

Mid-Peninsula Sons In Retirement

Branch #51

Website: www.sirinc2.org/branch51

No. 570
A Non-Profit Organization
For Retired Men



January 2024
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:

The New Year has Changes Coming

First, it is hoped that everyone had an enjoyable and happy holiday during the Christmas, Hanukkah, and Kwanzaa celebrations this month.

Out with the old, in with the new, as the saying goes.

Second, the Branch Executive Committee (BEC) has new 2024 members for Secretary, Newsletter Editor, and Big SIR. Pete Sorenson will be the new Secretary, and Art Roberts will be our new Newsletter Editor. Also, Steve Tremulis will become our Little SIR, while Richard Jamison will become the Big SIR for 2024. Please welcome them to their new roles. They will do a great job for our branch. We are looking for a member to be our Membership Chairman for 2024 on the BEC board. If you would like to help with this role, it would be very much appreciated by all.

Third, the dues for 2024 are to be collected starting January 1st, and the deadline to pay is by March 31st. Beyond that date members who have not paid will be removed from our branch roster. The dues will be \$30 per year. Cash or a check made out to SIR 51 will work. The golfers NCGA and Northern California golf association dues have been paid and are separate from the branch membership dues. Luncheon meals are still at \$30 per person. For more information and who to send your check to is Kevin Wheaton, Treasurer 620 Sand Hill Road, Apt

#213G, Palo Alto, CA, 94304. If need be, one can e-mail Kevin at krwheaton@gmail.com.

State SIR Travel News

Unfortunately, on short notice from State SIR Travel Chairman, Milt Smith, there is a trip planned for 2024 which is a river trip from Prague to Budapest in November 2024. There is a discount available if you sign up early, by **31st of December to save a \$1000**. Otherwise, one can sign up for the trip at the regular price. See the detailed travel information via the attached file to this newsletter, *Travel with SIR November 2024.docx*. Contact State Travel Chairman at 925-285-2897 or via miltsmith549@gmail.com, for more detailed information.

New Member

Please welcome a new member Bob Foiles to our branch. He and his wife, Kathy, live in Foster City. Bob is a Superior Court Judge with the County of San Mateo.

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

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.

Here are some photos of Bob Delvin and his world of Concours d'Elegance and Ferraris.



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

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:

January 2024

Courtesy of former Big SIR, Craig Carpenter

Former Big SIR...very important guy. Now doing PR work for Harvard & MIT...may be looking for new employment soon.

THOUGHTS TO PONDER:

A police officer came to my house and asked me where I was between 5 & 6. He seemed irritated when I answered "Kindergarten".

Studies show that cows produce more milk when the farmer talks to them. It's a case of in one ear and out the udder. (I know, groan!)

You'd be surprised at how quickly employees at Lowe's assist you after ignoring you for 20 minutes when you try and start a chainsaw.

You know me, if I ever win the lottery, rest assured nobody around me will be poor, and I mean that. I will move to a rich neighborhood.

Woman - "Do men still open car doors"?

Man: "How do you think we get inside"?

GOOD READS FOR GUYS:

Palestine 1936 by Oren Kessler. The great revolt and the roots of the Middle East Conflict.

The Two-Parent Privilege by Melissa S. Kearney. How Americans stopped getting married and started falling behind.

An Ordinary Man by Richard Norton Smith. The surprising life and historic presidency of Gerald R. Ford.

STUFF TO WATCH:

Netflix:

The Bank of Dave

Under Pressure: The U.S. Women's World Cup Team...a limited series

Amazon Prime:

Reacher

Theaters:

Boys in the Boat. Joe Grippo saw it and gave it an "A". Now in theaters.

Best wishes to all for a great 2024!
Well, I guess that's it.

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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.

For helpful information on State SIR and various 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 January, and February 2024.

	Jan 02, Tue	Jan 10, Wed	Jan 17, Wed	Jan 24, Wed	Jan 31, Wed
JAN	Baylands	Los Lagos	Poplar Creek	Shoreline	Spring Valley
	8:30 AM	10:00 AM	10:00 AM	10:00 AM	10:00 AM

	Feb 06, Tue	Feb 14, Wed	Feb 21, Wed	Feb 28, Wed
FEB	San Jose	Sunnyvale	Los Lagos	Poplar Creek
	10:00 AM	10:00 AM	10:00 AM	10:00 AM

TOTAL TOURNAMENTS: 51

Baylands 2
Crystal Springs 5
Los Lagos 7
Moffett Field 3
Poplar Creek 6
Poppy Hills 1
San Jose 6
Shoreline 6
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 January 11, 2024.

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

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

Location: Stevens Creek Trail & Shoreline Park
(Mt. View)

Ride: We will ride a flat, scenic 14 mile round-trip to Michael's 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 Baylands Cafe at the Baylands Golf Link near the PA Duck Pond.

Driving 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 Sleeper Ave and 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. 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.

Newsletter Editor:

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2024 SIR BRANCH #51 OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Big SIR: Richard Jamison 868-3723
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Lawn Bowling: Don Hughes 323-9916
Cycling: Gordon Tong (Br 35) (408) 242-0557
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Golf Chairman: Kai Johansen 380-9493
Golf Assistant: Jim Cummings 207-3609
Travel: State SIR Travel: www.sirinc.org
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Macintosh Users: Skip Ross (541) 857-6224
Historian: (Open)

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Attendance: (Open)
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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