



SIR WESTGATE BRANCH 125

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*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 AM

FELLOWSHIP HOUR 11:00 AM - LUNCH AT NOON

BRANCH OFFICERS

Big Sir: Milt Howard
Little Sir: Don Johnson
Secretary: Chuck Waggoner
Asst. Secretary: Sam Zullo
Treasurer: Roger Danielson
Asst. Treasurer: Peter Morrone

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Tom Franklin
Ernie Gifford
Ed Hirshfield
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Jay Pinson
Wayne Stewart

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Area 5 Governor Gary Pelton

20 JUNE 2006

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

Message From the Big Sir

Participation is the key to success in most endeavors. It is also one of the best ways to keep your association with the Sirs alive and avoid stagnation. Your involvement as a Branch Officer will give you the opportunity to put in your new and fresh ideas to make our Branch even better. Now is the time to nominate our new Branch Officers for next year. Our past Big SIR; Wayne Stewart will head up the nominating committee. If you would like to be nominated to one of these positions now is the time to jump in; Give Wayne a call and make your wishes known. Serving as a Branch Officer is a very rewarding experience. The names of the Branch Officers nominees will be published in the July Bulletin. The election of the new officers will be held at the August Luncheon.

TRAVEL HIGHLIGHT

The 50th anniversary of SIR is going to be celebrated on a 17-day round trip cruise between San Francisco and Hawaii in September, 2008. NO FLYING! Bulletins are available on the travel table with all the details. Cabin selection in each category will be available on a first-come, first-served basis, so get your reservation in early. For further information or brochures, contact Bob Shields at 268-4975. Milt

JUNE SPEAKER: "Learning doesn't stop just because you are retired!"

Brendan Rawson is Director of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UC Extension in Cupertino. He is a graduate of Santa Clara University and holds a Masters Degree in Public Policy from UC Berkeley.

John Trudeau, Ph.D. is Director of New Programs at UC Extension in Cupertino. He holds graduate degrees in both physics and psychology. He has done research in quantum electronics, molecular dynamics, and nuclear medicine applications in psychology.

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at UC Extension in Cupertino is a learning community established to meet the educational interests of adults 55 and over. The program offers older adults more than 60 short courses each year in the humanities, natural sciences, history, current events, literature, and much more. Today there are more than 70 Osher Institute programs at Universities across the nation and more are being added each year.

REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

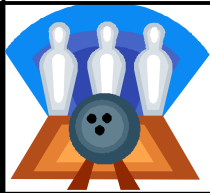
Cal	Coran	9
Vic	Harris	26
Eric	Hendrickson	12
Roy	Huemoeller	6
Frank	Lovoi	29
Bob	Merritt	16
Rob	Moore	14
Scott	Norwood	24
Jay	Pinson	23
Bob	Ramonda	2
Carl	Vollersen	16

Chuck Waggoner, Database Manager



Sports writer **Tim Kawakami** of the San Jose Mercury - News brought us up to date on the sporting scene. **Neal Atchison** presented with him a Certificate of Appreciation.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT		May		
		GENERAL	CUSTODIAL	TOTAL
BEGINNING BALANCE		\$1,041.13		
RE-CEIPTS		275.00	2,720.00	2995.00
DISBURSEMENTS		111.20	1,960.00	2,071.20
MONTHLY CHANGE		163.80	760.00	923.80
ENDING BALANCE				\$1964.93
MEMBERSHIP		ACTIVE	191	
		INACTIVE	5	
		WAIT LIST	3	
LAST MEETING		MEMBERS	140	
		GUESTS	2	
		VISITORS	0	
		TOTAL	142	



Bowling

The summer season of the Monday SIRS Bowling League began on May 24TH at Cambrian Bowl.

After 4 weeks

Team 4 with Ed Lodi is in 1ST Place.

Team 10 with Jim Silver, Pete Morrone & Vic Harris is 8TH

Team 12 with Tomix Alvaro & Rich Madayag is 11TH

Team 15 with Mike Miller is 10TH.

HIGH SCORES:

Ed Lodi 201, Jim Silver 218, Pete Morrone 213, 201, 204, 266, with a 623 & 653 series. Rich Madayag a 222, 202, 231, and a 655 series.

The League bowls every Monday at 10:00 AM at the CAMBRIAN BOWL. All active SIR members in San Jose are welcome!!

Vic Harris, Bowling Chairman

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

- GIANTS:** Those of you who bought tickets will now be able to see the #2 Homerun Hitter, **Barry Bonds** in action. Remember the date..21 June.
- MINI TOURS:** Our June MYSTERY tour will be announced at the June luncheon. Our 23 May tour of the new San Jose City Hall was an eye opener! Worth a visit!
- JULY BBQ:** Remember that we will have **BRIDGE** and a **CRIBBAGE TOURNAMENT** at the BBQ for all you card players. Come prepared to join the fun, and maybe win some money!

Chuck Roberts/Jack Feineman

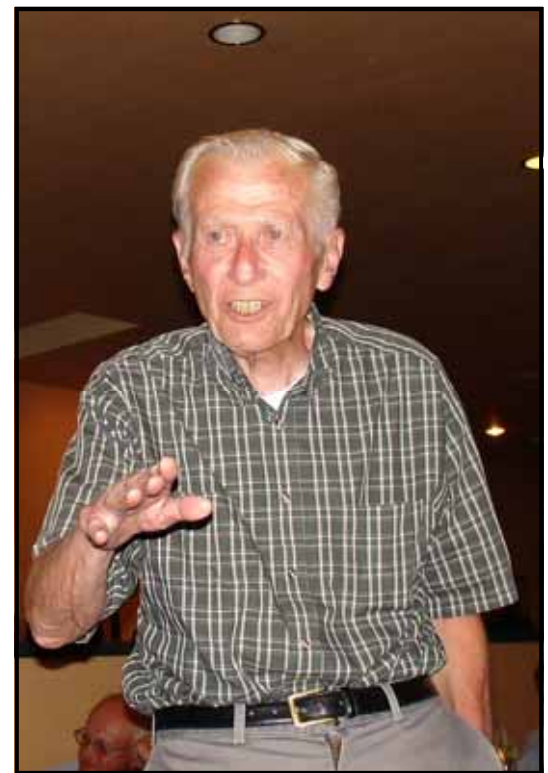
FOREST MEADOWS GOLF SPECIAL EVENT – MAY 23rd, 24th & 25th, 2006

The old expression “Always a bridesmaid, never a bride” has been proven wrong, or at least had its odds reduced. Neal Atchison, after coming in second, (so many times, I can’t remember), came in first and was the winner of the trophy. To rub it in, his partner and co-chairman of the event with Neal, was Larry Peck, who took second. You’d think there was something magical about running the event coming in first and second like that. But, for the 15 years I ran it, no such magic ensued. But, “Wait ‘till next year” Congratulations to Neal and Larry and thanks loads for pinch hitting for me on short notice one more time and also to Bob Norbutas for his assistance with the scoring via the “laptop”. Of course, in this exotic tournament we have exquisite prizes donated by Benton White, Pete McErlean, Ed Linn and yours truly for the other end of the “Leader Board”. These proven performers, Greg Lynch, Paul Myers and Ernie Gifford, once again, demonstrated their consistency. They’ve been there before and deserve a lot of credit for their determination in coming out again and again. But, there is also the attraction of the camaraderie and fun, which brings them out time and again.

See you next time, **Saul Miano**



Neal and Larry did a great job substituting for Saul and managed to finish 1ST and 2nd in the tournament. Congratulations and thanks from everyone.



Here's the way I did it!





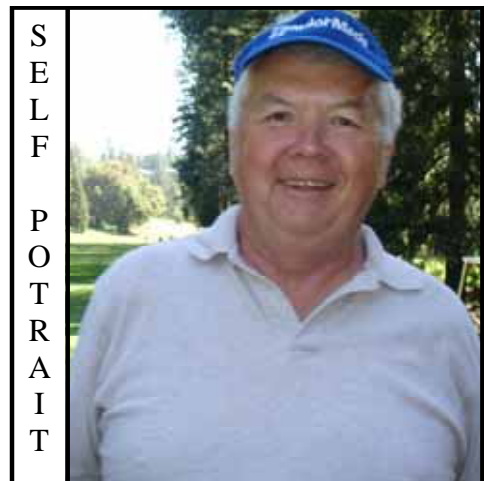
Now listen up, I'm In-charge of the Beer



Hole One Forest Meadows: Where's the ball??



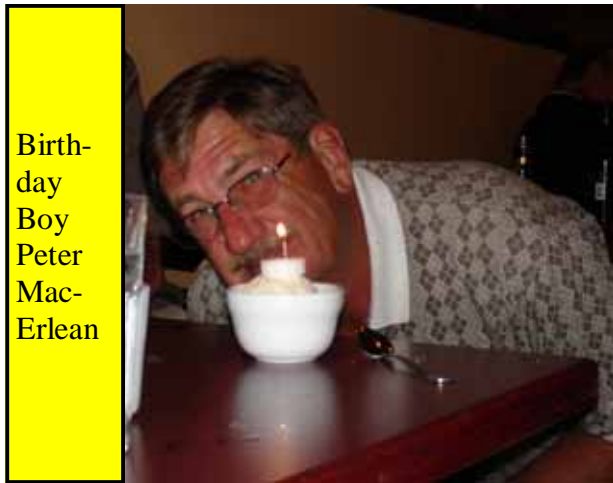
REDSOXFAN



SELF PORTRAIT



New members With sponsors; Joe Garrage, Stan Richard, Jack Pease, Clyde Bingham



Birth-day Boy Peter Mac-Erlean



GOLF POMs for April: Jerry Long, Bob Merritt, Roger Danielson & Phil Olavarri



WEDNESDAY 10 MAY 2006 -COYOTE CREEK / TOURNAMENT

1 ST Place Fran Andreeson, Don Kurgan, Bob Fowler, BD Fred Herandez	123
2 nd Place and 3 rd . Lou Bottini, Martin Devries, Steve Jensen, Jerry Long	126
Neal Atchison, Larry Peck, Pete McErlean Jerry Sanders	126
4 th Place Dick Fenton, Bob Merritt, John Guarino , BD Gene Plevyak	128
Chuck Waggoner, Dick Rathman, Jim Smith, Jim Light	128

Closest to the Pin: No closest to the pin due to scoring errors.

WEDNESDAY 17 MAY 2006 SUNNYVALE

1 ST Place Jerry Long, Doug Wood, Lou Bottini, Martin Devries	113
2 nd Place Gene Plevyak, Tom Franklin, Ed Metevia, Don Palermo	116
3 rd Place Roger Danielson, Ed Hirshfield, Jeri Hickman, Peter Morrone	118
4 th Place Neil Atchison, Larry Peck, Ken Sohn, Pete McErlean	119

Closest to the Pin: #4 (1 Shot) Ron Cook #7 (1 Shot) Paul Piligian
#13(2 Shot) Gene Plevyak #15(2 Shot) Gene Plevyak

WEDNESDAY 24 MAY 2006 POPPY HILLS

1 ST Place Gene Carson, Sam Shilmover, Don Fontes, Bob Johnson	112
2 nd Place Fred Hernandez, Rudy Lopez, Bob Ramirez/ BD Gerry Maddams	119
3 rd Place Dick Rathman, Jim Smith, Bob Fowler, Gerry Maddams	124
4 th Place Roger Danielson, Peter Morrone, Milt Howard, Ed Hirshfield	126

Closest to the Pin: #2 (1 Shot) Sam Shilmover #6 (2 Shot) John Guarino
#11(2 Shot) Peter Morrone #17(1 Shot) Bob Merritt.

WEDNESDAY 31 MAY 2006-SPRING VALLEY-2 BEST BALL

1ST Place Neal Atchison, Larry Peck, Ken Sohn, Martin Devries	112
2nd and 3rd Place Tie	
Gene Plevyak, Greg Lynch, Tom Franklin, Chuck Thompson	119
Ron Duval, Benton White, Jim Noah, Jay Pinson	119
4th Place Ed Metevia, Don Palermo, Edgar Linn, Phil Olavarri	120

Closest to the Pin #4 (1 shot) Ron Duval, #7 (2 shots) Martin Devries
#11 (2 shots) Pat Brennan, #16 (2 shots) Phil Olavarrii

SIRS Players of the Month
May-06

Flight	Name	Hcp Idx	Score	Date	Net Differential Over/Under "Par"	Course
A	FONTES, DONALD	13.1	77	3-May	-8	Ridgemark Gabilan
B	DANIELSON, ROGER	18.9	83	3-May	-8	Ridgemark Gabilan
C	REAMS, DON	21.1	87	3-May	-7	Ridgemark Gabilan
D	LOPEZ, RUDY	23.7	88	24-May	-10	Poppy Hills
E	CARSON, GENE	28.1	96	24-May	-7	Poppy Hills

A very special thanks to Jerry Oliver for all the great pictures at the meetings and the golf outing.

COMPUTER CLUB

The May Computer Club Meeting was well attended by 12 members. The meeting started with discussions of problems that members brought to the meeting. John Feemster then, with the help of the computer projector, demonstrated the handling of digital pictures. He showed how to use the text box to insert pictures into a letter or an E-mail and make the text of the message fit around the picture or pictures. John also discussed the importance of giving pictures a good descriptive title so that they could easily be found. Ed Metevia, who takes a lot of pictures, gave a short discussion of how he organizes his file of pictures for easy retrieval. Ed Lodi briefly reported on a meeting that he attended discussing the importance of knowing what teenagers are doing on the computers. He will report more completely on that at our next meeting. The next meeting of the Computer Club is planned for Thursday, June 22, 2006 from 3 PM to 5PM. This is on the Thursday following our June 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**

SIR BRANCH 125 ANNUAL BARBECUE AT BLACKBERRY FARM, JULY 18, 2006

Tickets for the 2006 barbecue will again be on sale at the regular June 20 luncheon at the Three Flames. The ticket price is \$20 per man, and includes all food and beverages; this is the same price as last year. Male guests are welcome, and encouraged; this could be a great chance to introduce a friend to SIRS in a purely social setting. Chef Gene Plevyak will prepare tri tip steak, and John Feemster will make lots of his delicious baked beans. Cole slaw and sour dough bread will also be served. At the drink shack, you will be able to get draft Michelob beer, red or white wine and soft drinks. Italian sausage hors d'oeuvres will also be available before the dinner at noon. Saul Miano will take your sign-ups for the morning golf at the Blackberry Farm course and Chuck Roberts will run several card games; you will also be able to play horseshoes. The barbecue committee and many helpers hope to see you there. **Bob Rung, BBQ Chairman**

AN OPEN INVITATION

San Jose Lawn Bowls Club (SJLBC) once again extends an invitation to all active SIR members and a guest, male or female, to come and try out the gentle English game of Lawn Bowls on the green. The San Jose area has been served by SJLBC year round since 1966 at Frank Bramhall Park in the Willow Glen area. The game of Lawn Bowls is easy to learn, very low cost, and provides gentle, healthy exercise and pleasant social company for those of all ability levels, while proving that life feels better in the sunshine.

SJLBC provides free lessons, free use of the bowling green facilities, and free use of our lawn bowls, also free parking. Contact past Branch 10 Big Sir and current Membership Chair of SJLBC Fred Gardner at (408) 269-4241, or fgardner122@juno.com and www.sjlbc.org on the web. **Fred Gardner**

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