



SIR WESTGATE BRANCH 125

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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 Committee Meeting 10:00 a.m.

Fellowship Hour 11:00 a.m. - Lunch at noon

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Message From The Big Sir

I'd like to encourage everyone to help recruit new members for Branch 125. Over the last 3 years we have on average brought in about 20 new members per year and have lost about 15 per year through resignations, moves, inactives, or deaths. I'd like to see us maintain that growth rate and this can best be done by current members bringing in friends, co-workers, or acquaintances to a luncheon meeting. As you are aware the branch pays for a first time guest's lunch and we get a very high signup rate with those that attend a luncheon and see what we are about. Also a member can be part time employed as long as they attend the luncheon meetings. At the same time we need to keep our present members. If there are things that are bugging you about the branch or improvements we could make let the executive committee know. Let's continue to make Branch 125 the best branch in the SIR organization.

Chuck Waggoner Big SIR

SIR Branch 125 Computer Group

The Computer Group held its monthly meeting on Thursday, March 20th. Chuck Waggoner gave a presentation on the subject of genealogy. He told us of his experiences of how his father had gathered a lot of data on the history of his family, but it was all on paper in various files, shoe boxes, etc. He demonstrated how he took this data, along with other family data that he had gathered (birthdays, marriages, deaths, pictures, legal records, government census etc.) and built a data base on his computer. He used a computer program (Family Tree Maker 2008) to save and put all this family data in a logical order. He showed how pictures, official documents etc. could be added into the overall database and be assembled for printing/display. He demonstrated how to do research "on line" using various genealogy sites that were available. Discussions about genealogy will be continued at the next group meeting in April. John McManus

SIR Day at San Francisco Giants



We now have 36 requests for tickets to All-SIR Day at AT&T Park for Thursday, 21 August 2008 when the SF Giants take on the Florida Marlins in a daytime baseball game. The cost is \$28 per ticket. If you haven't paid yet (and most haven't), please make out your check to either Don Palermo or Chuck Roberts as soon as possible and mail it to one of us. Alternately, you can pay one of us at the April 15th SIR Luncheon. However, that date is the absolute last time that we will be taking payments. After that, if you haven't paid, your name will be off the list. Others who haven't signed up may do so before then. Join us for a fabulous day at the park.

Don Palermo, Social Activities

<http://www.sirbranch125.org>

April Birthdays	
Name	Date
Tomix Alvaro	14
Pat Brennan	22
Gene Carson	8
Jock Carter	5
Paul Cusick	16
Tom Davis	3
Clarence Goldfinger	15
Fred Hernandez	22
Rog Hughes	17
Al Knox	7
Ed Linn	25
Bob Lopez	2
Richard Madayag	19
Ed Murphy	5
Bob Ramirez	7
Ken Redder	14
Trev Rowland	29
Ken Sohn	23
Chung Song	26
Bill Tippin	3

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT 31-Mar-08			
<u>Lou Bottini, Treasurer</u>	GENERAL	CUSTODIAL	TOTAL
BEGINNING BALANCE	726	0	726
RECEIPTS	274	0	274
DISBURSEMENTS	81	140	221
MONTHLY CHANGE	193	-140	53
ENDING BALANCE	\$919	-\$140	\$779
MEMBERSHIP	ACTIVE	196	
	INACTIVE	7	
	WAIT LIST	0	
LAST MEETING	MEMBERS	145	
	GUESTS	2	
	VISITORS	0	
	TOTAL	147	



John Feemster presents a free lunch to Paul Zwolinski for the March Birthday Drawing

Don't Forget - New Seat Reservation Rules

We need to minimize problems associated with seating at our luncheons. If you are reserving seats for friends, we ask you to adhere to the following guidelines:

1. Those placing reservation tags should follow up with their groups prior to the luncheon confirming their attendance.
2. Limit to 8 the maximum number of seats that can be tagged by a single person.
3. The restaurant will set up additional seats which cannot be reserved and are marked as such with a sign.
4. At 11:40 the Big SIR will request that all tags be removed for members that haven't shown up.
5. If you need help finding a seat contact a Greeters (Don Johnson, Wayne Stewart, or Jim Silver).

Bowling



Half way through the second half of the Monday SIR Bowling league, Lou Tarnay's team is in 1st Place (they were the 1st Half winners). Tomix Alvaro and Rich Madayag is in 6th, and Jim Silver, Pete Marrone, Chuck Waggoner and Vic Harris is 17th. (Due to a shoulder injury, Peter had to drop out of the league and has been replaced by Chuck.)

High Scores:

Lou Tarnay: 224, 226, 212, 223, 200, & 635 Series
 Jim Silver: 200, 210, 212, & 217
 Chuck Waggoner: 212

Our league bowls every Monday Morning at 9:30 AM at Cambrian Bowl. All active SIR members are encouraged to participate.

Vic Harris, Bowling Chairman

THE GOLF PAGE

THE LEADERBOARD

Presented By - Carl Vollersen & Bill Avery

5 March - Sunnyvale - 2 BEST BALL

1st Place: Bob Merritt, Jack Pease, Bill Jansen, Chuck Thompson 111
 2nd Place Henry Melin, Gene Carson, Tom Dapice, Lou Bottini 113
 3rd Place Daryl Jones, Pete Haket, Don Williams, Rob Moore 117
 (Tie) Pat Brennan, Paul Piligian, Neal Atchison, Jim Smith 117
 (Tie) Bob Goldman, Dennis Berg, Rudy Birnel, Chuck Waggoner 117
 Closest to the Pin: #4 (1 Shot) Henry Melin #7 (1 Shot) Pat Brennan
 #13 (2 Shots) Roger Danielson & #15 (2 Shots) Fred Souza
 Chuck Thompson (Birdies)

12 March - Santa Clara - 3 BEST BALL

1st Place: Fred Hernandez, Rudy Lopez, Bob Ramirez, Jim Harvey 187
 2nd Place Chuck Waggoner, Jim Smith, Don Williams, Dick Rathman 200
 3rd Place Roger Danielson, Gene Carson, Bob Merritt, John Guarino 201
 (Tie) Tom Ranweiler, Henry Melin, Bob Goldman, Bob Fraka 201
 Closest to the Pin: #6 (2 Shots) Phil Smith (Birdie) #8 (1 Shot) Tom Ranweiler
 #13 (2 Shots) Fran Andreson **(Hole-in-one!)** #17 (2 Shots) Fran Andreson

19 March - Coyote Creek - Valley - 2 BEST BALL

1st Place: Ron Cook, Jerry Davis, Tom Davis, Joe Gerarge 112
 2nd Place: Tom Ranweiler, Daryl Jones, Gene Plevyak, Henry Melin 114
 3rd Place: Fred Hernandez, Bob Ramirez, Rudy Lopez, (Bob Merritt BD) 117
 4th Place: Gene Carson, Bob Johnson, Charlie Hansen, Fred Souza 120
 (Tie) Dick Rathman, Jim Smith, Chuck Waggoner, Fran Andreson 120
 Closest to the Pin: #2 (2 Shots) Tom Davis #4 (1 Shot) Henry Melin
 #8 (1 Shot) Bob Johnson #16 (2 Shots) Dick Fenton (birdie)

26 March Aptos - 2 BEST BALL

1st Place: Tom Ranweiler, Daryl Jones, Henry Melin, Steve Donohue 119
 2nd Place Jim Light, Tom Dapice, Chung Song, Jerry Oliver 120
 3rd Place Hi-Dong Chai, Ken Sohn, Neal Atchison, Larry Peck 123
 (Tie) Bob Fraka, Al Smith, Rudy Birnel, (Greg Lynch, BD) 123
 (Tie) Tom Davis, Lou Bottini, Steve Jensen, Don Reams 123
 Closest to the Pin: #8 (1 Shot) Paul Piligian #12 (1 Shot) Gene Plevyak
 #14 (2 Shots) Roger Danielson #16 (2 Shots) Grant Beech

SIRS Players of the Month *March - 2008*

Presented By - Bob Norbutas

Flight	Name	Hcp Index	Score	Date	Net Differential Over/Under "Par"	Course
A	Melin, Henry	13.4	77	5-Mar	-5	Sunnyvale
B	Berg, Dennis	19.6	80	5-Mar	-8	Sunnyvale
C	Hernandez, Fred	21.2	84	12-Mar	-8	Santa Clara
D	Cook, Ron	23.6	86	19-Mar	-7	Coyote Creek V
E	Williams, Don	30.3	92	5-Mar	-7	Sunnyvale

Golf Players of the Month - February



L to R: Jay Pinson, Joe Gerarge, Gene Plevyak, Larry Peck, and Al Smith



Jim Noah (on left) and Phil Novac enjoy a hearty laugh after the “Cock-A-Doodle-Do!” at the end of our new member induction. Jim sponsored Phil , our newest member.



Chuck Waggoner (right) presents a certificate of appreciation to our March speaker, Joe Galiardi. Joe has what is probably the world’s largest collection of autographed golf balls. He gave a very interesting talk about his collection and some of the interesting stories about many of the golf personalities he has met.

Another Hole-In-One!



Fran Andreson achieved golf’s ultimate goal with a hole-in-one on #13 at the Santa Clara Golf Course while playing with SIR Branch 125.

How About An Eagle?

An Eagle on a par four should be just as noteworthy as a hole-in-one, but alas it just doesn’t get the same respect. Nevertheless, congratulations to Don Williams for scoring a two on the first hole at the Sunnyvale Golf Course while playing with SIR Branch 125 on March 5th.

Learn About **Rotten Robbie**

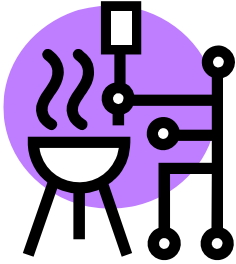
Our speaker at the April luncheon will be Tom Robinson, President of Robinson Oil Corporation. Rotten Robbie was founded in the late 1930's. The fourth generation of the Robinson family is now involved in the company’s operation. Rotten Robbie includes 34 Rotten Robbie stations and convenience stores from San Francisco to Monterey Bay.

Tom Robinson is active in state and national petroleum marketing organizations such as California Independent Oil Marketers Association (CIOMA), National Association of Convenience Stores (NACS), and Society of Independent Gasoline Marketers of America SIGMA.

Bring all your questions on gas and diesel prices!

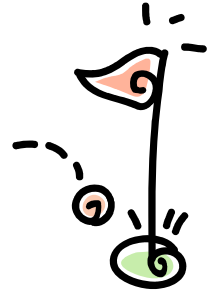
Chuck Roberts

SIR BRANCH 125 ANNUAL BARBECUE
JULY 15, 2008
SANTA CLARA ELKS CLUB



Our annual barbecue will be held at the same location as last year at the Santa Clara Elks Club, a really great location. Directions will be provided later for those who have not been there before. The barbecue will be preceded by the usual golf event, at Blackberry Farm, arranged by Saul Miano. Ladies and guests are also welcome. Check-in will be at 7:30 a.m., with a shotgun start at 8:00 a.m. The total cost per person will be \$20, which covers all fees and prizes.

The barbecue will start with a social hour at 11:00 a.m., with lunch planned for noon or shortly thereafter. Ladies are welcome again this year. There will be various card games, including bridge for the ladies, arranged by Chuck Roberts. There will also be horseshoes for those who are interested. All food and beverages are included in the ticket price (not yet determined). Chef Gene Plevyak is in charge of grilling, and John Feemster will have lots of his great baked beans. Italian sausage will be provided as hors d'oeuvres. Invite your wives or lady friends soon; tickets will go on sale at our May luncheon.



Bob Rung, Barbecue Chairman

TRAVEL WITH SIR

During the month of February the Coordinated Travel Committee selected the major trips for 2009, so PLAN AHEAD. January, April and December are still to be determined.

February: South America-Cape Horn Cruise	August: Scotland Ireland and Whales
March: Grand Circle Caribbean Cruise	Sept: China and Yangtze River
May: Mackinac Island of Michigan	Oct: Tahiti
June: Italian Lakes and Green Island	Nov: South Sea U.S. Cruise
July: Eastern Canada, Niagara to Quebec	

Major Trip Presentations for 2008 meet at Mama Mia's Restaurant, 200 E Hamilton Ave, Campbell.

Thursday, April 3, 2:00 Egyptian Odyssey, RSVP Jim (408-238-8458), Ev (408-274-0704)

Tuesday, April 8, 3:00 Vintage Trains of the America South West, RSVP Neil (831-336-2476)

Last year I attended "Beach Blanket Babylon" in San Francisco. This popular one day trip is offered annually around the first week of December. This includes a lunch one half a block from the theater. A fantastic ever changing political and current event satire with emphasis on large hats that are 10-20 feet high and worn by the performers. Sign up early in the year if you plan to attend.

Travel Hint: An incident occurred in another tour group where a couple was not allowed to board the plane due to insufficient blank pages in their passport book. This was eventually sorted out with days of delay and added expense to expedite adding the pages to the passport book and re-booking their flight. When traveling abroad, your passport book should have one blank page for every port of entry/exit with an expiration date 7 months in advance of your return date. It normally takes 3-4 weeks for the post office to modify or issue a new passport.

Happy travels. Alan Patmore, Travel Chairman

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