



SIR BRANCH 161 NEWS

Celebrating our 25th year! Sept. 2016

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

Micheal White, Big Sir

2017 Branch Officers

During our August Luncheon meeting Sirs elected, by voice vote, the 2017 Branch Officers. The new Branch Officers also took their Oath of Office. The new Branch Officers will be installed at our November luncheon meeting. The new Branch Officers will now spend the time required to learn and understand the duties of their new offices. The new Board is open to suggestions and thoughts with respect to the management and operations of this Branch. This includes, but not limited to, speakers or entertainment. Please contact your new Little Sir Larry Mensch.



receive a bottle of wine if you do. If they become a member you will receive a free lunch.

Your Big Sir,
Micheal White

Len Fadda, Little Sir

August Free Lunch Winners

Dave Davidson
Richard Lutz

August Speaker

Our August speaker was Dan Hanel who presented his book "In the Shadow of Diablo" and presented the history and intrigue behind the Byron Hot Springs Resort. Mr. Hanel's presentation was well received and questions were asked.



Luncheon Attendance

The past few months the attendance at our luncheon meetings has averaged 110. This is not bad, but could be better. We still are having problems, in that, there are still Sirs that do not call or text the Attendance Director Sir Bill Konold indicating they will not be in attendance. The result of these non-notifications is that our Branch is still charged for their lunch. Therefore, the branch must send letters to those members and request payment. This can be avoided by the simple act of a phone call or an email indicating you will not be in attendance.

Looking forward to seeing each Sir in September at our luncheon meeting. Please bring a guest; you will

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Big Sir Michael White presents a Certificate of Appreciation to our August guest speaker.

September speaker

A member of the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Department Emergency Command Center will give a presentation on the self contained command unit and its abilities. The vehicle will be outside at the Country Club for Sir members to see the operations inside the vehicle.

September birthdays

Jim Avila, Wayne Berry, Ed Fitzpatrick,
John Fry, Tony Guarascio, John Jewell,
Tom Kenny, Ed Konieczny
Dick MacDonald, Don Roth, Tom State,
Brad Vinson, Bruce Watkins.

September luncheon menu

Chicken Parmesan w/Pasta Alfredo & Vegetable Medley, bread and butter, coffee and 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 only had 16 golfers on the 23rd for the August tournament at Dry Creek GC, Galt. Not a very good turnout. The course was long, however several players had good rounds, and one team did very well!!! The results are below:



1st place - 119 - Konold, Zierau, Rentzel, Emerson

2nd place - 122 - Avila, Fry, Carmichael, Gurney

CTP winners were - Kirtley - 29 inches and Lutz - 34 feet. 2 players were under net par and they were - Konold - 63 and Avila - 65. Congratulations to all the

above winners. We welcome Richard Lutz to our NCGA SIR Branch 161 golf club.

The September golf tournament is scheduled for September 20 at Boundary Oaks, Walnut Creek.

When: Tuesday, September 20
Time: 7:45 am with consecutive tee times
Where: Boundary Oaks GC, Walnut Creek
Entry Fee: \$48 for golf, cart, and prize money
Format: To be determined

Please notify Dale Welin and get on the player list. Then follow that up with a check payable to Dale Welin. We hope to see you in Sept.

Dale Welin

Editor's note

A big thanks to Bob Damico for photos in this edition.

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

Larry and Barbara Mensch will be hosting the next wine tasting on Thursday September 22nd. If you are interested in attending this very popular activity please contact Dick Donald by Friday, September 9th at the number above, or email DickDonald@Yahoo.com

Beer Tasting, Eric Jensen, 240-0543

The SIR beer tasting group met last month right after the general meeting, gathering again in the Piano Bar graciously provided by the Country Club. This was

another great gathering of Professional Beer Tasters. In a close vote, "Tubodog" was dethroned by a very dark newcomer "Black Butte Porter".

In September's beer tasting 5 new challengers will be attempting to knock "Black Butte Porter" off the top spot. Will it be an even darker beer like Guinness or an ultra smooth Lager? 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. Pickleball is a cross between tennis & pingpong, 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 will work with new players. Just show up and we'll teach you the game on any of our days of play.

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 August 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 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)
Note 1: 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

In the August Bowling News Let's Roll was in first place by only 1 game with 16 games remaining. Let's Roll (Dottie Harris, Pam Jarvie, Doris Cole, Greg Mattus) did win the summer session of SIR Bowling by four games. VERY NICE!! However, between 2nd and 7th place there was only 1 1/2 games difference. Very good competition and an exciting finish to this session. The winter session starts on September 12th so, if you want to be on a team, PLEASE let John Fry or Paul Elmer know as soon as possible.



The Reno tournament proved to be quite fruitful for 19 of our people who cashed and enjoyed the competition under difficult lane conditions, which is nor-

mal for Reno. They are; SINGLES DIV 1; Gerry Marshall 7th, SINGLES DIV 3; Rosie Elmer 2nd, Dottie Harris 6th. DOUBLES DIV 1; Russ and Vicky Reid 12th, Keith Jones and Natalie Paris 18th. DOUBLES DIV 2; Bill and Julie Bayer 12th, Dottie Harris and Eric Jensen 13th, Greg Mattus and Shirley Madsen 17th. TEAM DIV 2; Jack Bree, Mary Branscum, Lorraine Burt, Fred Critchfield 7th; Bill Bayer, Julie Bayer, Val Heck, Don Patterson 8th. ALL EVENTS DIV 1; Russ Reid 13th, ALL EVENTS DIV 2; Jack Bree 25th, ALL EVENTS DIV 3; Dottie Harris 10th, Val Heck 13th. WELL DONE FOLKS!!

On a very sad note we lost another SIR Bowler and longtime friend who had bowled for many years in our league. Jim George passed on August 29th. Jim had not been in good health for a few months. He will be greatly missed.

Paul

Hats off to Jack Disney, Branch 161 Olympian



The Discovery Bay Golf and Country Club Women's 18-hole Group, hosts an annual invitational tournament each summer. This year they got into the Olympic Spirit and kicked off the August event with our fellow Sir and Olympian, Jack Disney, performing a torch-lighting ceremony. Jack, 86, was a member of the U.S. Olympic Cycling Team in 1956, 1964 and 1968. He won several national championships between 1954 and 1973, and was inducted into the U.S. Bicycling Hall of Fame in 1988. In this photo (taken earlier this month), Jack is actually wearing the jersey he wore to compete in the Olympics. How many of us have a 50 year old shirt that still fits us??!?! Congratulations Jack! Every Olympian is a Champion-thank you for your hard work, your sacrifices, and for representing our great country. We're proud of you.

Photo courtesy Joanne Leete.

Dinner With The Ladies, Alan Jarvie

When: Tuesday, September 27, 2016

Where: Shirasoni Japanese Restaurant, 6367 Lone Tree Way, Brentwood CA

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

Menu Choices: (Dinner includes appetizer, dessert & non-alcoholic beverage):

- Chicken Teriyaki grilled with sweet teriyaki sauce
- New York Steak (Hibachi Grilled)
- Filet Mignon (Hibachi Grilled)
- Hibachi Shrimp grilled with lemon & butter
- Hibachi Salmon grilled with a hint of lemon
- Vegetable Delight (Assorted fresh vegetables grilled in a light sauce)



All entrees include Mushroom Soup, Green Salad with Ginger Dressing, Hibachi Vegetables and choice of steamed, fried or garlic fried rice

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

Deadline: We need your RSVP no later than Thursday, September 22 – there will also be envelopes at our General Meeting on September 13.

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 is 408-219-8240.

Directions:

Shirasoni is located at 6367 Lone Tree Way, Brentwood:

From Discovery Bay, take Hwy 4 to Marsh Creek, turn left and continue on Marsh Creek to the Bypass and turn right (north). Exit the Bypass at Lone Tree Way; go east (right) on Lone Tree Way and remain in the right lane. After the SECOND stop light (Shady Willow Lane), take the SECOND driveway into the shopping area; you will see Shirasoni ahead and to the left (next to Mancini's Sleepworld).

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

Your Name(s):

Phone:

Your menu choices::

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Chicken Teriyaki

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New York Steak

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Filet Mignon

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Hibachi Shrimp

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Hibachi Salmon

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Vegetable

And your rice selections:

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Steamed Rice

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Fried Rice

☐

Garlic Fried Rice

Hot August SIR Classics

Sirs Eric Jensen and Bill Konold hosted the annual SIR Branch 161 Hot August Classics Car Show at our August luncheon. The event brought out some fine machines, some old, some new. Thanks to all for sharing.



Senior SIR Award

Al Box, 90 years young, receives the Senior SIR Award Certificate from Big Sir Micheal White.



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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