



# SIR BRANCH 161 NEWS

Celebrating our 25th year! January, 2016

A Nonprofit Public Benefit Organization for Retired Men Devoted to the Promotion of Independence and Dignity of Retirement

## Micheal White, Big Sir

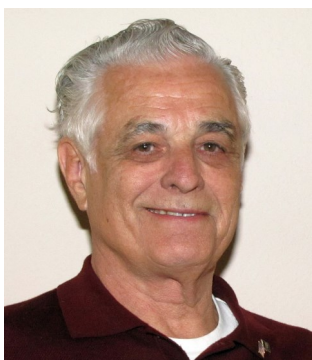
### Opening Statement

I hope and pray that each and every one of our Sirs and their families had a wonderful and fulfilling Christmas and my hope for the best New Year of your life.

I must thank Jim Davis for his leadership and friendship and the Sirs that served under him and helped and guided me.

I, as Big Sir, am grateful for the continued service of several of the Sirs on the board.

I am asking for any Sir that thinks they might like to serve their SIR branch. We need new people with new ideas to come forward and be a part of the leadership of your branch..



### New Members

This year I am hoping to increase our membership by a minimum of one, over the loss of members we experience this coming year. The only way that can happen is if each Sir keeps their eyes open and brings a non-Sir into our branch. To that end I am installing a new 'Thank You'; For each guest a Sir brings to our meeting, whether that guest becomes a Sir or not, I will present to the sponsoring Sir a bottle of wine.

### Annual Donation

As you know SIR is a nonprofit organization and as such we have expenses that are paid out of our annual donation. In the past that donation has been voluntary. We have a few Sirs that have not paid their donation, and they had that right. This past year the

State organization changed the rule on the annual donation from voluntary to required, if the local branch so decided. This branch did so decide. It was felt that ALL Sirs should shoulder the same responsibilities. As such, the Annual Donation is now a requirement for membership. The donation is still \$20.00.

### Branch Activities

I can only hope that each Sir will take part in one of the many activities that interest him and his family. If there is an activity that is not part of our branch and you would like to lead that activity, we encourage you to do so.

### 2016 Meetings

During 2016 all meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of each month. In respect to salads at lunch, the Country Club has agreed to provide up to TEN salads. Salads are for those Sirs with dietary restrictions; therefore, the salads will be provided on a first come first served basis. If you require a salad and fit into the criteria of dietary restrictions and all have been requested, the club has agreed to provide one on

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that basis. Of great importance is NOTIFICATION to our Attendance Chairman, Sir Bill Konold, as to whether you will be at the luncheon. This is very important as he must report to the Country Club the number of lunches to be made. All that is required is a phone call or an email to Bill. Please do not forget.

Little Sir Len Fadda is booking speakers for the coming year, as well as the entertainment for our special meetings. Len welcomes any and all help and suggestions.

I am looking forward to a great year and it will be with YOUR help and support.

Micheal E. White

**Len Fadda, Little Sir****December entertainment**

Entertainment at our December luncheon was provided by the Brentwood Singers (photo on page3).

**January Speaker**

Assistant Sheriff Matt

Schuler-Custody Services Bureau-Detention Facilities  
-Contra Costa County Sheriff's Department.

**January luncheon menu**

Roast Sirloin with sauce B'earnaise, Steamed Red Potatoes, Broccoli with Cheese.

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

**January birthdays**

Andy Anderson, LaVan Bock, Louis Bruton,  
Giancarlo Cuciz, Alberto Delgado,  
Tony D'onofrio, Paul Elmer, Len Fadda,  
David Harrison, John Lopp,  
Jerry Nielsen, Russ Reid.

**Golf News, Dale Welin**

The SIR golf tournament will be held on September 22, 2016. We are going to try something a little different this month; A couple of you have suggested we have a "guest" day and we will try this in September. We have had 25 players renewed for 2016. The secured venues to date for the 2016 calendar:



March - Elkhorn GC

April - SIR 161 Invitational at Discovery Bay CC

May - Manteca GC

June - Poppy Ridge GC

July - Deer Ridge GC

Aug. - open

Sept. - open

Oct. - Club Championship at The Reserve at Spanos Park

We look forward to your participation next year.

If there are other SIR Branch 161 members who would like to play golf with us, please call Dale Welin at 925-516-9463 and we will be happy to sign you up.

Dale Welin

**In memoriam**

Jose arroyo passed away on Tuesday, December 8, 2015. He experienced a stroke two weeks earlier.

A celebration of Jose's Life was held at The Delta Community Presbyterian Church on December 12.

Please keep Jose's family in your thoughts and prayers.



**Our December Christmas luncheon with the ladies.**



**Entertainment provided by the Brentwood Singers.**



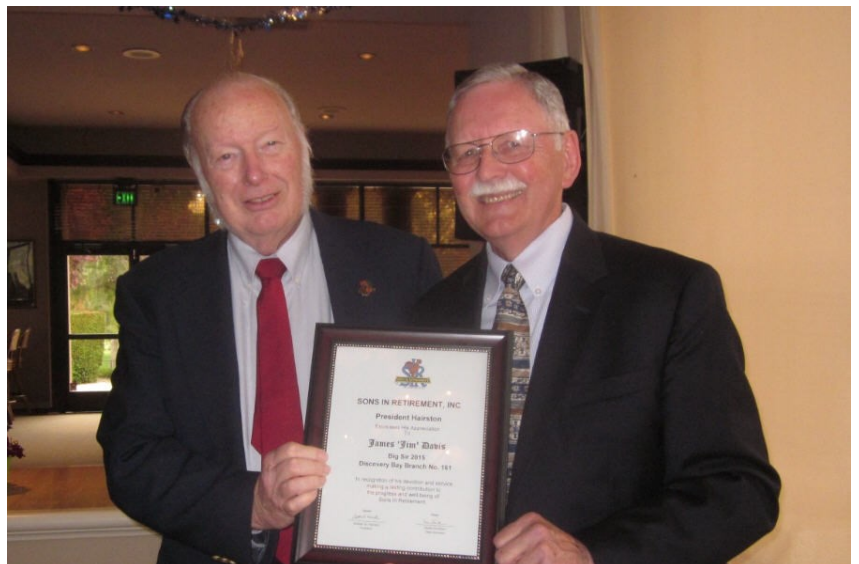
SIR State President Bob Hairston presents Will Myers with the prestigious Honorary Life Member Award.

Left to right in the photo ... Will's wife Raquel, Will, Bob Harriston.

Will has been a member for 18 years, and has served in several Branch Executive Board positions, including Little Sir and Big Sir.

He is recognized for his participation in, loyalty to, and contributions to the betterment of SIR Branch 161.

Area 24 Governor Ron Saltgaver presents Big Sir Jim Davis with the President's Certificate of appreciation for his service as our 2015 Big Sir.





## 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

Dick and Cam Donald will be hosting the next wine tasting on Thursday, January 28th. 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)

### 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 Discovery 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.

### Photography

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 Tom Jones at 634-7026. No special knowledge or equipment needed.

## Membership, Tom Kirtley

### 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 Tom Kirtley. Have the guest complete the form, and return it to Tom. 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 December 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 page 8 of this newsletter for more information.

## Bowling News, Paul Elmer

HAPPY NEW YEAR!! I trust that you all had a very good Christmas. As of week 14 of 35 weeks, as promised, the lead for first place has changed. The Handicappers (Tracy Moran, Pete Prather, Bill Momaney, Mary Patterson) are now in first place with the Holy Bowlers (Beverly Dean, Don Rentzel, Janine Gordon, Drew Hanson) in second place by one game. Team 7 (Barbara George, John Lopp, Frank Cramer, Dale Davidson) is 3 games back with two weeks (8 games) left in the first half. This could be a very interesting finish.



There were two tournaments in November, one in Modesto on the 23rd and the other in Concord on the 17th and 18th. No one from branch 161 or 108 placed cashed at Concord. Mitch Wisinski was the only one to cash at Modesto where he placed 2nd in "A" Division singles and 17th in All events. Attaboy!! The next upcoming tournament will be on January 19th, 2016, in Stockton at Pacific Bowl. See John Fry for entries.

On a very, very, sad note we have lost a true friend and excellent bowler, Jose Arroyo. Jose passed early in December due to complications following a stroke. Jose is one who will be sorely missed. His sense of humor, friendship, and dedication to family will be sorely missed. His bowling average this year was 202 with a high average in 2012 of 206. He had one 300 game in 2012, a 299 game in 2003, and a 290 game in 2007. This year he was bowling in 3 leagues weekly as well as entering SIR tournaments almost monthly. Jose was a joy to be around and will be thought of on a regular basis.

The answer to the question of who had the most appearances on TV with no titles in one season:

Chris Barnes did the deed. 11 appearances and no titles.

The question for next month:

Who had the highest pin count for a 64 game block with no bonus pins, and what was his average?

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.



## 2016 Branch 161 Meetings Calendar

01/12/201	07/12/2016
02/9/2016	08/9/2016
03/8/2016	09/13/2016
04/12/2016	10/11/2016
05/10/2016 (note 1)	11/8/2016
06/14/2016	12/13/2016 (note 1)

**Note 1:** Not 'required' Branch luncheon meetings.

## Dinner With The Ladies, Alan Jarvie

**When:** Tuesday, January 26, 2016.

**Where:** Carpaccio Ristorante Italiano, 3070 Main Street, Oakley CA.

**Time:** Arrival & Cocktails starting at 5:00 pm.

**Dinner served at:** 6:00 pm.

**Menu Choices** Dinner includes salad, dessert & non-alcoholic beverage (soft drink, iced tea, water, coffee):

- Carpaccio Fettucine Alfredo, with chicken, broccoli, sun-dried tomatoes and mushrooms.
- Pollo Marsala, sauteed chicken breast with mushrooms & marsala wine.
- Grilled Salmon with roasted potatoes and fresh seasonal vegetable.
- Risotto Prima Vera made with fresh seasonal vegetables.
- Roast Beef with roasted potatoes and fresh seasonal vegetable.



**Cost:** \$25.00 per person (includes tax and tip)

**Deadline:** We need your RSVP no later than Thursday, January 21 – there will be envelopes at our General Meeting on January 12.

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. My cell phone number is 408-219-8240.

**Directions:** Carpaccio is located at 3070 Main Street, Oakley.

Take Hwy 4 west out of Discovery Bay, and continue north and west on Hwy 4 / Brentwood Boulevard through Brentwood and into Oakley (Brentwood Blvd becomes Main Street). At the intersection of Main Street & Vintage Parkway, you'll see Carpaccio on the right; turn right onto Vintage Pkwy, and then right into Carpaccio's parking lot.

Driving distance from Discovery Bay is ~15 miles).

----- Please detach and mail with your check -----

Your Name(s):

Phone:

**Your Menu choice(s):**

Carpaccio Fettucine Alfredo \_\_\_\_\_ Pollo Marsala \_\_\_\_\_

Grilled Salmon \_\_\_\_\_ Risotto Prima Vera \_\_\_\_\_ Roast Beef \_\_\_\_\_

## Dinner with the Ladies: 2015 Restaurants Survey

We'd like your thoughts on the eight restaurants we dined at in 2015. For each *Dinner With The Ladies* that you attended, on a scale of 1 (poor) to 5 (excellent), please indicate your opinion of the quality of the meal, the service, and value for the price, and also whether or not you think we should have future dinners at this restaurant. We'd also appreciate any additional comments or suggestions, as well as possible locations for future dinners.

Please send this page with your sign-up for January's Dinner With The Ladies, or bring it with you to the January 12 lunch. Thanks for your help.

Restaurant	Date	Price	Meal Quality	Service	Value	Future DWTL?
Tao San Jin	Jan 27	\$27	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	Yes No
Sports Bar & Grill	Feb 24	\$27	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	Yes No
Texas Roadhouse	Mar 24	\$22	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	Yes No
Island Joe's	Apr 28	\$26	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	Yes No
Jalisco's	Jun 23	\$21	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	Yes No
BJ's Brewhouse	Aug 25	\$25	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	Yes No
Shirasoni	Sep 22	\$27	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	Yes No
Cap's	Oct 27	\$28	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	Yes No

### Comments & Suggestions:

## 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

**Annual donations** defray the administrative costs of running our organization. For those who have not donated, 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 Bill Konold by the Friday preceding the meeting if you don't plan to attend.

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