

NO. 509  
A non-Profit Organization  
For Retired Men



DECEMBER 2018  
Devoted to the  
promotion of independence and  
Dignity of retirement

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

**SIR #51  
THE CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Will be on  
**WEDNESDAY**  
**Dec 5, 2018**  
**11:30 AM**

Fremont Hills CC  
**Spouses and Guests are Welcome**

HOLIDAY LUNCH SERVED  
Featuring a new-for-us Group  
THE MOUNTAIN VIEW MADRIGAL SINGERS

NO HOST BAR

I WOULD LIKE \_\_\_\_\_ TICKETS  
Enclosed check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ (\$37 each)

**OPEN SEATING**  
**YOU MAKE OWN SEATING**  
**ARRANGEMENTS**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY \_\_\_\_\_

Please select: Prime Rib # \_\_\_\_\_  
Salmon # \_\_\_\_\_  
Vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to SIRS #51  
send to:

**Jim Dreyer**  
**855 Echo Drive**  
**Los Altos, CA 94024**

**From BIG SIR  
CRAIG CARPENTER**

Gasp! I am writing this as the AQI hovers between "unhealthy" & "very unhealthy". While golf outings, the Big Game, walks & tennis are on hold, the folks in Paradise, CA are the ones who have truly suffered.

It has been an honor to have served as your Big SIR for the past two years & we should all be very confident about the 2019 leadership with Steve Tremulis & Jim Cummings at the helm as Big & Little SIR. A few changes are in the offing for SIR next year & I am optimistic about state leadership.

If you subscribe to Netflix, give "The Kominsky Method" & "The Bodyguard" a try. We are enjoying both. With "Kominsky" you just can't go wrong with Michael Douglas & Alan Arkin.

Our guy's book group is reading John Grisham's "Camino Island" & "Without Warning" by Thomas Sanger. The latter is the tale of the 1939 sinking of the passenger liner, Athenia, by a German U-boat. The story is told though the recollection of eight people: six passengers, Athenia's chief officer, and the commander of the German U-boat.

**Welcome to our newest member, Ray Klinke!** As a reminder, please tell your friends & neighbors about SIR51. We will prosper only to the extent we continue to add new members.

Hope to see most of you (& your significant other) at the SIR Holiday Party on December 5th. Thanks to Jim Dreyer for putting together an excellent program!



## 2019 OFFICERS

Big SIR - Steve Tremulus  
 Little SIR - Jim Cummings  
 Secretary - Gerry Shebar  
 Treasurer - Kingsley Wood  
 Membership - Tim Eastham  
 Speakers - Walt McCullough  
 Good Samaritan - Bob Guffey  
 Attendance - Marc Cohen  
 Golf - Kai Johansen/Jim Cummings  
 Special Events – Jim Dreyer  
 Website - Marc Cohen/Gerry Shebar  
 Newsletter - Marc Cohen  
 Greeters - Al Runge/Erv Ericksen  
 Front Desk Check In - Erv Ericksen/John Preston/  
 Kai Johansen  
 New Members Orientation - Bob Guffey  
 Nominating Committee - Rick McLain/Sam Meredith/  
 Craig Carpenter

### 2019 BOARD MEMBERS:

Craig Carpenter, Steve Tremulus, Gerry Shebar, Kingsley Wood, Tim Eastham, Walt McCullough, Marc Cohen, Jim Cummings, Joe Grippo, Jim Dreyer.

## ACTIVITIES



**GOLF:** The following months' schedule:

<u>DECEMBER</u>		<u>JANUARY</u>	
04 <b>TUE</b> Los Lagos	10:00	02 Wed	No Golf This Week
12 Wed Sunnyvale	10:00	09 Wed	Poplar Creek 10:15
19 Wed Santa Clara	10:00	16 Wed	Shoreline 10:00
26 No Golf This Week		23 Wed	Los Lagos 10:00
		30 Wed	Sunnyvale 10:00

Please be at the course one hour before the times listed above.

Another 2019 NCGA Rule that SIR51 has elected to make effective immediately: You may now ground your club in penalty areas and remove rocks and debris (but not to improve your lie).

### OCTOBER Leader Board

<u>GROSS</u>		<u>NET</u>	
1-Steve Tremulis	80	1-Mike McMahon	55
2-Ned Miller	81	2-Rick McLain	62
2-Mike McMahon	81	Ron Rosenfeld	62
4-Jeff Gardiner	87	4-Bob Guffey	64
5-Tom Kramer	88	Tom Kramer	64
Jim Cummings	88	6-Art Lewis	65
7-Rick McLain	89	7-Kevin Wheaton	66
8-Gerry Shebar	90	Tim Eastham	66
Ron Rosenfeld	90	9-Dave Kohler	67

TWO of our regular players, Sam Meredith and Vic Para, made **HOLES-IN-ONE** on near consecutive shots on #12

at BAYLANDS on MONDAY, Nov 5<sup>th</sup>. They were separated only by Dave Mason who hit his tee shot before Vic. A most unusual occurrence.

**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 (650-853-2493)



**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](http://www.spaug.net)** .

### **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.

### **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 surprised at how fast

bowling skills come back to them after a long lay-off. Many have not bowled since they were youngsters. Contact TIM EASTHAM (650-366-2449) for more information.



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)



**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 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 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.

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

**SECOND THURSDAY-EACH MONTH**  
**COME RIDE WITH US**

**NO BIKE RIDE IN DECEMBER**

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

NON RESPOSIBILITY 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 at [www.sirinc.org](http://www.sirinc.org) then 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: Craig Carpenter	930-0510
Little Sir: Steve Tremulis	598-9790
Secretary: Gerry Shebar	868-6124
Asst. Sec.:	
Treasurer: Kingsley Wood	799-8420
Co-Treasurer: Myron Hollister	867-4784
Director: Joe Grippo	9482130
Director: Jim Cummings	328-2168
Director: Walt McCullough	328-2442
Director: Kingsley Wood	799-8420

### ACTIVITIES CHAIRMEN

Bowling, Indoor: Tim Eastham	366-2449
Lawn Bowling: Don Hughes	323-9916
Bicycling: Jim Lunt (Br. 35)	408-252-6804
Compusir:	
Golf: Kai Johansen	853-2493
Tennis: Bill Kamin	322-4300
Travel:	
Investing: Bob Guffey	593-3496

### ADMINISTRATIVE CHAIRMEN

Attendance: Marc Cohen	961-4882	Luncheon Coordinator: Erv Ericksen	369-3873
Audit: Don Hughes	323-9916	Luncheon Programs: Walt McCullough	303-8194
Newsletter: Marc Cohen	961-4882	Membership: Tim Eastham	366-2449
Website: Marc Cohen	961-4882	Assistant: Gerry Shebar	868-612
Good Samaritan: Bob Guffey	593-3496	Nominating Committee: Rick McLain	408-629-8170
Greeters: Al Runge	592-1345	Special Events: Jim Dreyer	776-8149
Historian:			