



SIR BRANCH 161 NEWS

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Vince Vargas, Big SIR

Mark your calendars!

Our next luncheon is the **third Tuesday**, August 16.

Membership: Our branch began 2011 with 165 members. Our 2011 goal was 17 new members. The branch has added 18 new members this year; 4 new members were



inducted in July. The goal was to maintain our membership and grow if possible. We have experienced gains and losses. Our current membership is 168, quite an accomplishment. You the members are to be congratulated for a great job in introducing your neighbors, friends & retirees to our SIRs branch. You all make this branch one to be proud of. Let's go have fun!

2012 Executive Board: The nominees are: Big Sir Walter Shipilov, Little Sir Frank Smith, Treasurer Tony Pacheco, Assistant Treasurer Mike Reich, Secretary Jim Davis, Assistant Secretary Remy Giannini, and Directors Tom Kirtley (Membership), Bob Damico (Sunshine), Paul Elmer (Bowling), and Lowell Onstad. Jim Heck & Dale Welin to continue in the same positions. Our thanks to Eric Jensen, Lowell Thomas & Bob Harlan for the outstanding job in presenting this slate of candidates to our branch.

Activities: Have you tried the new activities? If not, you are missing a fun time. Bowling, golf & Dinner with the Ladies have always been popular and enjoyable activities. Bridge needs more active members. Dick Donald continues his efforts organizing the weekly Wednesday bocce ball, and the monthly

wine tasting. Refer to the activity reports.

Annual SIR Golfing Tournament: This is great fun! Greenhorn Creek Resort, near Angels Camp, 09/07 & 09/08. Refer to Will Myer's article for details.

Discovery Bay Country Club (DBCC): The 2012 Branch Executive Board will soon be working with the DBCC staff to set the meeting dates, luncheon menus & costs for next year. Tell the new board what you would like to have as luncheon choices and ideas for future speakers and entertainment.

Lunch Meeting Attendance: We have experienced a number of "no calls & no shows" the past few months. I personally feel it is common courtesy to call in if you are not able to attend. If you are one of these members, you are obligated to pay for your luncheon. The Branch provides the DBCC with an attendance count on Friday preceding the meeting. The DBCC then orders the food and schedules their staff based on our count. If the attendance is less than the called-in count, we the Branch (you & me) must pay for these meals prepared and not eaten. If you are not able to attend the meeting, call Bill Konold by the Friday preceding the meeting 634-2738.

See you at the August 16th luncheon meeting!
Vince

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Walt Shipilov, Little SIR

Luncheon meal: For our August 16th meeting, Chef Jeff will prepare tortellini with chicken and mushrooms for our entree. In addition we have rolls, butter iced tea, coffee with cookies and brownies for desert. **Please note** any special dietary needs need to be pre-arranged several days before the meeting.



Speaker: Our speaker for the August meeting will be David Livingston, the elected Sheriff of Contra Costa County. Sheriff Livingston will speak to us about what he sees are current issues for the Sheriff's Department and the County of Contra Costa. This promises to be very informative and interesting to all.

July recap: Our July speaker was Ginny Karlburg from the East Contra Costa Historical Society and Museum. She talked to us passionately about our own local historical museum located at 3890 Sellers Avenue. She went over the museum site and its history while weaving in stories and highlights of many of its features and some of the unique items of interest on display. The talk was very informative for all.



This was followed by an invitation for a special tour of the site directed by some of the volunteer docents. (Photos by Bob Damico).



Free Lunch winners: The winners of the free lunch drawing were Lowell Onstad and Bill Scholle. As always, I am sure they will both enjoy their free lunch.

Walter

Al DiGiusto Lunch and Boat Cruise

The 18th annual Al DiGiusto Lunch and Boat Cruise was a success. The weather was great; There were SIRs, wives, guests, and Becky Below (a 16 year old German Exchange student) in attendance for a total of 60, one of the best turn-outs in recent years.



Everyone arrived early (even Dennis P). Angie DiGiusto was in attendance, as we toasted our fallen SIR, friend and Originator of this event: Al DiGiusto.

The Boardwalk's usual great food and excellent service was enjoyed by all. After lunch most of us loaded into boats and cruised Discovery Bay.



Our thanks go out to all who attended, and a special thanks goes out to our Boat Captains for providing rides to those in need: LaVan Bock, John Lopp, and Mike McCleery, Dennis Pachucki, Don Patterson, Tom Snyder, and Richard Wisdom.



We look forward to honoring Al again next year for the 19th annual AL DIGIUSTO Lunch and Boat Cruise.

Bob Damico

Membership, Len Fadda

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.

The Board approved four new members in July, and five members were inducted at the July meeting.

Tim Manke lives in Discovery Bay with his wife Chris. He retired from Allied Fire Protection. Tim's hobbies are woodworking, motorcycles, golf, softball and travel.

Tim was sponsored by SIR Tom State.



Colin Brodie lives in Discovery Bay with his wife Ethel. He was self-employed in Sales. His interests are golf, travel, water skiing, antique cars and Corvettes.

Colin was sponsored by SIR Gary Hess.

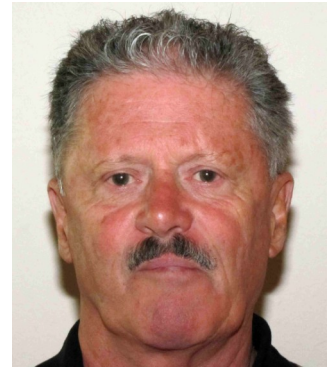


Dan Denis has lived in the Brentwood area for 6 months, after moving from Lake Shastina. He retired from Frito Lay in 2001.

Dan and his wife Barbara have one adult daughter.

His hobbies are golf, bowling, fishing, photography and reading.

Dan was sponsored by SIR Dale Welin.



Randy Zierau and his wife Lynda moved to Discovery Bay from Castro Valley 7 months ago. They have 3 children and 3 grandchildren. Randy retired from employment as a licensed contractor in 2008.

Randy's hobbies are boating, golf, water sports and RVing.

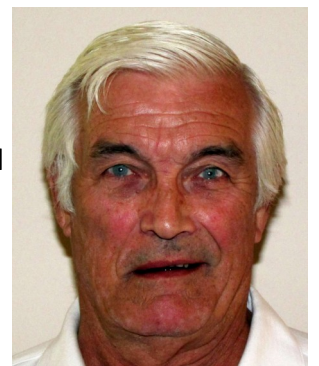
Randy was sponsored by SIR Frank Headley.



Bill Murphy has lived in Discovery Bay for 33 years. He retired in 2007 from Mother's Cake and Cookie Company. Bill and his wife Fran have two sons, a granddaughter and a grandson.

His hobbies are golf, boating and reading.

Bill was sponsored by SIR Mike White.



August Birthday Boys

Members celebrating their birthdays in August:

Al Box, Ed Carr, Pete Constantine, Hal Crose, Ken Dickens, Tom Gomez, Ferrel Hinkle, Hiram Jennings, Ben Mahlberg, Michael McCleery, Will Myers, Harry Ohlson, David Patterson, Ralph Pfirman, Lynn Pierce, Don Ramos, Michael Witnov & Warren Young.

Dinner With The Ladies, Jim Heck

When: August 30, 2011

Where: Orale Orale Mexican Restaurant 5601 Lonetree Way Brentwood, Ca 94514.

Time: Dinner Served at 6:00 p.m.



Menu Choices: (Indicate your choices below). Entrees come with beans and rice; Non-alcoholic drink (soda, tea, coffee, and water) included.

Cost: \$20.00 per person (includes tax, tip and music)

Deadline: Need your RSVP no later than August 23, 2011. There will be envelopes at our next meeting on August 16, 2011. If you will please send your checks and menu choices to me prior it would be helpful.

Make your checks out to Jim Heck and mail to 5401 Fairway Ct., Discovery Bay, CA 94505.
Phone(925) 634-6142

Reminders from Big SIR

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

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-flops or thong type sandals. Please ensure that your guests are aware of this policy. Simple etiquette requires that hats be removed while in the 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

PLEASE NOTE: The August meeting will be held on the THIRD Tuesday (8/16).

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

----- 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: Carne Asada _____ Chili Verde _____ Camarones Rancheros _____

Shrimp Chimichanga _____ Vegetarian _____

Dinner with the ladies , August 30, 2011

SIR Activities, Dick Donald

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



Wine Tasting – Dick Donald – 513-2849

The wine tasting activity continues to be very popular. Ben and Arlene Mahlbarg will host the August wine tasting. It will be on Thursday, August 25 at 4 PM. If you are interested in attending please contact me at 513-2849, or email me at DickDonald@Yahoo.com . Also let me know if you would like to host a future wine tasting event.

Bocce Ball– Dick Donald – 513-2849

The informal bocce ball get-togethers have been going well. We will continue these informal learn-by-playing events for another month or so. The informal vote on which day to play that I asked for recently resulted in a majority of those replying preferring that we keep playing on Wednesdays at 4 PM. So we will continue on Wednesdays through August. Please contact me at 513-2849, or email me at DickDonald@Yahoo.com if you are interested in playing.

Pickleball - Bob Lyman – 513-1939

Pickleball is still being played Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 8 am and Wednesday evening at 6 pm. This activity is for both you and your wife; about half of the players are women at this time. We have the equipment, just come check us out.

Poker – Dick Donald – 513-2849

We are still planning to have a SIR poker game each month, and are looking for more SIR members who would like to be regular players. If you are interested in being a regular player or a substitute for a once monthly quarter-limit game playing on Thursday evening, please contact me at dickdonald@yahoo.com .

Bowling News, Tom Kirtley

Our Winter Bowling League is going to start Monday, September 12th with a meeting at 9:00am sharp.

We bowl every Monday morning with practice starting at 9:30am and bowling starting at 9:45. Bowling is usually finished at about

12:00 noon. The cost for bowling is \$12 a week and an annual fee of \$18 for membership in the USBC.

This is a handicap league, so you don't have to be an experienced bowler to have fun on Monday morning. So, if you have 4 people for a team, or a pair, or are a single looking for a team, you can call Paul Elmer @ 634-5690 or Tom Kirtley @ 240-8071. Branch 108 SIR members can contact Curtis Manning @ 510 719-0882. Remember wives and significant others are always welcome to bowl with us.

There will be signup sheets at the Branch 161 luncheon on August 16th. Paul Elmer and Tom Kirtley will be available after the luncheon to answer any questions. So, if you want to start your week out with a little exercise, come and join in the fun at Harvest Park Bowl in Brentwood on September 12th.

UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

August 8th or 11th Mon or Tue in Sonora @ Black Oak Lanes

August 22nd, 23rd and 24th Mon, Tue & Wed in Reno @ Reno Bowling Stadium

September 11th or 12th Sun or Mon in Fremont @ Cloverleaf Bowl

September 19th Mon in Dublin @ Earl Anthony's Bowl

GOOD LUCK AND GOOD BOWLING

Tom Kirtley and Paul Elmer



Golf News, Dale Welin

We travelled to the Callippe Golf Course in Pleasanton for our July golf tournament. The weather was very good to match a good golf course.

We had 23 players enjoy the day. The results are below:

1st place 101 Shipilov, Giannini, Fry, Konold
 2nd place 102 Socher, Pachucki, Pacheco, Denis
 3rd place 103 Heck, Rentzel, Macbride, Bree
 Closest to the pin winners were Headley and Fry.
 Five players netted below 71 and they were: 68 – Giannini, Denis, 70 – Macbride, Pacheco, and Zwemer.

Congratulations.

The August tournament is scheduled for 8-23 at Lone Tree Golf Club at 8:00 am. It is a shotgun start with an entry fee of \$44 for golf, cart, and prizes. Hope to see you there.

Dale Welin



Annual SIR golfing tournament

Sign-ups for our annual SIR Golfing Tournament at the Greenhorn Creek Resort, Angels Camp, on Wednesday & Thursday, September 7 & 8, 2011, are proceeding, but we will need your commitment by the August SIR meeting (8/16/11) if you intend to participate.

The golfing package consists of two days of golf on the beautiful Greenhorn Creek golf course and housing at the adjacent WorldMark time share villas. The golfing format for both days will be two best-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. SIR members have the option of staying at the villas for one night or two nights. Another option is to either seek your own source of dinner on Wednesday night, or to do what most have done in past years is to share hors d'oeuvres brought by participants in the event.

Each day after golfing, hors d'oeuvres of nachos, calamari, Buffalo wings, and batter fried asparagus will be provided by the Greenhorn Creek staff on the patio overlooking the 18th green.

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 plenty of entertainment, restaurants and shopping for both golfers and non-golfers.

The total cost per golfer (which includes golfing, awards dinners, two-days of hors d'oeuvres, housing, and golf prize money) is \$213.85 for those staying one night, while it is \$250.85 for those staying two nights. The total cost per person for the non-golfers (which includes awards dinner, two-days of hors d'oeuvres, and two nights of housing) is \$115.85. Past participants of this event will note that the total prices are less than they were two years ago.

A sign-up sheet will be at our August SIR Branch 161 meeting. 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. Sign up and come join us for two days of fun at this scenic location. If you have any questions, see or call Will Myers at 925-516-9448.

Call for photos

We're always on the lookout for photos of SIR events to include in our newsletter or on our web site. If you're involved with organizing a SIR event, or if you're an attendee or spectator, please consider snapping some shots.

Photos can be emailed to Tom Jones (the address is in the Branch 161 Handbook). Send the photos full size, and I'll re-size them as needed.

Thanks,
 Tom

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Tom Kirtley	(925) 240-8071
Lowell Onstad	(925) 516-8468
Lowell Thomas	(925) 516-8840
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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 normally held on the second Tuesday of the month at the Discovery Bay Country Club, 1475 Club House Drive. (There are exceptions where we need to hold our meetings on a different Tuesday, so please check the Meetings Calendar (elsewhere in this issue).

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.