



# SIR BRANCH 161 NEWS

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## Frank Smith, Big Sir

### Opening statement

Last month we had a successful election of members for the Branch Executive Committee. Volunteers like them are what keep the Branch alive and thriving. Almost, or maybe more important are new members. It appears that we will have one, two or three joining us this month. This is good, because new members bring new ideas. So, if you are a little "tired" of the same "old stuff", you can create change; Just bring in some friends, neighbors, strangers or anyone one else breathing.



It is never too late to plan. So start thinking about our Christmas Dinner in December. Here are some numbers to think about. We have 164 members. If one half buy tickets for themselves and lady, we would be almost at capacity. Sooo, when they go on sale next month be ready to get yours. They may be purchased at the October or November meeting, or by contacting Tony Pacheco by mail, email or phone. His numbers are in the Handbook. Last year tickets sold out fast

### Next Regular luncheon meeting

Our next regular Luncheon meeting will be on September 17th, the **third Tuesday** of the month. 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](mailto: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

Our luncheons average just around 75% which is not bad for the summer months. Try and make sure to keep luncheon dates open when making future plans. I find it a great method to have a "beverage", or two, before noon and not worry about it. It is important to us that you participate in our regular monthly Luncheons. If you will not be available to attend for an extended time due to travel, illness or being a care giver, you can request to be placed on inactive status for six months by the Branch Board. Just let us know.

### Membership

Our Branch membership has shrunk from a high of 175 to 164. 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. Finding new members is like finding money; Remember, you get a free meal for bringing in a new member.

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### **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 an activity YOU are interesting in, let me know and maybe we can start it up.

### **Big Picture**

Check out [www.sirinc.org](http://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](http://www.sir161.org) for more Branch information and pictures.

### **Newsletter**

Continue to share the Branch 161 Newsletter with your wife, significant other, insignificant relative or friend. Share the newsletter with others; it is a great ice breaker to 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 17.

Frank

### **September Birthday Boys**

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

Wayne Berry, Al Ciramella, Ed Fitzpatrick, John Fry, Larry Green, John Jewell, Tom Kenny, Ed Konieczny, Dick MacDonald, Don Roth, Tom State, Brad Vinson. Bruce Watkins.

**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**

### **August 2013 Recap**

We enjoyed Salisbury steak, potatoes with gravy and vegetables for lunch.

### **Free Lunch Winners**

Willard Myers and Bob Smith were the lucky winners for a free future lunch. We also had several members' names drawn that were not in attendance and they lost out. All members should try and attend our lunches so this won't happen to them.



### **August Speaker**

Kathy Leighton, a local historian, was a very interesting speaker. She discussed the local five communities, how they started and the special differences in all of them. She had a question and answer period at the conclusion of her presentation, which was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. She is a wealth of local information and we should have her back to continue her discussions.



### **September speaker**

Our speaker next month will be Sir Frank Headley. I have arranged for our own SIR member to go over what he calls "back yard astrology". He will give a slide presentation, and talk about our skies and what we can see from our own homes.

Floyd McBeth, Little Sir

### **September Luncheon Meal**

The September menu will be Chicken Parmesan with pasta Alfredo & fresh vegetables. A favorite for all of us.

**Please note:** Any special dietary needs should be pre-arranged several days before the meeting;

## 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.

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## 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 August 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.



## Bowling News, Paul Elmer

The summer 2013 bowling season has just been completed. Team 11 led by Wes VanBeveran, Barbara Slifer, and Vic Vasques handily won by 3 games over team 9, In The Hunt, led by Cal Hampton, Peggy Hampton, Bill Konold, and Jerry Marshall.



Achievements for the season are: scratch series, men, Dick Donald with 662; scratch game, men, Jerry Marshall with 256; handicap series, men, Mitch Wisinski with 766; and handicap game, men, Mike Carmichael, with 285. For the women Marie Wilson had a scratch series of 645, Scratch game went to Val Heck with 227, Alice Disney had the handicap series of 761, and handicap game went to Mary Branscum with 271.

The winter season of 2013-2014 will start on September 9th at 9:30 a.m. If anyone wishes to bowl in this league you are certainly welcome. We have 23 teams currently, but could really use one more so that we have an even number of teams.

We (Sirs) bowled in the tournament held in Reno at the Bowling Stadium where there were about 250 participants. For the most part the lane condition and pattern were consistent from lane to lane, but the ability to have a repeatable ball speed combined with finding the proper line was crucial. Some of us found it but most did not.

Dottie Harris, Ed Gallagher, Greg Mattus, and Jose Arroyo did quite well in the team event, and Jose may have placed well in All Events and Singles. Val Heck, Tom Kirtley, Eric Jensen and Art Lopez also may have done well in the team event. Val Heck should place in Singles as well as Art Lopez. Marie Wilson and Rosie Elmer should place also. Your friendly bowling director did not, I repeat, did not do well, but hey I had a good time, as did most people.

The next tournament is in Fremont at Cloverleaf Bowl in September on the 8th and 9th. Our own Bob Matteucci Tournament is coming up in October on the 15th and 17th.

Paul

## Recognizing 20 years as a member of SIR

Sir Jack Thomas was presented with a 20-year Membership Certificate of Appreciation by HLM and Director Bob Damico. Jack joined our branch August 11, 1993, and has been an active and loyal member ever since.



### Dinner With The Ladies

Please note that, due to our next luncheon meeting being on the third Tuesday of the month, there will not be a Dinner With The Ladies in September.

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**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.

## 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

Jerry and Sue Wiebe will be hosting the September SIR wine tasting. 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, September 19. 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 DickDoald@Yahoo.com

### Bocce Ball, Dick Donald – 513-2849

Bocce Ball has had spotty attendance the last few weeks, probably due to the hot weather. It is expected that play will pick up in the fall as the weather cools a bit. 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

Come try pickleball on our new courts in Discovery Bay at Cornell Park on Willow Lake Road. 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, competition and socializing. Just bring yourself; we have everything else needed.

## Golf News, Dale Welin

We had a good day at The Bridges (only 17 players) and it was a tough golf course. With a modified course that we decided on and the hole stroke allocation for a course of 134 slope, too many strokes!



Congratulations to 3 of the teams with a net score of 118 and 120. The results are below:

1st place - won tie breaker - 118 - Carr, Konold, Macbride, Fanucchi.

2nd place - loss tie breaker - 118 - Onstad, Macdonald, Cadigan.

3rd place - 120 - Giannini, Smith, Ramos, Pachucki.

Closest to the pins winners were Dale Welin and Don Ramos. Congratulations to the players above. Four players netted in the 60's and they were Fanucchi - 67, Disney - 68, and Smith, Ramos - 69.



Our event for September will be at Lone Tree on Tuesday, September 24. Note, this is one week later than normal, as our September luncheon is one week later. The shotgun start time is 9:00 am and more of the details will follow. See you at Lone Tree.

Dale Welin



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

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