



SIR

BRANCH 161 NEWS

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Vince Vargas, Big SIR

Mark your calendars! Our next luncheon is the second Tuesday, October 11. **If you cannot make the meeting call Bill Konold – 634-2738.**



Our Branch: The success of our branch can be attributed to you, *our members and those who have served on the Branch Executive Committee*. The continued success will soon be in the hands of our 2012 leaders. This branch is blessed with many talented and conscientious board members who make this organization run very smoothly. Our membership is currently 171 active members and our luncheon attendance through September is above 70%. This year we have had 35 luncheon guests and have welcomed 21 new members. This is quite an accomplishment! You, our members, make this branch successful. The opportunities are there for you to meet with old friends and make new ones, listen to informative & entertaining speakers, and participate in SIR fun activities!

Luncheons: I received a number of complaints regarding the Tortellini with Chicken & Mushrooms lunch served at our August meeting. Some portion sizes were small and some servings were very salty. I have talked to Mark Tissot and Chef Jeff about what we experienced. They apologized and will ensure that this does not occur again.

Discovery Bay Country Club (DBCC): Your next Big SIR, Walt Shipilov and Little SIR, Frank Smith are working with the DBCC staff to set the 2012 meeting

dates, luncheon menus & costs for next year. They are open to suggestions from you as to luncheon choices and ideas for future speakers and entertainment. Tell them what you would like!

Activities: Bowling, Golf & Dinner with the Ladies, Wine Tasting, and Wednesday Bocce Ball continue to be popular and enjoyable activities. Refer to the activity reports for more specific information.

Christmas Luncheon: Yes, it's time to start planning for the holidays. I know it isn't even Halloween yet! But it's time to ask your special lady for a luncheon date. So go ask her! Mark the date - **Tuesday, December 13th, 2011** - on both of your calendars! A great luncheon and entertainment has been planned. Walter Shipilov has booked The Summerset Singers choral group to set the mood for the Christmas Season. Tickets will go on sale starting in October.

Thank you for your continued support. See you at the October 11th Luncheon meeting!

Vince

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Walt Shipilov, Little SIR

Luncheon meal: For our October 11th meeting, Chef Jeff will prepare a seasonal dish in honor of Oktoberfest. The entree will be German sausage (i.e., Bratwurst or Knockwurst, etc) with braised red cabbage, and boiled new potatoes or hot German potato salad, with mustard if requested. In addition we have our usual rolls, butter, iced tea, coffee with cookies and brownies for dessert.



Please note: Any special dietary needs need to be pre-arranged several days before the meeting.

Speaker: Our speaker for October will be Hugh Henderson, Chief of the East Contra Costa County Fire Protection District. Chief Henderson will speak to us about what he sees are current issues facing the Fire Protection District which provides us locally with fire and emergency first response services. This promises to be very topical and informative, given the key issues that are facing the District.

September recap: Our September speaker was Patrick Roche, Principal Planner, from the Contra Costa County Department of Conservation and Development. He talked to us about the County's role in local land use planning, the County's General Plan, development trends and challenges in Discovery Bay and the rest of the County and results from the 2010 Census and their impact on Contra Costa County. The presentation was very informative for all and was followed by several questions.



Free Lunch winners: The winners of the free lunch drawing were: Carl Wilkinson and Frank Smith, next year's Little SIR. As always, I am sure they will both enjoy their free lunch.

Walter

2011 Meetings Calendar

09/13/2011	10/11/2011
11/08/2011	12/13/2011

Christmas luncheon tickets

Tickets for our Christmas luncheon go on sale at the October 11 meeting. This is a "not to be missed" event. In addition to a great meal cooked by Chef Jeff and his team, we will be entertained by the Summerset Singers.

The ticket price will be \$22 per person.

Reminders

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

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 or email: bkonold@comcast.net

October Birthday Boys

The following Branch 161 members celebrate their birthday in October:

Chuck Alley, Firoz Bharwani, Joey Brignolio, Tom Capelli, Michael Cline, Bob Doran, James Gekas, Tim Manke, Tony Pacheco, Marty Price, Don Reid, Herb Willmes & Ron Wilson.

John Fry's birthday in September was inadvertently omitted from our last newsletter.

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 two new members in September, and they were inducted at our September 13 Branch 161 meeting.

Jerry Wiebe moved to Discovery Bay from Dublin in 1995. He retired as a Customer Service Manager at Hewlett Packard in 2005. Jerry and his wife Sue have 3 children and 4 grandchildren. Hobbies include golf, travel, computers, and spending time with grandchildren.

Jerry was sponsored by SIR Tony Guarascio.

Carlo Delazzar has lived in Discovery Bay for 26 years. He retired from Waste Management in 2001. Carlo and his wife Connie have one child. His interests include RVing.

Carlo was sponsored by SIR Dennis Pachucki.



Golf News, Dale Welin

The results are in for the September golf tournament which took place on Tuesday, Sept. 27 at Delta View in Pittsburgh. The course was a challenge for the 25 of us on the last 9 holes to say the least. The results are below:

1st place - 119 - Shipilov, Ramos, Pacheco

2nd place - 120 - Onstad, Disney, Ziereau, A. Anderson

3rd place - 124 - Heck, Wiebe, Rentzel, Denis

Closest to the pin winners were Welin and Momaney.

Several players shot under the par 71: Disney - 67, Ziereau, Brunetto - 68, Ramos - 69, Pacheco, Zwemer, Konold - 70. Very nice play from these players.

The 2011 Club Championship Tournament is scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 18 at Deer Ridge CC, in Brentwood. The cost is \$41 for each player for golf, golf cart and prizes. All the SIRs golfers are encouraged to play, whether you are qualified for the trophy or not. The qualified players (at least 2 events played in 2011) will be able to win the trophy. We will still have the individual competition for all players to shoot for. The entry info has been sent via email to all the SIRs players. This will be our last tournament of the year 2011.

If you have any questions, please call Dale Welin.

See you on the green!

Dale



Bowling News, Paul Elmer

The fall bowling league started on September 12th with 26 teams of four members each. After the first week and some re-arranging with some people not able to bowl or some changing teams we have 25 full teams, including Little SIR



Walt Shipilov and wife Frances. This is obvious testimony that anyone and everyone is welcome to bowl, and we look forward to serving you.

The eighth annual Bob Matteucci Memorial Tournament will be held on October 18th and 20th with the events to be doubles and singles plus all-events. The event will be held at Harvest Park Bowl in Brentwood. If you wish to enter the tournament please see Paul Elmer (925 634 5690) or Curtis Manning (510 719 0882). The event is co-sponsored by branches 161 and 108.

The winners of the summer league were "ELWOOD'S OUTLAWS" which featured Elwood Davis, Jim Davis, Jamie Maddox, and Tom Kirtley. Great Going guys!!

Second place went to "MUD IN YOUR EYE" and third place to "LUCKY 13".

High scratch series went to Curtis Manning (748), scratch game to Paul Elmer (279).

Handicap series to Tom Kirtley (760) and handicap game to Bill Konold with 303.

The women's awards were awarded to Gail Smith, scratch series (657), scratch game to Mary Branscum (236), handicap series to Shirley Madsen (779), and handicap game to Karen Patterson with 273. It was a fun summer league.

The summer league sweepers were won by the "AMIGOS" comprised of Barbara Slifer, Wes Van Beveren, Vic Vasquez, and Lefty Brabec - came out of nowhere to win it !!

Paul

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 October Wine Tasting will be hosted by Vince and Bobbi Vargas. It will be on Thursday, October 27 at 4 PM. If you are interested in attending please contact me at 513-2849 or email: dickdonald@Yahoo.com

Also let me know if you would like to host a future wine tasting event.

Bocce Ball – Dick Donald – 513-2849

We are currently playing bocce ball every Wednesday at 4 PM. If you are interested in playing you just need to show up at the Discovery Bay Country Club Bocce Ball courts any Wednesday..

Pickleball - Bob Lyman – 513-1939

Pickleball is still being played Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 8.00 am and Wednesday evening at 6.00 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

The next game is scheduled for Thursday, October 20 at 7 PM.

Dick.

Dinner With The Ladies, Jim Heck

When: October 25, 2011

Where: Island Joe's, Bethel Island

Time: Dinner Served at 5:00 p.m.

Price: \$15.00 per person (includes tax and tip).

Home made Alaskan sourdough bread and coffee, soda, milk, or tea. No-host bar available.

Salad: Green salad with Italian dressing.

Menu Choices:

Jagerschnitzel: Breaded pork cutlet, fried then topped with mushroom sauce, served with spaetzle and red cabbage.

Fish and Chips: Three pieces of Basa, with beer batter served with tartar sauce and french fries.

Fettuccini Alfredo with Grilled Chicken Breast:

Fettuccini pasta with cream sauce, a touch of garlic, nutmeg, white pepper, and Parmesan cheese, topped with grilled boneless breast of chicken.

Salisbury Steak: Choice ground chuck, topped with brown mushroom gravy, served with mashed potatoes and vegetables.



Dessert: Fresh blackberry cobbler.

Deadline: Need your RSVP no later than October 18, 2011, There will be envelopes at our meeting on October 11, 2011. Need checks and menu choices ASAP. Make checks out to James Heck and mail to 5401 Fairway Ct. Discovery Bay, Ca, 94505. Phone 925-634-6142.

Jim.

Pictures needed

Pictures help add interest to our newsletter, and we encourage activities leaders to take pictures of their events.

Our candid cameraman, Bob Damico, often pops up at SIR activities and snaps pictures for the record. Many of Bob's pictures appear in various issues of this newsletter and on our web site.



From your newsletter team

This publication is produced and published through a team effort by LaVan Bock, Bill Konold, and Tom Jones. If we can improve this publication, please let any one of the newsletter team know.

----- 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: Jagerschnitzel _____ Fish and Chips _____

Fettuccini Alfredo w/Grilled Chicken Breast _____ Salisbury Steak _____

Dinner with the ladies , October 25, 2011 at Texas Roadhouse

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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.

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