



# SIR BRANCH 161 NEWS

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## Jim Davis, Big Sir

### Christmas Luncheon With The Ladies

December is practically on us, and so is our annual Christmas Luncheon with our Ladies. There will be special entertainment arranged by our Little Sir, Micheal White. We will be privileged to have the State SIR President, Bobbie Hairston as our guest, along with our Area governor, Ron Saltgaver. They will be swearing in our new 2016 Branch Executive Committee and Officers, and making a special presentation that you won't want to miss.

So, buy your tickets gentlemen. They are \$23 each, and you can buy them from our Treasurer, Glenn MacBride. Mail your check to him at 1860 Tangier Terrace, Discovery Bay, CA 94505, and make it payable to "SIR Branch 161", or better, bring the money to the November luncheon on Tuesday, November 10th and get your tickets then. Don't disappoint your lady, and don't be disappointed by not being able to join us in December. No Ticket, no December fun!

### 25th Anniversary Year - 2016

Our Discovery Bay Branch of Sons In Retirement started in 1991, a quarter of a century ago. 2016 will be our 25th anniversary year. Our Articles of Incorporation were filed in November 1990, and in 1991, our first Big Sir, Hal Adams, was elected. Many of us were still working then. A lot of us have joined SIR in the meantime. Today, ten of our past 24 Big Sirs (going back to Tom State in 2001) are still active members in



our Branch.

Our newly elected Big Sir, Micheal White, and Little Sir, Len Fadda, have the privilege of leading our branch through this exciting year. But, they can't do it alone; Their Board will handle a lot of the workload as usual, and do a great job. But, they will need you guys to step up and help make 2016 an exceptionally wonderful year. Volunteer to get involved. Make this next year an unforgettable, once-every-quarter-century time of fun, remembrance, growth, and involvement. Let's get creative!

### Annual Dues for 2016

It's getting to be that time of year when we pay our annual \$20.00 dues to cover our Branch's and the state organization's costs of operating Sons In Retirement. As reported in the October Newsletter, our Board approved the collection of mandatory dues beginning with 2016. Our Board also agreed to keep the amount of the dues at \$20.00. Again, you can pay your dues any time in the next few months with cash or a check payable to "SIR Branch 161", or you can mail your check to our Treasurer, Glenn MacBride.

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Help a friend have a good time. Get involved. Enjoy your retirement. Looking forward to seeing you on November 10th.

Jim Davis, your Big Sir,

**Micheal White, Little Sir**

**October free lunch winners**

Gordon Piepho  
Jerry Dittman

**October speaker**

Our October Speaker was Don Finley, head of the Contra Costa County Sheriff's CSI lab.



Micheal White presents Don Finley, our October speaker, with a certificate of thanks.

**November Speaker**

Our November speaker will be Neal O'Farrell on the subject of Senior Fraud.

**November luncheon menu**

Fried chicken, whipped potatoes w/gravy & vegetables.

**Please note:** If you have any special dietary needs, please call or email Bill Konold at 634-2738 (bkonold@comcast.net).



Micheal White presents Henry VanHeukelom with the Senior SIR President's Award for achieving the Milestone Of Life.

**November birthdays**

Jack Bree, Don Burns, Rick Crago,  
Frank Cramer, Jim Davis, Lou Kirkpatrick,  
Bill Martin, Art Meyers, Chuck Niessen,  
Frank Tisch, Andrew Zwemer.

**Christmas luncheon tickets**

The Christmas Lunch with the ladies will take place on December 8, 2015 at noon. The price is \$23.00 per person. We will have a great lunch and Christmas songs by the Brentwood Singers. The ladies will also receive a red rose. You may obtain your tickets at the November meeting, or by contacting Sir Glen MacBride.

## Golf News, Dale Welin

The season ending tournament was our Club Championship for SIR Branch 161. We had 20 players trying to win the top honor. The results are below:



The new champion is not new to winning the tournament. JACK DISNEY won for the 3rd time, in 2006, 2010 and now in 2015. Congratulations to Jack!

- 1st place - 71 - Jack Disney, won the tie breaker
  - 2nd place - 71 - Walter Shipilov
  - 3rd place - 72 - Tom Kirtley
  - 4th place - 73 - Colin Brodie
  - 5th place - 74 - Lowell Onstadt
  - 6th place - 75 - Ed Carr and Dick Macdonald
- Only one CTP winner was Bruce Watkins.

Our season is over now and we will be sending emails to you regarding next year dues and courses. We NEED your feedback on your course suggestions.

Thank you,

Dale Welin



Dale presents the award to Jack Disney.

## Upcoming SIR Travel Opportunities

Two great Travel Opportunities await you; These are offered by other SIR Branches, but you are welcome to join in:

December 26, 2015-January 3, 2016 New Year's Celebration. A New Year's Celebration on a Western Caribbean Cruise. Prepare to enjoy a better than usual way to greet the New Year. The event includes a one-night stay in New Orleans and then boarding the Norwegian Dawn for seven days of freestyle cruising and visiting the following ports of call: Cozumel (Mexico), Roatan, Bay Islands (Honduras), Harvest Caye (Belize) and Costa Maya (Mexico). Prices range from \$2350 to \$3530 PPDO. Price includes home pickup, roundtrip air fare to New Orleans and all shipboard meals. Offered by Branch 1 Travel. Call Philip Manriquez at 650-871-5009.

January 9-19, 2016 Mexican Riviera Trip. This is a round trip cruise from San Francisco. The ports of call will be: Puerto Vallarta, Manzanillo, Mazatlan, Cabo San Lucas. Some of the attractions include splendid beaches and lush jungles, early architecture and towns, wildlife, Mexico's largest turtle sanctuary, kayaking, snorkeling or scuba diving, zip-lining and other outdoor adventures such as dolphin encounters and whale watching. Costs range from \$1455 to \$1995 PPDO, depending on cabin selection and includes home pick up to & from the San Francisco Pier and all shipboard meals & entertainment. Offered by Branch 62 Travel. Call Roy Jordan at 408-735-8765 or Jim Hohenshelt at 408-394-7226.



## 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

Lynn and Harriet Pierce will be hosting the next wine tasting on Thursday, November 12th (note the earlier date because of Thanksgiving). 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, October 9th.

### Pickleball, Bob Lyman, 628-7906

If you are looking for more fun, come try pickleball. Come join us and have loads of fun playing pickleball. Pickleball is a cross between tennis and ping pong, played with paddles on a court very similar to a tennis court. We have drop-in play at Cornell Park on the Discovery Bay public pickleball courts at 505 Dis-

covery Bay Blvd. Play is on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday mornings at 9:00 a.m., and on Wednesday afternoon at 3:00 p.m.

Beginners are always welcome; and an experienced player is designated on Saturdays to work with the new players. Just show up and we'll teach you the game on any of our play days.

### 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.

## 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.

## Please update your contact information

We will shortly be preparing the 2016 SIR Branch 161 Handbook. If there have been any changes in your contact information (home address, phone number, email address), please be sure to let LaVan Bock know ASAP. LaVan maintains our Branch 161 Roster, and we electronically import the data from the Roster into the Handbook.

We will not be able to incorporate changes after we've finalized the Handbook electronically and have committed to printing.

Thanks

## Bowling News, Paul Elmer

We have completed six of the scheduled 35 weeks of the Monday SIR Bowling League with team 10 (Jim Davis, Mary Pitta-Fry, Jack Bree, Warren Young) in first place by only 2 games over Split Happens (Jean Scurlock, Beth Edwards, Harris Edwards, Tom Kirtley). With 11 weeks left in the first half, this means that we who are in the bottom places still have a chance to make a difference in the final outcome. (May be some wishful thinking here, but still possible, right?) Positive attitude!!



The Bob Matteucci memorial tournament was held on Oct. 13th and 15th with SIR branches 161 and 108 combining as always to make this event work. Curtis Manning and John Fry ran the tournament this year and did a great job in getting the results out quickly. Curtis and Bryan Davenport came up with a program to post results quickly as well as payouts. Great job guys!!

The results are: Singles Div "A" Jose Arroyo 3rd, Mitch Wisinski 4th, and Russ Reid 11th. Singles "B" - Warren Young 6th, and Eric Jensen 12th. Doubles Div "B" Warren Young and Doris Cole 4th. All events division "A" Jose Arroyo 2nd, Mitch Wisinski 7th and Dale Dividson 10th. Division "B" all events Warren Young 4th and Harris Edwards 8th. Good showing!!

There are only two tournaments left for this year, with the next one in Modesto at Mc Henry Bowl on Thursday and/or Friday Nov. 5th and 6th, and the final tournament in Concord at Clayton Valley Bowl on Tuesday - Wednesday Nov. 17th - 18th.

### Question of the month:

The answer to the question "who has the most 300 games in competition?" According to the PBA website, Walter Ray Williams has that distinction with 93. This includes the PBA Tour, PBA 50 Tour, and regional tournaments.

Now for the next question - who holds the record for the lowest score on a national TV tour event and what was the score?.

Paul

## SIR Travel Opportunities,

### Mitch Wisinski

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)
<b>Note 1:</b> 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.

Three new members were inducted at our October 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 Members



Gino Pagano retired in 2015 from Paul's Automotive Service. He has lived in Discovery Bay for four years.

Gino and his wife Dora have two children and three grandchildren.

Hobbies include golf, reading and boating.



Gary Leonis retired in 2004 as a Customer Engineer in telecommunications.



Ken Landoline retired in 2015 as an industry analyst. He has lived in Discovery Bay for eleven years.

Ken and his wife Marian have two children and three grandchildren.

Hobbies include walking biking and wine.

## 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 email or call Bill Konold by the Friday preceding the meeting if you don't plan to attend.

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