



# 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

The new slate of officers for Branch 161 was voted on in August and they will be sworn in at the November luncheon. I encourage you to assist these board members in 2015. These gentlemen will work hard for you and they will appreciate any help you can give them.



How many of you are aware of the problems we are experiencing with our waterways? Everyone who cares about our community should let those people in power in Sacramento and our County know how much damage is being done with the weeds and moss contamination coming into our bays. I have lived here for 14 years and have never encountered the massive weeds and algae that we are experiencing today. Our entire community is in for big trouble if something isn't done soon. We have been told "there is no money this year for spraying" and "it isn't that bad this year". I am sure we are all willing to chip in to help finance this problem.

### Next luncheon

Our next regular luncheon will be Tuesday, September 9. Cocktails and visiting begin at 11:00 a.m. and lunch is served at noon, with our speaker starting about 12:45 p.m. I will look for you.

### Attendance

We had 121 for lunch in August, including two guests. Both of these men filled out an application to join SIR,

so I hope to see them both as members soon.

### Membership

Our current SIR group has 161 active members. That is only one up since the start of the year, but it looks like we will increase that number to 163 soon. I am still hoping for the projected 172 members for this year. Let's see if we can increase our membership by seven men in the next three months. Please ask your neighbors and friends to come check us out. We are pretty darn good, if you ask me.

### Activities

Dick Donald announced that he has changed the start time of Bocce Ball. The group will now meet in the mornings, in order to beat the heat in the afternoons. Call Dick if you would like to join in with this great Bocce gang. They have a lot of fun and they would welcome you aboard.

### The big picture

Remember to check out our State web site at [www.sirinc.org](http://www.sirinc.org) or our own local web site at [www.sir161.org](http://www.sir161.org) to see our branch happenings.

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## September Birthday Boys

*Happy Birthday to:*

Wayne Berry, Al Ciaramella, Ed Fitzpatrick,  
John Fry, Larry Green, Tony Guarascio,  
John Jewell, Tom Kenny, Ed Konieczny,  
Jack Kramer, Dick MacDonald, Don Roth,  
Tom State, Brad Vinson, and Bruce Watkins.

*If your 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

### August 2014 Recap

This month we were served Salisbury steak with mashed potatoes & gravy, and vegetables.

### Free Lunch Winners

Mike Cullen and Dennis Pachucki were the winners of a free lunch, which they can claim at any regular Tuesday luncheon. You can be a member of the "free lunch club" too! But, you have to be with us at the lunch to have a chance for your name to be drawn.



## August Guest Speaker



Our guest speaker this month was Paul Kelley, Executive Director of the Bay Area Biosolids to Energy Coalition. He explained how new waste treatment plants are being designed to be able to generate usable energy as a by-product of their sewage treatment process.

## September Guest Speaker

Rick Howard, the General Manager for Discovery Bay, will be our guest speaker in September.

## September luncheon

On September 9th, we will have Chicken Parmesan with Pasta Alfredo 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 September luncheon, it is important to call Bill Konold at 634-2738 as soon as you know that you will not be at the luncheon. We assume that you will be there, and we order a \$17 lunch for you, unless we hear from you that you will not be there.

## Knowing What's Up

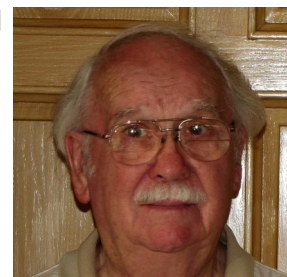
Our SIR Branch 161 is on the web at [www.sir161.org](http://www.sir161.org). For more news, photos and links to state SIR information, visit our website. The latest issue of SIR Happenings can be downloaded via a link on our web site.

Enjoy your families and friends,  
Little Sir, Jim Davis

## Bridge report, Harry Ohlson

The next bridge session will be held on September 16th at noon in the Discovery Bay Country Club.

If you wish to join us, please call me for seating (925) 513-3048.



## Dinner With The Ladies, Micheal White

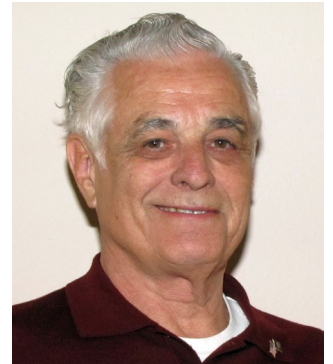
**When:** 23 September, 2014.

**Where:** Shirasoni Steakhouse, Teppanyaki and Sushi Bar. 6367 Lone Tree Way, Brentwood, CA.

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

**Menu choices:**

Hors d'oeuvres: Shrimp Sauté and Crispy Calamari. Dessert: Mochi Ice Cream.



**Chicken Teriyaki:** Chicken breasts grilled with sweet teriyaki sauce.

**New York steak:** Tender and juicy steak hibachi grilled to your perfection.

**Filet Mignon Steak:** Tender and juicy grilled to your perfection.

**Hibachi Shrimp:** Succulent shrimp grilled with lemon and butter.

**Hibachi Salmon:** Salmon grilled with care and a hint of lemon to seal in the dedicate flavor.

**Vegetable Delight:** Assorted fresh vegetables grilled in a light sauce.

**All entrees include:** Mushroom soup, green salad with ginger dressing, hibachi vegetables, choice of steam rice, fried rice or garlic fried rice. (Soda, Tea, or Water included.)

**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 9th September, 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:**

Chicken Teriyaki: \_\_\_\_\_

New York Steak: \_\_\_\_\_

Filet Mignon Steak: \_\_\_\_\_

Hibachi Shrimp: \_\_\_\_\_

Hibachi Salmon: \_\_\_\_\_

Vegetable Delight: \_\_\_\_\_

**Indicate which rice with your entrée choice:**

Steam Rice \_\_\_\_\_ Fried Rice: \_\_\_\_\_ Garlic Rice: \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner with the ladies, 23 September, 2014. Shirasoni Steakhouse, Teppanyaki and Sushi Bar. 6367 Lone Tree Way, Brentwood.

## You are invited

There will be a memorial for two past SIR Branch 161 members in October. You are invited to attend a memorial for Peter Constantine on October 8th and a memorial for Elwood Davis on October 15th. We will honor these two men at the 17th tee of the Discovery Bay Country Club and we will start at 2:00 pm. You are welcome to attend. The Discovery Bay Senior Men's Golf Club will handle the memorial service.

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## 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.

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## The Happenings

Be sure to check ***The Happenings***, the state SIR newsletter. From time to time, Branch 161, our members, and our activities are featured.

There's a link to *The Happenings* on our Branch 161 web site at [www.sir161.org](http://www.sir161.org)

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## Two awards for Lou Kirkpatrick



At our July luncheon, Lou Kirkpatrick received the 20 year award.

Lou was also granted Senior Honorary Lifetime Member status (10 years).

The awards were presented by HLM Bob Damico.

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## HLM award for Don Blotz

Don Blotz joined Branch 161 in July of 1994, and was presented with the 20-Year Membership Award by HLM Bob Damico.





## 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

Okay, here it is! The final results for the SIR summer bowling. After 13 weeks of hotly contested bowling had Quarters R Us defeating Misfits for 1st place. Because of the SIR tournament held in Reno, both teams had two people that pre-bowled for their position round.



When all the pins were counted Misfits, led by Shirley Madsen, Dottie Harris, Pam Jarvie, and Greg Mattus, won the first game 892 to 841. Quarters R Us, led by Russ Reid, Jim George, Rosie Elmer and Paul Elmer, won the 2nd game 878 to 765 and tied the third game 847 to 847, and also won total pins 2566 to 2504. Team 13, led by Barbara Oehlert, Woody Oehlert, and Al Fleisher tied for 2nd place with Out Of Here, led by Val Heck, Barbara Slifer, Tom State, and Wes Van Beveran. They were only 2 games behind. A very close finish for the summer season. The league sweepstakes will be held on August 25th.

Individual awards are as follows: for the men, scratch series goes to Jerry Marshall with 772,

scratch game goes to Jose Arroyo with 279, handicap series was won by Dick Braden with 759, and handicap game was won by Paul Elmer with 285.

And certainly not least, the awards for the women were: scratch series with 630 went to Rosie Elmer, scratch game went to Terry Damico with 224, handicap series was won by Mary Pitta-Fry with 781, and handicap game with 272 went to Mary Branscum.

**Important note:** The winter season for 2014 - 2015 starts on Monday, September 8th. It appears that we have 20 or more teams ready to go. If YOU would like to bowl in this great league, please contact John Fry as soon as possible.

**One more note:** The tournament in Reno was its usual difficult self, with changing lane conditions (oil movement), making it difficult to score well, although some people did, but concentration was mandatory and in great demand. As far as I have heard, all had a great time and look forward to the next tournament. It was a pleasure to have Bob and Pat Rhiner journey from their new home in Texas to share in the frustration in Reno; Very good to see them again. No results are available as of this writing.

Paul

## SIR Activities, Dick Donald

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

### Wine Tasting, Dick Donald, 513-2849

Dick and Cam Donald will be hosting the September wine tasting on Thursday, September 25. If you are interested in attending this very popular activity please contact Dick Donald at 513-2849, or email DickDonald@Yahoo.com by Friday, September 5.



### 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 Satur-

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

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

It had been suggested to change to morning play due to the excessive heat during the afternoon. A vote was taken and it was decided to try Thursdays at 10 AM. Anyone interested in playing Bocce Ball with a group of SIRs and their ladies are invited to drop in at 10:00 am Thursday 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.

## Golf News, Dale Welin

The results from Callippe tournament (August 19) have been verified and are official, there were no changes. Nice job on the score keeping for all 5 groups; your pace was good to finish in about 4.5 hours. We had 20 players this month on a tough course, particularly the back 9 holes. The results follow:



1st place - 127 - Watkins, Wiebe, Zierau, Brodie.

2nd place - 130 - Onstad, Zwemer, Rentzel, Fanucchi.

Closest to the pin winners - Hole #6 - M. Quier and Hole #13 - L. Onstad.

Individual performances with shooting better than net par of 72 were Brodie - 65, Zierau - 67 (same foursome), Welin - 69, Konold - 70, Onstad, Watkins - 71.

We have one more tournament to qualify for the 2014 Club Championship. That event will be at Swenson Park, Stockton, with the entry information

below.

**When:** Tuesday, Sept. 23, 2014 (fourth Tuesday).

**Where:** Swenson Park GC, Stockton.

**Time:** 8:00 am shotgun start.

**Cost:** \$35.00 includes golf, cart and prize money.

**Format:** A team event, format will be announced on 9-23.

As usual, please advise Dale Welin by phone, email or in person to get your name on the player list. Then send a check payable to Dale Welin for \$35.00 to my address, 2867 Cherry Hills Drive, Discovery Bay, CA 94505. Our regular monthly luncheon will be on Tuesday, September 9th, 2 weeks before our golf tournament. The cut off for signing up AND getting your check to me is Tuesday, September 16th, the date we have to notify the golf course of our player count. We hope to have more than 20 players for September. If there are any questions, please call Dale.

See you on the green.

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

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