# Mid-Peninsula Sons In Retirement Branch #51

Website: <a href="https://www.sirinc2.org/branch51">www.sirinc2.org/branch51</a>

No. 545
A Non-Profit Organization
For Retired Men



# December 2021 Devoted to the Promotion of Independence and Dignity of Retirement

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

# **General Membership:**

### **Time Out**

December SIR General Membership Meeting (all members) will not be held, i.e., no social meeting, no luncheon, and no speaker. We will resume inperson on January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022 for our regular General Membership luncheon and speaker meetings. However, the Board will meet on December 1<sup>st</sup> at 11:00 AM via Zoom.

As the Coronavirus world gets more complicated, there is a new variant called the Omicron (B.1.1.529) from South Africa and its neighboring countries. It is considered potentially more transmittable and possibly more deadly. As for current vaccines that are being used, it is not known how much protection that they will provide.

Hence, booster shots are now available for all individuals that are 12 years or older with either Pfizer-BioNtech, Moderna, or Johnson & Johnson. One can mix or match booster vaccine suppliers with one's original vaccine two (or one) shot vaccines. For our grandchildren between the ages of five and 11 years old, they now can get reduced dosage of shots.

Here is updated data from the Mayo Clinic records for COVID-19 for the US and CA as of the 28<sup>th</sup> of November 2021. Vaccinations for the nation are at 59.5% being fully vaccinated, and 70.0% having received at least one shot. For Californians 12 years or older, 62.8% have been fully vaccinated and 78.2% have at least one shot of vaccine.

As we have come to expect, COVID-19 variants are not done with us. The variants are serious threat to our health. Please keep your guard up, still take precautions to protect yourself, your family, and others.

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# **Big SIR Notes:**

From the computer of Jim Cummings

There will be a board meeting Wednesday Dec 1 at 11 AM, but no general meeting in-person or on ZOOM. Wednesday Jan 5 we will have a regular lunch in-person and will continue SIRS luncheons on the first Wednesday of the month, unless the virus mutates into something dangerous. Currently, there is some concern regarding a variant given the name "OMICRON". There is no way at present to determine what this variant will turn out to be. We shall hope all will be well and we can continue our meetings.

Jim

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# **Monthly Presentation for Members**

# **December 1st, 2021 Speaker Topic:**

No speaker due to no meeting in December 2021.

#### **Speaker Biography:**

None

# **Topic Description:**

None

#### **Future speakers for the coming month:**

# January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Speaker Topic:

To be determined

# FOR SUGGESTIONS REGARDING SPEAKERS

#### **PLEASE CONTACT:**

**Steve Tremulis** (650) 598-9790



# **General Interest**

# **SIR 51 Board Meetings**

Next Zoom **Board Meeting** will be held on the first Wednesday of December, the 1<sup>st</sup>, at 11:00 AM. For more details, please contact Big SIR, Jim Cummings (cell:650/207-3609).

See the list of newly elected 2022 officers and committee chairmen at the end of this newsletter.

November board meeting had 11 attendees.

# **SIR 51 General Membership Meeting**

Last month's November in-person General Membership Meeting was attended by approximately 30 SIR members. Currently, we have a total of 77 members in our branch.

#### **2021 Membership Roster**

As always, if you have any corrections to your profile data, please contact our Membership Chairman, Gerry Shebar, at (650) 868-6124. Also, the roster file has been archived on our branch website.

### **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 master, Gerry Shebar at (650) 868-6124.

www.sirinc2.org/branch51

# **State SIR News**

If you have not done so yet, COVID-19 Waiver needs to be signed by all SIR members and submitted to your branch board members. The links to the Wavier, Branch Protocols are given below. Please read, print, sign, and submit wavier.

#### **Branch Protocols:**

https://files.constantcontact.com/686f3f04701/e266 2867-a239-4f89-baac-baf50ee70e2d.pdf

#### Wavier:

 $\frac{https://sirinc.org/wp-content/uploads/Waiver-final.pdf}{}$ 

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# Craig's (Meager?) Current Contributions:

Courtesy of former Big SIR, Craig Carpenter

Used to be a big deal...notice the past tense

#### THOUGHTS TO PONDER:

"Whenever my wife uses the phrase 'I was thinking'...that means I have to move, build, paint or buy something."

"Local man addicted to brake fluid says he can stop anytime he wants."

"Dear Santa, this year all I ask is a big fat bank account and a slim body. PLEASE don't mix up the two like you did last year."

"The irony for mankind is that a computer program asks a human to prove that they're not a robot."

"Marriage is a relationship where one person is always right and the other person is the husband."

#### **GOOD READS FOR GUYS:**

*Yogi* by Jon Pessah. The life of Yogi Berra...very entertaining.

The Man Who saved The Union: Ulysses Grant in War & Peace by H.W. Brands. 637 pages.

King Richard: Nixon & Watergate, An American Tragedy by Michael Dobbs. 400 pages.

#### **AT THE MOVIES:**

My wife & I saw *The House of Gucci* yesterday. Lady Gaga is fantastic as are Jerod Leto, Jeremy Irons, Salma Hayek & Al Pacino. Playing locally at the ICON Theater in Mountain View.

**Belfast** by writer/director, Kenneth Branagh is supposed to be "Oscar-worthy" & a semiautobiographical account of growing up during "The Troubles" in the capital of Northern Ireland. At theaters now.

On Apple TV+, *The Shrink Next Door* starring Will Ferrell & Paul Rudd.

#### On Netflix...

*Red Notice*, starring Ryan Reynolds, Gal Gadot & Dwayne Johnson.

*The Power of the Dog*, starring Benedict Cumberbatch & Kirsten Dunst

*True Story*, a series starring Wesley Snopes & Kevin Hart.

Bruised, starring Halle Berry.

Hope your Holidays are wonderful! See you in 2022!



#### **ACTIVITIES**

#### **GOLF**



With the state and county removed most COVID-19 restrictions, except masks, and the State SIR leadership allowing vaccinated members to be active in outdoor and indoor settings (with waivers), precautions should be

taken while playing golf.

If any of you are interested in playing golf as individuals, you might want to check with the courses as to tee time availability.

The 2022 golf schedule has been developed. The new schedule will be available for all. Check for a file copy either electronically sent to you or at the SIR 51 website. Below are the dates, times, and locations for December 2021 and January 2022.

Please register your intentions to play by signing "Yes" or "No" on the sign-up sheet.

All participants must be at the course at least one hour before tee time.

	Dec 8, Wed	Dec 15, Wed	Dec 22, Wed	Dec 29, Wed
DEC	Los Lagos	San	Spring	NO
		Jose	Valley	GOLF
	10:00 AM	10:00	10:00	THIS
		AM	AM	WEEK
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	Jan 04,	Jan 12,	Jan 19,	Jan 26,
	Jan 04, Tue	Jan 12, Wed	Wed	Wed
JAN	· ·	· ·		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
JAN	Tue	Wed	Wed	Wed
JAN	Tue	Wed Poplar	Wed Los	Wed

Same table, but color-coded for December 2021and January 2022.

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	Jan 04, Tue	Jan 12, Wed	Jan 19, Wed	Jan 26, Wed
JAN	Sunnyvale	Poplar Creek	Los Lagos	Shoreline
	10:00 AM	10:00 AM	10:00 AM	10:00 AM

Crystal Springs
Los Lagos
Moffett Field
Poplar Creek
Poppy Hills
San Jose
Shoreline
Spring Valley
Sunnyvale

#### Courtesy of Golf Course Coordinator:

#### KAI JOHANSEN

(650) 380-9493

Also, contact Big SIR, Jim Cummings, as a mutual supporter for golf news.

#### JIM CUMMINGS

home: (650) 328-2168 cell: (650) 207-3609

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Check if the <u>following activities</u> are going to occur with the recent COVID-19 and State SIR removed restrictions. Do keep in mind, however, some restrictions are still in place.

#### **COMPUSIR**

COMPUSIR is a self-help Computer discussion group. Normally, it meets monthly at the PALO ALTO ELKS LODGE 4249 EL

CAMINO REAL, PALO ALTO. Check first if meetings are being held by Zoom, or not at all. When in-person meetings can be held access is by the following method. For entry, use the announce button on the pedestal to the left of the Front door. **COMPUSIR** is now part of SPAUG (the <u>S</u>tanford – <u>Palo Alto Users Group</u>). SPAUG Meetings are still held the SECOND

WEDNESDAY of each month at 7:00 pm, when possible, in-person, at PA Elks Lodge (address above). The meeting is upstairs (elevator available past the stairway). More information at <a href="www.spaug.net">www.spaug.net</a>.

#### 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

#### **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. When possible, with less COVID-19 restrictions, we meet on **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 (Bob Taggart) 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 bowling skill that comes back after a long lay-off. Many have not bowled since they were youngsters. For more information, contact:

**BOB TAGGART** (650) 321-2654, Br 35

#### **LAWN BOWLING:**



Check if Lawn Bowling is able to meet and play. We meet on 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:**



When possible, during the COVID-19 pandemic, check first to see if our tennis group meets which happens on 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 form. Play level is about 2.5. We welcome non-SIRS, so bring a friend.

BILL KAMIN (650) 322-4300

#### **CYCLING:**

#### No SIR Bicycle Group ride this December 2021

If there is a pick-up group that wishes to ride in December, then those wanting to ride need to coordinate that get together.

2nd Thursday of December (9<sup>th</sup>), would be the likely cycling date.

Wives and guests are welcome. Rain cancels ride, helmet required.

This is a non-sponsored SIR ride.

If you plan to ride or have questions, please contact Jim Lunt or Gordon Tong to see if other members are interested.

Jim Lunt Phone (408) 252-6804 Cell (408) 921-5085 jamesdlunt@yahoo.com

Gordon Tong (408) 242-0557 gordy6850@gmail.com

This is the **Master Riding List for 2021**. It may change as the year goes by, so the final word is in the SIR Branch 35 month's newsletter.

January 14, 2021

Stevens Creek/Shoreline Park (Mt. View), no ride

February 11, 2021

Coyote Creek (South San Jose), no ride

March 11, 2021

Coyote Hills-Alameda Creek (Fremont/Niles), Michael's (Mt. V) to Univ Ave/Hway 84 (Menlo Park). See above.

April 8, 2021

Foster City Bay Trail

May 13 2021

Brisbane Bayshore Trail

June 10, 2021

Guadalupe Trail-(Alviso to San Jose)

July 8, 2021

Sawyer Camp Trail / San Andreas Trail

August 12, 2021

San Leandro-Alameda Ride

September 9, 2021

Mt. View to Alviso Ride

October 14, 2021

Half Moon Bay

**November 11, 2021** 

Los Gatos Creek Trail

**December** 2021 No ride

(If the weather is good, riders may pick a ride to do.)

#### **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

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  $15^{th}$  and  $20^{th}$  of the month prior to the next newsletter.

# **Newsletter Editor:**

Richard Jamison (650) 868-3723

# 2021 SIR BRANCH #51 OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

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Little SIR: (Open)		Lawn Bowling: Don Hughes	323-9916
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Asst. Secretary: Richard Jamison	868-3723	Tennis: Bill Kamin	322-4300
Treasurer: Kingsley Wood	799-8420	Golf: Kai Johansen	380-9493
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