



SIR WESTGATE BRANCH 125

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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
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Executive Committee Meeting 10:30 a.m.
Fellowship Hour 11:00 a.m. - Lunch at noon

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SIR Happenings

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

Big SIR Message

Last month we celebrated the holidays with our Christmas Luncheon. This event, as usual, was one of the highlights of our year. On behalf of all those who attended I wish to thank the dedicated members who produced this celebration.

Bob Rung, after 21 years as chairman of the committee, is stepping down. We will miss your leadership Bob.

Our MC's Saul Miano and John Feemster did their usual outstanding job of keeping the party flowing smoothly.

George Watson, Bob Shields, Chuck Roberts, Dave Grant, Ed Murphy, Don Johnson and Ed Linn, working behind the scene, made sure that everyone was properly registered and seated as well as ensuring that plenty of raffle tickets were available. Let us not forget our photographers Don Reams and Tom Dapice. John Figini and Dave Grant are responsible for publishing the photos on our web site and in the monthly bulletin. I apologize if I have missed anyone who was involved in the planning of the party.

Special thanks to the wives and daughter of members who volunteered their services. They add a touch of class to any SIRs occasion.

As Big SIR, I decree that 2012 will be the year of even more FUN. The board will be working on some new ideas that we hope will assist us in reaching this goal.

Big SIR Jerry Oliver

January Speaker

Ron Richards, a blue ribbon award winning carver from Santa Clara Valley Carvers Club #1, will talk about his hobby of whittling and carving and how you too can be a part this group of social and fun loving people. He will have some of his work on view.

Ron is a retired art and science teacher and has been in woodworking for most of his life and is a past president and show chairman for the club. He spends most of his time now as club advisor and instructor to the new members.

Gene Plevyak, Program Chairman

<http://www.sirbranch125.org>



Bowling

As of December 26th, we've completed four more weeks of the Fall League and find the Team of Don Williams - Chuck Waggoner has moved into 3rd place! The Rich Madayag - Tomix Alvaro Team has moved up to 10th place; while the Lou Tarnay Team has slipped back to 12th place. The high scores for the last four weeks are:

High Scores:	Games	Series
Tomix Alvaro	191, 190, 173	492
Rich Madayag	237, 219, 212	609
Lou Tarnay	227, 223, 220	670
Chuck Waggoner	214, 192, 182	552
Don William	177, 166, 156	454

Dave Grant, Bulletin Editor

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Dec-2011

Treasurer, Daryl Jones

		BEGINNING BALANCE	7,326	
		GENERAL	CUSTODIAL	TOTAL
RECEIPTS	400	1,506	1,906	
DISBURSEMENTS	98	5,622	5,720	
MONTHLY CHANGE	302	-4,116	-3,814	
		ENDING BALANCE	3,513	
MEMBERSHIP	ACTIVE	181		
	INACTIVE	16		
	WAIT LIST	1		
LAST MEETING	MEMBERS	76		
	GUESTS	78		
	VISITORS			
	TOTAL	154		

HELP!!

On Tuesday, December 20th, I made a bank deposit that included 11 checks for Christmas Lunch tickets. On Friday the 23rd I got a letter from the bank essentially saying that three checks for \$56 dollars each did not make it to the bank's check reading machine, so my deposit was short by \$168. Unfortunately I don't have a record showing who had written the checks so I need your help. If you sent a \$56 check to Bob Shields for two Christmas lunches, please check with your bank and let me know if it was cashed or not cashed.

Thanks, Daryl Jones, Treasurer

December Birthdays

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

NEW MEMBER RECRUITMENT IS SUCCESSFUL

Our goal was to recruit 1,900 new members in 2011. Branch leaders exceeded this goal by recruiting and inducting 2,100 new members. This is an outstanding accomplishment which puts to rest the idea that newly retired men are not joiners. They will join SIR branches that are appealing. But this successful year is only a start.

The SIR organization fell on hard times in recent years. Overall membership declined from about 32,000 members in 1990 to about 18,000 now. 44 branches failed and closed in the last 12 years. We know why this happened. We lost our focus on maintaining a good balance of newer and older members in our branches. We did not recruit enough new members annually to maintain a good proportion of newer members and our branches became less appealing and lost members.

Our challenge now is to restore this balance. We have found that recruiting new members every year at the annual rate of at least 10% of membership is needed. We met and exceeded this goal in 2011. So when Branch leaders remind you to sponsor a new member, please respond by inviting your retired friends and acquaintances to join. Each successive year this goal is met the proportion of newer members in your branch will increase. Over time balance will be restored and your improved branch will be there for you and for those who come after you.

Jim Stedman, SIR President

January Birthdays

Dick Beverly	01/05
Lou Bottini	01/31
Ed Cronin	01/17
John Figini	01/28
Joe Gerarge	01/09
Ed Hirshfield	01/07
Jay James	01/10
Irv Kobsa	01/07
Don Reams	01/03
Ken Rose	01/07
Dennis Stack	01/11
Lane Tronson	01/30
Murray Walker	01/08
George Watson	01/30

THE GOLF PAGE

THE LEADERBOARD

Presented By - Carl Vollersen & Pat Doran

7 December 2011 SUNOL CYPRESS - 2 BEST BALL

1st Place: Charlie Hanson, Fred Hernandez, Rudy Lopez, George Bassi 113
 2nd Place: Ken Rose, Jerry Davis, Joe Gerarge, Bob Norbutas 117
 (Tie) Tom Ranweiler, Gene Plevyak, Henry Melin, Paul Schwabe 117
 4th Place: Jay James, Dave Brown, Ray Gilcrest, Cliff Yamaoka 120
Closest to the Pin: #2 (2 Shot) Greg Sease #5 (1 Shot) Jay James
 #11 (1 Shot) Paul Schwabe #15 (1 Shot) Roger Danielson

14 December 2011 LOS LAGOS - 2 BEST BALL

1st Place: Hi-Dong Chai, Jack Pease, Jon Goldsworthy, Grant Beech 109
 2nd Place: Jerry Davis, Ken Rose, Joe Gerarge, Bob Norbutas 111
 (Tie) Bill Croxton, Jack Weber, Bob Fraka, Bob Goldman 111
 4th Place: Roger Danielson, Gary Robertson, Lloyd Hayes Ray Gilcrest (BD) 113
 (Tie) Carl Vollersen, Terry Drobny, Pat Brennan, Dave Lemery 113
Closest to the Pin: #3 (1 Shot) George Bassi #5 (1 Shot) Pat Doran
 #7 (1 Shot) Grant Beech #16 (1 Shot) Dave Lemery

21 December 2011 SANTA CLARA - 2 BEST BALL

1st Place: Carl Vollersen, Paul Schwabe, Jerry Sanders, Dave Hedrick 122
 2nd Place: George Bassi, Fred Hernandez, Charlie Hanson, Fred Souza 125
 3rd Place: Roger Danielson, Jerry Davis, Ken Rose, Joe Gerarge 128
 4th Place: Tom Ranweiler, Gene Plevyak, Henry Melin, Daryl Jones 129
 (Tie) Bill Croxton, Jack Weber, Pat Doran, Cliff Yamaoka 129
Closest to the Pin: #3 (1 Shot) Hi-Dong Chai #5 (2 Shot) Jerry Davis, Fred Hernandez (birdies)
 #13 (1 Shot) Hi-Dong Chai #16 (2 Shot) Dave Brown

28 December 2011 SPRING VALLEY - 2 BEST BALL

1st Place: Jerry Sanders, Earl Schmieding, John Guarino, Henry Melin (BD) 114
 2nd Place: Dick Rathmann, Lou Tarnay, Jim Light, Chuck Waggoner 115
 3rd Place: Henry Melin, Gene Plevyak, Daryl Jones, Tom Ranweiler 119
 4th Place: Fred Hernandez, Charlie Hanson, Bill Croxton, Gene Plevyak (BD) 120
Closest to the Pin: #4 (1 Shot) Carl Vollersen #7 (1 Shots) Charlie Hanson
 #13 (2 Shots) Henry Melin #15 (2 Shots) Jerry Sanders, George Bassi (birdies)

SIRS Players of the Month December - 2011

Presented By - Bob Norbutas

Flight	Name	Hcp Index	Score	Date	Net Differential Over/Under "Par"	Course
A	Jerry Sanders	13.1	78	28-Dec	-3	Sunnyvale
B	John Guarino	17.0	75	14-Dec	-5	Los Lagos
C	Jim Light	19.2	81	28-Dec	-6	Sunnyvale
D	Bob Norbutas	22.9	84	7-Dec	-7	Sunol Cypress
E	Carl Vollersen	33.9	106	21-Dec	-3	Summitpointe

Christmas Lunch—2011



Daryl Jones, 2011 Above & Beyond



Bob Rung, 2011 Outstanding Member



Lou Bottini, 2011 Above & Beyond



**Celebrating 50 Years of Marriage, Congratulations to:
Ed & Claire Hirshfield, Neal & Vivian Atchison, Don & Sally Johnson, Dick & Jan Rathmann**



**Bob Rung, Outgoing
Xmas Party Chairman**



**Saul Miano,
Entertainment Chairman**



**The Leonard Julian Trio
Performs at the Party**



**Neal Atchison,
Resident Jester**



Congratulations to Our 2012 Officers and Directors!

**Saul Miano, Peter Morrone, Paul Piligian, Sam Zullo, Jerry Oliver, Lou Bottini, Bob Shields, Bob Norbutas,
Daryl Jones, Don Reams and Charlie Hanson (not shown: Jim Light)**

Christmas Lunch—2011

(See more at <http://sirbranch125.org/Christmas%20Odd.htm>)

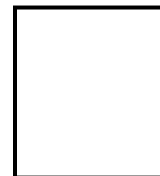


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TRAVEL WITH SIR

COMPLETED TRIPS THIS MONTH: "Peter Pan" was attended by 31 participants on November 29-30 in Reno. This was an excellent trip with overnight at the Eldorado Hotel. The Peter Pan stage show included audience participation and is about the boy who never grew up and flies away to Neverland. A hosted cocktail party was held prior to the show.

NEW TRAVEL BROCHURES: (1) "Southern Culture" is scheduled for April 12-21, 2012 for an American Queen cruise around New Orleans. This is a southern culture adventure of the south with history, southern cooking, music, Delta Blues and the worlds of William Faulkner, Flannery O'Connor, Tennessee Williams and Harper Lee. You will visit Natchez, Vicksburg and other towns of the south. (2) "Ride the rails to Southern California" is scheduled for April 23-28, 2012. This includes Amtrak to Santa Barbara, the Flower Fields in Carlsbad, Pechanga Resort & Casino, Catalina Island, Santa Maria and Solvang. You will visit the Ronald Regan Library, Scripps Institute, Eberle Winery and a theater presentation of Romeo and Juliet. (3) "An Autumn Sierra Adventure" is scheduled for September 18-23, 2012 including side trips in Yosemite and three nights accommodations at Yosemite Lodge. Then travel through Tioga Pass, Tuolumne Meadows, Mono Lake, Bodie Ghost Town ending up with two nights in the Mammoth Lake area. The journey home takes you through Columbia State Park and Ironstone Vineyards.

TOUR INFORMATION: The "Reno Amtrak" trip scheduled for January 5-7, 2012 is canceled. The "New England Harbor Hopping" trip scheduled for June 15-22, 2012 is cancelled. This year we have completed 14 trips with 2 more scheduled for 2011. We currently have 14 trips scheduled for 2012.

HAPPY TRAVELS

Alan Patmore, Travel Chairman