



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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Big SIR Message

With the steady decline in SIR Branch membership statewide, the State Board of Directors has requested all branches to increase our recruitment efforts. In my opinion, we have a strong membership at about 175; but we are down about 10% from a high of two hundred a couple of years ago. So, if you have a friend, associate or neighbor that might be interested, please invite him to our next meeting - the Branch will gladly pay for his lunch.

On another note, I hope to see all of you at our March luncheon where we can celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a great meal of corned beef and cabbage.

Hope to see you there!

Big SIR Lou Bottini

March Speaker

Paul Davis, from NASA Ames Research Center, is a physicist whose specialty is optical design and analysis. He has spent the last 25 years with NASA, prior to that he worked with a number of high tech companies in the valley. His undergraduate degree is from Butler University, Indianapolis, Indiana and he has a Masters and a Doctorate degree in Physics from Cal Berkeley.

Paul has worked on a number of major deep space telescope projects, such as the Spitzer Space Telescope, Kepler, Rams and Sofia. He will describe his experiences on these projects and the contributions and discoveries made as a result. Paul has also worked extensively on the development of light weight optics and their applications in these programs.

Paul is a member of a number of technical professional societies including the American Physical Society and the Society of Photo Optical Instrumentation Engineers. He has also published numerous technical articles in conjunction with his specialties.

Paul Piligian, Program Committee

New Members Inducted

We initiated two new members at the February meeting: Pete Eng and Bob LaBeau.



Pete Eng (L) with sponsor with Tom Ranweiler



Bob LaBeau (L) sponsor Jim Smith



Bowling

As of February 28th, the gutter busters of SIRs Branch 125 continue to improve their standings in the league, and are currently bunched together in the middle of the pack.

The Rich Madayag & Tomix Alvaro Team is in 9th place. The Lou Tarnay Team is right behind in the 10th spot; while the Chuck Waggoner Team has improved to the 15th place. Tomix Alvaro had a great Valentines Day with his two highest games of the Fall Season.

High Scores:	Games	Series
Tomix Alvaro	208, 234	607
Rich Madayag	201, 204, 205, 225, 226, 241	610, 623
Lou Tarnay	202, 215	
Chuck Waggoner	200, 204, 205, 206, 211	603

Lou Tarnay, Bowling Chairman

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Feb-2011

Treasurer, Daryl Jones

		BEGINNING BALANCE	2,777	
		GENERAL	CUSTODIAL	TOTAL
RECEIPTS	228	0	228	
DISBURSEMENTS	87	200	287	
MONTHLY CHANGE	141	-200	-59	
		ENDING BALANCE	2,719	
MEMBERSHIP	ACTIVE	171		
	INACTIVE	13		
	WAIT LIST	3		
LAST MEETING	MEMBERS	117		
	GUESTS	2		
	VISITORS	0		
	TOTAL	119		

Golfers of the Month for January 2011



(L to R): Jay James, Joe Gerarge, Bob Fraka and Doug Wood (missing Charlie Hanson)

March Birthdays

Ernie Amsden	10
Neal Atchison	27
Bart Benson	01
Pat Boudreau	17
Dominic Credi	03
Dick Fenton	14
Jim Light	13
Rudy Lopez	16
Gerry O'Connell	21
Larry Peck	18
Bob Staudenmaier	22
Phil Sumner	01

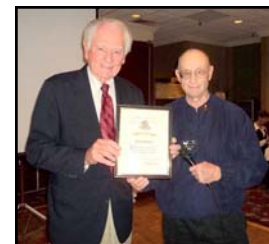
February Birthday Drawing



Daryl Jones, Branch 125 Treasurer, receives the check for a free lunch from Big SIR, Lou Bottini.

February Speaker

Our Speaker for February was John Mascali, a retired Naval Reserve Captain with over 41 years of flying experience. John regaled us with "The History of Moffett Field", showing pictures and telling stories of the construction of Hanger One, the rigid dirigible USS Macon, the many different squadrons and aircraft that have flown out of Moffett Field, in addition to some of the history of NASA Ames.



COMPUTER CLUB

We will be trying to set a new approach to the activities at the computer club. Besides doing the task of helping when attendees have problems, we will start doing reviews of practical applications that members can use in their homes. This last session we did a set-up that Bob Rung can use to help organize the SIRS events of the BBQ and Christmas Party. The file lists the things that need to be done, who has the responsibility for doing them, a budget for planning, and the recording of actual costs for event evaluation. The intent is to make the computer a more productive part of our lives besides emails and a place to store pictures.

Members are encouraged to join in making a computer a good tool for the individual. We meet at the Saratoga Senior Center, 19655 Allendale Ave. (near City offices), Thursday, after the regular meeting. We begin at 3:00 PM and go until about 5:00 PM.

John Feemster, PE

THE GOLF PAGE

THE LEADERBOARD

Presented By - Carl Vollersen & Bill Avery

2 February 2010 SUNOL / CYPRESS - 2 BEST BALL

1st Place: Grant Beech, Charlie Hanson, Ed Gilroy, Doug Wood (BD) 117
 2nd Place: Roger Danielson, Gene Plevyak, Dave Lemery, Tom Ranweiler 119
 3rd Place: Roger Hughes, Greg Sease, Jerry Long, Doug Wood 120
 4th Place: John Guarino, Jerry Sanders, Neal Atchison, Larry Peck 123
Closest to the Pin: #2 (2 Shot) Bob Norbutas #5 (1 Shot) Nestor DeLevaux
 #11 (1 Shot) Jim Light #15 (1 Shot) Charlie Hanson (birdie)

9 February 2011 CRYSTAL SPRINGS - 2 BEST BALL

1st Place: Gene Plevyak, Daryl Jones, Henry Melin, Dave Lemery 123
 2nd Place: Jim Light, Peter Morrone, Carl Vollersen, Bob Norbutas (BD) 125
 3rd Place: Roger Hughes, Greg Sease, Jerry Long, Doug Wood 129
 (Tie) Ray Gilcrest, Jay James, Pat Doran, Dave Brown 129
 (Tie) Hi-Dong Chai, Tom Ranweiler, Nestor DeLevaux, Tom Standifur 129
Closest to the Pin: #11 (1 Shot) Ray Gilcrest #3 (2 Shot) Bob Fraka, Nestor DeLevaux (birdies)
 #13 (1 Shot) Jon Goldsworthy #8 (2 Shot) Pat Doran (birdie)

16 February 2011 COYOTE CREEK / VALLEY - 2 BEST BALL

1st Place: Gene Plevyak, Daryl Jones, Henry Melin, Tom Ranweiler 117
 2nd Place: Sanders, Jay James, Pat Doran, Larry Peck 120
 3rd Place: Bob Fraka, Wayne Stewart, John Guarino, Ed Gilroy (BD) 124
 4th Place: Jon Goldsworthy, Benton White, Ron Duval, Fred Hernandez (BD) 125
Closest to the Pin: #2 (2 Shot) Tom Ranweiler #4 (1 Shot) Ray Gilcrest
 #8 (1 Shot) Jerry Sanders #16 (2 Shot) Jay James

23 February 2011 LOS LAGOS - 2 BEST BALL

1st Place: Bob Goldman, Daryl Jones, Henry Melin, Tom Ranweiler 111
 2nd Place: Fred Hernandez, Bob Ramirez, Charlie Hanson, Gerry Maddams (BD) 113
 3rd Place: Doug Wood, Jerry Long, Benton White, Ron Duval 115
 4th Place: Martin DeVries, Don Reams, Steve Bauman, Lou Bottini 116
 (Tie) Gerry O'Connell, Barrie Sullivan, Paul Piligian, Tom Standifur 116
 (Tie) John Guarino, Wayne Stewart, Peter Morrone, Ray Gilcrest (BD) 116
Closest to the Pin: #3 (1 Shot) Gerry O'Connell #5 (1 Shot) Ron Duval
 #7 (1 Shot) Jerry Long #14 (1 Shot) Don Reams
 #16 (1 Shot) George Bassi

SIRS Players of the Month February - 2011

Presented By - Bob Norbutas

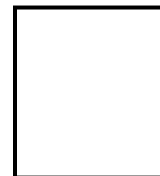
Flight	Name	Hcp Index	Score	Date	Net Differential Over/Under "Par"	Course
A	Ray Gilcrest	13.7	80	2-Feb	-2	Sunol Cypress
B	Roger Danielson	15.8	84	2-Feb	0	Sunol Cypress
C	Fred Hernandez	20.9	83	23-Feb	-1	Los Lagos
D	Earl Schmieding Daryl Jones	23.3 23.2	93 90	9-Feb 16-Feb	-3	Crystal Springs Coyote Creek Valley
E	Doug Wood	34.2	102	2-Feb	-1	Sunol Cypress

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DAY TRIPS

Due to popular demand, Branch 125 will re-institute monthly Day Trips for our members. These will be short trips that can be completed in one day and will cover trips of interest to our general membership. We will avoid Wednesday's (Golf Day) and will put upcoming trips in the bulletin. If any of you have trips of interest that you would like to see included, please advise Chuck Roberts or John Feemster by email. Past Day Trips have included the NUUMI plant in Milpitas, Steinbeck Museum in Salinas, Ano Nuevo State Park, Giants Baseball, etc. We are not adverse to repeating past trips that have drawn obvious interest.

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John Feemster <feemster@sbcglobal.net>

TRAVEL WITH SIR

COMPLETED TRIPS THIS MONTH: (1) "Paris Lovers in your Backyard" was attended by 29 participants on January 12th at the de Young Fine Art Museum in San Francisco. Art work was from the Musee d'Orsay and included paintings by Van Gogh, Gauguin, Cezanne and others. After a hosted lunch at the Beach Chalet Restaurant, the tour continued to the Walt Disney Family Museum for a self guided tour of the industry of Disney animation, innovation and film. (2) "Ultimate Island Cruise" was attended by 30 participants on January 16th through the 28th on the Celebrity X Cruises lines starting and ending at Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. The weather was great with no rain. The islands included Cozumel, Mexico; Roatan, Honduras; Puerto Limon, Costa Rica; Colon, Panama; Cartagena Columbia and George Town, Grand Cayman.

NEW TRAVEL BROCHURES: "Day at the Races at Golden Gate Fields" is scheduled for May 6th, 2011.

TOUR INFORMATION: New tours in process are "Mexican River Cruise," November 2011; "Christmas in Reno," December 2011; Beach Blanket Babylon, December 2011; Reno Amtrak, January 2012 and Costa Rica, January 2012. Through January we have completed 2 trips with 18 more scheduled for 2011.

HAPPY TRAVELS

Alan Patmore, Travel Chairman