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

November 5th Speaker

TOM DAY
UberX: Private Cars as Taxis

A 20 or so minute talk by Tom Day.

From Burlingame to Baltimore, taxis are facing new competition. Private cars are taking rides for pay, disrupting established taxi businesses in more than 100 cities in 26 countries. This talk will describe Uber, Lyft, and the other so-called "rideshare" companies. The speaker has twelve months experience driving for Uber on the Peninsula and at Pebble Beach.

The talk describes how the new services differ from taxis. What the customer sees. What the driver sees. Insurance and regulatory issues.

The speaker graduated from Bates College in Lewiston, Maine, a cold place. One summer he drove a Checker Cab in Boston. He went on to earn an MA from the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque. Throughout his career as a software engineer in Albuquerque, Flagstaff Arizona, Phoenix (a hot place), and the Bay Area, he has maintained a balanced life, with work, bridge, choral singing, and skiing usually complimented by another interest, like photography, African wildlife, or public speaking. He lives in Sunnyvale with his wife Olga.

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

FUTURE SPEAKERS

Dec 3: Christmas Luncheon
Jan 7: George Marotta about U.S. debt

New Member

GAUSHELL, DENNIS 408-605-6298
1528 Klamath Drive, Sunnyvale, 94087
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emp:California ISO Golf

2015 ELECTED OFFICERS

- Big SIR.....Rick McLain
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- Director, Attendance.....Arjun Godhwani
- Director, Social
- Director, Past President.....Channell Wasson

WEBSITE
www.sir51.org
SIR Branch #51 now has a website.
Check out the site for back issues of the
newsletter and information about activities.

For information about statewide
Activities of SIR go to SIR HAPPENINGS
<http://www.sirinc.org/sirhappenings/>

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

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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 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 User Group). SPAUG Meetings are still held the **SECOND WEDNESDAY** of each month at 7:00 pm. at PA Elks Lodge (address above). The meeting is upstairs (elevator available past the stairway). More information at www.pa-spaug.org. Some members meet for dinner at the club at 5:30

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

waross@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.



GOLF: The following months' schedules

OCTOBER

08 Wed Sunnyvale	10:00	04 TUE Santa Clara	10:00
15 Wed Poplar Creek	10:15	12 wed Spring Valley	10:00
22 wed Crystal Springs	10:00	19 Wed Los Lagos	10:00
29 Wed Spring Valley	10:00	26 Wed Shoreline	10:00

NOVEMBER

August Leader Board

<u>GROSS</u>		<u>NET</u>	
1-Bud Nelligan	77	1-Roger Murray	59
2-Jim Cummings	81	2-Bud Nelligan	62
2-Ned Miller	81	3-Art Lewis	63
4-Kingsley Wood	83	4-Jim Cummings	67
5-Jim Stanford	86	5-Jim Stanford	68
6-Art Lewis	87	Roy Deffebach	68
Roger Murray	87	Kingsley Wood	68
8-Roy Deffebach	91	Ned Miller	68
9-Tim Eastham	94	Rob Harrell	68
		9-Aaron Matityahu	

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 Summer hours are Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 10:00.

Please be there by 9:30 for the 10:00 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)



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-November 13th 11:00AM
Foster City Bay Trail

Ride: We will ride the flat Foster City Bay Trail for about 10 miles from the Oracle Headquarters 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 or More Info: CONTACT
CHAIRMAN **ALTERNATE**
Jerry Butler Karl Resick
650-494-8078 **OR** 650-941-8837
gxb366(at)aol.com karl.resick(at)
Stanfordalumni.org

NEXT RIDE

No ride in December
Next Ride: January 15



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	
521 John Faucett	Joe Enos	205
505 Doug Ericsson	Fred SchwLBch	184
488 Bob Taggart	Phil Vanderwerf	180

HANDICAP SERIES	HANDICAP GAME	
629 Ptah Bennet	Doug Anderson	239
601 Robert Dunn	Bill Finkemeier	223
590 Bill Webster	Chuck Huff	212

Bill Finkemeier (323-2177)



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)

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

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Big Sir: Channell Wasson	321-0808
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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
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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
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