



SIR WESTGATE BRANCH 125

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Big SIR Message

Back in 2004 I went out to play golf at Santa Teresa as a single. As luck would have it, I ran into a former Sir who has since moved out of the area ... Pete McErlean, I am sure many of you remember him. After playing golf, we went to the 19th hole to have a beer or two. That is when Pete told me about SIRs.

He started out by saying how would you like to join a club that sets up golf tee times 50 to 52 weeks out of the year. My question to him was, "What do I have to do?" His answer was simple ... show up for lunch once a month. It was a no brainer to make the decision to join. You non-golfers you may ask, "What was the big deal?" The big deal, especially back in 2004 when the economy was better, is that it was not that easy to get good tee times at the area's local golf courses. And now, by joining SIR Branch 125, I just have to sign up and I have a tee time.

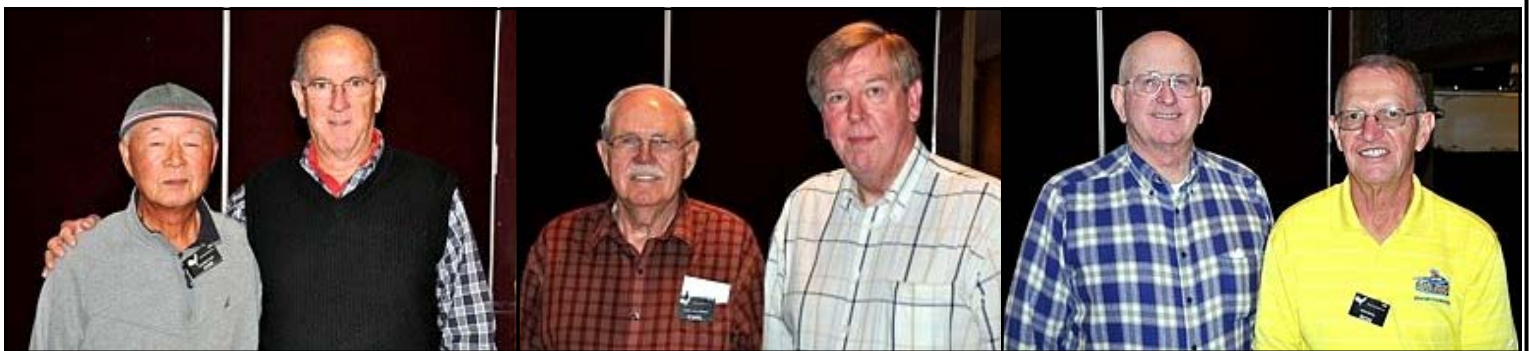
In addition to the golf, I have also made some great friends by being a member of this fine organization, as I am sure that many of you have. So Pete, if you get this, thanks again and to all of the members of Branch 125, thanks for making this a great club.

Big SIR Lou Bottini

More New Members!

We accepted three new members into the Branch at the May Luncheon: Paul Ward, Terry Drobny and Glen Mathews. This brings our total new members for the year to eleven with two more on the waiting list. Great job all!

Our newest members, pictured below with their sponsors (L-R): Paul Ward (R) with his sponsor Hi-Dong Chai, Terry Drobny (L) with his sponsor Carl Vollersen, and Glen Mathews (L) with his sponsor Ron Duval.



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Bowling Update

As of May 30th, we've completed four weeks of the Summer Season. The Teams have reformed and we're down to only two regular Teams.

The Rich Madayag Team is in 2nd place, while the Chuck Waggoner Team is in 12th place. Apparently Tomix Alvaro and Lou Tarnay are substitutes and haven't had a chance to bowl yet.

High Scores:	Games	Series
Rich Madayag	194, 202, 228	571, 578
Chuck Waggoner	194, 201, 204	533, 537
Tomix Alvaro	-	-
Lou Tarnay	-	-

Dave Grant, Bulletin Editor

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

May-2011

Treasurer, Daryl Jones

		BEGINNING BALANCE	2,692	
		GENERAL	CUSTODIAL	TOTAL
RECEIPTS	233	640	873	
DISBURSEMENTS	112		112	
MONTHLY CHANGE	121	640	761	
		ENDING BALANCE	3,452	
MEMBERSHIP	ACTIVE	180		
	INACTIVE	13		
	WAIT LIST	2		
LAST MEETING	MEMBERS	127		
	GUESTS	2		
	VISITORS	1		
	TOTAL	130		

May Birthday Drawing



Peter Buzanski (R) wins the drawing for a free lunch and receives the check from Little SIR, Jerry Oliver (L).

June Birthdays

Dave Brown	19
Cal Coran	09
Eric Hendrickson	12
Frank Lovoi	29
Henry Melin	25
Rob Moore	14
Scott Norwood	24
Bill Oliver	22
Bob Ramonda	02
Karl Sprick	20
Carl Vollersen	16
Joe Vargas	09

May Speaker

At our May luncheon, Larry Tartaglino presented a light-hearted and entertaining look into the life and background of Bernie Madoff. Madoff is an admitted operator of what has been described as the largest Ponzi scheme in history. Larry is shown here receiving his 2nd recognition plaque from Gene Plevyak, Program Chairman.



June Speaker

Our May speaker, Bob Parsons, suffered a stroke in 2000 while on a business trip to Taiwan. He completed his business trip thinking that his blurred vision was conjunctivitis; but upon returning home, he visited his doctor at Stanford Hospital and learned that he had suffered a stroke. Later, after surgery for an enlarged aorta, Bob decided to close his business and dedicate his life to teaching people about stroke prevention, detection and treatment.

Over the past six years, Bob has spoken to over 17,000 Bay Area residents through more than 400 talks on behalf of the Stanford Stroke Center and the Stroke Awareness Foundation (SAF) of San Jose. In his presentations, Bob explains that stroke should be viewed like a heart attack and responded to just as quickly.

Bob received his engineering degree and MBA from Stanford University and lives in Palo Alto.

Gene Plevyak, Program Committee

Branch 125 Pride

As members of SIR's branch 125 we can all take pride in one of the most successful branches in SIR's. We are one of the largest branches and our membership is involved in many activities from monthly lunch, improving member's computer skills, travel, golf and bowling as well as the July barbecue and Christmas party. While other chapters struggle to maintain membership levels Branch 125 continues to grow.

We owe our success to those members that encourage their friends to join, and to our volunteers that make our branch run smoothly.

I would like to take this time to thank the volunteers that have served us in the past and encourage new members to become involved in the operation of the branch. Some members have served for a many years. In order to maintain a vibrant organization it is necessary that younger members with new ideas join those who have dedicated their time and energy to making Branch 125 what it is today.

I ask that our newer and/or younger members consider volunteering. Some assignments require no more than an hour or two per month while others allow for deeper involvement. I believe that you will find this an enlightening experience.

Over the next few months the board will be looking for members to fill these positions. You may be asked to fill one of these positions.

If you would like more information on the volunteer program, please contact me or any member of the board or drop in next month to the monthly board meeting. The meeting is conducted at 10AM prior to the lunch. There is no board meeting in July or December.

Jerry Oliver, Little SIR

SIR BRANCH 125 BARBECUE, TUESDAY, JULY 19, 2011 AT SANTA CLARA ELKS CLUB 1680 MARTIN AVENUE, SANTA CLARA, CA

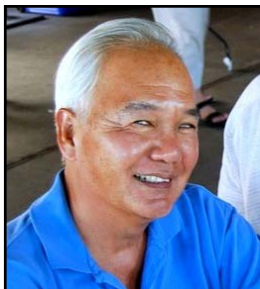
Our annual BBQ will again be held at the superb facility of the Santa Clara Elks, where it has been held for several years. Chef Gene Plevyak, sous chef John Figini, famous baked beans chef John Feemster, and a host of volunteers are preparing to provide another great lunch of tri-tip steak, beans, cole slaw, sour dough bread, Italian sausage, and beverages including draft Michelob beer, red and white wine, soft drinks and bottled water.

Wives and male and female guests are invited. We are holding the price at \$20 per person, the same as last year. Saul Miano has arranged for golf at Blackberry Farm prior to the BBQ for a separate price of \$22 per golfer. Chuck Roberts is arranging for bridge and cribbage prior to and after the barbecue. Ticket sales began at the May SIR luncheon, and will continue at the June luncheon. With Bob Shields going off on a cruise, it will be a little harder to get tickets after the June luncheon, but we will announce how to do that at the June luncheon. The barbecue begins at about 11 a.m. or immediately after golf. You can call Bob Rung, the BBQ chairman for answers to other questions, at 867-9254. A few other options are available for non-beef eaters.

Bob Rung, BBQ Chairman

Are You A Chess Player?

Cliff Yamaoka wants to organize a chess players group to meet once a month to enjoy friendly games of chess. If you are interested in joining this group you can contact Cliff at cyamaoka@yahoo.com.



**2011 SIR DAY WITH THE
THE WORLD CHAMPION SAN
FRANCISCO GIANTS
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10TH**

SOLD OUT!!!

Get your tickets early next year

THE GOLF PAGE

THE LEADERBOARD

Presented By - Carl Vollersen & Bill Avery

4 May 2011 LOS LAGOS - 2 BEST BALL

1st Place: Peter Morrone, Dave Lemery, Ed Gilroy, Carl Vollersen 111
 2nd Place: Dennis Berg, Lou Tarnay, Jim Light, Peter Morrone (BD) 112
 3rd Place: Dick Rathmann, Chuck Waggoner, Don Williams, Jim Smith 113
 (Tie) Grant Beech, Jim Harvey, Steve Rafferty, Bob Fowler 113
Closest to the Pin: #3 (1 Shot) Tom Davis #5 (1 Shot) Fran Andreson
 #7 (1 Shot) Grant Beech #16 (1 Shot) Ron Duval (birdie)

11 May 2011 LAKE CHABOT - 2 BEST BALL

1st Place: Cliff Yamaoka, Gene Plevyak, Daryl Jones, Tom Ranweiler 115
 2nd Place: Roger Danielson, Peter Morrone, Carl Vollersen, Dave Brown (BD) 120
 3rd Place: Bill Shaddle, Jon Goldsworthy, John Guarino, Wayne Stewart 122
 4th Place: Ray Gilcrest, Jay James, Dave Brown, Pat Doran 128
Closest to the Pin: #2 (1 Shot) Tom Ranweiler #9 (2 Shot) Gene Plevyak, Cliff Yamaoka (birdies)
 #12 (1 Shot) Grant Beech #17 (1Shot) Barrie Sullivan

18 May 2011 PAJARO VALLEY - 2 BEST BALL

1st Place: Chuck Waggoner, Jim Smith, Dick Rathmann, Don Williams 127
 2nd Place: Tom Ranweiler, Henry Melin, Jon Goldsworthy, Dennis Berg 128
 3rd Place: Dan Archuleta, Lou Bottini, Don Reams, Steve Jensen 131
 4th Place: Charlie Hanson, Fred Hernandez, Rudy Lopez, Carl Vollersen (BD) 132
Closest to the Pin: #7 (1 Shot) Jon Goldsworthy #3 (2 Shot) Tom Ranweiler (birdie)
 #14 (2 Shot) Hi-Dong Chai #11 (2 Shot) Roger Danielson (birdie)

25 May 2011 SPRING VALLEY - 2 BEST BALL

1st Place: Pat Doran, Mel Bates, Ray Gilcrest, Dave Brown 114
 (Tie) Hi-Dong Chai, Roger Hughes, Bob Norbutas, Jerry O'Connell 114
 3rd Place: George Bassi, Fred Hernandez, Charlie Hanson, Ed Hirshfield 115
 4th Place: Pat Brennan, John Guarino, Wayne Stewart, Dave Brown (BD) 122
 (Tie) Gene Plevyak, Tom Ranweiler, Daryl Jones, Henry Melin 122
Closest to the Pin: #4 (1 Shot) Ray Gilcrest #7 (2 Shot) Daryl Jones, Jerry Sanders (birdies)
 #11 (2 Shot) Bob Goldman #16 (2 Shot) Tom Davis (birdie)

SIRS Players of the Month May - 2011

Presented By - Bob Norbutas

Flight	Name	Hcp Index	Score	Date	Net Differential Over/Under "Par"	Course
A	Ray Gilcrest	14.5	80	25-May	-2	Spring Valley
B	Grant Beech	18.2	77	4-May	-5	Los Lagos
C	Dennis Berg	20.5	82	4-May	-2	Los Lagos
D	Fred Hernandez	23.0	87	25-May	-3	Spring Valley
E	Wayne Stewart	29.4	89	4-May	-4	Los Lagos

2011 Club Championship Match Play (Handicap Flight)

Sanders, Jerry 15.7	Sanders								Plevyak	Plevyak, Gene 24.6
Danielson, Roger 15.5	5 & 4								6 & 5	Sullivan, Barrie 25.9
Bye -		Sanders								
Davis, Jerry 15.0	Davis	3 & 1							7 & 5	Waggoner
Melin, Henry 11.0	Doran									Waggoner, Chuck 20.9
Doran, Pat 12.3	2 up									Bye -
Pillgian, Paul 14.5	Pillgian	4 & 3								
Bye -										
Morrone, Peter 12.3	Beech									
Beech, Grant 16.8	2 up									
Guarino, John 16.7	Guarino	4 & 3								
Bye -										
Fraka, Bob 7.4	Chai									
Chai, Hi-Dong 14.2	1st TB 64-65									
Bye -										
Bottini, Lou 16.8	Bottini	1st TB 65-70								
Lemery, Dave 20.2	Lemery									
Brown, Dave 19.9	2 up									
Hedrick, Dave 19.9	Hedrick	6 & 4								
Bye -										
Rose, Ken 18.8	Rose									
Lopez, Rudy 20.7	5 & 3									
Bye -										
Standifur, Tom 20.9	Standifur	6 & 5								
Gerarge, Joe 16.8	Goldsworthy									
Goldsworthy, Jon 17.0	7 & 6									
Rathmann, Dick 18.1	Rathmann	1 up								
Bye -										
Norbutas, Bob 20.1	Norbutas									
Andreson, Fran 20.6	1 up									
Berg, Dennis 19.3	Berg	2 & 1								
Tarnay, Lou 18.8	2 & 1									

2010 Club Champion

B/D Bracket Finalist

A/C Bracket Finalist

“Best” Golfers for April, 2011

The Players of the Month for April, 2011 were (L-R): Tom Ranweiler, Jay James, Pat Doran, Jim Light and Neal Atchison.

Congratulations to all!



Gold Country Golf Video

John Figini, our hard working Web Master, has put together a terrific video, including a great sound track, of the photos taken by Don Reams, the official tournament photographer for the April Tournament held in the Gold Country. Just be sure to adjust your audio before you click on the link: <http://www.sirbranch125.org/>

Go to “Photo Gallery” and click on “Spring 2011” under Gold Country Golf.

SIR 125 Golf: Area 5 Team qualifier

There will be a team tournament qualifying from Area 5 held at Spring Valley on the 17th of June. Each Branch may submit at least one team with the following rules:

- An "A" player with a scratch to a 17.0 index;
- A "B" player with a 17.1 to 22.0 index;
- A "C" player with a 22.1 to a 27.0 index; and,
- A "D" player with an index of 27.1 to 36.4.

While a player can play up, no player can play down.

If you are interested in getting a team together, please email me with the members or let me know at one of the Wednesday tournaments, where I will have a signup paper.

The State championship will be at Sevillano Links on Aug 8th. Let's get at least one team together and if possible, get them to the State championship. Sevillano Links is at the Rolling Hills Casino in Corning near Chico.

SIR Henry Melin, Your Friendly Area Rep

Sir's Semi-Annual Golf Trip April 27-29, 2011

Another great golf trip! Our Semi-Annual Golf Trip to the heart of the Gold Country April 27- 29 was enjoyed by all. Golfers would be hard pressed to find a better venue for this trip. The weather was terrific, and we all survived the wind on Friday.

We enjoyed three great days of golf: Wednesday at Saddle Creek Golf Resort; Thursday at Greenhorn Creek Golf Resort; and Friday at Micke Grove Golf Links. Our accommodations at WorldMark by Wyndham at Greenhorn Creek were outstanding as usual. We had a buffet dinner on Wednesday evening and a sit down dinner on Thursday evening. Good food and wine were enjoyed by all.

April 27 - Saddle Creek Resort: Two best ball tournament won by the Team of Jerry Sanders, Fran Andreson, Jim Light, and Neal Atchison with a 36 under par. Our top four tournament leaders after the first day were Jim Light, Lou Bottini, Jerry Sanders, & Fran Andreson. We had a five-way tie for 5th place.

April 28 - Greenhorn Creek Resort: Two best ball tournament won by the Team of Henry Melin, Jon Goldsworthy, Tom Ranweiler, and Don Williams with 26 under par. Our top five tournament leaders after two days of play were Jim Light, Lou Bottini, John Guarino, Joe Gerarge, and Tom Ranweiler.

April 29 - Micke Grove Golf Links: Two best ball tournament won by the Team of Hi-Dong Chai, Chuck Waggoner, Charlie Hanson, Gene Plevyak with 16 under par.

Jim Light led all three days and is our "Champion" for our SIRs #125 Golf Tournament for April 2011 with a net score of 203 for the three day event.

Neal and I want to give a "big Thank You" to Bob Norbutas for tracking the scores during this event on his computer. Also a special thanks to Don Reams, our tournament photographer, who captured our special moments. We'd also want to thank all of you who participated in this golf outing in the heart of the Gold Country, and we look forward to our next golf tournament in October 2011.

Larry Peck, Golf Special Events



Jim Light (in the middle) is shown here receiving the Champion's trophy for the April Golf Tournament from Larry Peck (L) and Neal Atchison (R).

**Gold Country Golf
April 27, 28, & 29, 2011**



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TRAVEL WITH SIR

COMPLETED TRIPS THIS MONTH: "Rocky Mountain Western Explorer" was completed in May and will be reported on next month.

NEW TRAVEL BROCHURES: (1) "Natural Wonders of Costa Rica" is scheduled for a nine day tour on February 12, 2012. This includes Poas Volcano National Park, Jungle Crocodile Safari Cruise, Arenal Volcano National Park, Hanging Bridges, Carara Biological Preserve, Orchid Garden Tour, Sarchi Artisan Village, Folklore Show, 18 Meals and much more. (2) "Spring Training 2012" is scheduled for March 22-26, 2012 in Scottsdale Arizona. This includes 4 nights accommodations at the Holiday Inn Express, 3 baseball games, with free time in Scottsdale. (3) "Harbor Hopping in New England" is scheduled for June 15-23, 2012 with Island hopping in and around Boston and Newport. Start off with 2 nights in Boston which includes a self guided sight seeing tour at you leisure on the Old Town Trolley. The American Star vessel will then cruise for 6 nights to Providence RI, New Bedford MA, Nantucket Island MA, Martha's Vineyard Island MA, Bristol RI, Fall River MA, Newport RI and Block Island RI. The cruise includes all meals and cocktails before Dinner.

TOUR INFORMATION: Two trips have been canceled, (1) "Bay Model" scheduled for August 11, 2011 and "Mexican Riviera Cruise" scheduled for November 5-13, 2011. Some of the cruise lines are reducing or eliminating some of the previous Mexican cruises. There will be a presentation of SIR trips arranged by Talbot tours on June 30, 2:00 PM at Denny's Restaurant, 1140 Hillsdale Ave near Almaden Express Way, San Jose. Trips being presented include Harbor Hopping in New England, New Years in Monterey, Spring Time in Scottsdale, Cherry Blossom Festival, River Cruise in France, Bermuda Cruise and Savannah & Charleston. This year we have completed 5 trips with 12 more scheduled for 2011.

HAPPY TRAVELS

Alan Patmore, Travel Chairman