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Big SIR Message

The year is coming to an end as well as my term as Big SIR. I truly enjoyed the experience as it lead to getting to know many of you on a more personal level. I would like to thank my Officers and Board of Directors as they made my job much easier and very enjoyable.

I recently picked up our roster and thought I would flip through it to see what our members were most interested in; it is probably not a surprise that golf came in at the number one spot. Actually 72% of us listed golf as their favorite hobby or activity. Travel came in a distant second at 33%.

And finally; while I was playing a round of golf recently, I discovered that the trouble that most of us find with the modern matched sets of clubs is that they don't really seem to know any more about the game than the old ones did!

Big SIR Lou Bottini

October Speaker

William H. Fisher is the Chief Executive Officer of the Alzheimer's Association of Northern California and Northern Nevada, having joined the Association in 1987. He currently serves on the State of California Alzheimer's Advisory Committee. He was a founding Board member of the Berkeley Alzheimer's Family Respite Center (now Alzheimer's Services of the East Bay), and is a trustee with the Hubert L. Byrd Foundation for respite care. He was appointed to the California Alzheimer's Advisory Committee in 2009.

Mr. Fisher is a graduate of Grinnell College and a former student at the Chicago Theological Seminary, University of Chicago and the University of Illinois. He was the Director of the Proviso Day Care Center, a multi-site, not-for-profit child-care program for low-income families in the Chicago area, for twelve years before moving to California. He now makes his home in Cupertino.

Like many involved with the Alzheimer's Association, Mr. Fisher has a personal involvement with dementia, having lost both his grandmother and mother-in-law to Alzheimer's. Mr. Fisher provides leadership to the largest chapter in the 73 chapter Alzheimer's Association network. The Alzheimer's Association is the national movement to defeat Alzheimer's, working to create a world without Alzheimer's while enhancing the quality of life for those who live with it.

Gene Plevyak, Program Chairman



Bowling

Summer league has concluded with Rich Madayag's Team 10 finishing in second place, while Team 15, Chuck Waggoner's team, finished in the middle of the pack.

During the summer, Rich had a very fine 288 game and finished with a nice 186 average. Chuck also did well, having a high game of 237 and finishing with a solid 177 average.

The SIRS Winter League has started with a bang. The non-Branch 125 members have posted high games well over 250 and high series over 700. This winter will be a challenge for the staunch bowlers of SIRs Branch 125.

Welcome to Don Williams who has joined Chuck Waggoner's team. The teams to watch this winter are:

- Team 13 – Rich Madayag and Tomix Alvaro
- Team 14 – Don Williams and Chuck Waggoner
- Team 15 – Lou Tarnay

Lou Tarnay, Bowling Chairman

New Members Wanted

Although we've added thirteen new members this year already, we still need to add five more to reach our membership target for the year. The good news is that we had two new membership applications last month and expect to accept both Paul Schwabe and Lloyd Hayes into our Branch next month. The bad news is that the number of active members has shrunk to a mere 177.

So, if you have a friend or neighbor that might be interested in joining, invite them to our next lunch meeting - we'll pay for their lunch.

September Speaker

Our speaker for September was Garry Thomas. Garry spoke of his eight years studying the Three Mile Island nuclear plant accident. He was able to explain the general design of the reactor, the errors leading up to the incident, and the major lessons learned. A resulting report by the team of which he was a member listed proposed changes in design and procedures. This report was contained in two volumes totaling well over four inches thick. He also offered his insights into the accident at the Fukushima Japanese reactors so badly damaged by the earthquake and resulting tsunami.

Gary (R) is shown on the right receiving his Recognition Plaque from Myron Sabes (L), Program Committee.



MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Sept-2011

Treasurer, Daryl Jones

		BEGINNING BALANCE	3,624	
		GENERAL	CUSTODIAL	TOTAL
RECEIPTS	183	25	208	
DISBURSEMENTS	273	6	278	
MONTHLY CHANGE	-90	20	-70	
		ENDING BALANCE	3,554	
MEMBERSHIP	ACTIVE	177		
	INACTIVE	15		
	WAIT LIST	1		
LAST MEETING	MEMBERS	113		
	GUESTS	3		
	VISITORS			
	TOTAL	116		

October Birthdays

Dennis Berg	01
Ron Cook	25
Roger Danielson	09
Sam Gettle	28
Ray Gilcrest	31
Jon Goldsworthy	14
Bob LaBeau	25
Greg Lynch	11
Don Nadell	17
Alan Patmore	25
Dick Rathmann	08
Chuck Roberts	17
Al Smith	06
Wil Vares	05

THE GOLF PAGE

THE LEADERBOARD

Presented By - Carl Vollersen & Pat Doran

7 September 2011 SUNNYVALE -2- BEST BALL

1 st Place:	Barrie Sullivan, Gerry O'Connell, Ron Cook, Tom Davis	114
2 nd Place:	Joe Gerarge, Jerry Sanders, Roger Hughes, Gerry Maddams	117
(Tie)	Gene Plevyak, Dave Grant, Tom Ranweiler, Ed Metevia	117
4 th Place:	Pete Haket, Jim Harvey, Neal Atchison, Larry Peck	120
(Tie)	Roger Danielson, Hi-Dong Chai, George Bassi, Lou Bottini	120
(Tie)	Jim Light, Lou Tarnay, Dick Fenton, Bob Goldman (BD)	120
(Tie)	Nestor DeLevaux, Don Reams, Martin DeVries, Steve Jensen	120
<u>Closest to the Pin:</u>		
	#4 (1 Shot) Pat Brennan	#7 (1 Shot) Hi-Dong Chai
	#13 (2 Shot) Earl Schmieding	#15 (2 Shot) Lou Bottini, Mel Bates (both birdies)

14 September 2011 COYOTE CREEK VALLEY -2- BEST BALL

1 st Place:	Charlie Hanson, George Bassi, Rudy Lopez, Ed Metevia	118
2 nd Place:	Jay James, Mel Bates, Bob Goldman, Bob Fraka	120
(Tie)	Earl Schmieding, Dennis Berg, Ed Gilroy, Grant Beech	120
(Tie)	Ed Hirshfield, Cliff Yamaoka, Nestor DeLevaux, Charlie Hanson	120
<u>Closest to the Pin:</u>		
	#2 (2 Shot) Tom Ranweiler	#4 (1 Shot) Grant Beech
	#8 (1 Shot) Grant Beech	#16 (2 Shot) Tom Ranweiler

21 September 2011 SANTA CLARA -2- BEST BALL

1 st Place:	Grant Beech, Dennis Berg, Ed Gilroy, Earl Schmieding	121
2 nd Place:	Gene Plevyak, Henry Melin, Jon Goldsworthy, Bill Shaddle	124
3 rd Place:	Pete Haket, Ray Gilcrest, Jay James, Dave Brown	125
(Tie)	Doug Wood, Martin Devries, Don Reams, Lou Bottini	125
(Tie)	Jerry Davis, Joe Gerarge, Mel Bates, Pat Doran	125
<u>Closest to the Pin:</u>		
	#4 (2 Shot) Jerry Sanders	#8 (1 Shot) Jim Smith
	#13 (2 Shot) Bob Goldman	#17 (2 Shot) Henry Melin, Dave Brown

28 SPRING VALLEY 2011 SPRING VALLEY -2- BEST BALL

1 st Place:	Hi-Dong Chai, Pat Brennan, Dave Lemery, Bob Fowler	119
(Tie)	Nestor DeLevaux, Tom Davis, Bob Norbutas, Ron Cook	119
(Tie)	Earl Schmieding, Grant Beech, Dennis Berg, Ed Gilroy	119
4 th Place:	Gerry Maddams, Jerry Davis, Joe Gerarge, Ken Rose	121
<u>Closest to the Pin:</u>		
	#4 (1 Shot) Barrie Sullivan	#7 (2 Shot) Henry Melin
	#11 (2 Shot) Bob Fraka	#16 (2 Shot) Gene Plevyak

SIRS Players of the Month September - 2011

Presented By - Bob Norbutas

Flight	Name	Hcp Index	Score	Date	Net Differential Over/Under "Par"	Course
A	Jerry Sanders	13.5	80	21-Sept	-4	Santa Clara
B	Hi-Dong Chai	14.8	77	7-Sept	-5	Sunnyvale
C	Dave Lemery	20.9	82	28-Sept	-6	Spring Valley
D	Charlie Hanson	24.4	93	14-Sept	-1	Coyote Creek V
E	Bob Fowler	27.2	91	28-Sept	-4	Spring Valley

2011 Club Championship Match Play (Scratch)

Seed	Round 1 Player	Index	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Winner
1	Fraka, Bob	8.8	Bates			
16	Bates, Mel	15.9	3 & 1			
				Gerarge		
8	Sanders, Jerry	13.5	Gerarge	2 & 1		
9	Gerarge, Joe	14.2	4 & 3			
					Davis	
5	Morrone, Peter	11.4	Davis		1 up	
12	Davis, Jerry	15.1	1 up			
				Davis		
4	Doran, Pat	11.3	Doran	1 up		
13	Piligian, Paul	15.1	4 & 2			
6	Bottini, Lou	12.7	Chai			Champion
11	Chai, Hi-Dong	14.8	1 up			
				Brennan		
3	Brennan, Pat	10.0	Brennan	5 & 4		
14	Guarino, John	15.3	5 & 3			
7	Danielson, Roger	13.3	Brown			
10	Brown, Dave	14.7	2 & 1			
				Melin		
2	Melin, Henry	9.9	Melin	2 & 1		
15	Goldsworthy, Jon	15.4	8 & 6			

"Best" Golfers for May, 2011

The "Best" Golfers for the Month of August, 2011, were (L-R): George Bassi, Earl Schmieding and Roger Daniel. Also included in the group; but not present when the picture was taken were: Rudy Lopez and Peter Morrone.



Congratulations to all!

Reminder: NCGA Dues

Sign-ups for NCGA Golf start in October. Those who have been playing with our Branch will probably get a reminder via email.

Area 5 Tournament Updates

September Area Tournament at DeLaveaga

43 Players battled the links at DeLaveaga in an 8:00 a.m. shotgun start on September 26th. 14 players represented Branch 125. The game was 3-2-1 where the score of 3 players was taken on a par 3s, 2 players on a par 4s and 1 player on par 5s. The team of Pat Doran, David Brown, Ray Gilcrest, and Jay James scored 122. This was good for fourth place and one measly stroke behind the second and third place teams that tied with a 121. The team of Henry Melin, Gene Plevyak, Daryl Jones and Tom Ranweiler scored 127 which tied a team put together by Lou Tarnay.

Dennis Berg and Earl Schmieding also participated on the beautiful day at Santa Cruz. The only interruption to this nice quite round was the sound of two Air Force jets intercepting a small private plane that wondered into the no fly zone established for the President Obama visit to the Bay Area.

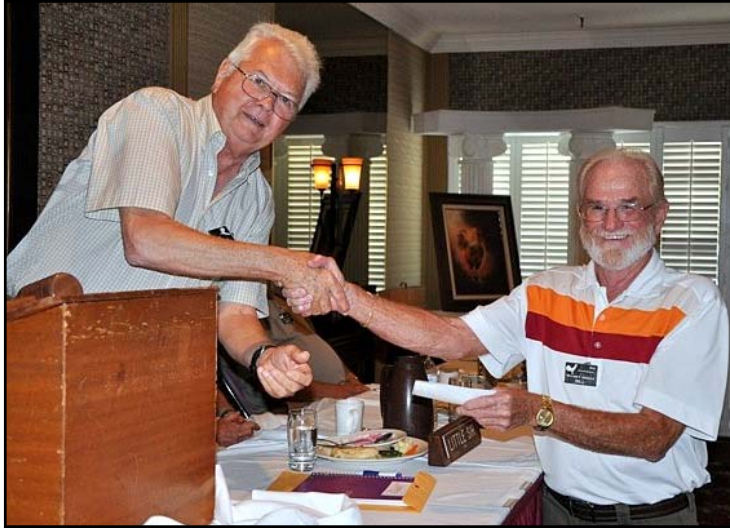
October Area Tournament at Pacific Grove

Don't miss the next area tournament on October 31st at Pacific Grove. The cost remains at \$69 per person and covers golf, cart, and prize fund. It is an 8:00 a.m. shotgun with a format of 3-2-1. Who knows what strange Goblins or Ghosts may show up?

Henry Melin, Area Golf Rep

September Birthday Drawing

Congratulations to Bill Shaddle who won the birthday drawing for a free lunch at the September meeting. Bill (R) is shown receiving his check from Little SIR, Jerry Oliver (L).



Committee Update

After 21 years of service, Bob Rung has asked to be replaced as BBQ Chairman and Christmas Chairman. Gene Plevyak has volunteered to take over as the BBQ Chairman; and, Don Johnson has volunteered to become the Christmas Party Chairman.

Thanks to both of you for stepping forward.

Jerry Oliver, Little SIR

Day Tour

Join your fellow SIRS for a tour of the South Bay Historical Railroad Society in Santa Clara. This model railroad museum is located at the Santa Clara train station. This will be a docent guided tour and will last about 1-1/2 hours.

The date is Tuesday, October 25th, and we will meet at the Santa Clara train station at 10:15 a.m. Cost is a \$5 voluntary donation. Come and enjoy a very interesting tour. Check out their web site: www.sbhrs.org

Chuck Roberts, Day Trip Coordinator

SIR BRANCH 125: 2011 CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON DECEMBER 20th AT THE THREE FLAMES

Our annual Christmas luncheon will take place on December 20th at the Three Flames. The cost per meal remains at \$28, the same as last year. You may choose from 3 options: Coulotte Steak, Stuffed Breast of Chicken, or Vegetarian. Wine and dessert are included with each meal. Your committee is now working on the entertainment, awards, gift drawings, and a free favor for the ladies. The new Officers for 2012 will be introduced. A no-host cocktail party will begin about 11 a.m., lunch will be served at noon. Of course ladies and guests are invited. Luncheon tickets will be on sale at both the October and November regular luncheons, and you will have the opportunity to sign up to sit with a group of your friends. More information will be available as the party date approaches. Saul Miano will be the MC, John Feemster will arrange seating and the even more fabulous gift drawing.

Bob Rung (Retiring), Christmas Party Chairman

See's Candy Sale

Our annual sale to members of See's candy at our discount rate will take place at the October 18th luncheon meeting. George Watson and/or Bob Rung will take your pre-paid order, and will deliver the orders at the November 15th luncheon. Branch 125 does not gain anything from these sales. It is strictly a service to our members. The best way to pay is to write a check to SIR Branch 125, or pay in cash. A typical 1 pound assortment will cost \$12.70 this year. If you would like to help with the work associated with this task, please contact Bob Rung @ (408) 867-9254, or George Watson, @ (408) 867-4757.

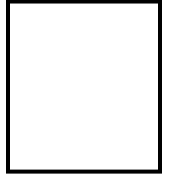
Bob Rung (Retiring), Special Events Chairman

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TRAVEL WITH SIR

COMPLETED TRIPS THIS MONTH: The "Billy Elliot" play was attended by 36 participants in San Francisco on August 14th. The play closed two weeks early and SIR was able to reschedule the trip from August 31st to the 14th. The musical was set in a small English town where Billy transforms his skills from a boxer to a ballet dancer. Time was spent at Pier 39 for lunch and shopping prior to the play. "Grand Scotland and Ireland" will be reported on next month.

NEW TRAVEL BROCHURES: "Valentines Day in Pismo Beach" is scheduled for February 14th to the 16th, 2012. The trip starts out with a hosted lunch at the Paso Robles Inn, wine tasting at the Eberle Winery, shopping, hosted dinner at Giuseppe's Restaurant and overnights at the Shore Cliff Hotel. Next day includes more wine tasting, shopping and a hosted dinner at F. McLintocks Saloon. Returning home on the third day we have a stop over at San Juan Bautista for shopping and hosted Mexican lunch at Jardines Restaurant.

TOUR INFORMATION: This year we have completed 10 trips with 7 more scheduled for 2011. We currently have 15 trips planned for 2012. A new trip in the planning stages is Hong Kong, April 9-26, 2012. If you wish to receive the SIR Areas 5 & 20 Coordinated Travel Committee Travel Bulletin by email, email your request to rob-ert_marcy@sbcglobal.net.

HAPPY TRAVELS

Alan Patmore, Travel Chairman