

Mid-Peninsula Sons In Retirement

Branch #51

Website: www.sirinc2.org/branch51

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A Non-Profit Organization
For Retired Men



May 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:

May, May, Bring You Joy

Warmer weather, blue skies, green foliage, and dryer climate will welcome us to the beginnings of outdoor fun and the enjoyment of friends and family. Gardening chores, spring clean-up, allergies, longer sunlight days will keep us encouraged to appreciate our local world. Spring sports has been quite active with NBA (post-season playoffs, e.g., GS Warriors going into round 2 of Western Conference playoff against LA Lakers), MLB (starting season), NFL Draft (for next fall season), NHL (finishing playoffs), and golf tournaments happening.

We have been fortunate to welcome an additional new member into our branch. He is William Kruse (Billy) and his wife, Noel, who live in Palo Alto. Billy is a retired R&D employee of HP/Agilent. He enjoys gardening and golf. Please welcome Billy to our branch.

As you know, 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 scheduled for **Wednesday, June 7th**. We hope all will attend and have an enjoyable time. Please see the

attached picnic flyer with this newsletter for the form to use. **Deadline to register and pay is May 24th**. As a result of our up-coming June Picnic/BBQ, there will be no general membership or board meetings.

A new 2023 roster is available for our membership. You can get one at the greeting table when you attend our luncheon. Also, the roster file has been archived on our branch website. If you have changes to your profile in the roster, please inform our new Membership Chairman in order to keep the roster up to date. E-mail your updates to Joe Urbassik at joeu1218@gmail.com.

As for happenings within our branch, see the respective sections later in this newsletter.

Be healthy and safe.

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Branch 51 News

Big SIR Notes:

From the computer of Gerry Shebar

Gents,

We are at a significant point in our development. Whether we can continue to grow over the next few years or whether we shrink and wither. Sadly, Jeff Gardiner can no longer fulfill the roles he had been assigned. To this end that I am pleased to announce the appointment of Joe Urbassik as our next

Membership Chair and Richard Jamison as Secretary.

Joe is an avid golfer, someone who is always smiling, and an all-around good guy. He will do a great job of recruiting. His ideas are fresh and inspired.

Richard is diligent in his new role. (Although he has been acting in it for the past 2 months.) As guardian of the company's records and creator of the next record he has proven invaluable.

Please, welcome both of your fellow Sirs to their new roles.

Gerry Shebar
Big Sir

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SIR 51 General Membership Meeting

Our SIR General Membership meeting will be held in-person on Wednesday, **May 3rd** starting at **11:30 a.m.**, for social half-hour, then at noon for lunch.

Please encourage your fellow members to come to the luncheon and speaker presentation.

April luncheon attendance was a total of 31 (members and guests). As of the end of March 2023, our branch members totaled 60.

SIR 51 Board Meetings

The next Board meeting will occur in-person this coming **May 3rd**, Wednesday, at **11:00** a.m.

April Board meeting had 9 attendees.

For more details, please contact Big SIR, Gerry Shebar (cell:650/868-6124).

The updated list for elected 2023 officers and committee chairmen is located at the end of this newsletter.

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Monthly Presentation for Members

May 3rd, 2023 Speaker Topic:

East Bay's Blackhawk Museum

Topic Description:

The Blackhawk Museum, located in Danville, CA, is a premier cultural destination in the Bay Area. Our museum features six dynamic exhibits, including the Classic Car Collection, Art of Africa, Pat's Compacts, Into China, World of Nature, and Spirit of the Old West. Each exhibit offers visitors a unique opportunity to engage with a rich tapestry of cultures, history, and art. The museum is open Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 10:00AM to 5:00PM, providing ample time to fully immerse oneself in the diverse experiences offered by each exhibit.



Blackhawk Museum

Speaker Name and Biography:

Ed Holloway has been a docent at the Blackhawk Museum for over 35 years. He is originally from the L.A. area and is married to a special woman whom he met at his 45th high school reunion. He's retired from mortgage banking and lives in Walnut Creek.

Future speakers:

July 5th, 2023 Speaker and Topic:

TBD

**FOR SUGGESTIONS REGARDING
SPEAKERS**

PLEASE CONTACT:

Steve Tremulis
(650) 598-9790

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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

Public information about SIR organization for what we are as a social group and what we do is available on the state SIR developed website for informing and attracting the public to our branch. It is called **We Are SIR**.

www.wearesir.com

State SIR Website:

www.sirinc.org

The State SIR organization has a newsletter called **SIR Happenings**, to help SIR members know what the state officers are organizing for overall support and various activities for the local branches. See link below.

<https://sirinc.org/newsletters/>

The State SIR group provides guidance to help branches improve their members' involvement and the growth of branch membership.

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Craig's Current Contributions:
May 2023

Courtesy of former Big SIR, Craig Carpenter

Former Big SIR, very important guy. Now working as the agent for Tucker Carlson & Don Lemon. Business is a little slow at the moment.

THOUGHTS TO PONDER:

Haunted French pancakes give me the crepes.

A dentist and a manicurist married. They fought tooth & nail.

I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I just can't put it down.

Why do they put pictures of criminals up in the Post Office? What are we supposed to do...write to them?

What ever happened to Preparations A through G?

From Phyllis Diller:

Housework can't kill you, but why take the chance. The reason women don't play football is because 11 of them would never wear the same outfit in public. Burt Reynolds once asked me out. I was in his room.

MEDICAL SCHOOL EXAM

When I was young I decided I wanted to be a doctor, so I took the entrance exam to get into medical school. One of the questions asked to rearrange the letters PNEIS into the name of an important body part which is most useful when erect. Those who answered "spine" are doctors today. The rest of us are sending jokes via email.

GOOD READS FOR GUYS:

Small Fry by Lisa Brennan Fry. She is Steve Jobs' daughter and, from an inside source, I'm told her book tells the real story about Jobs' life.

Three Ordinary Girls by Tim Brady. The astonishing true story of three fearless female resisters in WW2 in the Netherlands. Courtesy of Joe Grippo.

Becoming Trader Joe: How I did business my way and still beat the big guys by Joe Coulombe. The title says it all.

Spies, Lies & Algorithms by Amy Zegart. The history and future of American intelligence. The author is a Senior Fellow at the Hoover Institute at Stanford.

STUFF TO WATCH:

Apple TV+:

The Last Thing She Told Me, now streaming. A 7-part series starring Jenifer Garner. Really spellbinding.

At Theaters:

Air The story of Michael Jordan & Nike. My wife and I saw it and I gave it an A+. A great story with wonderful actors.

The Covenant, It stars Jake Gyllenhaal & has received great reviews.

That's it for now, fellas. Get your check to Ray Klinke for the great SIR picnic on Wednesday, June 7th. Always fun to catch up and, especially, to meet our better halves. ("Halves" may be correct but sounds dumb). Just sayin'.

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ACTIVITIES

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 May, and June 2023.

	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

	Jun 06, Tue	Jun 14, Wed	Jun 21, Wed	Jun 28, Wed
JUNE	San Jose	Los Lagos	Shoreline	Sunnyvale
	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 SIR Golf Newsletter:
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.

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 2nd Thursday of the month at 11:00 AM
Next ride will be on May 11th 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>

BRISBANE BAYSHORE TRAIL

Ride: We will ride the nearly flat Bay Trail along San Francisco Bay for about 7.5 miles starting from the parking lot next to the Sangamo Therapeutics, 7000 Marina Blvd, Brisbane, CA. 94005 (a historical and an architectural award-winning office building) just south of SF. We will have lunch at a local sandwich shop just off the trail or you can bring a lunch. We will ride back for a total of about 15 miles. This is not a long ride but very scenic ride along the Brisbane, Sierra Point and Oyster Point Marinas plus some portions of the SF Bay. The following is the GPS coordinate at the parking lot starting point:

GPS 37.676521,-122.382464

Directions: Take I-101 North past SFO to Sierra Point Parkway (2nd exit past the Oyster Point Blvd exit). At the first intersection, stop, and turn right. At the next intersection, stop and turn left on to Marina Blvd. Follow Marina Blvd around a big curve just past the Sangamo Therapeutics Building (looks like a big cruise ship) on the left side. Turn left at the road with the “Public Parking” sign and drive 0.25 mile towards the boat docking area. There will be parking lots on the left and right sides. Park in the left lot.

If you plan to ride or have questions, please contact Gordon Tong at 408-242-0557 or gordy6850@gmail.com or Hank Bottino at (650) 207-4320 or 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

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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Golf Chairman: Kai Johansen 380-9493
Golf Assistant: Jim Cummings 207-3609
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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,
Membership Committee Chairman:

Joe Urbassik,
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“All the news that fits we print”

Anonymous