



# SIR BRANCH 161 NEWS

Celebrating our 26th year! February, 2017

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

## Len Fadda, Big Sir

What a great start with our first meeting of the New Year!! A super turnout in attendance and you the membership having several guests (and hopefully new members).



As mentioned before you are the key to membership growth towards our priority goal in 2017.

Our next meeting will bring more guests and possibly the installation of new members. Our Little Sir, Larry Mensch, has planned a bounce to our step as he has invited the Delta Strummers to perform for the luncheon.

A reminder for the February meeting only... Please contact Membership Chairman Tom Kirtley by the Friday preceding the meeting if you don't plan to attend: Tom Kirtley: kirtley1@pacbell.net, Tel: 240-8071.

Looking forward to seeing your smiling faces at the meeting.

Len Fadda

### February birthdays

Fred Baca, Roy Bristow, Dave Ciruli,  
Mike Cullen, Bob Damico, John Emerson,  
Stan Krotz, Myron Lencioni, Glenn MacBride,  
Dane McCoy, Jim Venhaus.

## Little Sir, Larry Mensch

### February entertainment

In celebration of Valentine's Day, we will have the Delta Strummers playing their ukuleles in lieu of a speaker.



### February luncheon menu

Chicken Marsala with Steamed Red Potatoes and Vegetable Medley. Also included are Breadsticks, Butter, Coffee and Iced Tea.

**Please note:** If you have any special dietary needs, please email or call Tom Kirtley: kirtley1@pacbell.net or tel. 240-8071 by Friday before the meeting to arrange this.

### January speaker report

See report and photo on page 5.

### Next Regular Luncheon

February 14, 2017.

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## 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

The February wine tasting will be on Thursday, February 23rd, and will be hosted by Jerry and Sue Wiebe. If you are interested in attending this very popular activity please contact Dick Donald by Friday, February 9th at 513-2849, or email DickDonald@Yahoo.com

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

The first winner of the new year is Newcastle Brown (England). Second place went to Dos Equis Amber. Last year's highly ranked Pacifico managed only

a third place this time. Two new Sierra Nevada entries tried to break through, but both failed just like the other three Sierra Nevada beers last year, all finishing at or near the bottom of the ranking. Must be an American beer to challenge the January King. See you in February.

### 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 9:00 a.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. If you (or maybe you and your wife) would like a private introduction to the game, call me and I'll see that it happens.

## 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 January 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.

## Bowling News, Paul Elmer

The Monday morning SIR Bowling League has completed 3 weeks of the second half of the season.



Let's Roll (Dottie Harris, Pam Jarvie, Doris Cole, Greg Mattus) is in first place by two games over Slackers (Gary Leonis, Glenn MacBride, Hoyt Huggins) by two games. All Most (Jack Disney, Alice Disney, Val Heck, Dennie Carff) is also 2 games back, but wait a minute, there are 3 other teams only 3 games back of first place. This sounds like the making of a very competitive last 12 weeks of the season.

Individual awards to date are; for the men - Scratch Series - Bob Damico, 731, Scratch Game - Mike Quier - 277, Handicap Series - John Lopp 855, and Handicap Game - Larry Mensch 339.

For the women; Scratch Series, Rosie Elmer 638,

Scratch Game, Vicky Reid 257, Handicap Series - Diane Davidson 816, and Handicap Game - Beverly Denn 307.

The Stockton tournament in January at Pacific Bowl saw Art Lopez take first place in two events - "A" Division singles and All Events. Diane Davidson took 6th place in "B" Division Singles and John Fry and Art Lopez took 3rd in "A" Division Doubles. The lanes were tough and the shot had to be consistent, but our people came through. Well done!!

The next tournament will be in Livermore on February 14th and 15th. This is the third of 20 tournaments being held this year. If you wish to bowl in these tournaments please contact John Fry or Paul for entry forms. The forms can also be found on the sirinc.org web site.

Paul

## Golf News, Dale Welin

The 2017 venue has been completed, except we need to confirm the July 18 course.



March 21 - Delta View GC, Pittsburg

April 10 - 6th Annual SIR 161 Invitational at DBCC

May 16 - Manteca GC, Manteca

June 20 - Poppy Ridge GC, Livermore

July 18 - to be confirmed

August 22 - Boundary Oak GC, Walnut Creek - We will start at 11:00 am

September 26 - Diablo Grande GC, Patterson

October 17 - Club Championship Tournament at Swenson Park GC, Stockton

If you are a member of SIR Branch 108 or 161 and have not signed up with our NCGA golf club and you are interested in playing golf each month, please call Dale Welin at 516-9463.

Dale Welin

## SIR Travel Opportunities, Dennis Pachucki

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 Dennis Pachucki at: (408) 309 5206.

## 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	11/14/2017
06/6/2017	12/12/2017

## Dinner With The Ladies, Alan Jarvie

**When:** February 28, 2017

**Where:** Sports Bar & Steakhouse, 2477 Discovery Bay Blvd, Discovery Bay

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

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



### Entrees:

- Traditional slow-roasted Prime Rib (8 OZ)
- Orange Bourbon Glazed Salmon (8 oz)
- Braised boneless Short Ribs (1/2 order)
- Mushroom Risotto

All entrees except the Mushroom Risotto include mashed potatoes and seasonal vegetables.

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

**Deadline:** We need your RSVP no later than Thursday, February 23 – there will be envelopes at our General Meeting on February 14.

Please send your checks to me in advance, made out to Alan Jarvie, and mail to 4121 Windward Court, Discovery Bay, CA 94505. My cell phone is 408-219-8240.

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

**Your Name(s):**

**Phone:**

### Your menu choices:

<input type="checkbox"/> Prime Rib	<input type="checkbox"/> Rare	<input type="checkbox"/> Med Rare	<input type="checkbox"/> Med	<input type="checkbox"/> Med Well	<input type="checkbox"/> Well
<input type="checkbox"/> Orange Bourbon Glazed Salmon	<input type="checkbox"/> Short Ribs	<input type="checkbox"/> Mushroom Risotto			



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

Thanks to everyone for taking the time to respond to our survey, the results are tabulated below - for all categories, 5 is best, 1 is lowest. We also appreciate your suggestions for future locations; we'll look at them all and report back to the membership.

Restaurant	Overall	Quality	Service	Value	Go back?
Shirasoni	4.6	4.6	4.5	4.7	100%
Texas Roadhouse	4.5	4.6	4.4	4.6	100%
Tao San Jin	4.5	4.6	4.4	4.5	100%
Lone Tree Golf Center	4.3	4.1	4.4	4.3	100%
Sports Bar	4.0	3.9	4.0	4.1	92%
Sweeney's	4.0	4.3	4.0	3.9	100%
Carpaccio	3.9	3.9	3.7	4.0	93%
Cap's	3.8	3.7	4.0	3.6	93%

### Golf outing with the ladies

#### Mike Quier

September 20 and 21 golf at Castle Oaks golf club in Lone. Golf two days at Castle Oaks and two nights at Jackson Rancheria Casino.

Golf is \$82.00 for both days and payable to Mike Quier by August 1.

You have three choices on your room: Deluxe King is \$99.00 a night; Junior Suite is \$189.00 a night; Executive Suite is \$309.00 a night. You pay directly to the Hotel. Contact Mike Quier by phone at 925 470 0183 or email at michael-quier@att.net.

We have 24 openings for golf, 20 King rooms, two Junior rooms, and two Executive rooms reserved. Hope to hear from you soon. Snooze you lose!

### January speaker

Our January speaker was Julian Erggelet, the winemaker at Hannah Nicole Winery. He gave a very interesting talk on grape farming and wine-making in Contra Costa County, covering climate, soil conditions, and permit issues. He drew com-



parisons with other grape farming areas, such as the Napa Valley, and also discussed grapes sold to other winemakers. There were numerous questions from the audience.

## "Salute to SIR" Day at the Races, Alan Jarvie

**When:** March 17, 2017 (Saint Patrick's Day )

**Where:** Golden Gate Fields

**Time:** Turf Club opens at 11:00 AM

1<sup>st</sup> race post-time 12:45 PM

**Cost:** \$35.00 per person

**Deadline:** I'll need your RSVP and check no later than Wednesday, March 8



Golden Gate Fields is offering a special discounted "Turf Club" group rate of \$35 per person for SIR groups on this date. The package includes valet parking, admission and reserved Turf Club seating, the daily racing program, Turf Club buffet, tax & tip.

This is a fantastic opportunity for spending time with family and friends, as well as networking with SIR groups from all over the East Bay, while enjoying a superb luncheon buffet.

In lieu of renting a bus at \$25 per person, we're going to car pool, so please let me know if you can provide transportation, or if you'll be needing a ride.

Please make your checks out to Alan Jarvie and mail to me at

4121 Windward Court, Discovery Bay, CA 94505.

Cell phone 408-219-8240

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

**Your Name:**

**Phone:**

**Number of attendees**

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I can **PROVIDE** transportation for \_\_\_\_\_ people

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I will **NEED** transportation

## 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** 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. For the February, 2017 meeting, please call or email Tom Kirtley by the Friday preceding the meeting if you don't plan to attend.

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