



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

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Big Sir: Milt Howard
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21 FEBRUARY 2006

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Message From the Big Sir

Our January speaker, Mr. Terry Christensen, presented a very interesting and informative talk on what goes in state and local politics with some of their problems. He was an outstanding speaker; wish we would have had more time.

We entered in the year with the luncheon seating problem. At our request the restaurant added an additional 20 seats to make finding a seat at the last minute a little easier, and in addition' the Little SIR Don Johnson formed a welcoming committee to help him meet and greet members and guests as they arrived. All members are invited to join Don's committee. The procedure seemed to work, as seating went smoothly. We will try this procedure again next month and if it still works, we will solve the seating problem.

Our "good weather luck" ran out on the golf group at Spring Valley. I was in the first group, and as we headed into the 17th hole the rain hit hard. The groups behind us had it tough going, but many of the not so faint hearted finished. There will be no more rain for the rest of the year! Our Golf Chairman announced that golf membership has risen to 100 Members who have joined us through NORCAL. We're still growing and going strong

Jim Silver, his membership committees, along with member support are out in front with new membership interest. There were another six guests at the January luncheon hoping to join us and more on the way. Remember if you have a guest who is interested in joining SIRs, he is entitled to join us and have a free lunch.

Hope to see all of you on the golf course and also at the February luncheon. **Milt Howard**

AREA 5 Governor GARY PELTON will be our guest at the FEBRUARY Board meeting and luncheon.

LUNCHEON COSTS: The Three Flames Restaurant has increased the luncheon cost to \$14 per lunch effective in February. As you know we only charge the actual cost of the luncheon

REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Gene	Bernardini	22
Ernie	Bostetter	21
Bo	Brezoczky	3
Don	Brown	17
Bob	Foster	18
Bob	Johnson	8
Jared	Jones	13
Bob	Mann	11
Jay	Moses	10
Don	Rosenbaum	13
Don	Rubio	9
Bob	Rung	18
Jim	Smith	23
Burnie	Stolzman	22
Elbert	Turner	17
Joe	Vargas	9
Bill	Wada	9

Chuck Waggoner, Database Manager

Treasurer's Report January 2006

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT	Jan		
	23,06		
	GENERAL	CUSTO-DIAL	TOTAL
BEGINNING BALANCE	1,640.74		
RECIEPTS	256.04	0.00	256.04
DISBURSEMENTS	801.87	100.00	901.87
MONTHLY CHANGE	-545.83	-100.00	-645.83
ENDING BALANCE			994.91
MEMBER-SHIP			
	ACTIVE	186	
	INACTIVE	5	
	WAIT	3	
LAST MEETING			
	MEMRS	137	
	GUESTS	8	
	Visit.	0	
	TOTAL	145	

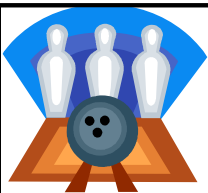
Roger Danielson, Treasurer

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SIR STATE WEBSITE:

www.sirinc.org



BOWLING

Three weeks into the second half of the current bowling season: Team 11 with Bob Shields is in 1st Place.

Team # 1 with Tony Alvaro and Rich Madayag is 6th.
 Team # 13 with Ed Linn is 4th.
 Team # 6 with Bob Hunt is 13th.
 Team # 18 with Jim Silver, Peter Morrone & Vic Harris is 19th.

HIGHLIGHTS:

Tomix Alvaro 201
 Rich Madayag 202, 219, 215, 226, a 642 series.
 Peter Morrone 204 and 205.
 Monday SIR League Bowls every Monday morning at 10:00 AM at Cambrian Bowl.

Vic Harris, Bowling Chairman

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

A. **Mini Tours:**

February we will do some wine tasting with a tour of Guglielmo Winery in Morgan Hill on Tuesday, 28 February at 10 A.M. Maps will be available at the February luncheon. Bring your wives! They have picnic facilities that we can use for your own picnic lunches. Our party is limited to 40 and sign-up sheets will be available at our February luncheon. (www.guglielmowinery.com)

B. **Cards:**

Milt Howard has arranged for us to play cards at the restaurant after lunch for an hour or two, so any of you who would like to play BRIDGE, CRIBBAGE OR PINOCHLE at the restaurant after our luncheon, please plan to do so. We'll provide all the necessary equipment so join us for a little social activity. That is what SIR is all about!

GIANTS BASEBALL: The Giants/A's ALL SIR DAY will be held at SBC Park on Wednesday **21 June** at 12:35 PM Sign up at Feb luncheon. We will try to order tickets by the end of February .

Chuck Roberts/ John Feineman



The **SIR OFFICER LINEUP FOR 2006**: Ass't Treasurer Peter Morrone, Ass't Secretary Sam Zullo, Little Sir Don Johnson, Big Sir Milt Howard, Secretary Chuck Waggoner and Treasurer Roger Danielson,



50th: Eric Hendrickson



50th: Bill Barmettler



50th: Bob Schlossareck

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FEBRUARY SPEAKER

Dr. Jay Skiles, a Sr. Research Scientist in the Ecosystem Science and Technology Branch of NASA Ames Research Center (ARC), will speak to us on "Earth System Response to Solar Power: Concerns and Projections". Dr. Skiles has conducted studies in terrestrial ecosystem modeling, world grasslands, Arctic, arid, and semiarid ecosystems and African grazing lands. His talk will show us that the concept of Space Solar Power (SSP) promises clean, uninterrupted energy for the world. An array of satellites is envisioned that will be in orbit where they will collect solar energy and beam it to the surface of the earth. Be sure to attend our luncheon to hear about this interesting topic.

Don Palermo, Program Chairman



A collage by photographer Jerry Oliver



Sid Tiedt introducing
January Speaker



POM Don Palermo received his
pin from Bob Norbutas



POM Ed Metevia received
his pin from Bob Norbutas



Birthday winner Lane Tronson
and Little Sir Don Johnson



VALENTINE'S DAY FEBRUARY 14th.
Time to plan something special



New members being inducted by Big Sir Milt Howard. Please welcome them!!

WEDNESDAY 4 JANUARY 2006 SANTA CLARA -2 BEST BALL

1st and 2nd Tie	Gene Carson, Bob Johnson, Sam Shilmover, (Wayne Stewart BD)	125
	Gene Plevyak, Greg Lynch, Carl Vollersen, (Bob Fraka BD)	125
3rd Place	Bob Goldman, Bob Fraka, Phil Olavarri, (Larry Peck BD)	126
4th Place Tie	Bob Norbutas, Tom Davis, Joe Gararge, (John Guarino BD)	127
	Bob Merritt, John Guarino, Dick Fenton, Wayne Stewart	127

Closest to the Pin: #4 (2 shots) Tom Davis #8(1 shot) Bob Goldman
 #13(2 shots) Fran Andreson (birdie) #17 (2 shots) Bob Fraka

WEDNESDAY 11 JANUARY 2006 LOS LAGOS-2 BEST BALL

1st Place	Tom Franklin, Greg Lynch, Phil Olavarri, (Gerry Maddams BD)	103
2nd Place	Ed Hirshfield, Jerry Long, Doug Wood, (Bob Norbutas BD)	112
3rd Place	Bob Norbutas, Ron Cook, Gerry Maddams, Joe Gararge	114
4th Place	Neal Atchison, Pete McErlean, Don Reams, Peter Morrone	115

Closest to the Pin #3 (1 shot) Ron Duval #5 (1 shot) Bob Norbutas
 #7 (1 shot) Benton White #16 (1 shot) Chuck Waggoner

WEDNESDAY 18 JANUARY 2006 SPRING VALLEY-2 BEST BALL

1st Place	Jerry Sanders, Chuck Waggoner, Don Williams, Jim Smith	131
2nd 3rd, 4th , Place Tie	Larry Peck, Neal Atchison, Pete McErlean, Martin Devries	133
	Bob Merritt, John Guarino, Dick Fenton, Wayne Stewart	133
	Phil Olavarri, Peter Morrone, Ed Hirshfield, Carl Vollersen	133

Closest to the Pin:#4 (1 shot) Chuck Waggoner #7 (2 shots) Tom Davis (birdie)
 #11 (2 shots) Tom Davis #16 (2 shots) Pete McErlean

WEDNESDAY 25 JANUARY 2006-COYOTE CREEK-2 BEST BALL

1st Place	Gene Carson, Sam Shilmover, Fred Souza, Jim Smith	125
2nd and 3rd Place Tie	Bob Norbutas, Joe Gerarge, Gerry Maddams, Tom Davis	128
	Bill Avery, Jerry Sanders, Carl Vollersen (Bob Norbutas BD)	128
4th Place	Ed Metevia, Don Palermo, Jerry Long, Doug Wood	129

Closest to the Pin #2 (2shots) Jerry Long #4 (1 shot) Benton White
 #8 (1 shot) Ron Duval #16 (2 shots) Bob Fraka (birdie) Jerry Sanders (birdie)

SIRS Players of the Month
January 2006

Flight	Name	Hcp Idx	Score	Date	Net Differential Over/Under "Par"	Course
A	FRAKA, BOB	6.5	67	11-Jan	-3	Los Lagos
B	WAGGONER, CHUCK	15.4	84	4-Jan	-2	Santa Clara
C	REAMS, DON	22.3	88	4-Jan	-5	Santa Clara
D	BOB RAMIREZ	27.4	103	4-Jan	3	Santa Clara
E	LYNCH, GREG	40.4	102	11-Jan	-1	Los Lagos

COMPUTER CLUB

The January Computer Club Meeting was very well attended by 16 members and 3 guests from SIR Branch 21. The guests are active in computer activities at the Cypress Senior Center and were at our meeting because they had heard about our computer club and were interested to see how we operated. John Feenster gave a good explanation of how we operate our meeting. Then Ed Metevia gave a very comprehensive discussion on backing up data in the computer and backing up the hard drive. He discussed various programs for doing this back up work. He also provided a handout titled " What You Should Know About Web Searches".

The next meeting of the Branch 125 Computer Club will be Thursday February 23, 2006 from 3 PM to 5PM. This is the Thursday following our February luncheon meeting. This meeting will be held in our usual meeting place, at the Saratoga Senior Center across from the Saratoga Post Office on Allendale Ave.

Norm Martin

2006 SIR Branch 125 Annual Barbecue

Our annual barbecue will again be held at Blackberry Farm on the **third Tuesday of July**, which is the 18th. The menu will be determined later, and tickets will go on sale in May and June. Make a note on your calendar.

Bob Rung, Special Events

SUNSHINE REPORT

Friday the 13th (Jan) Jerry Cunningham suffered a heart attack. He was rushed to Kaiser Santa Theresa and then transferred to Good Sam where he had two bypass operations and returned home on Jan. 22nd. He's expecting to return to Kaiser to get a pacemaker during the first week of February. He's eager to get back to SIRS and golf!

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We'd like to thank our members who have introduced new-member prospects at our monthly luncheon meetings - particularly after our appeal for "help" in the 2nd half of 2005.

We began 2005 with a membership of 176 and dropped to a low of 169 in May. Our membership at the end of 2005 was 179 and we will be inducting 9 new members at the January 2006 luncheon - bringing our total membership to 188. We continue to encourage members to sponsor a guest at our upcoming luncheon meetings. Any first-time guest, who is considering membership, will be entitled to a free lunch courtesy of our branch.

Thanks again.

Jim Silver/Larry Peck - Membership Committee

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