



SIR WESTGATE BRANCH 125

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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

It's that time of year again when we elect a new slate of officers for next year. We have had our nominating committee working on this for the last couple of months and they have selected an excellent slate of nominees for 2009. The actual election of officers will be held at the August luncheon. Additional nominees maybe made from the floor but these nominees must signify their agreement to accept the office if elected. Voting for Branch Officers shall be by secret ballot. However, for any office for which there is but one nominee, voting may be by voice or by a show of hands.

The slate of nominees for 2009 is as follows:

Big SIR	John Feemster	Director	Chuck Waggoner
Little SIR	Sam Zullo	Director	Don Johnson
Secretary	Jim Light	Director	Pat Brennan
Assistant Sec.	Don Williams	Director	Peter Morrone
Treasurer	Lou Bottini	Director	Jerry Oliver
Assistant Treas.	Dick Rathmann	Director	Jim Smith

Chuck Waggoner Big SIR

SIR BRANCH 125 ANNUAL BARBECUE -- Tuesday, July 15, 2008 - Santa Clara Elks Club

Remember - there is no luncheon at the Three Flames in July. Instead, you should plan on attending our annual barbecue at the Santa Clara Elks Club. If you don't yet have tickets, call Bob Shields at (408) 268-4975. Tickets are \$20 per person; wives and other guests are welcome. You will get tri-tip steak, baked beans, coleslaw, Italian sausage, French bread, chips, draft beer, red and white wine, soft drinks and water, plus coffee in the early morning. Social hour begins about 11 a.m., and lunch will be at 12 to 12:30, depending on when the golfers arrive.

Saul Miano is organizing golf at Blackberry Farm before the barbecue, for \$20 per player. Call Saul at (408) 395-0377 if you want to golf and haven't yet signed up. Other games, such as horseshoes, may also be available.

The address of the Santa Clara Elks Club is 1680 Martin Avenue, Santa Clara. For many, the easiest approach will be north on Scott Blvd, which begins at Saratoga Ave. After Monroe Street, Scott goes over the railroad tracks on a concrete bridge; Martin Avenue is the next street. Turn right on Martin and go about one block; the Elks Club is on the right side of Martin; park in the lot in front of the Elks; the SIR entrance will be indicated with a sign. If you are a helper, plan to arrive just after 9:30 a.m. Helpers are needed for covering tables, setting up the serving lines, serving beverages and preparing beans, coleslaw, and other foods, and serving food on the serving lines. If you would like to help, please see to me at the barbecue or call me at (408) 867-9254.

Bob Rung, Chairman

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Bowling



After 4 weeks, 1/4 of the way into the summer season, Lou Tarnay's team is in 1st place. Jim Silver, Chuck Waggoner, and Vic Harris's team is 4th; Tomix Alvaro and Rich Madayag's team is 10th; and Bill Jansen's team is 11th.

High scores so far in the season:

Lou Tarnay	278, 205	649 series
Tomix Alvaro	202	
Rich Madayag	206	
Chuck Waggoner	205, 202, 201	
Vic Harris	220	601 series

Vic Harris, Bowling Chairman

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT 31 May 2008

<u>Lou Bottini, Treasurer</u>	GENERAL	CUSTODIAL	TOTAL
BEGINNING BALANCE	978	760	1738
RECEIPTS	237	2818	3055
DISBURSEMENTS	-155	-1778	-1933
MONTHLY CHANGE	82	1040	1122
ENDING BALANCE	\$1060	\$1800	\$2860
MEMBERSHIP			
	ACTIVE	194	
	INACTIVE	7	
	WAIT LIST	0	
LAST MEETING			
	MEMBERS	125	
	GUESTS	2	
	VISITORS	0	
	TOTAL	127	



John Feemster presents a free lunch to Bob Merritt for the June Birthday Drawing

July Birthdays

John Bozek	12	Jim Kiel	11
Bill Daniher	20	Jim Manning	5
Lee DiFilippi	16	Paul Myers	2
Steve Donohue	24	Jim Noah	28
Pete Haket	18	Bob Norbutas	15
Steve Jensen	2	Jim Silver	15
Dan Kaelin	14	Sam Zullo	9



Mike Magierski (left) introduces Jackson Gibbons at our June luncheon.

SIR Of The Month

Jackson Gibbons has been designated as our SIR of the Month for July, 2008. Jackson, a native Californian, was born in San Francisco in 1933. He joined the Navy after graduating from Balboa High School in San Francisco and served 3 1/2 years at Pearl Harbor and San Diego. He worked at Rotten Robbie during his college years at Oakland Junior College, and Cal State University at Humboldt. After college, he worked for seven years as a contractor building golf courses. He then worked for Red Lake Labs from '65-'71 and at Watkins Johnson from '71-'80.

He has been an avid golfer for many years. He was City Champion while at Balboa, was a member of a Champion US Navy team, a 3-time Watkins Johnson champion, and SIR State Champion in '86.

Jackson has been married to his wife Sue for over 46 years. They have a daughter and two sons and two grandchildren.

Jackson has served as Little SIR and Big SIR for Branch 125.

In Memoriam

**Wally Byron
Gene Carson
Chuck Wilson**

With great sadness we report the passing of three of our fellow SIRs. Our condolences go out to their families.

GOLF LEADERBOARD

Presented By - Carl Vollersen & Bill Avery

4 June - Pajaro Valley - 2 BEST BALL

1 st Place:	Daryl Jones, Tom Ranweiler, Gene Plevyak, Steve Donohue	120
2 nd Place:	Dave Lemery, Pat Brennan, Gene Carson, Steve Pinn	121
3 rd Place:	Jon Goldsworthy, Bill Shaddle, Cliff Yamaoka, Dennis Stack	122
(Tie)	Larry Peck, Neal Atchison, Jerry Sanders, Bob Hunt	122
(Tie)	Charlie Hanson, Rudy Birnel, Jim Light, Carl Vollersen	122

Closest to the Pin: #3 (2 Shots) Gene Carson #7 (1 Shot) Bob Fraka
#11 (2 Shots) Bob Norbutas #14 (2 Shots) Lou Bottini

11 June - Sunnyvale - 2 BEST BALL

1 st Place:	Dick Rathman, Chuck Waggoner, Don Williams, Bill Avery (BD)	111
2 nd Place:	Sam Zullo, Charlie Hanson, Bob Fowler, John Carter	112
3 rd Place:	Bob Goldman, Bob Fraka, Al Smith, Bill Jansen	114
(Tie)	Ed Metevia, Don Palermo, Bill Shaddle, Jon Goldsworthy	114

Closest to the Pin: #4 (1 Shot) Chuck Waggoner #7 (1 Shot) Chuck Waggoner
#13 (2 Shots) Phil Sumner #15 (2 Shots) Bob Merritt, Tom Ranweiler (Birdie)

18 June - Shoreline - 2 BEST BALL

1 st Place:	Gene Carson, Hi-Dong Chai, Steve Pinn, Jerry Cunningham	113
2 nd Place:	Bill Avery, Tom Davis, Bob Norbutas, Joe Gerarge	119
3 rd Place:	Dave Lemery, Pat Brennan, Ed Metevia, Don Palermo	119
4 th Place	Roger Danielson, Bob Merritt, John Guarino, Paul Piligian	121

Closest to the Pin: #4 (1 Shot) Bob Fraka #8 (2 Shots) Bob Ramirez (Birdie)
#11 (1 Shot) Bob Norbutas #17 (2 Shots) Bob Merritt

25 June - Santa Clara - 2 BEST BALL

1st Place:	Dave Grant, Larry Peck, Don Williams, Doug Wood	111
2 nd Place:	Cliff Yamaoka, Dennis Stack, Wayne Stewart, Jim Light	117
3rd Place	Neal Atchison, Steve Donohue, Bill Avery, Fred Souza	122
4th Place	Henry Melin, Ron Duval, Jim Noah, John Guarino	123

Closest to the Pin: #4 (2 Shots) Roger Danielson #8 ((1 Shot) John Guarino
#13 (2 Shots) Don Palermo #17 (1 Shot) Ron Duval

SIRS Golf Players of the Month June - 2008

Presented By - Bob Norbutas

Flight	Name	Hcp Index	Score	Date	Net Diff. Over/Under "Par"	Course
A	Tom Davis	13.4	80	18-Jun	-4	Shoreline
B	Bob Gibbons	19.0	85	25-Jun	-5	Santa Clara
C	Bill Avery	23.5	89	25-Jun	-5	Santa Clara
D	Larry Peck	27.8	94	18-Jun	-5	Shoreline
E	Don Williams	31.7	100	25 Jun	-3	Santa Clara

Social Activities

The visit to the Military Vehicle Technology Foundation ("Tank Farm") in Portola Valley on 28 June was very interesting and informative as we were told about the 260 or more tanks, armored vehicles, SCUD missile launchers, and assorted military vehicles dating from WWI to the first Gulf War, along with many anecdotes about the owner and the acquisition of the collection. Unfortunately, of the 32 Br. 125 people who signed up for the tour, only four (besides my wife and I) actually showed up, including the Big Sir. Too bad a lot of people missed out on a good tour.

Another absolutely free tour is available for those interested in marine life research. The Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute (MBARI) is having an open house on Saturday, July 19th, 12PM-5PM at 7700 Sandholdt Road, Moss Landing, CA. There will be scientific displays and various presentations. The MBARI research ships will be at the dock although the public may not board the ships due to Homeland Security reasons. Don Palermo

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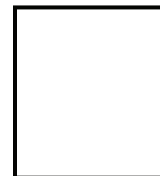
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Travel With SIR

The "SIR 50th Anniversary Hawaii Tour" was completed on April 3-12 with approximately 300 participants. There were two nights at the Hilton Honolulu with Luau and entertainment. Four islands were cruised on the NCL'S Pride of America. A shipboard party was held and well attended with excellent food, entertainment and good weather.

"Springtime in Yosemite" was completed on April 25 to May 1 with 37 participants. Weather was great with good food and wine party at the Yosemite Lodge.

On May 10, fifty two participants attended the Bay Meadows horse races which included an excellent buffet lunch. The track is scheduled for demolition in September. Bob Shields and his family are currently on the Baltic Heritage Cruise. Through June, 8 trips have been completed with 18 more planned for the remaining year.

The Lima, Cuzco, Machu Picchu trip in January 2009 has been canceled.

A tour to Tahiti is in the planning stages for the month of October.

Correction for the SIR monthly "Travel Bulletin": "Vintage Trains of America" should read September 14 to 23, 2008 (per the revised travel brochure).

The following major tour brochures are available for 2009: "Fourteen Night Caribbean Island Cruise" on March 12-27 and "Savannah and Charleston" on April 14-21. Other coming attraction for 2009: "Napa Wine Train" on February 14; "Grand Canyon" tour in February; "Italian Lakes and Greek Islands" tour for 12 days in January; "Scotland, Ireland, Wales" tour in August.

Happy travels, Alan Patmore, Travel Chairman

Computer Group

On June 19th, Jim Light spoke to our computer group about how to do genealogy research on a personal computer. He outlined some programs (Family Tree Maker, etc.) that can be used to search various sources of data (Federal Census, church records, etc.). Because of a shortage of time and the amount of interest shown by the group, Jim's presentation will be continued at the group's August meeting.

Free Lunch?

We are still looking for more new 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.

Membership Committee.
(Jim Silver/Larry Peck)