



# SIR BRANCH 161 NEWS

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## Walt Shipilov, Big SIR

### Mother's Day Luncheon

The luncheon was a great success. Thanks to our Little SIR, Frank Smith for all his work. We had over a 130 people attend with our special ladies (roses for all). Then we were taken back in time to the days of the Rat Pack with the Chairman of the Board, old "blue eyes", Frank Sinatra tribute performer Mike Spellman. It was fun for all.



### Dinner With The Ladies Changes

Mike White will be taking over the "Dinner with the Ladies" responsibilities from Jim Heck for the remainder of this year. Jim will remain as one of the Branch Directors while he focuses on getting well with all the best wishes from the Branch Executive Board and all our members. Additionally, I would like to thank Jim and Val for all the work they did on the Dinner with the Ladies earlier this year. This is one of the favorite events for Branch 161.

### Greenhorn Creek Golf Outing

This event will be a 2-day golf outing. A co-ed overnight event that will be in early October, so not too hot and not too wintery. This is a fun event with good times and great golf. See Will Myers for details

### Big Picture

There is a new issue of the state-wide "SIR Happenings" on the State web site; Go to [www.sirinc.org](http://www.sirinc.org) to see what is "happening" statewide. While you are browsing the Internet, visit our own outstanding Branch 161 web site at [www.sir161.org](http://www.sir161.org)

### Newsletter

Share the Branch 161 Newsletter with your wife or make sure that she shares the Newsletter with you, the actual Branch member. Then share it with others; It's a great ice breaker to invite guests to our luncheons.

### Membership

Our membership stands at 177 with 6 inactive members. Please continue to invite your friends and neighbors to our luncheons, to see if they might be interested in joining our Branch and participating in our activities.

**Remember** - Get out there and participate in our Branch activities or create a new one for others to join you. Just get out there and do SOMETHING. Looking forward to seeing everyone at our next luncheon meeting on June 12th, the second Tuesday in June.

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## Frank Smith, Little SIR

### May Recap

For the May meeting we were presented with Crepes ala Reine (crepes filled with chicken and sauce) and mixed vegetables. In addition we had the usual rolls, butter, iced tea, coffee, and chocolate pudding topped with whipped cream. This meal was one of the better ones and seemed to "hit the spot" with most. After our March issue it would be nice to let the Chef and crew know that it was appreciated.



As this was the Mother's Day Luncheon, we had a very limited meeting agenda. However, the Birthday Boys were recognized and serenaded. Also, we had entertainment in lieu of a speaker; Mike Spellman did a good job of entertaining us. He sang seven songs, which was just right as we closed the meeting right at 1:30pm.

### Free lunch winners

No free lunches were awarded in May.

### JUNE LUNCHEON MEAL

For this month the menu includes meat loaf, whipped potatoes with gravy and vegetables. There will also be rolls, coffee, tea and the wonderful mix of cookies and brownies.

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

### June speaker

Naturalist Ken Lavin, representing the Save Mount Diablo group, will discuss new volcanic findings in Clayton along Marsh Creek Road.

### 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.

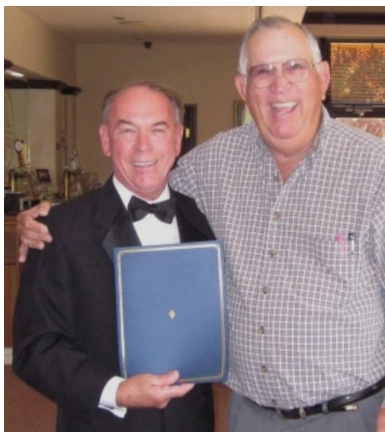


If the guest wishes to become a SIR member, the sponsor should obtain an application form from Membership Chairman Tom Kirtley. Have the guest complete the form, and return it to Tom. The prospective member and their sponsor should attend the next regular luncheon meeting. The Executive Board will vote on the membership, and the new member will be inducted immediately prior to the luncheon.

No new members were inducted at our May Branch 161 meeting.

### 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.



**Left:** Little SIR Frank Smith presented Mike Spellman with a certificate of appreciation.

**Right:** Pete and Adele Constantine pictured with Mike Spellman. Mike's interpretation of Frank Sinatra brought back memories of their dating, when they became Sinatra fans.



## Bowling News, Paul Elmer

The 2011–2012 winter bowling season is over. We had 35 weeks of intense competition consisting of two half seasons with the Rock and Rollers led by Dennis Pachucki, Karen Capra, and Len and Tami Fannucchi won the first half. The Sharp Shooters led by Jose and Margee Arroyo, Anne Wangeman, and Glenn MacBride won the second half. Both teams played for the league championship during the sweepstakes at the end of the season, with the Rock and Rollers coming in first. Great going guys!!



The season awards were as follows: Scratch series, men, went to Bob Rhiner with 741, scratch game, men to Jim George with 289, handicap series to Greg Mattus with 837, and handicap game to Ed Fitzpatrick with 317. The women's awards were Roberta Bodine, scratch series with 668, scratch game to Rosie Elmer with 267, handicap series to Mary Gekas with 820, and handicap game to Nancy Leoncioni with 297. We had 25 teams during the winter season, and now have 17 teams for the summer season that will last until the last week of August. The 2012–2013 winter season starts the first week of September.

Anyone interested in bowling the new season or even the summer season should let me know.

We had a very good turnout for the Carson City Tournament held on April 16th-19th. We also had a record number of people winning cash awards. In 10 different divisions and events we had 25 people or teams cashing. A NEW RECORD FOR BRANCHES 161 AND 108. They were Singles Division 3 – first place to Marie Wilson, 4th place to Terry Damico, 8th place to Karen Patterson, and 10th place to Mary Branscum. Singles Division 1 – 2nd place Paul Elmer, and a tie for 12th place between Eric Jensen and Bob Damico. Singles Division 2 – 4th place – Greg Mattus, 5th place, Ed Gallagher, 10th place Don Patterson. Doubles Division 1, 5th place – Paul and Rosie Elmer, 12th place - Eric Jensen and Jose Arroyo, - Doubles Division 2, 8th place Don Rentzel and Mary Branscum. All Events division 1, 2nd Place Paul Elmer, 11th place Bob Damico, 12th place Eric Jensen. All Events Division 2, 6th

place Greg Mattus, 13th place Ed Gallagher, All Events Division 3 first place Marie Wilson, 5th place Mary Branscum, 8th place Terry Damico, 10th place Julie Bayer. And finally, Team Division one 3rd place Eric Jensen, Julie Bayer, Bill Bayer, and Jose Arroyo. 7th place Rosie Elmer, Russ Reid, Vicky Reid and Paul Elmer.

The State Tournament was held on May 15th-17th. We had two of our finest place in the winnings, with John Fry coming in first place in All Events Division 1 and Tom Kirtley coming in 13th. All in all it has been a good tournament season so far.

GREAT BOWLING !!!!

Paul

### June Birthday Boys

*The following Branch 161 members celebrate their birthday in June:*

*Ed Coats, Paul De Leon, Lee Desalles,  
Jack Disney, Jim Heck, Richard Meyer,  
Ray Neubauer, Doug Pagano, Walter Shipilov,  
George Smith, Tom Snyder, Lowell Thomas,  
Dale Welin, Micheal White.*

### **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](mailto:deltacrzer@comcast.net)



## 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

Wine tasting continues to be a popular activity. In June we plan to offer two different events; A wine tasting at the home of Frank and Alice Cramer on Thursday, June 28, and a dinner and cruise package offered by Captain Morgans Delta Adventures, on Wednesday, June 20. If you are interested in attending either event 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 4:00 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

The pickleball courts have all been refurbished by the town of Discovery Bay and the players are really enjoying the improvement. With the change in time and temperature play is now Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 8:00 am and Wednesday at 5:00 pm. Come join in the fun for a little exercise and competition. We play at the public tennis courts on Willow Lake Rd. Just bring yourself, we have everything else needed.



*Jerry Marshal, Branch 108, on the pickleball court.*

## Dinner With The Ladies, Micheal White

**When:** 26 June 2012.

**Where:** Sweeney's, 310 Oak Street, Brentwood.

**Time:** Dinner served at 6:00pm.

**Price:** \$23.00 per person (includes tax and tip).

### Menu Choices:

Include salad, dessert, non alcoholic drink (ice tea, coffee and water).

Sirloin Steak, Grilled Salmon, Chicken Marsala, and Pasta Primavera. Indicate your choices on the tear-out form at the bottom of this page.

**Deadline:** Need your RSVP no later than June 19, 2012. There will be envelopes at our next meeting. Please send your checks and menu choices to me. Make your checks out to M. E. White, and mail to: 2146 Sand Point Rd. Discovery Bay, CA 94505. Phone 634-0415.

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

Make your check out to M. E. White, and mail to: 2146 Sand Point Rd. Discovery Bay, CA 94505.

Name(s):

Phone:

Sirloin Steak \_\_\_\_\_

Grilled Salmon \_\_\_\_\_

Chicken Marsala \_\_\_\_\_

Pasta Primavera \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner With The Ladies, June 26, 2012 at Sweeney's, 310 Oak Street, Brentwood.

## 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

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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 \_\_\_\_\_)

## Greenhorn Creek—continued from page 5

night at the Greenhorn Creek Resort restaurant. The 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

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## Bridge - Harry Ohlson

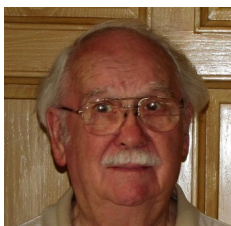
The next bridge session will be on Tuesday, June 19th at the Discovery Bay Country Club. Play begins at 1:00 pm and ends at 4:00 pm.

We need two more committed players to get to two tables.

email [seniorbjo@sbcglobal.net](mailto:seniorbjo@sbcglobal.net) or call 513-3048.

First to call - first to be seated!.

Harry



## Golf News, Dale Welin

27 of us had a nice and long day on a tough golf course. Poppy Ridge was in very good shape from tee to green. The two new bunkers on the Merlot course will be interesting when they complete the work.



The winners are below:

1st place - 123 - Carr, F. Smith, Kirtley, Brodie.

2nd place - 124 - Brunetto, Fanucchi, Zierau, Bree.

3rd place - 128 - Welin, Ward, Ramos, Delgado.

4th place - 129 - Watkins, Rentzel, Fry, Denis.

Closest to the pin winners were Disney and Rentzel.

Congratulations to the above players.

We like to acknowledge players who had a good day. The following players were net below par: Delgado - 62, Zierau - 65, Konold and Denis - 69, and Brodie - 70. Nice going to you all. We will post all your scores for the day.

The June tournament is going to be on Tuesday, June 19 at Deer Ridge Country Club, Brentwood with an 8:00am shotgun start. The cost is \$41.00 for golf, cart and prize money. You can e-mail or call Dale with your intentions to play. Then follow that with a check payable to Dale Welin for the \$41.00. If you have any questions, please call Dale at 516-9463.

See you on the green on the 19th.

Dale Welin

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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.

## 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](mailto:bkonold@comcast.net)

## Photographs needed

Photos add interest to our newsletter and web site. Activities Leaders are encouraged to snap photos during their events and submit them to Tom Jones for inclusion in our publications.

## 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** to Bob Damico for taking pictures at the Mother's Day luncheon.