

Mid-Peninsula Sons In Retirement Branch #51

Website: www.sirinc2.org/branch51

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A Non-Profit Organization
For Retired Men



June 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:

It's Summer Picnic/BBQ Time

Our annual summer picnic/BBQ will occur on Wednesday, the 7th of June, at pool-side in the Fremont Hills Country Club. You will not want to miss it. Good fun for you, your spouse or friend, and fellow members. As to be expected, there will be no General Membership meeting or speaker. Should one wish to volunteer to speak, you will have a captive audience! I vote for a stand-up comedian. Anyway, don't forget to be there to have fun with the gang.

Please welcome a new member that joined our branch during our last luncheon. He is Dennis Rutkin. Dennis and his wife, Robin, live in Los Altos. Dennis is retired Program Manager from Blue Coat. Do welcome him to our branch.

As you know, we need more members to join our branch to improve our success as a growing branch that can survive and 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.

Don't forget to pick up a new 2023 membership roster booklet at our reception table at the next luncheon meeting in July. Also, an electronic roster file is 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

file up to date. E-mail your updates to Joe Urbassik at joeu1218@gmail.com.

There are two new golf tournaments being held by the State SIR golf group and/or branch co-sponsored this year: **2023 TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP**, and **2023 BR 116 and State SIR Reno**. Check the golf section of this newsletter for details.

As for other 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,

It is time to acknowledge the recruiting efforts of a several folks. So, here is a shout out to Art Roberts, Greg Schaem, and Joe Urbassik. They have taken the assignment of finding new members and brought them in. We have gained most of what we lost over the Covid winter. Keep up the good work!

On another topic, our picnic approaches. Time for the social highlight of the summer. As I write this you still have time to get in your entry, though as you read it, the deadline has passed. I hope you made it. It is always an excellent time and your significant other will enjoy it as well.

Gerry Shebar
Big Sir

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SIR 51 General Membership Meeting

Our next SIR General Membership meeting will be held in-person on Wednesday, July 5th 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.

May luncheon attendance was a total of 22 (members, guests, and speaker). As of the end of April 2023, our branch members totaled 60.

SIR 51 Board Meetings

The next Board meeting will occur in-person this coming July 5th, Wednesday, at 11:00 a.m.

May Board meeting had 7 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

June 5th, 2023 Speaker Topic:

No speaker due to picnic/BBQ

Topic Description:

None

Speaker Name and Biography:

None

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:

June 2023

Courtesy of former Big SIR, Craig Carpenter

Former Big SIR. Very important guy. Auditioning for position as Vlad Putin's "Food Taster". A wee bit dangerous but the pay is great & I get all the caviar and vodka I want.

THOUGHTS TO PONDER:

Never buy flowers from a monk. Only YOU can prevent florist friars.

I'm trying to organize a hide & seek tournament, but good players are really hard to find.

I went to the toy store and asked the assistant where the Schwarznegger dolls are and he replied "Aisle B, back".

"Last week I stated this woman was the ugliest woman I have ever seen. I have since been visited by her sister, and now wish to withdraw that statement". Mark Twain

"The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending; and to have the two as close together as possible". George Burns

"I have never hated a man enough to give his diamonds back". Zsa Zsa Gabor

If a telemarketer calls, give the telephone to your 3 year-old and tell her it's Santa.

Whenever someone says to me, "oh you look so familiar, where do I know you from?" I like to respond with "Do you watch porn?"

Scientists have yet to explain how 300 people can be working at a Wal-Mart but only 4 registers will be open.

"You're never childless when you have a husband" said every woman!

GOOD READS FOR GUYS:

The Watchmaker's Daughter by Larry Loftis. The inspiring true story of Corrie ten Boom, a Dutch watchmaker whose heroic efforts saved the lives of hundreds of Jews during World War II - at tremendous cost to her and her family.

Best State, Ever by one of the funniest men alive - Dave Barry. A Florida man defends his homeland. Facts about Florida today...more than 1,000 people move to Florida EVERY DAY. Roughly eight of these people understand the PURPOSE OF THE TURN SIGNAL. Currently the number one industry in Florida is ATTORNEYS ON BILLBOARDS ASKING IF YOU HAVE BEEN IN AN ACCIDENT, followed by tourism, reptile sales and buttocks enhancement.

American Midnight: The Great War, A Violent Peace, And Democracy's Forgotten Crisis by Adam Hochschild. Woodrow Wilson, the League of Nations, and the prelude to World War II.

American Rascal: How Jay Gould Built Wall Street's Biggest Fortune by Greg Steinmetz. Jason ("Jay") Gould (1836-1892) was one of the robber barons of the late 19th Century. His reputation is that of a scoundrel whose unscrupulous business and investment activities would have landed him in prison under today's laws and regulations. These activities made Gould one of the wealthiest men in the country.

STUFF TO WATCH:

Netflix:

A Man Called Otto, movie with Tom Hanks. Really well done.

Full Swing, An 8 episode series which shows the lives of professional golfers on and off the course. Brooks Koepka just won the PGA Championship and his physical struggles are highlighted in episode 2.

The Nurse, a series to watch.

Amazon Prime:

Safe House A movie starring Denzel Washington...tense & thrilling.

Apple TV+:

The Last Thing He Told Me, starring Jennifer Garner. A really good series.

Phew! I'm done. See you at the SIR Picnic on June 7th.

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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.

Two new State SIR golf tournaments available to SIR members to join are listed below. Detailed information on the *State SIR Team Championship* tournament is given via the following link.

[State Team Championship](#)

Also, the *Reno Tournament* details will be available soon.

For helpful information on these events and other State SIR and Branch golf activities, contact Mark Stuart, 2023 State Golf Chair at 916 218-2287 or mss95678@hotmail.com

Also, for more information on State SIR golf activities, use the link below.

www.sirgolf.org

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 June, and July 2023.

	Jun 06, Tue	Jun 14, Wed	Jun 21, Wed	Jun 28, Wed
JUNE	San Jose 10:00 AM	Los Lagos 10:00 AM	Shoreline 10:00 AM	Sunnyvale 10:00 AM

	Jul 04, Tue	Jul 12, Wed	Jul 19, Wed	Jul 26, Wed
JULY NO GOLF THIS WEEK		Spring Valley 10:00 AM	Crystal Springs 10:00 AM	San Jose 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 **S**tanford – **P**alo **A**lto **U**sers **G**roup). 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 June 8th 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>

Stevens Creek Trail & Shoreline Park (Mt. View)

Ride: We will ride a flat, scenic 14 mile round-trip to Michael's at Shoreline Restaurant in Shoreline Park, plus an optional 5-mile loop to the Palo Alto Duck Pond, next to the Palo Alto Airport (total ride 19 miles). Lunch will be at the recently re-opened Michael's at the Shoreline Restaurant, 2960 Shoreline Blvd, MV.

Directions: Meet at the south end of the Stevens Creek bike path at the corner of Sleeper Ave. and Franklin Ave. From Palo Alto, go south on El

Camino Real to Grant Rd; turn right. Drive past the 3rd traffic signal to Sleeper Ave.; turn left. Drive to the end of Sleeper Ave., which is the intersection of Franklin Ave. Park your car near the intersection.

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, the Coyote Hills-Alameda Creek in Fremont, Guadalupe Creek in Alviso, Coyote Creek in San Jose and Sawyer Camp in Redwood City Trails have been partially closed for repairs with no expected re-opening dates. We're looking at new biking trails both locally and slightly outside the Bay Area. More to follow.

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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2023 SIR BRANCH #51 OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

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Golf Assistant: Jim Cummings 207-3609
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Asst. Website: (Open)		Greeter: Al Runge	592-1345
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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:

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“All the news that fits we print”

Anonymous