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Comments from Eric Jensen
Our November meeting will be held on the
Second Tuesday, November 10th

Big SIR thoughts for November,

Special thanks to SIR State President David Reiser who drove in the rain storm all the way from San Jose, Area 24 Governor, Ron Saltgaver who drove 580 and Vasco road in the storm, And: the below nominating committee---- plus Bob Damico (frame for the Award) and Tony Pacheco (for pin procurement).

Congratulations to our new SIR #161
Honorary Life Member, Ralph Pfirrmann.

Choosing a new Honorary Life Member (HLM) turned out to be much more than a simple task. Starting with a nominating Committee of Howie Fisher, Lou Kirkpatrick, Will Myers and myself, we started by nominating a number of standout members that we felt deserved this special award. We then used a point system supplied by SIR to rank the members on what they have contributed to our SIR group. Starting with eight top members, the point system quickly narrowed our choice down to two, and then after a records search to determine the final point totals, Ralph became our choice.

Howie worded a very nice nomination submission to Corporate SIR and because of Ralph's outstanding qualifications the approval came back in only a few weeks.



October 13, 2009

RALPH PFIRRMANN

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Big SIR thoughts for November,

The next process took much longer, arranging for the surprise presentation that included: 1) Coordinating one of our meeting dates with an open date of the State President, David Reiser. 2) Being sure that Ralph will be attending, and 3) Sneaking in Ralph's wife, Jan (HLM Pin Presenter) after the meeting had started, and before David made the presentation. (Good job Howie)

Check out our fine SIR website at: www.sir161.org, it also includes a connection to Corporate SIR.

Next meeting is Tuesday November 10th.

Eric Jensen

Big SIR

THE BRIDGE TABLE

For this Month again we ended up with 2 tables and 8 players
The winners were Harry Olson with 3650 points; the second winner was Howie Fisher with 2910 points.

Congratulation to the winners

Our next Bridge game will be on November 17th at 1:00pm

Hope to see you all. Please give me a call if you want to join us

Lex Overzet 634-4614

November Birthday Boys:

JACK BREE
LOU KIRKPATRICK
LEX OVERZET
FRANK TISCH

FRANK CRAMER
ART MEYERS
JOESPH PHILBRICK
ANDREW ZWEMER

RON FINCH
CHUCK NIESSEN
BILL SCHOLLE

Message(s) from Your Little SIR-Bob Damico:

November Guest Speaker:

Jim Wangeman will present the History of a Bowling Proprietors Dream-the success story of Harvest Park Bowl in Brentwood.

November Lunch Menu

Fried Chicken with whipped potatoes, gravy and vegetables

October Free Lunch Winners:

Bob Harlan and Tom Jones



Upcoming Special Event that our Ladies will enjoy

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~~Luncheon~~
December 8 (Tuesday) is our annual Christmas Luncheon



The entertainment is James Clark ~ A Tribute to Elvis. James is an internationally acclaimed Elvis Impersonator and was rated in the top ten in the 2001 King of Kings competition in Las Vegas.

Tickets are \$24 per person and will be available at our Nov.10th meeting, or send in your \$ now (Use stub below).

Sign Up deadline is November 30, 2009

Discovery Bay Country Club ~ Lunch served at noon
(Tickets limited to 160)

SIR Christmas Luncheon ~ December 8, 2009

Your name: _____

of tickets _____ Amount Enclosed _____

Make Check out to **SIR Branch 161** and mail to:

Bob Damico, 141 Discovery Bay Blvd., Discovery Bay, CA. 94505

For more information call Bob Damico at (925) 634-0465

Message(s) from Your Little SIR-Bob Damico:

Something New

Other SIR Branches have had great success with what we are going to introduce at our November Meeting. Our Board of directors discussed it at length at the October Board meeting and it was approved to try it at our November meeting.

What: Random seating...we'll draw numbers for where we sit for lunch.

Why: We all have our close buddies whom we like to sit with...but, this random seating will provide an opportunity to sit with and meet other Sirs that you may not know. We won't do this regularly, but may consider doing this once or twice a year.

When: November 10, 2009

Something Old – reminder

As members of SIR Branch 161, we are expected to attend each lunch meeting. If you are unable to attend, it is important that you notify the Membership/Attendance Chairman. Our Membership/Attendance Chairman, Len Fadda, does an excellent job of trying to provide the Country Club an accurate headcount for our lunches each month. This isn't easy, especially when members don't call in for an excused absence. We were missing several Sirs at our October lunch-resulting in several extra lunches and an unnecessary expense out of our general fund (we have to pay for the lunches that are prepared and not eaten). We need your help to get these head count/lunches as accurate as possible. If you can't make it to the meeting, please call Len Fadda at least a week before. Although, in the event of a last minute emergency, illness, or conflict; he will accept a later call.

NOTE:

Len Fadda will be on vacation in November—to get an approved absence for November:

Call Warren Young 925-516-2336.

Thoughts and Prayers

We're sad to report that we lost our fellow SIR Don Falvey to Lung Cancer on October 22, 2009.

Please keep him, Anne Barker, and his family in your thoughts and prayers

SIR Activities

Following are some of the SIR Activities, including details on current plans. Feel free to call Dick Donald (513-2849) for more information on these and other activities.

Walking – Bob Damico – 634-0465

SIR Walking Group meets at the Marina parking lot (near The Boardwalk) 7:30 AM every Tuesday. Come join us for a scenic and refreshing walk on the levy (takes about an hour). We have seven regulars and welcome anyone that wants to join us....



Poker - Dick Donald -513-2849

The next SIR poker game will be Thursday, November 19, at 7 PM. This is a quarter limit dealer choice game. Contact Dick Donald at 513-2849 if interested in playing.

Breakfast with the Guys – Ray Serafin – 516-8321

Breakfast with the Guys this month will be on Friday, November 27 at McDonald's.

Pickleball - Bob Lyman – 513-1939

WE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR PICKLEBALL PLAYERS

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 2 pm (at least until the weather turns!!) at the Discovery Bay public tennis courts 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 using a large ping pong type paddle and a wiffle ball on a badminton sized court.

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

MONDAY 9:30 AM and WEDNESDAY AT 2 PM AT CORNELL PARK

Any question call SIR members

Bob Lyman 513-1939 or ralyman@mac.com

Or

Pete Dean 634-9005 or pudean@shcgscba.net

Make a Note!

Last day to obtain an
Excused absence for next meeting is November 10th

Call Warren Young 925-516-2336.

Be sure to notify him
If you are bringing a Guest

November Bowling News

The Sixth Annual Bob Matteucci Memorial Bowling Tournament was held at Harvest Park Bowl in Brentwood on October 20th and 22nd and was a resounding success. There were 158 bowlers representing 28 SIR branches from all around Northern California.



As you can imagine it takes a great deal of work to put on an event like this? I want to take this opportunity to thank some people who helped me in making this Tournament a success. Bill Bayer did the tough job of Lane Assignments for the bowlers. Once that was done he gave the Lane Assignments to Bob Rhiner who put them in the computer at the bowling center. After the tournament was over Bob verified all scores and put out the final results.

Many people helped me on the two days the tournament was held. Bob Damico did a great job on Tuesday checking people in and getting high scores for each game and Announcing the results. He also was very successful in correcting some scoring issues. On Thursday Bill Bayer checked bowlers in and Curtis Manning sold raffle tickets. Curtis also got high scores and announced these scores. Our branch 161 Treasurer Tony Pacheco had the big job of depositing all the checks for the entire fees and the bigger task of writing all of the checks for the tournament expenses and prize money to all the winners. Thank you all for you're hard work in making this a successful tournament and a great day.

Very special thanks to my wife Shirley who helped on both days of the tournament. She helped me set up and checked that each bowler received his or her raffle tickets. She was also very helpful to me at home with the big job of organizing and putting tournament information into the computer.

Finally, Thank You to all members from branches 161 & 108 who bowled in this tournament. There were fifty bowlers from our two branches.

UP COMING TOURNAMENTS

November 17th or 19 Clayton @ Clayton Bowl
December 1st or 3rd San Rafael @ country club Lane

GOOD BOWLING

TOM KIRTLEY
BILL BAYER

Our largest turnout of the year was for the club championship. We had 34 players going at it on a long golf course. The results follow:

2009 Club Champion - FRANK SMITH with a 69 net.
CONGRATULATIONS FRANK!



Tie 2nd - 71 - Donald, Carr, Kile, Pacheco
5th - 72 - Onstad
Tie 6th - 73- Goodwin, Vargas
8th - 76 - Fry
Tie 9th - 77 - Rentzel, Howe, Shipilov

CTP - # 11 Lopp, #13 A. Anderson

This concludes the 2009 golf season for our SIRS NCGA golf club. See you in 2010. We will be sending an announcement re the 2010 NCGA dues soon.

See you on the green.

Dale Welin

"THE SURVEY SAYS" You probably have heard that before. Thank you for your input on Tuesday and the results are below:

1 Lone Tree
T 2 The Reserve, Stockton
Deer Ridge
4 Roddy Ranch
T 5 Swenson Park
Diablo Creek
T 7 Canyon Lakes
Shadow Lakes
Disco. Bay

13 other courses received one vote each.

We will use this input from you as a guideline in booking these courses in 2010. Thanks.

Dale Welin

DINNER WITH THE LADIES 2009

Mike and Nadine White pulled off another successful Ladies Dinner at CAPS on October 27th. 70 Sirs and Ladies enjoyed a great dinner, and enjoyed music and dancing to the music and songs of SIR Gabe and Helen Gucho.

A fun time was had by all. Mike and Nadine have done an outstanding job with the Ladies Dinners this year and they have already begun planning the 2010 dinners.

Thank You Mike and Nadine...



SIRS AND LADIES FILLED THE DANCE FLOOR AT CAPS..



BIG SIR ERIC JENSEN AND WIFE LINDA BROKE THE ICE AND ARE SEEN "CUTTING A RUG".



SIR GABE GUCHO ENTERTAINED US WITH HIS GREAT ELVIS / 50s TRIBUTE



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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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