

# SIR

## Branch #51

Website: [www.sirinc2.org/branch51](http://www.sirinc2.org/branch51)

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

## **Branch 51 News**

### **SIR 51 Annual Picnic!!**

Our next SIR 51 meeting will be the annual Summer Picnic which will take place poolside at the Fremont Hills CC on Wednesday, June 4, starting at 11:30 AM. Bring your spouse or a friend. Reservations are required. Contact Ray Klinke to make a reservation before May 28( 650 924 0734). The cost is \$37 per person and checks should be made out to SIR#51. Mail checks to Ray at:  
605 Palm Ave.  
Los Altos CA  
94022

### **Big SIR Notes:**

Recently there was an area wide meeting of the SIRS leadership that was chaired by Andy Danver. Here are my notes.

Our target for new members is no longer folks who are retired. Our target marker includes folks of 60 to 70 years who have a lot of leisure time. We need to increase the visibility of SIRs. Thus, we have initiated a

pilot ad program wherein the state will match us dollar for dollar. Branches should do the marketing and every year marketing directors must indicate the nature of their effort.

There are four distinct participants in our activities.

1. Member (this includes the rest of his family)
2. Visitor (anybody who stops in to participate in an activity, but pays their own way.)
3. Guest (someone who has the potential to become a member, often getting a free meal out of it)
4. Permanent Participant (anyone who can not join but who participates in an activity on a regular basis)

The state strongly supports activity sharing with other branches. For instance, Branch 35 shares most activities with us, however you should contact the activity chairman since he may be at capacity. They make the decision at an activity level.

Branch 35 is going to initiate a push to allow women to join SIRs. There are still some obstacles in their path. They need a vote of the entire membership plus they will need to revise their charter. The charter revision will probably take place in 2026.

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, July 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.

### **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, July 2, at 11:00 a.m.

For more details, please contact Big SIR, Gerry Shebar at email address: [gshebar@yahoo.com](mailto:gshebar@yahoo.com)

### **FOR SUGGESTIONS REGARDING SPEAKERS PLEASE CONTACT:**

**Steve Tremulis**  
(650) 598-9790

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### **Craig's Current Contributions: June 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:**

Imagine if, when reading a book, there was no option to turn back the page. How carefully would you read the book? THAT'S LIFE.

Is British food that bad?  
If made correctly, yes.

Laws of Life:

Law of Probability - the probability of being watched is directly proportional to the stupidity of your act.

Law of Mechanical Repair - after your hands become coated with grease, your nose will begin to itch and you'll have to pee.

Law of Close Encounters - The probability of meeting someone you know INCREASES dramatically when you are with someone you don't want to be seen with.

Law of the Bath - when the body is fully immersed in water, the telephone will ring.

Law of Physical Surfaces - the chances of an open-faced jelly sandwich landing face down on a floor are directly correlated to the newness and cost of the carpet or rug.

#### GOOD READS FOR GUYS:

Fast Girls by Elise Hooper. A novel of the 1936 Women's Olympic Team.

The Masters of Medicine by Andrew Lam, M.D. Our greatest triumphs in the race to cure humanity's deadliest diseases.

Class Clown: The memoirs of a professional wiseass: How I went 77 years without growing up by Dave Barry.

#### STUFF TO WATCH:

Secrets We Keep on Netflix. A new & gripping crime thriller with six episodes set in Denmark. My wife & I binge watched all six episodes in two days.

The Four Seasons on Netflix. An 8 part miniseries based on the movie of the same name. Starring Tina Fey & Steve Carell with a guest appearance by Alan Alda.

Well, I guess that's it. See you at the SIR picnic on June 4th!

### 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](mailto: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.

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
06/24	Wed.	Sunnyvale	10:00 AM
07/01	Tues.	Moffett Field	10:00 AM
07/09	Wed.	Crystal Springs	09:30 AM
07/16	Wed.	San Jose	10:00 AM
07/23	Wed.	Sunnyvale	10:00 AM
07/30	Wed.	Shoreline	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](http://www.sirgolf.org).

Ben Gikis, 2025 SIR State Golf Committee Chair

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**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

bowed since they were youngsters. For more information, contact:

**BOB TAGGART (Br 35)**

(650) 321-2654

**Bocce Ball:**

Lawn Bowling is available every Friday from 10 AM to noon at the Senior Center in Los Altos. Contact Richard Oehlberg. [rrntheo1@icloud.com](mailto:rrntheo1@icloud.com). (first two letters are r and n)

**BOB TAGGART (Br 35)**

(650) 321-2654

**CYCLING:** (SIR Branches 35, 51, others)

An addendum to this newsletter will be sent when the June 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 15<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> 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

## **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
Bocce Ball: Richard Oehlberg	
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:	<a href="http://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**

Speakers: Steve Tremulis	995-3231
Audit: Sam Meredith	325-4152
Membership: Joe Urbassik	714-9610
Website: Gerry Shebar	868-6124
Asst. Website: Joe Urbassik	714-9610
Greeter: 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