



SIR BRANCH 161 NEWS

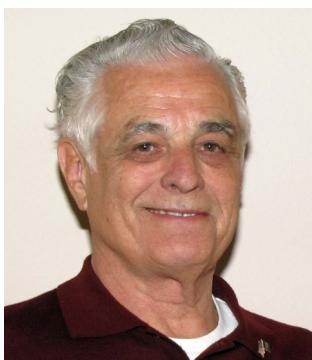
Celebrating our 25th year! *February, 2016*

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

Micheal White, Big Sir

February Luncheon

The next SIR Branch 161 luncheon will take place on February 9th, the second Tuesday of the month. This will be the case for the entire year. At this time it appears that we will introduce one or more new members.



Again I ask that each and every Sir bring a guest to the meetings. We need as many new members as we can acquire, as that is the only way we can sustain this organization. To aid in this endeavor I will present to each Sir with a guest a bottle of wine, to indicate my thanks for your efforts.

Our Little Sir has an interesting speaker scheduled for this meeting. He will also have a drawing for two free lunches. As always, the February birthdays will be recognized.

Annual Dues

As you know there has been a change in the status of our annual dues. In the past the dues were voluntary. That is not the case now. The state SIR organization changed the rules to allow the dues to be required. The rationale for this is so each member contributes to the organization, not just a few. Dues can be paid in cash or via check. Please do so at the February meeting.

Luncheon Attendance

The January luncheon was attended by only 101 Sirs, which is well below the average. Not only that, but twelve (12) Sirs did not notify Sir Bill Konold that they

would not be in attendance. The result of this is that we, SIR Branch 161, were charged for their meals. Therefore those Sirs have been sent letters requesting they remit the cost for those meals. It would not be fair to the membership to subsidize those members.

So that members do not have to deal with this, if you are not able to attend the scheduled luncheon, notify Bill Konold by telephone or email that you will be unable to attend.

Branch Activities

At this time our Branch has thirteen activities that you and your wife can be a part of. All that is required is to contact the Activities Chairman and let him know that you want to join. Also, if you have an activity you would like to start, let us know so that we may assist you in getting it started. The Activity Director is Sir Dick Donald.

Micheal

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Len Fadda, Little Sir January free lunch winners

John Fry
Jerry Dittman



January Speaker

Tom Chalk, representing the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Department, spoke on the County Jail System, including massive overcrowding at the Martinez facility. Officer Chalk emphasized a sensitive effort on



inmate rehabilitation and reducing recidivism rates. Great questions from SIR members and positive responses from Officer Chalk.

Special award

2015 Big Sir Jim Davis presented Myron Lencioni with the SIR President's Senior Sir (90 years young) Award Certificate.



February Speaker

Jeff Conway, General Manager, Reclamation District #800 Discovery Bay.

February birthdays

Fred Baca, Mike Cullen, Bob Damico,
John Emerson, Stan Hodge,
Stan Krotz, Myron Lencioni, Glenn MacBride,

February luncheon menu

Chicken Cordon Bleu w/wild Rice Pilaf & Vegetable Medley.

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

Golf News, Dale Welin

We have 33 players in our NCGA golf club for 2016; Thanks for signing up this year.

Below are the venues and schedule for 2016:



March 15, Elkhorn GC, Stockton,
8:00 am, shotgun

April 11, Discovery Bay CC for SIR 161 Invitational,
9:00 am, shotgun

May 24, Manteca GC, Manteca 8:00 am, shotgun

June 21, Poppy Ridge GC, Livermore 9:00 am, from
1st tee, foursomes

July 19, Deer Ridge GC, Brentwood 8:00 am, shotgun

Aug. 23, Dry Creek GC, Galt 8:00 am, shotgun

Sep. 20, Boundary Oak GC, Walnut Creek 7:50 am,
from 1st tee

Oct. 18, The Reserve GC, Stockton, 8:00 am, shotgun

The schedule is full so please mark your calendars,
and see you soon.

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.



Wine Tasting, Dick Donald, 513-2849

Vince and Bobbi Vargas will be hosting the next wine tasting on Thursday, February 25th. If you are interested in attending this very popular activity please contact Dick Donald by February 11th at 513-2849, or email 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.

Three new members were inducted at our January luncheon. See pictures and bios on page 4.

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.

In memoriam

We're sorry to report that we have lost another Sir; Pat Woods passed away on December 24, 2015. Pat was a member of Branch 161 since November 2006.

New Members inducted at the January luncheon meeting



Art Comeau has lived in Discovery Bay for 10 years. He retired in 2010 from a career in retail/wholesale.



Bob Rix has lived in Discovery Bay for 24 years. He retired in 2015 from EBI Demolition/Cleveland Wrecking.



Butch Pastorini has lived in Discovery Bay 2 years. He retired in 2010 from the Santa Clara Unified SD.

Bowling News, Paul Elmer

The first half of the Monday Sirs & Ladies Bowling has been completed with The Handicappers, (Tracy Moran, Pete Prather, Bill Momaney, Mary Patterson) winning by 2 games over Team 7 (Barbara George, John G. Lopp, Frank Cramer, Dale Davidson). At the end of the season they will bowl the winner of the second half for the winners names to be engraved on the Elwood Davis - Jim Heck Perpetual Trophy. Well done Handicappers!!



The first half stats for individual results are: Men - High scratch series; Dale Davidson- 681, high scratch game - Don Patterson - 266, high handicap series - Glenn MacBride - 840, high handicap game - Jerry Dittman 304. For the women Rosie Elmer has high scratch series -585, Lorraine Burt has high scratch game - 220, Janine Gordon has high handicap series - 796, and Doris Cole has high handicap game with 294.

The first tournament of 2016 will be at Pacific Bowl in Stockton on Jan 19th, (not done yet as of this writing), with the second tournament in Napa on January 25th & 26th. February will see a tournament in Livermore at Granada Bowl on the 9th & 10th.

The answer to "who had the highest pin count in a 64 game block?" Who else but Parker Bohn with 15,749 pins. That folks is a 246 average for 64 games. Amazing!!

The question for next month - Who was the first woman to win a PBA tour title, and who did she defeat to do it?

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.	

January wine Tasting

Dale and Sonja Welin hosted one of the 2 wine tasting parties on Thursday, January 28th.

Left to right in the picture: Linda Tucker, Pam Jarvie, Dan Riordan, Kay Wisdom, Mary Wilson.



Dinner With The Ladies, Alan Jarvie

When: Tuesday, February 23, 2016.

Where: Sports Bar & Steakhouse, 2477 Discovery Bay Blvd, Discovery Bay.

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

Dinner served at: 6:00 pm.

Menu Choices Salad, dessert & non-alcoholic beverage (soft-drink, water, coffee) are included:

- Traditional slow-roasted Prime Rib
- Atlantic Salmon (8 oz)
- Grilled Chicken Breast
- Braised boneless Short Ribs (1/2 order)
- Mushroom Risotto.



All entrees except the Mushroom Risotto include mashed potatoes and seasonal vegetables.

Cost: \$27.00 per person (includes tax and tip)

Deadline: We need your RSVP no later than Thursday, February 18 – there will be envelopes at our General Meeting on February 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. My cell phone number is 408-219-8240.

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

Your Name(s):

Phone:

Your Menu choice(s):

Prime rib _____ Atlantic salmon _____ Short ribs _____

Grilled chicken breast _____ Mushroom risotto _____

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 February's Dinner With The Ladies, or bring it with you to the February 9 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 contributions defray the administrative costs of running our organization. For those who have not contributed, 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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