



# SIR BRANCH 161 NEWS

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## Vince Vargas, Big SIR

**Mark your calendars!** Our next luncheon meeting is Tuesday, April 12th. If you are not going to be at our meeting, please call Bill Konold, 634-2738.

**Mother's Day.** Little SIR, Walt Shipilov, has set up a grand luncheon on Tuesday, May 3rd with special entertainment (refer to his article for details). Make sure to celebrate this special day with your wife or special friend.

**Membership.** Our branch started 2011 with 165 members. So far, we've gained 10 "new" members. Regrettably one of our older members, Albert Coker aged 90, passed away. Two members transferred to Brentwood & Concord and 3 members resigned from SIRs.

Our actively involved members are the best advocates for bringing in prospective members. This year, you have done a great job in introducing your neighbors, friends, "newly" retired or the "previously" retired who are bored, to the Discovery Bay SIRs organization. We are striving to contact the newly retired younger gentlemen so we can lower the 71.5 average age of our group.

**Activities.** New members this year have expressed interest in golf, bowling, boating, fishing, etc. We live in an area where there are many competing activities. So any new activity must be well orchestrated and managed. It does not happen by itself.

One of our very successful activities started last



year is wine tasting. This month there will be 2 groups, 6 couples each. Bocce Ball is a new start-up activity; DBCC has installed new 2 courts, which we will be able to use. Bob Lyman's Pickle Ball continues to draw SIRs and non-SIRs participants. Tom Kirtley has taken the lead and initiated a statewide May 17, 18 & 19 bowling tournament here in Brentwood. Dale Welin has set up an April 25th golf match with the San Ramon SIRs Branch 108 here at Discovery Bay. Dale will be contacting golf directors in Northern California SIRs branches to see if there is interest in setting up additional golf days. Don't forget Jim Heck's monthly dinner with the ladies! These activities broaden the reach of our branch and create interest in what SIRs is doing. Hopefully, we will be able to publicize these activities and attract local interest in our branch.

**Newsletter.** Please share the monthly newsletter & calendar of events with your wives & friends. I feel very strongly that the involvement of our wives in SIRs activities is very important. The ladies set the social calendar for the extra family activities, they like getting together with other couples, and enjoy the involvement in our activities.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the April 12th Meeting. Vince Vargas.

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## Walt Shipilov, Little SIR

At the April meeting Susanna Schiendorf from State Assembly-member Joan Buchann's Office will speak to us about current Delta Water issues that are facing people who live in the Delta.



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 March 8 meeting the winners of a Free Lunch were Joe Philips and Gordon Piepho. Remember, you have to be present to be a winner.

## April meeting menu

The Menu for the April meeting will be Chicken Piccata, with Rice and seasonal vegetables.

## Mothers Day Reminder from your Little SIR:

We will be having our Mothers Day Luncheon on Tuesday, May 3rd. This is the FIRST TUESDAY in MAY. This year our entertainment will be provided by William Florian, formerly a lead singer with the famous 60's band, the New Christy Minstrels. William will serenade us all with upbeat and energetic American classic songs of days gone by.

Tickets for this event will go on sale at the April 12th meeting. Tickets will cost \$24 each. This will be a very entertaining event so get your tickets early.

Mark your calendars with this special date; You and your Mothers Day guest are sure to have a very entertaining luncheon.

## Birthday Boys

Members celebrating their birthdays in April are:

Elwood Davis, Howie Fisher, Saul Gold, Bob Howe, Eric Jensen, Bill Konold, Donald Rentzel, Hal Whitlow, and Roger Wood.

**Voluntary contributions** 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

## 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 recycle some vases, bring them to our meeting and we will return them.

**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 or 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 Policy Reminder:

Our Branch is obligated to pay for lunches not served. Please contact Bill Konold by the Friday preceding the meeting if you don't plan to attend.

Bill Konold, 634-2738 bkonold@comcast.net

## 2011 Meetings Calendar

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

## New Branch 161 Members

Five new members were inducted at the March 8, 2011 SIR Branch 161 meeting.

**Herb Willmes** retired from a career as a broker in wholesale property & casualty insurance. Herb and his wife live in Discovery Bay. He enjoys golf, bass fishing, motorcycle riding, and desert riding and traveling.

Herb was sponsored by Jack Socher.



**Earl Cole** retired from Westinghouse (32 years) and Herning Underground (12 years) in electrical wholesaling. He and his wife Joanne live in Discovery Bay. Earl enjoys golf, reading & investments. Earl was sponsored by Hal Crose.



**Mar Knittel** retired from Coors Brewing Company in 1999, and has lived in Discovery Bay for 7 months. He previously lived in Golden, Colorado. Mar and his wife Rosie have 2 children and 3 grandchildren. Mar's hobbies include motorcycling, woodworking, traveling and old cars. Mar was sponsored by Bob Damico.



**Joey Brignolio** has lived in Discovery Bay for 27 years. He retired from Discovery Bay Chandelery in 2007. Joey and his wife Kathy have 3 children and 8 grandchildren. Joey's hobbies include fishing, boating and spending time with grandchildren. Joey was sponsored by Bob Damico.



**Rick Snyder** retired from The Research Spectrum as a Marketing Research Consultant. Rick and his wife, Linda, live in Discovery Bay. His favorite activities are golf, bicycling & boating. Rick was sponsored by Jack Thomas.



## Sponsor a new member

Branch members wishing to sponsor a new member should invite the prospect to a regular luncheon meeting as a guest.

If the guest wishes to become a SIR member, the sponsor should obtain an application form from Membership Chairman Len Fadda. Have the guest complete the form, and return the form to Len.

The prospective member and their sponsor should attend the next regular luncheon meeting, the Executive Board will vote on the membership, and the new member will be inducted immediately prior to the luncheon.





## SIR Activities, Dick Donald

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



### Poker, Dick Donald

The next SIR poker game will be Thursday, April 21 at 7 PM. Don Rentzel will be the host. This is a quarter limit dealer choice game. Contact Dick if interested in playing.

### Wine Tasting, Dick Donald

March was the first month when we had two separate wine tastings to accommodate all who wanted to participate. Everyone in both groups had a great time. We are hoping to get a like number for April. So far we have one host couple identified for an April wine tasting, Al and Dana Box. This will occur on Thursday, April 28. If you are interested in participating, please contact me at 513-2849, or email me at DickDonald@Yahoo.com. Also let me know if you are willing to host a second group should we have sufficient interest.

### Bocce Ball

There has been a number of you who have expressed an interest in Bocce Ball. Mark from the country club has stated that we may start a group after he establishes a time for members of the country club. That will probably happen in a month or so. Meanwhile, those who are interested contact me and I will put your name on the Bocce Ball list and will inform you when we will be getting started.

### Pickleball, Bob Lyman

Locally, drop-in play is Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at 9 am. Play is 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. For more information 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

The Annual State SIR Bowling Tournament is going to be sponsored by Branch 161 & 108. The tournament is going to be held at Harvest Park Bowl in Brentwood on May 17th, 18th or 19th. This is a Doubles & Team Event so all of you bowlers have time to find a partner and get a team together for this Tournament. It would really be nice if we could get a good turnout from Branches 161 & 108.



Winter League ends May 9th and the Summer League starts one week later on May 16th. It's not too early to start making a decision if you want to Bowl this summer. Let Tom Kirtley know if you plan to Bowl this summer, either in person at Harvest Park, or call me at 925 240-8071.

### UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

April 18th through 21st, Monday through Thursday, in Carson City at Gold Dust West.

April 30th through May 3rd in Pollock Pines at Knotty Pines Lanes.

### SIR Annual State Bowling Tournament:

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

Good bowling, Tom Kirtley

## Bridge Table, Lex Overzet

The March bridge game was a success. We had our usual 2 teams and 8 players.

The winner was Al Box with 5550 points, closely followed by Harry Olson with 4470 points.

We'd like to thank April McBeth for helping us out.

The next game will be held at 1.00pm on April 19 at the Discovery Bay Country Club.



## Golf News, Dale Welin

### April 19 at Poppy Ridge

Please notify me if you are interested in getting your name on the player list. Call or email me to add your name, then follow that up with a check for \$45.00 payable to Dale Welin, and get it to me no later than Tuesday, April 12. If there any questions, please call.



### April 25 at Discovery Bay Country Club

Even though golfers need to pay a green fee or cart plan directly to DBCC, it is very important that everyone notify me of your interest. The plan is to create a foursome of A, B, C, D players with players from Branches 128, 108 & 161 represented in each foursome. We CANNOT do that just by showing up that day ready to play. Please email or call Dale Welin of your interest so we can get your name on the player list.

## Dinner with the Ladies, Jim Heck

April 26 at Grazie Grille at the Streets of Brentwood. Dinner served at 6.00pm.

### Menu choices:

Chicken Alfredo, Rotisserie  
Chicken with Artichokes, Skirt  
Steak with mashed potatoes and seasonal vegetables, and Salmon and Olives with mashed potatoes and seasonal vegetables. Tea, coffee, and dessert included. Price: \$24.00 per person, includes tax and tip.

**Deadline:** RSVP no later than 19 April 2011. There will be envelopes at our General Meeting on April 12th 2011. If you could please send your checks and menu choices to me prior it would be helpful.



## 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 by the Friday prior to the meeting 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 Jim Heck and mail to Jim Heck, 5401 Fairway Court, Discovery Bay, CA 94505.

**Name(s):**

**Phone:**

**Menu selections:** Chicken Alfredo \_\_\_\_\_ Rotisserie Chicken \_\_\_\_\_  
Skirt Steak \_\_\_\_\_ Salmon and Olives \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner with the ladies , April 26, 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.



### Branch 161 on the web

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

**[www.sir161.org](http://www.sir161.org)**

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