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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

Art Pufford is the President of SIR for 2008 and recently sent out a letter to all branches which contained several items of note. A couple of them are listed below and you can read the entire letter on the SIR WEB site at www.sirinc.org.

1. "Working together for Success" is our slogan for this year. What does it mean? It means two-way communications between everyone at all levels of the SIR organization which will be both beneficial and effective in furthering our Organization.

2. If you are interested in running for state office you must file Form 43,

Declaration of Candidacy for State Office, together with a resume by April 15. This form is on the state WEB site.

Is there any interest in forming a genealogy club within our branch? We had some discussion of this at last month's computer club meeting and will have some demonstrations of genealogical software at this month's meeting. If you are interested plan on attending and we'll see where this leads.

At our February luncheon Bob Stephens was presented a 23 Year Member Anniversary Award by Chuck Roberts. Congratulations Bob!

Chuck Waggoner, Big SIR

Chuck Morrow

February Speaker

Chuck Morrow, a veteran docent at San Jose's History Park, gave a very interesting talk about the history of

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L to R: Greg Lynch, Chuck Morrow, Chuck Wagonner

Branch Barbecue July 15

Our 2008 barbecue luncheon will again be held at the Santa Clara Elks facility, where we also held our 2007 barbecue. Ladies are again invited, so ask your wife or favorite lady friend to come with you. Saul Miano is working on the pre-barbecue golf, and will announce the details later.

We will again include all food, beverages and snacks in the ticket price. If you would like to help with the production of the barbecue, we could use more help; just talk to Bob Rung, or send him an e-mail.

Bob Rung, Chairman

Bob Stephens Honored



Bob Stephens was presented with a special award commemorating 23 years of membership in our Branch.

Baseball News



Our ALL SIR BASEBALL GAME this year has been set for 21 August at ATT Park where our Bondless GIANTS will take the field against the Florida Marlins. For good seats our tickets have to be ordered by 1 April and this year we are going to try for a new and better seat location out on the first base side. Worth a try! SO, at the March luncheon we will be taking sign-ups for the 21 August game. Your family and friends are also invited so please be prepared to sign them up too! We have to mail in payment with the ticket order so please be prepared to pay for the tickets at the luncheon. \$35 per seat in Lower Box seats. This is a noon game so transportation can be by train or by carpool, your choice.

This a ONCE A YEAR event so let's go out and support our NEW GIANTS, and watch our SIR State President, ART PUFFORD throw out the first pitch!

Chuck Roberts, Chairman, SF Giants Events



Bowling

Six weeks into the 2nd half of the '07-'08 season, Lou Tarnay's team is in 3rd place. Tomix Alvaro and Rich Madayag is 5th and Jim Silver, Pete Marrone and Vic Harris is 15th.

High scores: Lou Tarnay 206 and 232 with a 629 series. Jim Silver 209 and 202. Pete Marrone 202, 225, 204 and 201. Tomix Alvaro 206. Rich Madayag 201 and 210.

Monday SIR league bowl every Monday at 9:30 AM at Cambrian Bowl. League is open to all active SIR members in the San Jose Area.

Vic Harris, Bowling Chairman

Golf Players of the Month - January



L to R: Bill Jansen, Don Reams, Pat Brennan, Bob Norbutas (Not shown: Steve Jensen)

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT 31-Jan-08			
<u>Lou Bottini, Treasurer</u>	GENERAL	CUSTODIAL	TOTAL
BEGINNING BALANCE	649	0	649
RECEIPTS	282	0	282
DISBURSEMENTS	205	0	205
MONTHLY CHANGE	77	0	77
ENDING BALANCE	\$726	\$0	\$726
MEMBERSHIP	ACTIVE	199	
	INACTIVE	6	
	WAIT LIST	0	
LAST MEETING	MEMBERS	133	
	GUESTS	4	
	VISITORS	0	
	TOTAL	137	
February Birthdays		March Birthdays	
NAME	DATE	NAME	DATE
Gene Bernardini	22	Ernie Amsden	10
Ernie Bostetter	21	Neal Atchison	27
Ron Bottini	24	Bart Benson	1
Don Brown	17	Pat Boudreau	17
Bob Johnson	8	Dominic Credi	3
Daryl Jones	20	Larry Davis	7
Bob Mann	11	Dick Fenton	14
Bob Moses	10	Tom Gaffke	6
John Pastrone	9	Jeri Hickman	12
Dave Robertson	20	Jim Light	13
Don Rosenbaum	13	Rudy Lopez	16
Bob Rung	18	Gerry O'Connell	21
Jim Smith	23	Larry Peck	18
Phil Smith	22	Jack Perry	25
Burnie Stolzman	22	Bob Staudenmaier	22
Joe Vargas	9	Phil Sumner	1
		Ed Wendler	24
		Paul Zwolinski	1

Sorry I left out the February birthdays in last month's bulletin. D. Jones, Editor

John Feemster presents free birthday lunch to Jim Smith



THE GOLF PAGE

THE LEADERBOARD

Presented By - Carl Vollersen & Bill Avery

6 February Sunol-Cypress - 2 BEST BALL

1st Place: Bill Jansen, Bob Goldman, Bob Fraka, (Henry Melin B.D.) 118
 2nd Place Jerry Davis, Joe Gerarge, Tom Davis, Bob Norbutas 121
 3rd Place Bill Shaddle, Bob Merritt, John Guarino, Jon Goldsworthy 127
 (Tie) Rudy Lopez, Greg Lynch, Charlie Hanson, (Bob Fraka B.D.) 127
Closest to the Pin: #2 (2 Shots) Pete McErlean #5 (1 Shot) Bob Goldman
 #11 (1 Shot) Don Polermo #15 (1 Shot) Don Polermo

13 February Dublin Ranch - 2 BEST BALL

1st Place: Bob Merritt, John Guarino, Wayne Stewart, (Tom Ranweiler B.D.) 114
 2nd Place Pete McErlean, Sam Zullo, Bob Ramirez, Fred Hernandez 116
 3rd Place Bill Jansen, Dennis Berg, Bob Fowler, Bill Avery 118
 (Tie) Jerry Davis, Joe Gerarge, Bob Norbutas, Carl Vollersen 118
Closest to the Pin: #6 (1 Shot) Bob Fowler #7 (1 Shot) Bob Norbutas
 #13 (1 Shot) Gene Plevyak #17 (1 Shot) Bob Fowler

20 February Los Lagos - 2 BEST BALL

1st Place: Pete McErlean, Lou Bottini, Steve Jensen, Martin 112
 2nd Place: Wayne Stewart, Bob Merritt, John Guarino, (Lou Bottini BD) 115
 3rd Place: Ron Duval, Jim Noah, Jay Pinson, Benton White 117
 4th Place: Ken Sohn, Neal Atchison, Larry Peck, Don Reams 120
Closest to the Pin: #3 (1 Shot) Bill Shaddle #5 (1 Shot) Bob Fraka
 #7 (1 Shot) Tom Franklin #16 (1 Shot) Grant Beech

27 February Spring Valley - 2 BEST BALL

1st Place: Don Reams, Lou Bottini, Martin Devries, Steve Bauman 120
 2nd Place Chung Song, Jerry Oliver, Tom Dapice, (Bob Ramirez BD) 123
 Bob Goldman, Bob Fraka, Al Smith, Bob Benton 123
 4th Place Bob Fowler, Dennis Berg, Jon Goldsworthy, Bill Shaddle 126
Closest to the Pin: #4 (1 Shot) Daryl Jones #7 (2 Shots) Al Smith (Birdie)
 #11 (2 Shots) Dick Fenton #16 (2 Shots) Gerry OConnell

SIRS Players of the Month *February - 2008*

Presented By - Bob Norbutas

Flight	Name	Hcp Index	Score	Date	Net Differential Over/Under "Par"	Course
A	Gerarge, Joe	14.9	83	6-Feb	0	Sunol Cypress
B	Pinson, Jay	18.0	77	20-Feb	-4	Los Lagos
C	Smith, Al	21.5	83	27-Feb	-6	Spring Valley
D	Plevyak, Gene	26.0	90	20-Feb	1	Los Lagos
E	Peck, Larry	30.8	95	27-Feb	-2	Spring Valley

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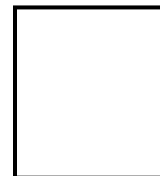
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Golf Collector to Speak at Lunch

Joe Galiardi of Cupertino will be our featured speaker at the March 2008 luncheon thanks to a recommendation from his neighbor, our fellow SIR Jason Moses. Joe has spent the last 20 years gathering perhaps the largest collection of autographed golf balls from the legends of golf in the United States. This includes Ben Hogan, Sammy Snead, Gene Sarazen, Byron Nelson, Bob Hope, Jack Lemon and the interesting stories of how the golf balls were obtained. In his Golf Room at home, he has 130 autographed golf balls and a signed picture and golf ball from the last round of golf that Jack Nicklaus played at Saint Andrews. Also he has a signed picture and golf ball from Tiger Woods when he won his first Amateur Golf Tournament in 1994. Joe is nearly finished with his book about his collection and the stories behind it. Joe was raised in Pennsylvania about 25 miles from Arnold Palmer's home town and will devote one chapter to Arnold in his upcoming book. The San Jose Mercury News recently included a long article about Joe and his collection.

TRAVEL WITH SIR

The "SIR Coordinated Travel Committee" meets once a month and represents Area 5 and 20 which includes Branch 125 and 12 other branches. The Travel Committee includes 2 representatives from each Branch. Once a year in February the committee determines the SIR travel escorts and 12 major trips (> 7 days) for the following year. All trips include a SIR escort. Longer trips are escorted by a SIR escort and assistant. We typically offer 12 major and over 12 one to seven day trips per year.

The trips are designed for fun, quality and diversification. The trips all inclusive cost includes meals (normally 2 per day on multi-day trips), baggage handling, gratuities, admission fees, accommodation's, transportation, and airfare. Major trip presentations are made at a local restaurant and are announced in the monthly Travel Bulletin. All widows of SIR are eligible members for all trips. Guest are also welcomed as long as 50% or more of the trip participants are eligible members. During the year the Travel Committee is invited to Travel Agency Presentations on future travel destinations and opportunities.

In the following months I will discuss trips and travel hints. Alan Patmore, Travel Chairman