



# SIR WESTGATE BRANCH 125

17 FEBRUARY 2009

**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**

**State President** Dave Reiser  
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## A Message The New SIR State President

(The following message is for all present and past State Officers, Branch Officers and Members from the new SIR State President, David Reiser.)

At our January State Board meeting we approved a program titled LEADERSHIP ACTION PLAN (LAP). This program did not materialize out of thin air. It came about because we have dedicated, concerned members, who put in countless hours of research which produced statistics, charts and graphs which gave us for the first time the reason some of our Branches are failing. It also gave us the reason some Branches are successful.

The LAP was approved by the State Board as a voluntary program on the part of the Branch. They do not have to participate if they do not want to. I would, however, encourage Branches to take advantage of a very generous offer by some committee members who have agreed to help participating Branches. They will help gather information that will assess the health of the Branch. Based on that information there will be recommendations to help the Branch maintain and grow their membership.

The Committee will be able to give the Branch an honest evaluation. It does not matter whether a Branch is large or small. Every Branch is important and our goal is to help all Branches in any way we can. More detailed information will be forthcoming very shortly.

You will notice that I included Members in my salutation. In the final analysis Members (with a capital M) are the key to eventual success.

Best wishes for a successful year.

David M. Reiser, President, SIRinc

## Homicide Cold Case Investigator

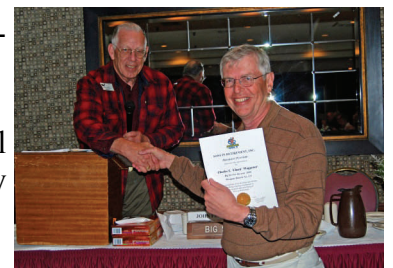
Our speaker for the February lunch is Ron Bruess, a Detective for the Santa Clara County Sherriff's Office. Detective Bruess is currently the sole Cold Case Homicide Detective in his agency. There are currently more than 150 unsolved homicide cases dating back to 1948 within the Sherriff's Office jurisdiction. Since his assignment to the Cold Case Unit in 2006, Detective Bruess has solved six homicide cases resulting in four convictions with two cases pending trial.

## Special Awards



Don Brown, on the left, received an award commemorating 20 years as a member of Branch 125.

Chuck Waggoner, on the right, received a special SIR President's Award in recognition for his many contributions to Branch 125 as our Big SIR for 2008.





### Bowling

One fourth of the way through the second half of the season Bill Jansen's team is in a four way tie for 3rd place. The Silver/Waggoner/Harris team is 8th; Lou Tarnay's team is 11th; and the Alvaro/Madayag team is 15th

#### High Scores:

Lou Tarnay 214, 225, 215 667, 684  
242, 257  
Jim Silver 206, 216  
Chuck Waggoner 221, 224  
Vic Harris 206  
Rich Madayag 224

The League bowls every Monday at 9:30 at Cambrian Bowl. Open to all active SIR members in SIR areas 5 & 20. Just drop in and join up.

**Vic Harris, Bowling Chairman**

### MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT 31-Jan-09

	GENERAL	CUSTODIAL	TOTAL
BEGINNING BALANCE	882	1,259	2,141
RECEIPTS	211	1,750	1,961
DISBURSEMENTS	734	1,750	2,484
MONTHLY CHANGE	-523	0.00	-523
ENDING BALANCE	\$359	\$1,259	\$1,618
<b>MEMBERSHIP</b>			
ACTIVE		183	
INACTIVE		13	
WAIT LIST		0	
<b>LAST MEETING</b>			
MEMBERS		125	
GUESTS		0	
VISITORS		0	
TOTAL		125	

### Lots of Golf Awards!

Roger Danielson, our Golf Chairman, presented several awards at our January luncheon.

The match play for the Handicap Golf Club Championship is completed. Grant Beech defeated Larry Peck in the final match. Lou Bottini and Jon Goldsworthy were in contention until the semifinals, and each received a gift certificate for their reward. Eliminated in the quarter finals and receiving a crying towel were: Steve Jensen, Don Williams, Steve Pinn and Jerry Sanders.

Most rounds played in 2008: Bob Fraka (48 rounds)

#### Most Improved Golfers - 2008

<u>Flight</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Index Improvement</u>
A	Rudy Birnel	-4.7 %
B	Fred Souza	14.3%
C	Dennis Berg	16.0 %
D	Ron Cook	16.8%
E	Bill Jansen	16.8%

### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Don Brown	17
Bob Rung	18
Joe Vargas	9
Jay Moses	10
Burnie Stolzman	22
Jim Smith	23
Don Rosenbaum	13
Gene Bernardini	22
Bob Mann	11
John Pastrone	9
Phil Smith	22
Ron Bottini	24
Daryl Jones	20
Dave Robertson	20

### Did You Know?

In 1974 Sam Snead finished 3rd at the PGA Championship and 2nd at the Los Angeles Open -- No ordinary feat considering he was 62 years old at the time.

Woodrow Wilson is known as the most avid golfer of any U.S. President. He was known to play six rounds in a given week -- in any type of weather. In winter, he used red golf balls so he could find them in the snow. His caddie was required to carry a flashlight for rounds played in the evening. He once played a match that did not end until 5 a.m.

#### PGA Money Leaders:

1955	Julius Boros	\$63,121
1965	Jack Nicklaus	\$140,752
1975	Jack Nicklaus	\$298,149
1985	Curtis Strange	\$542,321
1995	Greg Norman	\$1,654,959
2005	Tiger Woods	\$10,628,024

# THE GOLF PAGE

## THE LEADERBOARD

Presented By - Carl Vollersen & Bill Avery

### 7 January DUBLIN RANCH -2 BEST BALL

1st Place: Ron Cook, Ron Handley, Jerry OConnell, Barrie Sullivan 109  
 (Tie) Henry Melin, Tom Ranweiler, Daryl Jones, Gene Plevyak 109  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Jerry Davis, Joe Gerarge, Tom Davis, Bob Norbutas 110  
 4<sup>th</sup> Place Dave Grant, Pat Brennan, Dave Lemery, (Tom Davis BD) 112  
Closest to the Pin: #6 (1 Shot) Tom Ranweiler #7 (1 Shot) Chuck Waggoner  
 #13 (1 Shot) Daryl Jones #17 (1 Shot) Charlie Hanson

### 14 January COYOTE CREEK (VALLEY) -2 BEST BALL

1st Place: Cliff Yamaoka, Chuck Thompson, Phil Olavarri, Ed Hirshfield 114  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Dave Grant, Pat Brennan, Dave Lemery, Daryl Jones 115  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Tom Ranweiler, Henry Melin, Doug Wood, Jerry Long 116  
 4<sup>th</sup> Place Dick Rathman, Chuck Waggoner, Jim Smith, Wayne Stewart 123  
 (Tie) Don Palermo, Gene Plevyak, Charlie Hanson, Fred Hernandez 123  
Closest to the Pin: #4 (1 Shot) Ed Hirshfield #2 (2 Shots) Daryl Jones  
 #8 (1 Shot) Jim Smith #16 (1 Shot) Henry Melin

### 21 January LOS LAGOS -2 BEST BALL

1st Place: Lou Bottini, Martin Devries, Grant Beech, Steve Bauman 104  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Chuck Thompson, Tom Ranweiler, Sam Zullo, Gene Plevyak 113  
 (Tie) Dick Rathman, Jim Smith, Chuck Waggoner, Don Williams 113  
 (Tie) Hi-Dong Chai, Charlie Hanson, Roger Hughes, (Roger Danielson BD) 113  
Closest to the Pin: #3 (1 Shot) Joe Gerarge #5 (1 Shot) Jim Smith  
 #7 (1 Shot) Jim Light #16 (1 Shot) Bob Fraka

### 28 January SANTA CLARA -2 BEST BALL

1st Place: Jerry Davis, Joe Gerarge, Ron Cook, Ron Handley 120  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Steve Pinn, Bob Fowler, Dennis Berg, Jim Harvey 121  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Dave Grant, Daryl Jones, Henry Melin, Cliff Yamaoka 125  
 4<sup>th</sup> Place Charlie Hanson, Ken Rose, Sam Zullo, Carl Vollersen 128  
 4<sup>th</sup> Place Bob Norbutas, Jerry Long, Doug Wood, Jim Light 128  
Closest to the Pin: #4 (2 Shots) Jim Harvey #8 (1 Shot) Gene Plevyak  
 #13 (2 Shots) Grant Beech #17 (2 Shots) Steve Pinn (Birdie)

## SIRS Players of the Month *January - 2009*

Presented By - Bob Norbutas

Flight	Name	Hcp Index	Score	Date	Net Differential Over/Under "Par"	Course
A	Jerry Sanders	15.0	82	28-Jan	-4	Santa Clara
B	Jon Goldsworthy	17.2	78	21-Jan	-3	Los Lagos
C	Chuck Waggoner	19.7	84	28-Jan	-6	Santa Clara
D	Plevyak, Gene	24.0	85	21-Jan	-2	Los Lagos
E	Wood, Doug	34.7	100	14-Jan	-5	Coyote Creek V

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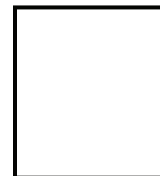
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### **Travel With SIR**

#### **COMPLETED TRIPS FOR THE MONTH**

"Beach Blanket Babylon" was attended by 47 participants on December 10 which included a lunch in San Francisco. Beach Blanket is always a sell out with all the on stage tall hats and political and social comment. With our new president you might want to plan for the 2009 annual trip since the "Blanket" performance is always a commentary on current events.

"Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands" completed a 10 day tour, December 13-22 with 13 participants. The trip started by landing in Quito and visiting Equatorial Monument, Museum of History and the Market Place. Price of all items and souvenirs was a bargain and in American dollars. Next was flying to the Galapagos Islands which include much of the local wild life of sea lions, turtles, iguanas, and many exotic rare birds including the "blue footed boobies". Most of the wild life is tame to visitors with close up encounters for all. The trip concluded with a four night cruise on the "M/Y Coral II" Mega Yacht with a total of 20 passengers, great food, sight seeing and scuba diving.

#### **NEW TRAVEL BROCHURES**

"Patti Page" trip and performance is scheduled for June 30 to July 1, 2009 at the Grand Sierra Ballroom, Reno Nevada. This includes a 3 hour stop over at the Nugget casino with a \$5 cash bonus. Check in at the Grand Sierra Ballroom includes a \$6 food credit and a \$10 cash ticket. The last day includes a 3 hour casino stop over at the Grand Sierra Resort with a \$5 cash bonus.

#### **TOUR INFORMATION**

The following tour presentations are scheduled for 3:00 at Mama Mia's Restaurant at 200 E. Hamilton Avenue, Campbell. Please RSVP the assigned escorts for attendance.

- "Mackinac Island" rescheduled for Monday, February 9th
- "Authentic Ireland" Tuesday, February 10th
- "Discover Quebec by Rail" Tuesday, February 17th
- Trip Changes: Savannah and Charleston trip has been rescheduled from April 14-21 to April 28-May5.

Check the latest monthly Areas 5 & 20 Travel Bulletin for any changes.

HAPPY TRAVELS, Alan Patmore, Travel Chairman