The Big Sir Says . . .

We didn’t induct any new members at our July Picnic because of its social focus, but we continued our growth by adding 8 more fresh faces in August, bringing us to a new total of 372 active members as of August 31. So far this year we have inducted 47 new members!

This is an achievement I would never have thought possible when we started the year with 345 active members and an assignment from our State Headquarters to bring in 35 new members (10% of our active membership) during 2010. With a continued influx of new recruits in September, October, and November (we won’t induct any new members at our December Holiday Luncheon), we may well surpass our all-time Branch 35 high of 398 active members achieved way back in May of 1991, over 19 years ago. Based on our results so far this year, we might just bring it home!

We have two demographic trends in our favor that provide us with an ever increasing supply of prospective new members - the Baby Boomer generation (those born after WWII) beginning to enter retirement and the steadily increasing life expectancy.

If you haven’t brought a guest to a luncheon this year, or even if you have, why not invite those men with whom you come in contact in your daily lives in your neighborhood, at church, at the mall, at social functions, at your other activities, etc., etc.? I haven’t kept statistics, but I would estimate that 90% of those men who come as guests to a Branch 35 luncheon join up because of the energy and enthusiasm they see, the outstanding speakers we attract, the activities we offer, and, most importantly, the conversation and the camaraderie they observe.

Ken

“$19 MENU $19
Sirloin Tips and Chicken Rosemary
Noodles, Rice, Vegetables
Salad, Rolls, Dessert, & Coffee
Vegetarian by Reservation Only
Terry Barnhart: 408-738-0891; terry.b2007@sbcglobal.net

“My favorite poem is the one that starts ‘Thirty days hath September’ because it actually tells you something.” ~Groucho Marx
Active
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BOOK SWAP
PAUL SCHERER 408-773-2772
Social Hour before (and after) lunch – 11:00am
Featured: Len Deighton, author of 38 books from WW II war stories (spies, airplanes, the works) to cookbooks for men. Read his profile at our table.

COMPUSIR
JIM DINKEY 650-493-9307
jimdinkey(atsign)jimdinkey.com
Second Wednesdays, 12:30pm
Los Altos American Legion Hall
September 8 – Dan Gallo
General Manager, Micro Center
Topic: Trends in computer sales: customer preferences, pricing of various types, future of desktops, retail business performance, used computer market, and current deals at Micro Center

MACINTOSH GROUP
SKIP ROSS 650-941-0423
waross@closereach.com
Got a Mac? Got questions about what to do with it? Or how to do it? Join the Macintosh e-mail group (no meetings!) and chime in. Simply contact Skip Ross to get on the mailing list.

BOWLING
ART ENGLAND 650-948-5828
art_eng(atsign)att.net
Assistant: Bob Taggart Prizes: Roy Robinson
EVERY TUESDAY at 1:00pm - Practice lanes available at 12:50pm
HOMESTEAD LANES, HOMESTEAD & STELLING, SUNNYVALE
Join us for the Summer/Fall Tournament!
We bowl on a handicap system so all bowlers will have an equal chance of winning the team and individual prizes. The teams are revised each season and always have a mix of bowlers by ability. If you’re new, please call Art in advance so we will be prepared.

Results of the Spring/Summer Tournament
Team Winners
1st: Tim Eastham, Earl Pampeyan, Alan Gaudie
2nd: John Snyder, Fred Schwalbach
3rd: Jeff Grundy, Dick Frakes
4th: Chuck Huff, Roy Robinson, Jerry Cee

High Scratch
1st: Tim Eastham John Snyder Chuck Huff Bill Nye
2nd: Jeff Grundy Bill Finkemeier Alan Gaudie Bill Webster
3rd: Dick Frakes Amie Satterlee Art England F. Schwalbach

High Handicap
1st: Tim Eastham 4th: Amie Satterlee
2nd: Jerry Cee 5th: Bill Finkemeier
3rd: Bob Taggart

ANNIVERSARIES: 10+ YEARS IN BRANCH 35
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John Cooper 22 Bob Simon 11
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Parodies: George Fullmer
Accompanist: Annette Boyenga

JOIN OUR SINGING –
Rehearsals 2nd Wednesdays (August 11)
10:00am --- Choir Room, Los Altos Methodist Church

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

TRAVEL

ED PAUSA 650-324-0322
clements.e.pausa(atsign)*us.pwc.com

It is not too late to book a memorable Fall 2010 outing!! Consider the following recommendations:

Ed's Best Buy:

Learn more by consulting our Travel Bulletin available at the luncheon Travel Table or on the www.sir35.org website: http://www.closereach.com/sir/newsletters/travel1008.pdf.

HIKING

IAN THOMSON 650-967-0474
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4th Friday, September 24 at 9:30am
Wives and guests welcome! [RAIN ON HIKE DAY CANCELS]
Fitzgerald Marine Reserve, San Mateo County

We will hike about 6 miles (round trip) with an elevation gain of about 100 feet. We begin the hike going north to the tide pool area, then double back to the parking area and on to the Bluff Trail. We will hike to Pillar Point along that trail near the edge of the cliffs. Lunch will be at the Pillar Point jetty or on the beach.

NOTE: Bill Young will lead this hike.

Drive to Half Moon Bay and go north on Highway 1 past the Half Moon Bay Airport. Look for the Moss Beach Distillery Restaurant sign (on your left); then drive five more blocks on Highway 1. Turn left on California Ave. and proceed about four blocks west to the Ranger Station Trailhead at the end of the road. Drive time will be about one hour

• Restrooms are available at the trailhead or at the harbor area.
• Bring a lunch or snack and water.
• Layered clothing and hiking boots are recommended.
• No fees required.

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 September 15 Luncheon for the following:

Pajaro (PAJ) (prize) Tue Oct 5 10:00 $35
Mattson (650-949-3739) & Young (650-948-9526)
Sunol - Palm (SNP) (cart, prize) Thu Oct 7 10:00 $45
Linz (408-245-3332) & Griffin (408-736-5710)
Coyote Creek – Valley (CCV) (cart, prize) Mon Oct 11 9:00 $70
Rooster Cup – 3 Areas Shotgun Start
Cooke (408-997-0511), Jonekait (650-965-9786), & Bailey (408-480-8603)
Poppy Ridge (PPR) (cart) Mon Oct 18 9:00 $57
Garten (408-253-5860) & Dixon (408-739-5137)
Los Lagos (LLS) (cart, prize) Mon Oct 25 9:00 $41
Club Championship Newton (408-777-1237) & Masters (408-257-9389)
Spring Valley (SPV) Club Championship Newton (408-777-1237) & Masters (408-257-9389)

Sunnyvale

June 28 (not reported last month)

FLT 1 NET FLT 2 NET FLT 3 NET FLT 4 NET FLT 5 NETPRZ
Naughton M 63 Gerich J 65 Edwards 64 Mason J 66 Nix K 73 $18
Dixon H 68 Thomson 67 Simpson 65 Dinkey J 67 Ogle J 75 $14
Pittman R 68 Grace R 67 Dunlap R 66 Barnhart 69 Wong H 81 $9
Cooper J 69 Schwabach 68 Spindt C 68 Young B 71 Bays D 82 $5
Wilson D 25 Grundy J 14 Griffin N 26 Wride G 6 Bays D 34 2GB
Pittman R 27 Thomson I 28 Edwards 35 Dinkey J 13 Ogle D 38 1GB

Low Gross: Mike Naughton 81

Laguna Seca

August 2 (Stableford Scoring)

FLT 1 POINTS FLT 2 POINTS PRIZE
Garten B 16 Ososkie J 17 $216G
Jonekait J 15 Hall B 16 $176G
Grace R 9 Barnhart T 15 $13
Masters B 8 Nakamoto R 14 $8
Cook G 23-4 Piazza R 21-1 2GB
Bailey L 23-4 (tie) 2GB
Low Gross: Jay Jonekait 85

“If a guy hits .300 every year, what does he have to look forward to? I always tried to stay around .190, with three or four RBI. And I tried to get them all in September. That way I always had something to talk about during the winter.”

~ Bob Uecker

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Low Gross: Ken Newton 82

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Low Gross: Ian Thomson 90

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Low Gross: Harvey Dixon 89

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Low Gross: George Cooke 87

Well & Comfort Wishes: Death or illness of a fellow SIR should be reported to Howard Nelson at 408-264-0798 or by e-mail to hgnnn(at sign)yahoo.com. He will express concerns of our Branch and communicate memorial announcements immediately among members via e-mail.

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