



# SIR WESTGATE BRANCH 125

SEPTEMBER 2011

**A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION FOR RETIRED MEN**  
*Devoted to the Promotion of Independence and Dignity of Retirement.*  
**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

I would like to congratulate Jerry Oliver on becoming the new Big SIR. Jerry did a great job as Little SIR and I'm sure that he and his team will do an outstanding job in 2012. I wish them well.

On another note, I would also like to thank Bob Rung who has decided that this year will be his last year as chairman of the barbeque committee. Bob has chaired this committee for many years ... longer than many of us have been members ... and he has done it with much enthusiasm. So the next time you see Bob, please shake his hand and thank him for his many years of service for this great event!

**Big SIR Lou Bottini**

## Another New Member!

We accepted another new member into SIRS Branch 125 at the August Luncheon! Let's welcome Michael (Mike) Edminster. This brings our total new members for the year to thirteen with still two more on the waiting list. Great job all!

Our newest member, Mike Edminster (L) is shown here with his sponsor, Paul Ward (R).



## September Speaker

Our speaker for September is Garry Thomas. Garry is a "card carrying nuclear physics consultant to the Electric Power research Institute (EPRI)". He worked with EPRI for 14 years. His first overseas position was in Norway (2 years). From day one of the TMI-2 accident (March 28, 1979) he began studying the behavior of Light Water Reactor fuel rods. He spent nine years studying the ramifications and safety of future power reactors. Gary will talk on Nuclear Power, probably focusing on their safety.

**Myron Sabes, Program Committee**

<http://www.sirbranch125.org>



## Bowling

The Summer Season has concluded with the Rich Madayag Team in 2<sup>nd</sup> place and the Chuck Waggoner Team in 8<sup>th</sup> place. The highest scores achieved by our bowlers during the summer were:

High Scores:	Games	Series
Rich Madayag	288, 235, 228	659, 623
Chuck Waggoner	237, 207, 204	574, 573

The SIR Fall league bowling begins on September 12 at Cambrian Bowl in San Jose starting at 9:30AM on Monday mornings. We are usually finished by noon. This is a fun, but competitive league, with typically 18 four man teams. It is a 100% handicap league so everyone has a good chance to win. The cost is \$14 per week with half of the money going into the prize fund so there are good cash payoffs at the end of the year. If you are interested, contact SIR Lou Tarnay in our branch; or, just show up at the lanes at 9:00AM on September 12 and check in with our league secretary, Don Slama, who will get you on a team.

Provided by Chuck Waggoner

## August Speaker

Our Guest Speaker for August was Dr. Bonnie Bergin, President of Bergin University of Canine Studies, Santa Rosa, CA.

The title of Dr. Bergin's speech was "Inside a Dog's Mind" and she spoke about helping dogs help people and dogs helping veterans while sharing her insights on how dogs think and feel. This was a be a very interesting presentation for our SIR organization.

Dr. Bergin (L) is shown with her dog receiving her Recognition Plaque from Don Johnson, Program Committee.



## Congratulations to Our 2012 Officers!

At our August Luncheon we unanimously elected the slate of candidates recommended by our hard-working nominating committee. This group will be installed at the Christmas Luncheon.

Big SIR:	Jerry Oliver	Director:	Jim Light
Little SIR:	Paul Piligian	Director:	Sam Zullo
Secretary:	Charlie Hanson	Director:	Lou Bottini
Asst Secretary:	Peter Morrone	Director:	Bob Norbutas
Treasurer:	Daryl Jones	Director:	Saul Miano
Asst Treasurer:	Don Reams	Director:	Bob Shields

## MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Aug-2011

Treasurer, Daryl Jones

		BEGINNING BALANCE	3,686	
		GENERAL	CUSTODIAL	TOTAL
RECEIPTS	213	0	213	
DISBURSEMENTS	175	100	275	
MONTHLY CHANGE	38	-100	-62	
		ENDING BALANCE		3,624
MEMBERSHIP	ACTIVE	178		
	INACTIVE	15		
	WAIT LIST	2		
LAST MEETING	MEMBERS	111		
	GUESTS	2		
	VISITORS	1		
	TOTAL	114		

## September Birthdays

Bill Avery	07
Steve Bauman	18
Grant Beech	15
Hi-Dong Chai	10
Jerry Cunningham	12
Jerry Davis	12
Ron Duval	14
Pete Eng	08
Ernie Gifford	24
Ed Lodi	09
Jerry Long	20
Ed Metevia	06
Joe Mingione	14
Tom Ranweiler	22
Stan Richard	05
Jerry Sanders	16
Bill Shaddle	15
Wayne Smith	05
Fred Souza	25
Dave Wessels	30
Benton White	03

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## THE LEADERBOARD

Presented By - Carl Vollersen & Bill Avery

### 3 August 2011 SAN JOSE MUNI - 3 BEST BALL

1 <sup>st</sup> Place:	Dave Lemery, Joe Gerarge, Pat Brennan, Ken Rose	189
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place:	Dennis Berg, Earl Schmieding, Ed Gilroy, Bill Shaddle	190
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place:	Peter Morrone, Ed Hirshfield, Fred Souza, Steve Pinn	193
(Tie)	Nestor DeLevaux, Fran Andreson, Tom Standifur, Dave Hedrick	193

Closest to the Pin: #4 (1 Shot) George Bassi #7 (2 Shot) Fred Hernandez  
#12 (1 Shot) Joe Gerarge #17 (2 Shot) Hi-Dong Chai

### 9 August 2011 SPRING HILLS - 2 BEST BALL

1 <sup>st</sup> Place:	Nestor DeLevaux, Fran Andreson, Don Kurgan, Tom Standifur	114
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place:	Henry Melin, Daryl Jones, Joe Gerarge, Jerry Davis	117
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place:	Carl Vollersen, Dave Brown, Terry Drobny, Jay James	119
4 <sup>th</sup> Place:	Cliff Yamaoka, Jim Smith, Dick Rathmann, Chuck Waggoner	120
(Tie)	Peter Morrone, Dave Lemery, Fred Hernandez, Pat Doran	120

Closest to the Pin: #7 (2 Shot) Fran Andreson #9 (1 Shot) Henry Melin  
#13 (1 Shot) Bob Fraka #15 (2 Shot) Fred Hernandez (birdie)

### 17 August 2011 RIDGEMARK GABILAN - 2 BEST BALL

1 <sup>st</sup> Place:	Jon Goldsworthy, Steve Pinn, Cliff Yamaoka, Bob Fowler	119
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place:	Dennis Berg, Grant Beech, Ed Gilroy, Earl Schmieding	120
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place:	Gene Plevyak, Henry Melin, Daryl Jones, Tom Ranweiler	123
(Tie)	George Bassi, Fred Hernandez, Bob Ramirez, Charlie Hanson	123

Closest to the Pin: #4 (2 Shot) Rob Fenton #9 (2 Shot) Bob Fraka  
#12 (2 Shot) Ray Gilcrest #15 (2 Shot) Dick Fenton

### 24 August 2011 SALINAS COUNTRY CLUB - 2 BEST BALL

1 <sup>st</sup> Place:	Grant Beech, Earl Schmieding, Bob Fowler, Ed Gilroy	114
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place:	George Bassi, Fred Hernandez, Bob Ramirez, Rudy Lopez	116
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place:	Jerry Davis, Bob Norbutas, Gerry Maddams, Ken Rose	121
(Tie)	Lou Bottini, Steve Jensen, Roger Danielson, Peter Morrone	121

Closest to the Pin: #2 (1 Shot) Pat Doran #5 (2 Shot) John Guarino  
#16 (1 Shot) Bob Norbutas #13 (2 Shot) P. Morrone, R. Danielson (birdies)

### 31 August 2011 DELAVEAGA - 2 BEST BALL

1 <sup>st</sup> Place:	George Bassi, Fred Hernandez, Rudy Lopez, Bob Ramirez	106
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place:	Bob Fraka, Bob Goldman, Jon Goldsworthy, Bill Shaddle	112
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place:	Gene Plevyak, Henry Melin, Dave Grant, Tom Ranweiler	115
4 <sup>th</sup> Place:	Dave Lemery, Pat Brennan, Dan Archuleta, Bob Norbutas	116

Closest to the Pin: #3 (1 Shot) Jim Light #5 (2 Shot) Steve Jensen, R. Danielson (birdies)  
#8 (1 Shot) Dave Hedrick #15 (2 Shot) Henry Melin (birdie)

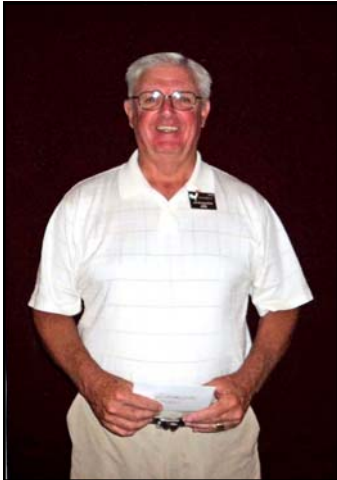
## 2011 Club Championship Match Play (Handicap Flight)

The Handicap Flight of the 2011 Club Championship Match Play has finally concluded with the following results:

- Club Champion: Jon Goldsworthy (wins \$75)
- Runner-up: John Guarino (wins \$50)
- Semi Finalists: Tom Ranweiler, Wayne Stewart (winning \$30 each)
- Quarter Finalists: Gene Plevyak, Pat Doran, Carl Vollersen and Ken Rose (winning the coveted crying towels)

### Club Champion Match Play (Handicap Flight) Jon Goldsworthy

Captured for posterity below are our Finalists (L-R): Carl Vollersen, Pat Doran, Gene Plevyak, Tom Ranweiler, John Guarino, Jon Goldsworthy and Wayne Stewart. Ken Rose was not available.



### Best Golfers for June/July 2011

The Players of the Month for June/July were (L-R): Wayne Stewart, Dave Brown, Henry Melin, Lou Tarnay, and Cliff Yamaoka. Players missing from the picture include Rudy Lopez, Jerry Long, and Ken Rose.

Note that Henry Melin and Rudy Lopez were Players of the Month in both June and July!

Congratulations to all!



### SIRS Players of the Month August - 2011

*Presented By - Bob Norbutas*

Flight	Name	Hcp Index	Score	Date	Net Differential Over/Under "Par"	Course
A	<b>Peter Morrone</b>	12.1	78	3-Aug	-5	San Jose Muni
B	<b>Roger Danielson</b>	15.7	79	31-Aug	-7	DeLaveaga
C	<b>Rudy Lopez</b>	22.2	87	31-Aug	-7	DeLaveaga
D	<b>Earl Schmieding</b>	23.7	86	24-Aug	-9	Salinas CC
E	<b>George Bassi</b>	28.7	95	24-Aug	-6	Salinas CC

# 2011 Club Championship Match Play (Scratch )

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

## SIR State Scramble Tournament

Congratulations to Ray Gilchrest's team (Ray, Bob Norbutas, Daryl Jones & Carl Vollesen) who took 3rd place in the recent SIR State Scramble Tournament!

### Still Need New Members

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.

Just this month we've had two resignations and two members move to inactive status. So we really need all the new members we can attract.

## 2011 SIR DAY with the World Champion San Francisco Giants

Forty-two SIR Branch 125 members and friends were at the San Francisco Giants game on August 10<sup>th</sup> of this year. Although the Pirates won, everyone appeared to be having a great time.

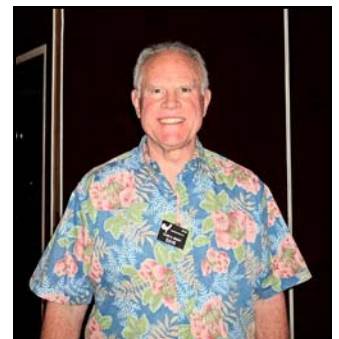


## July/August Birthday Drawing

Terry Drobny and Dave Grant won the birthday drawings for a free lunch for July and August respectively. A timely win for both as the cost of the lunch goes up to \$16, effective with the September 20<sup>th</sup> Luncheon. Congratulations to both!



Terry Drobny



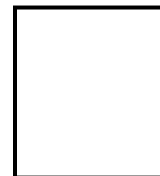
Dave Grant

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**TRAVEL WITH SIR**

**COMPLETED TRIPS THIS MONTH:** (1) "Russian Waterways" was attended by 20 participants on June 11-23 for a 11 night luxury cruise from St. Petersburg to Moscow. This included great scenery, palaces, wooden churches, small villages, a ballet and the Hermitage. The riverboat vessel was the AMA ms AmaKatarina with large staterooms, good gourmet food and wine. (2) "Denali Explorer cruise Tour" was attended by 13 participants on July 11-23 aboard the Diamond Princess. A rare moment was a clear picture view of Mt. McKinley. The tour include 2 nights at Mt. McKinley Princess Lodge, 7 Nights voyage of the glaciers and 2 nights at Princess Denali Lodge. Weather was great including a National History Tour through Denali National Park. (3) "The Oregon Shakespeare Festival" was attended by 19 participants in Ashland. Starting with a hosted wine and cheese reception, the tour included 2 plays, Oregon Cabaret Theater, McArthur-Burney Falls State Park, overnight at Rolling Hills Casino and Napa winery Lunch.

**NEW TRAVEL BROCHURES:** (1) "Bermuda" is scheduled for July 13-22, 2012 for a 7 night cruise on the Holland America ms Veendam. Ports of call are Saint George, Hamilton and New York. There will be 2 nights in New York with a tour and additional time on your own. (2) "Burgundy & Provence" is scheduled for September 1-14, 2012 with 7 nights cruising down the French Waterways aboard the deluxe River Royal and an extended 5 nights in Paris. Ports of call are Avignon, Viviers, Tournon, Lyon, and Chalon-Sur-Saone. Complimentary wine, beer and soft drinks are included on the cruise.

**TOUR INFORMATION:** Through July we have completed 8 trips with 9 more scheduled for 2011. To date for 2012 we have 13 trips scheduled.

**HAPPY TRAVELS**

**Alan Patmore, Travel Chairman**