



SIR BRANCH 161 NEWS

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A Nonprofit Public Benefit Organization for Retired Men Devoted to the Promotion of Independence and Dignity of Retirement

Vince Vargas, Big SIR

Mark your Calendars!

Our next meeting is Tuesday, March 8. If you are not going to be at our meeting, please call Bill Konold, 634-2738

The 2011 SIRs Handbook

was hot off the press in time for the February meeting. Ralph Pfirman & Mike Reich did an outstanding job in compiling this edition with a membership roster and a calendar of events. Pick up your copy at our meeting.



SIR Membership requirements are simple: men retired from full time employment. In February, we inducted four new members. John Capelli & Thomas Capelli, sponsored by Jack Thomas; Larry Green, sponsored by Larry Wisdom; and, Jack Hodson sponsored by Frank Headley. We welcome our new members and thank the sponsors. Ray Sevim resigned his membership due to extended travel plans over the next two years. We wish him safe travel.

Activities At the February meeting, Dick Donald asked members to indicate their interest in activities. Last year, Wine Tasting was started and is now well attended (limit of 8 couples). Last year I introduced theatre for SIRs at the El Campanil. The theatre has a solid lineup of coming attractions. Mention SIRs and receive a discount. Eric Jensen arranged for discount cards for the Rave & Delta Cinema. Other activities of interest are: Bridge -- Lex Overzet, RVing -- LaVan Bock, Pickle Ball -- Bob Lyman, Poker -- Dick Donald, Fishing -- Ray Serafin.

What about a SIRs Bocce Ball League? The only requirement as I understand it is to drink Chianti & swear in Italian. Of course, Dinner with the Ladies by Jim Heck is ever popular, Golf with Dale Welin and Bowling with Tom Kirtley continue to be fun filled events and well attended.

The February meeting was attended by 122 members, six guests & two visitors. Our guest speakers were introduced by Little SIR Walt Shipilov; they were, Rick Howard (Town Manager) & Virgil Koehne (Water Supply & Treatment Manager) of The Town of Discovery Bay. Both spoke to the plans, projects and issues facing our town. Walt has another informative presentation scheduled for the March meeting.

Voluntary Contributions Donations defray the administrative costs of running our organization. For those who have not "donated" their contribution, be sure to bring \$20.00 cash or a check (made out to SIR Branch 161) to our next meeting. You can also mail it to our Treasurer:

Tony Pacheco, 2111 St. Andrews Ct, Discovery Bay, CA 94505

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the March 8th Meeting.

Vince Vargas.

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March Meeting, Walt Shipilov, Little SIR

As part of our guest speaker program, in March, we have Chris Lau from the Contra Costa County Public Works Department speak to us. Chris is a Senior Civil Engineer with the Department and his presentation will focus on the range of functions and activities that the Public Works Department provides for the citizens of Contra Costa County and what plans there are for transportation improvements in east Contra Costa County.



If anyone has any speakers that they think might present something of interest to the Branch luncheon, please let me know

Free lunch winners

At our February 18 Meeting the winners of a Free Lunch were Elwood Davis and Doug Pagano. Remember you have to be present to be a winner.

March meeting menu

The Menu for the March meeting will be Corned Beef & cabbage, boiled potatoes & carrots.

February guest speakers

The guest speakers at our February meeting were Rick Howard and Virgil Keohne from the Discovery Bay Community Service District, also known as the Town of Discovery Bay.

Rick Howard explained his role at DBCSD.

The DBCSD has a new web site at:



www.townofdiscoverybay.org

Audio playback from DBCSD Board meetings can be heard on the town's web site.

In Memoriam

It is with deep sadness that we report the passing of SIR Albert (Al) Corker. Al had been in declining health, and he passed away peacefully on February 18, 2011 with his son at his side. Al would have been 90 in April. Please keep Al's family in your thoughts and prayers.

February speakers (continued)

Virgil Koehne gave a rundown on current BDCSD projects, including:

- Continued landscaping improvements.
- Park improvements.
- Sewer pipeline replacement.
- Dealing with an increased water demand.



Birthday Boys

Members celebrating their birthdays in March are:

Don Blotz, Stephen Bordi, Lefty Brabec, James Doran, Jake Fair, Nelson Friesen, John Fry, James Furlong, Dave Goodwin, Gary Lewis, David Lopes, Coy Madsen, Floyd McBeth, Lex Overzet, Dennis Pachuki, Joseph Phillips, Gordon Piepho, Richard Realph, Larry Troen, Vince Vargas. Vic Vasquez.

Branch 161 on the web



For more news, photos, and links to state SIR information, visit our web site:

www.sir161.org

New Branch 161 Members

Four new members were inducted at the February 8, 2011 SIR Branch 161 meeting.

John Capelli retired as a Vice President from Bank of America. John and his wife Jeanette live in Discovery Bay. Bowling, cards and traveling are also his favorite leisure time activities.



Tom Capelli retired from PMT as a truck driver. Tom and his wife live in Discovery Bay. Bowling, cards and traveling are his favorite leisure time activities. Yes, John & Tom Capelli are brothers.



Larry Green retired from Norment Security Group where he worked as a contractor. He and his wife, Kathy, live in Discovery Bay. Fishing is his top pastime, followed by golf and then just about everything else.



Jack Hodson retired as a specialty contractor from J. W. Hodson Co., Inc. Jack and his wife, Candace, live in Brentwood. He enjoys golf as his principle pastime.



2011 Meetings Calendar

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| 01/18/2011 | 07/12/2011 |
| 02/08/2011 | 08/16/2011 |
| 03/08/2011 | 09/13/2011 |
| 04/12/2011 | 10/11/2011 |
| 05/03/2011 | 11/08/2011 |
| 06/14/2011 | 12/13/2011 |

Dress Code for our meetings is "Country Club Casual" which means no jeans or Denim, cutoffs or exercise shorts, shirts must have a collar, no tank tops/T-shirts, no flip-flop or thong type sandals. Please ensure that your guests are aware of this policy. Simple etiquette requires that hats be removed while in dining room.

Attendance

If you are going to miss a meeting, please notify Bill Konold, the Attendance Chairman, by the Friday preceding the meeting. Our branch must provide accurate attendance numbers to the Country Club so they can prepare the correct number of lunches. If you do not call and do not show up for the meeting, the Branch is obligated to pay for the lunches not served. Please call or e-mail Bill at:

Bill Konold, 634-2738 bkonold@comcast.net

Recycle those vases

Our ladies that attend the Mothers Day and Christmas Luncheons, receive flowers in a bud vase. Our florist will gladly take the vases back for re-use. So if your lady would like to return some vases, bring them to our meeting and we will return them to the florist.

SIR Activities, Dick Donald

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



Poker - Dick Donald – 513-2849

The next SIR poker game will be Thursday, March 17 at 7 PM. Tom Kirtley will be the host. This is a quarter limit dealer choice game. Contact Dick if interested in playing.

Wine Tasting – Dick Donald – 513-2849

The wine tastings have been very successful the last six months. The next wine tasting is scheduled for Thursday, March 24 at 4PM, and will be hosted by Vince and Bobbi Vargas. Contact Dick if interested in attending. Note that attendance will be limited to eight couples, so reply early if interested.

Bocce Ball

We will be starting Bocce Ball as a new activity soon. Contact Dick if you would like to join this group or if you are interested in becoming the group leader. We will have an informal meeting after the March SIR meeting to determine a potential schedule.

Pickleball - Bob Lyman – 513-1939

Give the fastest growing sport for seniors in the country a try – PICKLEBALL.

Locally, drop-in play is Tuesday and Thursday at 9 am. Play is at the Discovery Bay public tennis courts on Willow Lake Road. Beginner play is always welcome with both men and women playing and we have all the equipment needed. If you have any interest come out and watch and we'll show you what it is all about. For more info about Pickleball go to <http://www.usapa.org/>. The web site also notes our Discovery Bay play time under places to play.

March Bowling News, Tom Kirtley

SIR Branches 161 & 108 are going to sponsor the Annual State SIR Bowling Tournament. This is a SIRs only event and is going to be held at Harvest Park Bowl in Brentwood on May 17th or 18th or 19th. This is a Doubles and Team Tournament and draws about 150 Bowlers from all over Northern California. Entry forms will be available soon. If you have any questions about this event contact Tom Kirtley @ 240-8071.



The Tournament in Carson City is going to be held on April 18th 19th 20th and 21st. It's not too early to start planning for this event. This is a Singles, Doubles and Team event. If you are interested in Bowling this event and need a partner or team contact Bill Bayer @ 679-3887.

UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

March 7th or 9th Mon or Wed in Petaluma @ Boulevard Bowl.

March 21st or 23rd Mon or Wed in Concord @ Diablo Lanes.

April 18th 19th 20th 21st in Carson City @ Gold Dust West.

April 30th or May 1st or 2nd or 3rd in Pollock Pines @ Knotty Pines Lanes.

May 17th or 18th or 19th in Brentwood @ Harvest Park Bowl.

Good bowling, Tom Kirtley

Bridge Table, Lex Overzet

The February bridge game was scheduled for Tuesday, February 15. Only four players showed an interest, insufficient to meet the minimum of eight players.



Our next game will be on the third Tuesday, March 15 at the Discovery Bay Country Club.

Golf News, Dale Welin

We have ended up with 55 members in our NCGA golf club for our branch for 2011.

Our first tournament is planned for Tuesday, March 15 at Lockeford Springs. The details have been sent previously and we have 12 signed up at this time, with only 5 checks received to date. Please advise your interest and I will be at the March 8 luncheon to receive your checks and more signups. If there any questions, please advise.

See you on the green, Dale Welin



Dinner with the Ladies, Jim Heck

March 22 at The Texas Road House, 2422 Naglee Road, Tracy. Dinner served at 5.00pm.

Menu choices:

10oz. Ribeye steak, 1/2 Slab of Ribs, BBQ Chicken and Ribs Combo, BBQ Chicken and Shrimp Combo. Each plate is served with a salad and baked potato or baked beans, dessert included, tea and coffee included.

Price: \$21.00 per person, includes tax and tip.

Deadline: RSVP no later than March 15. There will be envelopes at the March 8 meeting, or you can tear off the slip below and mail to Him Heck.



Membership Requirements & 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 volunteers and staff 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 held on the second Tuesday of the month at the Discovery Bay Country Club, 1475 Club House Drive. Social hour is at 11.00am 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 consecutive meetings without notifying the Attendance Chairman, or attending less than seven meetings within the last year, shall be notified by Form Letter #4 of their pending membership termination. Certification of attendance at another branch will be considered a credit to attendance.

Responsibility Clause

All tours, trips and other activities for or by Sons In Retirement, Inc. and its branches are for the convenience and pleasure of the members and their guests who desire to participate. Sons In Retirement, Inc. and its branches do not assume responsibility for the well being or safety of the participants, or in any matters pertaining to tours, trips, or other activities.

----- Tear out and return with your check -----

Make your checks out to James Heck and mail to James Heck, 5401 Fairway Court, Discovery Bay, CA 94505.

Name(s):

Phone:

Menu selections: 10 oz ribeye _____ 1/2 Slab Ribs _____

BBQ Chicken and Ribs Combo _____ BBQ Chicken and Shrimp Combo _____

Dinner with the ladies, March 22, 2011.

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Branch 161 Handbook

If you haven't already done so, be sure to pick up your copy of the SIR Branch 161 handbook which contains our membership roster, state bowling, the 2011 calendar, and a message from Big SIR.

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