

Mid-Peninsula Sons In Retirement

Branch #51

Website: www.sirinc2.org/branch51

No. 530
A Non-Profit Organization
For Retired Men



September 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 General Meeting for 2nd of
September 2020 will be via Zoom with a
new meeting time of:

1:00 PM.

For more information on this Zoom video
conference meeting, check within this newsletter for
details.

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Monthly Presentation for Members

September 2nd Speaker Topic:

***Community Emergency Preparedness:
SIR, Are You Prepared?***

Topic Description:

To be provided at the presentation.

Speaker Biography:

Ann Hepenstal, CBCP,
Emergency Preparedness Coordinator,
City of Los Altos



Ann Hepenstal currently serves as the Community
Emergency Preparedness Coordinator for the City
of Los Altos, a part-time role. She leads the County
CERT Leadership Team, and in 2019, was named
the Emergency Manager of the Year by the Santa
Clara County Emergency Managers Association.
Before joining the City in 2016, Ann had a 23-year
career at Intel Corporation, serving in roles
including Risk & Controls Manager, Business
Continuity Manager, Internet Marketing Manager
and Controller. She holds a professional
certification in Business Continuity, along with a
B.S. and M.S. in Engineering. Ann and her
husband are 22-year residents of Los Altos, and
their children went through Los Altos School
District and graduated from Mountain View High

SIR 51 Website

SIR Branch 51 website provides helpful information on our activities and archives our news. Should you have inputs for our website, please contact our website masters, Gerry Shebar or Art Lewis.

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State SIR Website

See State SIR redesigned website: www.sirinc.org

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ACTIVITIES



GOLF

Golf is being restarted informally. Each course has its own methods of dealing with the "China" virus but we have been able to get some play.

Each course has to be dealt with individually. We are currently following the schedule developed for this year and hopefully we will be able to play weekly. If you have lost the schedule, please check our website shown on page one of the newsletter and watch your emails for updates.

At this point it is not practical for us to post your scores or to have competitions so our games are mostly just for fun and exercise. If you have not downloaded the NCGA app please do so. It is fairly easy to use and you can easily post your scores and gather other info regarding

your index and course handicaps. Keep it in the short grass!

Courtesy of Jim Cummings, Big SIR

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

All of the golf courses we play require a player count 7-14 days prior to play date.

If your play or no-play commitment changes, please call or e-mail:

JIM CUMMINGS

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Kai Johansen, golf course coordinator, has reported that the 2020-2021 golf schedule is in place and three of nine contracts are in place as well. More news to come. Stay tuned.

Golf course coordinator:

KAI JOHANSEN

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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 and 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:

BOB TAGGART (650) 321-2654, Br 35
cbtaggart@earthlink.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
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CYCLING:

SIRS ON BIKES:

NEW FROM LAST YEAR , SIR PROTOCOL AND MASK ARE REQUIRED



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.

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GORDON TONG (408) 242-0557
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According to Branch 35, the State SIR restrictions have been modified and allow cycling groups to ride. See the required restrictions listed below. Check with Jim Lunt or Gordon Tong listed above for any questions or other details.

These are the eight points that state SIR approved to re-open the bicycle activities. See protocols below:

1. For the safety of all of our riders, ride only if one is feeling 100% healthy.
2. We will designate a lead rider at the front of the group and a designated sweeper behind the last rider. All riders will stay between the designated lead and sweeper.
3. Riders must wear a biking helmet and some type of face mask. Riders are encouraged to bring a hand sanitizer because public restrooms may not always be open.
4. We will stagger riders in groups of 2-3 with the first group departing, followed by the next group of riders 2-3 minutes later and continue with this staggered process until all riders have departed.
5. Riders will ride single file and maintain a minimum 50' distance from the rider immediately in front. Riders can pass each other as long as there is a safe margin to pass.
6. When the lead rider stops for a group water or restroom break, all riders will stop and maintain a minimum 6' distance from each other.
7. Riders are encouraged to bring their lunch or order takeout food. The designated lead rider will find a suitable area to eat lunch and ensure proper social distancing.
8. Ride back to our designated ride starting point in the same manner.

2nd Thursday, September 10th at 11:00 AM

Location: Mt. View to Alviso

Ride: New starting place. Go through the entrance of Shoreline and on the right there soon will be the parking lot for Kite Park. Park there. We then cut across the field to the bike path. We then ride 3.5 miles on the levees and old service roads as we cross the waters north of Moffett Field. We follow the trail to downtown Alviso. Continue on to the Alviso Marina parking lot and eat what we had brought. The ride is 8.5 miles one way. We will return on the same route for a roundtrip of 19 miles. There are no optional shortcuts. (There are some optional ways that have streets.) We may split up for a short distance.

Directions: Meet at Kite Park Lot. From the intersection of Hwy 101 and Shoreline Blvd, head north on Shoreline Blvd. Enter Shoreline and go to Kite Park Lot.

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

The next ride for SIRS on Bikes

October: Half Moon Bay Ride

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 Lorenzo-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.

STATE SIR TRAVEL INFORMATION



For information on State SIR travel, go to the State SIR website listed below, and click on “Region and Area Info”, click on “Resources”, click on “More Information”, then look for “Travel Management Information” section which has sub-links to travel agencies, bus companies, and a travel handbook. Also, one can use “Search Here” box at the base of the page using the word “travel”.

STATE SIR WEBSITE

See redesigned website: 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