



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

Frank Smith, Big Sir

Opening statement

June and warmer weather is here. Time to get out and do "stuff". Bocce ball, pickle ball and golf are three activities that fit this time of year.

Travel will also increase. Remember, If you will be travelling please let Bill Konold know by the Friday before the scheduled meeting. Word is the Mothers Day luncheon went well. Thanks Floyd.



Next Regular luncheon meeting

Our next regular luncheon meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 11th, 2013.

If you know you will not attend this 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 our regular luncheon meetings is important to us as a Branch. If you are not there you will be missed. Our luncheons are a time to 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 regular monthly luncheons.

If you will not be available to attend for a long time due to travel, illness, or being a care giver, you can request that you be placed on inactive status for six

months by the Branch Board. Just let us know.

Membership

Our Branch membership remains at 166. Actually we lost one member, Jim Heck, but he is still on the roster until the June meeting.

Recruiting is still a very important key to keeping us strong so please continue to remind friends and neighbors to come visit us and possibly join up.

Activities

SIR is not just about attending monthly luncheons, but includes a multitude of activities. Details on these activities are in this newsletter. Read about them and consider joining.

If we do not provide or activity YOU are interested in, let me know and maybe we can start it up

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Big Picture

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. Share the newsletter 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 June 11th.

Frank

June Birthday Boys

The following Branch 161 members celebrate their birthday in June:

Joe Arroyo, Ed Coats, Paul De Leon, Jack Disney, John Howard, Richard Meyer, Ray Neubauer, Doug Pagano, Ray Qualls, Walter Shipilov, George Smith, Tom Snyder, Lowell Thomas, Dale Welin and Micheal White.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY Boys!!!!.

If your name is missing or not correct let Big Sir, Frank Smith at 513-2885, know so our records are corrected.

Floyd McBeth, Little Sir

May 2013 Recap

Our May Mother's Day Luncheon was attended by 64 members and 71 guests. The wives and mothers were given yellow roses. Our lunch was Crepes ala Reine, Rice Pilaf, seasonal vegetables and a special strawberry tart for dessert.



Free Lunch Winners

There was no drawing for a free lunch.

Entertainment

I think the wives and members were pleased with the music presented by "The Sparks Sisters". They are the granddaughters of Dr. & Mrs. Clinton Sparks. They sang a number of songs and each played a special song on our grand piano. A standing applause was given to the girls on completion of their program.



The young ladies also helped out in our short meeting by singing "Happy Birthday" to the SIR members. They also led us in "God Bless America" at the end of the day. If you were unable to attend, you missed a great time.

June luncheon meal

The June luncheon will be held on June 11, 2013. We will enjoy meat loaf, whipped potatoes with gravy and seasonal vegetables.

June speaker

We will have a naturalist from the East Bay Regional Park District speaking to us on The Black Diamond

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Mines in Antioch. If you have never been there, you will find that we have unique and interesting mines, located very close to us.

Classic/specialty car day

At our June meeting we plan to repeat a "parking lot event" held in 2012. If you have an old car, muscle car, street rod, or a collector type vehicle, be sure to bring (drive) it to our June meeting. Last year's event, organized by Eric Jensen and Bill Konold, was very popular, with 19 old and specialty cars on display in the parking lot. Owners proudly displayed their cars and patiently answered questions for Branch 161 members after the luncheon meeting.

Other

SIR Branch 161 on the web. www.sir161.org. For more news, photos and links to state SIR information, visit our website. The latest issue of SIR Happenings can be downloaded via a link on our web site.

Little Sir Floyd McBeth

SIR Golf Tournament, Will Myers

Again it is time to announce the beginning of sign-ups for our annual SIR Golfing Tournament for members and their mates at the Greenhorn Creek Resort at nearby Angels Camp scheduled this year for Wednesday, October 2 and Thursday, October 3, 2013. This is the only SIR golfing event which involves the ladies, whether they play golf or not.



The golfing package consists of two days of golf on the beautiful Greenhorn Creek golf course and housing at the adjacent excellent 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. SIR members have the option of staying at the villas for one night or two nights. Another option is to either seek your own source of dinner on Wednesday night and/or Thursday night, or what most have done in past years is to meet and have dinner at the excellent Greenhorn Creek resort restaurant. Each day after golfing, hors d'oeuvres of nachos, calamari, buffalo wings, and batter fried asparagus will be provided by the Greenhorn Creek staff on the patio overlooking the 18th green. The nearby towns of Angels Camp and Murphy provide plenty of entertainment, restaurants and shopping during the day for both golfers and non-golfers.

The total cost per golfer (which includes golfing, two days of hors d'oeuvres, housing, and golf prize money) is \$183 for those staying one night, while it is \$222 for those staying two nights. The total cost per person for the non-golfers (which includes two days of hors d'oeuvres, and housing) is \$47 for those staying one night, while it is \$86 for those staying two nights. Past participants of this event will note that the total prices are the same as they were last year.

A sign-up sheet will be in the Discovery Bay Country Club lobby at our monthly SIR meetings through September. 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. Sign up and come join us for two days of fun at this beautiful, yet nearby location. If you have any questions, see or call Will Myers at 925-516-9448.

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 the last page of this newsletter for more information.

Dinner With The Ladies, Micheal White

When: 25 June 2013.

Where: Orleans (A Taste of Louisiana), 613 First Street, Suite 100, Brentwood, CA.

Time: Arrive 5:00pm, Dinner served at 6:00pm.

Menu: Include Salad, Dessert, non alcoholic drink (ice tea/ coffee and water) and dessert. Filet Mignon Medallions (demi-glaze), Opelousas Baked Chicken, Catfish or Red Snapper; with Creole Sauce over Rice, or Shrimp and Lobster Ravioli (sherry cream sauce). Served with a medley of fresh vegetables. (Indicate your choice below)

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

Deadline: Need your RSVP no later than 18th June, 2013. There will be envelopes at our meeting on 11th June. If you will please send your checks to me prior it would be helpful. Make your checks out to M. E. White and mail to 2146 Sand Point Road, Discovery Bay, CA 94505. Phone: 634-0415.



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

Name(s):

Phone:

Filet Mignon Medallions _____

Opelousas Chicken _____

Catfish Luzianne _____

Shrimp and Lobster Ravioli _____

Red Snapper Luzianne _____

Dinner With The Ladies, June 25, 2013 at Orleans (A Taste of Louisiana). 613 First Street, Suite 100, Brentwood, CA.

The 20th Annual Al DiGiusto Boat Cruise and Luncheon July 18, 2013, Bob Damico

In 1993, 20 years ago, 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 Sirs with boats invited the non-boaters to ride with them on a Cruise to one of the many Delta waterfront restaurants for lunch. Al coordinated this very successful event for 12 years, until his passing in 2005. The event continues in his honor.



This year's Boat Cruise and Lunch will be held Thursday, July 18th, 2013 and starts at The Boardwalk Grill in Discovery Bay. There will be sign-up sheets at the June and July meetings.

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. Or for those interested, go out on the river for a faster ride. Sign up with 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 / boat captains there to give you a ride after lunch.

Sign Up deadline is July 11, 2013.

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

Your Name(s):

Phone #:

Your Menu Choices:

Chicken Wrap _____

Chicken Caesar Salad _____

Tri Tip Sandwich _____

Fish & Chips _____

(Make check out to / Mail to: R.C. Damico 141 Discovery Bay Blvd. Discovery Bay, CA 94505)

Check one:

____ Need a Boat Ride ____ Have Boat Ride - Riding with _____

____ Have Boat and need passengers (have room for ____)

Al DiGiusto Boat Cruise and Luncheon July 18, 2013

Bowling News, Paul Elmer

OK, here we go, are you ready? The Carson City Tournament once again was very good for Branch 161 and 108. We had 22 people cash in 41 places. They are: Singles Div 1 – Eric Jensen 1st, Ron Wilson 2nd, (it should be noted that Eric won by just two pins), Jerry Marshall 5th, Cliff Boehrner 8th, and Paul Elmer 19th. Singles Div 2 were: Jack Bree 9th. Singles Div 3 were: Marie Wilson 1st, (as she did in 2012), Linda Manning 4th, and Dottie Harris 5th. Team Div 1 Natalie Paris, Keith Jones, Rosie Elmer and Paul Elmer 7th place. Team Div 2 Jim Davis, Fred Critchfield, Mary Branscum and Jack Bree 1st place. All Events Div 1 Ron Wilson 2nd, Eric Jensen 5th, Jerry Marshall 6th, Paul Elmer 17th, and Jose Arroyo 19th. All Events Div 2 Jack Bree 3rd, Bill Bayer 20th. All Events Div 3, Marie Wilson 1st, Dottie Harris 7th, Mary Branscum 8th, Rosie Elmer 9th, and Natalie Paris 11th. WELL DONE!!



The other big news is that after 35 weeks of bowling and a playoff between Ten Pin Alley (Warren Young, Connie Ryan, Doris Cole and Frank Smith), and Team 9 (Dick Donald, Mary Branscum and Jack Bree), Ten Pin Alley defeated Team 9 for the league championship. The first two games were split with Ten Pin Alley taking a narrow lead in total pins, but won decisively in the third game for the league championship. This qualified Ten Pin Alley to be the 1st recipients of the newly created 'Elwood Davis/Jim Heck Memorial Trophy' to be on display in perpetuity at Harvest Park Bowl.

Season high awards were as follows. Men: scratch series - Curtis Manning 735, scratch game – Paul Elmer 299, handicap series – Greg Mattus 778, and handicap game – Eric Jensen 316. Women: scratch series – Rosie Elmer 650, scratch game – Mary Branscum 225, handicap series – Terry Damico 752, and handicap game – Pam Jarvie 308.

The summer session of the SIR bowling league will start on June 3rd with 16 teams and only 12 short weeks of competition due to holidays and senior pro-tour coming to Harvest Park on the week of June 16th -19th. All are welcome to come and watch some of

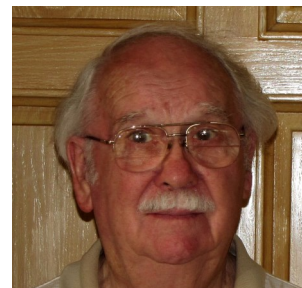
the finest bowlers in history compete right in our own back yard; It will be a high scoring shoot-out this year.

Paul

Bridge - Harry Ohlson

All bridge players are welcome, new or old. Our next session is June 18th, noon at the Discovery Bay Country Club. Please call me for seating at 513-3048.

Harry O.



2013 Branch 161 Meetings Calendar

01/22/2013	07/9/2013
02/12/2013	08/13/2013
03/12/2013	09/17/2013 (note 1)
04/9/2013	10/8/2013
05/14/2013 (note 2)	11/12/2013
06/11/2013	12/10/2013 (note 2)

Note 1: The September meeting will be held on the 3rd Tuesday.

Note 2: Mother's Day and Christmas With The Ladies are not 'required' Branch luncheon meetings.

Your newsletter team

Let us know if we can improve this publication.



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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

Once again, the May wine tasting was filled up. Dennis Pachucki and Karen Capra will be hosting the June SIR wine tasting event on Thursday, June 27, at 4:00 pm. If you are interested in attending this very popular activity please contact Dick Donald at 513-2849, or email DickDonald@Yahoo.com

Poker, Dick Donald – 513-2849

The SIR poker game has started again with games the last few months. The next game is scheduled for Thursday, June 20, with Tom Kirtley hosting. If you are interested in a quarter limit dealer choice game (fun poker, not serious money), please contact Dick Donald at 513-2849, or email DickDonald@Yahoo.com

Bocce Ball, Dick Donald – 513-2849

Bocce Ball has suffered from lack of attendance the last few weeks. I am now sending out an email each week to determine whether there will be sufficient players to hold a game. If you are interested in playing, let me know (513-2849, or email DickDonald@Yahoo.com) to put you on the bocce ball email list.

Pickleball, Bob Lyman – 628-7906

Pickleball is still looking for a few more good men (and women)! Beginner pickleball classes are being offered the 2nd and 4th Saturdays at 11:00 am. This is a very easy way to give it a try. Drop-in play schedule is now Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 8:00 am and Wednesday at 4:00 pm. So come join in the fun for a little exercise and competition. We play at the public tennis courts at 641 Willow Lake Road, Discovery Bay. Just bring yourself; we have everything else needed.

Golf News, Dale Welin

Thanks to Lowell Onstad and Don Ramos for coordinating the golf tournament at Deer Ridge on Tuesday, May 21. The results information has been passed back to Dale and they are below.



Upon a review of the cards, there was an adjustment on one of the cards.

1st place - 134 - Onstad, Konold, Ramos.

2nd place - 141 - Carr, Disney, Rentzel, Kirtley.

3rd place - 142 - Riordan, Kile, Macbride, Vargas.

4th place - 143 - Fitzpatrick, Anderson, Smith, Berry.

Closest to the pin winners were Carr and Kirtley.

Several players had a very nice day at Deer Ridge and probably want to get back there next month. Eight players netted in the 60's and they were: Ramos, Kirtley - 60, Fanucchi - 63, Konold - 65, Shipilov, F. Smith - 67, Macbride, Burke - 69. Congratulations on a good day.

Thank you for participating and we will see you in June.

Our June golf tournament will be at The Reserve on June 18. The details for the event follow:

When: Tuesday, June 18.

Where: The Reserve, on Eight Mile Road, Stockton.

Time: 8:00 am shotgun.

Format: To be announced.

Cost: \$44.00 for golf, cart, prize money.

Please sign up with Dale Welin and send your check to him. Please let Dale know by e-mailing or call him to get your name on the player list. We hope you will sign up, as we return to The Reserve in 2013. Any questions, please call Dale at 516-9463.

Dale

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 is 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

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