

Mid-Peninsula Sons In Retirement

Branch #51

Website: www.sirinc2.org/branch51

No. 584

A Non-Profit Organization
For Retired Men



March 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:

I recently attended a quarterly meeting of the SIR leadership. Andy Danver was presiding and he offered the following insight into our efforts to expand our membership.'

Visibility

-Pilot print ads. We will be participating in a county wide promotion to attract new members through a series of print ads. Our main thrust will be through the Los Altos Town Crier.

-Nextdoor promotion. Here is an area that has attracted an area wide level of interest.

-NCGA digital email promotions Nor-Cal wide. This has not been particularly helpful in the past but it may payoff in the future.

-Postcard proposals to gated communities. The idea is to get our name out there so that potential members know that we exist. Here's hoping.

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, March 5, 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, March 5, at 11:00 a.m.

Interviewer: "I'm going to ask you a question. Your answer must be quick."

Me: "OK".

Interviewer: "What's 14 X 9?"

Me: "Quick".

Pastor interrupts the sermon to ask three men in the front row: "What would you want your loved ones to say as they look down at your coffin?"

Tom: "That I was a good husband and father."

Bill: "That I lived a good life of kindness to others".

Me: Look, he's moving".

"Dear God, give me a reason to get up early & go to work tomorrow."

God: "You're poor!"

Best bar sign ever! "Unattended children will be given a Red Bull & taught how to swear".

GOOD READS FOR GUYS:

"A Fever in the Heartland" by Timothy Egan. The Ku Klux Klan's plot to take over America, & the woman who stopped them.

"Last Call For Bud Light" by Anson Frericks. The fall & future of (formerly) America's Favorite Beer.

"The Great Bridge" by David McCullough. The epic story of the building of the Brooklyn Bridge. The Brooklyn Bridge rose out of the expansive era following the Civil War, when Americans believed all things were possible.

STUFF TO WATCH:

All on Netflix...

"Heart of Champions". After an Ivy League rowing team suffers a bitter loss, the Vietnam war veteran who becomes their new coach changes the teammates' lives forever.

"American Murder - Gabby Petito".

"Zero Day" starring Robert DeNiro.

Well, I guess that's it. See you next month when baseball season has started!!!

Question: Who has more money...the U.S. Treasury or the Los Angeles Dodgers?

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 2025 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 February, March and April 2025.

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
04/01	Tues.	Shoreline	10:00 AM
04/09	Wed.	Spring Valley	09:30 AM
04/16	Wed.	LosLagos	10:00 AM
04/23	Wed.	Poplar Creek.	10:00 AM
04/30.	Wed.	Crystal Springs	10:00 AM

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

All participants must be at the course at least one hour before tee time.

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:

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
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BOB TAGGART (Br 35)
(650) 321-2654

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

LAWN BOWLING:

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

BOB TAGGART (Br 35)
(650) 321-2654

Ben Gikis, 2025 SIR State Golf Committee Chair

State SIR Golf Newsletter: www.sirgolf.org

CYCLING: (SIR Branches 35, 51, others)

The March Ride:

Date: March 13th, 2025

Start Time: 11:00am

Wives and guests welcomed; helmets required.

Los Gatos Creak Trail

Ride: The Los Gatos Creek Trail is a scenic ride that we've all ridden many, many times. The ride will start from the Blackford Elementary School parking lot and end downtown Los Gatos at the American Italian Deli on 42 Elm Street - about 7.5

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**

miles. Then, we'll ride back on the same trail for a total of 15 miles.
 Directions: Go South on I-280 (past Highway 17) to Meridian Avenue (South); turn right. Go to Willow Street (the third stoplight) and turn right. Take Willow Street until it dead-ends at Blackford Elementary School. Parking is available in the school parking lot and on neighborhood streets (read posted parking signs). Plug into your vehicle GPS for the Blackford Elementary School 1970 Willow St, San Jose. Please contact Gordon Tong at 408-242-0557 if you need additional information.



Last month's ride to the Alviso Marina County Park.

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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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**2025 SIR BRANCH #51 OFFICERS
 AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN**

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

ACTIVITIES CHAIRMEN

- Big SIR: Gerry Shebar 868-3723
- 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)
- Treasurer: Kevin Wheaton 485-2276
- Golf Chairman: Kai Johansen 380-9493
- Asst. Treasurer: Mike McMahon 380-0983
- Golf Assistant: Jim Cummings 207-3609
- Historian: (open)
- Travel: State SIR Travel: www.sirinc.org

DIRECTORS

- Sam Meredith 325-4152
- Steve Tremulis 598-9790
- Jim Cummings 207-3609
- Gerry Shebar 868-6124

ADMINISTRATIVE CHAIRMEN

- Attendance: (Open)
- Speakers: 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 Comm.: Richard Jamison	868-3723
Good Samaritan: Bob Guffey	593-3496
Member Orientation: Bob Guffey	593-3496

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