



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

SPEAKER

April 1st, 2015

DAVID P BILLINGTON Jr.
Modern Engineering Innovations



Mr. Billington and his father have written many books about modern engineering in building. He is currently a scholar in research and writing about the history of transformative engineering innovations. His father has written 14 books on the subject and his son assisted on some of his later writings.

He will be discussing the Golden Gate Bridge and other modern marvels. He and his father have been writing and speaking about many of the more modern looking bridges and other projects. He has spent much of his working life as a researcher at the Smithsonian and universities including Princeton.

**IF ANY MEMBER HAS ANY
SUGGESTIONS REGARDING SPEAKERS
PLEASE CONTACT
LITTLE SIR: Sam Meredith
650-325-4152**

FUTURE SPEAKERS

May 6: Lt. Col. Enrique Oti will discuss Russia and China's cyberspace strategies and security

June 3: Summer member-guest luncheon – will return to the outdoor BBQ format

July 1: Dennis Gaushell a member of our branch will discuss his encounter with identity theft

VOLUNTARY DUES

Once a year we collect voluntary dues of \$20. These dues are used to pay our expenses so it is important that all members. Help out by paying this modest stipend. You can pay at the luncheon or mail a check to our treasurer

Myron Hollister
4148 Old Trace Road
Palo Alto, Ca. 94306

NEW MEMBER

Crook, Ken (Marcelle) 650-596-8709
14 Tulip Lane, San Carlos
ksancarlos@msn.com
SPONSOR: Russ Porter

MEMBER ROSTER

The 2015 member roster is available and can be picked up when checking into the luncheon

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/>

ACTIVITIES



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 7:00 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 Hama & 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.



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)



GOLF: The following months' schedules

MARCH		APRIL	
03	TUE Spring Valley 10:00	08	Wed Sunnyvale 10:00
11	Wed Sunnyvale 10:00	15	Wed Crystal Springs 10:00
18	Wed Sunol(Cypress) 10:00	22	Wed Santa Clara 10:00
25	Wed Los Lagos 10:00	29	Wed Sunol(cypress) 10:00
31	TUE Shoreline 10:00		

November/December Leader Board

GROSS		NET	
1-Dennis Gaushell	79	1-Nevand Godhwani	63
2-Ned Miller	80	Jim Stanford	63
3-Jim Stanford	81	3-Dennis Gaushell	66
4-Jim Cummings	83	4-Rob Harrell	67
5-Kingsley Wood	85	Rick McLain	67
6-Rick McLain	88	Ned Miller	67
7-Art Lewis	91	7-Art Lewis	68
Ben Guess	91	Kingsley Wood	68
9-Rob Harrell	92	9-Jim Cummings	69
Tony Hanley	92	Jim Cochran	69
		Tony Hanley	69

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)

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.

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.

If you plan to ride or have questions, contact Jim Lunt as per above, or contact Karl Reseck at 650-941-8837.

To Ride or More Info: CONTACT

CHAIRMAN

Jim Lunt

408-252-6804

jamesdlunt@yahoo.com

ALTERNATE

Karl Resick

650-941-8837

karl.resick(at)

Stanfordalumni.org



The Winter hours are Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 12:30.

Please be there by 12:15 for the 12:30 start time. Experienced players need to be there 15 minutes early to be entered into the draw for teams. **FREE COACHING IS AVAILABLE FOR NEW PLAYERS.** DON HUGHES:(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

545 Bob Taggart
489 Tim Eastham
456 John Faucett

SCRATCH GAME

Doug Ericsson 189
Harold Kaye 167
Al Runge 165

HANDICAP SERIES

625 Ranny Thayer
601 Darryl Walker
584 Fred Schwalbach

HANDICAP GAME

Roy Robinson 230
Erv Erickson 220
Bill Webster 219

Bill Finkemeier (323-2177)

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

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click on travel

August 20, 2015 Phantom of the Opera - Includes round trip motor coach w/ driver tip, hosted lunch at the Fog Harbor Fish House on Pier 39, and admission to loge seating for a 2:00 P.M. performance at the Orpheum Theater in San Francisco. The cost is **\$178 per person** with full payment due on sign-up. **Checks** are preferred and trip costs are NON-Refundable—although they may be transferred if minimum count has been met and/or there is an active waiting list. Sign-up deadline is July 6th, 2015. An early sell-out is expected so don't wait until the deadline. Make checks payable to: **Cruise Adventures Unlimited Trust Account.** For more information and reservations contact SIR Escorts Mike Console (408) 246-1080 or John Pletsch (408) 274-29

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).

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