



# SIR WESTGATE BRANCH 125

A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION FOR RETIRED MEN  
*Devoted to the Promotion of Independence  
 and Dignity of Retirement.*

3rd TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH  
 THREE FLAMES RESTAURANT  
 1547 MERIDIAN AVE., SAN JOSE, CA. 95126  
 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING 10:00 AM  
 FELLOWSHIP HOUR 11:00 AM - LUNCH AT NOON

## BRANCH OFFICERS

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 Little Sir..... Milt Howard  
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**19 APRIL 2005**

Website <http://sirbranch125.org/index.html>

## MESSAGE FROM BIG SIR

In the next month or so, we will be losing one of our members and committee heads to the far reaches of southern Oregon. Dave Ross manages the badges each month and counts the luncheon attendance. I guess Dave thought that our rainfall put us on par or ahead of the webfoot area and now was the time to make a break from the heavy rain and from under the governor. Good luck, Dave and Bonnie, and we hope you can find a new SIR's branch up there. Martin DeVries has volunteered to take over the attendance committee chair and we thank him for his support.

Our speaker in March was Reid Dennis, who gave us a very informative talk about the attempted flight and recreation of the flight by Amelia Earhart around the world. I heard several comments after the luncheon from our members that this was one of the best presentations in the recent history of our branch. Thanks to our program committee for bringing us Mr. Dennis.

Now is the time to give serious thought to the tax situation, so hopefully your tax bill will be small, but big enough to help reduce the massive deficit that has been rung up in our behalf. Oh well, as they say, TAXES are one of the inevitables that we must face.

**WAYNE STEWART**



**APRIL SPEAKER:** Joyce Weyer joined the San Jose Fire Department's Office of Public Education as Public Education Specialist for the **Senior Safety Program** in Sept., 2002. She has a background in training and Human Resources. Originally from Buffalo, NY, Joy enjoys being in California. The Senior Safety Program is a grant funded program that serves *young adults* over the age of 50 here in San Jose.

## SIRS BRANCH 125 ANNUAL BARBECUE, BLACKBERRY FARM TUESDAY, JULY 19, 2005

Tickets will go on sale at our May luncheon, and also in June. The cost will be \$20 per person, and includes beer, wine, Italian sausage, snacks, tri-tip steak, baked beans, cole slaw, and garlic bread. Gene Plevyak will again be our lead chef, and John Feemster will again prepare his special baked beans. As usual, there will be golf before the barbecue, by separate sign-up and payment; horse shoes will be available for those who know how to do it. This is a great event, and one to which you should invite male guests, especially ones who might be interested in joining our Branch. Helpers are always needed to prepare the picnic grounds, and to help with cooking and serving.

**Bob Rung, Barbecue Chairman**

# REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Pat	Brennan	22t
Bruce	Capron	29
Gene	Carson	8
Jock	Carter	5
Paul	Cusick	16
Tom	Davis	3
Fred	Hernandez	22
Rog	Hughes	17
Al	Knox	7
Ed	Linn	25
Richard	Madayag	19
Ed	Murphy	5
Bob	Ramirez	7
Ken	Redder	14
Trev	Rowland	29
Ken	Sohn	23
Chung	Song	26
Bill	Tippin	3

**CHUCK WAGGONER**

## Treasurer's Report February

	General	Custodial	Total
BEGINNING BALANCE	1368.70	-100.00	1268.70
RECIEPTS	247.00	1488.00	1735.00
DISBURSEMENTS	159.39	1488.00	1647.39
ENDING BALANCE	1368.74	-100.00	1268.74
MONTHLY CHANGE	159.39	0.00	159.39
MEMBER-SHIP	ACTIVE	174	
	INACTIVE	10	
	WAIT LIST	1	
LAST MEETING	MEMBERS	123	
	GUESTS	1	
	VISITORS	0	

**Roger Danielson, Treasurer**

## SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

**Mini Tours:** Now that I see a blue sky today I am getting a slow start on tours for 2005 but am trying for the following :

- a. A tour of the 49ers facility out by Great America
- b. A tour of the Campbell Community Center (lots of stuff there for you seniors!)

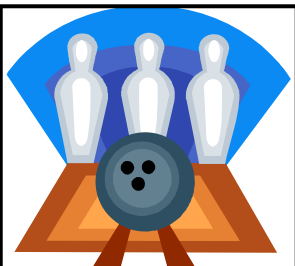
**Giants:** Our group going up for All Sir Day at SBC Park on Wednesday 20 July, is still growing. Lower Box seats are \$33. If you are interested, call me at 243-6717. To be sure of seats together I have to order them by 8 April so send me your checks no later than 8 April!

**Chuck Roberts, Social Activities**



Big Sir Wayne Stewart presents Certificate of Appreciation to March speaker Reid Dennis who told us about his retracing of the Amelia Earhardt flight.

## BOWLING



With about four weeks left in the season:

Team 18 with Bob Shields is in a two way tie for 1st place.

Team 7 with Jim Silver, Peter Morrone & Vic Harris in 4th place

Team 5 with Bob Hunt is in 9th place

Team 14 with Rich Madayag is in 11th.

**High Scores:** Bob Hunt with games of 216, 214, 228, 225, 204 & 206, Series of 615 & 657. Jim Silver with 217 & 206, Peter Morrone with 225 & 236, Vic Harris with 236 & 202, and Rich Madayag with 207, 218, & 214 and a 609 series.

**Vic Harris, Bowling Chairman**

**Wednesday 2 March 2005 - Spring Valley - 2 Best Ball**

1st Place - Roger Danielson, John Guarino, Dick Fenton, Wayne Stewart	120
2nd Place - Greg Lynch, Gene Plevyak, Ernie Grijalva, (BD - Jim Smith)	123
3rd Place - Bob Goldman, Al Smith, Gene Carson, Bob Johnson	124
4th Place - Phil Olavarri, Jerry Long, Ed Linn, Jack Pease	125
TIE Bob Norbutas, Jerry Davis, Joe Gerarge, Gerry Maddams	125
Ron Duval, Benton White, Jim Noah, Jay Pinson	125

**Closest to the pin:** # 4 (1shot) Ron Duval # 7 (2shot) Joe Gerarge  
# 11 (2shot) Roger Danielson # 16 (2shot) Al Smith

**Wednesday 9 March 2005 - Sunnyvale - 2 Best Ball**

1st Place - Jim Harvey, John Guarino, Dick Fenton, Wayne Stewart	107
2nd & 3rd Place – Tie Ken Sohn, Larry Peck, Neal Atchison, Pete McErlean	118
Rudy Lopez, Bob Ramirez, Sam Zullo, Phil Olavarri	118
4th Place – Tie Jerry Davis, Joe Gerarge, Gerry Maddams, Bob Norbutas	120
Jerry Oliver, Tom Dapice, Chung Song, Milt Howard	120

**Closest to the pin :** # 4 (1shot) Chuck Waggoner # 7 (1shot) Wayne Stewart  
# 13 (2shot) John Guarino, Chuck Waggoner (both birdies) # 15 (2shot) Al Smith

**Wednesday 16 March - Santa Clara - 2 Best Ball**

1st Place - Pat Brennan, Rudy Lopez, Bob Ramirez, Sam Zullo	121
2nd Place - Roger Danielson, John Guarino, Dick Fenton, Wayne Stewart	125
3rd & 4th Place - Tied - Lou Bottini, Don Reams, Mertin, DeVries, Fran Andreson	128
Jerry Davis, Joe Gerarge, Tom Davis, Gerry Maddams	128

**Closest to the pin:** # 4 (2shot) Gerry Maddams & Roger Danielson (both birdies)  
# 8 (1shot) Jim Smith # 13 (2shot) Pete McErlean # 17 (2shot) Ed Hirshfield

**Wednesday 23 March 2005 - Coyote Creek/Valley - 2 Best Ball**

1st & 2nd Place Tied Bob Norbutas, Tom Davis, Gerry Maddams, (BD: Jim Smith)	123
Dick Rathmann, Jim Smith, Chuck Waggoner, (blind draw - Wayne Stewart)	123
3rd Place John Guarino, Dick Fenton, Wayne Stewart, (blind draw - Benton White)	124
4th Place Ron Duval, Benton White, Jay Pinson, Jim Noah	125

**Closest to the pin;** # 2 (2shot) Benton White # 4 (1shot) Dick Fenton  
# 8 (1shot) Tom Davis # 16 (2shot) Tom Davis

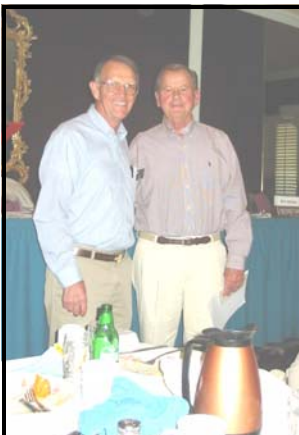
**SIRS Players of the Month**  
*March-05*

Flight	Name	Hcp Idx	Score	Date	Net Differential Over/Under "Par"	Course
A	<b>FENTON, DICK</b>	12.5	76	9-Mar	-4.9	Sunnyvale
B	<b>DANIELSON, ROGER</b>	16.7	82	2-Mar	-1.7	Spring Valley
C	<b>STEWART, WAYNE</b>	22.5	84	9-Mar	-6.9	Sunnyvale
D	<b>PLEVYAK, GENE</b>	28.1	87	9-Mar	-9.6	Sunnyvale
E	<b>HIRSHFIELD, ED</b>	32.9	102	30-Mar	-3.7	Aptos

## COMPUTER CLUB

The March Computer Club meeting was well attended by 15 members. Ed Metevia opened the meeting with an interesting discussion of the different kinds of CD and DVD disk, their use, and the drives required for their use. Some software for different uses was also discussed. A handout of these DVD CD Notes was provided and a corrected copy of these Notes was later E-mailed to all members. John Feemster discussed additions that he had made to the Blood Pressure Chart that is available on the Branch 125 website. There was considerable discussion of this chart which is useful for those who regularly take their blood pressure readings. The next scheduled meeting of the Computer Club will be on Thursday, April 21, 2005 from 3pm to 5pm at our usual meeting place at the Saratoga Senior Center.

Norm Martin



Ron Duval Introduces new member Mark Gale at March luncheon. Please introduce yourself to Mark and welcome him.

**MAY 18, 2005  
Qualification tournament at Laguna Seca for State tournament.  
Dick Rathmann has details**

The winning champs at the Area Tournament at Black Horse on Feb 28th.  
Lopez  
Plevyak  
Ramirez  
Lynch



### TIP OF THE MONTH ( JIM SILVER'S IDEA)

**The County Waste Recycling Program—Free drop off site at 1600 South 10th Street (near Spartan Stadium). By appointment only. Call 299 7300. Here's a chance to get rid of paint cans, pesticides, pool chemicals oil batteries etc.**

**Thanks Jim. Send in your "TIPS" to help fellow members to the Bulletin Editor. Thanks**

### GET ON THE BRANCH e-mail LIST

Our Branch would like to reduce mailing expenses by e-mailing our monthly newsletters to all members who have an E-mail address and are willing to make the transition. To date, we have 125 members receiving the newsletter via E-mail. Please contact Chuck Waggoner at [charlie@waggs-home.com](mailto:charlie@waggs-home.com) to sign up. He and Ed Metevia will provide any download testing and other assistance necessary to make the change as convenient as possible.

**Jim Silver, Circulation Manager**

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