

Mid-Peninsula Sons In Retirement Branch #51

Website: www.sirinc2.org/branch51

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A Non-Profit Organization
For Retired Men



December 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:

December Holidays Are Approaching

If you forgot, it is not too late to register for our annual Holiday Luncheon being held on Wednesday, December 6th at 11:30 a.m. The extended deadline to sign-up for the luncheon is this Wednesday, November 29th. We will be welcoming back the Madrigal Singers from the Mountain View High School Choral Group. The cost is \$35 per person. The RSVP form (.pdf file) accompanies this newsletter. Please return the RSVP form with your payment to our Special Events Coordinator, Ray Klinke. Due to the tight timing of the extended date to register, you may want to give Ray a heads-up notice that you and your spouse or friend are going to the luncheon by sending him an e-mail message to rbklinkej@ yahoo.com. Make sure your payment gets to Ray soon.

As always, try to bring your friends or neighbors to our Fremont Hills Country Club, and show them what we like and enjoy about our SIR 51 branch: tasty food, interesting members, social activities, and entertaining speakers. Possibly, we can get your friend or neighbor to join our branch, and ultimately, keep our branch growing.

If you have any changes to your profile in the roster, please inform our Assistant Membership Chairman. When we get a replacement Membership Chairman, that person will be the one to receive your changes. This allows us to keep the roster file

up to date. Currently, e-mail your updates to Assistant Membership Chairman, Art Roberts, at Alroberts4202@gmail.com.

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

As I write this, the day before Thanksgiving, I think of all that I am thankful.
I am thankful for my wife,
I am thankful for my sons.
I am thankful for my daughter.
I am thankful for my sister.
I am thankful for good friends.
I am thankful for golf buddies.
I am thankful for SIRs.

Gerry

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SIR 51 General Membership Meeting

Our next SIR General Membership meeting will be held in-person on Wednesday, **January 3rd**, 2024, 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.

November luncheon attendance was a total of 31 members plus the speaker. As of October month-end, our branch members totaled 63.

SIR 51 Board Meetings

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

November Board meeting had 10 attendees.

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

The lists for elected 2023 and 2024 officers and committee chairmen are located at the end of this newsletter.

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Monthly Presentation for Members

January 3rd, 2024 Speaker Topic:

Vintage Races at Golden Gate Park, Pebble Beach, and Ferraris at LeMans & More

Topic Description:

Our speaker for January will be Bob Devlin, one of the most knowledgeable experts on Ferrari and a long time Ferrari Class judge at Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance. He will be touching base on the vintage races at Golden Gate Park as well as through the woods at Pebble Beach. He also has some outstanding vintage footage of Ferraris racing at full throttle at LeMans and other historic venues:

Speaker Name and Biography:

Bob Devlin is a fourth generation Californian having grown up in his family's native Sacramento prior to moving to Pebble Beach at the age of 14 where he enjoyed the second running of the Pebble Beach Races and Concours d'Elegance. Bob started competing in Sports Car and Formula Junior race cars in 1957 and took to Concours judging some

forty years ago. He just completed his 32nd year at Pebble Beach as a Class, Chief of Class, and now Honorary Judge. He has authored or co-authored more than 135 articles for various automotive and travel magazines and event-related programs. Bob authored two books: *Pebble Beach, a Matter of Style*, in 1980, and *Pebble Beach, The Art of the Poster*, in 2003. He has begun his third year of teaching at The Academy of Art University: The History of Automotive Design. Bob is also an Ironstone Concours d'Elegance Board Member.

Future speakers:

February 7th, 2024 Speaker and Topic:

TBD

Topic Description:

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

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 November, and December 2023.

	Nov 08, Wed	Nov 15, Wed	Nov 22, Wed	Nov 29, Wed
NOV	Spring Valley	Shoreline	Poplar Creek	Sunnyvale
	10:00 AM	10:00 AM	10:00 AM	10.00 AM
	Dec 05, Tue	Dec 13, Wed	Dec 20, Wed	Dec 27, Wed
DEC	Los Lagos	Spring Valley	San Jose	NO GOLF
	10:00 AM	10:00 AM	10:00 AM	THIS WEEK

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

There are no rides scheduled in December 2023.
Next rides will be in January 2024.

Wives and guests welcomed; Rain cancels ride. 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>

Location: TBD

Ride: TBD

Driving Directions: TBD

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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