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Comments from Big Sir Bob Damico
Our April meeting will be held on the
Second Tuesday, April 13th

Spring is here!! Outside activities are much more pleasant in the warmer weather. Things like pulling weeds, painting, cleaning up the house and yard after winter, golf, boating, fishing, bowling... all these things are now fighting for our attention. Remember, **Retirement** is supposed to be fun...doing the things we enjoy, and not having to answer to anyone (except maybe our wives). I once heard Retirement referred to as: "The Best of the Rest of Our Lives". And remember the premise on which SIR was founded:

The specific purpose of SIR is to provide for the welfare of retired men... who are pursuing a common goal, the enjoyment of their later years with dignity and pride... through association with other retired men who also face the particular problems that confront men upon their retirement.

So let's keep our priorities straight....Enjoy Retirement, be active in SIR, attend our monthly lunch meetings, partake in the various activities available, take your wives out to "Dinner with the Ladies" each month, and by all means, take your wives to the May Mother's Day Luncheon on May 4th (Little Sir Vince Vargas has arranged a special entertainment program that I'm sure you and your wives will enjoy).

In case you haven't guessed / heard...the March "Guess Who SIR" is Jack Disney. Yes, he was in the Olympics-three times!! See if you know this Month's "Guess Who SIR".

Be Safe, Healthy, and Enjoy Your Retirement. Remember, We're NOT old, we just have Seniority... Thank you for your continued support, and I look forward to seeing you at our April Meeting.

Big SIR Bob Damico

Thoughts and Prayers

We're sad to report that our fellow SIR Lou Salvador passed away March 1, 2010. Lou had been a member of our branch since 1991. Please keep his wife Lucille and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

ATTENTION SIRs, WE NEED YOUR HELP:

We are having problems getting an accurate lunch count / reservation to the **Country Club** for our monthly lunch meeting. Some members who don't attend are not calling in for an excused absence, and some members are bringing guests without notifying us. Remember, we expect you to be at each lunch meeting, and we encourage you to bring guests (potential new members).

If you are unable to attend a lunch meeting, or if you are bringing a guest , PLEASE notify Len Fadda (**925-513-0738**) by the Friday before the meeting..... It is very important that our lunch count be accurate! **Lunches prepared for "no shows" cost us \$\$;** and **unexpected guests** put us and the **Country Club Staff** in a bind - trying to accommodate last minute seating and food for numbers beyond our reservation count is embarrassing and frustrating.

Thank You for your cooperation.....

NEW MEMBER

My name is Tim Karlberg I moved here from San Jose after retiring from 32 years with IBM. I grew up in Southern California: Pacific Palisades, Palos Verdes, and Pasadena areas. Graduated from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo in 1968, then served In US Army as a 1st lieutenant in the 7th Air Cavalry. My wife, Ginny, and I have 2 daughters, four grand children, and a dog named Monty Montana. We enjoy RV travel and History. Ginny & I volunteer at the East Contra Costa Historic Society and Museum on Sellers Ave. in Brentwood, where we are completing a two year restoration project on the antique Byron Fire Engine. I have joined SIRS to meet new friends and participate in our community. Thank you, Tom Snyder, for sponsoring me as a new member



Tim Karlberg

NEW MEMBER

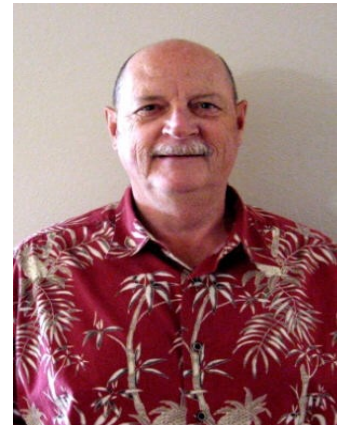
My name is George Hurlbert. I've lived in Discovery Bay for 21 years. I moved here in 1989 from Livermore California. I retired in April 2008 from Lockheed Martin Corporation where I worked in contract management. My wife Gail and I have 3 daughters, and 3 grand children. I enjoy bicycling, backpacking, sport-court tennis, and traveling. I look forward to getting involved in a number of fun activities and meeting many new friends. Thank you for accepting me as a member.



George Hurlbert

NEW MEMBER

My name is Bob Burke. I live in Livermore; have been there for 3 years, Prior to that I lived in Union City for 30 years. I have been retired for 4 years. For most of my working life I was in Production Control, but the last six years I owned a Gourmet Food Business. My wife Janet and I have been married for 42 years; have one son and hoping for Grandkids. I love golf, Model Trains and travel. I look forward to having fun and making new friendships in SIRs.



Bob Burke



MESSAGE from Your Little SIR – Vince Vargas

April Guest Speaker:

Sergeant Doug Powell -- Contra Costa County Sheriff Marine Patrol. Sergeant Powell will discuss: water safety issues on the California Delta & practices we can adopt to become better boaters.



April Lunch Menu -- Tortellini with Chicken & mushrooms

Free Lunch Drawing Winners for March -- **Myron Lencioni & Saul Gold**

COMING ATTRACTIONS -- El Campanil Theatre

“The Four Freshman”

8:00PM, Saturday, April 10, 2010 **Location** -- El Campanil Theatre -- **Tickets** – \$21.60/person
>>Contact Vince Vargas for this show by April 2, 2010

Future Process for Purchasing Tickets

Rick Carraher, El Campanil Theatre, has agreed to give SIRs 161 branch members a 10% discount for future shows at their theatre. You will need to identify yourself as a member of our branch. Please contact the box office by telephone or by Internet to purchase tickets & seat requests. You will arrange for payment and have your tickets held at the box office, mailed or e-mailed to you. This will simplify the process for everyone. We thank Rick for this consideration.

I encourage all members to check out the Theatre’s website or call the box office to receive future show announcements by mail.

Internet – www.elcampaniltheatre.com **Promo code:** SIRS Telephone -- 925-757-9500

Mothers Day Luncheon Tuesday, May 4, 2010 On this day we honor our wives & mothers. The entertainment is Michael Spellman, who sings Frank Sinatra’s timeless music & lyrics. Tickets are \$23.00 per person and will be on sale at our April 13th meeting **or** send in your money now. Use stub below. Tickets limited to 150.

SIR Branch 161 Mothers Day Lunch – May 4, 2010

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| <p>Your name: _____</p> <p>No. of Tickets _____</p> <p>Amount enclosed _____</p> <p>Make check payable to SIR Branch 161 and mail to: Vince Vargas, 4906 Cabrillo Point, Discovery Bay, CA. 94505</p> |
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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, April 15, at 7 PM. It will be hosted by Don Rentzel. This is a quarter limit dealer choice games. Contact Don at 513 -1488 if interested in playing.

Fishing – Ray Serafin – 516-8321

Ray will host “Going Fishing” at his dock at 2013 Seal Way in Discover Bay on Tuesday, May 18 from 7 AM to Noon. Entry fee is \$5, which includes breakfast stuff and lunch. Bring your own bait!

Pickleball - Bob Lyman – 513-1939

One of our newest SIR members, George Hurlbert is a Pickleball enthusiast. Ask him about the game. We have changed the time to Tuesday and Thursday at 2 pm. We play at the Discovery Bay public tennis courts on Willow Lake Rd. Beginner play is always welcome and we have both men and women playing and have all the equipment for you to try it out. If you have any interests come out and watch and we’ll show you what it is all about.

Wine Tasting – Al Ciaramella – 240-1932

We are planning additional wine tasting events, but would like to know what time and day of the week members prefer. When we get a consensus we will work on setting up another tasting. Contact Al or Dick Donald with your preferences.



Guess Who

“This SIR and his Wife drove the first 2 **golf balls** off the tee at the Discovery Bay Golf Course.”

Sir Golf Members:

It is that time to announce the beginning of sign-ups for our annual Sir golfing tournament at the Greenhorn Creek Golf Resort near Angels Camp taking place this year on Wednesday, September 8 and Thursday, September 9. The golfing package consists of two days of golf on the fine Greenhorn Creek Resort course and housing at the adjacent WorldMark time share villas. The golfing format for both days will be two best-balls between teams made up of mixed men and women foursomes. The housing villas are four person (two bedrooms, two baths) units providing access to the facilities spas and pools, tennis courts, pool tables, and exercise rooms.

Again this year, Sir Members will have the option of staying at the villas for one night or two nights. For the Wednesday night dinner, couples can either eat at a local restaurant or they can do as most have done in the past where we meet at one of the villas and share hors d'oeuvres brought by couples participating in the tournament. An awards buffet banquet will be held on Thursday night at the Greenhorn Creek Resort restaurant. The nearby towns of Angels Camp and Murphy provide other restaurants and entertainment for the non-golfers.



The total cost per person for those golfing (which includes two-days of golfing, awards dinner, and two-days of after-golf hors d'oeuvres, villa housing, and prize money) is \$222.00 for those staying one night, while it is \$264.00 for those staying two nights. The total cost per person for the non-golfers (which includes awards dinner, two days of after-golf hors d'oeuvres, and villa housing) is \$85.00 for those staying one night, while it is \$127.00 for those staying two nights.

A sign-up sheet will be in the lobby at our April Sir meeting, so look for it and sign-up. If you would like to share a villa with another couple, please indicate this on the sign-up sheet. Those couples choosing to stay one night will have to share a villa with another couple staying one night. Please indicate if you are staying for the awards dinner. If you have any questions, see or call

Will Myers at 925-516-9448.

APRIL BOWLING NEWS

The results of two recent Bowling Tournaments are in. In the Sonoma tournament held at Napa Bowl Bill Bayer and his partner Tom Kirtley placed 4th in A Division Doubles, and Linda Manning finished 2nd in C Division Singles and First in C Division All Events.

In the Livermore Tournament, Bill Bayer finished 3rd in A Division High Handicap Game. Jose Arroyo finished 2nd in A Division All Events and First Place in A Division Singles.



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APRIL BOWLING NEWS

UP COMING TOURNAMENTS

April 6th or 8th, Tue or Thu. in Vallejo @ Kentwig Lanes.

April 19th, 20th and 21st Mon, Tue and Wed in Carson City at Gold Dust West.

May 4th 5th or 6th Tue, Wed or Thu in Pollock Pines @ Knotty Pines Lanes.

SIR ANNUAL STATE TOURNAMENT

May 17th 18th or 19th Mon, Tue or Wed in Citrus Heights @ Fireside Lanes.

GOOD BOWLING TOM KIRTLEY & BILL BAYER

APRIL SIR'S BRANCHES 108/161 GOLF NEWS –

A Big thanks to Lowell Onstad and Don Ramos to do the work at the golf course for our first tournament of 2010. Thank you for your time on the course. The reports I have heard was that it was a good day.

The format for the day was 2 best net balls of the foursome. The results follow:

- 1st place - 123 - Goodwin, Rentzel, G. Smith
- 2nd place - 124 - Heck, Headley, Pacheco, Vargas
- 3rd place - 127 - Shipilov, L. Orr, D. Orr, Bruton
- 4th place - 128 - Petersen, Lopp, Woods, Konold

Closest to the pin winners on number 17 were Jim Heck and Lou Bruton.

We like to acknowledge those players who shot rounds under net par. There were several and they were:

Konold - 67, Reich - 68, Petersen - 69, Headley - 70, Pacheco - 71, Kirtley - 71, Ramos - 71, Goodwin - 71. Nice day at the links for these players.

Thank you to all who participated, as this was the largest field since 2008.

Our April tournament is at **Diablo Creek**, Port Chicago and the entry information is as follows:

- Where: Diablo Creek, Port Chicago (Hwy 4)
- When: Tuesday, April 20, 2010
- Time: 10:00 am from the first tee
- Cost: \$43 includes golf, cart, sleeve of golf balls
- Format: Will be announced

Please e-mail me or call me so I can put your name on the list.



Then follow that with a check for \$43 (payable to Dale Welin) and send the check or hand it to me. The cutoff will be Tuesday, April 13 at the Branch 161 monthly luncheon. We look forward to your playing and please sign up. There is a small conflict of dates with a bowling tournament the same time.

If there are any questions, please call.

Dale Welin

Dinner with the Ladies

When: 27 April 2010
Where: Sports Bar & Steakhouse,
2477 Discovery Bay Blvd.,
Discovery Bay, CA



Time: Dinner Served at 6.00 p.m.

Menu Choices: Include Salad, Dessert, non alcoholic drink (ice tea/ coffee and water) and Prime Rib, Atlantic Salmon, Chicken Breast, & Blue Sky Fusilli Pasta (Indicate your choice below)

Cost: \$22.00 per person (includes tax and tip)

DEADLINE: Need your RSVP no later then 20th April 2010 (There will be envelopes at our General Meeting on 13 April 2010. If you will please send your checks and menu choices to me prior it would be helpful.

Make your checks out to

M. E. White and mail to
2146 Sand Point Rd.,
Discovery Bay, CA 94505.
Phone: 634-0415

-----Detach and return this stub with your menu choices-----

You're Name(s)

_____ **Phone** _____

You're Menu Choice(s)

Prime Rib _____ Chicken _____

Salmon _____ Pasta _____

THE BRIDGE TABLE

For 2 months we were not able to play Bridge, We could not get 8 players together,
 But the month of March we got 8 players available
 The winner was Harry Ohlson with 2680 points, closely followed by Mike Witnov with 2630 points.
 Well done guys.



As a reminder of our playing date as always one week after the SIRs meeting For April it will be on the 20th and for May it will be on the 18th Mark your Calendar, to keep these dates open. Thanks

As always stay Healthy

Lex Overzet
 Phone # 634- 4614

2010 MEMBERS ANNUAL DONATION \$20.00

| Name _____ | Amount _____ |
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Make check payable to Sirs Branch #161
Mail to: Tony Pacheco
2111 St. Andrews Court
Discovery Bay, CA. 94505

APRIL BIRTHDAY BOYS

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| ALBERT CORKER | ELWOOD DAVIS | HOWIE FISHER |
| SAUL GOLD | BOB HOWE | ERIC JENSEN |
| BILL KONOLD | DON RENTZEL | LLOYD SKJERDAL |
| HAL WHITLOW | ROGER WOOD | |





Make a Note!

Last day to obtain an
Excused absence for next meeting is April 9th
Call Len Fadda 513-0738 or e-mail me at
lenandlinda1@yahoo.com
Be sure to notify him
If you are bringing
A
Guest



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WWW.SIR161.ORG



**Lloyd Skjerdal, our SUNSHINE CHAIRMAN, needs our help.
He is dependent on inputs from the membership to be effective.
If/when you know of the passing of a SIR or SIR spouse, or a SIR
who is seriously ill, please notify Lloyd and Big SIR Bob Damico**

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SIR MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS AND PRINCIPLES

Membership is open to men retired from full-time occupation, regardless of age, race, color or religion. There are no dues, fees or assessments. Member volunteer's staffs administer and govern all Branch activities. Voluntary member contributions provide for these activities. SIR supports no outside cause or interest. We prohibit discussions of politics and religion or the selling of anything to any member. The only requirements to join SIR are that a man be retired, or semi-retired, and sponsored by an active member.

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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