

# Mid-Peninsula Sons In Retirement

## Branch #51

Website: [www.sirinc2.org/branch51](http://www.sirinc2.org/branch51)

No. 561  
A Non-Profit Organization  
For Retired Men



April 2023  
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 Interest:

#### Spring has Sprung

April is the month of renewal. Fortunately, the renewal of our IRS and CA FTB April taxes due have been postponed until Monday, the 16<sup>th</sup> of October 2023. This affects most of CA counties. All Bay Area counties (Santa Clara, San Mateo, Alameda, Contra Costa, Solano, San Francisco, Marin, Sonoma, Napa, and Santa Cruz) get the extension. A small benefit from the calamities of this past winter weather (atmospheric rivers, floods, wind damage, mud slides, power outages, too much snow, you name it.). One could say that the “March Madness” weather has held up to its name.

Please see the **Activities** section later in this newsletter for new information on mutual activities between local branches, e.g., pickleball, etc.

We have been fortunate to bring three new members to our branch. They are:

John Reimann and his wife, Jill, live in Los Altos. John worked for KMPG as a CPA. John likes fishing, genealogy, hiking, pickleball, and wine tasting. Please welcome John to our branch.

Paul Lawryk with his wife, Reneé, live in San Jose. Paul worked for Sun Microsystems and IBM as a high-tech executive. Also, he has worked as an entrepreneur. Paul volunteers and contributes to numerous non-profits that focus on underserved people services (food, shelter, etc.) Post retirement,

he has been a long-time volunteer head coach for cross-country and distance track for Los Gatos High School. Paul enjoys biking, book club, golf, hiking, pickleball, and wine tasting. Also, please welcome Paul.

Gary Wada and his wife, Donna, live in Atherton. Gary worked as a biochemist lab manager for Fujifilm Wako Diagnostics and is retired. Gary enjoys photography, computers and tech, gardening, golf, investments, fishing, and wine tasting. Again, please welcome Gary.

We need more members to join our branch to improve our success as an improving branch that can survive and grow to be more interesting and rewarding to our members. Diverse backgrounds of members help us know and learn more about our community, ourselves, and the world.

This year our annual **branch picnic** has been schedule for **Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>**. We hope all will attend and have an enjoyable time. Please see the attached picnic flyer with this newsletter.

A new roster is being planned for printing in 2023. Please update any changes to your SIR profile for this new issue by the 15<sup>th</sup> of April. E-mail your updates to Jeff Gardiner, Membership Chairman, [jeffg@usms.com](mailto:jeffg@usms.com)

If you have not done so yet, please pay your **2023 SIR 51 dues very soon since they were due by March 31<sup>st</sup>** to our Treasurer, Kingsley Wood. You can pay in-person at our luncheon or send him a check at:







## Multi-Branch Activities:

John Jordan, from Branch 1, is looking to expand participation across branches with various activities. Specifically:

- **Economics & Current Events:** A monthly gathering over lunch to delve into the goings on in the world. Topic(s) to be presented prior to getting together but nothing is off the table.
- **Computer & Technology:** Discover the many things our computers, laptops, smart phones, etc. can do of which you were unaware. Also, great group for self-help to solve problems and better understand how we can use technology more to our advantage.
- **Book Discussion:** Read any good books lately? Wondering what to read next? Finding you are reading less but want to get back to some good reads? This group could get you going or add more to your reading enjoyment.
- **Stock Study:** Large cap? Small cap? Options? Crypto? Meets monthly in San Mateo.

Other activities that are popular: Bocce, golf, bowling, pickleball (just getting started)

If you would like to know more about Pickleball rules and scoring, check out the two links below.

**Basics:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fTvpYdKZq00>

**Scoring:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Roh eCHp6IDw>

If you would like to learn more about the above listed activities or have suggestions about any other groups, please call or email Branch 1 Activities Director John Jordan.

John Jordan.  
Branch 1, Activities Director  
650-544-8893  
[d dblljj@aol.com](mailto:d dblljj@aol.com)

## 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.

As for SIR Branch 51's golf information, see the SIR 51 2023 golf schedule which is available via Excel or .pdf file copies either electronically sent to you or at the SIR 51 website. Below are the dates, times, and locations for April, and May 2023.

	Apr 04, Tue	Apr 12, Wed.	Apr 19, Wed.	Apr 26, Wed
APR	Moffett Field	Sunnyvale	Los Lagos	Poplar Creek
	10:00 AM	10:00 AM	10:00 AM	10:00 AM

	May 02, Tue	May 10, Wed	May 17, Wed	May 24, Wed	May 31, Wed
MAY	Crystal Springs	Spring Valley	Sunnyvale	Moffett Field	Poplar Creek
	10:00 AM	10:00 AM	10:00 AM	10:00 AM	10:00 AM

TOTAL TOURNAMENTS: 50

Baylands 2
Crystal Springs 5
Los Lagos 7
Moffett Field 3
Poplar Creek 6
Poppy Hills 1
San Jose 6
Shoreline 5
Spring Valley 8
Sunnyvale 7

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

*Courtesy of Golf Chairman:*

**KAI JOHANSEN**  
(650) 380-9493



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

**JIM CUMMINGS**  
home: (650) 328-2168  
cell: (650) 207-3609

State Golf Newsletter:  
[www.sirgolf.org](http://www.sirgolf.org)

**Check if the following activities are going to occur with the recent changes in COVID-19 State SIR restrictions.**

### 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 Stanford – Palo Alto Users Group). 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 [www.spaug.net](http://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

### 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 Cupertino 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** (Br 35)  
(650) 321-2654

### 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.

**SYD JACOBSEN** (Br 35)  
(408) 738-3233

### CYCLING: (SIR Branches 35, 51, others)

Meet on 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 11:00 AM  
Next ride will be on April 13<sup>th</sup> 2023.

Wives and guests welcomed; Rain cancels, helmets required, e-bike are allowed, and face masks are optional. Read latest CDC guidance via link below:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

## **Foster City Bay Trail**

**Ride:** We will ride the scenic and picturesque Foster City Bay Trail from the Oracle Corporate Headquarters to the Poplar Creek Golf Course at Coyote Point. There is another 4-mile extension that would take us to the very southern edge of the SF International Airport for a total round trip of 22 miles. The trail is paved and level but there is on-going construction that will detour us on to some city streets with well designated bike lanes. We can decide on whether to ride the 4-mile extension on the day of the ride. There are several restaurants along the ride for lunch options. It might be windy, so bring a windbreaker or vest.

**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 Gordon Tong at 408-242-0557 or [gordy6850@gmail.com](mailto:gordy6850@gmail.com) or Hank Bottino at (650) 207-4320 or [bottinoh@comcast.net](mailto:bottinoh@comcast.net). who is my biking group co-leader.

## **Cycling Comment:**

FYI. SIR Branch 35 monthly bicycling is a combined activity with all SIR Branches in Area 13. The objectives of the monthly rides are to continue

to promote fellowship, share experiences, get some exercise and above all, have FUN!

We ask that all riders exhibit a positive attitude, exercise good judgment when riding such as maintaining a safe distance between riders, obey all traffic signs, stop lights, etc. There will be a designated **lead** rider and a **sweeper** (or last rider) to ensure that all riders stay on course. It's important that all riders keep the **lead** rider in their sights.

## **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 WEBSITE**

[www.sirinc.org](http://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<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> 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*