



SIR WESTGATE BRANCH 125

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 and Dignity of Retirement.*

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

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HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

Message from the Big Sir

I know you have all noticed the table just inside the door on the right which is home for the badges and the smiles and welcomes from your greeters. We warmly welcome you and your guests that you may invite. Just introduce them to the Sir greeter at the attendance table and obtain a guest badge. If your guest wants to join Sir, get him an application and have him fill it out and give it to the membership chairperson.

Your membership and support is very important to Branch 125. Please refer to page 5 in the Membership Roster. Remember membership is only as much as you put into it, so be active. You should attend all the monthly luncheon meetings and there is always a committee that could use your help and talent. We urge you to volunteer your services to Sir. Good fellowship is our major objective. Make yourself at home at the meeting by visiting with old friends. Introduce yourself to the new members or those you are not acquainted with. Participate in the activities that interest you such as golf, bowling, bridge, travel etc. Our branch will make every effort to please you and make the meeting worthwhile. Your comments are always welcome. If you would like to recommend changes or additions to our monthly luncheon meetings, please discuss this with one of the branch officers or directors. And above all, as a member of Branch 125 always enjoy yourself and the camaraderie with your fellow Sir members.

I thank our sponsors for bringing in six new members during January and I look forward to serving you as Big Sir this year.

Don Johnson

FEBRUARY SPEAKER—Katsumi Hikido

Katsumi Hikido was a veteran of the 42nd Regimental Combat Team. The all Nisei team that served heroically in Southern France and Northern Italy. Shortly after Pearl Harbor Japanese immigrants and their children were removed from their homes by the US Government and placed in internment camps in fear they would join Japan in the war against America. All Japanese on the West Coast were sent to internment camps for their own protection. The Nisei were given a 4-C classification and those already in the US Army were discharged. At their request they volunteered to serve for the US Army. Katsumi was wounded by a land mine and spent two & one-half years recovering in an Army Hospital. Katsumi will speak to us about his experiences in World War II.

REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

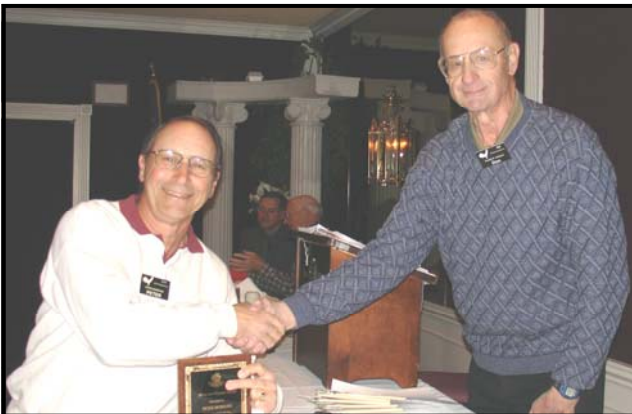
Gene Bernardini	22
Ernie Bostetter	21
Lou Bottini	24
Don Brown	17
John Figini	28 (January)
Bob Johnson	08
Jared Jones	13
Bob Mann	11
Jay Moses	10
John Pastrone	09
Don Rosenbaum	13
Bob Rung	18
Phil Smith	22
Jim Smith	23
Burnie Stolzman	22
Joe Vargas	09

Chuck Waggoner, Database Manager

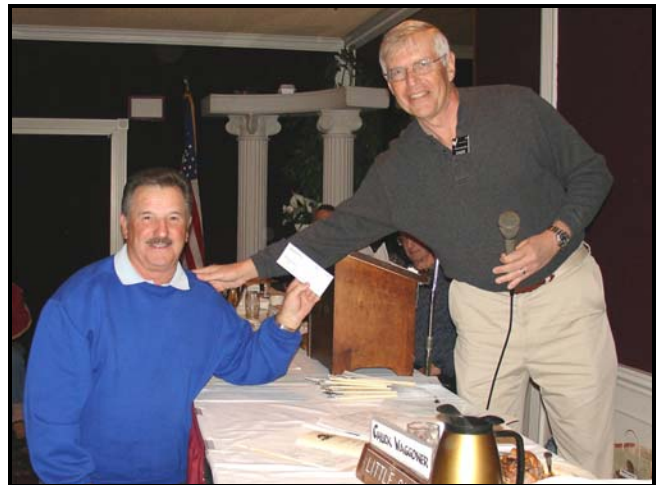
MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT		23-Jan-07	
	GENERAL	CUSTODIAL	TOTAL
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$955.06	0	\$955.06
RECEIPTS	270.00	1,716.00	1986.00
DISBURSEMENTS	737.97	1,716.00	2,453.97
MONTHLY CHANGE	-467.97	0.00	-467.97
ENDING BALANCE	487.09	0.00	487.09
MEMBERSHIP	ACTIVE	199	
	INACTIVE	4	
	WAIT LIST	1	
LAST MEETING	MEMBERS	143	
	GUESTS	2	
	VISITORS	0	
	TOTAL	145	

Roger Danielson, Treasurer

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Peter Morrone receives his "Above and Beyond Award" from Big Sir Don Johnson.



Joe Garage won the free lunch at the birthday drawing and received his check from Little Sir Chuck Waggoner



BOWLING

As of Jan 29th

Team 4 with Tomix Alvaro & Rich Madayag is in 2ND Place.

Team 15 with Ed Lodi is in 10TH Place

Team 8 with Jim Silver, Vic & Peter Morrone is in 18TH place.

Tomix Alvarado had three 200+ games and 6 500+ series. Rich Madayag had eleven 200+ games and fifteen 500+ series. Jim Silver had five 200+ games. four 500+ series & one 600+ series. Vic Harris had one 200 + game and five 500+ series. Peter Morrone had ten 200+ games, thirteen 500+ series and one 600+ series. Ed Lodi had one 200+ game and four 500+ series.

Vic Harris, Bowling Chairman

MEMBERSHIP



WOW—11 All these new members. Left to right Ranweller, Donahue, Jones, Sir Plevyak, Boudreault, Sir Ed Linn, Robertson, Sir Waggoner, Jansen, Duval . Welcome to all and congratulations to all the sponsors.

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

1. Our membership is now at 200 with a couple of prospects on the waiting list. Thanks again to the sponsors who have helped us reach our goal. We will be contacting members who have not been active to see if they would like to be reclassified — thus freeing up some membership slots.
2. In response to Suggestion Box comments regarding the difficulty some members are experiencing in their search for an unreserved seat at the monthly lunch meetings, the following procedures are being implemented:
 - A) Members are being reminded to only put down reservation cards for friends (members) who have **CONFIRMED** their attendance at that lunch meeting. The question of reservation card limits are still under discussion by our Executive Committee.
 - B) Our Big SIR will make an announcement at the lunch meeting (at 11:40 AM) requesting that all members and guests be seated and that all seat reservation cards (without lunch ticket) be removed to free-up seats for other members.
 - C) 2 end tables (16 place settings) closest to the lunch ticket sales table will have signs which state that "No Reservation Cards Permitted - Reservation By Lunch Ticket Only."
 - D) The 3 Flames Restaurant has agreed to set up 5 additional place settings over and above the attendance total called in by the Telephone Committee Chairman.
3. Members are reminded to take advantage of the ONE-TIME Federal Excise Tax Credit being offered by the IRS on 2006 returns. You get back 100% of the amount you claim on Line 71 (Form 1040) and similar line on Form 1040A. This "refund " relates to improper charging of excise tax on phone bills between 3/1/03 and 7/31/06:
Single - No Dependents - \$30; Married - Joint Return - No Children - \$40; 1 Child - \$50; 2 or more Children - \$60.

Larry Peck/ Jim Silver

GOLF EXTRA



These are the winners of the Golf Players of the Month (POM) awards for November and December

The GOLF CHAIRMAN'S FIRST ANNUAL REPORT

The branch golf program had another very successful year in 2006. We played 48 times (4 weather cancellations) on 21 golf courses. Members played a total of 1793 rounds an average of 37+ rounds per week, two more than in 2005.

At the January meeting we awarded year end prizes for the following.

- 1, Most improved flight E Gene Carson 2.7%
- 2, Most improved flight D Sam Zullo 10.4%
- 3, Most improved flight C Rudy Lopez 14.9%
- 4, Most improved flight A Tom Davis 16.1%
- 5, Most improved flight B and overall Peter Morrone 19.8%
- 6, Best scratch round relative to course rating Bob Fraka 74 at Ridgemark Diablo +3.4
- 7, Best Net round Rudy Lopez 88 at Poppy Hills -9.7
- 8, Most rounds played during year John Guarino 48 (100%).

And a special award to John Guarino for shooting his age 75 at Sunnyvale.

ROGER DANIELSON, GOLF CHAIRMAN

A very special thank you to Roger and his golf committee

**THE
SPORTS PAGE**

**THE LEADERBOARD by
Carl Vollersen & Bill Avery**

WEDNESDAY 3 JANUARY 2007-LOS LAGOS-2 BEST BALL

1st Place Pete McErlean, Larry Peck, Ken Sohn, Neal Atchison	107
2nd Place Bob Norbutas, Joe Gararge, Tom Davis, Jerry Davis	108
3rd & 4th Place Tie Roger Danielson, Peter Morrone, Daryl Jones, Carl Vollersen	110
Don Palermo, Jerry Sanders, Don Reams, Gerry OConnell	110

Closest to the Pin: #3(1 shot) Tom Davis #5(1 shot) Joe Gararge,
#7(1 shot) Bill Avery #16(1 shot) Bob Fraka

WEDNESDAY 10 JANUARY 2007-SANTA CLARA-Cha,Cha,Cha

1st Place Pete Haket, Don Reams, Ken Sohn, Jerry Sanders	125
2nd Place Sam Zullo, Fred Hernandez, Rudy Lopez, Bob Ramirez	128
3rd Place Dave Lemery, Cliff Yamaoka, Doug Woods, Jerry Long	130
4th Place Lou Tarnay, Chuck Waggoner, Dick Rathman, Jim Smith	132

Closest to the Pin: #4(2 shots) Al Smith (birdie) #8(1 shot) Don
#13(2 shots) Dick Rathman #17(2 shots) Neal Atchison

WEDNESDAY, January 17th Spring Valley 2 BEST BALL

1 ST Place (Tie) Joe Gerarge, Tom Davis, Pat Brennan, Gerry Maddams	120
Benton White, Jim Noah, Ron Duval, Bill Jansen	
2nd Place (Tie) Jon Goldsworthy, Ed Hirshfield, Bob Moore, Pat Brennan (BD)	122
Doug Wood, Jerry Sanders, Dennis Berg, Bob Fowler	

Closest to the pin: #4 Tom Davis (1-Shot) #7 Joe Gerarge, Ed Metevia, (2- Shots birdies)
#11 Martin DeVries (2-Shots) #16 Gerry Maddams (2- Shots Birdie)

WEDNESDAY 24 Jan 2007 Dublin Ranch 2 BEST BALL

1 ST Place Roger Danielson, Joe Gerarge, Tom Davis, Jerry Davis	101
2 nd Place Lou Bottini, Don Reams, Martin Devries, Steve Jensen	106
3 rd Place Gene Carson, Bob Johnson, Jon Goldsworthy, Fred Souza	107
4 th Place Dennis Stack, Cliff Yamaoka, Doug Wood, Jerry Long	108

Closest to the Pin: #6 (1 Shot) Rudy Lopez #7 (1 Shot) Bob Ramirez
#13 (1Shot) Peter Morrone #17 (1 Shot) Fred Souza.

WEDNESDAY 31 January, Coyote Creek Valley Course

1 ST Place Bob Goldman, Bob Fraka, Al Smith, Paul Piligian	51
2 nd Place Doug Wood, Jerry Long, Dick Rathmann, Jim Smith	53
3 rd & 4 th Place Tie Jim Light, Lou Tarnay, Dave Lemery, Pat Brennan	55
Roger Danielson, Ed Linn, Phil Olavarri, Gerry Maddams (blind draw)	

Closest to the Pin: #2 (2 Shot) Al Smith #4 (1 Shot) Dennis Stack
#8 (1 Shot) bob Norbutas #16 (3 shot) tie birdies Tom Davis, Bob Fraka

SIRS Players of the Month January 2007 by Bob Norbutas

Flight	Name	Hcp Idx	Score	Date	Net Differential	Course
A	Bottini, Lou	13.0	69	24-Jan	-5	Dublin Ranch
B	Davis, Jerry	17.5	74	24-Jan	-5	Dublin Ranch
C (Tie)	Zullo, Sam	20.6	80	3-Jan	-4	Los Lagos
C (Tie)	Jim Light	20.4	87	31-Jan	-4	Coyote Creek Valley
D	Yamaoka, Cliff	27.1	81	24-Jan	-7	Dublin Ranch
E	Peck, Larry	28.5	89	3-Jan	-3	Los Lagos

SIRS BRANCH 125 COMPUTER GROUP

The SIRS Computer Group had its monthly meeting Thursday 18 January '07 at the Saratoga Senior Center. John Feemster brought up a subject for those of us who may be storing data/pictures/documents etc. electronically may have a problem. Due to the continuous updating and improvement of computer hardware/software etc. by various companies to "advance- the- state- of- the- art ", we may in a few more years be unable to process/retrieve some of our personal data stored by old programs. Case in point, even today some new computers don't have slots/drivers to handle the old 3.5" Floppy Disks. In a few more years, will future updates of new operating systems (i.e. Windows VISTA) be able to process old data stored on our computers by old programs? Moreover the validity of electronic data stored on our CDs may deteriorate with age (15 -20 years ?). Another subject discussed during the meeting was the Microsoft Excel program; formatting of spreadsheets, developing formulas and entering data etc. and displaying this data on graphic charts. The date for the February' 07 meeting is yet to be decided. Computer Group members will notified by E-mail. Submit suggested agenda items to either John Feemster(feemster@sbcglobal.net), Ed Metevia (Sir-Ed@metevia.com) or John McManus (johnpaulmc@sbcglobal.net).

John McManus



The Mascot



Jay Pinson presents Certificate of Appreciation to our January Speaker, **Dr. James Brent**, Chair of the Political Science Department at San Jose State University..

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