



SIR

BRANCH 161 NEWS

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A Nonprofit Public Benefit Organization for Retired Men Devoted to the Promotion of Independence and Dignity of Retirement

Walt Shipilov, Big SIR

Membership

Our membership stands at 178 with 6 inactive members. 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.



June Luncheon

The Luncheon was very informative. We had over 120 people attend the luncheon. At times it seemed like I was back in school learning about how and why things look this way on Mount Diablo. The geologic history of Mount Diablo was actually very interesting, if you like stuff like that. Thanks again to our Little SIR, Frank Smith for all his work in pulling this all together.

Greenhorn Creek Golf Outing

There is still time to sign up for this 2-day co-ed golf outing; This is an early October event, so not too hot and not too wintery. This is a fun event with good times and great golf. See Will Myers' article on page 4 for details.

Birthday Boys

Happy birthday to our Branch 161 members celebrating their birthday in July. See page 3 for the list of July birthday boys.

Big Picture

Take a look at the new "SIR Happenings" on the new state-wide State SIR website, www.sirinc.org to see what is "happening" statewide. While you are brows-

ing the Internet, visit our own outstanding Branch website at www.sir161.org

Newsletter

Continue to 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 is a great ice breaker to then invite guests to our luncheons.

Remember - Get out there and participate in our Branch activities, or create a new one for others to join you in doing.

Just get out there and do SOMETHING.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our next Luncheon Meeting on July 10th, the second Tuesday in July.

Walter

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Frank Smith, Little SIR

June Recap

For the June meeting we were served the Chef's famous meatloaf with potatoes and gravy. In addition we had the usual rolls, butter, iced tea, coffee with cookies and brownies.



The speaker was Ken Lavin, representing the Save Mount Diablo organization. His presentation was a



history of the geological formation of the "volcano" on Mount Diablo. He provided info on Josiah Whitney, who "surveyed" the mountain while looking for gold. From his efforts surveying in California, Mount Whitney was

named after him. It was very informative, taking us back millions of years ago and up to today, all in 35 minutes. From our observation point it appeared that he kept most members awake, and we had very few early departures.

Free lunch winners

Craig Wilson and Bob Rhiner were the lucky winners.

JULY LUNCHEON MEAL

For the July meeting we will have Chicken Marcel-la, rice and vegetables. Of course 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.

July speakers

This month our speakers are from the California Department of Fish and Game; Anna Holmes and Brad Burkholder will talk about fish and wildlife species on the Delta.

Frank

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 June Branch 161 meeting.



Bob Horton retired from Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in 2011. His hobbies include bowling and golf. Bob and his wife Val have lived in Discovery Bay for 16 years. Bob's sponsor was Tom Kirtley.



Ed Stewart retired from Aladdin Heating & Sheet Metal in 1982. His hobbies include bowling and genealogy. Ed has lived in Antioch for 3 years. He has 3 children, 4 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. Ed's sponsor was Bob Damico

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 6 for more information.

Bowling News, Paul Elmer

We are in the fifth week of 15 weeks for the summer SIRs League with 17 teams, most with four members, some with three, and one with only two members. Most bowlers are down substantially in average, with the exception of people like Marie Wilson (+21), Terry Damico (+15), Jim Davis (+13), Art Lopez (+11), and Anne Wangeman (+10). Good going guys!



Most of the rest of us are struggling to get back to our entering averages. Current leaders are:

Men: Scratch series - John Fry, 706; Handicap series - Bob Horton, 705; Scratch game – Cliff Boehrer, 268; Handicap game – Ron Wilson, 267.

Women: Scratch game - Terry Damico, 236; Scratch series – Marie Wilson, 639; Handicap series – Rosie Elmer, 702; Handicap game – Jan Finch, 269.

It is with a heaviness of heart but great loving memories of Karen Patterson, spouse of Don Patterson, that we report her graduation to a better life in a place where there is no pain and no suffering. She was an incredibly gentle spirit and a joy to be around. Karen will be greatly missed.

Tournament-wise, the results from the Pinole tournament held on June 6th and 7th are in, with Greg Mattus being the only one to place in the money. He came in 6th in singles “B” division. Upcoming tournaments include Yuba City on July 16th and 17th, Napa on July 30th and 31st, and Reno on August 20th-22nd. Entry forms are available for all of these. Be sure to see me for the forms.

Bob Rhiner entered the PBA Senior Tournament held on June 18th-20th at Harvest Park Bowl, and had quite an interesting time. Imagine bowling with some of the world’s greatest bowlers and competing at their level – a very good challenge! Although he did not make the cut to the top 24 to compete in match play, he showed how much endurance it takes to bowl 16 games in two days under difficult lane conditions and intense competition. Well done !!

Thanks again to John and Mary Fry for the stats.

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 info on these and other activities.



Wine Tasting – Dick Donald

Wine tasting continues to be a popular activity. We will have our regular wine tasting on the fourth Thursday at a location to be determined. If you are interested in attending or hosting, please contact Dick Donald at 513-2849, or email DickDonald@Yahoo.com .

Bocce Ball– Dick Donald – 513-2849

Play is Wednesday afternoons at 5:00 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 Road. Just bring yourself, we have everything else needed.

July Birthday Boys

*Bob Anderson, Harlan Averitt, Rich Brunetto,
Murray Cole, Jerry Dittman, Lee Doty,
Brian Enbom, Remy Giannini, Dick Jamison,
Tom Jones, Tom Kirtley, Mar Knittel,
Lowell Onstad, Bob Rhiner, Dan Riordan, Al Ruiz,
Bob Rutherford, Ray Serafin, Ernie Wodiske,
Dean (Bill) Wood and Pat Woods.*

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

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 _____)

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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.

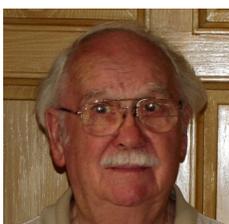
The total cost per person for those golfing (which includes two-days of golfing, two-days of after-golf hors d'oeuvres, villa housing, and prize money) is \$183.00 for those staying one night, while it is \$222.00 for those staying two nights. The total cost per person for the non-golfers (which includes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

Bridge - Harry Ohlson

The next bridge session will be held on Tuesday, July 17th @ 1:00 pm in the Discovery Bay Country Club dining room. Play begins at 1:00 pm and ends at 4:00 pm.



Players must call me by July 13th to reserve a seat. First called - first seated. Two tables require 8 players, and we currently have 6. Cut off is 8 with no flexibility. Call Harry Ohlson at 925-513-3048.

Harry

Golf News, Dale Welin

Our tournament was played at Deer Ridge Country Club in Brentwood, and we had 26 players participate. The format was 1 best ball for the odd numbered holes and 2 best balls for the even numbered holes, and all 4 net balls counted for # 18. The results are below:



1st place - 94 - Zwemer, Rentzel, Macbride, Denis

2nd place - 96 - Watkins, Fry, Lopp

3rd place - 100 - Onstad, Pacheco, Zierau, Brodie

Closest to the pins were Welin and Konieczny.

(Welcome to Ed Konieczny to our SIR Branch 161 and the golf club).

16 players netted par or better on the course we played. In the future, when we play Deer Ridge Country Club, we will adjust the yardage for the tees we will play. The weather was good and the course played fast and longer.

The lowest net rounds were Denis - 62, Bree - 63, Pacheco - 63, Zwemer - 65, and Fanucchi - 66.

Congratulations to the players listed and all of the other 11 players who netted under par.

Our July golf tournament is scheduled for Tuesday, July 17 at The Reserve Golf Course in Stockton. We will have an 8:00 am shotgun start. Details will follow in an e-mail to the golf members of SIR Branch 161.

See you in July.

Dale Welin

Attention old Car Guys

That means owners of old cars, not old car owners. If you have an old car, muscle car or street rod, be sure to bring (drive) it to our July meeting.

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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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

Photographs welcome

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

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