round trip). It might be windy, so bring a jacket or windbreaker.

Directions: Get off Highway 101 at Marine Parkway/ Ralston. Turn right on Marine Parkway, then 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 there 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.

To Ride – contact Jerry Butler or Karl Resick

CHAIRMAN

Jerry Butler
650-494-8078
gxb366(at)aol.com

ALTERNATE

Karl Resick
650-941-8837
karl.resick(at)
Stanfordalumni.org

FUTURE RIDES

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 ends) 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 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

Numerous Trips are available through SIR statewide through the state publication SIR HAPPENINGS. Use the website:

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
Little Sir: Channell Wasson	321-0808
Secretary: Carl Otto	321-3945
Asst. Sec.: Rick McLain	408-629-8170
Treasurer: Myron Hollister	867-4784
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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