



# SIR BRANCH 161 NEWS

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## Jim Davis, Big Sir

### Mothers Day Luncheon

A big thanks to Micheal White for coordinating this-year's successful Mothers Day Luncheon, and for standing in for me at the last minute when a family emergency took me out of town. Although attendance was lower this year than in the past, I have been told that those who attended had a wonderful time and were treated to some great entertainment. Good job Micheal!



### Branch Growth & Strength

Synergism means 2 + 2 is greater than 4. Ideas breed ideas. There are a number of ways you can help our Branch to grow and become a stronger branch with more ways for us all to actively enjoy one another's company. One way is to share your ideas with our officers. But, a far better way is to step up to the plate, get directly involved, and volunteer to serve your Branch; Roll up your sleeves and help to see how your ideas might be able to be put into practice. Our Branch will be around for many years to come, and I am convinced that the seeds of ideas that can result in growth for our branch are waiting to sprout in the minds of our members. This is the thought behind our new Member Relations Committee. This is also why you should consider involvement on one of our committees, or as an officer in the years to come.

### Looking Ahead - Annual Branch Elections

Elections for our 2016 Officers will be coming up soon, and this is a good time to review the process the SIR Organization has put in place for the annual

election of Branch Officers. Your Nominating Committee is finishing up their search for men in our Branch to be nominated to serve on our Branch Board for 2016. The names of these 12 nominees will be published in our July Newsletter and announced at our July Luncheon. Then, elections will be held at our August luncheon. At the August luncheon, nominations may be made from the floor. However, any person nominated from the floor at the August luncheon must be present to signify his agreement to accept the office if elected. Officers elected in August will be installed in November and will assume their responsibilities in January.

### One Quarter of a Century

Our SIR Branch 161 was incorporated December 17, 1991, which means that next year (2016) will be our 25th anniversary - yes – one quarter of a century here at Discovery Bay! If you would like to get involved in planning a special 25th anniversary celebration next year, contact our Little Sir, Micheal White, and let's see what we can get going. 25 Years is a big milestone for anybody, and now is the time to start thinking about what we want to do, when we want to do it, and how. Let's bring our combined memories

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and creativity together and make 2016 a very special year in the life of our Branch 161, Discovery Bay.

### **Next Regular Luncheon**

Our next Branch luncheon will be on the second Tuesday of June - June 9th. See you all there.

Your Big Sir - Jim Davis

### **Micheal White, Little Sir**

Our Mother's Day Luncheon was another success. The ladies received a red rose when they arrived.



### **May Entertainment**

Entertainment at the Mothers Day Luncheon was provided by *The Songsters*.

Members of the ensemble, directed by Susan Stuteville, are also members of the 80+ Summerset Singers mixed choral group.



### **June luncheon menu**

Meat loaf, whipped potatoes with gravy, 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.

### **June Speaker**

Our June speaker will be Jim Mattison of the Discovery Bay Community Foundation.  
Micheal

### **Golf News, Dale Welin**

Thank you to Lowell Onstad for being the Tournament Chairman for the May event at Diablo Creek in my absence. There were 19 players at the event at Diablo Creek. The results are below:



1st place - 126 - Onstad, Disney, Jenkins.

2nd place - 127 - Rirodan, Fry, Konieczny, Wilson.

CTP winners were Onstad and Rentzel.

Three players netted below par for the day and they were: Disney - 66, Smith - 70, and Riordan - 71.

Nice to have a good day!!!!

Information for the June event will follow next week and I hope to see you there. We need more than 19 players for our events, as we have 37 members of our SIR NCGA golf club. Come and join us.

The calendar shows that we have a short turnaround from our last tournament and our scheduled event for June. The entry info is below:

**When:** Tuesday, June 16, 2015.

**Where:** Poppy Ridge GC, Livermore.

**Time:** 9:00 am from the 1st tee and tee times to follow.

**Cost:** \$47.00 for golf, cart and prize money.

**Format:** To be announced.

**Deadline:** Entries will close on Tuesday, June 9 at our monthly luncheon.

Please e-mail or call Dale Welin to get your name on the player list. Then send a check payable to Dale Welin for the \$47.00. If you are a SIR Branch 161 member and would like to join in and play with us each month, please call Dale Welin, 925-516-9463 to get info about our SIR NCGA golf club. We will be happy to hear from you and I will answer any questions you may have.

Dale Welin

## 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.

## SIR Activities, Dick Donald

We're always looking for new activities among SIR. If you have a suggestion for an activity not currently supported, let us know and we'll see if we can get a group going. You can contact me at 513-2849 or email DickDonald@Yahoo.com.



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

Dick and Cam Donald will be hosting the next wine tasting on Thursday, June 25th. 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 12th.

### Pickleball, Bob Lyman, 628-7906

Any of you Sirs who have an interest in doing something slightly more active than a long walk; you should come give pickleball a try. If you have ever played racquetball, tennis, squash or badminton you will find this a game somewhat similar, but with less energy required, using a large ping pong type paddle and a whiffle ball on a badminton sized court. Drop-in play times are 8:00 am Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday and 5:00 pm Wednesday at the Discovery Bay public pickleball courts on Willow Lake Road. 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.

### Poker, Colin Brodie, 634-8564

Colin Brodie is looking for poker players interested in a game each month. If you would like to play in a fun, low-stakes game with fellow Sirs, please contact Colin or Dick Donald (513-2849).

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

There will be a bocce ball game every Wednesday at 4:00 pm on the DBCC bocce courts. If you are interested in playing please contact Dick at 513-2849 or just show up and we'll organize a game.

### Photography, Frank Headley, 240-6511

The photography group meets periodically to share photographic knowledge and tips, ranging from scene composition to image storage and cataloging, to post-processing using software tools.

We also hold occasional field trips to photograph interesting scenes, activities, or objects.

To join our group, call Frank Headley at 240-6511. No special knowledge or equipment needed.



## Bowling News, Paul Elmer

The results from the SIR annual state bowling tournament held at Black Oak Casino Lanes near Sonora, Ca, on May 4 - 6 are in, and some of our men did pretty well. First of all this was a SIR-only tournament (no guests) and was team, doubles, and all events only. Bill Bayer finished 1st by 18 pins in division 2 all events, while Joe Arroyo finished 3rd in division 1 all events. Joe Arroyo and Mitch Wisinski placed 3rd in Division 1 doubles. Well done guys!!



On April 27th the sweepstakes were held for the Monday SIR League with the playoff between Team 2 (Jerry Dittman, Will G Meyers, Don Patterson, and Eric A Jensen) and Split Happens ( Jean Scurlock, Beth Edwards, Harris Edwards, and Tom Kirtley) was held with Team 2 prevailing with their names engraved on the Elwood Davis-Jim Heck perpetual trophy prominently on display at Harvest Park Bowl.

We have completed week 3 of 15 weeks in the summer session of Monday SIR, with "10 SPOT" (Art Solomon, Lorraine Burt, and Fred Critchfield) and Split Happens (Beth Edwards, Harris Edwards, May Pitta-Fry and Tom Kirtley) tied with 9 wins each. Watch out people, there are 4 other teams that are 2 games or less behind you.

For the season high scores we have for the men: Scratch Series - Greg Mattus with 707, Scratch Game - Ron Wilson with 267. For the women we have Rosie Elmer with a scratch series of 542, and Terry Damico with a scratch game of 213.

There are two tournaments in June. One is on June 3-4 at Pinole Lanes, and the other is in Paradise CA, at Tall Pines on June 16-17.

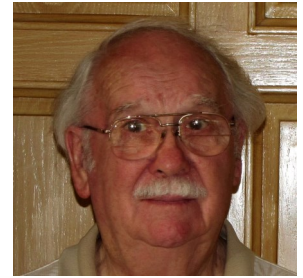
Don't forget - some of the best senior bowlers in history will be coming to Harvest Park Bowl on June 14-17. Come and watch them, admission is free and the action is great.

Paul

## Bridge report, Harry Ohlson

The next Bridge session will be on June 16th at the Discovery Bay Country Club at 12:00pm. Please call me for seating 513-3048.

Thanks, 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.



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
06/9/2015	12/8/2015 (note 1)
<b>Note 1:</b> Not 'required' Branch luncheon meetings.	

## 2015 Branch 161 Meetings Calendar

## Dinner With The Ladies, Alan Jarvie

**When:** June 23, 2015.

**Where:** Jalisco's Mexican Restaurant, 8335 Brentwood Boulevard, Brentwood.

**Time:** Arrival and cocktails starting at 5:00pm, Dinner served at 6:00pm.

**Menu choices** (Salad, dessert, lemonade and iced tea are included):

- Fajitas - Chicken or Steak
- Enchiladas (2) – Chicken, Pork or Beef (Red or Green sauce)
- Burritos (2) – Chicken, Pork or Beef
- Chile Relleno & Enchilada
- Snapper Steak
- Vegetarian Quesadilla (with rice, beans, Jack cheese, guacamole, lettuce and tomato).



All entrees except the Vegetarian Quesadilla are served with rice and refried beans on the side.

**Cost:** \$21.00 per person (includes tax and tip).

**Deadline:** We need your RSVP no later than June 18 – there will be envelopes at our General Meeting on June 9.

Please send your checks to me in advance.

Please make your checks out to Alan Jarvie and mail to 4121 Windward Court, Discovery Bay, CA 94505. Cell phone 408-219-8240

**Directions:** Jalisco's is located at 8335 Brentwood Boulevard, Brentwood. Take Hwy 4 west out of Discovery Bay, and continue north and west on Hwy 4 / Brentwood Boulevard into Brentwood. One block after the traffic signal at Oak Street, turn left onto Maple Street and then turn right into Jalisco's parking lot - you'll see Jalisco's on your left. Driving distance approximately 8 miles.

----- Tear out and return with your check -----

Name(s):

Phone:

### Your menu choices:

Fajitas: Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ Steak \_\_\_\_\_

Enchiladas: Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ Pork \_\_\_\_\_ Beef \_\_\_\_\_  
with Red Sauce \_\_\_\_\_ with Green Sauce \_\_\_\_\_

Burritos: Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ Pork \_\_\_\_\_ Beef \_\_\_\_\_

Chile Relleno with Enchilada (Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ Pork \_\_\_\_\_ Beef \_\_\_\_\_ )

Snapper Steak \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian Quesadilla \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner With The Ladies, June 23, 2015 at Jalisco's Mexican Restaurant, 8335 Brentwood Boulevard, Brentwood.

## Greenhorn Creek Golf Tournament,

### Will Myers

The sign-up for our 8th Annual Discovery Bay SIR Golfing Tournament for members and their mates at the Greenhorn Creek Resort at nearby Angels Camp, scheduled this year for Wednesday, September 30 and Thursday, October 1, 2015, has now begun. Please note that 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 WorldMark time share villas. These first-class housing villas are four-person (two bedrooms, two baths) units providing access to the facilities spas and pools, tennis courts, pool tables, exercise rooms and other amenities. 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 meals, if they so choose. What has been done in the past years is for most everyone to meet and have dinner at the excellent Greenhorn Creek Resort restaurant on both evenings.

The nearby towns of Angels Camp and Murphy provide plenty of entertainment, restaurants, and shopping for the non-golfers to spend time while golfers play. Each day after golfing, hors d'oeuvres will be provided to all by the Greenhorn Creek restaurant staff.

The total cost per golfer (which includes two days of golf, two days of hors d'oeuvres, housing, and golf prize money) is \$183.75 for those staying one night in the villa, while it is \$232.75 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 \$61.75 for those staying one night, while it

is \$110.75 for those staying two nights.

A sign-up sheet will be in the Discovery Bay Country Club lobby at our monthly Sir 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 now and come join us for two days of fun at this beautiful, nearby resort. If you have any questions, see or call Will Myers at 925-516-9448.

### In Memoriam

(Captain) Ward Proescher passed away on April 9, 2015 from a Heart Attack.

Ward joined Branch 161 in March 2012.

Please keep him, his wife Susan and their family in your thoughts and prayers.

### Your luncheon responsibility

If you will not be able to attend a Monthly luncheon, it is important that you 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 lunch for you, unless we hear from you that you will not be there.

### June birthdays

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, Micheal White.

## The 22nd Annual Al DiGiusto Boat Cruise and Luncheon - July 23, 2015



In 1993, 22 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. The 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 on Thursday July 23, 2015, 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 11:30 am (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 / boat Captains there to give you a ride after lunch. Sign-up deadline is July 16, 2015.

----- 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; I have room for \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Having lunch only, no boat ride needed.

## 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 (not counting May and December), will have their membership reviewed by the Branch Executive Committee (BEC), and may receive a notice from the BEC of their decision to consider terminating the absent Sir's 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, Glenn MacBride.

**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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