



# Branch #161 News

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Comments from Big Sir Bob Damico

Our next meeting

Will be held on the **THIRD** Tues.-Aug. 17<sup>th</sup>



**Reminders.** We all get / need them .....

Someone reminds us to take our pills, go to our Doctor appointments, don't be late for your Tee time, and don't forget Bowling and Bridge. And don't you dare forget Birthdays (your wife's) and Anniversaries (Yours)!! Well I am reminding you about notifying us if you are going to miss our Lunch meeting. This blurb is in our monthly newsletter:

**Make a Note!** Last day to obtain an Excused absence for the Next meeting is 8/13/10. **(The Friday before the meeting)** Call Len Fadda 513-0738, or e-mail [lenandlinda1@yahoo.com](mailto:lenandlinda1@yahoo.com) Also be sure to notify him if you are bringing a Guest.

Getting an accurate Lunch count each month can be very frustrating. Remember, we expect you to attend unless we hear otherwise. But when some don't call for an excused absence, and others call after the Friday deadline, it is difficult for us to give an accurate count to the Country Club. When our count is "off" we end up paying for lunches we don't eat...an expense we don't need...**WE NEED YOUR HELP!**  
**REMEMBER: CALL / E-MAIL LEN FADDA.**

At our July meeting we voted in our 2011 Officers: Big Sir-Vince Vargas, Little SIR Walt Shipilov, Secretary-Remy Giannini, Asst. Sec:-Ray Serafin, Treasurer-Tony Pacheco, Asst. Treas.- Mike Reich, Directors-Len Fadda, Jim Heck, Tom Kirtley, Lowell Onstad, Lowell Thomas (New), and Dale Welin. They will be formally installed at the November Meeting and will assume their duties in January 2011. Congratulations SIRs, and thanks for your support of SIR Branch 161.

In case you haven't...heard...the June "Guess Who SIR" is Lowell Onstad. Yes, he has piloted a blown gas drag boat to speeds in excess of 130 mph!! 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,

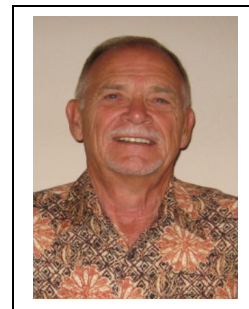
Bob Damico

## **2 NEW MEMBERS IN JUNE**

My name: Carl Wilkinson we moved to Discovery Bay from San Jose in 1996.

I retired form Ultra Pure Solutions Jan. 1, 2010. I worked as Vice President of Operations/Procurement.

My wife Pam and I have a son and daughter and 3 grand kids. My wife and I enjoy walks, going to the movies and especially traveling. I enjoy golf and bowling. I look forward to meeting the members and getting involved in some of the activities. I would love to get involved in golf and possibly bowling.



My name is Rich Brunetto. I've lived in Brentwood for almost 6 years. I moved here in 2003 from San Ramon. I retired from United Parcel Service in June 2008, where I worked as an Industrial Engineer Supervisor. My wife Pat and I have been married for 33 years and have 2 grown daughters. I enjoy Golfing, Traveling, Bike Riding, and Walking. I look forward to meeting new people and new activities.



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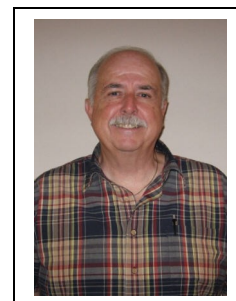
Marty Price

I have been a SIR for 3 years in Arnold, CA. We moved to the Discovery Bay Lakes Development in October of 2009.

I retired in February 2001 from a career in Sales and Marketing in the Paper and Steel Industries.

I am married to my wife Linda for 29 years. We have two daughters and three grandkids. We are members of the Delta Community Presbyterian Church here in Discovery Bay.

I enjoy boating, gardening, computers and travel. I'm anxious to make new friends and participate in the SIR activities.



Paul Sennewald

I have been a homeowner in Discovery Bay since 1998. Until June 2009, we were weekenders and lived in San Jose during the week. I just retired in March of this year from my company, SENNE Company in Cupertino, CA. SENNE Company is a Manufactures Representative Company working with Electro Mechanical Companies and specializing in injection molding, castings, sheet metal, stamping and related processes.

My wife Flora and I have been married for 47 years, she retired in June of 2009, and we have 2 daughters, one son, and five grand daughters.



I enjoy woodworking, boating, a little golf, and traveling. I am looking forward to meeting new friends and being active in SIR. Thank You for accepting me as a member.

### Thoughts and Prayers

Doug Bean passed away on July 4. Doug joined SIR branch 161 in 1994; he served as our Chaplain, and was a bowler. He was 81 years old, and our "Guess Who SIR" for the Month of May. We'll remember Doug for his sense of humor and strong British accent. Please keep Doug and his family in your thoughts and prayers

Services will be July 31, 2010, at 11:00 a.m. at the Delta Community Presbyterian Church -1900 Willow Lake Rd.-Discovery Bay. In lieu of Flowers, the family prefers a donation to the church in Doug's Memory.

### Thoughts and Prayers

Lloyd Skjerdal passed away around midnight (July 27). Lloyd joined our SIR Branch 161 in August 2001, served as our Treasurer, was an avid Bowler, and a True Gentleman. Please keep Lloyd, his family and Dottie in your thoughts and prayers.

A Memorial Open House will be held July 31, 2010, from 1:00 - 4:00 P.M. at Cortona Park Senior Living Facility, 150 Cortona Way-Brentwood (NW corner of Balfour and HWY 4 Bypass--925-240-0733). In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Lloyd's memory, to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, 49 Stevenson St., San Francisco, CA 94105

The 17th annual Al DiGiusto Lunch and Boat Cruise was another success. There were 54 of us for lunch at the Boardwalk Cafe in Discovery Bay. We toasted Al and recognized his wife Angie who was also in attendance. After lunch most of us loaded up in 6 boats and cruised the Bays. The weather was perfect--not too hot as it often can be in July.... Our thanks go out to the Boat Captains and their First Mates: Lowell & Joanne Onstad, Dick & Cam Donald, Richard & Kay Wisdom, John & Margaret Lopp and Don & Karen Patterson. We look forward to honoring Al again next year-for the 18th annual Al DiGiusto Lunch and Boat Cruise.



**MESSAGE from Your Little SIR - Vince Vargas**

**August Presentation:** Our guest speaker is Mr. Tim Hourigan, Corporate Senior Pilot for the A.G. Spanos Family and their many enterprises which include the NFL San Diego Chargers. I am sure that he has very interesting flying experiences in carrying out this exciting and challenging job in corporate aviation



**July Lunch Menu** – Beef Stroganoff, pasta & vegetables

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[lenandlinda1@yahoo.com](mailto:lenandlinda1@yahoo.com)  
And be sure to notify him if you are  
Bringing a  
Guest.

June Free Lunch Drawing Winners – Lex Overzet and Bill Konold

**El Campanil Theatre**-- Located in Antioch, provides quality entertainment for our community. Members are encouraged to check the Theatre's web site or call the box office to receive show announcements. Telephone or Internet may order tickets. To receive a 10% discount use the promo *code*. Exciting coming attractions:

- 08/14/10 – Motown 60's Revue
- 09/18/10 – Beach Blanket Babylon (Benefit for Delta Memorial Hospital Foundation)
- 10/10/10 – Don Neely and the Royal Society Jazz Orchestra
- 01/09/11 – The Kingston Trio

**Internet** – [www.elcampaniltheatre.com](http://www.elcampaniltheatre.com)

**Promo code:** SIRS

**Telephone** -- 925-757-9500

**Little Sir** Vince Vargas

# 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, August 19<sup>th</sup>; at 7 PM. Tom Kirtley will be the host. This is a quarter limit dealer choice games. Contact Dick if interested in playing.

**Pickleball** - Bob Lyman – 513-1939

PICKLEBALL PLAY TIMES HAVE CHANGED - We are now having drop-in play Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at 9 am. The total number of those who have played is increasing and we usually have from 4 to 10 players show up. We play at the Discovery Bay public tennis courts on Willow Lake Rd. Beginner play is always welcome with both men and women playing and we 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.

Current SIRS who play include Vince Vargas, Pete Dean, George Hurlbert, Don Rice, Gary Hess and Bob Lyman. Ask them about the game.

**Wine Tasting** – Dick Donald – 513-2849

This month we are going to have a wine tasting at Dick's home, on Thursday, August 5<sup>th</sup> at 4 PM. everyone attending will bring a bottle of wine wrapped so that no one can see the label. We will then taste and score the different varieties of wine. Will the most expensive wine get the highest score? Come by and find out. Contact Dick if interested in attending.

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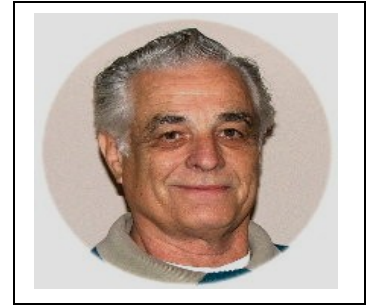


Dinner with the Ladies

**When: 24 August 2010**

**Where: Sweeney's; 310 Oak St., Brentwood, CA**

**Time: Dinner Served at 6.00 p.m.**



**Menu Choices:** Include Salad, Dessert, non alcoholic drink (ice tea/ coffee and water) and dessert.

Sirloin Steak, Grilled Salmon, Chicken Picatta, & Pasta Primavera  
(Indicate your choice below)

**Cost: \$23.00 per person (includes tax and tip)**

**DEADLINE: Need your RSVP no later then 17<sup>th</sup> August 2010 (There will be envelopes at our General Meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> August 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)**

Sirloin Steak \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken Picatta \_\_\_\_\_

Grilled Salmon \_\_\_\_\_ Pasta Primavera \_\_\_\_\_

**SIR's**

**Due to the change in meeting date from the 10<sup>th</sup> of August to the 17<sup>th</sup>.  
I will need your inputs ASAP.**

**M. E. White**

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**AUGUST BIRTHDAY BOYS**

AL BOX    EDWARD CARR    PETER CONSTANTINE    HAL CROSE  
KEN DICKENS    TOM GOMEZ    FARRELL HINKLE    HIRAM JENNINGS  
JAMES MADDOX    BEN MAHLBERG    MIKE McCLEERY  
WILLARD MYERS    HARRY OHLSON    DON PATTERSON  
RALPH PFIRRMAN    LYNN PIERCE    DON RAMOS

MICHAEL WITNOV    WARREN YOUNGBOB RHINERBOB RUTHERFORDRAY SERAFINERNE WODISKED



**THE BRIDGE TABLE**

The Sir Bridge is still alive; we had two tables or eight players. The big winner was Fred Baur with 3,900 points, closely followed by Howie Fisher with 3,790 points. Congratulations to the winners

Our next game will be on August 24<sup>th</sup>, (the fourth Tuesday of the month). For that day no doctor appointments and stay healthy

Lex Overzet 925 634-4614



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**AUGUST BOWLING NEWS**

**WINTER BOWLING LEAGUE STARTS  
SEPTEMBER 12<sup>th</sup>**

Our Summer Bowling League concludes on August 31<sup>st</sup> so its time to start thinking about our Winter League. The SIR and Ladies Bowling League meets every Monday morning at Harvest Park Bowl in Brentwood with Shadow Practice starting at 9:15 with league play starting at 9:30. This is a 100% Handicap League so you don't have to be an experienced bowler to come join in the fun on Monday morning's, Last year we had 108 bowlers.



The league is going to start September 12<sup>th</sup> with a meeting at 9:00a.m.sharp with bowling starting immediately following. If you are interested in starting your week with lots of fun contact Tom Kirtley at 240-8071 or [kirtley1@pacbell.net](mailto:kirtley1@pacbell.net).

**UPCOMING TOURNMENTS**

Aug 16<sup>th</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> Mon Tue Wed in Reno @ National Bowling Stadium.  
Aug 29<sup>th</sup> or 30<sup>th</sup> Sun or Mon in Fremont @ Cloverleaf Bowl  
Sept 20<sup>th</sup> Mon in Dublin @ Earl Anthony's Bowl

**GOOD BOWLING TOM KIRTLEY**

AUGUST SIRS BRANCHES 108/161 GOLF NEWS –

Golf Tournament results for (July)

We had 31 players at Deer Ridge CC for the July golf tournament. We used a new format and had fun with it. There were some good scores and the winners are as follows:

The format was the best net balls from 2 par fives, 2 par threes and 5 par fours. Or 9 holes net!

1st place was Don Ramos with a 25. He shot 89 with a 30 handicap, net 59 for 18 holes. Nice going Don!  
2nd place was a tie, with John Fry, Remy Giannini, and Jack Disney with a net score for the 9 holes of 27.  
5th place with a score of 28 was Andy Anderson.  
Tied for 6th place were a handful of players with a score of 29 - Bennie Mahlberg, Ed Carr, Lowell Onstad, Tony Pacheco, Frank Smith, Bill Konold, and Joe Kile. Each of the above named players won \$10 each.

Closest to the pin winners came from the same pairing, Don Ramos and Dave Goodwin.

In addition, we like to mention those players who netted in the 60's for the 18 holes and they were: Ramos - 59, Mahlberg, Pacheco, Socher, F. Smith - 67, Bradshaw, Welin, Disney - 68.

Thank you for your participation this month, see you next month at Brookside CC in Stockton.

Dale Welin

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Our August tournament entry information and details are below.

- When: Tuesday, August 24, 2010
- Time: 8:30 am shotgun
- where: Brookside CC in Stockton
- Cost: \$45.00 for golf, cart, and range balls
- Format: Will be announced

Please e-mail your interest to sign up or call Dale Welin. Then send a check to Dale (payable to Dale Welin) to 2867 Cherry Hills Dr., Discovery Bay, CA, 94505. The cut off will be Tuesday, August 17 at the Branch 161 luncheon. We hope to have a good tournament signup at this private country club.

If you have any questions, please call Dale at 516-9463

See you on the green, Dale Welin







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### **BRING A GUEST TO LUNCH**

Why not share the SIR experience with your retired friends and neighbors. We encourage you to invite friends to our Monthly Luncheons. As potential new members they will see what SIR is all about, while enjoying a good lunch/guest speaker. Remember: the only requirements are that they be retired from full time gainful employment, willing to attend our monthly lunch meetings, want to make new friends, and want to be active in their retirement. If you bring a potential new member to lunch, their lunch is half price. And if they join, as their sponsor, you get a free lunch! **BUT, Please REMEMBER** to notify Len Fadda (our Membership Chairman) **a week before the meeting** - that you are bringing a guest, so he can get an accurate lunch reservation count to the Country Club. (Phone 925-513-0738)

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**The Sunshine Chairman needs your help. He is dependant on inputs from the membership to be effective. If/when you know of the passing of a SIR, a SIR Spouse; or a SIR that is seriously ill, please notify Bob Damico so an appropriate greeting card can be sent out from SIR Branch 161.**

### **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.

### **RESPONSIBILITY CLAUSE**

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