



# 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

## Jim Davis, Big Sir

### Sharing - enjoying - meeting interesting fellow-retirees

Why "Sons In Retirement"?

Involvement in SIR is a great way to share and enjoy interests we have in common with other men who, like each of us, have reached that time of life where we can relax from the challenges, pressures and accomplishments of full-time employment.

Involvement in SIR provides a great way to meet and socialize with men who come from a variety of unique and interesting backgrounds.

Involvement in SIR provides opportunities to encourage and be encouraged as we face the challenges that are common to each of us in our retirement years.

The SIR Articles of Incorporation say it like this:

"The specific purpose of this corporation is to provide for the welfare of retired men . . . who are pursuing a common goal, the enjoyment of their later years with dignity and pride . . . through association with other retired men who also face the particular problems that confront men upon their retirement."

To this end, our Branch leaders work to provide an increasing number and variety of activities; to coordinate monthly luncheons with interesting and timely speakers; and to involve our wives and lady friends as often as possible. Each August, we elect the men who will serve on our next-year's Board (a.k.a the Branch



Executive Committee or BEC) – men who are committed to moving our Branch ever closer to fulfilling the purpose of Sons In Retirement.

### Nominees for 2016

At the beginning of each year, the Big Sir appoints members to the Branch Nominating Committee for the purpose of identifying and nominating men to serve on next-year's BEC. Dick Donald chaired this year's Nominating Committee, with Bob Damico and Eric Jensen being the other two members. They have done a great job, and I would like to thank them for their hard work and diligence in providing us with a list of nominees for our Branch to consider and vote on at our August luncheon.

Our Board has 12 members; There are 6 officers and 6 Directors. Of those 12 positions, nine 2015 incumbents (with the Little Sir moving to Big Sir) are available to continue serving next year. The Nominating Committee has identified and nominated the following 12 men to serve on your Branch 2016 Board:

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### Nominations for 2016 Board

**Big Sir:** Micheal White (2015 Little Sir)  
**Little Sir:** Len Fadda (2015 Director)  
**Secretary:** Larry Mensch (Incumbent)  
**Assistant Secretary:** Jack Bree (Appointed mid 2015)  
**Treasurer:** Bill Monamey  
**Assistant Treasurer:** Ed Coats (Incumbent)  
**Director:** Bob Damico (Incumbent)  
**Director:** Paul Elmer (Incumbent)  
**Director:** Alan Jarvie (Incumbent)  
**Director:** Tom Kirtley  
**Director:** Lowell Onstad (Incumbent)  
**Director:** Dale Welin (Incumbent)

### July Luncheon - be there or be square

Again, I'm looking forward to seeing each of you at our July 14th luncheon - the 2nd Tuesday.

Enjoy your retirement! Come and meet somebody new.

Your Big Sir - Jim Davis

### Micheal White, Little Sir

**June free lunch winners**  
 Lowell Thomas and Ron Wilson.

### July Speaker

Our July speaker will be Mr. Barry Banford on the subject of VA Benefits.



### July luncheon menu

Chicken Marsala, rice & 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.

Micheal

### Golf News, Dale Welin

#### Results from Poppy Ridge:

Another small player list, only 19 players participated at Poppy Ridge. We each played our own ball, used the gross score minus the handicap to get a net score. Then, after the round was completed, we drew names out of a hat to pair two players for a team. The gold tees were used and the course played short. It was in good shape given the water drought challenge that each golf course faces. We paid 4 low net teams as follows:

1st place - 127 - Sevim, Fanucchi  
 2nd place - 128 - Fry, Wiebe  
 3rd place - 137 - Welin, Jenkins  
 4th place - 141 - Carr, Jewel

CTP winners were Welin and Rentzel.

We had 7 players net in the 60's and they were: Wiebe, Fanucchi - 62, Welin - 64, Sevim - 65, Fry - 66, Carr - 68, Watkins - 69. Good work to all!

The tournament for July is all set for Swenson Park, Stockton. Entry information is below:

**When:** Tuesday, July 21, 2015

**Where:** Swenson Park, Stockton

**Time:** 8:00 am reverse shotgun

**Entry Fee:** \$35.00 for golf, cart, and prize money

**Format:** To be announced

**Cutoff:** Tuesday, July 14 at the monthly luncheon

Please contact Dale by phone, email or in person to get your name on the player list. Then follow that with your check for \$35.00, payable to Dale Welin, and send it or give the check to Dale. We hope you will participate next month at Swenson Park, Stockton.

If you are a SIR 161 member and would be interested in our golf tournaments, please contact Dale Welin at 516-9463.

Dale Welin



## 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](mailto:DickDonald@Yahoo.com).



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

Gary & Linda Tucker will be hosting the next wine tasting on Thursday, July 16th. Note that this is the third Thursday of the month to avoid conflict with the DiGiusto luncheon. If you are interested in attending this very popular activity please contact Dick Donald at 513-2849, or email [DickDonald@Yahoo.com](mailto:DickDonald@Yahoo.com) by Friday, July 4th.



**Dick checks entries in last month's tasting.**

### 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.

## July birthdays

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



## Bowling News, Paul Elmer

Week 5 of 15 weeks of summer league bowling has been competed with Keep On Rollin' (Ron Wilson, Mitch Wisinski, Art Lopez, John Fry) in first place by 1/2 game over 10 Spot (Art Solomon, Lorraine Burt, Mary Branscum, Fred Critchfield). However there are 4 other teams 2 and 3 games back. The pressure is on!



The high scores for week 5 are: Men, scratch series Greg Mattus 707, scratch game Ron Wilson 267, handicap series John Fry 711, handicap game Harris Edwards 290. For the women, scratch series Rosie Elmer 553, scratch game Terry Damico 213, handicap series Peg Hampton 732, and handicap game Doris Cole 272.

There was a SIR tournament in Pinole on June 3-4. We had only four members compete in it. However, Mitch Wisinski was the only one to cash. He placed 4th in Scratch Singles, 5th in standard singles, and 6th in All Events. Well done!! The next tournament is in Yuba City on July 13 - 14 at Nu Generation Lanes. If you would like to enter see John Fry for entries or go to [www.sir.org](http://www.sir.org).

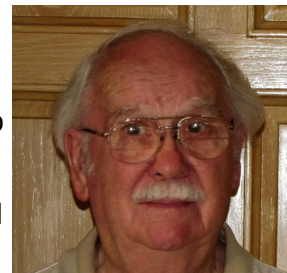
Last week (June 14 - 17), 101 of the PBA Seniors (50 or older and super seniors 60 or older) competed at Harvest Park Lanes in Brentwood for the \$8000 first place award. Amleto Monicelli of Venezuela did just that by defeating Brian LeClair 237 - 225. This was after 16 games (8 each day) of qualifying. On Wednesday the top 8 qualifiers got a bye for match play in which the next 24 and 8 additional super seniors competed for the top 16. This group then competed in 6 more games to cut to the top eight. This group then competed with the original top eight for six more games to go into individual match play to make to top five who competed in the step ladder finals for first place. If you want to consider what kind of condition these 50 and 60 plus year olds are in, on the final day the winner may have bowled 18 games. Some very notable bowlers who did not make the finals were Walter Ray Williams, Parker Bohn III, and Brian Voss. Pete Weber lost out in the first round of match play. There was some very good

bowling with 5 perfect games being rolled.

Paul

## Bridge report, Harry Ohlson

The next Bridge session will be on July 21st at the Discovery Bay Country Club at 12:00pm, if we can get enough players. 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.



## 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
06/9/2015	12/8/2015 (note 1)

**Note 1:** 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.

One new member was 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.

### New Member



**Terry Silva** retired in April, 2014 as owner of Multispace.

Hobbies include bowling, fishing, hiking and tennis.

Terry's sponsor was Larry Mensch.

### WELCOME BACK

Two members were re-instated from "inactive" status:

Don Roth, prior member 8-1-2007 to 9-9-2014.

Ken Dickens, prior member 6-11-2002 to 12-13-2013

### 20-year Membership



Bob Damico presents Dick Jamison with an award for his 20-year membership of SIR Branch 161.

## 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

Our fellow Sir Phil Paulson passed away June 15, 2015. He was a long-time Discovery Bay resident and a 20-year member of Branch 161 (Joined April 1994).

### 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.

## 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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