



updates to Membership Chairman, Joe Urbassik, at [joeu1218@gmail.com](mailto:joeu1218@gmail.com)

**SIR 51 General Membership Meeting**

Our next SIR General Membership meeting will be held in-person on Wednesday, November 6, 2024 starting at 11:30 AM for social half-hour, then at noon for lunch.

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

**SIR 51 Board Meetings**

The next Board meeting will occur in-person Wednesday, November 6, at 11:00 a.m.

For more details, please contact Big SIR, Richard Jamison at email address: [rsjamison@aol.com](mailto:rsjamison@aol.com)

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

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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](http://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](http://www.wearesir.com)

**November Presentation for Members**



Our speaker will be David Hoyt who has been a volunteer at the Computer History Museum since 2015. He has a degree in engineering and an MBA, both from Stanford. He has worked in the analytical instrument industry, with both public companies and startups, and as a case writer for the Stanford Graduate School of Business. In addition to volunteering at CHM, he is a volunteer at the Tech Interactive and Tech Challenge.

This presentation will introduce the Computer History Museum of Mountain View. It will briefly review the museum's history and the various forms of visitor experience at the museum. Several historical artifacts that are not generally included in public tours will then be described and their stories told.

**FOR SUGGESTIONS REGARDING  
SPEAKERS PLEASE CONTACT:**

**Steve Tremulis**  
(650) 598-9790

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**Craig's Current Contributions:**  
**November 2024**

*Courtesy of former Big SIR, Craig Carpenter*

**THOUGHTS TO PONDER:**

Perks of being over 70 or 80:  
Kidnappers are not very interested in you;  
In a hostage situation you are likely to be released first;  
People call at 8PM and ask:"Did I wake you?";  
You can live without sex but not your glasses;  
Forward this to anyone you can remember right now! And remember, never, under any circumstances, take a sleeping pill and a laxative on the same night!

**GOOD READS FOR GUYS:**

Revenge of the tipping point: overdstories, superspreaders & the rise of social engineering. By Malcolm Gladwell

Magic Hour by Kristin Hannah

Lost on Purpose: Real-life adventures of the Texas Yeti by Patrick Taylor

**STUFF TO WATCH:**

The Lincoln Lawyer, season 3 on Netflix

Diplomat, new series coming soon...also on Netflix

Billions on Paramount+

Well, I guess that's it.

I never thought I would say this...but...GO DODGERS!!!  
GO NINERS!!!

**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](mailto: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 November and December 2024.

10/30	Wed.	Los Lagos.	10 AM
11/5	Tues.	Shorline.	10:30 AM
11/13	Wed.	Spring Valley.	10:00 AM
11/20	Wed.	Poplar Creek.	10:00 AM
11/27	Wed.	Sunnyvale.	10:00 AM
12/03	Tues.	Los Lagos	10:00 AM
12/11	Wed.	San Jose	10:00 AM
12/18	Wed.	Spring Valley.	10:00 AM
12/25	Wed.	NO GOLF	

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](http://www.sirgolf.org).

Ben Gikis, 2024 SIR State Golf Committee Chair

State SIR Golf Newsletter: [www.sirgolf.org](http://www.sirgolf.org)

**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)

Hi All,  
The SIR Branch 35 bike ride for November 2024 will be the Coyote Hills Regional Park/Alameda Creek Trail starting in Fremont and ending up in downtown Niles. The trail is paved and for the most part, level. The weather forecast will be



sunny/clear with temps of 60-66 degs between 11:00am to 2:00pm. Wind speeds and gusts will be single digits. The details of the bike are below.

Date: Thursday, 14th November 2024 (second Thursday)

Start Time: 11:00am Inside the Coyote Hills Regional Park in front of the Visitor Center (therefore, if you parked on the street, you'll have to ride into the Park).

Guests are welcomed, helmets are required and face masks are optional.

Coyote Hills Regional Park/Alameda Creek Trail – Niles/Fremont

Ride: We will begin the ride at the Coyote Hills Regional Park and continue on the Alameda Creek Trail to the quaint town of Niles where we will have lunch at a downtown sandwich shop. The biking trail is tree lined, paved and generally flat (except at the start there are some gentle rolling hills. The trail is approximately 9 miles each way or a total ride of 18 miles. Bring a windbreaker or vest just in case the wind speeds start picking up.

Directions: Take Highway 101 North, exit on Highway 84 across the Dumbarton Bridge past the toll booth, take the first exit, Paseo Padre Parkway. Turn left and go one mile to Patterson Ranch Road; turn left. This is the entrance to Coyote Hills Regional Park (there is a small sign). Go 1/2 mile to the park toll booth/parking ticket machines (\$5 per car or use your East Bay Regional Park District season pass). Continue another 1/2 mile over several speed bumps to the Park Office and Museum; park there.

If you prefer, take I-880 North and exit on Highway 84 West. Exit on to Paseo Padre Parkway and turn right. Proceed to Patterson Ranch Road and turn left and drive into the Park. Make sure you stop to buy your parking ticket and place in a visible spot on your dash.

Optional Street Parking: There is street parking if you turn right on a Paterson Ranch Road but pay attention to the parking street signs. Some of the riders will park here and ride 2 miles on a paved path into the Park. If you're not sure of where to park, just enter the Park and pay the \$5.00 parking fee.

If there are any questions, please contact me at [gordy6850@gmail.com](mailto:gordy6850@gmail.com).

Thx,  
Gordy  
408 242-0557



SIR Branch 35 riders group photo at lunch in downtown Niles

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**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 15<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to the next newsletter.

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AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**ACTIVITIES CHAIRMEN**

Big SIR: Richard Jamison 868-3723  
Indoor Bowling; Bob Taggart (Br 35) 321-2654  
Little SIR: Steve Tremulis 598-9790  
Lawn Bowling: Bob Taggart  
Secretary: Pete Sorenson 868-6804  
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Asst. Treasurer: Mike McMahon 380-0983  
Golf Assistant: Jim Cummings 207-3609  
Historian: (open)  
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**DIRECTORS**

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Steve Tremulis 598-9790  
Jim Cummings 207-3609  
Gerry Shebar 868-6124

**ADMINISTRATIVE CHAIRMEN**

Attendance: (Open)  
Speaker Coordinator: Steve Tremulis 995-3231  
Audit: Sam Meredith 325-4152  
Membership: Joe Urbassik 714-9610  
Website: Gerry Shebar 868-6124  
Greeter: Al Runge 592-1345  
Asst. Website: (Open)  
Newsletter: Art Roberts 279-5560  
Special Events: Ray Klinke 924-0734.  
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Gerry Shebar 868-6124  
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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 should be reported to the SIR Membership Chairman Joe Urbassik 714-9610

