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

SPEAKER
Jan 6th 2016
DENNIS BURNS
Palo Alto Police Chief

After a 10-month selection process that included a national search the 27 year veteran of the Palo Alto Police Department was selected over two other finalists to serve as Police Chief in 2009. There were 48 applications for the position which were narrowed down to 7 candidates. Dennis was selected over the San Carlos and Fairfield Chiefs in the finals. Despite the ten month search and interview process with two citizen panels some citizens Called the process "too hasty".

Burns started his career in Palo Alto in 1982. He worked all patrol shifts and served as a Field Training Officer, detective, detective supervisor, and as a Crime Protection Officer. He became Assistant Police Chief in 2007 and became Interim Chief in December 2008 following the prior chief's resignation.

Chief Burns has spoken to many groups about his experiences in police work as well as his work with the fire department. He will also discuss staffing and scheduling for the current force as well as the issues that face modern policing.

**IF ANY MEMBER HAS ANY
SUGGESTIONS REGARDING SPEAKERS
PLEASE CONTACT
LITTLE SIR: Craig Carpenter
650-930-0510**

FUTURE SPEAKERS

- Feb 3:** Dave Lynch about the Battle of Verdun 100th anniversary
- Mar 2:** Margaret O'Mara a visiting professor at The Hoover Institution will discuss four Transitional Presidential elections.
- April 6:** Mike McMahon – submarine retrieval

2016 OFFICERS

The following members were elected for 2016 at our August meeting.

- Big Sir.....Sam Meredith
- Little Sir.....Craig Carpenter
- Secretary.....Greg Schaem
- Treasurer.....Myron Hollister
- Assistant Treasurer.....Marcus Cohen
- Membership.....Tim Eastham
- Assistants.....Gerry Shebar
Arjun Godhwani
- New Members.....Roy Deffebach
- Newsletter.....Jim Cummings
- Special Events.....Kevin Wheaton
- Golf.....Kai Johansen
- Directors.....Roger Murray
Walt McCullough
Russ Porter
Ted McKee

2015 VOLUNTARY DUES 2015

Once a year we collect voluntary dues of \$25. 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

WEBSITE

www.sir51.org

SIR Branch #51 now has a website.
Check out the site for back issues of the newsletter and info about activities

MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

The 2016 membership roster will soon be available and you will be able to pick it up at the luncheon. PLEASE make sure that all your information is correct. If you need one mailed please contact TIM EASTHAM at 650-366-2449.

NEW MEMBERS

GERRY MARSH (Lib) 408-892-5628
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Bowling

JIM SHAW (Kit) 650-327-2680
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jimshaw45@gmail.com
GTE – Aerospace engineer
Swimming, wine making, golf

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

Hamma & Richard Eggers

Web SIG — contact/leader: Maury Green

MACINTOSH USERS

Skip Ross 541-857-6224

wross@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' schedule

DECEMBER

02 Wed Poplar Creek 10:15
09 Wed Santa Clara 10:00
16 Wed Sunnyvale 10:00
23 NO GOLF
30 NO GOLF

JANUARY

05 TUE Spring Valley 10:00
13 Wed Poplar Creek 10:15
20 Wed Shoreline 10:00
27 Wed Los Lagos 10:00

NOVEMBER Leader Board

<u>GROSS</u>		<u>NET</u>	
1-Ned Miller	80	1-Jim Ramaker	64
2-Ben Guess	81	2-Bob Rewak	66
3-Bob Rewak	84	Dick Taylor	66
Steve Tremulis	84	4-Lyle Johnson	67
5-Dick Taylor	85	Ben Guess	67
6-Kingsley Wood	87	6-Jeff Kaufman	68
7-Jim Stanford	89	Steve Tremulis	68
8-Jim Cummings	91	8-Jim Stanford	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)



The WINTER hours are Tuesday and Thursday at 12:30.

SATURDAYS are at 9:30 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 (323-9916)



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.

Stevens Creek Trail & Shoreline Park (Mt. View)

Ride: We will ride a flat 14-mile round-trip to Michael's Restaurant in Shoreline Park, plus an optional 5-mile loop to the Palo Alto Duck Pond, near the Palo Alto Airport (a total ride of 19 miles). Lunch will be at Michael's.

Directions: Meet at the south end of the Stevens Creek bike path at the corner of Sleeper Ave. and Franklin Ave. From Palo Alto, go south on El Camino, to Grant Rd.; turn right. The first street past the 3rd traffic signal is Sleeper Ave.; turn left. Go 8 blocks to the end of Sleeper Ave. to a small park. Park your car along the curb.

To Ride or More Info: CONTACT
CHAIRMAN **ALTERNATE**
 Jim Lunt Karl Resick
 408-252-6804 **OR** 650-941-8837
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 Stanfordalumni.org



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	
609 Phil Vanderwerf	Doug Ericsson	225
566 Ron Nakamoto	Ed White	225
557 Tim Eastham	John Faucett	200

HANDICAP SERIES	HANDICAP GAME	
694 Jay Jonekait	Bill Webster	259
687 Al Runge	Jerry Ososkie	251
683 Ken Jones	Darryl Walker	251

TIM EASTHAM (366-2449)

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: Sam Meredith	325-4152
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Director: Russ Porter	234-1212
Director: Jim Cummings	328-2168
Director: Walt McCullough	328-2442
Director: Ted McKee	327-3539

ACTIVITIES CHAIRMEN

Bowling, Indoor: Tim Eastham	366-2449
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Bridge:	
Bicycling: Jim Lundt (Br. 35)	408-252-6804
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: Erv Ericksen	369-3873
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Newsletter: Jim Cummings	328-2168	Membership: Tim Eastham	366-2449
E-Mail Contact: Art Lewis	964-3223	Assistants: Gerry Shebar	868-6124
		Arjun Godhwani	510-490-7503
Good Samaritan: Bob Guffey	593-3496	New Member orientation: Roy Deffebach	631-0585
Greeters: Norv Steele & Al Runge	408-243-2620	Nominating Committee: Channell Wasson	321-0808
Historian:		Special Events: Kevin Wheaton	485-2276

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