



# Branch #161 News

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SIR's Meeting Will Be Our  
Mother's Day Luncheon  
On May 7th (THURSDAY)



Last month I said thanks to our Ladies for their help and support and, as promised, this month I am going to say a special thanks to those that Contribute greatly to our SIR group, but they contribute in the background with not all members knowing who they are and what they do. Starting with:

Our Newsletter Editors: Wayne Berry and LaVan Bock. Putting it all together, Wayne and LaVan do a great job with Wayne taking all of the separate inputs and doing the setup before he forwards it to LaVan who turns it into the completed form and e-mailing it to all of our electronic SIR recipients and to the following two Special members:

Our Newsletter Distributor: Frank Tisch. Frank takes the electronic Newsletter and turns it into the hard copy paper mailer and then mails it out to those without Computers.

Our Web Master: Tom Jones. Tom takes the Newsletter (and lots of other information) and posts it on our SIR #161 Web site ([www.sir161.org](http://www.sir161.org)).

Our very professional appearing Web site is worth a look every month.

Our Auditors: Lou Bruton and Myron Lencioni. Once a year our SIR #161 branch is required to submit to a monetary audit to double check our every month balance sheet. Lou and Myron are this years volunteers.

Our Assistants: Treasury Assistant, Mike Reich. The Assistant Secretary, Vince Vargas. Both ready to step in should a Vacation get in the way of a Monthly Board Meeting for our Treasurer, Tony Pacheco and our Secretary Remy (the Greeter) Giannini.

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Lastly, special thanks goes to two members that are "waiting in the wings". Two "Alternates" that I can count on when either of two of our "important to all meetings" members are not available. Chaplain Gary Hess's alternate Chris Parsons (did a get job in February and March) and Howie's Song Leader alternate Tom (no microphone necessary) Jones.

Thanks to all !!! Eric Jensen Big SIR

## Message from your Little SIR



**April Free Lunch Winners:** Frank Cramer and Glenn McBride

**Menu for May Mother's Lunch:** Chicken Bachaccini w/rice and vegetables

### Message from your Little SIR Bob Damico

For our Mother's Luncheon on May 7 (THURSDAY, at the Discovery Bay Country Club), we will be entertained by Matt Helm. Matt has been impersonating Dean Martin for nearly two decades. Matt specializes in recreating that ever captivating voice, charm, wit, and relaxed, yet charismatic persona that many of us remember from our younger years....

Be prepared for a great time listening to many of our old favorites....

### Travel

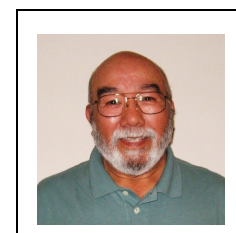
Travel Partners, in Brentwood, continues to offer a variety of travel from day trips to Cruises to Mexico and Hawaii. A new day trip is the KGO TV News Room / "A View From the Bay" show and tour, with lunch at The Treasure Island Job Corp Culinary Academy. \$42, includes bus trip, tours and lunch- with two dates to choose from: May 12 or 18. If you are interested in great trips at reasonable prices, see their website [www.travelpartnersworld.com](http://www.travelpartnersworld.com)

I have lived in Discovery Bay since October 2005. Prior to Discovery Bay, I lived in Fremont for 21 years.

I retired on December 31, 1999 after working for United Airlines for 38 years.

I had a variety of positions, my last being Sr. Line Maintenance Planner.

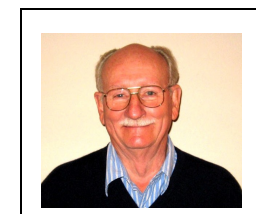
I have been married to my wonderful wife, Barbara, going on 25 years and we have a wonderful 23 year old daughter, Stephanie. I enjoy bowling, fishing, walking, hiking, being outdoors, and watching the 49ers on TV. I also enjoy watching action-packed movies. Being a member of SIR, I expect to meet many new people and enjoy their companionship and enjoy my activities with new found friends. Thanks to all for accepting me into the SIR organization.



Vic Vasquez

My name is Jake Fair. I moved to Discovery Bay three years ago from San Jose, where I lived for 40 years. I retired in 2005. My last career was Real Estate Sales for 19 years. My wife, Sue, and I have two children-a Daughter living in Livermore and a Son who lives in Antioch. We have a Grand Son (Austin) and a Grand Daughter (Amanda). I enjoy wood working, reading, walking, traveling and dining out. I'm looking forward to those monthly "Dinners with the Ladies".

Thank You for accepting me as a member in SIR Branch 161.



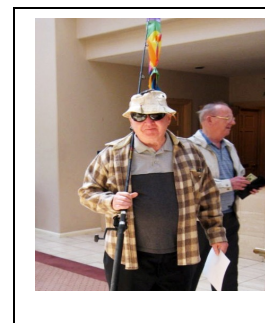
Jake Fair

LaVan donating blood at the Delta Community Presbyterian Church Blood Drive held on April 18, 2009. Red Cross Technician Ashley Jarratt, Martinez, is "doing the honors".... Giving Blood Saves Lives... The need is constant...The gratification is instant..Give Blood.

The next Blood Drive at the Church will be June 20th, 2009



Ray Serafin, the Bac Doc, is promoting the first SIR 161 Fishing Activity --he's hosting "Goin Fishin-instead of Wishin" - scheduled for May 5th at his dock--Lots of fun planned including coffee, donuts, lunch, prizes and maybe some fish..



### **THE BRIDGE TABLE**

Again we only had 2 tables 8 players. But the most important was that we had a good time.

The big winner was Howie Fisher with 3580 points, The second winner was again Mike Whitnov with 3290 points

We are looking for more players to make the game more interesting.

The next game will be on May 19, keep this date free

Stay Healthy Lex Overzet

Phone # 634- 4614

### **May Birthday Boys:**

DARRELL BAIRD	ED CAMERA	FRITZ DUEMING	BOB HARLAN
FRANK HEADLEY	JOE KILE	GORDON LAWSON	JERRY LUTHIN
ROBERT LYMAN	BILL MOMANEY	NORMAN PETERSEN	JACK SOCHER
ROGER SWEENEY	PHIL TALLEY	JIM WANGEMAN	RICHARD WISDOM

# **BOWLING NEWS 2009 Branches 161/ 108**

## **MAY BOWLING NEWS**

On April 27th there were 11 teams within 4 games of first place which makes for a very exciting Position Round. So far we have 16 teams for our Summer League that starts May 11th. That is a really good turnout and should make for a fun Summer of Bowling.

I have some Tournament results. In the Tournament held in Livermore Jim Bell finished in 2nd place in Division A High Game. The Concord Tournament had 2 winners, Chet Butler placed 20th in the singles event and Cal Hampton finished 18th in all events.



Tom Kirtley placed 4th in A Division Singles and 2nd place in All Events in the Petaluma Tournament. Finally in the Tournament held in Vallejo Curtis Manning finished in 1st place in A Division Singles, 5th in A Division All Events and 5th in the Scratch Division. Good bowling guys.

Carson City Unlike last year, this years trip to Carson City for the bowling tournament was great, at least as far as the weather was concerned. I do not have the final number of participants, but there were about 170 bowlers competing with 26 of those from our two branches. The hotel accommodations were adequate which seemed to be an improvement from previous years. The bowling tournament itself was set up and run very well by the tournament director from the Pollock Pines Sirs, David Wells in conjunction with the bowling centers staff.

To early to talk about the bowling scores. We should hear about the results in the upcoming weeks. I know that some of our bowlers had good scores with some high 200 games posted along with good series as well, but when you least expect it; the lower scores come out as well. Overall, it was a good tournament. Thanks to Don and Karen Patterson for their hospitality hosting a social gathering at the campground.

For the bowlers interested in bowling at the Reno Stadium, there will be another Sirs Tournament coming up on August 17th, 18th and 19th. Plan ahead and get your teams ready. Same format with Singles, Doubles and Team Event.

## **UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS**

May 5th,6th and 7th @ Knotty Pines Lanes in Pollock Pines

## **SIR ANNUAL STATE TOURNAMENT**

May 18th,19th, and 20th @ Tall Pines Lanes in Paradise

June 3rd and 4th @ Pinole Valley Lanes in Pinole

June 23rd and 24th @ Tall Pines Lanes in Paradise

June 28th and 30th @ Homestead Lanes in Sunnyvale

**GOOD BOWLING TOM KIRTLEY & BILL BAYER**

# GOLF NEWS FOR SIRS BRANCHES 108/161 2009

## Callippe Golf Tournament results for April 21 - SIRS 108/161

Our group was smaller than usual, due to a bowling tournament and other things. 23 players enjoyed a new course for our tournament schedule for 2009. Callippe is a very good golf course, with the back nine a bit of a challenge compared to the front nine. The winners as announced at the golf course are:



1st place - 130 - Horan, Petersen, Gold, Ramos

2nd place - 131 - Shipilov, Lopp, Fry, Vargas (broke a tie on cardoff)

3rd place - 131 - Socher, Kile, Woods, Guinn

Closest to the pin winners were:

#6 - Desalles #13 - Onstad

We like to make a note to highlight good play for those who netted under par:

Petersen - 69, Guinn - 70, Welin -70. Nice playing!

Our May tournament details are as follows:

When: THURSDAY, May 21

Where: Lone Tree GC, Antioch

Time: 8:00am SHOTGUN START

Format: TBD

Cost: \$44.00 per player for green fee, cart and prizes

The May meeting is on Thursday, May 7, the annual Mother's Day Luncheon. I will be there prior to the luncheon to take late entries and money. The cutoff off for signup will be on May 14, at 1:00pm. We need to confirm with the golf course the number of players at that time.

Please notify me by e-mail or phone of your interest to signup. Then send a check to:  
Dale Welin  
2867 Cherry Hills Drive  
Discovery Bay, Ca 94505

We hope you will sign up and that the interest level will be greater than in April. If you have any questions, please call Dale Welin or Don Ramos.

Dale Welin

<p><b>2009 MEMBERS ANNUAL DONATION \$ 20.00</b></p> <p>Name _____ Amount _____</p> <p>Make checks payable to Sirs Branch #161_</p> <p>Mail to:</p> <p>    Tony Pacheco     2111 St. Andrews Court     Discovery Bay Ca. 94505</p>
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## SIR Activities

Following is a list of the SIR Activities, including details on current plans. Feel free to call the activity coordinator at for more information At (513- 2849).



### **Movie Buffs** - Eric Jensen - 240-0543

Movie Discounts for both the Rave (two for \$10 entry on Thursdays) and the Delta Cinema (free Jr. Popcorn with entry Tue, Wed, or Thu) have finally been approved and the discount cards will be available at the "Dean Martin Mothers Day Luncheon", or the June meeting. You can also call Eric and he will arrange to get you a discount card. Our first planned SIR Movie get together is tentatively planned for Thursday May 14<sup>th</sup> at the RAVE theaters. Meet time is 5:45 with the option of which movie that you would like to attend.

### **Fishing** - Tom Snyder – 634-5289

Ray Serafin has graciously decided to host *Goin' fishin' instead of just wishin'*, to be held on his dock on Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. The tournament starts at 7 AM and will run through Noon. An entry fee of \$5 includes prizes, coffee, donuts, and lunch. If you are interested, contact Ray at 516-8321.

### **Tennis** - Frank Tisch – 516-7389

If you would like to enjoy some good tennis, camaraderie, and lots of laughs, joins us at 7:30 AM on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays at the Discovery Bay Athletic Club. The format is drop-in doubles tennis, and we rotate people in team tennis if we have more than four, so that you never sit for more than 2 games. When you show up, you go in. There are no set pairings, as we SPIN for teams. Generally we have between 4 and 10 players. We are usually found between courts 3 and 4. If interested, just drop in or call Frank Tisch (925-516-7389). Note: non-members of the Discovery Bay Athletic Club must pay \$10 per visit (memberships are also available).

### **Walking** - Al Box – 634-7973

The first SIR morning walk will occur Tuesday, May 12 at 7:30 AM. We will meet at the marina parking lot (near the Boardwalk restaurant) and take a walk out on the levy.

### **Guys Night Out** - Ray Serafin - 516-8321

The next Guys Night Out dinner will be Thursday evening, May 14<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at 6 PM at the Boardwalk restaurant. This is for all you bachelors, widowers, and anyone else who would like an evening with the guys. For more information call Ray at 516-8321.

### **RVing** - LaVan Bock - 513-1070

We have made reservations for an outing at the Jackson Casino RV Park for June 2-5. Having only 6 rigs signup so far gave me reason to open the invite to the Branch 108 SIRs in Brentwood. If we've missed you and you are interested in the outing, please give LaVan Bock a call at 513-1070 or email him at [lavanb@comcast.net](mailto:lavanb@comcast.net)

**Pickleball** - Bob Lyman - 513-1939

Any of you SIRS who have an interest in doing something slightly more active than a long walk; you should come give Pickleball a try. We have beginner pickleball every Monday at 9:30 am and Wednesday at 3 pm at the Discovery Bay public tennis courts in Ed Cornell Park on Willow Lake Rd.

If you have ever played racquetball, tennis, squash or badminton you will find this a game somewhat similar but with less energy required.

To give it a try; all you need to do is bring yourself. We have the equipment needed.

MONDAY 9:30 AM AND WEDNESDAY 3 PM AT ED CORNELL PARK

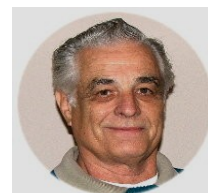
Bob Lyman 513-1939 or [rallyman@mac.com](mailto:rallyman@mac.com)

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## **Dinner with the Ladies**

There will be no "Dinner With The Ladies" in the month of May. However, we have the "Annual Mothers' Luncheon" on May 7th. Lunch will be served at Noon.

Please come and enjoy "Dinner With The Ladies". In June. I am working on where at the moment.



Thanks

Mike White



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#### ATTENDANCE POLICY

Luncheon Meetings are on the Second Tuesday of the month at the Discovery Bay Country Club, 1475 Club House Drive. Social Hour is at 11:00 AM and Lunch at Noon. All Members are expected to attend. You are required to notify the attendance Chairman if you cannot attend. Regular members missing three (3) consecutive meetings without notifying the Chairman or attending less than seven (7) meetings within the last year shall be notified by form letter no. 4 of their pending membership termination. Certification of attendance at another branch will be considered a credit to the attendance.

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