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

SPEAKER

Feb 3rd 2016

DAVID LYNCH

The BATTLE of VERDUN

David Lynch is one of our newer members. He is a graduate of the University of California and the Boaltd Law school and is still a practicing attorney.

He has a great interest in history and will be talking about the world war 1 battle of Verdun. This year is the 100th anniversary of the crucial battle.

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

FUTURE SPEAKERS

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 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

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

MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

The 2016 membership roster is now available and you can pick one 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
20800 4th St #1, Saratoga, Ca. 95070
gmarshht@aol.com SRI International
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

JANUARY

05 TUE Spring Valley 10:00 02 **TUE** Sunnyvale 10:00
13 Wed Poplar Creek 10:15 10 Wed Spring Valley 10:00
20 Wed Shoreline 10:00 17 Wed Poplar Creek 10:15
27 Wed Los Lagos 10:00 24 Wed Santa Clara 10:00

FEBRUARY

DECEMBER Leader Board

<u>GROSS</u>		<u>NET</u>	
1-Ned Miller	76	1-Jim Ramaker	60
2-Jim Cummings	83	2-Gerry Shebar	62
3-Craig Carpenter	87	3-Jim Cochran	63
4-Lyle Johnson	88	Jeff Kaufman	63
Jim Stanford	88	5-Tim Eastham	64
Gerry Shebar	88	6-Craig Carpenter	65
7-Jim Ramaker	89	Greg Schaem	65
Ben Guess	89	8-Bob Guffey	66

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.

Coyote Creek Trail (South San Jose)

Ride: We will ride the Coyote Creek Trail starting from the Four Points Sheraton Inn at 399 Silicon Valley Rd, San Jose. The ride will be about 6 miles to the Coyote Creek Golf Course. We will go past the golf course another 3 miles to a model airplane launching site, then double back to the golf course club house for lunch. After lunch we will ride back to the hotel parking lot for a total of 18 flat miles, round trip. For those who want a shorter ride, they may omit the ride to the airplane site, thus reducing the round trip to 12 miles.

Directions: The Four Points Sheraton Inn is located south of San Jose, one block east of highway 101 and just north of the highway 101/85 interchange. The directions are the same whether coming on highway 101 or 85: Take the Bernal Rd. exit. Turn left on Bernal Rd., which becomes Silicon Valley Blvd after crossing under 101. Turn left on Rue Ferrari Rd., the service road next to the hotel, and park in the hotel parking lot behind the furthest hotel building on the right.

If you plan to ride or have questions, contact Jim Lunt as per below.

To Ride or More Info: CONTACT
CHAIRMAN ALTERNATE
 Jim Lunt Karl Resick
 408-252-6804 OR 650-941-8837
jamesdlunt@yahoo.com karl.resick(at)
 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	Ron Nakamoto	242
575 Ed White	Doug Ericsson	225
557 Tim Eastham	Darryl Walker	205

HANDICAP SERIES	HANDICAP GAME	
694 Jay Jonekait	Jim Holman	267
687 Al Runge	Chuck Huff	266
685 Doug Anderson	Bill Webster	259

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: Walt McCullough	328-2442
Director: Ted McKee	327-3539

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Bicycling: Jim Lundt (Br. 35)	408-252-6804
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Golf: Kai Johansen	853-2493
Tennis: Bill Kamin	322-4300
Travel: Art Lloyd	384-6424

ADMINISTRATIVE CHAIRMEN

Attendance: Arjun Godhwani	510-490-7503
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Newsletter: Jim Cummings	328-2168
E-Mail Contact: Art Lewis	964-3223
Good Samaritan: Bob Guffey	593-3496
Greeters: Norv Steele & Al Runge	408-243-2620
Historian:	

Luncheon Coordinator: Erv Ericksen	369-3873
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Membership: Tim Eastham	366-2449
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Special Events: Kevin Wheaton	485-2276

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