

SIR

Branch #51

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May 2025

Enrich Your Life

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

Branch 51 News

Big SIR Notes:

I have observed that Branch 35 offers a host of activities. These include bowling, biking, reading, and others. If you browse down in this newsletter, you will find contacts for each of these. Feel free to call the person on point and join in.

Pre Covid my wife and I participated in the bowling league. We were made to feel welcome and enjoyed it thoroughly. At that time several SIRS from here were members of the league including Tim Eastham and his wife Candy. I recommend it.

The purpose of SIRS is to make friends and enjoy leisure activities. To make the most of your membership consider joining in.

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, May 7, 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.

Message form our Treasurer

Please try to arrive before 12:00 noon. Our collection team needs to close their operations desk to enjoy the meeting. If you absolutely must arrive late, find either Kevin Wheaton or Mike McMahan to pay up and register. Don't just wander in. It screws up our records.

SIR 51 Board Meetings

The next Board meeting will occur in-person
Wednesday, May 7, at 11:00 a.m.

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

May Speaker

Our guest speaker for the May luncheon will be our very own Bob Guffey. Bob was hired into Garrett Airesearch in 1965. Through several acquisitions, Honeywell finally ended up as owner of the operations as Bob spent his final 34 years with the company as a Field Service Engineer, working out of the United Airlines Services Maintenance



Center at SFO. His work experiences have made him an expert on many technical aspects of airliners from the Boeing 707 to the 787, and everything in between. Bob will be sharing his experiences and understandings of the jetliner's cabin climate controls, the temperature controls and the air pressure control systems, especially as they relate to several of the mishaps occurring recently in the news.

**FOR SUGGESTIONS REGARDING
SPEAKERS
PLEASE CONTACT:**

Steve Tremulis
(650) 598-9790

Craig's Current Contributions: May 2025

Courtesy of former Big SIR, Craig Carpenter

Former Big SIR...can you say "wow, he used to be a VERY important guy"?! Now...it ain't happening for the guy. Just sayin'

THOUGHTS TO PONDER:

Does refusing to go to the gym count as "resistance training"?

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

He wrote "your adorable". I responded with "No, YOU'RE adorable". Now he thinks I like him when all I did was point out his grammar mistake. Sheesh!

Wife's eulogy at husband's funeral:

"Norman needed a blood transfusion but his blood type was not on record, so the doctors asked me if I knew what it was. They urgently needed to know to save Norman's life. Tragically, I had never known his blood type, so I only had time to hold his hand and

say 'goodbye'. I'll never forget how supportive my Norman was. Even as he was fading away he kept on whispering to me, 'Be positive, be positive!' That was my Norman! Always thinking of others".

GOOD READS FOR GUYS:

Ride Of Her Life by Elizabeth Betts. The true story of a woman who rode her horse across America in the 1950's to fulfill her dying wish to see the Pacific Ocean.

The Great Bridge by David McCullough. The building of the Brooklyn Bridge. 630 pages FYI.

Careless People: a cautionary tale of power, greed & lost idealism by Sarah Wynn-Williams. The true skinny on Zuckerberg, Cheryl Sandberg, & what really happened at Facebook.

STUFF TO WATCH:

Draft Day with Kevin Costner on Netflix. A really good movie about the NFL Draft...but much more. My wife loved it. Of course she loves Kevin Costner.

Your Friends and Neighbors with Jon Hamm & Amanda Peet on Apple TV+. He lost his job, his family and his money. What else is there to lose?

Full Swing on Netflix. Inside the lives of the top professional golfers we admire. Author's note: Steve Tremulis should be in this series!

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

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 the next two months of 2025.

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
06/03	Tues.	San Jose	10:00 AM
06/11	Wed.	Spring Valley.	09:30 AM
06/18	Wed.	Shoreline.	10:00 AM
06/25	Wed.	Sunnyvale	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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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 is available every Friday from 10 AM to noon at the Senior Center in Los Altos. Contact Richard Oehlberg. rrntheol@icloud.com. (first two letters are r and n)

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CYCLING: (SIR Branches 35, 51, others)
An addendum to this newsletter will be sent when the May ride information becomes available.

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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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Bocce Ball:

2025 SIR BRANCH #51 OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

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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
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