



SIR BRANCH 161 NEWS

Celebrating our 27th year! *May, 2018*

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

Larry Mensch, Big Sir

May's luncheon is Tuesday, May 8th. It is the Mother's Day Luncheon. The cost is \$25 per person and if you need tickets, contact Jerry Wiebe. You don't have to notify Bill Konold if you are not attending the Mother's Day Luncheon.



I certainly encourage members to come to the luncheons if at all possible. I also encourage members to bring guests. Bringing a guest seems to be the best way for our branch to increase our membership. I also know it is often not possible for us to attend all the luncheons; other things just come up and we can't always make to the luncheon.

However, last month there were a quite a few Sirs who did not notify Bill Konold that they were not able to attend. This makes it difficult to order the appropriate number of lunches and we are financially responsible for these lunches.

Please, if you are going to miss a luncheon, contact Bill Konold the Friday before the luncheon.

Larry

Next luncheon meeting: May 8, 2018

Little Sir, Alan Jarvie

May entertainment

Mother's Day Luncheon entertainment will be The Swingin' Blue Stars.



May luncheon menu

Crepes a la Reine, wild rice & vegetable medley, Breadsticks & Butter, Coffee and Tea, and a special dessert.

Please note: This is a ticketed event. Tickets can be purchased from our Treasurer Jerry Wiebe.

May birthdays

William Bolton, Carl Carlson, Richard Childress, Arthur Comeau, Fritz Dueming, Ken Fanucchi, Bob Harlan, Bob Lyman, Bill Momaney, Phil Mora, Norm Petersen, Mike Quier, Roger Sweeney, Phil Talley, Roland Valtierra, J Jim Wangeman, Richard Wisdom, Mitch Wisinski

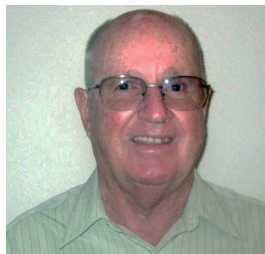
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Membership, Will Myers

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.

Two new members were inducted at our April luncheon meeting (see page 3).

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

With only 4 weeks of bowling left We B Trying (Mary Pita-Fry, Jack Bree, Mary Branscum) seems to have a lock on first place as Team 13 (Tony Guarascio, Roland Valtierra) are 7 1/2 games behind with 16 left to play.

Season high scores are: Scratch Series; Bob Damico 716, Scratch Game; Mitch Wisinski; 288, Handicap Series; Dick Donald; 838, Handicap Game; LaVan Bock; 329. For the women; Scratch Series; Mary Branscum; 699, Scratch Game; Rosie Elmer; 264, Handicap Series; Julie Bayer 840, Handicap Game; Wanda Lewis 305.

We had a great time in Carson City on April 9th - 11th. We had 24 bowlers entered in a field of 260 with 12 different people cashing for prize money.



They were; Natalie Paris; 2nd place Singles Div 3, Bill Bayer, 3rd place Div 2, Paul Elmer, 7th place Div 1, Keith Jones and Natalie Paris 13th place Doubles Div 1, Ron Wilson, Marie Wilson, Natalie Paris, Keith Jones, 3rd place Team Div 1, Rose Elmer, Paul Elmer, Vicky Reid, Russ Reid, 7th place Team Div 1, Diane Leonis, Gary Leonis, Greg Mattus, Duane Wilson, 2nd Place Team Div 2; All Events Div 3 saw Natalie Paris 2nd, Rosie Elmer 7th, Vicky Reid 12th, and All Events Scratch saw Duane Wilson in 8th place. WELL DONE PEOPLE !!!

The next tournament is the SIR State Tournament in Citrus Heights on May 15th, 16th. See John Fry or Paul for entry forms. This is the only tournament which is open to Sirs only, no guests. This consists of a four man team event, doubles, and all events.

Paul

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 May wine tasting is scheduled for Thursday, May 24th. At this time the hosts are TBD. If you are interested in attending this very popular activity please contact Dick Donald by Friday, May 11th 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

The freshness and warmth of Spring has finally arrived and SIR Cyclers are beginning to get out on the bike trails. We have been riding regularly on Thursdays at 9:00 a.m. and have started a second riding day on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. for SIR Cyclers just beginning to re-sharpen their old bicycle riding skills, but prefer to go at an easier pace and distance than the more advanced group that is going out on Thursdays. The Thursday group changes starting destinations and routes from time to time, and those of you that may like a nice change of scenery, mark your calendars for a special ride on May 17th through the vineyards and back country of Livermore. If you have any questions or are interested in joining any of the weekly rides, 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.



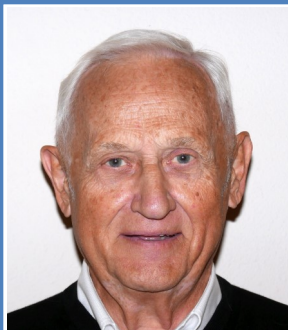
SIR Cyclers Phil Newlin, Roland Valtierra, and Craig Wilson enjoying great weather and beautiful clear sky views of Mount Diablo from the Big Break Trail in Oakley.



New member Brett Swenson retired as Facilities Director for Hayward Unified School in 2016. He has lived in Discovery Bay for one year.

Brett and his wife Robin both have adult children from prior marriages. Hobbies include boating, bowling, fishing and walking.

Brett's sponsor was Vince Vargas.



New member Bob Schier retired in 2012 as a self-employed tailor in Seattle. He has lived in Discovery Bay for 6 years.

Hobbies include boating, RVing, and golf.

Bob's sponsor was Colin Brodie.

Golf News, Dale Welin

On April 9, 2018, SIR Branch 161 hosted 102 golfers from 7 other branches in the area at Discovery Bay Country Club. We had a very successful day and were threatened with bad weather 2-3 days before the event. It all worked out well.



We are scheduled to play Poppy Ridge, Livermore on Tuesday, May 15. We are starting at 9:30 am and we picked that later time to try and avoid some of the traffic.

When: Tuesday, May 15, 2018

Where: Poppy Ridge GC, Livermore

Time: 9:30 am from the 1st tee

Cost: \$52.00 for golf, cart, and prize money

Format: To be announced

Course: Combo white/gold tees - We will play Zinfandel/Merlot.

Please use your credits up that are on record. I want to use up all the credits asap.

May 8 is the Mother's Day luncheon and I WILL NOT be at the affair that day. We will need your name and check by the end of that day. I must call the golf course to confirm our player count on the 8th (one week before the event). So you need to get your name on the player list and follow that up with a check. If you have any question, please advise.

Dale Welin

P.S. from Bill Konold

Just thought I would send you the results from the first day at the Napa tournament. It was an individual event. Todd Ramsdell was in the same flight as me and Randy Zierau and John Fry were in a different flight but together in the same one. I took first place in our flight and Todd took third. Randy took first place in their flight and John took second. So all four Branch 161 players came home with some money. Good day all in all. Nice weather. I haven't gotten the results from the scramble on Tuesday. They are only paying 8 places. It was a "two best ball" format. That's it for now.

Bill

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.



2018 Branch 161 Meetings Calendar

01/16/2018	07/10/2018
02/13/2018	08/14/2018
03/13/2018	09/11/2018
04/10/2018	10/9/2018
05/8/2018 (Note 1)	11/13/2018
06/5/2018	12/11/2018 (Note 1)

Note 1: These two events are lunches with the ladies, replacing the normal monthly luncheons. They are ticketed events.

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**

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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