



SIR BRANCH 161 NEWS

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Walt Shipilov, Big SIR

MOTHER'S DAY LUNCHEON

Our next luncheon is Tuesday, May 8th. Little SIR, Frank Smith, has set up a grand luncheon for our Special Ladies. There will be some nostalgic entertainment from Mike Spellman, who will be doing entertainment from "Chairman of the Board", Ol' Blue Eyes, Francis Albert Sinatra. This will be a great event. Make sure to celebrate this special day with your wife or special friend. Note: Singles are welcome at the Mother's Day luncheon.



Contact our Treasurer, Tony Pacheco for your last minute ticket purchases at 240-0523

MEMBERSHIP

Our branch started May with 177 active members. In April we added 2 new members. At our April meeting, we welcomed one guest and 2 visitors. You all have done a great job in introducing your neighbors & retired friends to our SIRs Branch. Keep up the good work. Please continue sharing and inviting new guests to our regular luncheons

ACTIVITIES

Are you bored, sitting around watching the Sharks, Warriors and A's lose, or dealing with re-runs on TV? Get off the sofa and become involved. SIR's activities are a great place to start your new lifestyle. Look at what we have available so far:

Wine tasting, a high energy low impact activity. This is co-ed and suitable for all types of palettes. See Dick

Donald for details

Bocce Ball – throw stone balls at fellow SIRs. A co-ed activity that is fun for all. Learning sessions & friendly competition. See Dick Donald for details

Pickle Ball continues to draw SIRs and non-SIRs participants. A bit more activity that is fun and competitive for all. See Dick Donald for details

Bowling continues to be a Branch co-ed favorite with well over 100 people in the league. Bowling is great fun for new and experienced bowlers. The Fall league is just completing with a new Summer league starting up. See Paul Elmer for details.

Golf continues to be a steady favorite for our Branch. We successfully hosted 107 players from 4 SIRs Branches in April at the Discovery Bay Country Club. A great time was had by all the men. Monthly events continue into the fall. See Dale Welin for details.
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The Greenhorn Creek Golf Outing will be a 2-day event this year. A co-ed overnight event that will be held in early October, so not too hot and not too wintry. This is a fun event with good times and great golf. See Will Myers for details

Dinner With the Ladies also continues to be a co-ed favorite. Sign up for the June event. See Jim Heck for details.

Bridge, an old co-ed standby, continues to want to start up a group but seems to lack enough critical mass. If you and some friends are interested, contact Dick Donald.

RV Outings have not had much activity during the winter. Maybe the Summer will re-kindle interest and more activities. See Dick Donald.

BIG PICTURE

Look at the state-wide "SIR Happenings" on the State website, www.sirinc.org to see what is "happening" statewide. While you are browsing the Internet, visit our own Branch 161 website at www.sir161.org

NEWSLETTER

Share the Branch 161 Newsletter with your wife, then share it with others. It's a great ice breaker to invite guests to our luncheons.

REMEMBER - Get out there and participate in a SIR activity, or create a new one for others to participate in. Just get out there and do SOMETHING.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Mother's Day Luncheon on the second Tuesday, May 8th.
Walter

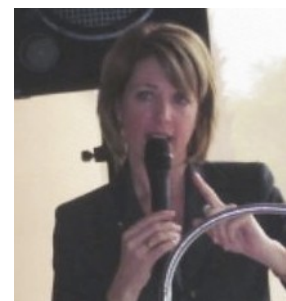
Frank Smith, Little SIR

April recap

April's menu included Chicken Piccata with rice and vegetables. There were also rolls, steaming coffee, iced tea and the wonderful mix of cookies and brownies.



Supervisor Mary Piepho presented an interesting talk. The word I received was that the talk went very well and was appreciated.



FREE LUNCH WINNERS

April winners were Tom Jones and Andy Anderson.

MAY LUNCHEON MEAL

For this month the menu includes Crepes ala Reine, rice and vegetables. There will also be rolls, steaming coffee, iced tea and a special dessert.

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

MAY ENTERTAINMENT: Mike Spellman will entertain us with songs for this Mother's Day celebration. Tickets are still on sale. Get them NOW from Tony Pacheco. (240-0523). Great meal & entertainment only \$22.00.
Frank



Big SIR Walter Shipilov recognizes past Big SIRs Bob Damico and Vince Vargas for their devotion and service. Walter presented them each with a certificate at our April meeting. Thank you Bob and Vince!



Membership, Tom Kirtley

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 Tom Kirtley. Have the guest complete the form, and return it to Tom. 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.

Two new members were inducted at our April Branch 161 meeting:

Ed Konieczny retired from commercial insurance in 2011. He and his wife Judy have two sons and have lived in Discovery Bay for five years. Hobbies include golf and fishing. Ed was sponsored by Jack Thomas.



Ward Messermith retired from marketing in 2000. He has lived in Discovery Bay for 22 years. Ward and his wife Madelyn have two children and five grandchildren. Hobbies include boating, travel and design. Ward was sponsored by Vince Vargas.



SIR Membership Requirements

Membership in **Sons In Retirement** is open to men retired from full time occupation, regardless of age, race, color or religion. See page 7 for more information.

May Birthday Boys

The following Branch 161 members celebrate their birthday in May:

Carl Carlson, Dan Denis, Fritz Dueming, Ken Fanucchi, Bob Harlan, Frank Headley, Joe Kile, Robert Lyman, Bill Momaney, Norman Petersen, Jack Socher, Roger Sweeney, Phil Talley, Jim Wangeman and Richard Wisdom.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY Boys!!!!.

If your name is missing or not correct let Big SIR, Walter Shipilov at 634-3246, know so our records are corrected.

Travel Opportunities Reminder

For those of you interested in traveling, there are various bargain-priced trips available to SIRs through local travel agencies and other SIR branches.

Look for the TRAVEL binder located on the entrance table at each monthly meeting. There are many travel opportunities For more info. contact Bob Damico at 634-0465 or deltacrzer@comcast.net

Bowling News, Paul Elmer

We have completed 33 of 35 weeks of bowling. The week of April 30th will be the position round to determine who is the league champion for the winter season. Going into the position round the Sharp Shooters led by Jose Arroyo, Margee Arroyo, Anne Wangerman, and Glen MacBride have a lock on first place. They are five games ahead with only four to play in the position round. Well done guys and gals!! Second place will be Spare Us, the Rock and Rollers, or Mary's Marvels. All three are in a mathematical position to win the number two spot with a chance for a tie that would require a one game roll-off.

The summer season will be starting on May 14th with 15 teams currently signed up. We could use any and all bowlers that would like to participate.

The tournament that was held in Concord had only one of our SIR members place in the money. That was Greg Mattus who placed 18th in all-events. We completed the Carson City tournament on April 19th with some of our bowlers doing quite well. There have been no results available as yet, but from past tournaments there should be some high places paid.

As the current season ends, it was decided to give recognition to some bowlers who have done well during the season. First of all to those who increased their average the most during the year. Jim Davis rose from a starting average of 137 to a final average of 163 for an increase of +26 pins. Ed Gallagher started at 138 and finished at 161 for + 23. Dennis Pachucki started at 140 and ended with 161 for +21 pins. There were 6 bowlers who ended with averages of 200 or more, with Bob Rhiner coming in at 215. Women's high average is held by Rosie Elmer at 178, with Marlena Morgan only one pin behind at 177.

Next month's bowling news will show the final results of this fun 2012 winter season. Thanks once again to John and Mary Fry for inputs and data gathering.

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 last wine tasting had sufficient turnout that the group had to be divided into two. Everyone at both locations had a great time! The next wine tasting will be on Thursday, May 24 and will be hosted by Will and Raquel Myers. If you are interested in attending please contact Dick Donald at 513-2849, or email DickDonald@Yahoo.com .

Bocce Ball– Dick Donald – 513-2849

Bocce ball has started again, and it looks like the weather is starting to cooperate. Play is Wednesday afternoons at 4 PM. If you would like to play just show up at the bocce ball courts at the country club and we will put together teams on the spot.

Pickleball - Bob Lyman – 628-7906

Play is taking place Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 9:00 am and Wednesday at 3:00 pm. We play at the public tennis courts on Willow Lake Rd. Just bring yourself; we have everything else needed.



Don Patterson, his wife Karen, Randy Zierau and Bob Lyman on the court.

Al DiGiusto 19th Annual Boat Cruise Lunch

July 19, 2012 at The Boardwalk Grill in Discovery Bay.



Menu Choices:

Chicken wrap served with a side of fresh fruit, chicken Caesar salad (comes with garlic bread), tri-tip sandwich served with French fries, or fish and chips.

Non-alcoholic beverage, dessert, tax and tip included for \$15.00 per person.

Also house wine discounted to \$4.50 glass, and draft beer \$1.00 off (\$2.25 domestic, \$3.75 premium 16 oz. size).

Agenda:

Meet at the Boardwalk by 11:30 (by car or boat). Lunch served at noon. After lunch we'll load up and cruise the bays to enjoy a smooth (not bumpy), slow ride with no "messed up hair" ladies!!

Or option #2: For those that want to go out on the river for a faster ride - "Go for it!!"

Sign up with Bob Damico and meet your boat captain at his house and cruise to the Boardwalk. Or walk, or

drive your car to the Boardwalk; We'll have boats and boat captains there to give you a ride after lunch.

The sign-up form is below. **Sign-up deadline is July 12, 2012.**

Annual SIR Golfing Tournament—Will Myers

The beginning of sign-ups for our annual Sir Golfing Tournament at the Greenhorn Creek Golf Resort near Angels Camp (taking place this year on Wednesday, October 3rd and Thursday, October 4th) has begun. This is the only SIR golfing event where you can bring your wife or significant other, whether they play golf or not, so don't miss it.



The golfing package consists of two days of golf on the fine Greenhorn Creek Resort course and housing at the adjacent WorldMark time share villas. The golfing format for both days will be two 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. Again this year, SIR members will have the option of staying at the villas for one night or two nights. For the Wednesday night dinner, couples can either eat at a choice of local restaurants or they can do as most have done in the past where we meet at the fine Greenhorn Resort restaurant for dinner. An awards dinner will be held on Thursday night at the Greenhorn Creek Resort restaurant. The

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----- Detach & return this stub with payment -----

Your Names: _____ Phone #: _____

Your Menu Choices:

Chicken Wrap _____ Chicken Caesar Salad _____

Tri Tip Sandwich _____ Fish & Chips _____

(Make Check out to R.C. Damico and mail to me at 141 Discovery Bay Blvd. Discovery Bay, CA 94505)

Check one:

Need a Boat Ride for _____ people. Have Boat Ride, riding with _____

Have Boat, need passengers _____ (have room for _____)

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nearby towns of Angels Camp and Murphy provide other restaurants, wine tasting or shopping places for the non-golfers. Last year we had numerous golfers whose mate did not play golf, but got together to enjoy the great attractions of the Golf Resort/Condo complex and in this scenic area.

The total cost per person for those golfing (which includes two-days of golfing, two-days of after-golf hors d'oeuvres, villa housing, and prize money) is \$183.00 for those staying one night, while it is \$222.00 for those staying two nights. The total cost per person for the non-golfers (which includes two days of after-golf hors d'oeuvres, and villa housing) is \$47.00 for those staying one night, while it is \$86.00 for those staying two nights.

A sign-up sheet will be in the lobby at our SIR meetings, so look for it and sign-up. 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. If you have any questions, see or call Will Myers at 925-516-9448.

Will

Golf News, Dale Welin

We entertained 66 SIRs from Livermore and San Ramon and we had 31 players from our Branch for the 2012 SIR Branch 161 Invitational. After a week of rain and wet days the prior week, the weather for Monday the 16th was about as good as it could have been at Discovery Bay CC. The format was the best 2 net balls for the foursome, a team event. The winners from Branch 161 are as follows:

1st -Willmes, 2nd- Lopp, 3rd- Kile, Wilson, 4th- Fanucchi, Kirtley, T5- Shipilov, Giannini, Burke, 7th-



Wiebe, T8-Onstad, Headley, Fry, Pacheco, Disney, A. Anderson. L. Onstad won the closest to the pin for Branch 161. Your winnings are available from Dale when I see you.

Our visitors enjoyed themselves and we had a very nice day, and thank you for your participation.

Our May golf tournament is planned for May 15. The entry info is below:

When: Tuesday, May 15.

Time: 8:00 am from the 1st tee.

Where: Poppy Ridge, Livermore.

Format: Will be announced.

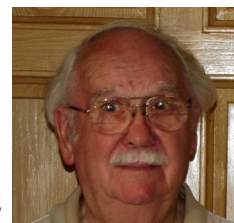
Cost: \$45.00 includes golf cart and prize money. Practice range ball available at the pro shop.

Please advise Dale of your interest and intention to play. You can notify me by e-mail and/or phone. Please send your check to Dale Welin, 2867 Cherry Hills Drive, Discovery Bay, CA 94505. If you have any questions, please call. The cutoff for the tournament is the Mother's Day luncheon, May 8.

See you on the green. Dale Welin 516-9463

Bridge - Harry Ohlson

The Country Club has extended SIRs the courtesy of playing time. Buying lunch is not required, but several of us do - to return the favor. Lunch at noon. Play begins at 1:00 pm and ends at 4:00 pm.



Currently, we have four committed players, with hopes of growing to two tables and eight players. The constraints of bridge is growth by four. Interest level is positive.

All members are invited, but a phone reservation for a seat is a MUST. Call Harry Ohlson at 513-3048 - first come - first served.

Next session May 5, 2012.

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.

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.

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.

If you're unable to attend a meeting

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

Note: Since the May meeting is ticket-only, there is no need to call Bill if you don't plan to attend this meeting.

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 team know.

Special thanks this month go to Bob Damico for taking pictures of new members and the guest speaker at the March meeting.