

Mid-Peninsula Sons In Retirement Branch #51

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A Non-Profit Organization
For Retired Men



May 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 6th of May
2020 Has Been Cancelled.**

Breaking News:

See Golf Activity Section

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Sad News

**SIR member, Nevand Godhwani,
past away on April 7th, 2020.
Memorial service was on April
9th, 2020. Read family tribute to
Nevand in the attached pdf file.**

Since May luncheon has been cancelled, our next get together would have been the **BBQ/picnic** on June 3rd. This event has been **cancelled** as well due to current COVID-19 restrictions. For the future, it has yet to be determined whether we will meet for the Wednesday luncheon on the 1st of July 2020. The SIR 51 board will decide and announce their decision to our fellow members through an e-mail message and this newsletter.

Topic: There will be no presentations until further notice

Topic Description & Speaker Biography:
There will be no speakers until we can reconvene as an in-person group.

Future speakers for the coming months:
Currently, speakers are on hold.

June 3 – SIR 51 June BBQ/Picnic has been cancelled.

**FOR SUGGESTIONS REGARDING
SPEAKERS**

**PLEASE CONTACT:
Walt McCullough
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(650)-303-8194**

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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 relaxed or removed, the board will meet in-person at our Fremont Hills Country Club. Next virtual board

meeting will be on the first Wednesday of May, the 6th, at 11:00 AM. For details, please contact Big SIR, Jim Cummings (jimcumm@msn.com), or Secretary, Gerry Shebar (gshebar@yahoo.com).

SIR 51 Website

SIR Branch 51 website provides helpful information on our activities and archives our news.

www.sirinc2.org/branch51

When we meet again in-person and 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.

Reception Table Volunteers

If we meet in July, we will need volunteers that will help register members and collect their payments for the lunch at the reception table. Please volunteer by contacting Kingsley Wood, kingsleykwood@gmail.com
(650) 799-8420

And...

Dues were Due:

For the up-coming 2020 year, the yearly \$25 SIR Branch 51 **dues were due** by March 31, 2020. If you forgot, please contact Kingsley Wood. Fortunately, all golfers have paid their golf organization membership dues for 2020.

Kingsley Wood, Treasurer
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Palo Alto, CA 94301
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kingsleykwood@gmail.com

Need SIR Branch 51 Special Events Coordinator

If you enjoyed our yearly Holiday Luncheon, 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, ...

Our annual BBQ picnic

Our June BBQ picnic has been cancelled.

Plus...

If you did not notice at our last in-person, March luncheon that the reception table had new **2020 Membership Roster booklets** for you. Do try to remember to get your booklet at the to-be-determined, 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 6 - 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. Formerly drinking only after 5pm. Now considering drinking after 5pm... London GMT. Trying to do my 10,000 steps per day, walking at Stanford, our local neighborhood, walked Waverley & Cowper streets in Palo Alto today. Nice houses...probably have a lot of jewelry...just sayin'.

Ashamed to say but we watched EVERY episode of The Tiger King on Netflix. Hard to believe these people walk among us. Joe Exotic may be a former Big SIR for all I know. Kinda reminds me of Steve Tremulis a bit.

Good reads for guys:

The Splendid & The Vile by Erik Larson. Just a really good book!
Blindside...James Patterson's latest
How the Old World Ended: The Anglo-Dutch-American Revolution, 1500-1800 by Jonathan Scott
Djinn Patrol on the Purple Line by Deepa Anappara. This remarkable book, written by a journalist from Mumbai & Delhi who now lives in London, is an authentic story of the devastating rash of the kidnapping of 180 children a day from the teeming streets & markets of most of the bigger cities in India...IN THE PRESENT!

What To Watch on TV:

Tiger King: Murder, Mayhem & Madness...these people are so evil & it's like watching a car crash. On Netflix

Ozark...I love it but my wife hates it so don't get to watch it often. On Netflix
Stranger Things...On Netflix
The Morning Show...On Apple TV+
The Killing...On Amazon Prime
Modern Love...On Amazon. Make some brownie points with your spouse.

Thoughts To Ponder:

(credit to Walt McCullough & Tom Cooper)

"To go to the grocery store, they said a mask & gloves were enough. They lied...everybody else had clothes on".
"Social distancing is 6 feet. Did they come up with that number from cemeteries?"
"Never be afraid to try something new. Remember, amateurs built the ark; professionals built the Titanic".
"I hate it when I see some old person and then realize we went to high school together".

Everyone, please stay safe!

Courtesy of former Big SIR, Craig Carpenter

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ACTIVITIES



GOLF

Breaking News:

Starting Monday, 4th of May, golf courses will be allowed to open with restrictions governed by the state, county, and locality where the golf course is located. Whichever entity (CA, county, or locality) has the most restrictive conditions for coronavirus control will be the one that prevails. Check with the golf course management to see if they have opened their course, and check which restrictions are required for that site before heading out to the greens.

Original May 2020 Schedule (if courses are open):

MAY

05 **TUE** Crystal Springs 10:00
13 Wed Spring Valley 10:00
20 Wed Sunnyvale 10:00
27 Wed Moffett Field 10:00

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

Future Leader Board

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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
(650) 853-2493

kai.johansen@sbcglobal.net

Check if the following activities are going to occur while under reduced or removed COVID-19 state, county, or municipality restrictions.



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

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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 State SIR restrictions are removed, then this Brisbane Bayshore Trail ride will be a go. Otherwise, the ride is off. Check with Jim Lunt or Gordon Tong listed above.

2nd Thursday, May 14th at 11:00 AM

Location: Brisbane Bayshore Trail

Ride: We will ride the flat Bay Trail along San Francisco Bay for about 7.5 miles going south starting from the parking lot next to the empty former Walmart Tower building in Brisbane, and ending at South Airport Blvd. (next to SFO) where we will have lunch at a sandwich shop, then ride back for a total of about 15 miles.

Directions: Take 101 north past SFO to Sierra Pt. Parkway (2nd exit past the Oyster Point Blvd. exit). At the first intersection, stop, and turn right, then immediately stop at the next intersection and turn left, which is Marina Blvd., going left. Follow Marina Blvd. around a big curve and just past the former Walmart Tower building (looks like a big ship) on the left side, turn left into a large public parking lot with a short boulevard entrance. We will meet there.

If you plan to ride or have questions please contact Jim Lunt or Gordon Tong as above

The next ride for SIRS on Bikes

June: Guadalupe Trail--(Alviso to San Jose).
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-Alameda Creek
(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 the news that fits we print”

Anonymous