



# SIR BRANCH 161 NEWS

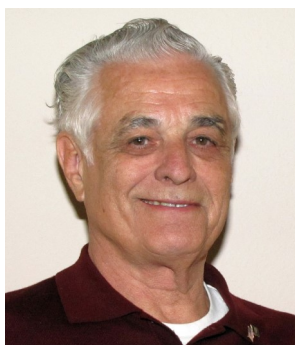
Celebrating our 25th year! August, 2016

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

## Micheal White, Big Sir

### Election of Next Year's Branch Officers

Election of our members to serve on next year's Board will take place on August 9, 2016. This will be conducted during the next luncheon meeting. Election of officers will be by verbal vote, unless there are nominations from the floor. If so, the election will be via written Ballot.



The Nominating Committee made the following nominations:

**Big Sir:** Len Fadda (2016 Little Sir)

**Little Sir:** Larry Mensch (Secretary 2016)

**Secretary:** Pete Prather (Assistant Secretary 2016)

**Asst. Secretary:** Mitch Wisinski (Travel 2016)

**Treasurer:** Bill Momaney (Incumbent)

**Asst. Treasurer:** Jerry Wiebe

**Director:** Lowell Onstad

**Director:** Bob Damico

**Director:** Paul Elmer

**Director:** Tom Kirtley

**Director:** Alan Jarvie

**Director:** Dale Welin

### New Members

You may know that our branch has lost, by various means and reasons, a large number of members this

year. Your Member Relations Committee has tried several approaches to correct the downward direction, with some positive results: In fact we have inducted thirteen (13) new members to date. This is a higher average than the total average over the past fifteen (15) years.

I encourage you to help in this endeavor. Your thoughts and ideas may just be the thing to really make the difference and bring larger numbers of new members. So, please, if you have any ideas bring them forward.

August Luncheon – 2nd Tuesday.

Looking forward to seeing you on August 9, 2016

Your Big Sir,  
Micheal White

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## Len Fadda, Little Sir

### July Free Lunch Winners

Willard Meyers  
Mike McCleery

### July Speaker

Our July Speaker was Mike Carmichael a Correctional



Officer for 30 years at San Quentin and Folsom State Prisons. Mr. Carmichael provided an interesting insight into his career and the seriousness of his role.

### August speaker

Mr. Dan Hanel will be our August speaker and will

present his book "In the Shadow of Diablo" with visual presentation. Discover the history and intrigue behind the famous Byron Hot Springs Resort.

### August birthdays

Al Box , Earl Cole, Hal Crose, Ken Dickens,  
Fred Dupont, Mike McCleery, Ward Messersmith,  
Willard Myers, Don Patterson,  
Lynn Pierce, Don Ramos, Terry Silva.

### August luncheon menu

Roast Sirloin w/sauce béarnaise, steamed red potatoes, broccoli w/cheese, bread and butter, coffee and iced tea. Dessert will be Cookies and Brownies.

**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.

## Golf News, Dale Welin

We had 19 players on Tuesday, July 19 and it was warm when we finished. The course (Deer Ridge CC) has not been maintained, greens were hard, just dirt in bunkers, etc. and yet some very good scores (more on that later). The format was 1 net ball for holes 1 - 6, 2 net balls for holes 7 -12, and 3 net balls for holes 13 - 18. The results are as follows:

1st place - 114 - Goodwin, Jenkins, Zierau, Kirtley.  
2nd place - 117 - Konold, Konieczny, Disney, Vargas.  
3rd place - 124 - Watkins, Avila, Quier, Comeau.

CTP - Welin.

We would like to acknowledge the hot players today with net scores below net par. They were:

Zierau - 59, Vargas - 61, Konold - 62, Kirtley - 64, and Quier - 66. Very well done players!

We welcome Rich Gurney today, as this was his first



day of play with us. Also, welcome back Dave Goodwin, who has been ill for several weeks.

Our August golf tournament is scheduled for Tuesday, August 23 at Dry Creek GC in Galt. The entry details are below:

**When:** Tuesday, August 23, 2016.

**Where:** Dry Creek GC, Galt (on Hwy 79, just south of Galt).

**Time:** 8:02 am from the 10th tee time using tee times.

**Cost:** \$40.00 for golf cart and prize money.

**Format:** To be announced.

Please email, call or when you see me personally to get your name on the player list. Then follow that with a check. Our August luncheon is August 9, therefore the cutoff will be Tuesday, August 16 at noon. We must notify the golf course of the player count 1 week prior to the day of play. If there are any questions, please call Dale Welin.

Dale Welin - Golf Chairman

## 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

Mike and Pam Quier will be hosting the next wine tasting on Thursday August 25th. If you are interested in attending this very popular activity please contact Dick Donald by Friday, August 12th at the number above, or email [DickDonald@Yahoo.com](mailto:DickDonald@Yahoo.com)

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

The SIR beer tasting group met for the second time on 7/12 right after the general meeting, gathering again in the Piano Bar graciously provided by the Country Club (thanks again). This was the second enjoyable event. The winner of last month, Fat Tire, was knocked out of the top spot by "Abita Turbodog", a brew that can best be described as a creamy, full flavor, dark beer from a small brewery

that Don Patterson found on a trip to New Orleans. Fat Tire did come in second with third going to Stella. Will "Turbodog" be the top dog again next month? Join us and find out.



### 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, 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.

## 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 July luncheon. See photo 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.

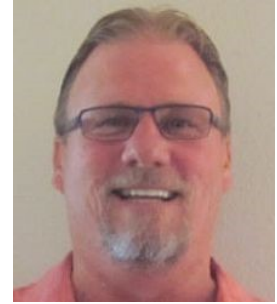


## 2016 Branch 161 Meetings Calendar

01/12/2016	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.	

## 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

Do you remember that last month I mentioned that regarding league standings anything can happen? Well, anything has happened, and more. At that time the Sharpshooters were in first place by 1/2 game over Team 2. Now, as of this writing, Let's Roll (Dottie Harris, Pam Jarvie, Doris Cole, and Greg Mattus) is in 1st place by one game over In The Hunt (Dennis Pachucki, Mike Quier, and Bill E. Konold) by one game with five weeks to go. Not only has there been a change in first place but there are eight other teams within four games of first place. Can anything happen?



Season high scores have changed somewhat with Bill E. Konold now holding high scratch game with 254,

and Eric Jensen has handicap series with 758. Scratch series is still held by Jerry Marshall with 669, and Dale Davidson has the handicap game of 278. For the ladies, Doris Cole now has the handicap game with 262. Mary Branscum still holds the scratch series with 559, Dottie Harris has the scratch game with 216, Val Heck has handicap series with 712.

There are no results posted as yet of the tournament held in Yuba City on July 11th and 12th. THE RENO TOURNAMENT IS GETTING CLOSE!! If you have not entered, and want to, please contact John Fry or Jerry Marshall (branch 108) for entries and information.

The new season for the Monday Sirs and Ladies will start in early September, on the 5th or 12th, so if you would like to bowl in the league please contact John Fry or Paul Elmer.

Paul

## New member



Richard Lutz has lived in Discovery Bay for almost 3 years. He retired in 2000 from family doctor practice. Richard and his wife Barbara have two children and four grandchildren. Hobbies include

golf, skiing, biking, hiking, poker and bridge.

## Collector Car Show

The August meeting is also the SIR Collector Car Show. So polish that Collector car of yours and bring it to the meeting. Any interesting car, old or new, is welcome.

Got a new Hemi, a cool Corvette, or an old Mercury? Bring it to the August 9th meeting and park with your other SIR car enthusiast members.

Tire kicking is both before and after the meeting, so arrive early and enjoy the machinery.

Contact either Eric Jensen 240-0543 or Bill Konold 634-2738 if you have any questions.

## Dinner With The Ladies, Alan Jarvie

**When:** Tuesday, August 23, 2016

**Where:** Lone Tree Golf & Event Center  
4800 Golf Course Road  
Antioch, CA

**Time:** Arrival & Cocktails starting at 5:00 pm  
Dinner served at 6:00 pm



**Menu Choices:** Salad, dessert & non-alcoholic beverage (iced tea, water, coffee) are included.

**Entrees:**

- Chicken with Mushrooms, with rice & vegetables
- Salmon Bruschetta, with rice & vegetables
- Pan Seared Pork Chops, with garlic mashed potatoes & vegetables
- Roast Ball-Tip Steak, with garlic mashed potatoes & vegetables

**Cost:** \$28.00 per person (includes tax and tip)

**Deadline:** We need your RSVP no later than Thursday, August 18 – there will be envelopes at our General Meeting on August 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.  
Cell phone 408-219-8240

**Directions to Lone Tree Golf & Event Center:**

From Discovery Bay, take Hwy 4 to Marsh Creek, turn left and continue on Marsh Creek to the Bypass and turn right (north). Continue on to Highway 4 to Antioch. Get off at the A Street Exit. Make a left at the exit signal onto Lone Tree. Take Lone Tree Way for approx 1.7 miles, turn right onto Golf Course Road and continue for about ½ mile to the entrance gates on the right.

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

Your Name(s):

Phone:

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Chicken with Mushrooms, with rice & vegetables

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Salmon Bruschetta with rice & vegetables

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Pan Seared Pork Chops, with garlic mashed potatoes & vegetables

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Roast Ball-Tip Steak, with garlic mashed po-

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

A calm 85 degree day was perfect weather for the 23rd annual AL DiGiusto Lunch/Boat Cruise. This was another fantastic SIR event honoring our fallen Sir Al DiGiusto who started this event in 1993. Seventy three Sirs and Ladies converged at the Boardwalk Grill, where they enjoyed beautiful waterfront seating, great fellowship, and good food and service. Our seven Boat Captains and their First Mates graciously provided rides to 38 Sirs and Ladies. We extend our gratitude to Carlo & Connie Delazzar, John & Carole Emerson, Gary & Diane Leonis, John and Margaret Lopp, Dane & Pam McCoy, Greg & Christine Moran, Don & Mary Patterson.

The success of this event over the years is due to the generosity and hospitality of our Boat Captains , and the participation of all the attendees. Thanks to all attendees for making this another success!





## More photos from the Lunch and Boat Cruise



## Annual Discovery Bay SIR Golfing Tournament, Will Myers

The sign-up for our 9th Annual Discovery Bay Sir Golfing Tournament for members and their mates at the Greenhorn Creek Resort at nearby Angels Camp, scheduled this year for Wednesday, September 28 and Thursday, September 29, 2016, has now begun. Please note that this is the only Sir golfing event which involves your wife or significant other, regardless if they play golf or not.



The golfing package consists of two days of golf on the beautiful Greenhorn Creek golf course and housing at the adjacent WorldMark time share villas. These first-class housing villas are four person (two bedrooms, two baths) units providing access to the facilities spas and pools, tennis courts, pool tables, exercise rooms and other amenities. Sir members have the option of staying at the villas for one night or two nights. The villas have a full kitchen, where members can prepare their own meals, if they so choose. What has been done in the past years is for most everyone to meet and have dinner at the excellent Greenhorn Creek Resort restaurant on both evenings.

The nearby towns of Angels Camp and Murphy provide plenty of entertainment, restaurants, and shopping for the non-golfers to spend time while golfers play. Each day after golfing, hors d'oeuvres will be provided to all by the Greenhorn Creek restaurant staff.

The total cost per golfer (which includes two days of

golf, two-days of hors d'oeuvres, housing, and golf prize money) is \$192.50 for those staying one night in the villa, while it is \$245.00 for those staying two nights. The total cost per person for the non-golfers (which includes two-days of hors d'oeuvres, and housing) is \$70.50 for those staying one night, while it is \$123.00 for those staying two nights.

A sign-up sheet will be in the Discovery Bay CC lobby at our monthly SIR meetings through September. If you would like to share a villa with another couple, please indicate this on the sign-up sheet. Those couples choosing to stay one night will have to share a villa with another couple staying one night. Sign up now and come join us for two days of fun at this beautiful, local resort. If you have any questions, see or call event coordinator, Will Myers at 925-516-9448.

Will

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### Editor's note

A big thanks to Bob Damico for taking photographs at the July luncheon.

Also, thanks to all the folks who submitted their articles early this month. We're on vacation, and receiving the articles early made it easy to publish this newsletter on time.



## 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 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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