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

**SPEAKER: November 7th
Paul Goodwin**

Paul will talk about his experience as a consultant to FMC Arabia. He visited Saudi Arabia five times from 1996 to 2000. During one visit he brought his wife and stayed three months in a compound, experiencing the Saudi way of life in Riyadh.

Reminder: December 5th is our annual Holiday Luncheon featuring the Mountain View High Madrigal Singers. The cost is \$37 per person. Please sign up as early as possible to Jim Dreyer (855 Echo Drive, Los Altos, CA 94024).

**ANY SUGGESTIONS REGARDING
SPEAKERS
PLEASE CONTACT
LITTLE SIR: Walt McCullough
650-303-8194**

**From BIG SIR
CRAIG CARPENTER**

Autumn in the Bay Area...what a beautiful time of the year!

College football abounds though there is no professional football in our area this year. ☐

Baseball playoffs are ongoing (either Yogi Berra or SIR51 member Len Gabrielson said "Baseball is 90% mental, and the other half is physical). The Warriors & Sharks are opening their seasons...beautiful days on the golf course. Perhaps still enough time to beat Steve Tremulis just once? Well, maybe not.

For those of you who have difficulty understanding the dialog on your TV, Don Lindich writes a column in the Sunday San Jose Mercury & recommends the

ZVOX AV201 Soundbar. We have an older ZVOX & it helps so we may give the AV201 a try. \$179 at zvox.com.

A few "reads for guys" are: "The Spy & The Traitor" by Ben Macintyre; "The Great Alone" by Kristin Hannah; & "Bad Blood" by John Carreyrou. Our guy's book club just met to review "Bad Blood" & found the story both compelling and disturbing. The vast majority of the story takes place within 15 miles of where you are now. A brilliant Stanford dropout, Elizabeth Holmes, was touted to be the next Steve Jobs but turned out to be more of a Bernie Madoff.

My wife insists we go see "A Star Is Born" starring Bradley Cooper & Lady Gaga...so we will.

Please recommend SIR51 to your friends and neighbors...good speakers (thanks Walt McCullough!), excellent food and great fellowship.

Jim Dreyer has put together a great Holiday Party so please plan to attend!

Remember chocolate is great. It gives you energy which can be used to go buy more chocolate. Just sayin'.

See you on November 7th at our next luncheon. Bring a guest, bring an appetite and bring an inquiring mind. Most importantly, just show up!

Happy Halloween! ☐

ACTIVITIES



COMPUSIR is a self-help Computer discussion group. Meets monthly 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.spaug.net** . Some members meet for dinner at the club at 5:30

More information at
<http://www.spaug.net>

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Contact Skip Ross to join this e-mail group whSIR members in all branches can exchange MAC-related news, get answers to questions and share experiences.

INVESTMENT GROUP

BOB GUFFEY is leading a group to meet after lunch to discuss investment ideas. Any member interested in exchanging ideas is welcome to join the group after lunch meetings.



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 from 1-3 PM. Be there by **12.45. N. 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. **Spouses and girl friends are welcome –there are now 10 co-ed teams.**

YOU CAN JOIN ANYTIME.

A ball & shoes are available at the bowling lanes. Looking for some exercise that does not rely on good weather? Indoor 10-pin bowling is a fun low impact activity. Most SIR bowlers are there after a long lay-off. Many have not bowled since they were youngsters.

Contact TIM EASTHAM (650-366-2449)
For more information



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)



GOLF: The following months' schedule:

NOVEMBER		DECEMBER	
06 TUE Los Lagos	10:00	04 TUE Los Lagos	10:00
14 Wed Shoreline	10:00	12 Wed Sunnyvale	10:00
21 Wed Spring Valley	10:00	19 Wed Santa Clara	10:00
28 Wed Poplar Creek	10:15	26 No Golf This Week	

2019 NCGA Rule that SIR51 has elected to make effective immediately: You may leave the flag in the hole while putting on the green. This is to speed up the game.

SEPTEMBER Golf Leader Board

GROSS		NET	
1-Steve Tremulis	82	1-Tony Hanley	62
2-Ned Miller	82	2-Bob Guffey	64
3-Jim Cummings	89	3-Mike McMahon	65
Tom Kramer	89	4-Tom Kramer	68
5-Mike McMahon	92	Kingsley Wood	68
Kingsley Wood	92	6-Al Runge	69
Tony Hanley	92	7-Jim Cummings	70
8-Gerry Shebar	92	Vic Para	70
		Craig Carpenter	70

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)



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)



SIRS ON BIKES: SIR Area #16 bike 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.

SECOND THURSDAY-EACH MONTH
COME RIDE WITH US

THURSDAY – November 8TH
San Lorenzo Ride

The ride is from San Lorenzo to Oakland Airport to Bay Farm Island. It is a very scenic, bay-front trail that's paved and level (including 1 to 2 miles of riding through quiet residential streets)-about 22 miles round trip. We stop about half way for lunch and a little social time. The trail can get a bay breeze so please bring light windbreaker or vest. This ride is much like the Oracle Redwood Shores ride, but on the East Bay side.

Driving Directions: From Silicon Valley take I-880 heading North, exit on Hesperian Blvd (about 20 miles from Mt View/Palo Alto) turning left on to Hesperian Blvd, then right on Grant Avenue and turn right into the trail parking lot. You can use Google maps to see the area.

To ride or for info, contact Jim Lunt (408) 252-6804, jamesdlunt@yahoo.com or Gordon Tong at gordy6850@gmail.com.

Let us know if you are coming so we can wait for you (the traffic may take a little time).contact

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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
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