



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

Floyd McBeth, Big Sir

Opening statement

I received a nice email from our Region 6 Director, Dean Streichen. He copied our Regional Governor, Marty Seaman and Jim Stedman, who is in charge of State Memberships. The email read as follows: "It looks like your branch is doing great. Keep up the good work. What are you doing to get such good recruiting results?" It is nice to be noticed and I let him know that we have a great bunch of men that want to help increase our membership.



There will not be a May Board meeting because of the Mother's Day Event. New members will have to wait until our next business/board meeting, which will be June 10, 2014.

Next Regular luncheon meeting

Our next luncheon will be in honor of Mother's Day and will be held on Tuesday, May 13. Just a hint, guys you may want to wear a nice Hawaiian shirt. If you still need a ticket, call Tony Pacheco at 240-0523. You don't want to miss this annual favorite with our ladies.

Attendance

We had 124 members and 3 guests for lunch in April.

Membership

Our goal of 24 new members is in reach. Keep up the good work everyone. We will be promoting SIRs at the Live, Laugh and Learn Event being held at the

Community Center. It is on Saturday, May 3, from 10 AM to 3 PM. We will have a table and brochures available for prospective members. Come on down and support this free faire for seniors.

Activities

I am sad to inform you that we were not able to get the mandatory 40 people to sign up for the July 3 Giants Baseball game. It will be a day game and is sponsored by our State SIR organization. The National Anthem will be sung by some assigned SIR members. A fun group of us will attend the game and go to the ball park by BART. Please call me at 516-9191 if you would like to attend this great outing with us.

The big picture

Our State website has a wealth of information on it.

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That is where I found the SIR sponsored 'Day at the Horse Races'. What a great time we had. The State Officers are also watching us, as is evidenced by my email from Sir Streichen. There is so much to see and explore on this site. Go to: www.sirinc.org and sign in. Also check out our own local website. Visit www.sir161.org to see our branch happenings and pictures. They are both pretty amazing.

May Birthday Boys

Happy Birthday to:

Darrell Baird, Carl Carlson, Fritz Dueming,
Ken Fanucchi, Bob Harlan, Frank Headley,
Joe Kile, Robert Lyman, Bill Momaney, Phil Mora,
Norman Petersen, Michael Quier,
Roger Sweeney, Phil Talley, Jim Wangeman,
Richard Wisdom and Mitchell Wisinski.

*If your name is missing or not correct
let Big Sir, Floyd McBeth at 516-9191, know so
our records are corrected.*

Newsletter

Be sure to share our newsletter with your better half and your friends. The more people that know about our organization, the more potential members we can reach.

Floyd

Jim Davis, Little Sir

March 2014 Recap

This month we enjoyed a lunch of Chicken Picatta, rice & vegetables.

Free Lunch Winners

Our guest speaker drew the names of Gary Lewis and Don Roth, who get a free lunch at any of our regular Tuesday luncheons. If you are there, you have a chance to win a free lunch.



April Guest Speaker



Our guest speaker was Senior Deputy District Attorney, Doug MacMasters, who did a great job of filling in at the very last minute for his boss, our District Attorney, Mark Peterson.

May Luncheon

The May luncheon will be our annual Mothers Day Lunch. Tickets must be purchased from our Treasurer, Tony Pacheco, in advance. They are \$21.00 each. There are a limited number of seats, and tickets will not be available at the door.

At this-year's Mothers Day luncheon, we will be entertained a by the Delta Strummers, a ukulele band whose members include several of our Branch 161 members and their spouses.

May luncheon

This Mothers Day lunch will be Creps ala Reine, rice & vegetables.

Please note: If you have any special dietary needs, please call Bill Konold at 634-2738 by Friday before the meeting to arrange this.

Knowing what's up

Our SIR Branch 161 is on the web at 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.

Take care all,

Little Sir Jim Davis

Membership, Len Fadda

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 Len Fadda. Have the guest complete the form, and return it to Len. 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.

Three new members were inducted at our March luncheon (see below).

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.

Welcome New Members



Al Sauvadon has lived in Discovery Bay for 10 years. He retired in 2012.

Al and his wife Paula have 5 children and 4 grandchildren.

Hobbies include boating and public speaking.



Bob Stewart has lived in the Brentwood area for 15 years. He retired in 1999.

Bob and his wife Barbara have 2 children, 4 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild.

Hobbies include travel.

Mothers Day Luncheon Tickets

Tickets for the May Mothers Day Luncheon are available from Tony Pacheco. The cost is \$21.00 per ticket. Buy your tickets before they are all gone - seating is limited.

At the May luncheon, each of our lady guests will be given a colorful Hawaiian Lei to wear, and we will be enjoying some great music provided by the Delta Strummers.

Jim Davis, Little Sir.

Bowling News, Paul Elmer

Well, here we are, next week (April 28th) is position round for the Monday Morning SIR Bowling League. The scenario is this:



The Misfits (who won the first half and led by Shirley Madson, Dottie Harris, Pam Jarvie, and Greg Mattus) will bowl the Sharpshooters for the second half championship. The Sharpshooters, led by Margee Arroyo, Anne Wangeman, Glenn Macbride, and Jose Arroyo, must win all four games to take 1st place for the second half. Anything less and the Misfits will be league champions and earn the right for their names to be emblazoned on the Elwood Davis–Jim Heck Memorial Trophy which is on display at Harvest Park Bowl.

The Sharpshooters also run the risk of finishing in 3rd place if they don't win all four games, because A Rose and Three Thorns (led by Russel Reid, Jim George, Rosie Elmer, and Paul Elmer) is only ½ game behind them and watching them closely. 10 Spot, (led by Art Solomon, Lorraine Burt, Fred Critchfield, and Jerry Marshall) are only ½ game behind A Rose and Three Thorns so 2nd, 3rd, and 4th place are all up for grabs in this position round. Season ending sweepstakes (May 5th) will be the week after the position round. The summer season will start on May 12th.

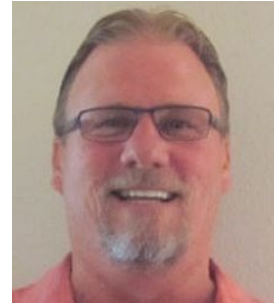
The Carson City tournament was interesting to say the least, with lane conditions being very demanding and concentration and bowling skills being in great demand. Some of our bowlers did well and should place in the money, but most did not and can rack this one up to having an interesting trip and some good food. There were no results posted yet for the tournament as of this writing.

If you are interested in bowling in the summer league please contact me as soon as possible as we are now putting teams together.

Paul

SIR Travel Opportunities Reminder

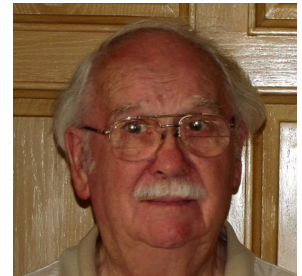
Various bargain-priced trips are available to SIR members through local travel agencies and other SIR branches. Look for the TRAVEL binder located on the entrance table at each monthly meeting. For more information contact Mitch Wisinski at: (408) 515-7655.



Bridge report, Harry Ohlson

The Bridge Group meets every 3rd Tuesday at Discovery Bay Country Club. Start time is noon.

Call Harry for seating (925) 513-3048.



2014 Branch 161 Meetings Calendar

01/14/2014	07/8/2014
02/11/2014	08/12/2014
03/11/2014	09/9/2014
04/8/2014	10/14/2014
05/13/2014 (note 1)	11/11/2014
06/10/2014	12/9/2014 (note 1)

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

SIR Activities, Dick Donald

Following are some ongoing SIR activities. Call Dick Donald (513-2849) for more information.



Wine Tasting, Dick Donald, 513-2849

Richard and Kay Wisdom will be hosting the May wine tasting on Thursday, May 22.

Pickleball, Bob Lyman, 628-7906

Come join in the fun for a little competition and socializing. It is easy for beginners to learn but can develop into a quick, fast-paced, competitive game for experienced players. Pickleball drop-in play times are 9:00 AM Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, and 5:00 PM Wednesday. We have everything needed.

Poker, Dick Donald, 513-2849

There is interest in restarting the SIR poker group.

Colin Brodie will host a game on Tuesday, May 20 if we can get enough players. If you are interested in attending please contact Dick Donald at 513-2849, or email DickDonald@Yahoo.com .

Bocce Ball, Dick Donald, 513-2849

Bocce ball has started again. Anyone interested in playing with a group of SIRs and their ladies are invited to drop in at 4 PM any Wednesday at the Discovery Bay Country Club courts. Just show up; teams will be made up on the spot.

Gin Rummy,

Sirs Jim Jenkins and Ralph Tatum have started a gin rummy card group, holding the first meeting April 17. We need a few "good men" to play on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month from 2-4:00 p.m. Call Ralph at 925-626-7383 or Jim at 925-513-5106 for details.

Photography Club

See page6.

Golf News, Dale Welin

We had a very successful SIR Branch 161 Invitational on April 14, 2014 at Discovery Bay Country Club. We hosted 5 other SIR branches from Livermore, San Ramon and Pleasanton, a total of 128 golfers.



Box lunches were delivered to the players on the course and we heard from several players how much they enjoyed the day. Several Branch 161 players placed and they were:

1st place team - Pacheco, 2nd place team - Disney, 3rd place team - Rentzel, 4th place team - Burke and 5 others placed with teams 5th thru 11th place. Dan Cadigan won a closest to the pin prize. Thank you to the 29 Branch 161 players for participating in the event.

It is time for information about our May golf tournament for Branch 161 golfers. As we previously indicated, Dale Welin will be gone for the May tournament and Lowell Onstad will be the tournament chairman for May. The entry information is below:

When: Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Time: 9:30 am from the 1st tee (tee times)

Where: Las Positas GC, Livermore (next to the I-580 freeway and Airway Blvd)

Cost: \$46.00 for golf, cart and prize money

Format: 2 best net balls for the foursome

You will need to communicate with Lowell to get your name on the player list, by sending an email to him or call him on the phone. Then send or get a check to Lowell and his address is 5605 Marlin Drive, Discovery Bay, CA 94505. Lowell's phone number is 925-516-8468. Lowell's email address is:

ljonstad@comcast.net

We have not been to this golf course since it was redesigned 3-4 years ago. It is not long, but has some very good holes and does get a lot of play. The little later tee time should help with the commute getting there. It should be a fun day for all of you. I will miss playing there for sure. For any questions, please call Lowell.

Dale Welin

20-year membership awards

The following Branch 161 members received awards recognizing 20 years of membership. The awards were presented at the March and April meetings by Honorary Lifetime Member Bob Damico.



Bob Damico Al Box, Myron Lencioni, John Lopp.



Phil Paulson, Bob Damico.

Al DiGiusto Boat Cruise and Lunch, Bob Damico

In 1993, 21 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. Sirs with boats invited the non-boaters to ride with them on a Cruise to a Delta waterfront restaurant 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 on Thursday, July 24th, and starts at The Boardwalk Grill in Discovery Bay. Mark your calendars. There will be more information in the June Newsletter, and sign-up sheets will be available at the June and July meetings. Contact Bob Damico for additional information: 925-634-0465.

Photography, Frank Headley, 240-6511

The Photography Club has 9 members. We meet on the second Thursday of the month to share knowledge, experience and skills.

Anyone wishing to join the Photography Club, please contact Frank Headley at 240-6511. No special knowledge, experience or photographic equipment necessary.

Springtime In Napa

Four of our Branch 161 members attended the SIR State "Springtime in Napa" golf tournament, a two-day golf outing. The participants were Bill Konold, Randy Zierau, John Fry and Frank Smith.

This was a great outing, providing an opportunity to meet and play with other Sirs. More State golf tournaments are scheduled this year in some exciting places. For more info visit www.sirstategolf.com

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

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