



SIR BRANCH 161 NEWS

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Walt Shipilov, Big SIR

Next luncheon meeting

Our next Luncheon meeting will be on Tuesday, October 9th, 2012. This is the second Tuesday in October.

If you know you will not attend the luncheon make sure that you contact our Attendance Chairman, Bill Konold at 634-2738 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.



Attendance

Attendance at the Luncheon meetings is important to us as a group. It is where we renew relationships, exchange stories about our recent experiences and plan for new events to participate in. So it is important to us that you participate in our monthly Luncheons. The Board has recently revised our Luncheon attendance policy. In summary you are expected to attend 5 Luncheon meetings per year to be a member in good standing. If you are an active member and miss more than 3 meetings in a row or more than 5 Luncheon meetings in a year you may be dropped from membership by the Branch Board. If you will not be available to attend for a long time due to travel, illness or being a care giver you can request be placed on inactive status for six months by the Branch Board. Just let us know.

Membership

Our Branch 161 membership continues to stand at 175 with 7 inactive members. Last month we had

three members dropped, one by request and two for health reasons. We did not have any new members accepted by the Board last month.

Activities

Start lining up your dates (yes both people and calendar) and start making plans for our Christmas Luncheon. The date will be December 11th and the cost will be \$21 per person with some outstanding entertainment.

We have 8 couples going to Greenhorn Creek for our SIR Branch Golf Outing. This should be a lot of fun for all attending.

The Fall Bowling League has started rolling along, and still has room for more bowlers of all skill levels (from never done it to I can make a living doing this). This is fun for everyone.

October 18th will be our Branch Golf Championship Tournament. Stay tuned for who will be crowned the 2012 Branch 161 Golf Champion. Maybe a newcomer

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will walk away with the title this year. Our Branch activities remain strong and well attended. Continue to participate. For you daring SIRs try something new or try it again, you might like it this time. We will be having Golf, Bowling, Pickle Ball, Bridge, Wine Tasting, Bocce Ball and Diner-with-The-Ladies events in October. And don't forget the Christmas Luncheon in December. There is lots to do; GO GET'EM SIRs.

BIG PICTURE

Last month we had a visit from our State SIR President, Jim Stedman, who presented Bob Damico with a certificate and pin designating him a Honorary Lifetime Member of SIR. He updated the attending members on the status of SIR statewide.



Check out www.sirinc.org to see what is "happening" statewide. While you are browsing the Internet, visit our own outstanding Branch website at www.sir161.org for more Branch information and pictures.

NEWSLETTER

Continue to share the Branch 161 Newsletter with your wife or significant other, or 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 the newsletter with others; It's 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 October 9th, the second Tuesday in October.

Walter

October Birthday Boys

The following Branch 161 members celebrate their birthday in October:

Firoz Bharwani, Lee Brant, Joey Brignolio, Tom Capelli, Michael Cline, James Gekas, Tony Pacheco, Marty Price, Don Reid, Gary Tucker, Herb Willmes and Ron Wilson.

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.

2012 Branch 161 Meetings Calendar

01/10/2012	07/10/2012
02/14/2012	08/14/2012
03/13/2012	09/11/2012
04/10/2012	10/9/2012
05/08/2012 (note 1)	11/13/2012
06/12/2012	12/11/2012 (note 1)

Note 1: Mother's Day and Christmas With The Ladies are not 'required' Branch luncheon meetings.

Frank Smith, Little SIR

September Recap

For the September meeting we were served Chicken Parmesan with Pasta Alfredo and vegetables. In addition, we had the usual rolls, butter, iced tea, coffee with cookies and brownies.



The speaker was Anthony (Tony) Fontenot from the Contra Costa County Sheriff's office. Tony has a unique job as Resident Crime Prevention Specialist for the Town of Discovery Bay. His job is as described in his title; He works for the Sheriff's Department and he coordinates the efforts of the two Sheriff's Deputies assigned to the area.

The area covers from Bethel Island to the county line. He reviewed the precautionary things to do to prevent most burglaries to homes and autos. A couple of these were to:



- Lock all doors and windows when leaving for any amount of time; Alarms are good but not always as effective as securing the home.
- Notify your neighbors when going on vacations or even short visits.
- Stop the newspapers.

One major new item for Discovery Bay people is to call 646-2441, which is the Sheriff's direct number to notify them of any incursions, or any suspicious activities. By using this number, the local enforcement people are notified immediately. Also, it is especially important when calling 911 from a cell phone as those calls go directly to a Highway Patrol dispatch center who then has to refer it to the Sheriff's office for dispatch.

Free Lunch Winners

Winners of the September free lunch were "Lucky"

Jim Heck and Ed Coats.

October speaker

This month our speaker will be Chief Henderson from the East Contra Costa Fire Prevention District. The title of his talk will be The current State of the District.

OCTOBER LUNCHEON MEAL

The following meal is planned for the October meeting: Bratwurst, braised Red Cabbage, Sauerkraut and potato pancakes. All of this complemented with rolls, coffee, tea and the always 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.

Golf News, Dale Welin

On Tuesday, September 25 we played at Lone Tree in Antioch and had 8 full four-somes. The course seemed to have won, as only 7 players netted par or better. The results follow:



- 1st place - 117 - Brunetto, Fry, Rentzel, Brodie
- 2nd place - 118 - Welin, Macdonald, F. Smith, Neubauer
- 3rd place - 121 - Zwemer, Goodwin, Ramos, Pachucki
- 4th place - 123 - Onstad, Konieczny, Zierau, Denis

Closest to the pin winners were Fanucchi and Zierau. The players that netted par or better were: Ramos - 68, Burke - 70, Fry, Zwemer - 71, and Brunetto, Carr, Welin - 72. Congratulations to Don Ramos for an outstanding round.

Our Branch's Golf Club Championship tournament will be on Thursday, October 18, 2012 at Roddy Ranch. The details for the tournament are below:

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When: Thursday, October 18, 2012.

Where: Roddy Ranch, Brentwood.

Time: 8:00 am from the first tee.

Cost: \$49.00 per player includes golf, cart, prizes and a lunch card (worth \$10.00) at Diggers.

Format: Individual net.

Tees: A modified course, same tees for all players.

I have mentioned previously about including lunch with this event. The idea has resulted due to the first tee start times at Roddy Ranch. We expect 32 players, 8 tee times that will require at least one hour. When each group completes their round, be sure the scorecards match, sign them and head to Diggers. This will allow a steady flow of our players arriving at Diggers.

The Diggers restaurant is on Balfour Road, across the street from Vic Stewart's. They have a small room in the rear of the restaurant that will fit our group; So, when you get there, order what you want from the menu and eat what you ordered. When we all get there, we will check the scorecards and present the trophy and prize money.

I played Roddy Ranch 6 weeks ago and I have prepared a course with a mix of tees from the Silver and Rust courses. The distance will be 5,679 yards in length. This has been done to speed up play and have fun at Roddy Ranch. The modified course will test all of our skills!

As usual, contact Dale to get your name on the entry list. Then send a check to Dale Welin. You all are invited to play on the 18th regardless if you have qualified for the championship. There will be cash prizes as usual. In order to win the championship, you must have played in at least 2 events with us in 2012. If there are any questions, please let me know.

Dale Welin

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.

There were no new members inducted at our September 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 the last page of this newsletter for more information.

From your newsletter team

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

Bowling News, Paul Elmer

Last month I stated that it looked as though not many of our people would place in the money for the Reno Tournament. I WAS WRONG!! The lane conditions were tough for some of us but others did just fine.

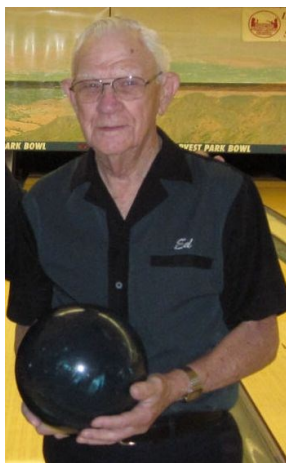


We had 14 different people place in the money in 18 cash places. They are: Singles Division 1, Warren Young 5th place, Tom Kirtley, 22nd place and Paul Elmer 26th place. Division 3 singles found Doris Cole in 5th place, Shirley Madsen 6th place, Videlle Marshall 13th place, Val Heck 14th place, and Roberta Bodine 15th place. Division 2 Doubles had only one pair placing and that was Don Patterson and Shirley Madsen in 13th place. All Events Division 1 had Warren Young in 18th place and Tom Kirtley in 24th place. And finally Division 3 All Events had Shirley Madsen in 2nd place, Dottie Harris in 3rd place, Vicky Reid in 7th place, Doris Cole in 10th place, Mary Hershberger in 13th place and Pat Rhiner in 15th place. Well done!!! We had 18 paid places out of over 400 bowlers.

The next tournament on our schedule is our own Bob Matteucci Memorial Tournament to be held on Tuesday Oct. 16th and/or Thursday Oct. 18th. I expect that there will be about 135 or so bowlers attending.

We have completed 2 weeks of our 35 week season with team 22 in first place. Team 22 is piloted by Art Lopez, Ed Fitzpatrick, and Cliff Boehrer. The other 23 teams are definitely in the hunt this early in the season.

Our featured bowler of the month is Ed Stewart. Ed recently joined branch 161 and almost immediately signed up for bowling. Ed was born on a farm in Modena, Missouri but worked most of his life as a sheet metal worker, and retired in 1982. He started bowling in Alameda, CA, in 1942. Do you realize that is longer ago than a lot of us are old! He cur-

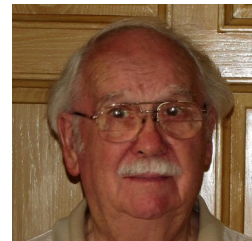


rently bowls in three leagues and selected tournaments at Harvest Park Bowl. His high game is 278 and he currently carries a 165 average. Oh, by the way, Ed is 95 years old. I agree with Bob Damico, who helped with this information, that Ed is a true inspiration for all of us.

Paul

Bridge - Harry Ohlson

The next bridge session will be held at 12:30pm on October 16th at the Discovery Bay Country Club.



All interested Bridge Players should contact me to reserve a seat. email - seniorbjo@sbcglobal.net or call 925-513-3048.

SIR 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 deltacruz@comcast.net



SIR Branch 161 on the web

www.sir161.org

For more news, photos, and links to state SIR information, visit our web site.

The latest issue of **SIR Happenings** can be downloaded via a link on our web site.

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

Richard and Kay Wisdom will host the wine tasting in October. 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 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

The pickleball group is 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 am and Wednesday at 5:00 pm. So 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.

Dinner With The Ladies, Micheal White

When: 23 October 2012.

Where: CAP's Oak Street Bar & Grill, 144 Oak Street, Brentwood.

Time: Dinner served at 6:00pm.

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

Broiled Salmon, with rice pilaf; Marinated Grilled Chicken Breast, with lemon butter sauce served with rice pilaf; Tri-Tip with herbed fettuccini; and Lamb Shank with garlic mashed potatoes. Indicate your choice below.

Cost: \$25.00 per person (includes tax and tip).

Deadline: Need your RSVP no later than 16 October 2012. There will be envelopes at our next meeting. Make your checks out to M. E. White and mail to 2146 Sand Point Road, Discovery Bay, CA 94505. Phone: 634-0415. If you will please send your checks and menu choices to me prior it would be helpful.



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

Name(s):

Phone:

Broiled salmon _____

Tri tip _____

Chicken breast _____

Lamb shank _____

Dinner With The Ladies, October 23, 2012 at CAP's Oak Street Bar & Grill, 144 Oak Street, Brentwood.

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