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

SPEAKER
March 1st 2017

Doug Yakel
PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER
San Francisco Airport

The Public Information Officer serves as SFO’s primary spokesperson for internal and external communications, represents the Airport at various community outreach forums, and will develop content and programs for the Airport’s social and public media outlets. The Airport’s Noise Abatement Office will report into the PIO role.

“With his years of experience in the aviation industry, Doug understands the operations and nuances of both the Airport and the airlines,” said Kandace Bender, Deputy Airport Director, Communications & Marketing. “Doug brings to this position the ability to clearly and concisely communicate SFO’s often complex and technical issues.”

Doug’s years of operational and communications experience include Airport Duty Manager at SFO; Station Manager for Virgin America; General Manager of Airline Services at San Jose International Airport; and more than 18 years at United Airlines in increasingly responsible supervisory positions involving daily operations, customer service and ramp operations. He has a Bachelor of Science degree in Aviation Technology from Purdue University.

PBS had a 2 episode special called **CITY IN THE SKY** about aircraft and flight safety. At this writing you can still find it on Comcast using ON DEMAND – TV shows – PBS – specials..... It would be worth watching before our luncheon.

IF ANY MEMBER HAS ANY SUGGESTIONS REGARDING SPEAKERS PLEASE CONTACT LITTLE SIR: Walt McCullough 650-303-8194

FUTURE SPEAKER:

April 5th: DAMIAN SCHIFF – From the Pacific Legal Foundation: The State of Property Rights and Individual Liberty-a view from the courts.

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** this year (2017). The amount due will continue to be \$25 and must be paid before March 31st to remain an active member.

From BIG SIR: CRAIG CARPENTER

"Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not using it in a fruit salad". Please join us at our next luncheon on Wednesday, March 1st for a non-fruit salad, friends and our speaker, Doug Yakel, Chief Information Officer for SFO.

Good Reads For Guys:

Sarah's Key by Tatiana de Rosnay
Citizens of London by Lynne Olson

Books by Erik Larson
The Devil in the White City
Dead Wake
Thunderstruck
In the Garden of Beasts

Steve Young: My life behind the spiral

NEW MEMBERS

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USAF, Westinghouse – Tennis, swimming

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

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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

<u>FEBRUARY</u>		<u>MARCH</u>	
08 Wed Spring Valle	10:00	08 Wed Sunnyvale	10:00
15 Wed Poplar Creek	10:15	15 Wed Moffett Field	10:00
22 Wed Santa Clara	10:00	22 Wed Spring Valley	10:00
28 TUE Sunnyvale	10:00	29 Wed Santa Clara	10:00

DECEMBER-JANUARY Leader Board

<u>GROSS</u>		<u>NET</u>	
1-Steve Tremulis	80	1-Kai Johansen	63
2-Ned Miller	81	2-Dave Mason	66
3-Ben Guess	86	3-Ned Miller	67
Kingsley Wood	86	Jeff Kaufman	67
5-Jim Cummings	87	Jim Cochran	67
6-Len Gabrielson	94	6-Steve Tremulis	68
Kai Johansen	94	Kevin Wheaton	68
8-Mike McMahon	95	8-Tony Hanley	69
		Aaron Matityahu	69
		Ben Guess	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)



LAWN BOWLING 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 **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. Participants should exercise good judgment such as maintaining a safe distance between riders, obeying all signs and stoplights etc.

2nd Thursday March 9 – 11:00 AM
Coyote Hills / Alameda Creek -- Niles/Fremont

The Ride: We will begin the ride at the Coyote Hills Park and continue on the Alameda Trail to Niles where we will have lunch at a restaurant in downtown Niles. The ride is flat and approximately 9 miles each way, with an optional loop of a scenic view of the bay that adds about one mile (a total ride of 19 miles).

Directions: Take Highway 84 across the Dumbarton Bridge past the toll booth to the first exit, which is Paseo Padre Parkway. Turn left and go one mile to Paterson Ranch Road; turn left. This is the entrance to Coyote Hills Park (there is a small sign). Go 1/2 mile to the park toll booth (\$5 per car or use your East Bay Regional Park District season pass).

Some of the SIR bicyclists have been experimenting with establishing a 4th Thursday of the month ride. This ride will be more unstructured with the objective of finding new, paved and safe biking trails to add to the standard 9 SIR ride list. Some of these new trails may be outside of the Immediate Bay Area. The riding pace is a little faster depending on the riders, bike trails are new to the riders so there may be some backtracking and are not always well marked/identified so it makes for a more adventurous ride. If interested, please talk with Jim Lunt or Gordon Tong.

COME RIDE WITH US

To Ride or More Info: CONTACT

CHAIRMAN

Jim Lunt
408-252-6804

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ALTERNATE

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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	
602 Doug Ericsson	Tim Eastham	225
570 Joe Enos	Ron Nakamoto	214
569 John Fawcett	Bob Taggart	205

HANDICAP SERIES	HANDICAP GAME	
683 Les Fisher	Jay Jonekait	265
678 Harold Kaye	Doug Anderson	258
675 Jim Holman	Amie Satterlee	247
647 Nancy Jones		

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).

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