



SIR BRANCH 161 NEWS

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Floyd McBeth, Big Sir

Opening statement

SIR Randall's guest from last month has made application for membership and he will be presented to the board during the January BEC meeting. I am sure he will be approved so let's welcome Jim Avila in January and please let him introduce himself to us at that time.



The Discovery Bay Golf and Country Club needs to increase our lunch price effective January 2015. They wanted a \$2.00 increase but they agreed to a \$1.50 increase, making next year's lunch \$18.50 per person. Please help us out by first accepting this new price and second, try to bring quarters or write a check when paying for your lunch. This will speed up the process at the door when signing in.

Christmas luncheon

The annual Christmas luncheon with our ladies will be held Tuesday, December 9. Please join us and help us celebrate the Christmas season.

Christmas luncheon sales are going great. We have sold over 150 tickets and the room capacity is 170, so there are only a few more tickets available. We hope you have your ticket so we can see you at the final 2014 lunch.

Attendance

We had 121 members for lunch in November including guests and speakers.

Membership

Our roster for 2014 has been closed out, finishing the year with 158 active members and 6 inactive members. We had 2 regulations that required action in November. Regulation 12-001 is for inactive members. We found that 5 members wanted to leave our SIR group and their names have been dropped. Regulation 12-002 is for attendance requirements. We had 3 members, Bob Burke, Jack Kramer and Ernie Wodiske removed from SIR for attendance issues. All 8 men are welcome back any time they wish to re-join.

Activities

Next year could be an exciting one; There are so many things that SIR offers to its membership. Contact Dick Donald at 925 513-2849. He will help you get started participating in one or all of our activities.

The Big Picture

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

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December Birthdays

Happy Birthday to:

Colin Brodie, Pete Dean, Dick Donald, Gary Hess, Clinton Sparks, Robert White and Craig Wilson.

*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

November 2014 Recap

This month we enjoyed fried chicken, whipped potatoes with gravy, and vegetables.

Free Lunch Winners

Congratulations to John Lopp and Clint Sparks.

Their names were drawn for a free lunch, which they can claim at any regular luncheon (not December, for which you must buy tickets).



November Guest Speaker

Our guest speaker was Jim Carley, a certified senior advisor and reverse mortgage consultant. Jim talked about "How to make retirement funds last a lifetime", specifically focusing on "reverse mortgages".

As a side note, we have spoken with the Country Club about the problems with the sound system, and believe we have a technical solution, which hopefully will work.

December luncheon

Our annual special Christmas Luncheon with our ladies will be on December 9th. You must buy your tickets (\$21 each) before December 3rd in order to attend this popular annual event. Music will be provided by the granddaughters of our own Clinton Sparks, "the Sparks Sisters", who have delighted us

in the past with their singing.

If you have not yet purchased your tickets and desire to attend, please contact our Treasurer, Tony Pacheco, at 240-0523.

December luncheon menu

We will be served Roast Turkey Breast, with whipped potatoes & gravy, vegetables, and cranberry sauce.

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.

Looking forward to seeing you on December 9th.
Little Sir Jim Davis

Third time golf Champion

Ed Carr receives the 2014 Branch 161 golf champion award from Dale Welin, his 3rd time.



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 November 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

Al & Dana Box will be hosting the December wine tasting on Thursday, December 11th. If you are interested in attending this very popular activity please contact Dick Donald at 513-2849, or email DickDonald@Yahoo.com by Friday, December 5th.



Pickleball, Bob Lyman, 628-7906

New times for drop-in play with the time change.

There is a beginner group playing on Wednesday

mornings at 9:00 AM and they welcome all new players. Come join the fun! The other drop-in play times are 9:00 AM Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday and 4:00 PM Wednesday. Beginners are also welcome for free instruction at 10:AM every Saturday (with good weather!!!) Just bring yourself; we have everything else needed. The game is easy for beginners to learn but can develop into a quick, fast-paced, competitive game for experienced players..

Photography, Frank Headley, 240-6511

The Photography Club did not meet in November. We plan a meeting in December, and members will be notified via email.

Golf News, Dale Welin

We are looking forward to the new year of 2015 and need your NCGA dues to be sent to Dale Welin. The cutoff is January 13, 2015, the day of our SIR Branch 161 luncheon. The cost remains at \$36.00 and your check should be made payable to Dale Welin.



I will not be at the Christmas luncheon, so please mail your check to me or get it to me in person when I see you.

We have almost completed the arrangements and venues for 2015. We will send an email when the plans are done. Thank you.

Dale Welin

Bowling News, Paul Elmer

We finally have the results and payouts for our Bob Matteucci 12th Annual Tournament held in mid November. They are: In Division 1 singles Greg Mattus 2nd, Bob Damico 3rd, Fred Critchfield 6th, Mitch Wisinski 11th, and Rosie Elmer 14th. In Division 2 singles Terry Damico 4th, Dottie Harris and Val Heck tied for 7th. For Division 2 doubles Dottie Harris and Mitch Wisinski placed 6th. For Division 1 All Events, Fred Critchfield 5th, Rosie Elmer 6th, Greg Mattus 9th, and Mitch Wisinski 10th. Division 2 All Events Terry Damico 9th, Connie Ryan 11th and Dottie Harris 12th. Out of a total field of 108 bowlers we did pretty good. Well Done!!



The last tournament of the year was held last week in Modesto and there are no results posted as of now.

We are one third of the way through our 35 week season with the Sharp Shooters (33 wins) still managing to hold on to 1st place by 2 games over Brentwood Café with 31 wins. Two teams, Lucky 4 (30 and 1/2 wins) and Team 1 with 30 wins are in close contention.

Season high scores are as follows; For the men Greg Mattus has Scratch series with 744, Scratch game is held by Warren Young with 268, Handicap Series goes to Vic Vasquez with 756, and Jim George has the high Handicap game of 315. For the ladies Marie Wilson has high scratch series with 627, Gail Smith has high Handicap game of 244, Roberta Bodine has the Handicap series of 753, and Janine Gordon has Handicap game of 276. There is about one month to go before the end of the first half so any or all of these wonderful scores can be improved. If anyone wishes to start bowling in the SIR Bowling League please let me or John Fry know; There is always room for new bowlers.

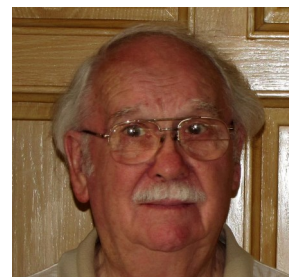
Have a very merry Christmas and New Year. There will be more to report next year.

Paul

Bridge report, Harry Ohlson

There will be no bridge session in December.

Merry Christmas to all.
Harry.



SIR Travel Opportunities

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.



2015 Branch 161 Meetings Calendar

01/13/2015	07/14/2015
02/10/2015	08/11/2015
03/10/2015	09/1/2015
04/7/2015	10/13/2015
05/12/2015 (note 1)	11/10/2015
06/9/2019	12/8/2015 (note 1)

Note 1: The Mothers Day and Christmas luncheons with the ladies are not 'required' Branch luncheon meetings.

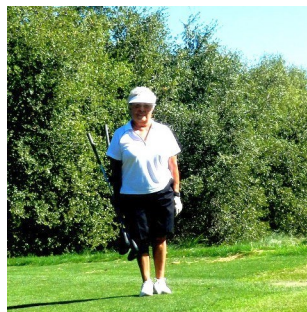
The 2015 Branch Executive Committee inducted at our November luncheon.



Greenhorn Creek Golf Tournament

The following photos were taken during this year's annual Greenhorn Creek Golf Tournament near Angels Camp. The group of 10 couples enjoyed the two days of golfing, drinking and dining at this fabulous resort. More photos can be viewed in the photo gallery on our web site.

Will Myers



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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