



# SIR BRANCH 161 NEWS

Celebrating our 25th year! April, 2016

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

## Micheal White, Big Sir

### Dues

This is the month that your ANNUAL DUES are due. Please make your payments to the SIR Treasurer Bill Momaney. As you know, this year the dues are required for your membership.



### Ladies Luncheon

The May SIR luncheon is devoted to sharing Mother's day with our wives. We have a special menu, entertainment and a flower to brighten the ladies. Your Little Sir, Len Fadda, is responsible for the planning of this event to show our lovely mates that we cherish them each and every day.

### March Luncheon

I wish to thank the four Sirs who brought a guest to our meeting. Three of them received their bottle of wine, one did not; That was because I did not bring enough bottles of wine. I will bring the necessary bottle to the April meeting.

### New Members

Any suggestions or ideas that you believe will help us recruit new members, please let us know. We need your help in this task. This branch of SIR must thank Sir Bob Damico for his ability to have articles published in the Daily Press. This can only help us recruit new members.

Micheal

## Len Fadda, Little Sir

### Going Fast!!

Tickets for the Mothers Day Luncheon on May 10th at a cost of only \$24 per person. William Florian (former lead singer for the New Christy Minstrels) presents "Those were the Days". **Lunch:** Crepes a la Reine, wild rice & vegetable medley.



### March free lunch winners

Murray Cole  
Bill Martin

### March Speaker



Our March Speaker was Hal Bray representing the East Bay County Voters for Equal Protection. Mr. Bray, a firefighter, spoke on reallocating property taxes to save lives and property in East County.

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**Big Sir, Micheal White, presents Tom State with his Big Sir badge**

### April Speaker

Our April Speaker will be County Sheriff Members of the County Swat Team. This is an important and timely presentation on local and world issues.

### April luncheon menu

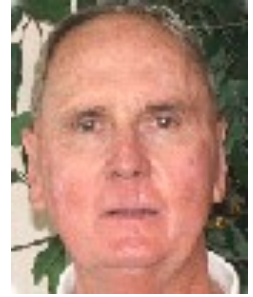
Chicken Piccata, steamed red potatoes, green beans almandine.

**Please note:** If you have any special dietary needs, please email or call Bill Konold bkonold@comcast.net or tel. 634-2738 by Friday before the meeting to arrange this.

### April birthdays

Carlo Delazzar, Saul Gold, Eric Jensen, Bill Konold, Den Landoline, Butch Pastorini, Pete Prather, Don Rentzel, Norm Spencer, Van Vanheukelom, Roger Wood, Hal Whitlow, Randy Zierau.

### Golf News, Dale Welin



Our first tournament for 2016 was at Elkhorn GC on Tuesday, March 15. 20 players participated with a very high, wet rough and it was a long day.

As we have mentioned earlier, the 5th Annual SIR Branch 161 Invitational is planned for April 11, 2016 at Discovery Bay Country Bay. We have invited 5 other branches to participate. The entry info and details for the tournament follow:

**When:** Monday, April 11, 2016

**Time:** Shotgun start at 9:00 am

**Where:** Discovery Bay CC

**Format:** Brown tees with 2 net best balls

**Cost:** \$57 for non-members of DBCC, includes golf, cart, prize money, range balls, and box lunch

\$32 for members WITH NO cart, includes all of the above

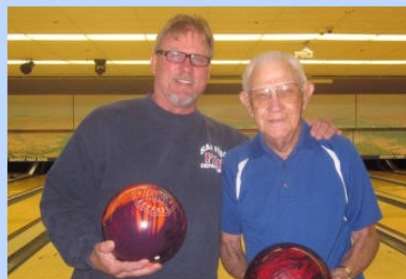
\$17 for members WITH cart, includes all of the above

**Cutoff:** Monday, April 4, 2016. Our regular monthly lunch is the April 12, the day after the golf tournament. So you will have to get your name on the player list and get your entry fee to me by April 4.

If there are any questions, please call Dale at 516-9463. We can use some help at check-in and out in the parking lot getting players to their carts. Thank you.

Dale Welin

# SONS IN RETIREMENT



**Retired and Semi-Retired Men Enjoying Active Retirement.**

Mitch Wisinski, 53 year old retired San Jose Fire Captain and Ed Stewart, 99 year old retired Sheet Metal Worker, enjoy bowling in their weekly SIR League.

## BRANCH 161 ~ DISCOVERY BAY

## 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).



Following are some ongoing SIR activities, including details on current plans.

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

Will and Raquel Myers will be hosting the next wine tasting on Thursday, April 28th. If you are interested in attending this very popular activity please contact Dick Donald by March 11 at 513-2849, or email [DickDonald@Yahoo.com](mailto:DickDonald@Yahoo.com)

### Beer Tasting, Eric Jensen, 240-0543

The "Beer Tasting" group is up to 17 members and looking for more. If interested please contact Eric at [ericlindaj@juno.com](mailto:ericlindaj@juno.com) or 925-240-0543. Tom Kirtley has volunteered to Host the first SIR 161 Beer tasting. It will be held in the Piano Room in the Country Club right after the April Sir Luncheon meeting. At first it was slated to be before the meeting, but the tasting has moved to "After the meeting" to accom-

modate more members. Tom and I will be contacting those on the list soon for the first "Beer Tasting".

### 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 8:00 a.m., and on Wednesday afternoon at 4:00 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.

One new member was inducted at our March luncheon. See picture and bio 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.



### New Member



Mark Vanlerberghe has lived in Discovery Bay for 2 years. He retired in 2009 from a career as Controller for Con Agra.

Mark and his wife Marcia have one grandchild. Hobbies include golf, travel and football.

### 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.



### Bowling News, Paul Elmer

The March Bowling News stated that anything can and will happen as far as the league standings goes, and that has now happened. After the March 21st league competition we now have three teams tied for first place and one other only two games back. WOW!! As far as Let's Roll (Dottie Harris, Pam Jarvie, Doris Cole, Greg Mattus) and Split Happens (Jean Scurlock, Beth Edwards, Harris Edwards, Tom Kirtley) goes, the Handicappers (Tracy Moran, Pete Prather, Bill Momaney, Mary Patterson) who make up the third of the three tied teams won the first half of the season, so unless either Split Happens or Let's Roll wins the second half, and the Handicappers win the second half there will be no playoff for the SIR League season title. Don't forget the season winner earns the right to have their names emblazoned on the Elwood Davis-Jim Heck perpetual trophy.

Season high scores have changed only with the women with Mary Patterson taking over high handicap game with 297. Handicap series has Pam Jarvie with 798, scratch game has Mary Hershberger with 242, and Rosie Elmer has scratch series with 585. For the men, Bob Damico dominates scratch series with 727, Dale Davidson has scratch game with 278, (he had a 300 in another league in March) Glen Mac-



Bride holds handicap series with 840, and Don Patterson has handicap game with 334. (All of which get cash payouts in the season sweepstakes.)

Branches 161 and 108 had no participation in the Stockton no-tap tournament in February and there are no results posted yet for the March tournament in Concord. Carson City is the next big tournament coming up on April 11 - 14. The Fremont tournament on May 1 - 3 is the State tournament for Sirs only, no guests, and is a doubles and team event. Please see John Fry for entry forms to these tournaments.

Paul

### 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)
<b>Note 1:</b> Not 'required' Branch luncheon meetings.	

## Dinner With The Ladies, Alan Jarvie

**When:** April 26, 2016.

**Where:** Sweeney's Grill & Bar, 301 Oak Street, Brentwood.

**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.

- Sirloin Steak with mashed potatoes and fresh vegetable
- Grilled Fresh Salmon with rice and fresh vegetable
- Jumbo Fried Prawns with rice and fresh vegetable
- Grilled Half Chicken with mashed potatoes and fresh vegetable



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

**Deadline:** We need your RSVP no later than Thursday, April 21; There will be envelopes at our General Meeting on April 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.

Sweeney's is located at 301 Oak Street (at the northwest corner of 1st Street) in downtown Brentwood.

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

Your Name(s):

Phone:

**Your Menu choice(s):** Salad, dessert & non-alcoholic beverage (soft-drink, water, coffee) are included .

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Sirloin Steak with mashed potatoes and fresh vegetable

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Grilled Salmon with rice and fresh vegetable

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## Dinner with the Ladies Survey Results

Thanks to everyone for taking the time to respond to our survey, the results are tabulated below; For all categories, 5 is best, 1 is lowest. We also appreciate your suggestions for future locations; we'll look at them all and report back to the membership.

Restaurant	Overall	Quality	Service	Value	Go Back?
Shirasoni	4.8	4.9	4.8	4.8	100%
Texas Roadhouse	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.6	100%
Sports Bar	4.3	4.4	4.4	4.2	92%
Tao San Jin	4.2	4.2	4.4	3.9	86%
Cap's	4	4.3	3.9	4	86%
Jalisco's	3.8	3.9	3.7	3.9	77%
Island Joe's	3.8	3.8	3.9	3.5	53%
BJ's	2.4	2.8	1.9	2.6	31%

## 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. Nominal annual dues 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 dues** Annual dues defray the administrative costs of running our organization. For those who have yet to pay their dues, be sure to bring \$20 cash or check (made out to SIR Branch 161) to the next meeting. Or you can mail it to our Treasurer, Bill Momaney.

**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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