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My Three Cents Craig Carpenter

February means Baseball Spring Training, the Oscars (booring), St. Patrick's Day (everyone's Irish!), Warriors are halfway to another championship (hopefully), rain most golfing days (Steve Tremulis still wears shorts though) & another great SIR luncheon on March 6th. □

Book Ideas for SIR guys...

"Thank You For Being Late" by Thomas Friedman (an optimist's guide to thriving in the age of accelerations)

"Beneath A Scarlet Sky" by Mark Sullivan (based on the true story of Pino Lella, a 17 year old Italian boy who led Jews escaping the Nazis over the Alps, became a spy inside the German High Command, & fell in love with a woman who would haunt him the rest of his life)

"Less" by Andrew Sean Greer (who says you can't run away from your problems?)

"Churchill, Walking With Destiny" by Andrew Roberts (1,105 pages & a Russ Porter selection...plus a boffo review by the New York Times)

"The Power Of One" by Bryce Courtenay. This book from 1989 is a must read about the life of a young boy, "Peekay", growing up in South Africa in the 1930's & 40's. His goal is to become the welterweight champion of the world & he must survive bullying as the only English student at an Afrikaan's boarding school in the time of apartheid.

"The Woman Who Smashed Codes" by Jason Fagone. The story of Elizabeth Smith Friedman, a Quaker-born poet from Indiana. Per Forbes Magazine, "she was the grandmother of the National Security Agency and virtually created the modern code-breaking profession". A brilliant woman you've never heard of. In the spirit of "Hidden Figures" and "Alan Turing: The Enigma" On Netflix...

"American Vandal", 2 seasons, 16 episodes

"Black Earth Rising" with John Goodman

"Designated Survivor" with Kiefer Sutherland

On TV:

"Valley of the Boom"...a six episode production which details the lives of tech world figures from Silicon Valley, including their friendships, rivalries, victories & failures. And it all took place within 5 miles of where you are right now. REALLY INTERESTING! This is a National Geographic series available at Comcast On Demand or iTunes."

Overheard from Len Gabrielson at the last luncheon..."Hey Joe Grippo, you better cut the pizza in four pieces because I'm not hungry enough to eat six".

Anyone know where Kingsley can buy a Hawaiian shirt parka for those cold golfing days at Baylands?

----Craig Carpenter
Former Big SIR Branch 51

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News from the card shark world: Our very own Gerry Shebar was recently the overall winner in the Senior World Series of Poker Tournament in Las Vegas.

Here's a link to the results:

<http://www.wsop.com/tournaments/results/?aid=1&tid=17271&grid=1550>



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DUES

There are a few stragglers on our 2019 (\$25.00) dues. You may bring a check to lunch or mail it to our treasurer, Kingsley Wood, 1009 Forest Ct., Palo Alto 94301. If dues are not paid by the March meeting you run the risk of being dropped from our roster.

ACTIVITIES



GOLF: Two Month's Schedule:

MARCH

05 Tue Sunnyvale 10:00
13 Wed Moffett Field 10:15
20 Wed Santa Clara 10:00
27 Wed Spring Valley 10:00

APRIL

02 Tue Crystal Springs 10:00
10 Wed Shoreline 10:00
17 Wed Sunnyvale 10:00
24 Wed Moffett Field 10:00
30 Tue Poplar Creek 10:15

PLEASE BE AT THE COURSE AT LEAST ONE HOUR BEFORE THE FIRST TEE TIME.

NOVEMBER - JANUARY Leader Board

<u>GROSS</u>		<u>NET</u>	
1-Steve Tremulis	81	1-Aaron Matityahu	62
2-Ned Miller	82	2-Tom Kramer	63
3-Jim Cummings	85	Dave Kohler	63
3-Tom Kramer	85	4-Jim Cummings	67
5-Craig Carpenter	87	Craig Carpenter	67
6-Jim Stanford	89	6-Jeff Kaufman	68
7-Dave Kohler	91	Rick McLain	68
8-Dave Mason	92	Mike Kahn	68
		Mike McMahan	68

All of the golf courses we play require a player count 7-14 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.**

MACINTOSH USERS

Skip Ross 541-857-6224

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.** 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 8:30 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 2nd Thursday of the month. **WIVES AND GUESTS ARE WELCOME.** Bring bike, helmet and a jacket if it is windy.

2nd Thursday— March 14,2019 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 (at the start there are some rolling hills) 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). Continue another 1/2 mile over several speed bumps to the park office and museum; park there. If you plan to ride, or have questions, please contact James Lunt or Gordon Tong so we can know when all have arrived at the start.

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).

To ride or for info, contact Jim Lunt (408) 252-6804, jamesdlunt@yahoo.com or Gordon Tong at (408) 242-0557, gordy6850@gmail.com

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BRANCHES 5, 16, 35 & 51 TRAVEL NEWS



Numerous Trips are available through SIR statewide. Check the state publication SIR HAPPENINGS at www.sirinc.org then click on Travel.

SONS IN RETIREMENT THEATRE DAY

JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT
 LYRICS BY TIM RICE MUSIC BY ANDREW ELLOVWEBBER

SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2019 | 2:30pm
 PRESENTED BY BROADWAY BY THE BAY
 at the Fox Theatre, 2215 Broadway Street, Redwood City

DISCOUNTED TICKETS: \$46 (Rear Orchestra), \$38 (Balcony)
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