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Fellowship Hour 11:00 a.m. - Lunch at noon

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SIR Happenings

The latest edition of SIR Happenings can always be found at:

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

Big SIR Message

I wish you and your families all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

As Big SIR Lou Bottini prepares to pass the gavel, I want to take a minute to thank him for his guidance of SIR's chapter 125. Like those before him he has done an outstanding job of making this year a great experience.

We can all take a moment to look back at this year and remember the good times we have had. There was bowling and golf, trips to the gold country, computer club and day trips. Some members signed up for SIRs travel packages. Let's not forget the fellowship that we all experience at the monthly lunch. Our biggest event of the summer, the July Barbecue, has only gotten better with the inclusion of wives and significant others.

I look forward to the challenge that the position of Big SIR presents. I hope that I can continue the great tradition of my predecessors. It is my goal that when next year is over we will all feel like we have had a great time.

I hope that you all enjoy the Christmas party and have a great holiday season.

2012 Big SIR Jerry Oliver

Updates Needed For SIR 2012 Roster!

We are preparing the 2012 issue of our SIR Roster which will be available in January. To make it as accurate as possible, please send any changes that have occurred in your personal information to either Chuck Waggoner at (charlie@waggs-home.com) or Ed Metevia (SIR-Ed@metevia.com) by the end of the first week of December. Thanks.

Chuck Waggoner, Assistant Roster Editor



Bowling

As of November 28th, we've completed four more weeks of the Fall League and find the Team of Don Williams - Chuck Waggoner in 5th place! The Lou Tarnay Team is just behind them in 6th place, while the Rich Madayag - Tomix Alvaro Team is struggling in 18th place. The high scores for the last four weeks are:

High Scores:	Games	Series
Tomix Alvaro	174, 168, 166	502
Rich Madayag	236, 206, 203	610
Lou Tarnay	255, 190, 188	617
Chuck Waggoner	236, 202, 198	611
Don William	178, 149, 143	430

Dave Grant, Bulletin Editor

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

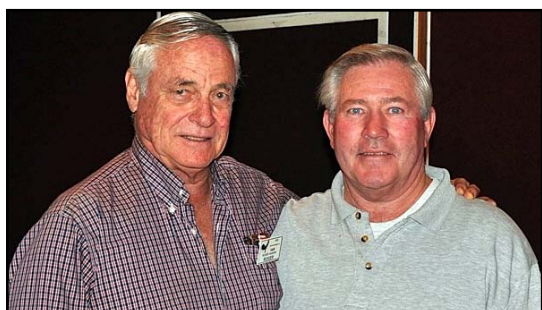
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Treasurer, Daryl Jones

		BEGINNING BALANCE	4,432	
		GENERAL	CUSTODIAL	TOTAL
RECEIPTS	210	3,181	3,391	
DISBURSEMENTS	143	353	496	
MONTHLY CHANGE	67	2,828	2,895	
		ENDING BALANCE	7,326	
MEMBERSHIP	ACTIVE	181		
	INACTIVE	16		
	WAIT LIST	2		
LAST MEETING	MEMBERS	126		
	GUESTS	3		
	VISITORS			
	TOTAL	129		

More New Members!

We accepted three new members into the Branch at the November Luncheon: Gregory Sease, sponsored by Roger Hughes; Richard Aria, sponsored by Joe Mingione; and, Jack Webb, sponsored by Bill Croxton. This brings our total new members for the year to eighteen with two more on the waiting list. Great job to all who helped meet the aggressive goal we set for the year!



Roger Hughes (L) with new member Gregory Sease (R)



Joe Mingione (R) with new member Richard Aria (L)



Bill Croxton (R) with new member Jack E. Webb (L)

December Birthdays

Rudy Birnel	08
Adnan Daoud	23
Al Friebel	25
Ed Gilroy	22
Bob Johnson	11
Dave Lemery	13
Ed Lewis	06
Phil Olavarri	19
Jack Pease	12
Steve Pinn	01
Bob Shields	20
Tom Standifur	10
Barrie Sullivan	06
Paul Ward	07

November Birthday Drawing

Congratulation to Ron Hanley who won the birthday drawing for a free lunch at the November meeting. Ron (L) is shown receiving his check from our Little SIR, Jerry Oliver (R).



THE GOLF PAGE

THE LEADERBOARD

Presented By - Carl Vollersen & Pat Doran

2 November 2011 APTOS SEASCAPE - 2 BEST BALL

1 st Place:	Dennis Berg, Ed Gilroy, Bill Dueksen, Earl Schmieding	118
2 nd Place:	Fred Hernandez, Rudy Lopez, Charlie Hanson, George Bassi	123
(Tie)	Neal Atchison, Larry Peck, John Guarino, Wayne Stewart	123
(Tie)	Bob Goldman, Bob Fraka, Roger Hughes, Greg Sease	123
<u>Closest to the Pin:</u>	#8 (1 Shot) Peter Morrone #12 (1 Shot) Gerry Maddams	
	#14 (2 Shot) Pat Doran #16 (2 Shot) Dennis Berg	

9 November 2011 CALLIPPE - 2 BEST BALL

1 st Place:	Bob Fraka, Bob Goldman, Terry Drobny, Carl Vollersen	119
2 nd Place:	Henry Melin, Gene Plevyak, Tom Ranweiler, Wayne Stewart	128
3 rd Place:	George Bassi, Charlie Hanson, Fred Hernandez, Rudy Lopez	131
4 th Place:	Pat Brennan, Dave Lemery, Jon Goldsworthy, Jim Light	134
(Tie)	Dave Brown, Pat Doran, Ray Gilcrest, Jay James	134
<u>Closest to the Pin:</u>	#4 (2 Shot) Ray Gilcrest #6 (1 Shot) Dave Brown	
	#13 (1 Shot) Gene Plevyak #16 (2 Shot) Henry Melin	

16 November 2011 LAGUNA SECA - 2 BEST BALL

1 st Place:	George Bassi, Fred Hernandez, Rudy Lopez, Charlie Hanson	119
2 nd Place:	Jerry Davis, Gerry Maddams, Ken Rose, Bob Norbutas	121
3 rd Place:	Hi-Dong Chai, Paul Piligian, Tom Standifur, Henry Melin (BD)	122
4 th Place:	Jay James, Dave Brown, Ray Gilcrest, Mel Bates	123
<u>Closest to the Pin:</u>	#2 (1 Shot) Paul Piligian #8 (1 Shot) Paul Piligian	
	#12 (2 Shot) Hi-Dong Chai (birdie) #17 (1 Shot) Dave Brown	

23 November 2011 SAN JOSE MUNI - 2 BEST BALL

1 st Place:	Grant Beech, Earl Schmieding, Bob Fowler, Terry Drobny	122
2 nd Place:	Fred Hernandez, Rudy Lopez, Charlie Hanson, George Bassi	124
3 rd Place:	Henry Melin, Tom Ranweiler, Barrie Sullivan, Gene Plevyak	125
(Tie)	Jim Light, Gary Robertson, Jack Weber, Bill Croxton	125
<u>Closest to the Pin:</u>	#4 (1 Shot) Bob Fraka #7 (2 Shot) Bob Norbutas (birdie)	
	#12 (1 Shot) Bob Fraka #17 (2 Shot) Tom Ranweiler	

30 November 2011 SPRING HILLS - 2 BEST BALL

1 st Place:	Dave Lemery, Pat Brennan, Jon Goldsworthy, Bill Shaddle	130
(Tie)	Fred Hernandez, Rudy Lopez, Charlie Hanson, George Bassi	130
3 rd Place:	Peter Morrone, Tom Ranweiler, Henry Melin, Fred Hernandez (BD)	135
4 th Place:	Roger Danielson, Pat Doran, Ed Hirshfield, Jim Light (BD)	137
(Tie)	Hi-Dong Chai, Jim Light, Gary Robertson, Fred Souza	137
(Tie)	Bill Croxton, Jack Weber, Gary O'Connell, Steve Jensen (BD)	137
<u>Closest to the Pin:</u>	#7 (2 Shot) Pat Doran #9 (1 Shot) Dave Lemery	
	#13 (1 Shot) Fred Hernandez #15 (2 Shot) Bob Fraka	

“Best” Golfers for October, 2011

Winning a sleeve of golf balls along with the widely acclaimed and highly coveted award for Golfer of the Month for October, 2011, were (L-R): Pat Doran, John Guarino, Larry Peck, Gerry O’Connell and Fred Hernandez.



Scratch Golf Tournament Winners

Congratulations to all the winners of the Scratch Golf Tournament; especially to Henry Melin, Champion for 2011. Jerry Davis was the runner-up. Joe Gerarge and Pat Brennan made it to the round of four; while Mel Bates, Pat Doran, Hi-Dong Chai and Dave Brown made it to the round of eight. Those available for the picture on the right were (L-R): Jerry Davis, Pat Doran, Henry Melin, Dave Brown and Pat Brennan.



Congratulations to Branch 125 State Golf Champs

Congratulations to the Team of Ray Gilcrest, Bob Norbutas, Daryl Jones and Carl Vollersen who came in 3rd place overall in the recent SIR State Golf Tournament. Also congratulations go out to our three qualifiers for individual play, all of whom came in 1st place in their flights:

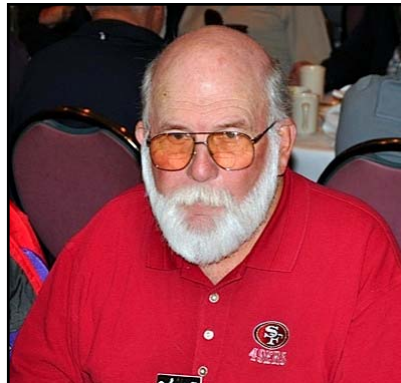
- Flight 2: Jon Goldsworthy
- Flight 4: Dave Lemery
- Flight 5: Earl Schmieding

Henry Melin, Golf Area Rep

Gold Country Golf

Our overall “Champion” for our SIRS #125 Gold Country Tournament for October 2011 was Jerry Sanders with a three day net low score of 211!

Jerry is shown on the right and again with the organizers of the event, Larry Peck and Neal Atchison.



SIRS Players of the Month November - 2011

Presented By - Bob Norbutas

Flight	Name	Hcp Index	Score	Date	Net Differential Over/Under "Par"	Course
A	Bob Fraka	9.5	76	23-Nov	-4	San Jose Muni
B	John Guarino	16.7	84	23-Nov	-3	San Jose Muni
C	Rudy Lopez	20.1	88	2-Nov	-3	Aptos Seascape
D	Earl Schmieding	25.6	92	2-Nov	-5	Aptos Seascape
E	Larry Peck	33.0	100	2-Nov	-5	Aptos Seascape

**2011 SIR BRANCH 125 CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20 AT THE 3 FLAMES RESTAURANT**

Happy Hour will begin at 11 a.m., with luncheon at 12:00 noon. You must have a seating reservation; if you do not, please contact John Feemster at 867-1180. The choices of meals are Stuffed Chicken Breast, Coulotte Steak, and Vegetarian. The price of a single meal is \$28.00. Wives and guests are welcome. There will be music by the Leonard Julian Trio prior to the lunch. The program includes awards for 50th wedding anniversaries, installation of 2012 officers, entertainment, and a gift drawing, conducted by John Feemster. Tickets for the gift drawing will be for sale at the luncheon; one complimentary ticket will be given to each person attending. At the end of the luncheon, there will be a complimentary gift for each lady present. If you have not already purchased luncheon tickets, you must phone Bob Shields at 268-4975, and mail a check for all tickets ordered.

NOTE: Bob will be on vacation from Nov. 17 to Nov 30; If you leave a message on his answering machine, he will contact you when he returns. We hope to see you at the party!

Bob Rung, Chairman.

All SIR Day at the San Francisco Giants, 2012

All SIR Day at the San Francisco Giants will be Thursday, August 2, 2012. It will be a 12:45 p.m. game against the New York Mets. Roger Danielson has bought 44 tickets for Branch 125 again. They are located in the lower box seats in left field and face home plate. The cost will be about \$33.

As you may be aware, the Giants sold out every game this year and have already sold 30,000 season tickets for next year (more than they sold in 2011). See Roger Danielson if you are interested in purchasing tickets.

Roger Danielson

The Fall edition of SIR Happenings available on the SIR website

President Mannell's front page article reviews 2011 accomplishments. The increase in Branch Activities was very positive as was the reduction in the rate of losing members. He pointed that we have done many of the difficult things necessary for our future and that the next one or two years will show true growth in membership.

Click on the following link: <http://sirinc.org/sirhappenings/>

Don MacGregor, Editor, SIR Happenings

November Speaker

Our speaker for November was Ronald L. Sheffield, who recently retired as the Manager, Extravehicular Activity (EVA) and Crew Systems on the Hubble Space Telescope (HST) Program for Lockheed Martin from 1985 – 2009.

Ron gave a presentation on the Hubble Space Telescope highlighting the physical description, characteristics, and historical data that describe the building and servicing of the Hubble Space Telescope. Ron also discussed the on-orbit highlights of the extra vehicular activity (EVA) activities of STS-125, the last planned servicing mission.

Ron Sheffield (R) is shown on the right receiving his Recognition Plaque from Paul Piligian (R), Program Committee.

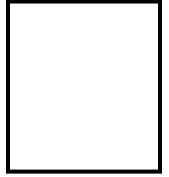


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TRAVEL WITH SIR

COMPLETED TRIPS THIS MONTH: (1) "West Coast Swing" was attended by 40 participants traveling through Seattle and British Columbia on September 16-26. Good weather with tours through the Seattle Underground and lunch on the Space Needle. Off to British Columbia with visits to Kelowna, Whistler and the Rocky Mountain Train back to Vancouver. Great sight seeing at several of the Olympic sights, gondola rides, museum, winery and the swinging bridge. The trip was topped off with a Princess cruise back to San Francisco. (2) "Exploring New Zealand, North and South Islands" was attended by 14 participants on October 9-28. The trip included Auckland, Bay of Islands, Rotorua, Wellington, Christchurch, Tranz Alpine Train, Franz Joseph Glacier Region, Queenstown, Milford Sound, Te Anau and Mt. Cook. Weather was on the wet side but everyone survived. Christchurch was a shock due to the recent earthquakes. (3) "Southern Charm" was attended by 3 participants on October 16-22. No SIR travel representative, therefore no first hand report. (4) "Grand Scotland and Ireland Tour" was attended by 17 participants on August 1-12. One of the highlights was the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo at Edinburgh Castle. Tour included Loch Ness (no monster sighted), Blair Castle, Belfast, Ulster, Dublin, whisky tasting, museums, sea cliffs and many wonderful views of the country side.

NEW TRAVEL BROCHURES: "The Majestic Pacific Northwest" is scheduled for May 20-25, 2012. The tour features Seattle and a tour of the Boeing Aircraft plant, Space Needle, and the Paul Allen Music Museum. Then off for a three day cruise on the Viking Star to the San Juan Islands with two nights in the town of Friday Harbor. Included is a tour of the San Juan Archipelago and views of Orca whales and island wild life.

TOUR INFORMATION: This year we have completed 13 trips with 3 more scheduled for 2011. We currently have 14 trips scheduled for 2012.

HAPPY TRAVELS

Alan Patmore, Travel Chairman