



# SIR WESTGATE BRANCH 125

8 SEPTEMBER 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**

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## Big SIR Message

One thing that impresses me is the creativity of the mind. SIR developed as one idea about men who have advanced to a milestone of age and experience beyond their initial career. Our focus is on fellowship and the opportunity to share interests we have in common with others. Our September meeting is being followed by our first "Hobby Fair" where some of our members will showcase their favorite activity. Those who may have an interest in a display will find another chance to join in with other SIRs in another way. This may be the first of several such chances to find out what individuals are doing that parallels your own creative interests. Be sure to allow some extra time to view and talk with those who bring their work to share.

This is one of the good ways for our branch to expand and appeal to our younger friends to join with us in the near future. Our branch continuity depends on appreciating each other for the knowledge and skill within our members now and in the years to come.

John Feemster, Big SIR

## Hobby Fair After Lunch

We are hoping that the September lunch will have a big turnout for the SIR Branch 125 Hobby Fair. Our goal is to demonstrate the interests that permit our fellow SIRs the satisfaction and full enjoyment of retirement.

It is also our intention to use this event to attract new members by showing them how much enjoyment can be gained through the SIRs organization. Hobbies that will be displayed include:

- Classic automobiles
- Radio controlled helicopter
- Wooden pens and bowls
- Chronometers & antique pocket watches
- Golf club re-gripping
- Sports aircraft & sky diving
- Clock repair
- And more! (There may even be a surprise or two)

If you have a friend nearing retirement who worries about boredom you must bring him to our September lunch. It is not too late to be a presenter. Just send me an e-mail with your plan and any special requirements. Bring your goodies to the September lunch. I hope to see a big turnout this month.

Jerry Oliver

## September Speaker

Jon Whitmore has been president of San Jose State University for the past year. He previously served as President of Texas Tech University. He came to San Jose State after an exhaustive search by the State Chancellor and the University for someone to continue the momentum created by his two predecessors in that position.

He will brief us on the plans for the continuing development of SJSU which has become one of the top 100 colleges and universities in the nation. His first year here has shown already that he seems to have been a good choice for the University and the community.



## Bowling

The summer session is now over. The Waggoner/Harris team finished in 3rd place, Alvaro/Madayag was 7th, and Bill Jansen's team was 11th.

### Summer Season Totals:

Chuck Waggoner nine 200's two 600's  
 Rich Madayag five 200's one 600  
 Tomix Alvaro two 200's  
 Vic Harris two 200's

The winter session starts up again on September 14th. The league bowls every Monday at 9:30 am at Cambrian Bowl and is 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-Aug-09

Treasurer, Lou Bottini	GENERAL	CUSTODIAL	TOTAL
BEGINNING BALANCE	1715	892	2607
RECEIPTS	209	0	209
DISBURSEMENTS	78	52	130
MONTHLY CHANGE	131	-52	79
ENDING BALANCE	1846	840	2686
MEMBERSHIP			
	ACTIVE	186	
	INACTIVE	13	
	WAIT LIST	1	
LAST MEETING			
	MEMBERS	121	
	GUESTS	1	
	VISITORS	1	
	TOTAL	123	

## Christmas Party Plans

We are planning to offer See's candies at the group discount rate again this year. We will take paid orders in October, and deliver the pre-paid orders at the November luncheon.

The 2009 Christmas party will be held at the Three Flames on December 15th. Wives and male and female guests are invited. The menu choices will likely be similar to those in 2008. The per person cost has not yet been determined; the Christmas committee will meet in September to determine the cost and the program. There will be the usual drawing for many gifts. Plan now to attend; tell your wife! Tickets will be sold at both the October and November luncheons.

**Bob Rung, Christmas Party Chairman**

## September Birthdays

Bill Avery	7	Ed Metevia	6
Steve Bauman	18	Joe Mingione	14
Grant Beech	15	Don Palermo	14
Don Bottemiller	13	Tom Ranweiler	22
Chai Hi-Dong	10	Stan Richard	5
Jerry Cunningham	12	Jerry Sanders	16
Jerry Davis	12	Bill Shaddle	15
Tom Dawson	24	Wayne Smith	5
Ron Duval	14	Fred Souza	25
Mark Gale	24	Tony Urso	10
Ernie Gifford	24	Dave Wessels	30
Ed Lodi	9	Benton White	3
Jerry Long	20		

## 2010 Officers Elected

Branch Officers and Directors for 2010 were elected by a vote of our members at the August luncheon. They will be officially inducted in December. They are:

Big SIR	Sam Zullo	Director	Chuck Waggoner
Little SIR	Lou Bottini	Director	John Feemster
Secretary	Charlie Hanson	Director	Pat Brennan
Asst. Sec.	Paul Piligian	Director	Bob Norbutas
Treasurer	Daryl Jones	Director	Jim Silver
Asst. Treas.	John Figini	Director	Jerry Oliver

## August Speaker

Richard Mallonee was the speaker at our August luncheon. Richard spoke about CERT, Community Emergency Response Team. He proved to be a very talented and entertaining speaker. The focus for his talk was to explain the need for volunteers to support our community emergency personnel in response to a major disaster. He also talked about the training that is provided to CERT volunteers and told us that it is easy to sign up and just about anyone can play a role.

## Checkout the State Bulletin

The August edition of "SIR Happenings", the SIR State Bulletin, has been posted on the SIR website. Read it to see what's going on with SIRs at the state level.

<http://sirinc.org/sirhappenings/index.htm>

## Bill Jansen - Branch Golf Champion (Handicap Div)

The Bracket winners in the Branch Golf Championship (Handicap Division) were: Pat Brennan, Tom Ranweiler, Fran Andreson, and Bill Jansen for Brackets A, B, C, and D respectively. Pat defeated Fran and Bill beat Tom to move to the finals. In the final match Bill took an early lead, 4 up, but Pat battled back to put him 1 down. Bill then took charge of the match and went on to win 2 & 1.

# THE GOLF PAGE

## THE LEADERBOARD

Presented By - Carl Vollersen & Bill Avery

### 5 August CRYSTAL SPRINGS -2 BEST BALL

1st Place:	Peter Morrone, Rudy Birnel, Gerry Maddams, Bob Norbutas( BD)	130
(Tie)	Gene Plevyak, Tom Ranweiler, Daryl Jones, Bill Jansen	130
(Tie)	Carl Vollersen, Hi-Dong Chai, Roger Hughes, Jim Smith	130
4 <sup>th</sup> Place:	Fred Hernandez, Rudy Lopez, Bob Ramirez, Ron Cook (BD)	132
(Tie)	Roger Danielson, Bob Norbutas, Ron Cook, Jack Pease (BD)	132
(Tie)	Larry Peck, Neal Atchison, Bob Hunt, Jerry Sanders	132
<u>Closest to the Pin:</u> #3 (2 Shots) Jim Light, Jerry Sanders (Birdies) #8 (2 Shots) Ron Hunt		
	#11 (1 Shot) Ron Hunt	#13 (1 Shot) Gerry Maddams

### 12 August SPRING HILLS -2 BEST BALL

1st Place:	Martin Devries, Steve Jensen, Hi-Dong Chai, Lou Bottini, Jon Goldsworthy	120
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Paul Piligian, Tom Sandifur, Jack Pease, Jerry Long	122
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Roger Danielson, Bob Goldman, Bob Fraka, Bill Jensen	123
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	Sam Zullo, Bob Norbutas, Jim Harvey, Ron Handley	125
<u>Closest to the Pin:</u> #7 (2 Shots) Bob Hunt #9 (1 Shot) Tom Sandifur		
	#13 (1 Shot) Bob Goldman	#15 (2 Shots) Peter Morrone (Birdie)

### 19 August SAN JOSE MUNI -2 BEST BALL

1st Place:	Dave Grant, Daryl Jones, Henry Melin, Gene Plevyak	111
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Jon Goldsworthy, Bill Shaddle, Bob Norbutas, Gerry Maddams	112
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Peter Morrone, Ed Hirshfield, Pat Brennan (BD), Fred Souza( BD)	113
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	Tom Dapice, Chung Song, Jim Light, Jerry Long (BD)	114
<u>Closest to the Pin:</u> #4 (1 Shot) Fran Andresen #7 (2 Shots) Doug Wood, Roger Danielson, Bill Shaddle, Hi-Dong Chai (all birdies)		
	#12 (1 Shot) Henry Melin	#17 (2 Shots) Jim Harvey

### 26 August SPRING VALLEY -2 BEST BALL

1st Place:	Grant Beech, Earl Schmieding, Dennis Berg, Bob Fowler	111
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Ed Metevia, Tom Dapice, Chung Song, Tom Davis( BD)	115
(Tie)	Steve Jensen, Martin Devries, Lou Bottini, Don Reams	115
(Tie)	Bob Fraka, Bill Jansen, Dave Lemery, Pat Brennan	115
<u>Closest to the Pin:</u> #4 (1 Shot) Ron Handley #7 (2 Shots) Dave Lemery (Birdie)		
	#11 (1 Shot) Chung Song	#17 (2 Shots) Lou Bottini

## SIR State Golf Qualifier Results

We had twenty golfers in our Division Qualifier for the Individual State Championship. Only two players in each of seven flights made it to the finals to be played at Poppy Hills in November. Ed Metevia made the cut and will play for the championship for the third time (he was State Champion in 2004). Jerry Sanders, Henry Melin, and Bob Norbutas just missed the cut and will serve as alternates.

## SIRS Players of the Month August - 2009

Presented By - Bob Norbutas

Flight	Name	Hcp Index	Score	Date	Net Differential Over/Under "Par"	Course
A	Henry Melin	11.2	75	19-Aug	-6	San Jose Muni
B	Fred Souza	16.6	84	19-Aug	-3	San Jose Muni
C	Bob Norbutas	20.6	84	19-Aug	-7	San Jose Muni
D	Earl Schmieding	22.5	84	26-Aug	-5	Spring Valley
E	Don Williams	30.5	95	19-Aug	-6	San Jose Muni

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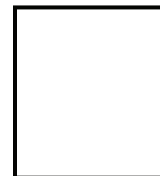
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**TRAVEL WITH SIR**

COMPLETED TRIPS FOR THE MONTH: "Discover Quebec by Rail" was attended by 20 participants on July 14 to 23 which included a train excursion, sail boating around the Bonaventure Island, whale watching and a tour of Quebec. Except for one day there was no rain (another SIR miracle). The train was rather an antique relic but was certainly an adventure. The accommodations were first class with large rooms and a castle like atmosphere.

NEW TRAVEL BROCHURES: Three new travel brochures were issued this month.

- (1) "Maui Winter Vacation for Golfers and Non Golfers" is scheduled for January 7 to 13, 2010. Accommodations are at the Outrigger Palms at Wailea with three rounds of golf with cart, prizes and many sideline activities for the non golfers.
- (2) "The Four Aces" at the Robert and Margrit Mondavi Center for Performing Arts, UC Davis is scheduled for February 10, 2010.
- (3) "Yosemite Spring Celebration" is scheduled for May 17 to 20, 2010. This includes three nights at Yosemite Lodge, four breakfasts, four lunches and a dinner. This also includes the Mariposa Grove Big Trees, Yosemite Mountain Sugar Pine Railroad, and much more.

TOUR INFORMATION: A presentation will be given at Mama Mia's Restaurant (200 E, Hamilton Ave. Campbell) at 3:00 on November 3, 2009 for the "Discover Tuscany" tour scheduled for June 24 to July 3, 2010. Please call Ralph Hunt(650-967-8467) or Alan Patmore (408-867-4197) for reservations. Another interesting trip in the works is a "Train, Boat and Couch Adventure" ending with a stop in Pleasanton. To date we have completed 10 SIR trips with 11 more currently scheduled for 2009. There are 15 trips already scheduled for 2010 with more in the works. I may have mentioned this before, but the Travel Bulletin for consolidated areas 5 and 20 is published and mailed every other month. The current issue is July/August 2009.

HAPPY TRAVELS - Alan Patmore, Travel Chairman