

Mid-Peninsula Sons In Retirement Branch #51

Website: www.sirinc2.org/branch51

No. 525
A Non-Profit Organization
For Retired Men



April 2020
Devoted to the Promotion of
Independence and Dignity of Retirement

LUNCHEON: 12 PM – FIRST WEDNESDAY – FREMONT HILLS CC, 12889 VISCAINO PL., LOS ALTOS, CA

Please Note: Next SIR Luncheon for 1st of April 2020 Has Been Cancelled.

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Sad News

SIR member, Mike Kahn, past
away on March 21, 2020.
Memorial Service TBD
Large gathering to be allowed

Since April luncheon has been cancelled, it has yet to be determined whether we will meet for the following luncheon on the 6th of May 2020. The SIR 51 board will decide and announce the decision to our fellow members through an e-mail message and this newsletter. Currently scheduled for **May's speaker** is Jon Haveman who will speak on the economics of climate change.

Topic:

Economics of Climate Change

Topic Description & Speaker Biography:

Details to follow next month.

Future speakers for the coming months:

April 1 – Speech has been postponed to a later luncheon. Adina Ardelean was to speak on “Understanding the Global Economy: Trade Policies and the Effects on the American Worker”

May 6 – Jon Haveman, PhD - "Economics of Climate Change"

June 3 – SIR 51 Summer BBQ Picnic

FOR SUGGESTIONS REGARDING SPEAKERS

PLEASE CONTACT:
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General Interest

SIR 51 Future Board Meetings

On a temporary basis, future board meetings will be conducted remotely via teleconferencing with Zoom video conferencing application. Once the Coronavirus restrictions have been removed, the board will meet in-person at our Fremont Hills

Country Club at our usual 11:00 AM time. For details, please contact Big SIR, Jim Cummings (jimcumm@msn.com), or Secretary, Gerry Shebar (gshebar@yahoo.com).

SIR 51 Website

If you have not done so yet, check out our SIR Branch 51 website.

www.sirinc2.org/branch51

If you are a late arrival for the luncheon

Please note for those who arrive to the SIR luncheon after 12:00 PM, the payment table will be closed for the lunch and speaker presentation. In order to pay for your meal, **please find Kevin Wheaton**, Assistant Treasurer, to ensure you have been counted and have paid for your lunch.

May's Reception Table Volunteers

If we meet in May, the volunteers that will help register members and collect their payments for the lunch at the reception table are:

John Preston (?),
Jeff Gardiner (?),
Al Runge

If there are any questions regarding your receiving duties, please contact Kingsley Wood, kingsleykwood@gmail.com (650) 799-8420

And...

Dues are Due:

For the up-coming 2020 year, the yearly \$25 SIR Branch 51 **dues** are **due** by March 31, 2020. Don't wait and forget, get it paid early and be done with it. Fortunately, all golfers have paid their golf organization membership dues for 2020. Send your

SIR dues by check or pay in-person (exact cash only) to:

Kingsley Wood, Treasurer
1009 Forest Court
Palo Alto, CA 94301
(650) 799-8420
kingsleykwood@gmail.com

Need SIR Branch 51 Special Events Coordinator

If you enjoyed our yearly BBQs and Holiday Luncheons, we need one good man to step up and **volunteer to be our Special Events Coordinator** for 2020. Here's your chance to contribute to our Branch and keep the tradition alive. Please contact Big SIR, Jim Cummings, if you can help us with these events. Our SIR's group will be thankful.

Jim Cummings,
Home: (650) 328-2168
Cell: (650) 207-3609
jimcumm@msn.com

FYI, ...

Here are four, up-coming, fun events.

At this time, it is not clear if the events 1) and 2) will be held. If you are interested in any of them, contact the different event coordinators for the latest information on whether they are a go or no-go. Event 3) has been cancelled. Event 4), our annual BBQ picnic, is tentatively scheduled for June. See following details.

1) State SIR 2020 golf tournament

State SIR 2020 golf tournament is coming up. Mark Stuart, SIR State Golf Committee Chair, has announced that the tournament will be held in Napa on the 20th and 21st of April 2020. Entry fee is \$160 per person and the deadline to enter is 1st of April. Follow the links below for more detailed

tournament information as well as the State SIR Golf Website.

Tournament Info and Registration Form:

<https://files.constantcontact.com/686f3f04701/37103cb6-8de2-4c3e-b16a-ad60c2de6c07.pdf>

or click on the attached file: **Golf Napa**

(n.b. The form fields to enter your information within the pdf file that is provided in the above link may not work correctly if it does not support forms. Open the file with a different viewer. Or click on the attached file listed above and use Adobe Acrobat Reader DC viewer software. That should solve the problem, but if the problem still exists, print the form, fill it in by hand, include check and mail to State Golf Committee c/o Pete Morelli.)

State SIR Golf Website:

<https://www.sirinc2.org/golf2018/>

2) Baseball's Battle of the Bay

Save the date, 7th of June 2020, for a SIR baseball outing coordinated by SIR State Sporting Events Committee.



The Committee has arranged for tickets for the **Battle of the Bay**, A's vs. Giants on Sunday, June 7th at 1:00 PM at the Oakland Coliseum. These events are a lot of fun as well as it is a way to get to meet fellow SIR members from different branches and to get the SIR organization known. See the link below for detailed information on this event. Cost is \$55/ticket. Deadline is 5th of May 2020. If you have any questions, please contact the chairman, Lee Moy at leehealthstudio@gmail.com, or by phone at 559-709-9851.

Battle of the Bay, A's vs. Giants link:

<https://files.constantcontact.com/686f3f04701/34ba ca14-568a-45a5-a07a-61e273d10560.pdf>

Or see the attached file: **A_s.pdf**

3) Cancelled SIR Day at the Horse Races



Golden Gate Fields:

11 AM, Friday, 3/27/2020,
\$ 41, Deadline 20th of March 2020
Send group check with branch number to:
Sheri Espique, GGF Group Sales Asst. Mgr,
1100 Eastshore Hwy, Berkeley, CA 94710

See the attached file:
Two Fabulous SIR Days -2020.pdf

4) SIR 51 Annual BBQ Picnic



As of this time, our annual BBQ picnic is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, June 3rd at 11:00 AM. The board members will announce if this event will be held in June or be delayed to a later date. See the attached file, SIR BBQ 2020.pdf, for details regarding the BBQ.

Plus...

If you did not notice that the reception table had new **2020 Membership Roster booklets** for you, try to remember to get your booklet at the next in-person luncheon meeting.

Coronavirus Information:

For those who missed seeing the video explanation about the Coronavirus, here again is the link to click.

From the desk of SIR State President, Ed Benson, there is a YouTube video on the current world-wide Corona Virus threat to human health. Click the following link to watch this informative video. It is about five minutes in length of time. Share the video with your family and friends.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kIL5m5XznNY>

In addition, ...

If you don't know already, the local grocery stores are offering **early shopping hours for seniors**. This gives us seniors a chance at finding items we want (maybe?) and, possibly, be less crowded at the store. For most grocers, the hours vary from approximately 7- 9 AM. Less stress is good! Stay healthy and safe under the current crisis.

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Craig's Current Contributions

Former Big SIR, important guy. Now treading water until 5PM when drinking commences at our house. Going to Safeway, Whole Foods, Zanottos for the Senior Hour from 8-9am. Going for walks and going crazy. BTW, of course Tom Brady went to Florida. That's what old people from New England do. I'm either coming out of this quarantine 20 pounds lighter, chakras balanced & a house full of completed craft projects...or 20 pounds heavier with a drinking problem.

Shows to watch on TV

Walk The Line, movie from 2005 with Reese Witherspoon as June Carter & Joaquin Phoenix as Johnny Cash

Brockmire, on Hulu

Parasite - Best Movie at the Oscars 2020, on Netflix

The Restaurant, on Amazon

The Party, on Amazon

Agatha Christie: The Pale Horse, on Amazon Prime

The Inventor: Out for Blood in Silicon Valley, on HBO

Self Made, Inspired by the life of Madam CJ

Walker, on Netflix

The English Game, on Netflix

Friends from College, on Netflix

Thoughts to Ponder (Stolen from Russ Porter, who stole it from somebody else...probably Walt)

Toilet out of order. Please use floor below

In an office: "Would the person who took the step ladder yesterday please bring it back or further steps will be taken"

Spotted in a safari park: "Elephants, please stay in your car"

Notice in a farmer's field: "The farmer allows walkers to cross for free, but the bull charges"

On a repair shop door: "We can repair anything (please knock hard on the door - the bell doesn't work)"

"Man kills self before shooting wife & daughter"

"If strike isn't settled quickly, it may last awhile"

Everyone...please be safe and keep your family safe!

Courtesy of former Big SIR, Craig Carpenter

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ACTIVITIES



GOLF Two Month Schedule:

APRIL

08 Wed Moffett Field	10:00	05 TUE Crystal Springs	10:00
15 Wed Sunnyvale	10:00	13 Wed Spring Valley	10:00
22 Wed Los Lagos	10:00	20 Wed Sunnyvale	10:00
29 Wed Poplar Creek	10:00	27 Wed Moffett Field	10:00

MAY

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

FEBRUARY Leader Board

GROSS

1-Steve Tremulis	75	1-Ray Klinke	61
2-Ned Miller	76	2-Jeff Gardiner	63
3-Ray Klinke	78	3-Kai Johansen	64
4-Jeff Gardiner	81	Walt McCullough	64
5-Jim Cummings	88	Jim Cochran	64
6-Gerry Shebar	89	6-Gerry Shebar	65
7-Jim Stanford	89	7-Steve Tremulis	66
8-Kai Johansen	91	Ned Miller	66
9-Mike McMahon	92	Art Lewis	66

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Watch your e-mails to determine when our County Bosses will let us play again and have lunch together. We will be paroled from jail sometime.

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, jimcumm@msn.com, if your play or no-play commitment changes. Golf course coordinator:

KAI JOHANSEN

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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 Stanford – Palo Alto 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

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.

SKIP ROSS (541) 857-6224

waross@closereach.com



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 PM. 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, women 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. For more information, contact:

TIM EASTHAM (650) 366-2449
wteastham@comcast.net



LAWN BOWLING: Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday at 9:30 AM at Palo Alto Lawn Bowls Club, 474 Embarcadero Road, Palo Alto. Players need to be 15 minutes early to be entered into the draw for teams. Free coaching is available for new players. Contact:

DON HUGHES (650) 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. Late 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 (650) 322-4300
billkamin@att.net

CYCLING:

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 cancels.

The SIR Branch 35 monthly bicycling is a combined activity with all SIR Branches in Area 16. The objectives of the monthly rides are to continue to promote fellowship, share experiences, get some exercise and

above all, have FUN! Planned SIR rides are announced in each SIR Monthly Newsletter and by email to all interested members. We ask that all participants exhibit a positive attitude, exercise good judgment when riding such as maintaining a safe distance between riders, obeying all traffic signs and stop lights, etc.

There are 10 standard SIR bike trails - all very scenic from South San Jose to South San Francisco and from Half Moon Bay to Fremont all between 15 to 20 miles round trip on paved, level bicycle trails. Some trails will have optional 4-5 mile extensions. The riding pace is moderate between 9 to 13 mph depending on oncoming headwinds. Riding on streets is kept to a minimum. Planned rides will have short restroom/water breaks and lunch is at a known restaurant at the halfway point of the ride.

Some of the SIR bicyclists have been experimenting with establishing rides on each Thursday of the month. These rides will be more unstructured with the objective of finding new, paved and safe biking trails to add to the standard 10 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 you plan to ride or have questions please contact Jim Lunt or Gordon Tong as per below.

JAMES LUNT (408) 252-6804, Cell: (408) 921-5085
jamesdlunt@yahoo.com

GORDON TONG (408) 242-0557
gordy6850@gmail.com

According to Branch 35, if restrictions are removed, then this Foster City Bay Trail ride will be a go. Otherwise, the ride is off.

2nd Thursday, April 9th at 11:00 AM

Location: Foster City Bay Trail

Ride: We will ride the flat Foster City Bay Trail for about 10 miles from the Oracle Headquarters to the Poplar Creek Golf Club at Coyote Point for lunch, and then return (approximately 20 miles round trip). It might be windy, so bring a jacket or windbreaker.

Directions: Get off Highway 101 at Marine Parkway/Ralston. Turn right on Marine Parkway, then an immediate left onto Oracle Parkway. The meeting point is a tree-shaded parking lot with restrooms to the left of this intersection. If the parking lot there is full, backtrack over the creek to 401-501 Island Parkway and park in the Oracle lot. Ride your bike across the pedestrian bridge to the meeting point. If you plan to ride or have questions please contact Jim Lunt or Gordon Tong as above

The next ride for SIRS on Bikes

May: Brisbane Bayshore Trail. Check with Jim Lunt or Gordon Tong to see if this May ride will occur.

Cycling Schedule for 2020

January, Stevens Creek/Shoreline Park (M.V.)
February, Coyote Creek (So. San Jose)
March, Coyote Hills-AlamedaCreek
(Fremont/Niles)
April, Foster City Bay Trail
May, Brisbane Bayshore Trail
June, Guadalupe Trail--(Alviso to San Jose)
July, Sawyer Camp Trail/ San Andreas trail
(new ride)
August, San Leandro-Alameda Ride
September, Mt. View to Alviso
October, Half Moon Bay
November, Los Gatos Creek Trail
December, no ride (members may call for a ride)

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, then click on Travel.

STATE SIR HAPPENINGS at www.sirinc.org

SIR BRANCH 51 NEWSLETTER

If you have any inputs, suggestions or feedback to add or improve the newsletter, please let me know. Also, if you wish to add material to the newsletter, inputs for the next newsletter should be submitted between the 15th and 20th of the month prior to the next newsletter.

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All telephone numbers are in the 650 area code, except where noted differently.

All changes in address, telephone number, and e-mail address needs to be reported to the SIR Branch 51,
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“All the news that fits we print”

Anonymous