

Mid-Peninsula Sons In Retirement

Branch #51

Website: www.sirinc2.org/branch51

No. 585

A Non-Profit Organization
For Retired Men



April 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:

At a recent meeting of the local Big SIRS, the state chairman had the following to say.

"The branches are in charge. They will make every effort to improve communication between State and branch. They will clarify ongoing misconceptions as to the role of State.

"As to the other changes, they see no compelling reason to change the organization name or logo.

"Change the motto to 'Enrich your Life'.

"Change the branch titles from Big Sir, Little Sir to President, Vice President. Local option to do this.

"Remove term 'retirement' from all Branch material."

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, April 2, 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, April 2, at 11:00 a.m.

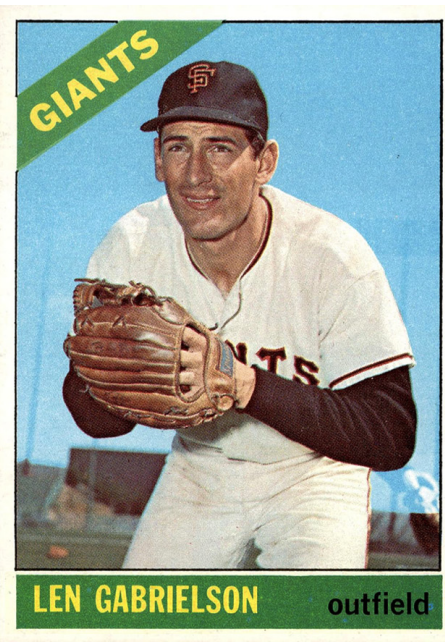
For more details, please contact Big SIR, Gerry Shebar at email address: gshebar@yahoo.com

us inside, and behind the scenes at Oracle Park, the team's home since 2000.

April Speaker

Batter Up! The baseball season is upon us. Our April lunch presenter will be SIR 51's Marc Iglar. Marc's presentation will be on the San Francisco Giants, from the team's 1958 move to the City from New York to present day. Along the way, he'll discuss some of the high and low points the team has faced in the past 67 years. He'll also take

In his professional career, Marc Iglar worked as a newspaper reporter for about 20 years and then a high school English teacher for another 20 at Gunn High School. Since retiring, Marc spends a lot of his time as a tour guide. He gives several historic walking tours for San Francisco City Guides, and he works for the Giants giving tours at Oracle.



**FOR SUGGESTIONS REGARDING
SPEAKERS
PLEASE CONTACT:**

Steve Tremulis
(650) 598-9790

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Craig's Current Contributions:
March 2025

Courtesy of former Big SIR, Craig Carpenter

Former Big SIR...VERY important guy.
Now, pretty much meh.

THOUGHTS TO PONDER:

The leading cause for injury in old men
is...them thinking they are still young men.

While most puns make me feel numb,
mathematics' puns make me feel number.

In a span of 11 years 115 people died in a
weightlifting accident at the gym. In the
same 11 years only 1 person died eating a
donut. Make good choices.

People say 60 is the new 40. The cop who
just pulled me over didn't agree.

My child will not eat fish. What can I
replace it with?

Answer: A cat. Cats love fish.

GOOD READS FOR GUYS:

"Beneath a Scarlet Sky". Historical novel set
in WW2 by Mark Sullivan

"The Evening & the Morning" by Ken
Follett.

Both of the above recommended by SIR Joe
Grippo.

STUFF TO WATCH:

"The Leopard" on Netflix. A dazzling
journey back to the 1860's in Sicily.

"There Are Murders", a series set in Sweden
in the town of Are. Also on Netflix.

"MARCH MADNESS" - NCAA hoops &
baseball is right around the corner and the
Warriors are looking good for the playoffs.

Well, I guess that's it. See you in May.

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 April and May 2025.

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
05/06	Tues.	San Jose	10:00 AM
05/14	Wed.	Shoreline	10:00 AM
05/21	Wed.	Moffett Field.	10:00 AM
05/28	Wed.	Poplar Creek.	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
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, 2025 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)
The March ride was cancelled due to heavy rains that day. The March ride is rescheduled for April 10, 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 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.

February's ride to the Alviso Marina County Park.



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

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Little SIR: Steve Tremulis	598-9790
Lawn Bowling: Bob Taggart	
Secretary: Pete Sorenson	868-6804
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Treasurer: Kevin Wheaton	485-2276
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Asst. Treasurer: Mike McMahon	380-0983
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Historian: (open)	
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Sam Meredith 325-4152

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

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Asst. Website: (Open)
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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