

Craig's Current Contributions: February 2025

Courtesy of former Big SIR, Craig Carpenter

Former Big SIR...very important guy. Not so much anymore. Just "one of the guys".

THOUGHTS TO PONDER:

Husband: "Margaret, for the last 30 years, all you have done is find mistakes in everything I say."

Wife: "31 years."

Pregnancy Q & A:

Q: Should I have a baby after 35?

A: No, 35 children is enough.

Q: Is there any reason I have to be in the delivery room while my wife is in labor?

A: Not unless the word "alimony" means anything to you.

Q: I'm 2 months pregnant now. When will my baby move?

A: With any luck, right after he finishes college.

My goal for this year was to lose 10 pounds. I only have 14 to go.

GOOD READS FOR GUYS:

"What This Comedian Said" by Bill Maher.

"Follow The Science" by Sharyl Attkisson. How Big Pharma misleads, obscures & prevails.

"The Anxious Generation "by Johnathan Haidt. How the great rewiring of childhood is causing an epidemic of mental illness.

STUFF TO WATCH"

"Inventing Anna" on Netflix. A journalist investigates the case of Anna Delvey, the Instagram-legendary heiress who stole the hearts and money of New York elites. Nine episodes.

Also on Netflix, "Monsters," the Lyle & Eric Menendez story.

On Amazon Prime..."Unstoppable" is the inspiring true story of Anthony Robles who was born with one leg but whose indomitable spirit and unbreakable resolve empowered him to defy the odds and pursue his dreams.

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

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

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 January, February and March 2025.

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
03/04	Tues.	Shoreline	10:00 AM
03/12	Wed.	Poplar Creek	10:00 AM
03/19	Wed.	San Jose	10:00 AM
03/26.	Wed.	Crystal Springs.	10:00 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
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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)
Please contact Gordon Tong at 408-242-0557 or gordy6850@gmail.com for information about the February ride.

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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.

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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 should be reported to the SIR Membership Chairman Joe Urbassik
714-9610

