

# SIR

## Branch #51

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

### Branch 51 News

#### **A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT PETE SORENSON**

We are a month into Spring and, if like SIR 51's officers and chairmen, half of our membership has taken a recent vacation in spite of the price rises in gas and air fuel.

I'm looking forward to attending our SF Giants baseball game group event May 27 (33 coming including members, wives, and others) and our Annual Picnic June 3.

Pete

[At the end of this newsletter is a flier explaining all you need to know to sign for the June 3 Barbque. Don't forget to sign up and send your check in. See you there!](#)

#### **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 Mike McMahan or Kevin Wheaton to pay up and register. Don't just wander in. It screws up our records.

#### **SIR 51 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

Our next SIR General Membership meeting will be held in-person on Wednesday, May 6, 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, May 6, at 11:00 a.m. For more details, please contact President, Pete Sorenson at email address:

[petersorenson@comcast.net](mailto:petersorenson@comcast.net)

## MAY SPEAKER

Our May speak will be Robert Keahey presenting details of how the Donner Party became stranded in the Sierra Nevada in the brutal winter of 1846.



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

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

## **Craig's Current Contributions: April 2026**

*Former Big SIR...VERY important guy. Now the Anger Management Coach for Draymond Green. I'm not doing so well.*

## *THOUGHTS TO PONDER:*

*If the grocery store has a section for "health food", then what is the rest of the store?*

*The first three letters of 'Sweden' & 'Denmark' spell out 'Sweden'. The remaining letters spell out 'Denmark'.*

*Dance like no one is watching, but text & email like it will be read in court one day.*

*The cashier said "strip down facing me". By the time I realized she meant the debit card, it was too late.*

*Man #1: "I just bought a top of the line hearing aid for \$7,000"*

*Man #2: "Really, what kind is it?"*

*Man #1: "12:30".*

*Here's a question for the mind readers out there...*

## *GOOD READS FOR GUYS:*

*"James" by Percival Everett. A brilliant action-packed reimagining of Adventures of Huckleberry Finn, both harrowing and darkly humorous, told from the enslaved Jim's point of view.*

*"When Caesar Was King: How Sid Caesar Reinvented American Comedy". \**

*"Family of Spies", a WW2 story of Nazi Espionage, Betrayal & the secret history behind Pearl Harbor. By Christine Kuehn. \**

*\*courtesy of SIR Joe Grippo*

## *STUFF TO WATCH:*

*"Full Swing" (new season) on Netflix. Following your favorite pros.*

*"Sitting Bull", a series on Netflix. Custer, take a detour and avoid the Little Big Horn...at all costs.*

"Margot's Got Money Troubles" on Apple TV.  
Raunchy but good. Starring Dakota Fanning &  
Michelle Pfeiffer.

Well, I guess that's it. See you at the SIR baseball  
outing in SF.

## 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)

This year we are joining SIR Branches 16  
and 5 at some old and some new golf  
courses.

As for SIR Branch 51's golf information, see  
the SIR 51 2026 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.

04/30	Thurs.	Monarch Bay	09:00 AM
05/07	Thurs.	Open	
05/14	Thurs.	Las Posits	09:00 AM
05/21	Thurs.	Shoreline	09:00AM
05/28	Thurs.	Bay View	09:00 AM
06/04	Thurs.	Lake Chabot	09:00 AM
06/11	Thurs.	Los Lagos	09:00 AM
06/18	Thurs.	Canyon Lakes.	09:00 AM
06/25	Thurs.	Crystal Springs	09:00 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

State SIR Golf Newsletter: [www.sirgolf.org](http://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**



Secretary: Gary Wada 868-7356  
Treasurer: Mike McMahon 380-0983  
Asst. Treasurer: Kevin Wheaton 353-0686  
Golf Chairman: Kai Johansen 380-9493  
Golf Assistant: Jim Cummings 328-2168  
Bowling: Bob Taggart (Br 35) 321-2654  
Bocce Ball: Richard Oehlberg  
Cycling: Gordon Tong (Br 35) (408) 242-0557  
Historian: (open)  
State SIR Travel: [www.sirinc.org](http://www.sirinc.org)

### **DIRECTORS**

Steve Tremulis 995-3231  
Jim Cummings 328-2168  
Gerry Shebar 868-6124  
Richard Jamison. 868-3723

### **ADMINISTRATIVE CHAIRMEN**

Speakers: Steve Tremulis 995-3231  
Audit: Gerry Shebar 868-6124  
Joe Urbassik 714-9610  
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  
Gerry Shebar 868-6124  
Steve Tremulis 995-3231  
  
Good Samaritan: Bob Guffey 593-3496  
Member Orientation: Bob Guffey 593-3496

All telephone numbers are in the 650-area code,  
except as noted differently.

All changes in address, telephone number, and e-  
mail address should be reported to the SIR  
Membership Chairman Joe Urbassik 714-9610

SIR 51 Summer BBQ 2026  
Wednesday, June 3th, 11:30 AM  
Fremont Hills CC Poolside

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Reservations required. Casual attire and guests welcome.  
We plan on serving chicken, ribs, and sides. (Baked beans, Cole Slaw,  
Potato Salad, Corn Bread)

Cost is \$35 per person, include your name and guest name

Reservations/check must be received by May 27th

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Make check payable to SIR#51

Mail to: Ray Klinke

605 Palm Ave

Los Altos, CA 94022

Member Name \_\_\_\_\_

Guests Names \_\_\_\_\_

Total Attendees: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$35 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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