



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

Recently we have made some real progress in providing information to our committees that make recommendations for next year's officers and various member awards. Each May a nominating committee selects a slate of candidates to be voted on in August by the membership for the following year's officers. In the fall another committee selects candidates for annual awards to members that have contributed to the betterment of the branch over several years. These include two Above & Beyond Award (3+ years) and an Outstanding Member Award (5+ years). Also, we periodically select an Honorary Life Member (5+ years) which is done by another committee. To assist in making these selections fair and objective we recently completed a "Merit" data base which is a tool to be used by these committees as input to their decision process. This data base contains active member names, positions on committees on which they have served, short descriptions of the duties performed, and the frequency the task is performed. This data base goes back to 1986 so is quite comprehensive thanks to the hard work of Ed Metevia who did the bulk of the work on this project.

Chuck Waggoner Big SIR

May Speaker: WW II POW

Don Hildenbrand will speak to us at the May luncheon about his experiences as a prisoner of war in Germany during World War II.

Don graduated from high school in 1942, and in early 1943 was drafted into the U.S. Army. He served in a rifle company of the 100th Infantry Division, which entered combat in the Vosges Mountains of eastern France in the Fall of 1944. In early 1945, he was captured in a major engagement, and was sent with a group of 350 POWs to a slave labor camp south of Leipzig to work on a large construction project.

Less than 280 survived and were liberated. After the war, he obtained a BA in Chemistry on the GI Bill, and later received a Ph.D. in Physical Chemistry from UC Berkeley. For the last 35 years, he has been with SRI International in Menlo Park, serving primarily as a Research Scientist in the area of High Temperature Materials Chemistry.

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.

Thanks for your support.

Membership Committee
(Jim Silver/Larry Peck)

May Birthdays	
Fran Andreson	17
Peter Buzanski	20
Raj Chopra	29
Bob Goldman	10
Milt Howard	28
Gerry Maddams	1
Saul Miano	17
Bob Nelson	3
Dave Pierson	10
Malcom Stewart	20
Wayne Stewart	5
Lou Tarnay	15
Chuck Wilson	17
Doug Wood	28
Cliff Yamoaka	31



John Feemster presents a free lunch to Ed Linn for the April Birthday Drawing

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT 31 Mar 08			
<u>Lou Bottini, Treasurer</u>	GENERAL	CUSTODIAL	TOTAL
BEGINNING BALANCE	919	-140	779
RECEIPTS	281	0	281
DISBURSEMENTS	-355		-355
MONTHLY CHANGE	-75	-	-75
ENDING BALANCE	\$844	\$-140	\$704
MEMBERSHIP			
	ACTIVE	194	
	INACTIVE	6	
	WAIT LIST	0	
LAST MEETING			
	MEMBERS	140	
	GUESTS	3	
	VISITORS	0	
	TOTAL	143	

Bowling



With only three weeks left in the '07-'08 bowling season, Lou Tarnay's team has the best chance of winning the league championship. They were the winners of the first half of the season and are currently in third place for the second half.

Tomix Alvaro and Rich Madayag's team is in 4th place; Bill Jansen's team is 15th; and the Jim Silver/Chuck/Waggoner/Vic Harris team is 17th.

High Scores:

Lou Tarnay - 203, Jim Silver - 224,
Chuck Waggoner - 202, Vic Harris 213, Tomix Alvaro 201

Our league bowls every Monday Morning at 9:30 AM at Cambrian Bowl. All active SIR members are encouraged to participate. Summer League begins in May and lasts about 16 weeks. Lets get more Branch 125 members to sign up!

Vic Harris, Bowling Chairman

THE GOLF PAGE

THE LEADERBOARD

Presented By - Carl Vollersen & Bill Avery

2 April - Summitpointe - 2 BEST BALL

1 st Place:	Edgar Linn, Phil Olavarri, Ed Metevia, Don Palermo	120
2 nd Place:	Bob Fraka, Bob Goldman, Bob Ramirez (BD), Phil Olavarri (BD)	125
(Tie)	Roger Danielson, Peter Morrone, Pat Brennan, Lou Tarnay (BD)	125
3 rd Place:	Tom Ranweiler, Henry Melin, Daryl Jones, Bob Merrit (BD)	128
Closest to the Pin:	#4 (1 Shot) Fred Hernandez #7 (2 Shots) John Guarino	
	#13 (1 Shot) Fred Hernandez #16 (2 Shots) Pat Brennan	

9 April - Spring Valley - 2 BEST BALL

1 st Place:	Roger Danielson, Carl Vollersen, Dave Lemery, Dick Henry	116
2 nd Place:	Jack Pease, Phil Olavarri, Barrie Sullivan, Jerry Long	117
3 rd Place:	Don Reams, Martin Devries, Lou Bottini, Steve Bauman	118
(Tie)	Jim Noah, Ron Duval, Benton White, Jay Pinson	118
Closest to the Pin:	#4 (1 Shot) Gerry Maddams #7 (1 Shot) Lou Bottini	
	#11 (2 Shots) Don Reams (Birdie) #16 (2 Shots) Bob Merrit	

16 April - Coyote Creek - Tournament - 2 BEST BALL

1 st Place:	Charlie Hanson, Bob Goldman, Bob Fraka, Al Smith	125
2 nd Place:	Rudy Lopez, Fred Hernandez, Jon Goldsworthy, Bill Shaddle	130
(Tie)	Dick Rathman, Jim Smith, Chuck Waggoner, Don Williams	130
(Tie)	Bill Avery, Daryl Jones, Earl Schmieding, Carl Vollersen	130
Closest to the Pin:	#2 (1 Shot) Chuck Waggoner #5 (1 Shot) Bob Fraka	
	#7 (1 Shot) Bob Fraka #14 (1 Shot) Dick Rathman	

23 April Ridgemark Diablo - 2 BEST BALL

1 st Place:	Ron Cook, Joe Gerarge, Tom Davis, Bob Norbutas	120
2 nd Place:	Dennis Berg, Pat Brennan, Dave Lemery, (Jim Iverson BD)	122
3 rd Place:	Dick Rathman, Chuck Waggoner, Jim Iverson, (Tom Davis BD)	123
4 th Place:	Barrie Sullivan, Gerry O'Connell, Bob Merrit, John Gaurino	124
Closest to the Pin:	#4 (1 Shot) John Guarino #8 (2 Shots) Dennis Stack	
	#10 (2 Shots) Jim Iverson, Dave Lemery, Pat Brennan (Birdies)	
	#17 (1 Shot) Roger Danielson	

30 April San Jose Muni - 2 BEST BALL

1 st Place:	Bob Fraka, Bob Goldman, Al Smith, Jim Light	116
(Tie)	Chuck Waggoner, Jim Smith, Dick Rathman, Carl Vollersen	116
3 rd Place:	Bob Fowler, Grant Beech, Pat Brennan, Dave Lemery	122
(Tie)	Daryl Jones, Henry Melin, Gene Plevyak, Greg Lynch	122
(Tie)	Jerry Davis, Joe Gerarge, Ron Cook, Tom Davis	122
Closest to the Pin:	#4 (1 Shot) Bob Goldman #7 (2 Shots) Tom Davis (Birdie)	
	#12 (1 Shot) Carl Vollersen #17 (2 Shots) Chuck Thompson (Birdie)	

SIRS Players of the Month April - 2008

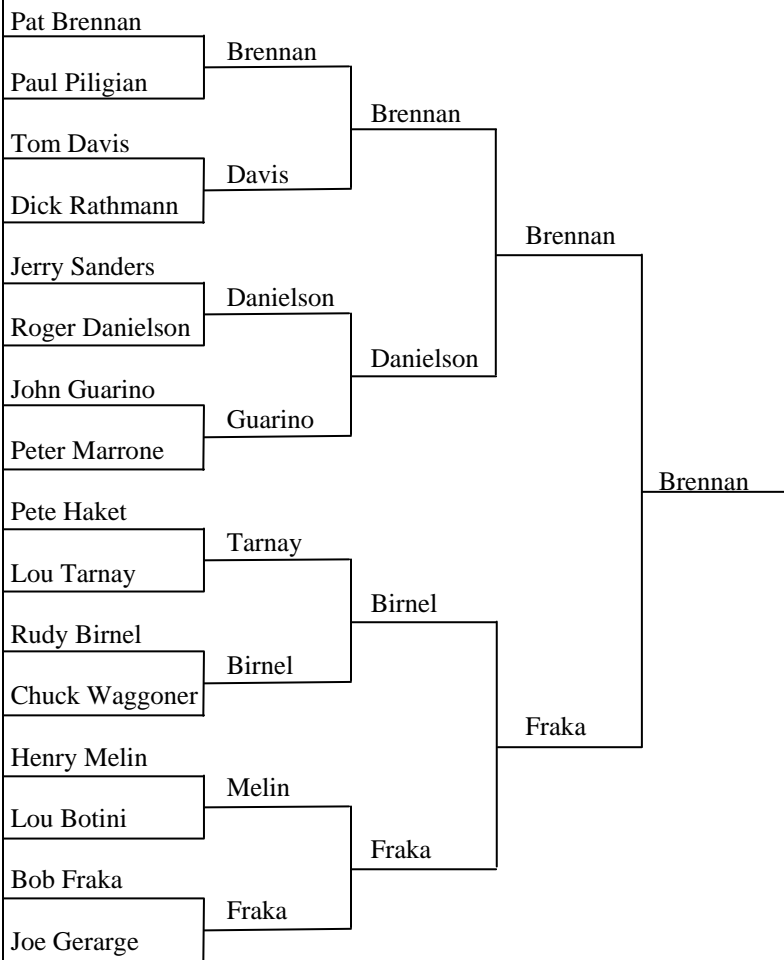
Presented By - Bob Norbutas

Flight	Name	Hcp Index	Score	Date	Net Differential Over/Under "Par"	Course
A	Bob Fraka	10.1	78	23-Apr	-3	Ridgemark Diablo
B	Paul Piligian	15.7	81	30-Apr	-5	San Jose Muni
C	Jim Smith	19.8	84	30-Apr	-6	San Jose Muni
D	Neal Atchison	25.9	95	2-Apr	-4	Summitpointe
E	Carl Vollersen	31.9	92	9-Apr	-7	Spring Valley

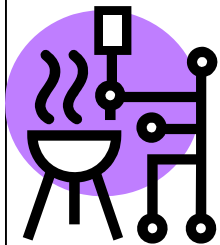
Individual Golf Champions

Each year Branch 125 holds two golf championship tournaments. The Scratch Championship is open to the top 16 golfers in the Branch (determined by their golf index). A Handicap Championship, which kicks off on June 25th, is open to all other golfers.

This year's Scratch Tournament concluded on April 4th at Summitpointe. Bob Fraka, last year's champion, fought valiantly to defend his title against challenger Pat Brennan. The match ended in a tie, with Pat being declared the winner by virtue of the first tie breaker, gross score (81 to 83). Congratulations to Pat on his victory and thanks to Bob for being such a worthy champion over the past year. Those who lost in the 2nd round won a crying towel. All who qualified for the 3rd round and beyond won gift certificates.



**SIR BRANCH 125 ANNUAL BARBECUE
JULY 15, 2008
SANTA CLARA ELKS CLUB**



Tickets will go on sale for the July barbecue, at the May 20th luncheon. Remember that wives, ladies and guests are welcome; last year was very popular with the ladies, so be sure to invite your favorite lady. The price is \$20 per person, and includes all food and beverages. Beverages include Michelob draft beer, red and white wines, and soft drinks. Chef Gene Plevyak will be grilling tri-tip steak, and John Feemster's baked beans will be there, plus cole slaw, French bread, Italian sausage, and snacks. Golf is available at an additional price of \$20 per player, men and women. Chuck Roberts will be directing various card games, including bridge. If you can't be at the May luncheon, tickets will also be for sale at the June luncheon.

Bob Rung, Barbecue Chairman

Lunch Seating Gets Better

In the past some members have had difficulty finding a seat for lunch. The Branch recently adopted some new rules for reserving seats, and the situation seems to be improved.

Remember 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).

Can We Give More?

We have no initiation fees and no monthly dues. All we ask for is a small \$2 - \$3 donation each month at our luncheon to cover costs for postage stamps, badges, awards, insurance and other small items. So far for this year your contributions have averaged \$2.01 per member. That means that for every person donating \$3 there is one person only contributing \$1. It would be great if your generosity increased our average to \$2.50. Every little bit helps.

March Speaker



Tom Robinson gave a very interesting talk at our March lunch about the history of his company, Rotten Robbie. He also spent some time answering questions from our members.

SIR Happenings Available Online

The latest edition of "SIR Happenings", is available online at <http://sirinc.org/sirhappenings/>. This is a very high quality publication that documents many state-level SIR activities and events. You should check it out!



Frank Lavoie, on the left, poses with Bill Oliver, our newest member, right after Bill's induction.

Social Activities

We have now ordered 34 tickets to the San Francisco Giants baseball game on All-SIR Day, Thursday, 21 August at 12:35pm. The seats are located along the lower right field foul line, so bring your glove to snag a souvenir.

We have lined up a tour on the Military Vehicle Technology Foundation site (aka "The Tank Farm") in Portola Valley. The only day available in the near future is Saturday, 28 June at 1:00pm. We toured this place a few years ago, and it is well worth it if you want to see WW II (mostly) tanks, APCs and other military vehicles in working order. Wives and S.O.s are also welcome. The coordinator said that the price has doubled over last year. (It was free last year, so it double-free this year.) If you're interested, sign up at the May or June luncheon.

We also have other tours in the planning stages.

Don Palermo, Activity Chairman

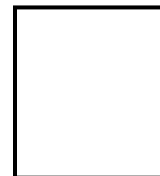
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Travel With SIR

Three new travel fliers are out and available at the SIR branch meetings. All trips include transportation, tax, tips and gratuities.

Santa Cruz Follies 2008, "Lullaby of Broadway" on Wednesday, September 10, 2008. \$84 per person.

A compilation of Broadway Shows including Gypsy, Lion King, Chicago, 42nd Street and Smokey Joe Cafe. Includes Lunch at Peachwood Steak House in Santa Cruz.

Delta Cruise in the San Joaquin waterways. Tuesday, July 29, 2008. \$94 per person.

Originates from the Stockton Waterfront Warehouse for a cruise along the Delta and the experience of observing the wildlife and this birder paradise. Includes a lunch at the Lodi Beer Company.

Beach Blanket Babylon. Wednesday, December 10, 2008. \$155 per person.

OK, here it is, a must see if you haven't done it before. Includes dinner at the CAPP's Corner Ristorante. Babylon is always a statement of the times and is a good see every five years with the changing times.

Another great annual three day trip is the AMTRAK train trip to the Silver Legacy, Reno . Next year it is scheduled for January 6-8, 2009.

The wife and I have been on two of the trips which includes scenic snow covered Sierra Nevada mountains. Lunch on the train and Lunch in Vacaville on the return bus trip. Includes a special tour event and Dinner at a famous Restaurant. You don't have to be a gambler to enjoy this trip.

Happy travels. Alan Patmore, Travel Chairman