



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 was not able to attend the BEC meeting or luncheon this month so I am using the minutes from that for this report.

Our State Board says we must select a slate of officers in July and then have the entire Branch membership vote on the slate during our August luncheon. The slate for the Board members for 2015 is:



Big SIR: Jim Davis

Little SIR: Micheal White

Secretary: Vic Vasquez

Assistant Secretary: Frank Headley

Treasurer: Glen MacBride

Assistant Treasurer: Ed Coats

Directors:

Bob Damico
Paul Elmer
Lowell Onstad
Len Fadda
Dale Welin
Alan Jarvie

Nominations from the floor will be called for before the vote. I encourage everyone to try and attend this most important lunch meeting and place your vote.

Next Regular luncheon meeting

Our next luncheon will be August 12. We only have this and 4 more lunches left in the year. Remember you must attend a minimum of 5 lunches each year to

remain a member of our branch. Those of you that are short should try hard to make as many of these remaining meetings as you can.

Attendance

We had 119 Sirs in attendance for our July lunch. That is only a 73% turnout. I know we can do better, given we have 166 members.

Membership

We had 3 gentlemen join us for the first time for lunch in July. Let's hope these men will choose to join us at our next meeting.

Activities

We had our annual Al Digiusto luncheon at the Boardwalk Grill on July 24th. This event is in memory of our dear friend and member. Al began this event and we continue it now in his memory. You missed a wonderful afternoon with lunch followed by boat rides, if you did not attend.

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Remembering an old friend

Howie Fisher was honored on the 17th fairway on July 23rd. A brick with his name was added to the bench and many of his good friends were there to remember him. His wife Dee was present along with his children. Gary Hess and fellow golfers put this together; we thank you for doing this.

The Big Picture

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

August Birthday Boys

Happy Birthday to:

Al Box, Edward Carr, Earl Cole, Hal Crose,
Tom Gomez, Farrell Hinkle, Mike McCleery,
Ward Messersmith. Bill Murphy, Willard Myers,
Harry Ohlson, Don Patterson, Ralph Pfirman,
Lynn Pierce, Captain Proescher,
Don Ramos and Warren Young.

*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

July 2014 Recap

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

Free Lunch Winners

Bob Stewart's and Lowell Thomas's names were drawn by our guest speaker to get a free lunch at any regular Tuesday luncheon. A free lunch can be yours too! But, you have to be with us to have your name drawn.



July Guest Speaker

Our guest speaker this month was Assemblyman Jim Frazier, who shared his personal story of how he got involved in the State Legislature, as well as some of the legislative projects on which he has been working. He also shared his personal and professional expectations for protecting our waters here in the Delta.

August luncheon

At our August 12th meeting, we will be served Salisbury Steak, with mashed potatoes & 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 August Luncheon, it is important to call Bill Konold at 634-2738 as soon as you know that you will not be at the luncheon.

August Guest Speaker

Our guest speaker in August will be Paul Kelley, Executive Director of the Bay Area Biosolids to Energy Coalition, which is actively addressing local biosolids management issues by exploring opportunities to develop clean, renewable and sustainable energy sources.

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

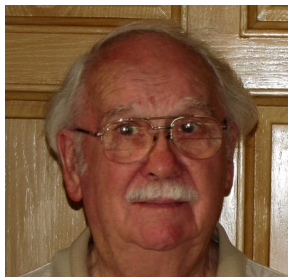
Bridge report, Harry Ohlson

Players are still needed to reach our goal.

Next session will be held on August 17th at noon at Discovery Bay Country Club.

Please call me for seating 513-3048.

Harry O.



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)

Dinner With The Ladies, Micheal White

When: 26 August, 2014.

Where: Carpaccio Ristorante Italiano, 3070 Main St., Oakley, CA.

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.

Grilled Salmon; grilled and topped with lemon vinaigrette. Served with complement of mixed vegetables.

Chicken Piccata; served with roasted potatoes and mixed vegetables.

Capellini Al'Pomodoro; angel hair pasta with fresh tomatoes and basil.

Chicken Marsala; sautéed chicken breast then topped with mozzarella cheese and a light tomato sauce. Served with pasta.

Cost: \$25.00 per person (includes tax and tip).

Deadline: Need your RSVP no later than 19th August, 2014. There will be envelopes at our General Meeting on 12th August, 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:

Grilled Salmon: _____

Chickn Piccata: _____

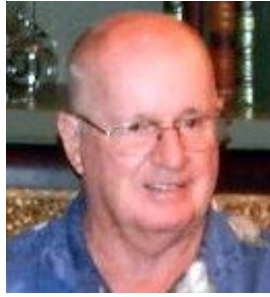
Capellini Al'Pomodoro: _____

Chicken Marsala: _____

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 \$176 for those staying one night, while it is \$221 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 July 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.

Bowling News, Paul Elmer

We have completed 9 of 14 weeks of bowling for the summer SIR League with the ending date of August 25th clearly in sight. What is not so clear is who is going to win the summer league. As of this writing the Misfits have a very slim lead of 1/2 game over the Sharpshooters. On top of that there are two more teams that are only 3 games back. It should be a very interesting finish.



The season stats are still the same with Jose Arroyo having high scratch series of 696, Jerry Marshall has high scratch game of 279, Bill Konold has the handicap series with 755, and Paul Elmer has handicap game with 285. For the Ladies, Rosie Elmer has high scratch series with 590, Terry Damico has the scratch game of 223, Mary Branscum has high handicap series with 721, and Connie Ryan has the handicap game of 265.

It appears that for the Reno tournament we will have 24 to 28 confirmed entries, which is a little less than last year. This will be held on August 18th, 19th, and 20th, at the Coliseum in Reno which has

80 lanes and is the locale that the professionals use. If you have a chance during that week, come and watch us bowl in competition.

Now, it appears that a gauntlet has been thrown from Branch 108 to Branch 161 in the form of a challenge bowling match between the two branches. In discussing this with Bill Bayer, the format would be in the form of 1 game of singles, (with the oldest from each branch), one game of singles (with the youngest from each branch), one game of doubles, one game of trios, and one team game with five members.

A designated team captain would determine who would bowl in which event (based on the pro format). It would be 100% handicap. Points for each match would be awarded so that there could not be a tie for the challenge tournament. In the event of a tie in the individual matches a one ball roll-off would take place (USBC rule). Best of all would be the name of the tournament which will be called the *1st Annual Bragadocious Tournament* with all earned rights duly noted and awarded.

The event will be held sometime in late September, when we can arrange it with Harvest Park Bowling Center.

Paul

SIR Activities, Dick Donald

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

Wine Tasting, Dick Donald, 513-2849

Jerry and Sue Wiebe will be hosting the August wine tasting on Thursday, August 28. If you are interested in attending this very popular activity please contact Dick Donald at 513-2849, or email DickDonald@Yahoo.com by Friday, August 8.



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 am every Saturday (with good weather!!!) Just bring yourself; we have everything else needed.

Bocce Ball – Dick Donald – 513-2849

Anyone interested in playing Bocce Ball with a group of Sirs and their ladies are invited to drop in at 4:00 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

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

In Memoriam



Pete Constantine, a Charter member of SIR Branch 161, passed away on July 5, 2014. He joined in November 1990, and served as our Pins and

Supplies Chairman. Pete was a fine gentleman who will be sorely missed.

Golf News, Dale Welin

We had a very small group of players on July 15th, just 20. We played at Poppy Ridge GC, with some clouds in the morning and warmer sun for the last couple hours. It was not 103 degrees like it was the day before. Our pace of play was acceptable, as we finished in 4 hours 35 minutes, which is what the course wants. The results follow:



Tie for 1st place - 85 - Shipilov, Fry, Burke, Quier, Welin, Konold, Luke, Jewell.

Only 1 closest to the pin winner - Luke, 29 inches on #7 Zinfandel and he made the birdie putt!

As is reported most months, we had 6 players who netted in the 60's: 62 - Vargas, Luke, 63 - Burke, 66 - Wiebe, 67 - Goodwin, 69 - Brodie. Congratulations on your score on a tough course.

Our August tournament will be at Callippe GC in Pleasanton. The entry information is below:

When: Tuesday, August 19, 2014

Where: Callippe GC, Pleasanton

Time: 9:00 am from the tee, with assigned tee times

Entry fee: \$47.00 includes golf, cart and prize money.

Format: To be determined

Please email or call Dale and sign up to play. Then send a check payable to Dale Welin at 2867 Cherry Hills Drive, Discovery Bay, CA 94505. The 8-19 date is in conflict with the Reno bowling tournament, but we hope all the non-bowlers will come out and play golf. The course is one that several of you put on the list last fall to play and it is a fun course.

See you on the green. Dale Welin

21st Annual Al DiGiusto Memorial Boat Cruise and Luncheon - another success.

Bob Damico

Thursday July 24, 2014 was a perfect day for the 21st annual Al DiGiusto Boat Cruise and Luncheon.

Around 11:00 a.m., five boats, 31 Sirs and 30 SIR Ladies converged on the Boardwalk Grill in Discovery Bay. As in past years, the tables filled, the drinks began to flow, and chatter filled the air.



The day was a little breezy making it very pleasant on the outdoor patio eating area.



Before lunch we remembered and toasted our fallen Sir Al DiGiusto who started this great event in 1993.

Again, the Boardwalk Grill did an outstanding job with the food and service.

After a great lunch, a lot of conversation, and laughter, it was time for the drawing (two gift certificates provided by the Boardwalk Grill). Our Lucky Lady winners were Connie Carlson and Elva Petersen.

Then it was time to leave; some left by car for destinations unknown while others, the thirty nine revelers who elected to go on a boat cruise, embarked on the five awaiting boats for their sightseeing tour of Discovery Bay.



The hospitality of our five boat captains and their first mates was enjoyed and very much appreciated; Carlo and Connie Delazzar (had the largest group of 12 on their Regency Pontoon Boat), John and Margaret Lopp, Richard and Kay Wisdom, Eric and Linda Jensen, and Norm and Luetta Spencer (again winning the Best Classic Award with their 1960 Chris Craft Ski Boat).

Once again, a great time was had by all. We'll be doing it again next year - the 22nd annual!!

Howie Fisher Memorial Brick

On Wednesday, July 23rd the DBGCC Senior Men's Golf Club honored past SIR Senior Life Member and Area Governor, Howie Fisher, with a Memorial Brick at the 17th hole. In attendance were Dee Fisher, family and invited guests.



Our Members' Classic Cars

At the July luncheon, several Branch 161 members arrived in their classic cars and hot rods. They patiently allowed other members to browse, kick tires, and ask questions.



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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