



# SIR BRANCH 161 NEWS

Celebrating our 25th year! Dec. 2016

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

## Micheal White, Big Sir

My year as your Big Sir is ending. Therefore the time has come for me to say THANK YOU for all of the support and guidance I received. The BEC this year made my leadership a pleasure. The Little Sir, Len Fadda, is a positive and supportive member.



All the members of the BEC provided me with positive support and never held back their disagreement when they felt I was wrong. I always appreciated this and all of their inputs. On many occasions you the membership came to me to express your thoughts. This was most appreciated by me. The membership does not fully understand the time and effort your Board puts in to ensure the membership is well supported.

In 2017, watch for opportunities to bring friends and neighbors into SIR. New and old members bring new and exciting energy and direction to SIR. This year the Wine tasting has been a great success, as well as Dinner With The Ladies. Beer Tasting started this year and also has great success.

Your new Big Sir, Len Fadda, will need all of your support and help. Please give them all you can.

As I close my year as Big Sir I can only say "THANK YOU!"

Micheal E. White

## Len Fadda, Little Sir

### November Free Lunch Winners

Ed Coats  
Alan Jarvie

### November speaker

Our November speaker was Virgil Koehne of the Town of Discovery Bay.



Virgil provided an excellent presentation on issues for the town.

Great Q & A followed with many Sirs participating.

### December birthdays

Colin Brodie, Dick Donald, Gary Hess,  
Greg Moran, Robert Sanocki, Clinton Sparks,  
Robert White, Craig Wilson.

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## 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.

Two new members were inducted at our November luncheon (see below).

### 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.

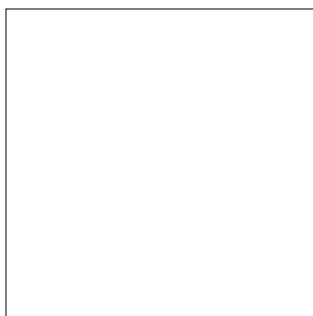
## New Members

### Inducted at our November luncheon

Tom Elmer



Roy Bistow



Little Sir Len Fadda presents our November speaker with a certificate of thanks.

## Golf News, Dale Welin

The 2017 NCGA Dues are due NOW. 24 or 25 players have signed up and renewed. For those who want to renew or sign up, please send your \$36 check payable to Dale Welin. The cut off date is December 15. Thank you, Dale



See photo of our Club Champion, Ken Fanucchi, holding the trophy.



Ken Fanucchi

## 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

There will be no tasting in December this year. Instead many of us will be on the Christmas Lights boat ride. The wine tasting will begin again in January. If you are interested in attending this very popular activity please contact Dick Donald at the number above, or email [DickDonald@Yahoo.com](mailto:DickDonald@Yahoo.com)

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

BEER TASTING 2016 Final. Wow, what a tough competition for this years Final "King of the Hill". Five new competitors lined up to dethrone the King, "Pacifico". This great group of beers made the final choice a very close competition. A spread of only 11 points separated first place from a tie for third place. The final results for beer tasting 2016:  
Tied for third place was Modelo Negra and Red Horse.  
Second place went to the now dethroned King, Pacifico. Sorry Len.  
Edging out Pacifico by 5 points was this year's "Branch 161's Beer of the Year", Victoria!

The most interesting fact about the final competition was that 3 of the top 4 beers were all brewed by Cerveceria Modelo, Mexico. Only Red Horse, from the Philippines, was not from Modelo.

Conclusion: Cerveza Please.

### **Christmas Lights Boat Ride**, Dick Donald, 513-2849

This is a new event this year replacing the wine tasting event for the month of December. We chartered the Captain Morgan boat "Rosemarie" for the evening of December 14th for a two hour ride through the bays of Discovery Bay to view the Christmas lights on many of the homes. I didn't think that the maximum load for the boat would be a problem, but within days of my announcement at the last SIR meeting I received checks from the limit of 35 riders and had to start a wait list. We are looking forward to a fun evening of appetizers and drinks.

### **Pickleball**, Bob Lyman, 628-7906

*"If you are looking for little competitive exercise – 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 9:00 a.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. If you (or maybe you and your wife) would like a private introduction to the game, please call me.

## Please update your contact information

We will soon be compiling the 2017 issue of our Branch 161 Handbook, and it's important that we have your latest contact information. If you have moved or changed your email address or phone number(s) in the last year, please contact LaVan Bock with the updated information. If you haven't changed any of this information, please check your 2016 Handbook to confirm that the information we have is correct.

## Bowling News, Paul Elmer

After 6 weeks and 24 games of bowling Jerry B Our Man (Bill Bayer, Julie Bayer, Curtis Manning, Jerry W Marshall) is in first place by only one game over two other teams Over The Top (Ron Wilson, Marie Wilson, Art Lopez, John Fry) and Bowling Buddies (Mary Branscum, Lorraine Burt, Fred Critchfield, Art Solomon). 3 other teams are within 2 games of these teams so, as we have always seen, anything can and will happen, as we still have a long season to go.



Season high scores to date are; for the women; Scratch Series has Rosie Elmer with 638, Scratch Game is Marie Wilson with 238, Handicap Series is Terry Damico with 798 (WOW!), and Handicap Game goes to Barbara Mensch with 287. For the men; Scratch Series-Bob Damico 731, Scratch Game Dale Davidson with 267; Handicap Series has John Lopp with 855 (another WOW) and Handicap Game of 339 goes to Larry Mensch (did this with a scratch game of 259!). Way to go people!!

Speaking of scores and positions Branches 108 and 161 co-sponsored the annual Bob Matteucci SIR Tournament on October 18th and 20th with a total of 78 bowlers. This is down about 20% from previous years and seems to be a common happening with other branches. Even though we had fewer participants this year, there were some very good scores. For instance, John Dorsett from branch 19 in Clayton, bowled an incredible 805 series for "A" Div Doubles. That is 268 per game folks!!

For branches 108 and 161 people that placed in their respective events are: Eric Jensen - 1st in "B" division singles and 1st in "B" division All Events. Ron and Marie Wilson placed 3rd in "A" Division doubles and Marie placed 5th in "B" Division Singles and 6th in "B" Division All Events. Paul Elmer was 5th in "A" Division All Events, Bill Bayer placed 5th in "B" Division All Events and 10th in "B" Division Singles and Curtis Manning placed 8th in "A" Division Singles. Well done!! There are only two tournaments left for the year, both in November. In Modesto on the 3rd and 6th, and Clayton on the 15th and 16th.

Paul

## 2017 Branch 161 Meetings Calendar

01/17/2017	07/11/2017
02/14/2017	08/8/2017
03/14/2017	09/12/2017
04/11/2017	10/10/2017
05/9/2017 (note 1)	11/14/2017
06/13/2017	12/12/2017 (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.



**Editor's note:** As you may have noticed, this month's issue of the Branch 161 newsletter arrived early. This was due to the combination of the Thanksgiving holiday and my personal travel commitments. I would like to thank all the newsletter contributors for their help with the compressed schedule.



## Dinner with the Ladies: 2016 Restaurants Survey, Alan Jarvie

We'd like your thoughts on the eight restaurants we dined at in 2016. For each DWTL that you attended, on a scale of 1 (poor) to 5 (excellent), please indicate your opinion of the quality of the meal, the service, and value for the price, and also whether or not you think we should have future dinners at this restaurant. We'd also appreciate any additional comments you have, and your suggestions on locations for future dinners.

Please sign, so that we can get back to you with any questions, and a) mail to me at 4121 Windward Court, b) give it to Pam Jarvie at Monday bowling, or c) bring it to the January lunch meeting.

Thanks for your help.



Restaurant	Date	Price	Meal Quality	Service	Value	Future DWTL?
Carpaccio	Jan 26	\$ 25	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	Yes No
Sports Bar & Grill	Feb 23	\$ 27	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	Yes No
Texas Roadhouse	Mar 22	\$ 22	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	Yes No
Sweeney's	Apr 26	\$ 25	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	Yes No
Tao San Jin	Jun 28	\$ 27	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	Yes No
Lone Tree Golf Club	Aug 23	\$ 28	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	Yes No
Shirasoni	Sep 27	\$ 27	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	Yes No
Cap's	Oct 25	\$ 28	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	Yes No

### Comments & Suggestions:

Your name:

## 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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