



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

Things were a little slow this month, but I am pleased to report that we continue to look good in the eyes of our State Board. They are pleased with our branch and let me know that we are one of the more active branches in the State. I was sent a questionnaire, put together by a member of Branch 8, at the request of the State. It seems we are doing well with the activities we offer and our recruitment efforts.



Next Regular luncheon meeting

Our next luncheon will be June 10 and I hear we may have three visitors to check us out.

Attendance

We had 143 members and guests for our Mother's Day event.

Membership

We are still shooting to bring in 24 new members this year. Your efforts for actively seeking new members are greatly appreciated. I attended an event sponsored by the Town of Discovery Bay entitled "Live, Laugh and Learn". It was held at the new Community Center. The vendors were plentiful but the Town did a poor job of getting our residents to attend. I am sure however, that we will get several new members directly related to that event.

Activities

Keep July 3 on your calendar for the SIR sponsored Giants baseball game. Some of our members plan to attend and use BART to get there and back. If you are interested, give me call at 516-9191.

The Big Picture

Check out our State website to connect with other Sirs in California. There is so much to see and explore on this site. Go to: www.sirinc.org and sign in. Have you ever visited our own local website? Visit www.sir161.org to see our branch happenings and pictures. It's pretty amazing.

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.

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Big SIR Report, continued from page 1.



Floyd McBeth talks to a prospective new member at the Discovery Bay Live, Laugh, Learn event.

June Birthday Boys

Happy Birthday to:

Joe Arroyo, Ed Coats, Jack Disney,
Jim Jenkins, Richard Meyer, Doug Pagano,
Ray Qualls, Ray Sevim, Walter Shipilov,
George Smith, Tom Snyder, Lowell Thomas,
Dale Welin and Micheal White.

*If you name is missing or this
information is not correct,
Call Big SIR Floyd McBeth at 925 516-9191, so I
can make the correction*

Jim Davis, Little Sir

May 2014 Recap

This month we enjoyed a great Mother's Day Brunch of Chicken Crepes ala Reine, Rice Pilaf and seasonal vegetables. We also had fantastic Strawberry mouse with fresh strawberries and whipped cream.



Free Lunch Winners

There was no drawing this month due to the Mother's Day program.

May Entertainment

We hired the local ukulele band "Delta Strummers" to entertain us this Mother's Day. They had 30 ukulele players from their group. The theme for the



lunch was Hawaiian and we handed out flower lei's to the ladies. The Strummers also wore lei's and played a number of Hawaiian songs, as well as a bunch of old favorite tunes. Everyone was very pleased and had a good time singing along.

June luncheon

We will be served Meat Loaf with whipped potatoes and gravy and 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.

If you will not be able to attend the June Luncheon, it is important to call Bill Konold at 634-2738 as soon as you know that you will not be at the luncheon.

See you at the June luncheon meeting.

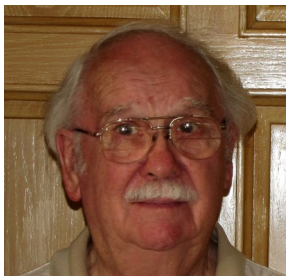
Little Sir Jim Davis

Bridge report, Harry Ohlson

Players are still needed to reach our goal.

Next session is June 17th at noon at Discovery Bay Country Club.

Please call me for information and to reserve a seat. 513-3048.



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02/11/2014	08/12/2014
03/11/2014	09/9/2014
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Dinner With The Ladies, Micheal White

When: 24 June, 2014.

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

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

Menu choices: (Indicate your choice below.)

Include salad, dessert, non alcoholic drink (ice tea/coffee and water), and choice of dessert.



Shrimp & Lobster Ravioli in a Sherry Cream Sauce with French Bread.

Oppolusas Chicken, Roasted Chicken with Mashed Potatoes/Seasonal Vegetables and French Bread.

Grilled Salmon served Rice Pilaf/Seasonal Vegetables and French Bread.

12oz Pork Loin Chop with Creole Stuffing/Seasonal Vegetables and French Bread.

Cost: \$26.00 per person (includes tax and tip).

Deadline: Need your RSVP no later than 18th June, 2014. There will be envelopes at our General Meeting on 10th June, 2014. 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:

Select your Entree:

Shrimp & Lobster Ravioli: _____

Oppolusas Chicken: _____

Grilled Salmon: _____

Pork Loin Chop: _____

Select your Dessert:

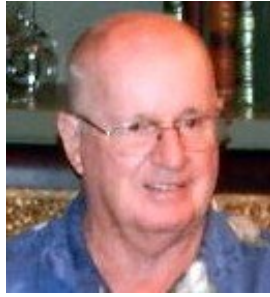
Bourbon Street Bread Pudding: _____ Peach Cobbler a La Mode: _____

Signature Crème Burle: _____ Tiramisu.: _____

Annual Sir Golfing Tournament

Will Myers

The sign-up 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 1 and Thursday, October 2, 2014, has now begun. This is the only SIR golfing event which involves the ladies, regardless if 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 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. The villas have a full kitchen, so members can prepare their own breakfast and/or dinners, if they so choose. What we have done in the past years is for most everyone to meet and have dinner at the excellent Greenhorn Creek Resort restaurant on both evenings. Each day after golfing, hors d'oeuvres of nachos, calamari, buffalo wings, and batter fried asparagus will be provided by the Greenhorn Creek restaurant 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 the non-golfers.

The golfing format will be based on providing an equitable and fair event in light of the wide range in handicaps of the participants, and the challenges of the course.

The total cost per golfer (which includes golfing, two-days of hors d'oeuvres, housing, and golf prize mon-

ey) is \$190 for those staying one night, while it is \$235 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 \$54 for those staying one night, while it is \$99 for those staying two nights.

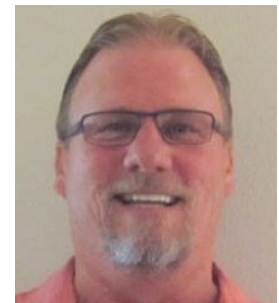


A sign-up sheet will be in the Discovery Bay Country Club lobby at our monthly SIR Branch 161 meetings through September. If you would like to share a villa with another couple, please indicate this on the sign-up sheet. Those couples choosing to stay one night will have to share a villa with another couple staying one night. Sign up and come join us for two days of fun at this beautiful, nearby location.

If you have any questions, see or call Will Myers at 925-516-9448.

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.

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.

No new members were inducted at our May 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.

Jack Disney, a 3-time Olympian

Story and photos submitted by Bob Damico

Most of us know that our very own Sir Jack Disney excels in golf and bowling. But, did you know that, in his younger years, he was a bicycle racer and a speed (ice) skater?



Jack was born in 1930 and began his bicycle racing career in 1953. He won his first five consecutive National Amateur Championships in 1954. Jack won the National Senior

Sprint Championships in 1966 and again in 1968, and was the Silver Medalist at the National Senior Sprint Championships in 1973. He was a member of the US Olympic Team in 1956, 1964 and 1968. He also won a Silver Medal in the 1959 Pan Am Games.

U.S. Bicycling Hall of Fame inductee

For these accomplishments, in 1988 he was inducted to the United States Bicycling Hall of Fame as a Modern Road & Track Competitor (1945-1975).



Speed skater

Proving his athletic versatility, Jack also made two Olympic squads in speed skating.

So, that's the rest of the story ... an Olympian and a Hall of Famer... WOW!!! Next time you see Jack, shake his hand, congratulate him, ask him about it; He remembers it well.

We're proud of you Jack!!!

Bowling News, Paul Elmer

Last week (May 5th) the winter season ended with the Misfits, led by Shirley Madsen, Dottie Harris, Pam Jarvie, and Greg Mattus, won the second half of the season by 1- 1/2 games over the Sharpshooters, led by Margee Arroyo, Anne Wangeman, Glenn Macbride, and Jose Arroyo. The Misfits thereby had their names engraved on the Elwood Davis - Jim Heck Memorial Trophy which is on view at Harvest Park Bowl.



The other season ending stats are as follows: High scratch series - John Fry with 760, high scratch game - Curtis Manning with 282, high handicap series - Paul Elmer with 777, and high handicap game was Vic Vasquez with 296. For the ladies high scratch series went to Rosie Elmer with 628, high scratch game was Mary Branscum with 237, high handicap series was Anne Wangeman with 794, and high handicap game was Julie Bayer with 305.

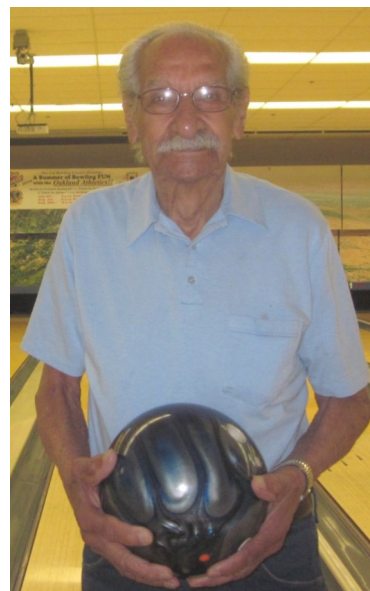
Well, the winter season is over (20 teams), and the summer season has started with 14 teams, some of which could use one or more bowlers to make a full team.

We have a very unique team this summer season team "333" led by Bob and Terry Damico have two bowlers who are 97 and 96 years young. The elder

one is of course our own Ed Stewart (still throws a 15 lb ball and averages 150+, born in Missouri in 1917 in a log cabin) who we have known for a couple of years ; The newcomer at 96 is Will Rivera who recently moved to Brentwood and joined Branch 108.

Will's family comes from Puerto Rico and migrated to San Leandro where Will was born in 1918.

Will spent 40 years at the Sealy Spring factory in Richmond and retired as Shop Supervisor. Will is currently using a 12 lb ball and averaging 130+, but wants to get back to a 14lb ball soon. He has numerous grandchildren and many, many, great grandchildren. Welcome to SIR Branches 161 and 108 Will, and look forward to a great season on a unique team to say the least.



The SIR State Tournament is being held this week (May 18th. 19th, and 21st) in Yuba City. This is a SIR only tournament (no guests) and is a team and doubles tournament with handicap and scratch divisions. We will have results for the July newsletter.

Paul



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

Dennis Pachucki and Karen Capra will be hosting the June wine tasting on Thursday, June 26. If you are interested in attending this very popular activity please contact Dick Donald at 513-2849, or email DickDonald@Yahoo.com by Friday, June 6.

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 8:00 am Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday and 5:00 pm Wednesday. Free instruction 10:00 am every Saturday (with good weather!!!) Just bring yourself; we have everything else needed.

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.

Poker – Dick Donald – 513-2849

The SIR poker group started play this Spring with a game on May 20. We plan on having our next game in July. If you are interested in attending please contact Dick Donald at 513-2849, or email DickDonald@Yahoo.com .

Photography, Frank Headley, 240-6511

Our Branch 161 Photography Club continues to meet monthly to share knowledge, experience and skills. We also have more field trips planned, including one to the Patriot Jets at the Byron airport.

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

Golf News, Dale Welin

The May golf tournament had a very nice turnout and participation; 28 players played at Las Positas Golf Course in Livermore. The results are below and notice the several players who netted below par.



1st place - 119 - Shipilov, Fry, Zierau. Burke

2nd place - 121 - Disney, Konold, Ramos, Kirtley

3rd place - 123 - Anderson, Goodwin, Fanucchi, Cadigan

4th place - 128 - won the tie breaker- Mensch, Wiebe, Jewell, Vargas

Some low net scoring for the day as follows: 68 - Ramos, Kirtley, Pacheco, Fanucchi, 70 - Mensch, Fry, Cadigan, 71 - Zierau, nice playing!

Closest to the pin winners were Goodwin and MacBride. Congratulation to the BIG winners.

The June tournament will be at Dry Creek Ranch GC in Galt, just off Hwy. 99. The tournament info is below.

When: Tuesday, June 17, 2014

Where: Dry Creek Ranch GC in Galt off the Hwy 99.

Time: 7:30 am shotgun start. You will have to get up early and we will be done early!

Cost: \$38.00 for golf, cart, and prize money

Format: To be announced

Please e-mail or call Dale to get your name on the player list, then follow that with a check to Dale at 2867 Cherry Hills Drive, Discovery Bay, CA 94505. Cutoff to sign up for this tournament will be June 10 at our monthly SIR luncheon. We look forward to another good turnout. If there are any questions, please let me know.

The 21st Annual Al DiGiusto Boat Cruise and Luncheon - July 24, 2014

In 1993, 21 years ago, Al DiGiusto conceived the idea to plan a SIR event that would introduce some of the non-boating members and their wives to the world of boating in the Delta. Sirs with boats invited members and their wives to ride with them on a cruise to one of many Delta waterfront restaurants for lunch. Al coordinated this successful event until his passing in 2005. The event continues in his honor.



This year's boat cruise and luncheon will be held Thursday July 24, 2014, 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 Grill by 11:30am (by car or boat). Lunch will be served at noon. After Lunch we'll load up and cruise the bays. Or, for those interested, talk to your Boat Captain and go out on the river for a faster ride. Sign up 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/captains there to give you a ride after lunch. Sign-up deadline is July 17, 2014.

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

Your Name(s): _____ Phone Number _____

Your Menu choices:

Chicken Wrap _____ Chicken Caesar Salad _____

Tri Tip Sandwich _____ Fish & Chips _____

Make check out to / Mail to: R.C. Damico 1621 Gamay Ln. Brentwood, CA 94513

CHECK ONE:

____ Need a Boat Ride ____ Have a Boat Ride - Riding with: _____
 ____ Have Boat and need passengers (have room for ____)

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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