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

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

**FOR SUGGESTIONS REGARDING
SPEAKERS**

PLEASE CONTACT:

Craig's Current Contributions:
May 2024

Steve Tremulis
(650) 598-9790

Courtesy of former Big SIR, Craig Carpenter

Former Big SIR, very important guy. Spending two weeks in Hawaii now where gas is actually 25 cents/gallon cheaper than California. Go figure.

SIR 51 Website

THOUGHTS TO PONDER: (all plagiarized by me and/or one of my pals*)

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.

"He has no enemies, but is intensely disliked by his friends" Oscar Wilde

www.sirinc2.org/branch51

"His mother should have thrown him away and kept the stork" Mae West

State SIR News

"I've had a perfectly wonderful evening. But this wasn't it". Groucho Marx

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**.

"I am enclosing two tickets to the first night of my new play; Bring a friend if you have one."

www.wearesir.com

George Bernard Shaw to Winston Churchill.

State SIR Website:

"Cannot possibly attend first night, I will attend the second...if there is one."

www.sirinc.org

Winston Churchill, in response.

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.

"He has never been known to use a word that might send a reader to a dictionary."

William Faulkner (about Ernest Hemmingway).

*Borrowed from Joe Grippo who, in turn, borrowed it from the aforementioned.

QUICKY QUIZ:

What are easternmost, westernmost, southernmost and northernmost states in the USA? No cheating and the answers are at the end of this screed.

GOOD READS FOR GUYS:

"The Terminal List" by Jack Carr. A Navy SEAL has nothing left to live for after his team is all killed & he learns the American government is behind the plot.

"The Art Thief: A true story of love, crime, and a dangerous obsession. By Michael Finkel.

"Elon Musk" by Walter Isaacson. My guy's book club read this and let's just say that Elon, love him or hate him, is one interesting guy.

STUFF TO WATCH:

"Anatomy of a Scandal" on Netflix. The Brits at their finest and, er, uh lowest. Six episodes and directed by David E. Kelley.

"Collateral" on Netflix. A four-part thriller set in London that takes place over four days.

"A Gentleman in Moscow", based on the best selling book by Amor Towles. On Paramount/ Amazon Prime.

"A Nearly Normal Family" on Netflix. A pastor, a lawyer and their teen daughter live a seemingly normal life but...there is a murder and then...

Answer to Quicky Quiz: No cheating because we know who you are & we will track you down!

Hawaii is the southernmost. The other three are...Alaska (hint: it's in the western AND eastern hemisphere).

Well, I guess that's it. See you next month.

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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

As for SIR Branch 51's golf information, see the SIR 51 2024 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, May and June 2024.

5/8.	Wed.	Spring Valley.	10 AM
5/15	Wed.	Sunnyvale.	10 AM
5/22	Wed.	Moffett Field.	10 AM
5/29	Wed.	Poplar Creek.	10 AM
6/4	Tues.	San Jose.	10 AM
6/12	Wed.	Los Lagos.	10 AM
6/19	Wed.	Shoreline.	10 AM
6/26	Wed.	Spring Valley	10 AM

TOTAL TOURNAMENTS: 51



ACTIVITIES

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

Information on other SIR golfing events can be found on the SIR State Golf website at www.sirgolf.org.

Ben Gikis, 2024 SIR State Golf Committee Chair

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.

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. 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:

Lawn Bowling is available every Friday from 10 AM to noon at the Senior Center in Los Altos. Contact Bob Taggart.

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CYCLING: (SIR Branches 35, 51, others)

Meet on 2nd Thursday of the month at 11:00 AM. The next ride will be the BRISBANE BAYSHORE TRAIL, subject to favorable weather conditions. The Bay Trail Map below, specifically, the white path is the biking route we'll be riding. Date: Thursday, May 9th, 2024
Start time: 11:00am
Wives and guests welcomed. Rain cancels ride. Helmets Required - Face Masks Optional.

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 Building, 7000 Marina Blvd. in Brisbane (a historical and architectural award winning office building) just south of SF. We will have lunch at a local sandwich shop just off the trail. We will ride back for a total of about 15 miles. This not a long ride but very scenic along the Brisbane, Sierra Point and Oyster Point Marinas. This ride can be breezy so bring a windbreaker or vest.

The following is the GPS coordinate:

GPS 37.676521,-122.382464

Driving 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



Marina Blvd. Follow Marina Blvd. around a big curve and just past the Sangamo Therapeutics (looks like a big cruise ship) on the left side. Turn left at the next road with the Public Parking sign and proceed .25 mile towards the boat docking area. There should be many parking spaces available.

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Travel Opportunity

Prague to Budapest River Cruise November 2024

Travel News from State SIR is meant as a useful service to all Sirs.

We recognize that for many SIR members or branches it's difficult, if not impossible, to organize a cruise or major travel adventure. Therefore, as a benefit to its members State SIR occasionally organizes cost-effective trips which we will promote and you can sign up and join without the hassle of having to make all the arrangements yourself.

Here is information about a river trip Prague to Budapest 11/6-11/20 2024, discounted by \$1000 if booked by 12/31/23; also pre and post trips are available, see below. I have attached a video at the end. Do not pay attention to those prices in the

For more information 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 biking group co-leader.

NON-RESPONSIBILITY 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

2024 SIR BRANCH #51 OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Big SIR: Richard Jamison 868-3723
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Sam Meredith 325-4152
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Jim Cummings 207-3609
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Indoor Bowling: Bob Taggart (Br 35) 321-2654
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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
Historian: (Open)

ADMINISTRATIVE CHAIRMEN

Attendance: (Open)
Audit: Sam Meredith 325-4152
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Asst. Website: (Open)
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Jim Cummings 207-3609

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,
Assistant Membership Committee Chairman:

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Palo Alto, CA 94306
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“All the news that fits we print”

Anonymous

SIR 51 Summer BBQ 2024
Wednesday, June 5th, 11:30 AM
Fremont Hills CC Poolside



Reservations required. Casual attire and guests welcome.
We plan on serving chicken, hamburgers, bratwurst, and sides.
Cash bar for beer, wine, soft drinks.

Cost is \$40 per person, include your name and guest name
Reservations/check must be received by May 24th

Make check payable to SIR#51
Mail to: Ray Klinke
605 Palm Ave
Los Altos, CA 94022

Member Name _____
Guests Names _____

Total Attendees: _____ X \$40 = \$ _____
