

MID-PENINSULA BRANCH #51

NO. 352

A non-Profit Organization
For Retired Men



JUNE 2005

Devoted to the
promotion of independence and
Dignity of retirement

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

MEETING JUNE 1

SUMMER PICNIC

No speaker, but, regardless what the Picnic Flyer says, we will have a **MARIACHI** band instead of the banjo band this year. And those who attended last year can tell you how **EXCELLENT** the **FOOD** was. Not just ordinary barbeque, but extra special barbeque in a very pleasant setting. If you have not already done so, send in your request for tickets (see the enclosed flyer) as soon as possible.

CONTRIBUTIONS UPDATE: As of April 30th, we have received Voluntary Contributions from 130 members of SIR Branch #51. We're looking forward to receiving, in the next month or two, contributions from the remaining 42 members. This will allow us to balance our current operating budget for Branch #51. The Voluntary Contribution amount is only \$20 for active members and \$10 for inactive members. It can be paid by check or cash, (checks preferred, made payable to SIR Branch #51). Payments can be made at our regular monthly meetings at the University Club of Palo Alto. Checks can be mailed at any time to the Treasurer at the following address:

Robert Janopaul
153 James Avenue
Atherton, CA 94027

SIR SPORTS EVENTS:

All Sirs' day with the A's on Thursday, August 11th at 12:35pm. Angels vs. Oakland. Plaza Level Infield - \$13.

All Sirs' day at SBC Park on Wednesday July 20th at 12:35pm. Giants vs. Atlanta Braves. \$33 – lower box, \$19 – View Reserved Seats and \$17 – Leftfield Bleacher Seats.

TRAIN SCHEDULE FOR SIRS DAY AT THE GIANTS: The rear half of the last car on the CalTrain special has been reserved for Sirs.

Lv. San Jose	9:56	Lv. Menlo Park	10:30
Lv. Santa Clara	10:01	Lv. Atherton	10:33
Lv. Lawrence	10:06	Lv. Redw. City	10:37
Lv. Sunnyvale	10:10	Lv. San Carlos	10:41
Lv. Mtn View	10:15	Lv. Belmont	10:44
Lv. San Antonio	10:19	Lv. Hillsdale	10:47
Lv. Calif. Ave.	10:23	Ar. San Fran.	11:25
Lv. Palo Alto	10:27		

1 ½ block walk on King Street to SBC Park.

RETURN: Special train leaves 15 minutes after the last out and operates non-stop to San Carlos then making all stops to San Jose.

Tickets are valid on all return trains the same day up to the last departure from San Francisco (4th and King) at 12:07 am.

Purchase tickets in advance (senior day pass is round trip) as Caltrain is a proof of payment system and tickets are not sold aboard the train.

Questions: Art Lloyd at arthurlloyd@webtv.net or 650-851-0998

ATTENTION!! Please be aware that all new members will now have a yellow dot on their name tags. Greet them, invite them to your table and make them feel at home.

BIRTHDAY WINNERS: Lucky winners of the birthday drawing were: Ed Paar and Bob Tuthill.



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

JACK AGRESTI	BILL NYE
ANDY ANDERSON	BOB PIERCE
JOHN BOHLER*	REG RICE
DICK BOWDEN	GEORGE RUGTIV
JACK CANVIN	ROGER SMITH
MAURIE CHASE	C.T. THOMAS
BILL CLARKE*	BRUCE TINLING
GREG GREGORY	ALF UDDENBERG
CHUCK HUFF	AL WILLIAMS
BOB JANOPAUL	ED WRIGHT
CHET MARYNOWSKI	

* Inactive

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

New Members, Welcome!:

Anthony Farndale (Tony/Joan). 145 Colton Ave, San Carlos, CA 94070. 593-8209. San Francisco Chronicle – Retail Advertising. Travel, Sponsor: Arthur Lloyd

Robert S. Symons (Bob/Alice – Faye) 290 Surrey Place. Los Altos, CA 94022. 948-0580. Litton Electron Devices. Computers, Photography, Travel. Sponsor: Norman Austin

LAST MEETING

Our speaker, Wallace Sampson, talked about “alternative medicine”. That term was invented about 1970 to help make many products and methods which have not been scientifically studied more acceptable. Some things (the social attitudes) have changed, and some (products and methods) have not changed. The movement toward alternative medicine is increasing due to social attitude changes. In the last 10 or 20 years, studies of alternative medicine have become more technical but have used quasi or sub-scientific methods to prove their points. The area has become very difficult to understand. Unfortunately, frank commercialism had also been an influence. Congress has a committee on alternative medicine. One problem is trying to find where to get good information. If you go to the internet to ask about any particular alternative medicine, you are referred to the web site for that area which will obviously

promote that area but not usually give good factual information.

ACTIVITIES



INDOOR BOWLING: Thursday bowlers completed the 16 week winter-spring session on April 21. With a possible 64 points per team, we came up with the closest finish ever. The team of Hal Knowlton (51) and Val Peterson (51) edged out the two teams tied for second by ½ point.

HIGH ROLLERS FOR THE SEASON WERE:

High Game, Scratch	Fred Schwalbach (35)	234
High Series, Scratch	Charlie Piozet (5)	556
High Game, Handicap	Bill Finkemeier (5)	258
High Series, Handicap	George Falkenthal (35)	663

Sweeps (total score for 3 games + handicap) were held the following week, April 28. Top scorers were:

First	Hans Gilbrich (51)	631
Second	Fred Schwalbach (35)	627
Third	Charles Piozet (5)	615

The spring-summer session started May 7. 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:

<u>MAY</u>		<u>JUNE</u>	
03 Tue Sunnyvale	10:30	06 MON Rancho Can	10:00
11 Wed Los Lagos	10:00	15 Wed Crystal Sp	10:00
18 Wed Shoreline	9:30	22 Wed Santa Clara	10:00
25 Wed Spring V.	10:00	29 Wed Aptos	10:00
31 Tue Poplar Cr.	10:30		

MARCH LEADER BOARD

<u>Low Gross</u>		<u>Low Net</u>	
1. Roy Deffebach	85	1. Frank Williams	62
2. Don Peterson	86	2. Art Lewis	63
3. Frank Williams	87	3. Tony Hanley	66
4. Tony Hanley	88	Don Hughes	66
Jerry Tinney	88	Roger Murray	66
6. Mike Shimizu	89	6. Don Peterson	67

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.
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 May 11th is Gary Sasaki *on the Digital Home: An Industry in Transition*. A strategic analysis of key trends, companies and technologies through the lens of CES (Consumer Electronics Show) 2005. On June 8th, the speaker will be Nancy Blachman – More on GOOGLE. **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 May 12th we will ride the rolling Los Gatos Creek Trail

for about 7.5 miles from Blackford School to the town of Los Gatos for lunch. Then ride back for a total of about 15 miles. We'll start riding at 11 a.m.

Directions: Go South on Meridian from Highway 280. Turn right at the Willow Street stoplight.

Take Willow until it dead-ends at Blackford Elementary School. Parking is available in the school parking lot and on neighborhood streets



FUTURE TRIPS:

- Jun 9 Hellyer Park – Coyote Creek
- Jul 14 Alameda Creek – Coyote Hills (Fremont)

PETER BARBA (949-4191)

FISHING: On the salmon trip of May 5th all four members of the SIR group caught their two-fish limits. With a change in schedule, our future salmon trips will be on the SECOND THURSDAY of each month starting in June. Bottom fishing will open July 1st. Our first trip is scheduled for Thursday July 28th, with subsequent trips on the fourth of each month.

KEN LIDDICOAT cirlelt@netzero.net 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



July 20, 1 Day. ALL SIRS DAY with the GIANTS and the BRAVES. Art Lloyd 650-851-0998 for tickets.

Aug. 11. 1 Day. ALL SIRS DAY with the A'S and the ANGELS. Art Lloyd 650-851-0998 for tickets.

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. SIGNUPS COMING IN – 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!

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, Ed Paar (324-0571) three days or more in advance.

SIR BRANCH #51 OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

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