



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

Boy does time flash by. We are half way through the year and July is the month the BEC Board must submit their nominations for Board members for 2015. If you have any suggestions or desires, please let me or any board member know. The new board for 2015 will be installed in November at our monthly luncheon.



Next luncheon

Our next luncheon will be July 8, so please mark it down and plan to attend. For those who may be running out of time to attend your five required annual meetings, take heed.

Attendance

We had 116 members and guests for our June lunch. Summer is often a slow participation period, so we hope to see more of you attend next month.

Membership

Our push for new members has slowed as we didn't have any in May or June. We do however have a number of potential members lined up for future months. Please invite your neighbors and friends to join us; we are a great group of guys.

Activities

Our Travel Chairman, Mitch Wisinski, will have information on several excursions at our July luncheon. Please check them out and consider participating.

The Big Picture

I would like to personally thank the company doing the large street resurfacing project in Discovery Bay; They are quick and leave little mess.

Remember to check out our State SIR web site at www.sirinc.org and our own local website at www.sir161.org to see our branch happenings.

Newsletter

Our monthly newsletter with its 9 pages of pictures and articles is very well done. Some of the people that make this possible are Tom Jones, Dennis Pachucki and LaVan Bock. Great job gentlemen, it is a fabulous read.

Happy Birthday to July Birthday Boys

Bob Anderson, Harlan Averitt, Daniel Cadigan, Murray Cole, Daniel Cruz, Jerry Dittman, Brian Enbom, Remy Giannini, Dick Jamison, Tom Jones, Tom Kirtley, Mar Knittel, Kurt Luke, Lowell Onstad, Dan Riordan, Al Ruiz, Erie Wodiski and Pat Woods.

If your name is missing or this information is not correct, Call Big SIR Floyd McBeth at 925 516-9191, so a correction can be made.

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Jim Davis, Little Sir

June 2014 Recap

We had meat loaf with whipped potatoes & gravy with seasonal vegetables for lunch. There were very few plates that were not licked clean. In other words, the lunch was great!



Free Lunch Winners

We only had to draw three names this month in order to get two winners. The winners were Harlan Averitt and Carlo Delazzar. Congratulations guys.

June Speaker

Virgil Koehne, from the Town of Discovery Bay, was our June speaker. He discussed our current water situation. He explained that this year our water supply is okay but it could be bad next year if the drought continues. He talked about water pressure problems they sometimes experience; The water valves occasionally don't do the job required, but they are corrected quickly by the staff. He also talked about water meters and explained we all must be metered by 2024. Virgil said that water softeners that use salt are no longer allowed in Discovery Bay. Existing units can be used but, when they need to be replaced, a different system will be required. As usual, Virgil did an outstanding job and we are lucky to have him in our town as our water manager.

July luncheon

We will be served chicken marsala, rice and seasonal 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 July Luncheon, it is important to call Bill Konold at 634-2738 as soon as you know that you will not be at the luncheon.

July Guest Speaker

Our guest speaker in July will be Assemblyman Jim Frazer, who represents us in Sacramento.

See you at the July luncheon meeting.

Little Sir Jim Davis

SIR Specialty Car Show

When: Next meeting July 8th

Where: East side of parking lot.

Time: Arrive a little early 11 AM

What to bring: Any collector car, hot rod, street rod, custom car, antique car, or any specialty or car enthusiast vehicle (new or old) that you would like to bring.

Tire Kicking: 11AM until meeting and again right after the meeting.

Any questions: call me, Eric Jensen 240-0543 or co-host Bill Konold 634-2738 .

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.	

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 June 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.

SIR Activities, Dick Donald

Following are some ongoing SIR activities, including details on current plans.

Wine Tasting, Dick Donald, 513-2849

Dale and Sonja Welin will be hosting the July wine tasting on Thursday, July 24. If you are interested in attending this very popular activity please contact Dick Donald at 513-2849, or email DickDonald@Yahoo.com by Friday, July 4.



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.

Photography, Frank Headley, 240-6511

The Branch 161 Photography Club continues to meet regularly to share knowledge and tips for taking photos and post processing. Occasional field trips provide a good opportunity to put the tips into practice.

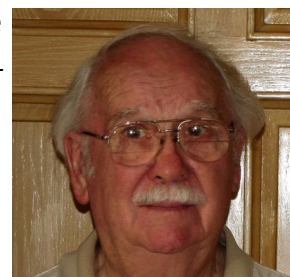
In June, several members of the Photography Club visited the "new" hangar of the Patriot Jets team at the Byron airport. Photos from this trip can be viewed on our web site

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

Bridge report, Harry Ohlson

The next bridge session will be on July 15th at noon at Discovery Bay Country Club. New players welcome.

Please call me for seating 513-3048.



Bowling News, Paul Elmer

The results from the SIR State Bowling Tournament, held in Yuba City in May, were finally released due to verifying bowling averages for the 2013 - 14 winter bowling season.



In the "A" division Jerry Marshall, Eric Jensen, Bill Bayer, and Curtis Manning cashed with a 3rd place finish. Jerry Marshall and Eric Jensen also cashed by placing 7th in "A" doubles, and wouldn't you know it, Jerry Marshall also cashed in all-events by placing 12th. Good Show guys!!

We have upcoming tournaments in July at Yuba City on the 14th and 15th, Napa on the 28th and 29th, Sonoma on August 4th and 5th, and the tournament that most of us look forward to is in Reno on Aug. 18th, 19th, and 20th. We routinely have 30 bowlers participating in this one and look forward to it every year.

Now, for the current summer season, we have 14 teams bowling a 15-week schedule that ends September 1st. Currently in 1st place is, you guessed it, The Misfits, led by Shirley Madsen, Dottie Harris, Pam Jarvie and Greg Mattus. Out of Here, led by Val Heck, Barb Slifer, Tom State and Wes Van Beveran, and Teram 6 led by the boys from Livermore, Dick Braden, Bob Carey, Bob Horton and Val Horton are only one game back. Four other teams are within 2 or 3 games of 1st place. It could be an exciting season. So Far, Greg Mattus has scratch series with 664, Jerry Marshall has scratch game with 279, Hoyt Huggins has handicap series with 742, and Dick Braden has handicap game with 281.

For the ladies, Rosie Elmer has scratch series with 590, Terry Damico has scratch game with 223, Mary Branscum has handicap series with 705, and Connie Ryan has handicap game with 265.

We invite everyone to come and watch us every Monday Morning at 9:30, at Harvest Park Bowl in Brentwood or, if you want to bowl, there are some openings.

Paul

Golf News, Dale Welin

The results are in for our June outing at the Dry Creek Ranch Golf Course. We had 20 players participate on a shotgun start with another group. Our playing time was 4.5 hours on a well maintained golf course. The format turned out to be too easy and playing from the forward tees resulted in some very good scores. As one team outdistanced all the others, a very thorough review of the scorecards was required. The auditor adjusted the two winning team scores, which ended in no difference for the 2 winning teams. The results are:



1st place - 158 - Carr, Disney, Jewel, Vargas

2nd place - 147 - Shipilov, Luke, Fanucchi, Cadigan

One closest to the pin winner was Mensch. As I usually have done in the past is to acknowledge those players who matched par or better. 13 players did that on Tuesday, while 7 did not. Back to the white tees.

Dan Cadigan will be leaving us to return to Washington state in mid July. Good luck to Dan and his wife.

Our July tournament entry details are below:

When: Tuesday, July 15, 2014

Where: Poppy Ridge GC, Livermore

Time: 9:00 am start from the 1st tee

Cost: \$46.00 for golf, cart, and prizes

Format: To be determined

As a reminder, to qualify for the Club Championship trophy in October, you must play in at least 2 events in 2014 prior to the October tournament. At this time, 30 of the 44 members of our NCGA Branch 161 golf club have qualified.

Please notify Dale by e-mail or phone to get your name on the player list. Then send your check to Dale, check payable to Dale Welin, and send it to 2867 Cherry Hills Dr., Discovery Bay, CA 94505. We hope the turnout will be improved over the June participation. If there are any questions, please call Dale at 516-9463.

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 ____)

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 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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