



# SIR BRANCH 161 NEWS

Celebrating our 25th year! Oct. 2016

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

## Micheal White, Big Sir

Our branch computer is OLD and out of date. We need a new one. I am asking any Sir that has a surplus newer computer, or knows where we can acquire one, please let me know. This computer does not need many programs installed, just a newer operating system. We use it mainly for guest speaker presentations. Thank you in advance.



I want to thank the membership for their consideration in letting us know when you cannot attend a luncheon. This saves SIR Branch 161 money. In the past few months you have stepped up to this call and it is appreciated. There are a few who still do not call or email, please do so. Thank you.

This year is rapidly coming to a close and I believe you know we have lost several Sirs due to illness. Please keep their families in your thoughts and prayers. The result of these happenings is that our membership is down. Therefore, I am asking you to bring a friend or neighbor to our luncheon. You will receive a bottle of wine for each guest you bring. Introduce your friends to this great group.

Your Big Sir,  
Micheal White

## Len Fadda, Little Sir

### September Free Lunch Winners

Colin Brodie  
Randy Zireau

### September Speaker

Our Speaker was Rick Kovar, Contra Costa County's Emergency Services Director. Officer Kovar shared great information on the Emergency Services operations. We all enjoyed the Emergency Services Vehicle and touring the inside to see the special equipment.



### October Speaker

Our October Speaker, County Supervisor Mary Piepho, will discuss issues facing Discovery Bay residents.

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Little Sir Len Fadda presents a Certificate of Appreciation to our September guest speaker.

### Holiday Luncheon

Tickets will be available at the meeting for the December 13th Holiday Luncheon with the ladies. The entertainment will be the Sparks Family Singers. A rose & Special picture by world renowned photographer Sir Bob Damico will be provided. The cost of \$23 includes a luncheon menu of Roast Turkey Breast,

Yukon Gold Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Vegetable Medley and Cranberry sauce, Bread & Butter, Coffee and Iced Tea. A special dessert is included.

### October birthdays

Firoz Bharwani, Joey Brignolio,  
Gary Campbell, Richard Clark, Michael Cline,  
Dale Davidson, Larry Mensch, Al Sauvadon,  
Gary Tucker, Ron Wilson.

### October luncheon menu

Beef Lasagna with Broccoli, w/Cheese, Bread and Butter, Coffee and Ice 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](mailto:bkonold@comcast.net) or tel. 634-2738 by Friday before the meeting to arrange this.

### Golf News, Dale Welin

With only 14 players in attendance and after a miserable commute to the Boundary Oaks course, we enjoyed a course in very good shape with a very good pace of play. With a later tee time available, we may try this course next year. Most players enjoyed the course from the gold tees. The scoring format was individual low net minus the worst par 3, par 4, and par 5 for each player. The results are below:



Tied for 1st - Zierau and Emerson - 47  
3rd - Konold - 51  
Tied for 4th - Gurney and Macbride - 52

Closest to the pin winners were Mensch and Lutz.

Our final tournament for 2016 is the Championship event at The Reserve, Stockton on Tuesday, Oct. 18th. The entry info follows:

When: Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2016  
Where: The Reserve, Stockton  
Time: 8:30 am modified shotgun  
Cost: \$43.00 for golf fee, cart, range balls, prize money, and the trophy  
Format: Individual low net  
Cutoff: Tuesday, Oct. 11 at the SIR luncheon

If you have any questions, please call Dale Welin at 561-9463.  
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

Dan and Louise Riordan will be hosting the next wine tasting on Thursday October 27th. If you are interested in attending this very popular activity please contact Dick Donald by Friday, October 14th 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 to determine if the King, Black Butte Porter, would remain on the throne. Facing five challengers, Black Butte defeated all but one, "Kona Long Board". All hail the new King. Will the King remain on top or bow to a new champion? Join us in October 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 September 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.

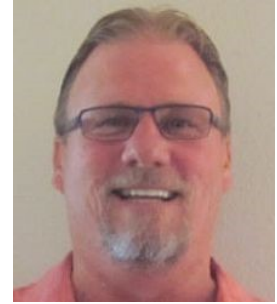


## 2016 Branch 161 Meetings Calendar

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)
<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

We have completed the first two weeks of the 2016-2017 Monday SIR Bowling League with 19 teams participating. We could definitely use 2-3 more bowlers to have a full 20 teams. If you would like to participate in the fun and competition PLEASE contact John Fry or Paul Elmer; We could really use you.



Team 17 (Mitch Wisinski, Art Lopez, Ron Wilson, John Fry) and All Mosr (Jack Disney, Alice Disney, Dennie Carff) are currently tied for 1st place with 3 other teams one to two games back. (A long way to go and we know for sure that anything can and will happen with 33 weeks left.)

High scores for the first two weeks are, for the men;

Scratch Series; Bob Damico with 670, Scratch Game; Dale Davidson with 264, and for the women; Scratch Series; Rosie Elmer with 638, Scratch Game; Pam Jarvie with 209. Handicap scores are included after 3 weeks of bowling or nine games have been completed.

There are only four tournaments left for this calendar year with Branches 161 and 108 joining for our 13th Annual Bob Matteucci Memorial Tournament to be held at Harvest Park Bowl on October 18th or 20th. Harvest Park Bowl has always been a very gracious host in assisting us with helping out in tournament functions and lane conditions. If you want to bowl in this tournament PLEASE contact John Fry or Paul Elmer for applications. This is a doubles and singles tournament with 90 to 110 Sirs and guests invited from all branches.

Paul

## Contra Costa County Sheriff's Mobile Command Vehicle at our October luncheon.



## Dinner With The Ladies, Alan Jarvie

**When:** Tuesday, October 25, 2016

**Where:** Cap's Oak Street Bar & Grill, 144 Oak Street, Brentwood CA

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

**Menu Choices:** Dinner includes salad, dessert & non-alcoholic beverage (iced tea, water, coffee).

- Broiled Salmon with rice pilaf.
- Stuffed Pork Chops with garlic mashed potatoes & fresh vegetables.
- Petite (10 oz) New York Steak with garlic mashed potatoes & fresh vegetables.
- Lamb Shanks with garlic mashed potatoes & fresh vegetables.

IMPORTANT: Due to the long supplier delivery time, orders for Lamb Shanks must be received no later than Monday, October 17.

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

**Deadline:** We need your RSVP no later than Thursday, October 20 – there will also be envelopes at our General Meeting on October 11.

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:

Cap's is located at 144 Oak Street (at the corner of 2nd Street) in downtown Brentwood.



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

Your Name(s):

Phone:

### Your menu choices::

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Broiled Salmon with rice pilaf

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Stuffed Pork Chops

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Petite (10 oz) New York Steak

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Lamb shanks

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## 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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