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Devoted to the
promotion of independence and
Dignity of retirement

LUNCHEON-12 NOON - FIRST WEDNESDAY - FREMONT HILLS CC, 12889 VISCAINO PL. LOS ALTOS

August 5th Speaker

Lt. Col NORMAN A. SCOTT USAF (Ret.)
The U2 and Airborne Reconnaissance

The U-2 has been operational for more than 50 years and still going strong with a wide variety of sensors. The plane should be good through the middle of the 21st century. The aircraft is now operated by the Air Force and was flown by the CIA and flew over Russia, China, Viet Nam, and Cuba.

The U-2 has a range of 6000 miles at 410 knots with a 70,000 foot ceiling and 12 hours pilot limited flight time. A variety of sensors along with high resolution film makes the plane useful for intelligence gathering and satellite calibrations among its many uses.

Lt. Col Scott over a 20 year Air force career and later as a Silicon Valley technical intelligence corporate exec was involved with highly classified black operations and skunk works research and development. Upon retiring he spent several years with Boeing. He now acts as an independent consultant part time for Boeing.

**IF ANY MEMBER HAS ANY
SUGGESTIONS REGARDING SPEAKERS
PLEASE CONTACT
LITTLE SIR: Sam Meredith
650-325-4152**

FUTURE SPEAKERS

Sept 2: Arne Croce former San Mateo City Manager regarding Bell, Calif scandal

Oct. 7: TBD

Nov. 4: TBd

Dec 9: Christmas party on 2nd Wednesday

2016 OFFICERS

To be voted on at our August Meeting

- Big Sir.....Sam Meredith
- Little Sir.....Craig Carpenter
- Secretary.....Greg Schaem
- Treasurer.....Myron Hollister
- Assistant Treasurer.....Marcus Cohen
- Membership.....Tim Eastham
- Assistants.....Gerry Shebar
Arjun Godhwani
- New Members.....Roy Deffebach
- Newsletter.....Jim Cummings
- Special Events.....Kevin Wheaton
- Golf.....Kai Johansen
- Directors.....Roger Murray
Walt McCullough
Russ Porter
Ted McKee

VOLUNTARY DUES

Once a year we collect voluntary dues of \$20. These dues are used to pay our expenses so it is important that all members. Help out by paying this modest stipend. You can pay at the luncheon or mail a check to our treasurer

Myron Hollister
4148 Old Trace Road
Palo Alto, Ca. 94306

WEBSITE

www.sir51.org

SIR Branch #51 now has a website. Check out the site for back issues of the newsletter and info about activities

For information about statewide Activities of SIR go to SIR HAPPENINGS
<http://www.sirinc.org/sirhappenings/>

MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

The 2015 membership roster is available and can be picked up at the luncheon. If you need one mailed please contact TIM EASTHAM at 650-366-2449

NEW MEMBERS

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EBay-card collecting-golf-baseball

ACTIVITIES



COMPUSIR is a self-help Computer discussion group. We meet for lunch and discussion on the second Wednesday of each month at the PALO ALTO ELKS LODGE 4249 EL CAMINO REAL, PALO ALTO. For entry, use the announce button on the pedestal to the left of the Front door. **COMPUSIR** is now part of SPAUG (the Palo Alto – Stanford Users Group). SPAUG Meetings are still held the **SECOND WEDNESDAY** of each month at 7:00 pm. at PA Elks Lodge (address above). The meeting is upstairs (elevator available past the stairway). More information at www.pa-spaug.org. Some members meet for dinner at the club at 5:30

COMPUSIRS contact is Jim Dinkey
(650-493-9307)

More information at www.pa-spaug.org.

MACINTOSH USERS

Skip Ross 541-857-6224
wross@closereach.com

Contact Skip Ross to join this e-mail group where SIR members in all branches can exchange MAC-related news, get answers to questions and share experiences.

Computer Special Interest Groups

Special Interest Groups —(SIGs) meet at [Central Computer](#), Santa Clara, Monday evenings at 7pm. (For more information: [SVUGA](#) (the Silicon Valley User Group Activities) web site features SPAUG and SVCS among other local organizations.)

Build It Yourself SIG — contact/leader: Fred Townsend

Windows SIG — contact/leader: Kevin Lynn

Digital Imaging SIG — contact/leader: George Hamma & Richard Eggers

Web SIG — contact/leader: Maury Green



GOLF: The following months' schedules

JULY

08 Wed Poplar Creek 10:00
15 Wed Sunol(Cypress)10:00
22 Wed Santa Clara 10:00
29 Wed Los Lagos 10:00

AUGUST

04 TUE Santa Clara 10:00
12 Wed Sunnyvale 10:00
19 Wed Poppy Hills 10:00
26 Wed Spring Valley 10:00

APRIL Leader Board

<u>GROSS</u>		<u>NET</u>	
1-Dennis Gaushell	80	1-Rick McLain	63
2-Kingsley Wood	81	Craig Carpenter	63
3-Jim Stanford	84	3-Mike McMahon	64
Jim Cummings	84	Jim Stanford	64
5-Rick McLain	85	5-Kingsley Wood	66
6-Ben Guess	86	Rob Harrell	66
7-Mike McMahon	87	Dennis Gaushell	66
8-Ned Miller	88	8-Dick Taylor	67
Craig Carpenter	88	Tony Hanley	67
10-Dick Taylor	89	10-Jim Cummings	68
Bob Rewak	89	Dick Taylor	68

PLEASE BE AT THE COURSE AT LEAST ONE HOUR BEFORE THE FIRST TEE TIME.

All of the golf courses we play require a player count 7 to 14 days prior to play date. Please call or e-mail JIM CUMMINGS (650-328-2168) if your play or no-play commitment changes.

KAI JOHANSEN (853-2493)



TENNIS: Our tennis group meets Mondays and Thursdays at Rinconada Park in Palo Alto.

Please be there by 8 AM when doubles teams will be formed. Later arrivals will play as sets are completed. We play an open spin-in doubles format. Play level is about 2.5. We welcome non-SIRS so bring a friend. Bill Kamin (322-4300)



SIRS ON BIKES: SIR Area #16 bike rides regularly start at 11:00 AM the **2nd Thursday of the month.**

Wives and Guests are welcome.

Bring bike, helmet and a jacket if it is windy.

Rain will cancel. Attendance averages 10-15 riders. More are welcome. Rides are planned to be 15-20 miles on paved bicycle trails (so that almost any type of bike is usable) with some optional ride distances. The pace is moderate and riding on streets is kept to a minimum and includes a restaurant lunch break.

August 13th 11:00 AM

MOUNTAIN VIEW to ALVISO

The Ride: We begin the ride at the La Avenida Trail Head and follow the Stevens Creek Trail for 1.5 miles where we connect with the Bay Trail. We continue the ride 3.5 miles on the levees and old service roads as we cross the waters north of Moffett Field. (Note: This portion of the Bay Trail has a packed gravel surface and is bumpy in places) We then head for Sunnyvale Baylands Park where we follow the trail through the park and then to downtown Alviso, where we will have lunch at a restaurant. The ride is 9.5 miles one way. We will return on the same route for a roundtrip of 19 miles. There are no optional shortcuts.

Directions: Meet at the La Avenida Trail Head at end of La Avenida Ave. From the intersection of Hwy 101 and Shoreline Blvd, head north on Shoreline Blvd. toward the Computer Museum. La Avenida is the first street on the right, but you can't turn there as it is a one-way street. Instead go past the Computer Museum to Pear Ave; turn right. Ingo Way is the next street; turn right. La Avenida is the next St.; turn left. (It is a two-way street here). Go four blocks to the end of the street. Park on the street, next to the curb.

To Ride or More Info: CONTACT

CHAIRMAN

Jim Lunt
408-252-6804
jamesdlunt@yahoo.com

OR

ALTERNATE

Karl Resick
650-941-8837
karl.resick(at)
Stanfordalumni.org

The SPRING hours are Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 9:30. Please be there by 9:15 for the 9:30 start time. Experienced players need to be there 15 minutes early to be entered into the draw for teams.

FREE COACHING IS AVAILABLE FOR NEW PLAYERS.

Don Hughes (322-4300)

INDOOR BOWLING: (BRANCHES 5, 35 & 51) We bowl on a handicap system, so all have an equal chance. Each season teams are revised and always have a mix of players by ability.

Tuesdays at Homestead Lanes: Homestead and Stelling in Sunnyvale. Be there by **12.45.**

New bowlers are always welcome at any level of experience. If you're new, it's easier if you call me in advance so we will be prepared.

SEASON HIGH SCORES

SCRATCH SERIES	SCRATCH GAME	
603 Phil Vanderwerf	Doug Ericsson	211
544 Tim Eastham	Ed White	211
505 Ron Nakamoto	Al Runge	192

HANDICAP SERIES	HANDICAP GAME	
662 Roy Robinson	Ptah Bennet	273
662 Robert Dunn	Fred Schwalbach	244
654 Erv Erickson	Bob Taggart	243

Bill Finkemeier (323-2177)

NON-RESPONSIBILITY DECLARATION: All activities arranged for or by, or sponsored by, Sons in Retirement, Inc., and its Branches, are for the convenience and pleasure of the members and their guests who desire to participate. Sons in Retirement, Inc., and its Branches do not assume any responsibility for the well being or safety of the participants or their property, in any matters pertaining to said activities.

BRANCHES 5, 16, 35 & 51 TRAVEL NEWS



Numerous Trips are available through SIR statewide. Check the state publication **SIR HAPPENINGS**

www.sirinc.org
click on travel

All changes in address and/or telephone number must be reported to the Membership Committee Chairman:
Tim Eastham, 2110 Ward Way, Woodside, Ca 94062 (650-366-2449).

SIR BRANCH #51 OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Big Sir: Rick McLain	408-629-8170
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Golf: Kai Johansen	853-2493
Tennis: Bill Kamin	322-4300
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Attendance: Arjun Godhwani	510-490-7503	Luncheon Coordinator: Erv Ericksen	369-3873
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Good Samaritan: Bob Guffey	593-3496	New Member orientation: Roy Deffebach	631-0585
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