



SIR BRANCH 161 NEWS

Celebrating our 27th year! August, 2018

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

Larry Mensch, Big Sir

Our August 14th Luncheon Meeting is our election meeting for next year officers. The following is the proposed slate of officers for 2019.



There is a lot of work that a lot of different people do in the background to make our branch successful. There are 13 board members and others that make our branch great. Two people that are not board members but I really appreciate, are Tom Jones for his work on the Newsletter and Gary Hess for his Invocation at the luncheons. Thank you all for the good work you do. Larry

SIR Branch 161 - proposed officers for 2019

BIG SIR	Alan Jarvie
LITTLE SIR	Roy Bristow
SECRETARY	Rick Harris
ASST. SECRETARY	Colin Brodie
TREASURER	Jerry Wiebe
ASST. TREASURER	Lowell Thomas
DIRECTOR	Lowell Onstad
DIRECTOR	Bob Damico
DIRECTOR	Paul Elmer
DIRECTOR	Will Myers
DIRECTOR	Dennis Pachucki
DIRECTOR	Dale Welin
DIRECTOR	Bill Konold
NOMINATING COMMITTEE	
Past Big Sir Len Fadda	
Past Big Sir Vince Vargas	
Past Big Sir Micheal White	

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.

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Next luncheon meeting: August 14, 2018

Little Sir, Alan Jarvie

August speaker

Grace Liu will join us for our August 14th luncheon, to discuss the programs and services offered by our local Alzheimer's Association.



August luncheon menu

Chicken Parmesan with Pasta Alfredo and vegetable medley, Breadsticks & Butter, Coffee and Tea, and Cookies & Brownies for dessert.

Please note: If you have any special dietary needs, please contact Bill Konold by the Friday before the meeting.

Telephone 925-634-2738 or email
bkonold@comcast.net

August birthdays

Al Box, William Carmichael, Earl Cole,
Ken Dickens, Fred Dupont, Rick Harris,
Mike McCleery, Ward Messermith,
Will Myers, Don Patterson, Lynn Pierce,
Don Ramos, Terry Silva



Area Governor Pat Reed Presents Len Fadda with a certificate of recognition for his service as our 2017 Big Sir



Bob Damico presents Sir LaVan Bock with a certificate of appreciation for being our first email contact and for many years of outstanding computer/newsletter support

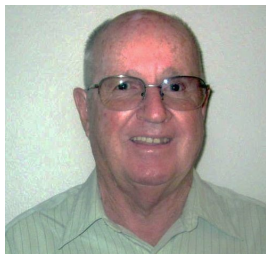


Little Sir Alan Jarvie presents our July speakers with a certificate of appreciation

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.

Four new members were inducted at our July luncheon meeting. See photos and bios on page 4.

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 5 weeks left in the summer session of the SIR Monday bowling league, Bottoms Up (Glenn MacBride, Pam Jarvie, Jan Finch, Gary Leonis) is in first place by 1/2 game over In The Hunt (Karen Capra, Dennis Pachucki, Drew Hanson, Bill Konold) with two other teams within 3 games of first place. This could be a down and dirty (competitively speaking) finish to this summer session.

Season high scores are; for the women; Scratch Series; Rosie Elmer 573, Scratch Game; Mary Branscum; 221, Handicap Series; Terry Damico; 788, Handicap Game; Videlle Marshall; 279. For the men; Scratch Series; Mitch Wisinski; 663, Scratch Game; Paul Elmer; 254, Handicap Series; Frank Cramer; 787,



Handicap Game; Jesse Rivera; 296.

Participation in SIR tournaments has been down in most tournaments. We (Branches 108 & 161) had no participation in the recent Paradise and Yuba City Tournaments, although we do have entries in the Pollock Pines Tournament on July 20 -23.

The tournament in Reno is down also with approximately 50% entries from Branches 108 and 161 from last year. Overall, Reno is still a big draw and should have over 200 entries.

We need new bowlers for the SIR League starting in September. Last year we had 20 teams with some having only 2 or 3 bowlers. We would like to have 20 full teams. If you would like to participate please contact John Fry or Paul Elmer.

Paul

New members inducted in July



Frank Alexander retired in 2015 from his online business. He has lived in Discovery Bay since 1980.

Frank and his wife Diane have two adult sons.

Hobbies include wine tasting and cruising.

Frank's sponsor was Greg Moran.



Fred Peters retired in 2012 from Adesa Auto Track. He has lived in Discovery Bay for 18 years.

Fred and his wife Sharon have two adult children.

Hobbies include horse racing, golf, bocce ball, poker and wine tasting.

Fred's sponsor was Dennis Pachucki.



Stephen McDonough has lived in Discovery Bay for 3 years.

Stephen and his wife Marta previously lived in Livermore.

Hobbies include tennis, trying new restaurants and cooking.

Stephen's sponsor was Will Myers.



John Carmelich retired in 1999 from Chevron. He has lived in Discovery Bay for 18 years.

John and his wife Kathy have 4 children and 6 grandchildren.

Hobbies include boating, dancing, fishing, poker, wine tasting and traveling.

John's sponsor was Jim Wetzel.

SIR Activities, Dick Donald

We're always looking for new activities among SIR. Following are some ongoing SIR activities, including details on current plans.



Wine Tasting, Dick Donald, 513-2849

The August wine tasting is scheduled for Thursday, August 23rd. Our hosts will be Alan & Pam Jarvie. If you are interested in attending this very popular activity please contact Dick Donald by Friday, August 10th at the number above, or email : DickDonald@Yahoo.com

Pickleball, Bob Lyman, 628-7906

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. Play is at the Cornel Park pickleball courts and current drop in

play times are Mon, Wed, Fri at 5pm. - Tues, Thur, Sat at 8am. and Sun at 4pm. 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 SIR Cyclers meet weekly on Thursday mornings at 9:00 A.M., pedaling a round-trip on the recently improved Marsh Creek and the connecting Big Break Trails in Brentwood. These routes are chosen to avoid vehicular traffic as much as possible and provide the safety of riding on dedicated bicycle paths. On some weeks we travel to other nearby towns' bike trails in order to experience new sites and experiences. A message is emailed weekly to inform participants of the plans for that week. If you are interested in joining the SIR riding group, contact Jerry Wiebe by phone or email to be added to the email distribution. If you would like to unsubscribe from the current mailing list, let Jerry know. We always look forward to new members joining us on our rides.

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. Upcoming trips include:



Aug 22-30, 2018: Colors of Provence River Cruise.

Sept 3-13, 2018: Alaska Inside Passage.

Sept 8, 2018: Colorado Train Trip.

Sept 13-23, 2018: Alaska Inside Passage.

Sept 17-25, 2018: The BIG E.

Sept 20 – 27 2018: Islands of New England

Oct. 10-16, 2018: At Home with the Presidents.

For more information contact Dennis Pachucki.

Eric Jensen Memorial Collector Car Show

The September meeting is also the SIR Collector Car Show. So polish that Collector car of yours and bring it to the meeting. Any interesting car, old or new, is welcome.

Got a new Hemi, a cool Corvette, or an old Mercury? Bring it to the September 11th meeting and park with your other SIR car enthusiast members.

Tire kicking is both before and after the meeting, so arrive early and enjoy the machinery.

Please contact Bill Konold 634-2738 if you have any questions.

Here are a couple of pictures from past shows.



A Special Wednesday Edition of Dinner with the Ladies—Dennis Pachucki



When: Wednesday, August 29, 2018

Where: Shirasoni Japanese Restaurant, 6367 Lone Tree Way, Brentwood CA

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

Menu Choices (Dinner includes appetizer, dessert & non-alcoholic beverage):

- Chicken Teriyaki grilled with sweet teriyaki sauce
- New York Steak (Hibachi Grilled)
- Filet Mignon (Hibachi Grilled)
- Hibachi Shrimp grilled with lemon & butter
- Hibachi Salmon grilled with a hint of lemon
- Vegetable Delight (Assorted fresh vegetables grilled in a light sauce)

All entrees include mushroom soup, green salad with ginger dressing, hibachi vegetables and choice of steamed, fried or garlic fried rice.

Cost: \$27.00 per person (includes tax and tip)

Deadline: We need your RSVP no later than Thursday, August 24 – there will also be envelopes at our General Meeting on August 14.

Please send your checks to me in advance. Please make your checks out to Dennis Pachucki, 2125 Sand Point Road, Discovery Bay, CA 94505. Phone 408-309-5206

Shirasoni is located at 6367 Lone Tree Way, Brentwood:

From Discovery Bay, take Hwy 4 to Marsh Creek, turn left and continue on Marsh Creek to the Bypass and turn right (north). Exit the Bypass at Lone Tree Way; go east (right) on Lone Tree Way and remain in the right lane. After the SECOND stop light (Shady Willow Lane), take the SECOND driveway into the shopping area; you will see Shirasoni ahead and to the left (next to Mancini's Sleepworld).

----- Detach and mail with your check -----

Your Name(s):

Phone:

Your Menu choice(s) :

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Chicken Teriyaki

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Filet Mignon

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Hibachi Shrimp

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Hibachi Salmon

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New York Steak

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Vegetarian Entree

And your rice selection(s) :

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Steamed Rice

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Fried Rice

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Garlic Fried Rice

Another successful Al DiGiusto Boat Cruise and Lunch

This was the 25th Anniversary of this popular event. Fifty six revelers enjoyed the great lunch at the Boardwalk Grill in Discovery Bay (this was also our tenth anniversary at the Boardwalk Grill).

Al DiGiusto's 25th Annual Boat Cruise and Luncheon Branch 161 ~ Discovery Bay



July 19, 2018

The Boardwalk Owners, Chris and Erica Cookson, and staff, provide us an excellent water-front venue, great food and great service each year. After lunch, 26 revelers embarked, on four boats, for some leisurely cruising through the Bays.

We thank everyone for their participation in this annual event honoring Al DiGiusto-the man who started this event in 1993.

Special Thanks go out to our Boat Captains and their First Mates: Gary & Diane Leonis, Mike & Jan McCleery, Greg & Christine Moran, and Al & Paula Sauvadon.

The weather was perfect and a good time was had by all. We look forward to next year's event in July, 2019.



Sirs and Ladies enjoyed the great lunch and service at the Boardwalk Grill.



Al & Paula Sauvadon and their Crew enjoyed the beautiful day cruising Discovery Bay.



Denver enjoyed cruising too.

Report by Bob Damico

Golf News, Dale Welin

25 players had a nice day at The Reserve at Spanos Park. The course was in VERY good shape, with the greens and fairways in excellent condition. I heard several of you acknowledge the same thing.



We tried a new format for us, as we teamed up a pair of players after the round was completed using a draw from the hat. It turned out that you had to play good and get a partner who played well. Thank you to the breeze that was with us most of the day! So the winners were:

1st place - 130 net score - Quier, Emerson

2nd place - 139 - Disney, Wiebe, and Zierau , Spann

4th place - 143 Konold, Kirtley

5th place - 145 - Ramsdell, Rentzel

CTP winners were Kirtley at 15' 5" and Onstad at 32'

A note to thank you to get around the course in 4 hours and 15 minutes; the Sirs can do it!

The entry info is available for our August tournament.

When: Tuesday, 8-21

Time: 9:00 am shotgun start

Where: Manteca Park Golf Course, Manteca

Cost: \$43.00 for Green fees, cart and prize money

Cutoff date: August 14, 2018

Format: To be announced

We hope to have a good turnout, so send an e-mail or call Dale to get your name on the player list. More later.

Dale Welin



Almost a hole in one

Player - Mike Carmichael (from our SIR Branch 161).

Course played - The Reserve at Spanos Park.

Hole - #4, 112 yards .

Almost a hole in one and was 6 inches from going in for a hole in one.

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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