



SIR BRANCH 161 NEWS

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Walt Shipilov, Big SIR

Next luncheon meeting

Our next Luncheon meeting will be on Tuesday, August 14, 2012. This is the second Tuesday in August.

If you will not attend make sure that you contact our Attendance Chairman, Bill Konold at 634-0697 or bkonold@comcast.net. If you miss the meeting and do not let us know in advance you may be charged for the meal, since we have to guarantee seating to the Country Club.



Branch Elections for 2013

Our Nominating Committee has put forth a slate of recommended Officers and Directors. for 2013. The nominees are:

Nominations for 2013 Elections

Big SIR – Frank Smith
Little SIR – Floyd McBeth
Secretary – Jim Davis
Treasurer – Tony Pacheco
Assistant Treasurer – Remy Giannini
Assistant Secretary – Mike Reich
Director – Bob Damico
Director – Paul Elmer
Director – Tom Kirtley
Director – Lowell Onstad
Director – Dale Welin
Director – Mike White

Nominations will be closed and voted on at our Au-

gust luncheon meeting, with new Officers taking office in January 2013.

Revised Attendance Policy

The Board has recently revised our attendance policy, please read it. It is located later in this Newsletter.

Membership

Our Branch 161 membership continues to stand at 178 with 6 inactive members. Last month we lost two members and had two new members accepted by the Board and inducted.

Activities

Our Branch activities remain strong and well attended. For you daring SIRs try something new or try it again, you might like it this time.

Big Picture

Take a look at the new “SIR Happenings” on the state
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-wide State website, 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 for more Branch information and pictures.

NEWSLETTER

Continue to share the Branch 161 Newsletter with your wife or significant other and make sure that she shares the Newsletter with you, the actual Branch member, if that's the way it works in your household. 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 August 14th, the second Tuesday in August.

Walter

August Birthday Boys

The following Branch 161 members celebrate their birthday in August:

Al Box, Ed Carr, Earl Cole, Pete Constantine, Hal Crose, Ken Dickens, Tom Gomez, Farrell Hinkle, Hiram Jennings, Ben Mahlberg, Mike McCleery, Bill Murphy, Will Myers, Harry Ohlson, Don Patterson, Ralph Pfirrmann, Lynn Pierce, Don Ramos and Warren Young

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.

Old Car Guys

That's owners of old cars, not old owners of cars. Branch 161 members who own an old car, muscle car, or street rod were encouraged to drive it to our July luncheon meeting. A total of 19 of these cars showed up in the parking lot, and members looked on in admiration while the car owners patiently answered questions.



Frank Smith, Little SIR

July Recap

For the July meeting we were served the Chef's famous Chicken Marcela, rice and vegetables. In addition we had the usual rolls, butter, iced tea, coffee with cookies and brownies.



The speakers were Anna Holmes and Brad Burkholder from the California Department of Fish and Game. Brad presented an overview of the Delta and how it has evolved over the years. He also presented a review of the many species of fish in the Delta, including some very ugly ones that had evolved from other counties and states by people "dropping" them off.



Anna reviewed the progress of wildlife habitat development. She informed us of the most mature area, Decker Island with 32 acres of channels, where wild life is now returning. Also Bradford Island, 50 acres with riparian forest and marshes is doing well. Anna also covered the new habitat being developed near Bethel Island.

These projects are an attempt to return part of the development of the Delta to encourage more wildlife. The highlight of the meeting was the handing out of Delta maps and regulations. Demand was high so there will be more available at the next meeting in August.

Free lunch winners

This month the lucky winners were Lowell Thomas and Randy Zierau.

AUGUST LUNCHEON MEAL

For the August meeting we will have Salisbury Steak and mashed potatoes with gravy. All of this complemented with 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.

August speaker

This month our speaker will be from the Livermore Labs National Fission Facility. The subject will be Bringing Star Power to Earth.
Frank

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

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.

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 9 for more information.

Two new members were inducted at our July Branch 161 meeting.

Dick Macdonald



Dick retired in 2010 as General manager of AT&T Communications. He has lived in Discovery Bay for 28 years. His hobbies include golf and motorcycle riding. Dick and his wife Claudia have 4 children and 4 grandchildren.

Dick's sponsor was Jack Thomas.

Gary Tucker



Gary retired in 2006 from a career as a dentist. He has lived in Discovery Bay for 18 years. His hobbies include home improvement.

Gary and his wife Linda have 3 children and 4 grandchildren.

Gary's sponsor was Micheal White.

From your newsletter team

This publication is produced and published through a team effort by:

Editor: Tom Jones

email distribution: LaVan Bock

Paper copies and mailing: Bill Konold

If we can improve this publication, please let any one of the team know.

Photographs needed

Photos add interest to our newsletter and web site. This month is a good example, with photos from several Branch 161 activities.

Activities Leaders are encouraged to snap photos during their events and submit them to Tom Jones for inclusion in our publications.

Bowling News, Paul Elmer

We have completed 8 of 15 weeks bowling, with the Disco Boys and Team 8 separated by 1 ½ games. The Disco Boys are led by Elwood Davis, Jim Davis and Russ Reid.

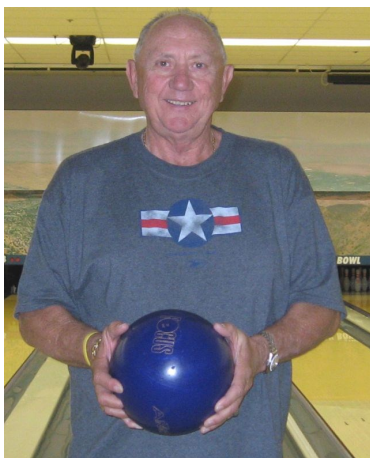
Team 8 has Warren Young, Connie Ryan, Doris Cole and Eric Jensen. Good competition but watch out! Team 1 isn't that far behind.



Speaking of Warren Young, he managed to squeak out an amazing 298 to compete for high game of the season. Scratch series currently has Bob Rhiner with 719, handicap series has John Fry with 742, and handicap game is Jim Heck with 280. For the women's scratch series Marie Wilson has 639, scratch game has Terry Damico with 236, handicap series is Margee Arroyo with 709, and handicap game is Jan Finch with 269.

There are two upcoming tournaments, one in Napa that we have had no response to, and the other in Reno on August 20th, 21st, and 22nd, that we have had a large response to. We should have 28 to 32 bowlers going.

We are starting to formulate the leagues for the winter season which starts on Sept. 11th, and also starting to work on entry forms for our own Bob Matteucci 9th Annual bowling tournament scheduled for October 16th and 18th. Last year we had 135 bowlers sign up. It's a lot of work but with John Fry, Bill Bayer, and Curtis Manning helping to run, it the workload should be light.



The selection for the bowler of the month goes to Jim Heck. As most of you know, Jim has had some especially difficult physical problems this year; But he has persevered with determination to bowl to the best of his ability. Although he booked a 182 average last year, he started out this summer

with an average around 100. But with determination he has now raised it to 122, with an occasional game in the 160's, 180's and a high game of 190. He started bowling in the SIR league in 2002-2003 and each year has averaged 182 or better, with a high of 188.

Keep up the good work, Jim, and don't lose that infectious smile.

Paul

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 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.

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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. July's event was hosted by Ed and Michelle Carr. Next month's event will occur on the fourth Thursday of August. 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

Play is Wednesday afternoons at 5 PM. If you would like to play just show up at the bocce ball courts at

the Discovery Bay Country Club and we will put together teams on the spot.

Pickleball - Bob Lyman – 628-7906

Pickleball is expanding within SIRs. Our SIRs member Don Patterson traveled to Riverbank and ran a clinic for the Modesto SIRs Activities Chairman and Big Sir. They were so enthused they have asked him back to run another clinic and also make a presentation to Branch 144 Modesto SIRs. Their activities chairman, Chuck Adams, reports there are 600 SIRs members in the greater Modesto area encompassing additional Branches 103 and 143.

Locally we are still looking to get more of you SIRs out to play; The social aspect of this game is one its greatest aspects. Current play is now Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 8:00 am and Wednesday at 5:00 pm. So let's 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.

Dinner With The Ladies, Bob Damico

When: 28 August 2012.

Where: Island Joe's Café & Bakery, 6210 Bethel Island Road, Bethel Island, CA.

Time: Dinner served at 6:00pm.

Price: \$20.00 per person (includes tax and tip).

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

Jagerschnitzel with creamy mushroom gravy, Basa (mild white fish) sautéed with lemon butter white wine sauce, Vegetarian Lasagna layered with ricotta and mozzarella cheeses, marinara sauce, topped with a béchamel sauce and Chicken Marsala, sautéed with fresh mushrooms and marsala wine. (Indicate your choice below).

Deadline: Need your RSVP no later than 21 August 2012. There will be envelopes at our next meeting. Please send your checks and menu choices to me. Make your checks out to R. C. Damico, and mail to: 141 Discovery Bay Blvd., Discovery Bay, CA 94505. Phone: 634-0465.



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

Name(s):

Phone:

Jagerschnitzel _____

Basa _____

Chicken Marsala _____

Lasagna _____

Dinner With The Ladies, August 28, 2012 at Island Joe' Café & Bakery, 6210 Bethel Island Rd., Bethel Island, CA

19th Annual Al DiGiusto Boat Cruise & Lunch

Another successful Branch 161 event!

It all started back in 1993, after a SIR meeting, or maybe it was a boat ride, or maybe a round of golf, and a discussion with his buddies. Al DiGiusto conceived the idea to plan a SIR event that would introduce the non-boating SIRs and their wives to the world of boating on the Delta.

The idea was simple: Get the SIRs with boats to invite the non-boaters to ride with them on a Cruise to one of the many Delta waterfront restaurants for lunch. A great idea: Have a boat ride, and enjoy lunch together too! Al coordinated this very successful event for 12 years-until his passing in 2005. The event continues in his honor as the Al DiGiusto Memorial Boat Cruise / Lunch.

This year's event was held on Thursday July 19, 2012 at the Boardwalk Grill here in Discovery Bay. The day started a little "iffy". It was cloudy and rain possible??? The clouds went away and it turned out great—about 75-80 degrees --not bad for the middle of July! We had 7 boats and 75 people – some arrived as early as 10:30 (Vargas)-they had to call the bartender in early just for you Vince. A good time was had by all.



Special Thanks go out to our boat Captains: Carlo Delazzar, Dick Donald, Dick Jamison, John Lopp, Don Patterson, Bob Smith and Vince Vargas. And, of course, a big thank you to all from Angie for this tribute to her husband Al.

Bob Damico

Golf News, Dale Welin

We had 28 players (7 full four-somes) play at The Reserve Golf Course in Stockton on a cooler day than expected. The format was par - point, which means the higher score the better.



One team had a very high score!!! 1st place - 145 - Zwemer, Disney, Zierau, Pachucki; 2nd place - 131 - Brunetto, Fry, Konieczny, Donald (welcome Dick).; 3rd place - 131 - Onstad, F. Smith, Konold, Brodie; Tie broken from back 9 best score. Closest to the pins - Fanucchi and Welin; Five players were under par with their handicap: Konold - 67, Donald - 68, Pachucki - 69, Welin - 70, and Zierau - 71

For August, we will be at Shadow Lakes; The details are:

When: Tuesday, August 21

Where: Shadow Lakes GC, Brentwood

Time: 8:00 am shotgun start

Cost: \$36.00 includes, golf, cart, and prizes

Format: To be announced

Please e-mail or make a phone call to Dale to get your name on the player list and send your check to Dale. We will be starting at 8:00 am and please check in by 7:30 am on the 21st with Dale, so we will be ready to go to our starting holes. The cutoff day is at the August luncheon, Aug. 14

See you in August.

Dale Welin

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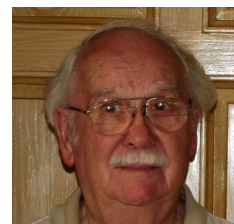
The total cost per person for those golfing (which includes two-days of golfing, two-days of after-golf hors d'oeuvres, villa housing, and prize money) is \$183.00 for those staying one night, while it is \$222.00 for those staying two nights. The total cost per person for the non-golfers (which includes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

For the first time in 2 years we had eight players (2 tables) for bridge.



The winner of last month's game was Ernie Wodiske - good show Ernie!

It was decided to start earlier in August; The new time will be 12:30 pm on Tuesday, August 21st. Players mark your calendars and call in by August 13th.

Harry

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 *(Revised July, 2012)*

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 to when 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 Luncheon meetings unless prevented by illness, absence from the Branch locale, or acting as a caregiver to a spouse or companion. If you cannot attend, you are required to notify the Attendance Chairman by the Friday prior to the luncheon meeting or you may be charged for the luncheon.

Regular members missing three consecutive meetings without notifying the Attendance Chairman, or missing more than five (5) meetings within the last 12 months for any reason, shall be notified by letter or email of the Branch Executive Committee's pending action to terminate their membership.

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