

SIR

Branch #51

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July 2025

Enrich Your Life

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

Branch 51 News

Big SIR Notes:

It is summer time. My favorite time of the year. Warm weather is here. Golf is exhilarating. Heavy winter clothes are packed away.

It is a good time of year to include friends and neighbors in our activities. Once they find out how SIRs builds friends for life, they are sure to join us. Invite a friend to play golf with us. Or invite that friend to go cycling or play pickleball. Invite a friend to attend a luncheon and hear one of our amazing speakers.

The SIRs lifestyle is infectious. Spread it around.

Gerry

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 from 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.

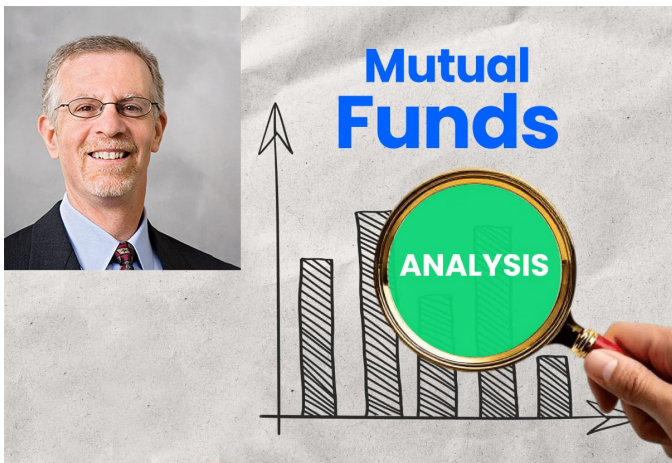
SIR 51 Board Meetings

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

July Speaker

Our speaker will be Artie Green, founder of Cognizant Wealth Advisors. His topic is: The wide availability of mutual funds based on equity indices today makes creating diversified portfolios simpler than it's ever been before. Or has it?



Mr Green is founder of Cognizant Wealth Advisors. He is a CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ Professional and holds a NASAA Series 65 investment advisor license. He earned a B.S. degree in Mathematics/Computer Science from Carnegie-Mellon University, an MBA degree from the University of Delaware, and has additionally completed the U.C. Santa Cruz Certificate Program in Personal Financial Planning.

Artie has been recognized as an expert in financial planning by the media and by his peers. He has been quoted in numerous print and online media such as The Wall Street Journal, Kiplinger, Forbes, Bloomberg, and Money, and also writes a monthly column on financial planning topics for the Los Altos Town Crier.

Previously Artie spent over twenty years at Hewlett-Packard Company in various business management positions. He has additionally served on two nonprofit boards and also as an Assistant Scoutmaster in Boy Scouts of America. He and his wife live in Los Altos, California.

**FOR SUGGESTIONS REGARDING
SPEAKERS
PLEASE CONTACT:**

Steve Tremulis
(650) 598-9790

Craig's Current Contributions: July 2025

Courtesy of former Big SIR, Craig Carpenter

Former Big SIR. VERY important guy. Now...I'm not saying I'm old...but...I just had to increase my font size to "Billboard".

THOUGHTS TO PONDER:

The man who invented the Ferris wheel never met the man who invented the merry-go-round. They traveled in different circles.

Whoever it was who decided to take away the bench seats in a car...obviously never had a girlfriend.

My top three assumptions when the doorbell rings:

- 1) a murderer;
- 2) the police telling me someone is dead;
- 3) that book I ordered about positive thinking.

I'm fairly certain that the person who put the first r in February also decided how to spell Wednesday.

I don't watch football so I don't know who Taylor Swift is, but he sounds fast.

GOOD READS FOR GUYS:

"James" by Percival Everett. A brilliant reimagining of Adventures of Huckleberry Finn - both harrowing and ferociously funny - told from the enslaved Jim's point of view. A New York Times Bestseller.

"Mark Twain" by Ron Chernow. "Mark Twain" flows like the Mississippi River, its prose propelled by Mark Twain's own exuberance.

"The Thinking Machine: Nvidia" by Stephen Will. You will get to know the second richest man in the world. A brilliant bully but loved by his employees. Of course, if you made me a millionaire, I'd love you too!

STUFF TO WATCH:

"Draft Day" starring Kevin Costner, on Netflix.

"Receiver" on Netflix. If you can't wait for football season, this is a really good 8 episode series on Netflix.

"Fleabag" on Amazon Prime. A dry-witted woman, known only as Fleabag, has no filter as she navigates life and love in London while trying to cope with tragedy.

"Hitchcock" on Netflix. We all know who Alfred Hitchcock was and, yes, he was as weird as you thought.

Well, I guess that's it. See you next month for more scintillating wit...or something.
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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.

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
08/05	Tues.	Los Lagos	10:00 AM
08/13	Wed.	Spring Valley	09:30 AM
08/20	Wed.	Sunnyvale.	10:00 AM
08/27	Wed.	Moffett Field	10:00 AM

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:

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
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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. (first two letters are r and n)

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

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)

Hi Guys,
Here's my biking input for the July 2025 newsletters. If there are any questions, pls contact me. Thx, Gordy Tong 408 242-0557.

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**

Date: Thursday, July 10th, 2025
Start Time: 11:00 am
Coyote Creek Trail (South San Jose)
Ride: We will ride the scenic Coyote Creek Trail starting from the Wyndham Garden Hotel at 399 Silicon Valley Rd, San Jose.

The ride will be about 6 miles to the Coyote Creek Golf Course. We will ride past the golf course for another 4 miles to the Anderson Visitor Center at the end of trail, then double back to the golf course club house for lunch. After lunch we will ride back to the hotel parking lot for a total of 16 miles. For those who want a shorter ride, they can stop at the golf course.

Directions: The Wyndham Garden Hotel (name of hotel has changed to the Hacienda Hotel but will confirm in reminder notice) is located south of San Jose, one block east of highway 101 and just north of the highway 101/ 85 interchange. The directions are the same whether coming on highway 101 or 85: Take the Bernal Rd. exit. Turn left on Bernal Rd., which becomes Silicon Valley Blvd after crossing under 101. Turn left on Rue Ferrari Rd., the service road next to the hotel, and park on the street. The hotel no longer permits riders/visitors to park in the hotel parking lot.

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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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DIRECTORS

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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
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