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For Retired Men



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promotion of independence and
Dignity of retirement

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

May 7, 2014
SPEAKER

JOHN W. RICK
The excavation of an Ancient
Society in the Peru Highlands

Dr. John Rick, Associate Professor of Anthropology at Stanford, focuses his research on prehistoric archaeology and anthropology of hunter-gatherers and early societies of the south-Western America and the Peruvian Andes. He currently directs the research project at the excavation at Chavin de Huantar in the high altitude Punta grasslands of Central Peru. He is also has taken on a project in Guatamala.

He will talk to us about the analytical techniques of studying ancient societies to determine how they lived and how their society developed. The Punta area in Peru had human settlement 12,000 years ago. There was a glacial period 9000 years ago. The area is particularly interesting because it deals with the earliest known human habitation of this Sierra environment of the Andes.

The importance of excavation of these old sites cannot be under-estimated. Chipped stone tools are divided into basic tools or honed into projectile points. Even “people poop” can be analyzed to determine societal mores. Other aspects are domesticated animals and art and burial customs. Dr. Rick will discuss these concepts and more.

**IF ANY MEMBER HAS ANY
SUGGESTIONS REGARDING SPEAKERS
PLEASE CONTACT
LITTLE SIR: Rick McLain
408-629-8170**

In Memorium

CHUCK YIRCHOTT
Passed away peacefully
April 17th

Services Friday April 25 at
CYPRESS LAWN
1370 El Camino
Colma

Viewing 10AM to 11 AM
Service 11-12
Reception at Cypress Lawn
12 PM – 2 PM

FUTURE SPEAKERS

- June 4th**: Summer Art Fling – Annual show of Member and family art
- July 2nd**: Local historian Peggy McKee
- Aug 6th**: To be Determined
- Sept 3rd**: Tim Ryan – New 49er radion color Analyst.

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

NEW MEMBER

Derek Bray (Rosamond) 650-559-0957
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Fairchild, Motorola, inderdesign
Hiking, Skiing, Chess
SPONSOR: George Limbach

WEBSITE

www.sir51.org

SIR Branch #51 now has a website thanks to
MARC COHEN.

Check out the site for back issues of the
newsletter and information about activities.

The WINTER 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 is a self-help Computer
discussion group. We meet for lunch and
discussion on the second Wednesday of
each month 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 Front door. **COMPUSIR** is now
part of SPAUG (the Palo Alto – Stanford Users
Group). SPAUG Meetings are still held the
SECOND WEDNESDAY of each month at 7:15
pm. at PA Elks Lodge (address above). The
meeting is upstairs (elevator available past the
stairway). More information at www.pa-spaug.org.

April 9th – next scheduled meeting – see SPAUG
website at www.pa-spaug.org.

COMPUSIRS contact is Jim Dinkey
(650-493-9307)

More information at www.pa-spaug.org.

Computer Special Interest Groups

Special Interest Groups — (SIGs) meet at Central
Computer, Santa Clara, Monday evenings at 7pm.
(For more information: SVUGA (the Silicon Valley
User Group Activities) web site features SPAUG and
SVCS among other local organizations.)

Build It Yourself SIG — contact/leader: Fred
Townsend

Windows SIG — contact/leader: Kevin Lynn

Digital Imaging SIG — contact/leader: George
Hamma & Richard Eggers

Web SIG — contact/leader: Maury Green

MACINTOSH USERS

Skip Ross 541-857-6224

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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.



GOLF: The following months' schedules

APRIL

MAY

01 **TUE** Shoreline 10:00 06 **TUE** Poplar Creek **10:15**
09 Wed Spring Valley 10:00 14 Wed Shoreline 10:00
16 Wed CrystalSprings 10:00 21 Wed Spring Valley 10:00
23 Wed Santa Clara 10:00 28 Wed Sunnyvale 10:00
30 Wed Sunol(cypress)10:00

March Leader Board

<u>GROSS</u>		<u>NET</u>	
1-Bud Nelligan	80	1-Bob Guffey	64
2-Ned Miller	82	Bud Nelligan	64
3-Jim Cummings	85	3-Kingsley Wood	69
4-Kingsley Wood	87	4-Jim Cummings	70
5-Ben Guess	89	Ned Miller	70
Jeff Colflesh	89	Ben Guess	70
7-Bob Guffey	90	Lyle Johnson	70
8-Lyle Johnson	92	Jeff Colflesh	70
9-Tony Hanley	93	Art Lewis	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)



The winter hours (until June) are Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 1:30. Please be there by 1:00 for the 1:30 start time. Experienced players need to be there 30 minutes early to be entered into the draw for teams. **FREE COACHING IS AVAILABLE FOR NEW PLAYERS.**

Don Hughes (322-4300)



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 about 2.5. We welcome non-SIRS so bring a friend.

Bill Kamin (322-4300)



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	
Al Runge	551	Tim Eastham	203
Robert Dunn	520	Phil VanderWer	203
Fred Schwalbach	494	Doug Anderson	191
		Ron Nakamoto	191

HANDICAP SERIES		HANDICAP GAME	
Roy Robinson	707	Darryl Walker	250
Jeff Grundy	657	Bob Taggart	248
Alan Gaudie	651	Doug Ericsson	234
		Harold Kaye	234

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.

2nd Thursday-May 8th-11:00 AM
BRISBANE/OYSTER POINT

The Ride: We will ride the flat Bay Trail along San Francisco Bay for about 7.5 miles going south starting from the parking lot next to the empty former Walmart Tower building in Brisbane, and ending at South Airport Blvd. (next to SFO) where we will have lunch at a McDonalds or Costco (no other choices) then ride back for a total of about 15 miles.

Driving Directions: Take 101 north past SFO to Sierra Pt. Parkway (2nd exit past the Oyster Point Blvd.exit). At the first intersection, stop, and turn right, then, immediately stop at the next intersection and turn left, which is Marina Blvd., going left. Follow Marina Blvd. around a big curve and just past the former Walmart Tower building (looks like a big ship) on the left side, turn left into a large public parking lot with a short boulevard entrance. We will meet there. **To ride or info contact Jerry butler or Karl Resick**

CHAIRMAN

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FUTURE RIDES

- Jun 12: Guadalupe Tr.-Alviso to San Jose
- Jul 10: Los Gatos Creek Trail
- Aug 14: Stevens Creek/Shoreline Park (Mt.View)
- Sep 11: Mt. View to Alviso
- Oct 9: Coyote Hills-Alameda Creek (Fremont/Niles)
- Nov 13: Foster City Bay Trail

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



Numerous Trips are available through SIR statewide. Check the state publication **SIR HAPPENINGS**
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

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ACTIVITIES CHAIRMEN

Bowling, Indoor: Bill Finkemeier	323-2177
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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

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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
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