

# TRAIL



# TIPS

Sons in Retirement, Inc.

Mission Trail Branch 35

Los Altos, California

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March 2009

## NEXT MEETING

**Wednesday, March 18, I.F.E.S. Hall**

Social Hour: 11am – Lunch 12pm

*Please, if bringing a guest OR not attending,*  
CALL 650-823-0702 or EMAIL [b.cleveland@att.net](mailto:b.cleveland@att.net)  
by **SUNDAY, March 15** (leave name and badge #).  
We need this information!

## PROGRAM

**Speaker:** Jim Noyes, Research Fellow,  
Hoover Institution

**Topic:** "War and Incompatible Visions:  
Iraq, Afghanistan, and Pakistan"

Jim specializes in Middle East Affairs at Hoover, currently researching the regional security implications of a changing military posture in Iraq and Afghanistan. He was Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Near Eastern, African and South Asian Affairs (international security affairs) in Washington from 1970 through 1976 during the Nixon and Ford administrations. Among his many publications is his volume entitled *The Clouded Lens: Persian Gulf Security and U. S. Policy*, which has been widely cited for its in-depth analysis of U.S. strategic interests in Southwest Asia. His recent work includes articles published in Newsweek Japan and several public policy digests as well as on-line classes in the Oxford, Yale, Stanford Iraq Forum. He completed a BA at Yale, an MA in Political Science at UC Berkeley, and subsequent studies at Allahabad University in India.

**April: Jim Harbaugh, Stanford Head Football Coach**

NOTE: To make the best use of the limited time for Q&A, we ask that you SUBMIT YOUR QUESTIONS FOR COACH HARBAUGH IN ADVANCE (by April 8) to Dick Wilson ([rdwilson@comcast.net](mailto:rdwilson@comcast.net)) so he can consolidate them most effectively. Thanks.

## \$19 MENU \$19

Corned Beef or Fish

Cabbage, Boiled Potatoes, Rice, Carrots

Salad, Rolls, Dessert, & Coffee

Vegetarian by Reservation Only

Dick Knock: 408-257-5221; [rknock@aol.com](mailto:rknock@aol.com)

## *The Big Sir Says . . .*

### Spring is around the corner

Thankfully we are getting some rain, and the flowers will not be far behind. Our Branch is off to a great start to 2009, with Ken Newton and his team bringing in two winning speakers already. The year ahead is booked with interesting and entertaining speakers. If you would like a preview of the upcoming programs, visit our website ([www.sir35.org](http://www.sir35.org)) and select the "our monthly luncheon" link.

### Moving into the electronic world

Speaking of websites, we are already publishing the electronic version of "Trail Tips" (referred to as "e-TT") on-line and getting ready to offer you the choice of a) browsing/printing the on-line version only, b) continuing to receive a copy by mail, or c) enjoying both! Both will have the same content, and we plan always to have both available.

As announced at our last luncheon, we are looking into offering an on-line version of our Membership Roster to supplement the hard copy. Our Web Master, Skip Ross, has found a no-charge on-line data base capable of storing photographs (of willing members) as well as the Roster information. Security is a key concern; so viewing of the on-line Roster would be password protected for use by Branch members only. Your Executive Committee is interested in your thoughts, suggestions, and concerns about establishing an on-line Roster; so please let us know what you think!

### Leadership Action Plan and SIR Happenings

A new program entitled *Leadership Action Plan* to assist Branches with maintenance and growth of membership has been introduced by the State Board. Branch 35 is actively participating in this activity. The State SIR organization publishes a quarterly newsletter, *SIR Happenings*, on its website (<http://www.sirinc.org/sirhappenings>), and the current issue contains an article entitled "Great Ideas That Work." It's a collection of approaches used successfully by SIR branches to recruit and retain members. Check it out!

### Looking for a few good men

Our Branch has been informed by State that we are entitled to appoint two additional Honorary Life Members. Please give your thoughts regarding candidates to Jack Dyer (408-739-8254, [jwdyer@flash.net](mailto:jwdyer@flash.net)) or me. We are also looking for an Assistant Attendance Chairman and a Travel Chairman. Please contact me if interested.

*Don*

Active  
356

## ROSTER CHANGES

Inactive  
8

## NEW MEMBERS

**Al Dossola** 650-322-557  
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Menlo Park 94025 HP Employees Cred. Un.  
Travel, Hiking, Music

**Dave Ogle (Pat)** 650-968-1459  
1982 Noel Drive daveogle850@gmail.com  
Los Altos 94024 Molecular Devices  
Golf, Travel, Fishing, Hiking, Bicycling

**Norm Kitching (Kathryn)** 650-941-3459  
385 Arboleda Drive  
Los Altos 94024 Nordel Leasing

## E-MAIL

**John Landre** johnklandre@yahoo.com  
**Art Massey** cher1art@yahoo.com

## BIRTHDAYS - MARCH

<b>Jim Ackley</b>	<b>Reed Jenney</b>
<b>Terry Barnhart</b>	<b>Al Marston</b>
<b>Bob Bertsch</b>	<b>Dick Morris</b>
<b>Frank Bonzell</b>	<b>Manuel Nunes</b>
<b>Charles Boyenga</b>	<b>Pete Peterson</b>
<b>Ken Clifford</b>	<b>Dave Rigney</b>
<b>Mel Cohen</b>	<b>Ian Thomson</b>
<b>Ed Connor</b>	<b>Tony Vankessel</b>
<b>John Elrod</b>	<b>Ed Wasson</b>
<b>Don Gladstone</b>	<b>Milt Wehrman</b>
<b>Paul Gonella</b>	<b>Ed Wildanger</b>
<b>Ron Grace</b>	<b>Ed Winguth</b>
<b>Nev Griffin</b>	<b>John Woodside</b>
<b>Jim Holman</b>	

## TRAIL BIRDS

DON BOECKLING 650-965-2659  
Parodies: George Fullmer  
Accompanist: Annette Boyenga

JOIN OUR SINGING –

### Rehearsals 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesdays (March 11)

10:00AM Los Altos Senior Center, 97 Hillview Ave, Los Altos  
Pre-Meeting Rehearsal – 11:00<sup>am</sup> (not 10:45), IFES Hall

## TENNIS

BILL SCHICK 650-948-8768  
billschick@att.net

**Every Monday and Thursday, starting at 8:00am**  
Riconada Park courts off Embarcadero Road at  
Hopkins Avenue, Palo Alto.  
**New players welcome!**

## TRAVEL

ED WASSON 650-948-6704  
edwardwasson@yahoo.com

**Apr 9 – 23**

15 Days  
\$3304 - \$4107  
pp dbl

**Sep 22 – Oct 1**

10 Days  
\$3299 pp dbl

**Oct 12 - 23**

12 Days  
\$1015 - \$1545  
pp dbl

**2010**

**Aug 28-Sep 7**

11 Days  
\$3795 pp dbl

**Eastern Mediterranean Cruise**  
Escort: Joe Ames 408-736-8387  
R/T: Barcelona – 5 Ports + Egypt

**SOLD OUT**

**Shades of Ireland**

Kiss the Blarney Stone & More!  
Escort: Joe Ames 408-736-8387

**Mexican Riviera Cruise**

R/T from San Francisco  
Optional shore trip: Copper Canyon  
Escort: Joe Ames 408-736-8387

**PRICE REDUCED!**

**Passion Play in  
Oberammergau &  
German Highlights**

Escort: Talbot Tours 408-879-0101  
\$200 Refundable Res'n Deposit

Phone escorts for complete information & reservations

## BOOK SWAP

PAUL SCHERER 408-773-2772  
pscherer@sbcglobal.net

**Social Hour before monthly Luncheon – 11:00am**

**Bring books** of all kinds (one or a few) you'd like to give to our members, and **find some you'd like** to read.

Featured: Carl Hiaasen has authored or coauthored 18 novels and 5 non-fiction works. He writes mystery thrillers. One, *Strip Tease*, became a major motion picture in 1996 starring Demi Moore and Burt Reynolds. Read more about Carl at the Book Swap.

## BOWLING

ART ENGLAND 650-948-5828  
anm\_eng@att.net

**EVERY TUESDAY - PALO ALTO BOWL, 4339 E. EL CAMINO, PA**  
Play starts at 1:00pm - Practice lanes available at 12:50pm

**Join us for the Winter/Spring Tournament.**

February games over 199:

Bill Nye: 221

February "3-game series" over 499:

Bob Taggart: 536

Bill Nye: 511

Tournament to date (top 2 Branch 35 handicap scores):

High game:

Roy Robinson: 285

Bob Taggart: 263

High "3-game series":

Bob Taggart: 683

Roy Robinson: 679

### Words of wisdom from Will Rogers:

- *Good judgment comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgment.*
- *If you're riding ahead of the herd, take a look back every now and then to make sure it's still there.*
- *If you find yourself in a hole, stop digging.*
- *Never miss a good chance to shut up.*

**COMPUSIR**

JIM DINKEY 650-493-9307  
Jimdinkey(atsign)jimdinkey.com

**Second Wednesdays, 12:30pm**  
**Los Altos American Legion Hall**

**March 11** – Robert Ackermann: "SETI Allen Array – the Computer Aspects and What It Does"

**April 8** – Larry Templeton: "Build Your Own Media Computer and Install It"

**May 13** – John Foliot: "Stanford Online Accessibility Program"

**Macintosh users:** Skip Ross moderates an e-mail group where SIR members in all branches can share news, questions, and experiences related to their Macs. Contact Skip (650-941-0423; waross@closereach.com) to join the 60 Mac users already on board throughout SIR land.

**HIKING**

IAN THOMSON 650-967-0474  
IanTDianeT@sbcglobal.net

**4<sup>th</sup> Friday, March 27 at 9:30am**

**Wives and guests welcome! RAIN ON HIKE DAY CANCELS**

**Henry W. Coe State Park, Santa Clara County**

The hike will total about 7.0 miles with an elevation gain of 900 feet. Coe is a park noted for its wildflowers. The trail starts with a climb, then leads through the forest above Coyote Creek, connects to a trail that is well documented to show all of the various trees in the region, and returns through forest and grassland hills.

Take Highway 101 (or 85 & 101 south) toward Morgan Hill and East Dunne Avenue. Go east for 13 miles on Dunne Avenue to the park entrance. Note: The final 13 miles is a long slow drive that winds up the mountains and beyond Anderson Lake (Anderson Reservoir). Driving time will be about one hour and 15 minutes from your house.

Bring a lunch or snack and water.

Layered clothing and hiking boots are recommended.

An extra pair of shoes might be handy after the hike.

\$7 Park fee, or State Park Pass, per car.

**BIKING**

JERRY BUTLER 650-494-8078  
GXB366@aol.com

**2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday — March 12, 11:00am**

**Wives & guests welcome! RAIN CANCELS - HELMET REQUIRED**

**Stevens Creek Trail & Shoreline Park (Mt. View)**

We will ride a flat 12-mile round-trip to Michael's Restaurant in Shoreline Park, plus an optional 5-Mile loop to the Palo Alto Duck Pond, near the Palo Alto airport (a total ride of 17 miles). Lunch will be at Michael's.

Meet at the south end of the Stevens Creek bike path off Yuba Drive in Mountain View at 11:00 AM. Yuba Drive is off El Camino Real between Highways 237 and 85 and can be reached from El Camino Real or via Centre or Church Streets from 237.

If you plan to ride, contact me (see above) or  
Tom Gregory, 650-493-8894, tgreg@surfree.com

**GOLF**

BOB GARTEN, GOLF CHAIRMAN  
408-253-5860 xonon1@comcast.net  
(See Membership Roster, p. 7)

**SIGN-UP at the March 18 Luncheon for the following:**

<b>Spring Valley (SPV)</b> Edwards/Bays 650-948-2930	Mon Apr 6	10:00	\$41
<b>Las Positas (LPS)</b> (cart) Thomson/Larson 650-967-0474	Mon Apr 13	10:00	\$43
<b>Laguna Seca (LGS) Shamble</b> (GC) Garten/Jonekait 408-253-5860	Mon Apr 20	9:00	\$27
<b>Silver Creek (SCR)</b> (cart, range, prize) Cooke/Scherer 408-997-0511	Thu Apr 23	9:00	\$85
<b>Aptos (APS)</b> (cart) Roellig/Young 408-245-9325	Tue Apr 28	11:00	\$45
<b>Poppy Hills (PPH)</b> (cart) Cooke/Garten 408-997-0511	Thu May 7	11:40	\$83

**Coyote Creek****February 2**

FLT 1	NET	FLT 2	NET	FLT 3	NET	PRZ
Newton K	64	Barkey S	70	Firpo B	75	\$21
Thomson I	72	Parra A	73	Berglund D	76	\$14
Dixon H	75	Piazza R	74	Bray D	77	\$9
Cooke G	78	Shigemoto F	76	Hall B	77	\$5
Newton K	21-7	Barkey S	16-7	Hall B	25-2	2GB
Garten B	29-2					1GB

**Low Gross:** Ken Newton 88

**Los Lagos****February 12****"Eclectic 2"**

FLT 1	NET	FLT 2	NET	FLT 3	NET	FLT 4	NET	PRZ
Thomson I	67	Grace R	64	Barnhart T	68	Young B	69	
Cooke G	68	Newton K	64	Wong J	71	Bays D	78	
Cady J	68	Barkey S	68	McQuiston	72	Lintz D	82	
Garten B	70	Piazza R	69	Simpson D	72	Nix K	82	
Grundy J	5-11	Wride G	28-0	Firpo B	19-8	Wong H	21-6	2GB
Dixon H	11-4	Grace R	32-1					1GB

**Low Gross:** George Cooke 80

**Callippe Preserve****February 19**

FLT 1	NET	FLT 2	NET	FLT 3	NET	FLT 4	NET	PRZ
Jonekait J	70	Pittman R	75	Fair B	74	Barnhart T	68	\$18
Cady J	75	Shigemoto	79	Holman J	81	Hall B	74	\$14
Schlatter J	76	Kendrick B	80	McNamara B	81	Maness D	76	\$9
Wilson D	78	Mattson D	80	Simpson D	81	Young B	77	\$5
Schlatter J	7-4	Nelson H	17-0			Band I	24-11	2GB
Naughton M	54-3	Kendrick B	32-8			Barnhart T	32-7	1GB

**Low Gross:** Jim Schlatter 83

**Words from Will Rogers about growing older:**

- When you are dissatisfied and would like to go back to your youth, think of Algebra.
- The older we get, the fewer things seem worth waiting in line for.
- I don't know how I got over the hill without getting to the top.
- One must wait until evening to see how splendid the day has been.

**STATE OFFICERS**

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**ACTIVITIES CHAIRMEN**

Bicycling .....	Jerry Butler	650-494-8078
Book Swap .....	Paul Scherer	408-773-2772
Bowling .....	Art England	650-948-5828
Computer Club .....	Jim Dinkey	650-493-9307
Golf .....	Bob Garten	408-253-5860
Assistant .....	Ron Grace	408-725-1632
Assistant .....	Dave Scott	408-946-5596
Hiking .....	Ian Thomson	650-967-0474
Tennis .....	Bill Schick	650-948-8768
Travel .....	Ed Wasson	650-948-6704
Trail Birds .....	Don Boeckling	650-965-2659
Musical Introductions .....	George Fuller	408-356-0526

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**WELL & COMFORT WISHERS:** Death or illness of a fellow SIR should be reported to **Howard Nelson at 408-264-0798** or by email to **hgnnnn@yahoo.com**. He will express concerns of our Branch. Memorial announcements will be communicated immediately among members by e-mail for further dissemination among friends of the deceased.



Jim Schlatter  
212 Sand Hill Circle  
Menlo Park, CA 94025

**FIRST CLASS MAIL**

**Next Meeting**  
**Wednesday, March 18, 2009**  
**I.F.E.S Hall, 358 Stierlin Road**  
**Mountain View**