



SIR BRANCH 161 NEWS

Celebrating our 27th year! April, 2018

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

Larry Mensch, Big Sir

Our Secretary, Ed Konieczny is leaving us in April. I want to thank him for doing an excellent job. Assistant Secretary, Rick Harris has agreed to take over Ed's Secretary position and Colin Brodie has agreed to become Assistant Secretary. Thanks also to Len Fadda, Chairman of the Nominating Committee and the Committee members, Vince Vargas and Mike White for their assistance.

If you look in the back of your 2018 SIR Handbook, you will see a list of the Officers and Committee Members. These people do a lot of work to make this Branch work well. Quite a few of them have been working hard for many years. They deserve a big Thank You from all of us.

April's luncheon is Tuesday, April 10th. Don't forget to notify Bill Konold if you will miss a luncheon.

A reminder that one of our goals this year was to increase our on-going activities by two.

The first new activity is the bicycle group which goes out on Thursdays. Warm weather is coming, and a nice bicycle ride is in order.

If you think of an activity that might interest a few Sirs, then give it try.

Larry

Next luncheon meeting: April 10, 2018



Little Sir, Alan Jarvie

April speaker

Stacy Appel, with the Caring Hands Volunteer Caregivers Program, will be the speaker at our April 10th luncheon.



April luncheon menu

Chicken Piccata, Anna potatoes, green beans almandine, Cookies/Brownies, Breadsticks & Butter, Coffee and Tea.

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.

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April birthdays

Tom Biggam, Carlo DeLazzar, Saul Gold,
Ray Hutchings, Steve Jones, Bill Konold,
Ken Landoline, Pete Prather, Don Rentzel,
Bruce Shea, Norm Spencer, Paul Van Emmerik,
Jim Wetzel, Hal Whitlow, Randy Zierau

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 April wine tasting will be on Thursday, April 26th, and will be hosted by Will and Raquel Myers. If you are interested in attending this very popular activity please contact Dick Donald by Friday, April 13th at the number above, or email : DickDonald@Yahoo.com

Pickleball, Bob Lyman, 628-7906

Pickleball in Discovery Bay is growing. Our town leaders have approved increasing the facility to six courts with the caveat that the pickleball community raise the funds, and the effort is underway. If getting a little exercise and having some fun social competition interests you, come give pickleball a try. We have all the needed equipment, so just show up and let someone know you are interested. The current play times are Mon, Wed, Fri at 5pm, Tues, Thurs, Sat at 8am, Sun at 1pm. Best time for learning is Saturday. Have any questions, check with SIR players Terry Silva, Randy Zierau or Bob Lyman.

SIR Cyclers, Jerry Wiebe, 916-206-9221

Weather this past month has not been ideal for the SIR Cyclers on their weekly bicycle run, but some have still braved the wet and chilly conditions each Thursday. As we see a comfortable change in spring-time weather, more Sirs along with their friends and spouses, will be encouraged to join us. We currently start at 9:00, but that time will be moved up to 8:00 once the mornings get even warmer.

A recent new run was to the paved nature-like Marsh Creek Trail in Brentwood, which will surely become a favorite ride. Besides all the treats of nature along the way, it is an automobile-free trail and is several miles long, if one desires to peddle the entire length. If you have any questions or are interested in joining the weekly ride, please phone or email Jerry Wiebe at papadrone@gmail.com and he will add you to the SIR Cyclers email distribution list to keep you informed of upcoming events.

Kayaking with Branch 101

Branch 101 (Livermore) is sponsoring a new kayaking activity, and is reaching out to Sirs in other branches and spouses who may wish to participate.

They plan on doing trips that would be appropriate and fun for beginners up through more experienced folks. They intend to plan trips over a fairly wide area, such as the Oakland Estuary, Delta, Central Valley rivers, and local lakes of the East Bay.

If you are interested, please contact Doug Mansur (Secretary of Branch 101 and leader of the new kayaking activity) via email at dman-surgm@gmail.com or phone: 925-449-4332.

Travel, Dennis Pachucki

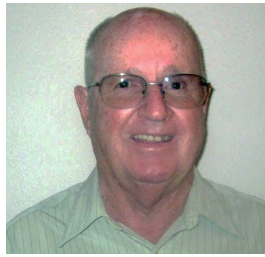
Various bargain-priced trips are available to SIR members through local travel agencies and other SIR branches. Look for the TRAVEL binder located on the entrance table at each monthly meeting. For more information contact Dennis Pachucki at (408) 309-5206.



Membership, Will Myers

To continue enjoying the activities and camaraderie of our fellow SIR Branch members, it is essential that we continue to bring in new members to counter the loss due to various reasons. Only through aggressive recruiting by members can our membership maintain an acceptable level. Many SIR Branches have ceased to exist due to the lack of a sufficient number of new members to replace those lost. Invite fellow golfing, bowling, fishing, boating or similar activity friends, neighbors, church and other social association members or sport car enthusiasts. A larger membership assures the continued existence of such activities as golf and bowling, as well as the start of new ones. More activities attract more men to join and participate.

A member who brings in a guest will receive a bottle of wine. If the guest decides to become a member, his sponsor will be rewarded with a free lunch certificate. The member who sponsors the most new members for the year will receive an additional free



lunch certificate.

Branch members wishing to sponsor a new member should invite the prospect to a regular luncheon meeting as his guest. The guest will receive a package containing a welcoming letter from our Big Sir, a Membership Application Form and a copy of our Branch Newsletter. If the guest decides to become a SIR member, he should complete the Membership Application and send it to Membership Chairman, Will Myers (see top of Membership Application for mailing address). The prospective member and his sponsor will be asked to attend the next regular luncheon. The Branch Executive Board will vote on the membership and, if approved, the new member will be inducted prior to that luncheon.

Three new members were inducted at our March luncheon meeting (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.



William Bolton retired in January, 2018 as President of Performance Food. He has lived in Discovery Bay for four years.

Hobbies include golf, wine, winter sports, and Nordic skiing. William's sponsor was Ed konieczny.



Knute Kleinen previously had a plumbing business in San Francisco. He recently moved to Discovery Bay from Sonora, where he was a member of Branch 136.

Hobbies include antique cars, RVing, boating and bowling. Knute's sponsor was Len Fadda.



Bruce Shea Retired from AT&T in 2008. He has lived in Brentwood for 2 years, following 18 years in Benicia.

Hobbies include golf, pool and spending time with his two grandsons. Bruce's sponsor was Larry Mensch

Bowling News, Paul Elmer

After 25 of 35 weeks We B Trying (Mary Pita Fry, Jack Bree, Mary Branscum) is still in first place and Team 13 (Tony Guarascio, Roland Valtierra) trails by 2 1/2 games. This is still very close and as we all know anything can and will happen between now and the end of the season, which is only 10 weeks away, around May 28th.



Please take note of the scoring that has been done this year in the SIR League; It is rather spectacular for both men and women, especially considering that we are all seniors! For the women; Scratch Series; Mary Branscum 699, Scratch Game; Rosie Elmer;

264, Handicap Series; Eloise Gatson; 814, Handicap Game; Wanda Lewis; 305. The men's scores are equally impressive; Scratch Series; Bob Damico; 716, Scratch Game; Mitch Wisinski; 279, Handicap Series; Russ Reid; 834; Handicap Game; Harris Edwards; 326. If you are not bowling in this league and would like to, contact Paul Elmer or John Fry.

For the upcoming tournament in Carson City, NV, on April 9th to 11th, the report is that there will be 250 bowlers from the SIR branches, with our branches 161 and 108 supplying 24 bowlers. A very good show for our participation. If you would like to watch the tournament it is held at the Gold Dust West hotel and casino. Come if you can, there is lot to do in Carson City and some very good restaurants and casinos.

Golf News, Dale Welin

The March golf tournament was cancelled due to rain. 28 players showed up and were disappointed.

The 2nd golf tournament for 2018 is fast approaching as scheduled on Monday, April 9. The entry information is below and we will need your reply ASAP.



Event: SIR 161 Invitational

When: Monday, April 9, 2018

Where: Discovery Bay Country Club

Time: 9:00 am shotgun start

Format: 2 net best balls of the foursome

Entry Fee: Non member of DBCC - \$49.00 for golf, cart, range balls and prize money. Member of DBCC with no cart - \$20.00 for golf, cart, range balls and prize money. Member of DBCC with cart - \$4.00 for golf, cart, range balls, and prize money

Cutoff date: Monday, April 2, 2018

Now the tricky part! The time is short and we do not have a luncheon before the event. I would ask that you notify me ASAP of your interest and getting your name on the player list (we have 12 golfers already on the sign up sheet and thank you). I would like to get your check asap also in order to have the entry fee ready to pay DBCC. If there are any questions, please let Dale know. We hope there will be a good turnout for the home event from our SIR 161/NCGA golf club.

Dinner With The Ladies, Dennis Pachucki

When: April 24, 2018

Where: Sweeney's Grill & Bar, 301 Oak Street, Brentwood.

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

- Sirloin Steak with mashed potatoes and fresh vegetable
- Grilled Fresh Salmon with rice and fresh vegetable
- Jumbo Fried Shrimp with rice and fresh vegetable
- Grilled Chicken Breast with mashed potatoes and fresh vegetable

Cost: \$25.00 per person (includes tax and tip).

Deadline: We need your RSVP no later than Thursday, April 20 There will be envelopes at our General Meeting on April 11.

Please make your checks out to Dennis Pachucki and mail to:

2125 Sand Point Road, Discovery Bay, CA 94505. My cell phone is 408-309-5206.

Sweeney's is located at 301 Oak Street (at the northwest corner of 1st Street) in downtown Brentwood.

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

Your Name(s):

Phone number:

Your menu choices:

**Sirloin Steak with mashed potatoes &
fresh vegetable**

Grilled Salmon with rice & fresh vegetable

**Jumbo Fried Shrimp with rice &
fresh vegetable**

**Grilled Chicken Breast with mashed
potatoes & fresh vegetable**

Mothers Day Luncheon—May 8, 2018



Our entertainment will be the Swingin' Blue Stars of the USS Hornet, known for their vocal renditions - in 3-part harmony - of the songs of the WWII era, especially those made famous by The Andrews Sisters and The McGuire Sisters.

The luncheon menu is Crepes a la Reine, wild rice and vegetable medley.

Seating is limited to 160.

Tickets are \$25 per person and will be available at our March & April meetings - or buy them now using the stub below.

..... **Please detach and mail with your check**

Your Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

of tickets: _____

**Please make your check payable to SIR Branch 161, and mail to
Jerry Wiebe, 2071 Windward Point, Discovery Bay, CA 94505**

SIR Day At The Races

When: Friday, April 20, 2018
Where: Golden Gate Fields
Times: Turf Club opens at 11:00 AM
 Buffet Hours 12:00 – 3:30 PM
 1st race post-time 12:45 PM
Cost: \$41.00 per person



Deadline: I'll need your RSVP and check no later than Wednesday, April 11, 2018

Golden Gate Fields is offering a special discounted "Turf Club" group rate of \$41 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 as we did last year, so please let me know if you can provide transportation, or if you will need 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

I Can PROVIDE transportation for _____ people

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, Jerry Wiebe.

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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