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TIPS

Sons in Retirement, Inc.

Mission Trail Branch 35

Los Altos, California

Group Addr: SIR35@yahoogroups.com

Web Site: www.sir35.org

October 2009

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, October 21, 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, Oct. 18 (leave name and badge #).

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

PROGRAM

**Speaker: Fred LaCosse, LaCosse Productions
Retired San Francisco Reporter,
News Anchor and Talk Show Host**

**Topic: “Your American Freedoms: Protect
Them or Lose Them”**

How did we Americans get so lucky? How did we defy history and produce America's great treasure of freedoms that we often take for granted today? Fred will present a most dynamic story. He talks **with** America's Founding Fathers: John Adams (and Abigail), Sam Adams, Ben Franklin, Alexander Hamilton, Patrick Henry, Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, Thomas Paine, and George Washington. Together, they tell the amazing story of how our democratic republic was born, the checks and balances built into our government that protect us from tyranny, and how our unique values and individual rights give hope to mankind. Fred challenges all Americans and shows them how to protect our freedoms so that we and our children don't lose them.

\$19 MENU \$19

Sirloin Tips or Chicken

Noodles, Rice, Vegetable

Salad, Rolls, Dessert, & Coffee

Vegetarian by Reservation Only

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

WANNA GO GREEN? Inform Peter Barba if you want to use eTT in place of a paper copy of Trail Tips. [Peter_Barba@stanfordalumni.org]

How old would you be if you didn't know how old you are?
~ Satchel Paige

The Big Sir Says . . .

'Tis the season, and I imagine you are all thinking about our upcoming annual contributions and Holiday Party. Our Branch 35 marked its 38th birthday in September! We started with 150 charter members and reached 400 in the late 90's. We used to wear coats and ties to luncheons and even danced a bit. We do change with the times, but our goals remain the same: good fellowship and enjoyment of our later years. There are some members for whom transportation to our events is a challenge; so I encourage you to seek them out and inspire them to join us by offering a ride. Ridesharing support is one of our “Staff” activities --- check the list on the back page.

Annual Contributions – Our fiscal year starts in October; so we are now envisioning our expenses (and how to meet them!) for the coming year. In that regard, your Executive Committee voted to keep the suggested annual contribution at \$25. We will include an envelope in the November Trail Tips for your use in making this contribution.

Holiday Party – It is not too soon to line up your table for the December Holiday Party. Ken Newton and his committee have the planning well in place, and again the Los Altos High School “Main Street Singers” will provide the entertainment. It is always a fun event and a great way to get into the holiday spirit. Page 5 is a printable signup form.* So alert your guests, record their entrée preferences, and mail in your reservation form. It's simplest if you submit one form for all those with whom you wish to sit. Better still, be a Captain and fill a table for 8. Don't miss out on the food, fellowship, and outstanding entertainment!

Photo Shoot – We are well along with photos for our on-line roster. Bob Simon has done an excellent job taking pictures, and Miles Johnson and Jim Schlatter are carrying the load with photo editing and getting the pictures on line. Skip Ross has provided invaluable insight and support in the editing and uploading process. Many thanks to them and to those who helped guide members to the camera to make this project a reality. To be included, please step before the camera at the next luncheon if you have not done so already.

On-Line Trail Tips – Some of you have asked why we continue to mail paper copies of Trail Tips. Quite simply, many prefer to receive it by mail and others in the household enjoy reading it as well. However, if you prefer to solely view the electronic version (eTT) on our website and not receive a mailed copy, contact Peter Barba (box at left).

See you on the 21st,

Don

**Note: All members will receive a copy of this Trail Tips issue, including a reservation form, in the mail. You are not obliged to print your own form.*

Active
341

ROSTER CHANGES

Inactive
14

NEW MEMBERS

Carl Clemm (Penny) 408-202-7575
P.O. Box 1475 carl(atsign)*clemm.us
Los Altos 94023 Varian Medical Systems
Golf, Travel, Hiking

Rod Hall (Kathy) 650-328-5974
1225 Wookland Avenue rodwhall(atsign)*comcast.net
Menlo Park 94025 Federal Express
Bowling, Golf, Computers, Fishing,
Hiking, Bicycling, Amateur Radio

Ron Lau (Ginny) 408-730-9115
686 Erie Avenue rwjlau(atsign)*sbcglobal.net
Sunnyvale 94087 Lifemasters
Golf

Joe Varozza (Jean) 408-867-3774
14777 Montalvo Road jvarozza(atsign)*sbcglobal.net
Saratoga 95070 President, Powerten, Inc.
Golf

E-MAIL

Bob DeGrasse rdegrasse(atsign)*earthlink.net

DECEASED

Don Lawson

Ed Dexter (7/13/09)
Branch 35 Member 1985-2003

BIRTHDAYS – OCTOBER

Charlie Askanas	Tom Gregory	Walt McNeill	Jim Shively
Bob Bouchet	Dick Hughey	Bill Nye	David Skurnick
Howard Bull	Mike Hurley	Robert Page	Hardin Smith
Frank Cameron	Jack Joos	Ed Pausa	Guy Thompson
CJ Cook	Jerry Juracich	Bill Schatz	Jack Tooley
Neal Didriksen	Norm Kitching	Paul Scherer	Ed Truitt
Harv Dixon	Gary Larson	Bob Shaw	Frank Verlot
Hal Faull	Bob McNamara		

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!

TRAIL BIRDS

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

JOIN OUR SINGING –

Rehearsals 2nd Wednesdays (October 14)

10:00am --- Choir Room, Los Altos Methodist Church

Pre-Meeting Rehearsal – 11:00am, IFES Hall

BIKING

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

2nd Thursday — October 8, 11:00am

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

Los Gatos Creek Trail

We will ride the rolling Los Gatos Creek Trail for about
7.5 miles from Blackford School to the town of Los
Gatos for lunch, then ride back for a total of ~15 miles.

*Go South on I-280 (past Highway 17) to Meridian; turn
right. Go to the Willow Street stoplight; turn right. Take
Willow until it dead-ends at Blackford Elementary
School. Parking is available in the school parking lot
and on neighborhood streets.*

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

BOOK SWAP

PAUL SCHERER 408-773-2772

Social Hour before monthly Luncheon – 11:00am

At last, it's **NON-FICTION DAY!** - Civil War and
modern histories galore, plus the usual assortment of
fiction titles. **Bring a few and take a few – FREE!**

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

Join us for the Fall/Winter Tournament!

Highest games in September:

Tim Eastham: 204, 198 Chuck Huff: 203
John Snyder: 191 Earl Pampeyan: 189

Highest "3-game series" in September:

Tim Eastham: 554 Bill Nye: 522
Chuck Huff: 518 John Snyder: 516
Hal Knowlton: 483

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

High "3-game series":
Earl Pampeyan: 687 Bill Nye: 678

One of the advantages bowling has over golf is
that you seldom lose a bowling ball. ~ Don Carter

COMPUSIR

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

Second Wednesdays, 12:30pm

Los Altos American Legion Hall

October 14 – Speaker: Red Calub, Micro Center

Topic: "Big Movers, Entertainment Equipment, and
Specialty Items Available at Micro Center"

Mr. Calub has years of relevant experience and a
history of helping SPAUG members.

November 11 - Speaker: Hank Skawinski, DataWise

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).

HIKING

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

Friday, October 23 at 9:30am

Wives and guests welcome! RAIN ON HIKE DAY CANCELS

Joseph D. Grant Park Santa Clara County

The hike will be about 6.3 miles (round trip) with an elevation gain of 400 feet. We will be just west of Mt. Hamilton in open grasslands and oak-covered hillsides and will have a vista of Halls Valley. With some luck we may see wildlife -- coyote, turkey, deer, and wild pig.

Go south on Highway 101 to Alum Rock Avenue eastbound (toward the hills) in San Jose. Turn right onto Mt. Hamilton Road and travel 8 miles to reach the main entrance. Go in the park entrance past the kiosk about 0.25 mile and park near the bathrooms. Driving time will be about 50 minutes.

- Bring a lunch or snack and water.
- Restrooms are at the trailhead.
- Layered clothing and hiking boots are recommended.

TRAVEL

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

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 - June 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
June 9 - 15
\$1465 pp dbl

Oregon --- Lots to see and do!
Festivals and Roses Tour - NO FLYING!
Escort: Joe Ames 408-736-8387

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

With a few SIR fishermen, we join a charter whenever it happens to be sailing, usually without much advance notice. With 15 participants, we could define our own schedule (weather permitting). Call Fred if you'd like to be notified when the next charter boat is heading out. Halibut and striped bass in the bay and rockfish in the ocean are waiting for you!

Aptos September 28						
FLT 1	NET	FLT 2	NET	FLT 3	NET	PRIZE
Garten B	69	Thomson I	68	Wong J	70	\$24
Naughton M	70	Firpo B	70	Larson G	75	\$18
Cleveland B	71	MacIntosh J	73	Young B	78	\$12
Dixon H	72	Barkey S	74	Dinkey J	79	\$7
Garten B	15-3	Pittman R	22-2	Varozza J	14-10	2GB
Newton K	15-7	Nelson H	43-1	Berglund D	22-8	1GB
Low Gross: Bob Garten 87						

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 October 21 Luncheon for the following:

Aptos Seascap (APS) (cart)	Mon Nov 2	10:00	\$45
<i>Lintz (408-245-3332) & Maness (650-234-1163)</i>			
Sunnyvale (SVL) Turkey Shoot	Mon Nov 9	8:30	\$40
<i>Garten (408-253-5860) & Squellati (408-245-3787)</i>			
Callippe Preserve (CPR) (cart)	Mon Nov 16	9:00	\$49
<i>Roellig (408-245-9325) & Grundy (408-446-1946)</i>			
Moffett Field (MFD)	Thu Nov 19	10:30	\$35
<i>McQuiston (650-941-4238) & Scherer (408-773-2772)</i>			
Coyote Creek - T (CCT) (cart, range)	Mon Nov 23	9:00	\$65
<i>Cooke (408-997-0511) & Garten (408-253-5860)</i>			
San Juan Oaks (SJO) (cart)	Mon Nov 30	9:00	\$66
<i>Dixon (408-739-5137) & Garten (408-253-5860)</i>			

GOLFERS: Your 2010 **NCGA dues** (now \$36) must be paid by December 1st. Add them to your check for golf fees at the next luncheon or send a check to Don Rhodes.

Rancho Canada August 31			
FLT 1	NET	FLT 2	NET
Cooke G	66	Young B	68
Barkey S	67	Perl J	70
Grundy J	68	Squellati D	73
Dixon H	68	McNamara B	75
Garten B	13-9	Dunlap R	7-10
Grundy J	15-9		
Low Gross: George Cooke 80			
			PRIZE
			\$24GC
			\$20GC
			\$15
			\$10
			2GB
			1GB

Boulder Creek September 3							
FLT 1	NET	FLT 2	NET	FLT 3	NET		PRIZE
Cooke G	57	MacIntosh J	56	Holman J	60		\$25GC
Roellig C	62	Simpson D	62	Larson G	66		\$15GC
Naughton M	65	Perl J	63	Bray D	72		\$10GC
Grundy J	66	McNamara B	63	Davis D	72		\$7
Jones K	9-11	Schwalbach F	14-4				2GB
Cooke G	12-6	McNamara B	30-3				1GB
Low Gross: George Cooke 70							

Summitpointe September 10 4-Man Scramble					
PLAYER 1	PLAYER 2	PLAYER 3	PLAYER 4	Score	PRZ
Schlatter J	Wehrman M	Perl J	Ogle D	59	\$15
Scherer P	Squellati D	Nelson H	Wong H	61	\$11
Juracich J	Pittman R	Machado P	Young B	62	\$7
(3-Man Team)	Barkey S	Wong J	Davis D	62	\$9
Grundy J	5-10	Parra A	45-7	Davis D	11-7
Garten B	34-11			Ogle D	26-10
					1GB

Hiddenbrooke September 17				
FLT 1	NET	FLT 2	NET	PRIZE
Cooke G	65	Thomson I	77	\$22
Bailey L	70	Larson G	78	\$15
Mattson D	70	McNamara B	78	\$11
Kendrick B	72	Young B	80	\$6
Cooke G	14-7	Lintz D	36-7	2GB
Kendrick B	43-9	Young B	74-0	1GB
Low Gross: George Cooke 81				

Pacific Grove September 21					
FLT 1	NET	FLT 2	NET	FLT 3	NET
Grace R	70	Feild D	67	Larson G	73
Schlatter J	70	McNamara B	75	Kinsch M	78
Jonekait	70	Killian J	77	Bays D	82
Garten B	72	McFerran D	77	Nix K	83
Newton K	13-11	Killian J	57-5	Varozza J	48-2
Thomson I	16-4	Shigemoto F	61-3		
Low Gross: Jim Schlatter 80					
					PRIZE
					\$38GC
					\$34GC
					\$30GC
					\$25GC
					2GB
					1GB

When you start driving your ball down the middle, you meet a different class of people. ~ Phil Harris

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STATE OFFICERS

STATE PRESIDENT	DAVID REISER	408-268-2148
VICE PRESIDENT	BUCK KENDRICK	650-948-7470
DIRECTOR REGION 5	JOHN MASON	650-948-5442
GOVERNOR AREA 16	STAN BARKEY	408-996-3133

BRANCH 35 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

BIG SIR	DON MATTSON	650-949-3739
LITTLE SIR	KEN NEWTON	408-777-1237
SECRETARY	BILL YOUNG	650-948-9526
ASSISTANT SECRETARY	JIM DELONG	650-941-4043
TREASURER	CHUCK DUNKER	650-365-3900
ASSISTANT TREASURER	JIM COMMENDATORE	650-969-7929
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

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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
Trail Tips Editor	Jim Schlatter	650-234-1133
Assistant	Bob McKenzie	408-732-4858
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.



Trail Tips

Jim Schlatter
212 Sand Hill Circle
Menlo Park, CA 94025

FIRST CLASS MAIL

Next Meeting
Wednesday, October 21, 2009
I.F.E.S Hall, 432 Stierlin Road
Mountain View

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SONS IN RETIREMENT -- BRANCH 35

2009 HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

IFES Hall, Mountain View

Wednesday, December 16 --- Social Hour 11:00 AM; Luncheon at Noon

FEATURING:

Luncheon served at your table
Los Altos High School's *Main Street Singers*

SEATING: Captain* your own table of 8 --- or be seated with others.

(We are happy to arrange seating for individuals or groups of fewer than 8.)

COST: \$30 per person prepaid (plus wine if ordered)
Make check payable to SIR Branch 35.

BEVERAGES:

WINE: Bring your favorite wine or have us get wine for you at \$10 per bottle, either red (R) or white (W). Openers and glasses will be provided, and remainders may be taken home.

OTHER BEVERAGES (not including wine) will be available as usual.

MAIL YOUR COMPLETED RESERVATION FORM & CHECK

NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2

or drop off this form with your check at the October or November Luncheon

Reply to: Dick Wilson, 10850 Santa Teresa Drive, Cupertino, CA 95014

MENU CHOICES:

B	C	S	V
King Arthur	Stuffed Chicken	Poached Salmon	Vegetarian
Beef Prime Rib	Florentine	with SIR Glaze	
		Yukon Gold Potatoes	
		Italian Beans & Button Mushrooms	
		Caesar Salad, Rolls & Coffee	
		Walnut Cake with Strawberry Glaze	

Name (Print)

Menu Choice of Wine? (B,C,S, or V)(R or W)

Bottle of Wine?

Enclosed is my (our) check(s) for \$ _____
for _____luncheons and _____ bottle(s) of wine.

The names of those for whom I am reserving seats are listed above.

_____(_____) _____
Captain's* or Individual's Signature and Phone #

*The Table Captain reserves a table for 8 and ensures payment and confirmation for his guests.