# Mid-Peninsula Sons In Retirement Branch #51

Website: www.sirinc2.org/branch51

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A Non-Profit Organization For Retired Men



#### January 2025

Devoted to the Promotion of Independence and Dignity of Retirement

LUNCHEON: 12 PM - FIRST WEDNESDAY - FREMONT HILLS CC, 12889 VISCAINO PL., LOS ALTOS, CA

# **Branch 51 News**

### **Big SIR Notes:**

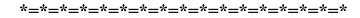
Well, hello again. I take up the job of Big Sir with a sense of deja vu. I actually have done this before.

We have the same challenges before us as we had last time. Primarily we need additional members. It is a challenge that falls equally on all of us. So, invite a friend to attend a free lunch and get to know the guys.

On another note we could use someone in Membership/Recruiting. Any volunteers? I pencilled in my name for the time being but I will be quick to relinquish the responsibility if help appears. Any takers?

Other than all of that, Happy New Year!

Gerry Shebar



### **General Interest**

If you have any changes to your profile in the roster, please inform our Membership Chairman. This allows us to keep the roster file up to date. Currently, e-mail your updates to Membership Chairman, Joe Urbassik, at joeu1218@gmail.com

## **SIR 51 General Membership Meeting**

Our next SIR General Membership meeting will be held in-person on Wednesday, January 8, starting at 11:30 AM for social half-hour, then at noon for lunch.

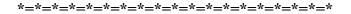
Please encourage your fellow members to come to the luncheon and speaker presentation.

# **SIR 51 Board Meetings**

The next Board meeting will occur in-person Wednesday, January 8, at 11:00 a.m.

For more details, please contact Big SIR, Gerry Shebar at email address: gshebar@yahoo.com

The lists for elected 2025 officers and committee chairmen are located at the end of this newsletter.



#### 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**.

# January Speaker

# PROHIBITION IN SAN MATEO COUNTY

Presented by: Carmen Blair of the San Mateo County Historical Association

# Program Description:

In the 1930s, mobster Sam Termini called San Mateo County the most corrupt county in the state. With rumrunners landing Canadian whiskey on isolated beaches, moonshiners operating in homes and a multitude of speakeasies in every Peninsula community, the county earned a reputation as one of the "wettest" in the state during Prohibition. During the presentation, Carmen Blair will share local Prohibition stories she discovered while researching for the San Mateo County History Museum's temporary exhibit Broads, Bootleggers and Bookies in 2011.

#### Bio:

Carmen Blair joined the staff of the San Mateo County Historical Association in 1998 and has been the Deputy Director since 2007. Among her responsibilities, she is involved with school programs, public programs for adults and children, exhibit design and publications. She received her B.A. in History from Gustavus Adolphus College and her M.A. in Museum Studies from San Francisco State University.



# Photo Caption:

Hotel San Pedro at the Sánchez Adobe was a speakeasy during Prohibition. Courtesy San Mateo County Historical Association.

# FOR SUGGESTIONS REGARDING SPEAKERS PLEASE CONTACT:

#### **Steve Tremulis**

(650) 598-9790

# Craig's Current Contributions: <u>January 2025</u>

Courtesy of former Big SIR, Craig Carpenter

#### THOUGHTS TO PONDER:

From that great philosopher Dean Martin (while holding a cocktail): "Good judgement comes from experience. And experience? Well, that comes from bad judgement".

"Granted, it only took me several decades to realize this, but...Why the heck did the Flintstones celebrate Christmas?"

If you can't think of a word, just say "I forgot the English word for it." That way people will think you are bilingual instead of an idiot.

"I may not be that funny, athletic, good-looking, smart or talented but...I forgot where I was going with this."

#### GOOD READS FOR GUYS:

"Mornings With Madden" by Stan Bunger. In the 90's and 2000's. John Madden would call in to KCBS and talk about...well, you know John Madden...everything and nothing". He was always entertaining.

"Framed" by John Grisham. Astonishing true stories of wrong convictions.

"The Best Minds" by Johnathan Rosen. A story of friendship, madness and the tragedy of good intentions.

"The Demon of Unrest" by Erik Larson. A sage of hubris, heartbreak and heroism at the dawn of the Civil War.

#### STUFF TO WATCH:

"No Good Deed" starring Lisa Kudrow & Ray Romano on Netflix.

Virgin River...a new season. My wife & I both enjoy it. On Netflix.

"Matlock" on CBS & starring Kathy Bates as Matty. Some interesting twists.

For a tragi-comedy...any 49er game this season.

Well, I guess that's all.

## **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

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, December and January 2025.

01/01	Wed.	NO GOLF	
01/07	Tues.	Los Lagos	10:00 AM
01/15	Wed.	Poplar Creek	10:00 AM
01/22	Wed.	Spring Valley	09:30 AM
01/29	Wed.	Shoreline	10:00 AM
02/04	Tues.	San Joes	10:00 AM
02/12	Wed.	Sunnyvale	10:00 AM
02/19	Wed.	Los Lagos	10:00 AM
02/26.	Wed.	Spring Valley.	9:30 AM

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

#### **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)

SIR Biking on the 2nd Thursday— January 9th, 2025 at 11:00 AM Wives and guests welcomed; Helmets required.

Stevens Creek Trail & Shoreline Park (Mt. View)

Ride: We will ride a relatively flat (including 3 overpasses), 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 1875 Embarcadero Rd, PA) at the Baylands Golf Link near the PA Duck Pond. After lunch, we will ride back to our starting point. For those riders still unable to ride, please join us for lunch at the Baylands Cafe at approximately 12:15pm. Directions: Meet at the south end of the Stevens Creek bike path at the corner of Sleeper and Franklin Avenues. 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 Avenue which is the intersection of Franklin Avenue. 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. There will be no planned bike ride for December.

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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 15th and 20th of the month prior to the next newsletter.

# Newsletter Editor Art Roberts

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# 2024 SIR BRANCH #51 OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

#### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

#### **ACTIVITIES CHAIRMEN**

Big SIR: Gerry Shebar 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 Cycling: Gordon Tong (Br 35) (408) 242-0557

Asst. Secretary: (Open)

Tennis: Syd Jacobsen (Br 35) (408) 738-3233
Treasurer: Kevin Wheaton 485-2276
Golf Chairman: Kai Johansen 380-9493
Asst. Treasurer: Mike McMahon
Golf Assistant: Jim Cummings 207-3609

Historian: (open)

Travel: State SIR Travel: <a href="www.sirinc.org">www.sirinc.org</a>

#### **DIRECTORS**

Sam Meredith 325-4152 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.
Nominating Committee: Richard Jamison868-3723
Good Samaritan: Bob Guffey 593-3496
Gerry Shebar 868-6124
Member Orientation: Bob Guffey Jim Cummings 207-3609

All telephone numbers are in the 650-area code, except where noted differently.

All changes in address, telephone number, and email address should be reported to the SIR Membership Chairman Joe Urbassik 714-9610