



SIR BRANCH 161 NEWS

Celebrating our 25th year! May, 2016

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

Micheal White, Big Sir

Mothers Day Luncheon tickets available

There are still tickets available to the Mother's Day Luncheon. This is one of the two times a year you can share, with your wife, the friendship of SIR. The food will be great as well as the entertainment. Each of our lovely ladies will receive a rose and a warm greeting from Little Sir Len Fadda. Len has put a great deal of effort and hard work into making this luncheon a great time. So please buy your tickets and join us for lunch.



New Members

I am so proud and pleased with our membership this year. To date we have had twelve new members for the first four months of this year. As you know, when your guest becomes a member, the sponsoring Sir receives a free lunch ticket. In addition, when a Sir brings a guest for the first time, they receive a bottle of wine as a thank you.

Disrespect to our guest speakers

At the last meeting and so many other meetings some of our Sirs have shown disrespect to our guest speakers. Some, I am sure, have doctor appointments or urgent family matters, and this is completely understood. However, leaving because the speaker does not hold your attention is something I believe should be held to a minimum. The speaker has taken his or her time to come and speak to us. They are held to about thirty minutes and open for questions from the floor. The total time is not so long that we can not show the

respect that you would like if you were speaking and they deserve.

Similarly, please do not talk on your cell phone during our singing of *God Bless America*. This is disrespectful to our country.

Memorial Plaques

As you may know, a Memorial Bench on the golf course has recently been replaced. The plaques were replaced with Bricks implanted in the ground in front of the bench. The majority of the plaques have been returned to the families. However, a few families have not been located. I have been asked to aid in the location of these men. If any of you know any member of the families please contact Sir Jim Jenkins at jimjenkins444@yahoo.com

Marv Turner 2004

John Rowland 2005

Tom Deveau 2009

Next Regular Luncheon

June 14, 2016

Micheal

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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 Ala Reine, Wild Rice & Vegetable Medley. Tickets for the event will be available until May 5th or until sold out. Please contact Sir Treasurer Bill Momaney for tickets (925) 513-4685.



March free lunch winners

Bob Damico

Mystery Sir (name unknown-due to memory loss of Little Sir).

April Speaker

Our April Speaker was Jose Beltron, the County Sheriff's SWAT Team Commander. Commander Beltran provided a special presentation using Power Point to describe the functions of the SWAT team and citing several situations statewide and preparation for terrorists.



Little Sir Len Fadda presents Commander Beltran with a certificate of appreciation at our April luncheon.

May birthdays

Carl Carlson, Art Comeau, Fritz Dueming, Ken Fanucchi, Bob Harlan, Robert Lyman, Bill Momaney, Phil Mora, Norman Petersen, Michel Quier, Roger Sweeney, Phil Talley, Mark Vanlerberghe, Jim Wageman, Richard Wisdom, Mitch Wisinski.

Golf News, Dale Welin

Thank you for your support for the 5th Annual SIR 161 Invitational tournament on April 11. Thank you also to those who volunteered to help, very much appreciated. SIR Branch 161 hosted 90 golfers from 5 other branches and we were able to dodge the rain to get the tournament in.



The entry info is below for the next SIR 161 tournament at Manteca GC. This May is a bit tricky to get the player list updated with your interest, and to get the checks to me! The second Tuesday in May is the Mother's Day luncheon. PLEASE email me, call me, or tell me personally if I see you to get your name on the player list.

When: Tuesday, May 24, 2016
Where: Manteca GC, Manteca (rating/slope 71.3/121) course yardage is 5532 yds.
Time: 8:00 am reverse shotgun
Format: To be announced
Cost: \$42.00 includes golf, cart, prize money
Directions: I suggest Hwy 4 east to Tracy Blvd. Turn right (south) to I-205. Left onto I-205, go east to I-5, take Hwy 120 east. At Union Road, exit and turn left (north). The golf course is about 3-4 miles on Union on your left. You will see the sign and parking lot in front of the course and clubhouse on the left. From Discovery Bay, it should take about 45 minutes.

We had 5 players from our branch play in the State SIR golf tournament in Napa on April 18 & 19. They were Avila, Fry, Konold, Quier, and Zierau. Messers Konold and Zierau placed from Monday play. Results are not in for Tuesday at this writing. Congratulations.

Again, please get your name on the player list and follow that with a check payable to Dale Welin. If there are any questions, please call me.

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.

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



Wine Tasting, Dick Donald, 513-2849

Richard and Kay Wisdom will be hosting the next wine tasting on Thursday, May 26th. If you are interested in attending this very popular activity please contact Dick Donald by May 12th at 513-2849, or email 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 or 925-240-0543. Because of the Mother's Day Luncheon in May, Beer tasting will begin with the June meeting.

All on the list will be contacted. If you are not on the list and are interested, please contact Eric at the

above phone number or email address.

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.

Five new members were inducted at our April 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.

New Members inducted at the April luncheon



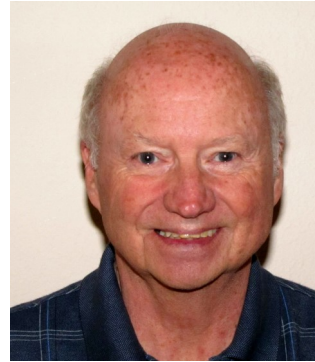
Rich Gurney has lived in Discovery Bay for 8 years. He retired in 2015 as GM for Speciality Solid Waste Recycling.

Rich and his wife Mary have two children and three

grandchildren.

Hobbies include golfing and playing ukulele.

Rich's sponsor was Craig Wilson.



Ray Hutchings has lived in Discovery Bay for 10 years. He retired in 2010 as a Computer Consultant at Signex.

Ray and his wife Leslie have two children.

Hobbies include flying and boating.

Ray's sponsor was Phil Talley.



Dave Ciruli has lived in Discovery Bay for 8 years. He retired in 1998 from the computer industry and again in 2016 as owner of Discovery Locks.

Dave and his wife Jinni have five children and

fourteen grandchildren.

Hobbies include boating.

Dave's sponsor was Len Fadda.



Fred du Pont has lived in Discovery Bay for 22 years. He retired in 2010 from Gallagher Basset Insurance.

Fred and his wife Sandy have four children and eleven

grandchildren.

Hobbies include movies, gardening, travel and sports.

Fred's sponsor was Colin Brodie.



Greg Moran has lived in Discovery Bay for 25 years. He retired in 2009 from PG&E.

Greg and his wife Christine have two children.

Hobbies include boating and travel.

Greg's sponsor was Ed Konieczny.

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

As I write this article there is only 2 weeks left in the winter season of the SIR Monday Bowling league, one of which is the position round (which will determine the second half winner), and the other being the season ending sweepstakes. At this point (April 25th), Let's Roll (Dottie Harris, Pam Jarvie, Doris Cole, Greg Mattus) will bowl Team 1 (Jack Disney, Alice Disney, Val Heck, Dennie Carff) for the second half champions. Let's Roll has a 3 1/2 game lead over Team 1, which means that Team 1 must win all four games to take 1st place. A real challenge! The winner will bowl the Handicappers (Tracy Moran, Pete Prather, Bill Momaney, Mary Patterson) for the championship on May 9th (sweepstakes day). No pressure, of course!



With one week left, the season high scores are; For the women; Scratch Series; May Branscum with 622, Scratch Game Rosie Elmer with 248, Handicap Series; Pam Jarvie 798, and Handicap Game; May Patterson with 330. For the men; Scratch Series; Bob Damico 727, Scratch Game; Dale Davidson 278, Handicap Series; Don Patterson 854, and Handicap Game Mike Quier with 331.

The recent SIR tournament in Carson City, NV, held on April 11th -14th saw only 16 people go, although we normally have 24 to 28 sign up. However, the 16

did have a good showing in the cash results even though the lane conditions were reportedly quite difficult (normal for Carson City). Div 3 All Events; Julie Bayer 5th, Div 2 All Events; Don Patterson 6th, Div 1 All Events; Mitch Wisinski 16th. Div 2 Doubles; Don and Mary Patterson 13th and Bill and Julie Bayer 7th. Div 1 Doubles; Mitch Wisinski and Curtis Manning 9th, Div 3 Singles; Julie Bayer tied for 1st, Videlle Marshall 8th. Div 1 Singles; Mitch Wisinski 5th and Curtis Manning 18th. Well done people!! The next tournaments will be in Fremont on May 1st - 3rd and Pinole on June 1st and 2nd. See John Fry for entries or online at SIRS.org.

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

The 23rd Annual Al DiGiusto Boat Cruise and Luncheon - July 21, 2016

In 1993, 23 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 21, 2016, and starts at the Boardwalk Grill in Discovery Bay. There will be sign-up sheets at the June and July meetings .

Mark you calendars



Membership Requirements & Principles

Membership is open to men retired from full time occupation, regardless of age, race, color or religion. 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 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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