



# SIR WESTGATE BRANCH 125

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**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 Committee Meeting 10:00 a.m.**  
**Fellowship Hour 11:00 a.m. - Lunch at noon**

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## Message From The Big Sir

We had an excellent luncheon turnout in January with 141 members and 3 guests in attendance. Raj Mathai, Sports Director for NBC 11, was our guest speaker. His style of questions and answers worked very well as nearly everyone had some interest in sports and this approach allows him to address the sport topics of interest to our members. He mentioned that the sports section on a news broadcast only amounts to about 3 minutes and asked us as individuals to send an email to the general manager recommending more coverage. He gave some of us the wrong email address with the correct one being: richard.cerussi@nbc.com.

Ken Redder was presented the 23 Year Member Anniversary Award by Jack Pease. Congratulations Ken!

As you know we fund our expenses from the voluntary contributions that are made at each luncheon. We ended 2007 with a cash balance about \$160 less than at the end of 2006. For 2008 we expect to have some additional expenses in the "free lunch" category as we have a number of 23 year member awards and we will continue to pay for the lunch of first time guests to help in recruiting new members. If you can put in an extra buck periodically it would be appreciated.

Chuck Waggoner , Big SIR

## Free Lunch?

Our Branch Executive Committee has authorized the expansion of Branch 125 to a total of 220 members. A FREE LUNCH is now being offered to any 1ST-TIME GUEST who is considering membership in our organization. Please help our expansion program by sponsoring and introducing a friend at one of our upcoming monthly meetings.

Thanks for your support.

Membership Committee (Jim Silver/  
 Larry Peck)

## Surf The Web

"SIR Happenings" is a monthly bulletin produced at the state level. Check it out by clicking on the following link or entering it into your web browser.

<http://www.sirinc.org/protected/sirhappenings/>.

Don't forget that past copies of our Branch 125 Bulletin can be viewed on the web along with lots of other helpful, interesting information. Just click on the following link or enter it into your web browser.

<http://www.sirbranch125.org/>.

## February Luncheon Speaker

Our guest speaker at the February luncheon will be Chuck Morrow. Chuck is a long-time resident of San Jose and is a retired public school administrator. He is a veteran docent at History Park, formerly known as San Jose Historical Museum. Chuck will speak about the history of San Jose.

<http://www.sirbranch125.org>

## 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).

## MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT 31-Jan-08

<u>Lou Bottini, Treasurer</u>	GENERAL	CUSTODIAL	TOTAL
BEGINNING BALANCE	793	0	793
RECEIPTS	286	0	286
DISBURSEMENTS	430	0	430
MONTHLY CHANGE	-144	0	-144
ENDING BALANCE	\$649	\$0	\$649
<b>MEMBERSHIP</b>			
	ACTIVE	197	
	INACTIVE	6	
	WAIT LIST	0	
<b>LAST MEETING</b>			
	MEMBERS	144	
	GUESTS	3	
	VISITORS	0	
	TOTAL	147	

## Lots of Birthdays!

Because we didn't have a regular luncheon meeting in December, we have a double dose of birthday boys for this Bulletin. Happy Birthday to them all!



Barrie Sullivan (left) receives a free lunch from the December birthday drawing



John Feemster presents a free lunch from the January birthday drawing to Steve Volek

## JANUARY

### NAME DATE

Bill Barmettler	24
Lou Bottini	31
Charles Carroll	20
Ed Cronin	17
John Figini	28
Joe Gerarge	9
Ed Hirshfield	07
Bill Jansen	31
Irv Kobsa	07
Don Reams	3
Rod Rodrigues	16
Tom Schatzel	23
Gerry Soroka	2
Dennia Stack	11
Chuck Thompson	5
Lane Tronson	30
Steve Volek	26
Harry Warne	1
George Watson	30

## DECEMBER

### NAME DATE

Rudy Birnel	8
Adnan Daoud	23
Al Friebel	25
Dave Lemery	13
Ed Lewis	6
Phil Olavarri	19
Jack Pease	12
Steve Pinn	1
Lupe Portillo	12
Bob Shields	20
Tom Standifur	10
Bob Stephens	5
Barrie Sullivan	6

## Social Activities Suggestions?

If you have any ideas regarding what would make a nice social excursion in the Bay Area, please contact Don Palermo, Social Activities Chairman, or Jack Feinman.

# THE GOLF PAGE

## THE LEADERBOARD

Presented By - Carl Vollersen & Bill Avery

### 2 January DUBLIN RANCH - 2 BEST BALL

1st Place:	Charlie Hanson, Steve Donohue, Greg Lynch, Jim Light	105
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Jerry Davis, Tom Davis, Ron Cook, (BD) Doug Wood	106
(Tie)	Pat Brennan, Dave Lemery, Doug Wood, Jerry Long	
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	Sam Zullo, Rudy Lopez, Fred Hernandez, (BD) Steve Donohue	110
<u>Closest to the Pin:</u>	#6 (1 Shot) Pat Brennan	#7 (1 Shot) Fred Hernandez
	#13 (1 Shot) Bob Norbutas	#16 (1 Shot) Tom Davis

### 9 January LOS LAGOS - 2 BEST BALL

1st Place:	Jerry Davis, Joe Gerarge, Ron Cook, Bob Norbutas	111
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Doug Wood, Jerry Long, Roger Danielson, Peter Morrone	114
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Tom Ranweiler, Daryl Jones, Bill Avery, Henry Melin	115
(Tie)	Neal Atchison, Larry Peck, Jerry Sanders, Don Reams	
<u>Closest to the Pin:</u>	#4 (1 Shot) Fred Hernandez	#5 (1 Shot) Grant Beech
	#7 (1 Shot) Sam Zullo	#16 (1 Shot) Henry Melin

### 16 January SANTA CLARA - 2 BEST BALL (1 Orange)

1st Place:	Gerry Maddams, Joe Gerarge, Bob Norbutas, Grant Beech (BD)	132
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Bob Fraka, Al Smith, Bob Goldman, Bill Jansen	136
2 <sup>nd</sup> (Tie)	Henry Melin, Tom Ranweiler, Daryl Jones, Gene Plevyak	
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	Sam Zullo, Rudy Lopez, Fred Hernandez, Bob Ramirez	137
4 <sup>th</sup> (Tie)	Grant Beech, Bob Johnson, Gene Carson, Chuck Waggoner (BD)	
<u>Closest to the Pin:</u>	#4 (2 Shots) John Guarino (Birdie)	#8 (1 Shot) Chuck Waggoner (Birdie)
	#13 (2 Shots) Henry Melin (Birdie)	#17 (2 Shots) Joe Gerarge, Tom Ranweiler Chuck Waggoner (Birdies)

### 23 January SPRING VALLEY - 2 BEST BALL

1st Place:	Tom Ranweiler, Rudy Lopez, Fred Hernandez, Greg Lynch	121
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Phil Olivarri (BD) Bob Goldman, Bob Fraka, Al Smith	129
	Don Reams, Martin Devries, Dennis Berg, Steve Jensen	
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	Pete McErlean, John Guarino, Bob Merritt, Roger Danielson	132
<u>Closest to the Pin:</u>	#4 (1 Shot) Dennis Berg	#7 (2 Shots) Bob Merritt, Tom Davis (Birdies)
	#11 (2 Shots) Fred Hernandez	#16 (2 Shots) Bob Goldman

### 30 January COYOTE CREEK - VALLEY -2 BEST BALL

1st Place:	Charlie Hanson, Tom Ranweiler, Gene Plevyak, (Gene Carson B.D.)	121
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Fred Hernandez, Rudy Lopez, Greg Lynch, (Tom Ranweiler B.D.)	122
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Gerry OConnell, Bob Goldman, Bob Fraka, Al Smith	123
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	Pat Brennan, Dave Lemery, Bob Norbutas, Gerry Maddams	124
<u>Closest to the Pin:</u>	#2 (2 Shots) Peter Marrone	#4 (1 Shot) Bob Norbutas
	#8 (1 Shot) Roger Danielson	#16 (2 Shots) Bob Norbutas

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# THE GOLF PAGE (cont.)

## SIRS Players of the Month *January - 2008*

Presented By - Bob Norbutas

Flight	Name	Hcp Index	Score	Date	Net Differential Over/Under "Par"	Course
A	John Guarino	11.5	78	5-Dec	-2	Sunnyvale
B	Chuck Waggoner	16.6	78	5-Dec	-7	Sunnyvale
C	Jim Light	20.1	84	5-Dec	-5	Sunnyvale
D	Jerry Long	28.3	93	5-Dec	-4	Sunnyvale
E	Bill Jansen	30.2	92	19-Dec	-1	Los Lagos

### Golf Summary for 2007

The golf group played all 52 weeks in 2007. Not counting Moffett Field, the two gold country trips, or the BBQ Picnic golf, we played 2269 rounds. That's an average of 44.5 golfers each week; in 2006 the average was 37.

#### Special Accomplishments:

John Guarino Most Rounds Played (50)  
 Bob Fraka Lowest Gross Score\* +4.4 (75) at Santa Clara  
 Jerry Oliver Lowest Net\* -11.4 (89) at Spring Valley  
 \*(Low Gross & Net relative to course difficulty)



L to R: Pat Brennan, John Guarino, Dick Rathman, Bob Fraka, Bob Goldman, Jerry Oliver, Sam Zullo  
 Not shown: Chuck Thompson

#### Most Improved Golfers:

Flight A	Pat Brennan	17.9%
Flight B	Jerry Davis	9.1%
Flight C	Sam Zullo	14.6%
Flight B	Bob Goldman	12.3%
Flight E	Chuck Thompson	9.1%

### Golf Players of the Month November



L to R: Bob Merritt, Ron Cook, Sam Zullo, Jerry Maddams. Not Shown: Chuck Thompson

### Golf Players of the Month - December



L to R: Jim Light, Bill Jansen, John Guarino Far Right: Chuck Waggoner. Not shown: Jerry Long



## Bowling



At the end of the first half of the season, Lou Tarnay's team was tied with the Jim Silver/Pete Marrone/Vic Harris team. After head-to-head competition Lou's team prevailed, but was tied with another team. A one game roll-off was won by Lou's team. The Silver/Marrone/Harris team finished in 3rd place.

After the 1st week of the second half, the Silver/Marrone/Harris team is in a six-way tie for 2nd place along with the Tomix Alvaro/Rich Madayag team. Lou Tarnay's team is in a six-way tie for fourth. High scores in the second half include Jim Silver (212), Pete Marrone (203 & 209), and Rich Madayag (203).

The SIR League is composed of eighteen teams represented by many local SIR Branches. We bowl every Monday morning at 9:30 at Cambrian Bowl. All active San Jose area SIR members are welcome to participate. Just stop in and sign up.

**Vic Harris, Bowling Chairman**

## A Very Special Award



Ken Redder (left) receives a special award from Jack Pease in recognition of more than twenty three years as a member of Branch 125.

## Fiftieth Wedding Anniversaries



Paul Cusick (left) holds a certificate honoring 50 years of marriage to his wife, Norine.

On the right Bob Nelson shows the 50-year Anniversary certificate presented for him and his wife Darleen.



## Amazing Shot!



Most golfers play for years without achieving the ultimate goal - a hole-in-one. Well Peter Marrone did just that when our SIR golf group was playing at the Los Lagos golf course on January 9th. Using a six-iron, Peter aced the 145 yard 8th hole!

Jerry Sanders captured the moment in this photo. Congratulations Peter!

## Put ICE In Your Phone

If you are found alone and unconscious because of an accident or serious medical problem, it is becoming common practice today for public safety officials to look in your cell phone to see if you have a contact listing for "ICE" ("In Case of Emergency"). Simply make an entry for someone named "ICE" and include a phone number to be called in case of an emergency. Include additional entries and phone numbers for "ICE1", "ICE2", etc if you want to include more than one emergency contact. For each ICE name entry include an indication of the name and relation of the person to be called, e.g., "ICE.Pat.Wife"

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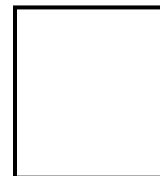
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**Good Humor - (A Good Laugh Is Good For Your Health)**

A man and his wife are sitting in the living room and he says to her:

"Just so you know, I never want to live in a vegetative state dependent on some machine. If that ever happens, just pull the plug."

His wife gets up and unplugs the TV.

A woman came home, screeching her car into the driveway, and ran into the house. She slammed the door and shouted at the top of her lungs, "Honey, pack your bags. I won the lottery!"

The husband said, "What should I pack, beach stuff or mountain stuff?"

"Doesn't matter," she said. "Just pack your bags and get out."

Marriage is a relationship in which one person is always right, and the other is a husband.

A husband and wife go to a counselor after 37 years of marriage.

The counselor asks them what the problem is and the wife goes into a tirade listing every problem they have ever had in the 37 years they've been married. She goes on and on and on.

Finally, the counselor gets up, walks around the desk, embraces the wife and kisses her passionately. The woman shuts up and sits quietly in a daze.

The counselor turns to the husband and says, "This is what your wife needs at least three times a week. Can you do this?"

The husband thinks for a moment and replies, "Well, I can drop her off here on Mondays and Wednesdays, but on Fridays, I golf."