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For Retired Men



OCTOBER 2016  
Devoted to the  
promotion of independence and  
Dignity of retirement

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

**SPEAKER**

**October 5th 2016**

**THE BRIGHT FUTURE OF  
RENEWABLE ENERGY IN CALIFORNIA**

**DENNIS GAUSHELL**

Dennis is one of our members who spoke to us a couple of years ago about identity theft. He is an electrical engineering graduate of Stanford and is now involved in the renewable energy field. As we all know the two biggest problems in the world are ISIS (ISIL) and global melting. The development of renewable energy is of great importance.

Dennis, who was the lead energy, wind and solar forecaster for the California power grid for 10 years, will discuss the excellent progress in California toward the 50% renewable energy goal by 2030. First he'll give an overview of how the California electricity system works. Then he'll discuss:

- How fast is solar and wind generation growing?
- What new problems arise in electric grid due to transition to renewable energy?
- How do home solar panels and batteries fit in with the transition?
- Can we reach 100% renewable energy?

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

**FUTURE SPEAKERS:**

**Nov 2:** Jim Colton-CUBA-PAST-PRESENT-FUTURE

**Dec 7: HOLIDAY PARTY**

**Jan 4:** Dr James Chang – Hand Surgeon – “Rodin’s Hands”

**Feb 1:** Dr. Amir Matityahu – orthopedic surgeon

**2017 OFFICERS**

**Approved at our July Luncheon**

- BIG SIR.....Craig Carpenter
- LITTLE SIR.....Walt McCullough
- SECRETARY.....Richard Jamison
- TREASURER.....Myron Hollister
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- DIRECTOR.....Jim Cummings
- DIRECTOR.....Kingsley Wood
- DIRECTOR.....Tim Eastham

**DUES**

SIR used to have a policy of voluntary dues but has now let local branches decide whether dues should be required or voluntary. The Board of directors has decided to make dues MANDATORY next year (2017). The amount due will continue to be \$25 and must be paid before March 31<sup>st</sup> to remain an active member.

BIG SIR  
Sam Meredith

**NEW MEMBER**

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IBM

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## IN MEMORIUM

MATT SAKATA  
August 2016

## ACTIVITIES

**BOCCE BALL** A new activity for our branch is at the LOS ALTOS SENIOR CENTER 97 Hillview (near San Antonio and the library) from 2-4PM. Cost per player is \$1. Single players, spouses, significant others – ALL ARE WELCOME. Please indicate your interest to Craig Carpenter at [craigwardcarpenter@gmail.com](mailto:craigwardcarpenter@gmail.com)

Craig Carpenter  
650-930-0510



**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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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' schedule

### SEPTEMBER

06 Tue No Golf  
14 Wed Poplar Creek 10:15  
21 Wed Shoreline 10:00  
28 Wed Santa Clara 09:30

### OCTOBER

04 TUE Spring Valley 10:00  
12 Wed Sunnyvale 10:00  
19 Wed Poplar Creek 10:15  
26 Wed Crystal Springs 10:00

### AUGUST Leader Board

GROSS		NET	
1-Steve Tremulis	80	1-Jim Ramaker	62
1-Jim Cummings	80	Mike McMahon	62
3-Ned Miller	84	3-Roger Murray	63
4-Bob Rewak	86	4-Jim Cummings	64
Ben Guess	86	Tim Eastham	64
Kingsley Wood	86	Marc Cohen	64
Mike McMahon	86	Jim Cochran	64
8-Jim Ramaker	88	8-Bob Rewak	65
9-Lyle Johnson	89	Aaron Matityahu	65
Dick Taylor	89	Bob Guffey	65

**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)



Thursday at 9:30. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. Participants should exercise good judgement such as maintaining a safe distance between riders, obeying all signs and stoplights etc.

**2nd Thursday — October 13, 2016, 11:00 AM**  
**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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**COME RIDE WITH US**

**To Ride or More Info: CONTACT**  
**CHAIRMAN**                      **ALTERNATE**  
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408-252-6804                      gordy6850@gmail.com  
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**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	
639 Phil Vanderwerf	Tim Eastham	246
613 Darryl Walker	Ron Nakamoto	225
574 Joe Enos	Chuck Huff	204
	Bob Taggart	204
HANDICAP SERIES	HANDICAP GAME	
746 Doug Ericsson	John Faucett	278
703 Jim Holman	Jeff Grundy	268
687 Arnie Satterlee	Les Fisher	259

LADIES (Scratch)

417 Ruth Ososkie	Nancy Jones	140
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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](http://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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