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Sons in Retirement, Inc.

Mission Trail Branch 35

Los Altos, California

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August 2009

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, August 19, I.F.E.S. Hall

Social Hour 11am – Lunch 12pm

Please, **if bringing a guest OR not attending,**

CALL 650-823-0702 or EMAIL sir35notify@gmail.com

by SUNDAY, August 16 (leave name and badge #).

Thanks --- we need this information **early!**

PROGRAM

Speaker: Charles (Chuck) House
Senior Research Scholar, Stanford University
Executive Director, Media X

Topic: HP and Silicon Valley History

Chuck has led a long and distinguished career in a variety of high technology posts including Director of Societal Impact of Technology for Intel, Founder and Advisory Chair of the Center for Information Technology and Society at UC Santa Barbara, Senior Vice President of Multimedia Communications Research for Dialogic Corporation, President of Spectron Microsystems, part of the IPO executive team at Veritas Software, and Senior Vice President of R&D at Informix Software. He also spent 29 years at Hewlett-Packard in a variety of management and technical roles, including five years as Corporate Engineering Director. Chuck's other notable affiliations include Chairman of the Board for Applied Microsystems and Attensity Corporation and board member of the Computer History Center, Mountain View. He is past President of the Association for Computing Machinery and is an IEEE Fellow. He maintains a management consulting service, InnovaScapes, which is concerned with creativity and innovation.

\$19 MENU \$19

Swiss Steak or Baked Chicken
Mashed Potatoes, Rice, Vegetable
Salad, Rolls, Dessert, & Coffee
Vegetarian by Reservation Only

Dick Knock: 408-257-5221; rknock@aol.com

The Big Sir Says . . .

JULY BARBEQUE: The annual picnic was a huge success --- kudos to Ken Newton and John Richardson for scheduling Ross Stein with his outstanding presentation about earthquakes. Many positive comments were received from the attendees, and some even felt it was one of the best talks they had heard at SIR.

OFFICERS FOR 2010: Elections of our 2010 officers will be held at the August meeting. Nominations were posted in the July Trail Tips.

SIR35 GROUP E-MAIL: Please remember that the SIR35 group e-mail was established for members to send out only SIR-related messages that would be of interest to all branch members. It should not be used to forward jokes, political statements, commercial messages, or chain letters; nor to confirm planned absences from lunch. (Notification instructions are always on the upper left of this page.) Remember that messages to the SIR35 group are broadcast to all Branch 35 members, and misuse is an irritation to all.

CALL-IN WHEN NOT PLANNING TO ATTEND: Thanks to all who provided input regarding my message last month about notifying us when you do not plan to attend our luncheon. The Executive Committee is reviewing the comments and determining whether additional steps are appropriate. Unfortunately, I included the monetary loss incurred in May (which was a unique month due to a catering emergency) and left the impression that our lunch count estimating process is out of control and that we often have to pay for those not calling in. This is not the case! We estimate attendance on the basis of our 15+ year old formula that takes into account historical data, reported and unreported absences, guest lists, the judgment of veteran Luncheon Hosts, and a 5% tolerance from the caterer; and normally we do quite well. However, it has long been a problem that 20% of our members do not call to inform us of their planned absences, and again, as in the past, branch leadership is asking for your help. This was the intended message: **Please notify us when you do not plan to attend a Luncheon.** Thanks for your support.

Don

Active
340

ROSTER CHANGES

Transfer: 1

Inactive
14

NEW MEMBERS

No actions on candidates in July

E-MAIL

Bob McKenzie mckenzie4858-3(atsign)*yahoo.com

BIRTHDAYS – AUGUST

Larry Bjork	Ken Jones	Chuck Nile	Stan Scardino
Ed Blackwell	Dick Kopeck	Dave Ogle	Bill Scharfen
Boo Bue	Bill Kull	Bob Pappas	Vern Schmidt
Fred Cope III	John Lehner	Dick Peacock	Dave Squellati
Larry Dike	John Mason	John Pear	Mark Temme
Jack Dyer	Dan McBrady	Carl Plescia	Ken Thompson
Herb Fischgrund	Paul McGrew	Roy Presley	Pete Valenti
Wayne Grove	Mike Naughton	John Rinehart	Bill Webster
Victor Jeworski			

Photo Roster Update

Ninety (90!) pictures were taken at the June Luncheon for inclusion in the soon-to-appear online Photo Directory. There's space for everyone; so if you have not already done so, please stop by to have your picture taken at the August Luncheon. The process is painless and takes only about ten seconds, assuming that you can generate a smile within that period.

Only pictures and names --- no other personal information --- will appear in the Directory. It will be accessible via our Branch 35 website once we upload a sufficient number of member photographs.

The Photo Directory will best serve its purpose if every member's face is included. Don't be shy --- bring your SIR lunch buddies and step up to the red curtain at the next luncheon. We'll all be glad you did!



TRAIL BIRDS

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

JOIN OUR SINGING –

Rehearsals 2nd Wednesdays (August 12)

10:00am Los Altos Senior Center, 97 Hillview Ave, Los Altos
Pre-Meeting Rehearsal – 11:00am, IFES Hall

BOOK SWAP

PAUL SCHERER 408-773-2772

Social Hour before monthly Luncheon – 11:00am
Bring a few and take a few – FREE!

This Month's author is Jeffery Deaver who is the New York Times bestselling author of nineteen suspense novels, including *The Blue Nowhere* and *The Bone Collector*.

BOWLING

ART ENGLAND 650-948-5828
anm_eng(atsign)*att.net

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

Highest games in July:

Bill Nye: 203, 194, 192 Bill Finkemeier 200
Tim Eastham: 200

Highest "3-game series" in July:

Bill Nye: 552 Earl Pampeyan: 528
Tim Eastham: 514, 505 Hal Knowlton: 501

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

High game: High "3-game series":
Jerry Coe: 245 Earl Pampeyan: 687
Art England: 245 Bill Nye: 660

HIKING

IAN THOMSON 650-967-0474
IanTDianeT(atsign)*sbcglobal.net

Friday, August 28 at 9:30am

Wives and guests welcome! RAIN ON HIKE DAY CANCELS

**Marin Headlands, Golden Gate National
Recreation Area, Marin County**

The hike will be about 7.5 miles (round trip) with an elevation gain of 1,200 ft. We'll start in a valley for 2 miles and then begin a climb of 1.5 miles. At the summit the trail follows a ridge above Sausalito with views of San Francisco Bay and, further west, the Golden Gate and the Pacific Ocean. After another hill we descend back to the parking area. If we have any energy left, we can visit the new Marine Mammal Center.

Cross the Golden Gate Bridge and take the second exit (the first exit is the vista point). Go left under Highway 101, heading south back toward the Golden Gate Bridge. Then take the first right turn (Conzelman Road) up the hill into the Marin Headlands. Drive for about one mile (passing several vista points on your left) and take the first right turn onto McCulloch Road and follow this down to Bunker Road. Turn left and drive about one mile and turn left at the Information Center sign (near the Youth Hostel). Driving time will be about 70 minutes from your house.

- Bring a lunch or snack and water.
- Restrooms are at the information center.
- Layered clothing (for wind!) and hiking boots are recommended.

BIKING

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

2nd Thursday — August 13, 11:00am

Wives & guests welcome! RAIN CANCELS - HELMET REQUIRED

Stevens Creek Trail & Shoreline Park (Mountain View)

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

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

**To ride, contact me (above) or Tom Gregory, 650-493-8894,
tgreg(atsign)*surfree.com.**

COMPUSIR

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

Second Wednesdays, 12:30pm

Los Altos American Legion Hall

August 12 – Speaker: Gene Barlow, User Group Relations
Topic: Interactive video conference on Acronis 11
Also, Bill Young: Simulating Windows on a Linux computer
to enable running Windows applications

September 9 – Topic: Creating and using a Domain to permit
e-mail portability

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. To join the group, Contact Skip
(waross@closereach.com; 650-941-0423).

TENNIS

BILL SCHICK 650-948-8768
billschick(atsign)*att.net

Every Monday and Thursday, starting at 8:00am
Rinconada Park courts off Embarcadero Road at
Hopkins Avenue, Palo Alto.

New players welcome!

TRAVEL

ED WASSON 650-948-6704
edwardwasson(atsign)*yahoo.com

Oct 12 - 23
12 Days
\$1015 - \$1545 pp dbl

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

Dec 30-Jan 3
5 Days
\$1160 - \$1675 pp dbl

**Spend New Year's with Us in
Sunny Arizona!**
Escort: Joe Ames 408-736-8387

2010
May 22-Jun 1
\$1416 - \$2551 pp dbl

**Alaska's Inside Passage on the
Sea Princess**
R/T from San Francisco
Escort: Arthur Lloyd 650-851-0998

2010
Aug 31-Sep 10
\$2838 pp dbl + Airfare

**Passion Play in Oberammergau
& German Highlights**
Escort: Talbot Tours 408-879-0101
\$200 Refundable Res'n Deposit

Phone escorts for complete information & reservations

FISHING

FRED COPE III 650-493-4604

The inaugural fishing trip (bay or ocean, depending
upon conditions) is set for early August. Watch this
space in September for the story! Better still, call Fred
and get involved.

*Sometimes it's important to work for that pot of
gold. But other times it's essential to take time
off and to make sure that your most important
decision in the day simply consists of choosing
which color to slide down on the rainbow.*

~Douglas Pagels, These Are the Gifts I'd Like to Give to You

GOLF

BOB GARTEN, GOLF CHAIRMAN
408-253-5860 xonon1@comcast.net

(Golf Committee members are listed in the Membership Roster, p. 7)

SIGN-UP at the August 19 Luncheon for the following:

Boulder Creek (BCR) (prize)	Thu Sep 3	10:04	\$30
Garten [408-253-5860] & Cady [650-968-4323]			
Summitpointe (SMP) Scramble/Mixer (cart)	Thu Sep 10	10:00	\$40
Scherer [408-773-2772] & Cady [650-968-4323]			
Hiddenbrooke (HID) (cart, range)	Thu Sep 17	10:30	\$55
Cooke [408-997-0511] & Schlatter [650-234-1133]			
Pacific Grove (PGR) (cart, prize)	Mon Sep 21	11:18	\$68
Jonekait [650-965-9786] & Squellati [408-245-3787]			
Aptos (APS) (cart)	Mon Sep 28	11:00	\$45
Berglund [408-732-1183] & Cleveland [408-720-8635]			

*Retirement means no pressure, no stress, no
heartache . . . unless you play golf.*

~Gene Perret

Spring Hills

FLT 1	NET	FLT 2	NET	FLT 3	NET	PRZ
Newton K	71	McFerran D	60	Dinkey J	69	\$22
Grace R	72	Shigemoto	67	Berglund D	71	\$17
Mattson D	74	Pittman R	68	Hall B	72	\$11
Cooke G	75	Naughton M	69	Scott D	73	\$6
Cooke G	16-5	Piazza R	14-1	Dinkey J	6-3	2GB
Juracich J	23-2	Mason J	32-10	Steele J	9-5	1GB

Low Gross: George Cooke 89

Poplar Creek

FLT 1	NET	FLT 2	NET	FLT 3	NET	FLT 4	NET	PRIZE
Jones K	68	Feild D	68	Berglund D	67	Lintz D	64	21GC/\$8
Wilson D	69	Naughton M	72	Nelson H	67	Ogle D	69	24GC
Kendrick B	69	Perl J	72	Scott D	69	Barnhart T	69	20GC
Thomson I	70	Pittman R	72	Wong J	71	Dinkey J	71	16GC
Wilson D	15-7	Feild D	17-10	Simpson D	38-6			2GB
Garten B	16-7	Sauer K	28-10					1GB

Low Gross: Jim Schlatter 77

Lake Chabot

FLT 1	NET	FLT 2	NET	FLT 3	NET	PRZ
Grundy J	65	Perl J	71	Dinkey J	69	\$21
Wilson D	67	Shigemoto F	73	Hall B	72	\$15
Grace R	70	Larson G	77	Barnhart T	74	\$10
Garten B	72	Barkey S	77	Ogle D	74	\$5
Wilson D	20-11	Killian J	46-7	Nugteren B	32-2	2GB
Garten B	35-9			Berglund D	43-6	1GB

Low Gross: Jim Schlatter 82

Aptos Seascap

FLT 1	NET	FLT 2	NET	FLT 3	NET	FLT 4	NET	PRIZE
Grace R	68	Pittman R	68	Larson G	68	Hall B	68	\$22
Garten B	68	Schwalbach	69	Berglund D	69	Dinkey J	70	\$17
Cooke G	70	Firpo B	73	Dunlap R	71	Barnhart T	70	\$12
Cooper J	70	Squellati D	75	Scott D	73	Steele J	74	\$6
asters B	4-3	Parra A	12-2	Larson G	22-9	Kinsch M	14-9	2GB
Bailey L	18-3	Schwalbach	15-11			Dinkey J	16-0	1GB

Low Gross: John Cooper, George Cooke 85

Pajaro Valley

FLT 1	NET	FLT 2	NET	FLT 3	NET	FLT 4	NET	PRIZE
Bailey L	69	Dixon H	67	Berglund D	64	Bray D	63	\$20GC
Kendrick B	70	Pittman R	69	McFerran D	72	Dinkey J	67	\$16GC
Cleveland B	71	Barkey S	71	Perl J	72	Hall B	68	\$13
Wilson D	75	Squellati D	71	Scott D	73	Barnhart T	68	\$8
Cleveland B	14-10	Barkey S	30-7					2GB
Schlatter J	23-6							1GB

Low Gross: Larry Bailey 80

STATE OFFICERS

STATE PRESIDENT	DAVID REISER	408-268-2148
VICE PRESIDENT	BUCK KENDRICK	650-948-7470
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GOVERNOR AREA 16	STAN BARKEY	408-996-3133

BRANCH 35 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

BIG SIR	DON MATTSO	650-949-3739
LITTLE SIR	KEN NEWTON	408-777-1237
SECRETARY	BILL YOUNG	650-948-9526
ASSISTANT SECRETARY	JIM DELONG	650-941-4043
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MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR	PETER BARBA	650-949-4191
ASSISTANT	ARDEN ANDERSON	650-326-6835
DIRECTOR	CARL MOYER	650-948-1653
DIRECTOR	JOHN RICHARDSON	650-854-1598
DIRECTOR	DICK WILSON	408-996-0689

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

STAFF

Attendance	Bill Cleveland	408-720-8635
Assistant	Dick Letts	650-962-8867
Audio/Visual Chair	Carl Moyer	650-948-1653
Audio Principal	Richard James	650-941-1862
Visual Principal	Don Holmes	650-941-1290
Auditing	Ken Cole	650-941-1985
Assistant	Don Boeckling	650-858-2652
Greeter	Paul McGrew	650-967-0918
Historian	Bob Simon	650-948-9054
Luncheon Host	Richard Knock	408-257-5221
Assistant	Dick Kopeck	408-732-1576
Assistant	George Mulhem	650-964-1729
Assistant	Larry Wright	650-948-5587
Assistant	Bob Dawson	650-968-8868
Luncheon Revenuer	Chuck Boyenga	650-941-3121
Assistant	Dave Scott	408-946-5596
Membership	Peter Barba	650-949-4191
Asst. (New Member Orientation)	Arden Anderson	650-326-6835
Web Master	Skip Ross	650-941-0423
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Well and Comfort Wisher	Howard Nelson	408-264-0798
Ridesharing	Roger Dunlap	408-739-7610
Assistant	Dick Kopeck	408-732-1578

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(at)sign@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.

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Trail Tips

Jim Schlatter
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FIRST CLASS MAIL

Next Meeting
Wednesday, August 19, 2009
I.F.E.S Hall, 432 Stierlin Road
Mountain View

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