

MID-PENINSULA BRANCH #51

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A non-Profit Organization
For Retired Men



SEPTEMBER 2005
Devoted to the
promotion of independence and
Dignity of retirement

LUNCHEON - 12 NOON - FIRST WEDNESDAY - UNIVERSITY CLUB, 3277 MIRANDA AVE. PALO ALTO

SEPTEMBER 7TH

TURN (THE UTILITY REFORM NETWORK)

Our speaker, Dwight Cocke is Director of the TURN Action Network. He joined TURN in May 2001 to expand community relations and members' involvement. He is currently developing the "TURN Action Network," a statewide alert system for TURN members and others throughout California that is used to inform Californians about important utility, energy, telecommunications, and ratepayer issues and to influence decision makers about critical ratepayer protections.

TURN is a statewide, nonprofit consumer protection organization which has represented residential and small business customers of California's large, investor-owned telephone, gas and electric utilities since 1973. TURN participates in nearly all major rate and policy proceedings before the California Public Utilities Commission, seeking fair rates and reliable services for utility consumers. As California's only independent, statewide utility watchdog organization, TURN also represents small consumers before federal regulatory agencies, in the state legislature, and in the courts. TURN provides consumer information, education and referrals; maintains public and media outreach programs; and conducts research on energy and telecommunications policy issues.

Prior to coming to TURN, Cocke worked as an organizer, directing political campaigns, large conferences, and film festivals. He was also executive director of a humanitarian organization providing medical care and surgeries to children and training for physicians in Russia. He succeeded in obtaining national news coverage in both countries for this bilateral medical program,

including two appearances on "60 Minutes (CGBS-TV). Cocke is a graduate of Occidental College.

LUNCHEON MENU SEPTEMBER 7TH
MIXED GREEN SALAD
LEMON ROASTED CHICKEN
MASHED POTATOES/ SAUTEED VEGS
ANGEL FOOD CAKE/BERRIES/FRUIT

If you are unable to attend the September 7th meeting, call HAL KNOWLTON AT 650-494-0957 by SUNDAY (NOT LATER THAN 9 PM) Sept 4th or earlier if possible. Please **INCLUDE YOUR MEMBER NUMBER IN YOUR MESSAGE.**

NEW OFFICERS FOR 2006.

Big SIR	Lee Parlett
Little SIR	Dan Rubin
Secretary	Dick McElyea
Treasurer	Bob Janopaul
Director	Tony Hanley
Director	Bob Guffey
Director	John Dusterberry
Director	Roger Murray
Assistant Secretary	Chuck Yirchott
Assistant Treasurer	Elmer Reist

CONGRATUALTIONS NEW OFFICERS!!!!

BIRTHDAY WINNERS. Winners for August were Bob Angwin and Bob Jenkins.



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

JAY BRANDON	JOHN KELEHER
JOHN CREELMAN	ROGER MACKIN*
HANS GELBRICH	DALE PETERSON
BILL HODGES	JOHN PIAZZA, SR
* Inactive	

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

New members, Welcome!:

Robert B. Ward (Bob/Louise) 8110 Bay Harbour Dr., Redwood City, CA 94065. Lockheed Martin. Golf, Tennis, Travel. Sponsor: Roy Deffebach.

Active, Removed from Membership:

John Hubbard
Edward Jajko
Guy Babcock –Deceased

IN MEMORIAM

GUY BABCOCK

LAST MEETING

Dr. Jacqueline Davidson, Project Scientist for the Stratospheric Observatory for Infrared Astronomy (SOFIA), described the planning and development for SOFIA which is scheduled to start operations in 2006. Long wave telescopes are needed to look much further back in time. Unfortunately, infrared is absorbed by the atmosphere so it can be received only in extremely high altitude aircraft or in satellites. (The Hubble Telescope is optical.) Experiments have been done by cutting a large door in an aircraft, and mounting an IR telescope on gimbals with gyroscope controls. NASA is building the plane that will carry the final telescope, and the British are building the telescope which will be a 20 ton piece of equipment. This observatory will search the entire sky and will help to answer questions such as how planets and stars form and how galaxies evolve

ACTIVITIES



INDOOR BOWLING: The team of Hal Knowlton (51), and George Falkenthal (35) is one game ahead of the team of Val Peterson (51), Don Rogers (5) and Bob Buettler (5).

HIGH ROLLERS WERE:

High Game, Scratch	Val Peterson (51)	205
High Series, Scratch	Charlie Piozet (5)	595
High Game, Handicap	Val Peterson (51)	242
High Series, Handicap	Charlie Piozet (5)	707

We welcome new players at any time. Scores for your first 9 games establishes an average and handicap (600 – average) and is updated with future scores. Just show up by 12:45 any Thursday at the Palo Alto Bowl on El Camino, South of the Elks' Club. HAL KNOWLTON (494-0957)



TENNIS: Our tennis group meets Mondays and Thursdays at Rinconada Park in Palo Alto. Please be there by 8:00 am when doubles teams will be formed. Later arrivals will play as sets are completed. We welcome all tennis players of whatever level. BILL KAMIN (322-4300)



GOLF: The following months' schedules are:

AUGUST

02 Tues Poplar Crk	10:30	06 Tue Poplar Crk	10:30
10 Wed Crystal Spr	10:00	14 Wed Aptos	11:00
17 Wed Coyote Crk	10:00	21 Wed Monarch	10:00
24 Wed Poppy Hills	10:00	28 Wed Spring V.	10:00
31 Wed Shore Line	9:30		

SEPTEMBER

JULY LEADER BOARD

<u>Low Gross</u>		<u>Low Net</u>	
1. Roger Murray	83	1. Norm Duvall	60
2. Roy Deffebach	84	2. Jim Cochran	64
Mike Shimizu	84	3. Tony Hanley	66
4. Tony Hanley	85	4. Lyle Johnson	67
Art Lewis	85	Art Lewis	67
6. Lyle Johnson	86	6. Bob Guffey	68
7. Jerry Tinney	87	Bob Jenkins	68
8. Don Peterson	88	Roger Murray	68
Chuck Yirchott	88	Bob Shepard	68
		Ross Smith	68

All of the golf courses we play require a player count 7 to 14 days prior to play date. Please call me should your play no-play commitment change. Golfers must be at the clubhouse one hour before tee time.

POPPY HILLS: For those signed up to play, don't forget August 24th, first tee time 10:00 am. See you there.

ROGER MURRAY (329-8832)



LAWN BOWLING: Free instructions in lawn bowling are given each Tuesday and

Thursday at 12:30 pm at the Palo Alto Lawn Bowling Club at the corner of Churchill and Cowper Streets. For an appointment, call:

ED WALKER (493-7908)



COMPUSIR: Meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month, at the Palo Alto Elks Lodge at 12:30. The speaker for August 10th is Jan Altmen, Consultant who will give us tips and tricks with Excel.

September 14th we will have Hank Skawinski, President of DataWise who will speak on "Reflections on the current PC marketplace". He will review Microsoft, Linux, Macs, suppliers, support systems, hardware and software. DataWise is a company that produces many computers for clients and, more importantly, supports over a thousand computers in the real world for clients.

JIM DINKEY (493-9307)



SIRS ON BIKES: SIR Area #16 bike rides regularly start at 11:00 am the 2nd Thursday of the month. On August 11th, we will ride on the Stephens Creek Trail. It is a level 12-mile round trip to Shoreline Park with an optional loop north into Palo Alto and the Duck Pond. Lunch is planned at Michaels in Shoreline Park.

Meet at the southern end of the Stevens Creek bike path off Yuba Drive in Mountain View. Yuba Drive is off El Camino Real between Highways 237 and 85 and can be reached from Camino Real or via Centre or Church Streets from 237.

Future rides are:

September 8 – Foster City

October 13- Los Gatos Creek

November 10 Hellyer Park – Coyote Creek

PETER BARBA (949-4191)



FISHING: Our salmon trips are held on the **SECOND THURSDAY** of each month through November. Bottom fishing is scheduled on the fourth Thursday of each month through December.

Our first bottom fishing trip was scheduled for July 28th. No one signed so I decided to go alone. I joined 19 other fishermen, all strangers, aboard the Riptide. We headed to Bean Hollow, which is located a little South of Pescadero. The fog burned back about 11 am, the sun was warm, the sea was flat calm and the fishing was great. We ended up with 200 quality fish, 10-fish limits for everyone. By the end of the day those other 19 fishermen weren't strangers anymore.

KEN LIDDICOAT or (948-4828)

NON-RESPONSIBILITY DECLARATION: All activities arranged for or by, or sponsored by, Sons in Retirement, Inc., and its Branches, are for the convenience and pleasure of the members and their guests who desire to participate. Sons in Retirement, Inc., and its Branches do not assume any responsibility for the well being or safety of the participants or their property, in any matters pertaining to said activities.

BRANCHES 5, 35 & 51 TRAVEL NEWS



Sep. 28 – Oct. 11, 14 Days. JOURNEY of the CZARS – A Cruise on Lakes & Rivers of Russia. \$3030 – 5385 pp dbl. Joe Ames 408-736-8387. Escort. STILL TIME TO SIGNUP – HURRY SPACE IS LIMITED!

Nov. 2-3. 2 Days. RENO and the BOB NEWHART SHOW. \$121pp-dbl. Joe Ames 408-736-8387
Escort

Dec. 30 – Jan 9. 11 Days. CALIFORNIA & MEXICAN COAST NEW YEAR'S CRUISE. \$1605 – 2035pp dbl. Joe Ames 408-736-8387. Escort. GOOD CABINS LEFT – SIGN UP NOW!

March 3 – 13, 2006. 11 Days. GUATEMALA and the MAYAN CIVILIZATIONS 42450pp dbl (Featuring COPAN and TIKAL, two great excavated ruins). Joe Ames 408-736-8387

NEGOTIATING FOR 2006:

October. 12 days. ISTANBUL to ATHENS – A MEDITERRANEAN CRUISE (including Dubrovnik, 6 Greek Islands & Kusadasi). Joe Ames 408-736-8387. Escort.

Call escorts for complete information and reservations for the trips.

All changes in address and/or telephone number must be reported to the Membership Committee, Jack Chalkley, 570 Pinecrest Dr., Los Altos, CA, 94024, (650-967-7588). Members missing three or more consecutive meetings without calling in are subject to suspension. If you know you are going to miss a meeting, it is important to notify the Attendance Chairman, Hal Knowlton 9494-0957) three days or more in advance.

SIR BRANCH #51 OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Big Sir, Roy Deffebach	631-0585
Little Sir, Lee Parlett	366-1353
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Director, Jack Agresti	851-7604
Director, Tony Hanley	321-9416
Director, Bob Guffey	593-3496

ACTIVITIES CHAIRMEN

Bowling, Indoor, Hal Knowlton	494-0957
Lawn Bowling, Ed Walker	493-7908
Bridge, Bob Jenkins	424-4346
Compusir, Jim Dinkey (Br 35)	493-9307
Dominoes, Paul Buechner	322-6883
Fishing, Emmett Murphy	368-9935
Golf, Roger Murray	329-8832
Musical Group, Hal Moreno	323-4390
Tennis, Bill Kamin	322-4300
Travel, Art Lloyd	851-0998

ADMINISTRATIVE CHAIRMEN

Attendance, Hal Knowlton	494-0957	Luncheon Coord. Mario Bonicelli	967-7958
Audit, Paul Buechner	322-6883	Luncheon Programs, Lee Parlett	366-1353
Bulletin, Bob Jenkins	424-4346	Membership, Jack Chalkley	967-7588
E-Mail Contact, Ben Beam	408-732-3084	New Members, Roger Murray	329-8832
Good Samaritan, Alex Florence	854-5580	Nominating Committee, Norm Austin	948-1580
Greeter, Ross Smith & Norv Steele	408-734-4550	Special Events, Jack Agresti	851-6704
Historian, Hal Moreno	323-4390		

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