



SIR BRANCH 161 NEWS

Celebrating our 27th year! Oct, 2018

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

Larry Mensch, Big Sir

The State SIR governing body has been working on changes for SIR. They formed a "Future of SIR Task Force," which has developed a number of recommendations that they would like the local Branch Executive Committees to look at and make recommendations. We will do that at our next BEC meeting and send them our feedback. On October 30th they will meet and adopt some of the recommendations. At that time the Rules Committee may propose any necessary Rule Changes.



Our next meeting is October 9, 2018. If you can't make it, please call Bill Konold.

Larry

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Big Sir Larry Mensch presents a belated Big Sir badge to Don Shegich, right, for his service as Big Sir in 2004.

Little Sir, Alan Jarvie

October speaker

Jon M. O'Brien, Senior Environmental Scientist with the California Department of Boating & Waterways, will be our speaker at the October 9 luncheon meeting.



October birthdays

Firoz Bharwani, Gary Campbell, Richard Clark, Michael Cline, Knute Kleinen, Larry Mensch, Al Sauvadon, Robert Schier, Jim Spann, Gary Tucker, Ron Wilson

October luncheon menu

Fried Chicken, Yukon mashed potatoes w/ gravy, green beans with red onion, Breadsticks & Butter, Coffee and Tea, and Cookies & Brownies for dessert.

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

Telephone 925-634-2738 or email

Dinner With The Ladies

I need to know by the Friday before the dinner if you need to cancel; Depending on the restaurant, you may or may not get your check back if notified after the Friday before the dinner.

Details of this month's Dinner With The Ladies are on page 6.

Dennis Pachucki

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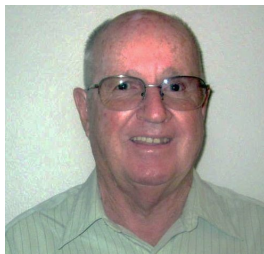


Big Sir Larry Mensch and Little Sir Alan Jarvie presented Mike Davies, Manager of the Town of Discovery Bay, our September speaker, with a Certificate of Appreciation.

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.

Three new members were inducted at our September 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

After 3 weeks of the 35 week 2018 -2019 session of the SIR Monday Bowling League we have two teams tied for 1st place with 11 wins each. They are; Team 6 (Frank Smith, Frank Cramer, Ed Fitzpatrick, Ray Blackshear) and Team 9 (Janine Gordon, Don Rentzel, Al Fleisher, Dave Goplen). 3 other teams are 1 to 3 games back. This a long season divided into 2 halves, so there is plenty of time for even the last place teams to catch and pass the current leaders. Yes, the atmosphere of competition is present and the fragrance of winning and losing is back!!

We are still establishing averages, so the only high scores available are for the scratch divisions. The next newsletter will have both scratch and handicap



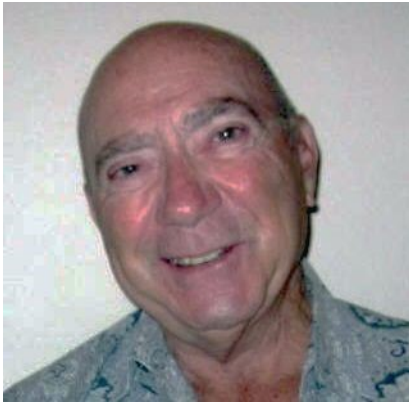
results. Currently, for the men; Scratch Series; John Fry 639, Scratch Game; Paul Elmer 248; For the women; Scratch series; Marie Wilson 560; and Scratch Game; Terry Damico 205.

Our annual Bob Matteuchi Tournament (branch 161 & 108) will be held at Harvest Park Bowl on Tuesday October 16th. We expect 70 - 90 bowlers from our and other SIR Branches to compete. The other good news is that Branch 161 and 108 have been selected for the SIR State Tournament to be held on May 15, 2019. This tournament is held at a different branch each year, and it has been about 10 years or so since we had the opportunity to have it locally.

We could use 3 - 4 bowlers for Monday; If you would like to bowl with us please see John Fry or Paul Elmer for information.

Paul

New members inducted in July

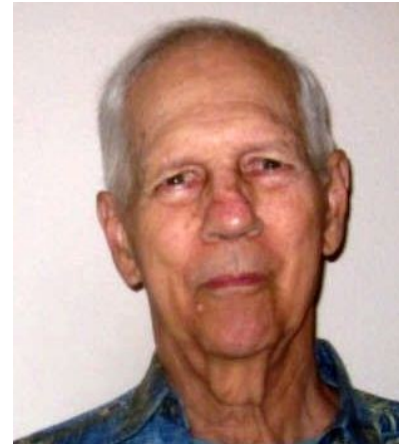


Dennis Ward retired from his own business in 2008. He has lived in Discovery Bay for 42 years.

Dennis and his wife Sandy have 3 children, 4 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild.

Hobbies include snow skiing and tennis.

Dennis's sponsor was Phil Talley.



Greg Enoksen retired from Pacific Bell in 1994. He has live in Discovery Bay for 17 years.

Greg looks forward to enjoying physical activities with Branch members.

Greg's sponsor was Gary Tucker.



Dan Meckfessel retired from Concord Naval Weapons in 1999. He has lived in Brentwood for 11 years.

Dan and his wife Kim have 3 children and 2 grandchildren..

Hobbies include photography, computers, cribbage, pool and ping pong.

Dan's sponsor was Bill Momaney.

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.

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 October wine tasting is scheduled for Thursday, October 25th. Our hosts will be Dan & Louise Riordan. If you are interested in attending this very popular activity please contact Dick Donald by Friday, October 12th at the number above, or email: DickDonald@Yahoo.com

Pickleball, Bob Lyman, 628-7906

This message is for all you newer SIR members who may not have heard of pickleball. If you have ever played a racquet sport of any kind and have the energy to use those skills again, come check out pickleball. It is a great game for both men and women, with lots of good social interaction, and is the fastest growing sport in the country. The best courts in Contra Costa County are right here in Discovery Bay, at the Cornel Park pickleball courts. Current drop in play times are Tues, Thur & Sat at 8am. Best time for learning is Saturday. Have any questions, check with SIR players Dennis Pachucki, Phil Talley, Greg Moran, Terry Silva, Randy Zierau or Bob Lyman.

SIR Cyclers, Jerry Wiebe, 916-206-9221

The SIR Cyclers ride weekly on Thursday mornings at 9:00 A.M. and it is open to your spouse and friends. The Cyclers most commonly pedal a round-trip on the recently improved Marsh Creek and the connecting Big Break Trails in Brentwood as these routes avoid most vehicular traffic. On some weeks travel to other nearby towns' bike trails provide a new experience. A message is emailed weekly to inform interested participants of the riding plan for that week. If anyone would like to join the SIR Cyclers riding group, contact Jerry Wiebe by phone or email to be added to the email distribution. We always look forward to new members joining us on our rides.

Christmas Lights Boat Ride,- Dick Donald – 513-2849

Once again we are going to charter the Captain Morgan boat, "Rosemarie", for an evening ride around the local bays to observe the Christmas lights. The event will be on Thursday, December 13th, at 5:30 PM. We will have an appetizer tray provided by the Boardwalk restaurant and drinks will be available for purchase aboard. The cost has gone up slightly since last year, so it will be \$60 per person, which includes the boat ride and appetizers. Please let me know if you are interested in attending; I will be collecting checks for the ride starting in November.

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:



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

Oct. 21-31-2018: Crystal Mozart River Cruise.

Oct. 24 – Nov. 2, 2018: Tastes and Sounds of the South.

Nov. 5 -13, 2018 Branson, MO Bentonville, Arkansas and Beyond.

Dec 30, 2018 - Jan. 3, 2019: Tucson New Year's - with Tombstone.

Dec. 31, 2018- Jan. 3, 2019 New Years-Rose Parade.

For more information contact Dennis Pachucki.

Dinner with the Ladies—Dennis Pachucki



When: Tuesday, October 23, 2018

Where: Cap's Oak Street Bar & Grill, 144 Oak Street, Brentwood CA

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

Menu Choices: Dinner includes salad, dessert & non-alcoholic beverage (iced tea, water, coffee)

Entrees:

- Broiled Salmon with rice pilaf
- Stuffed Pork Chops with garlic mashed potatoes & fresh vegetables
- Petite (10 oz) New York Steak with garlic mashed potatoes & fresh vegetables
- Lamb Shanks with garlic mashed potatoes & fresh vegetables

IMPORTANT: Due to the long supplier delivery time, orders for Lamb Shanks must be received no later than Monday, October 17. Also I need to know by the Friday before the dinner if you need to cancel; Depending on the restaurant you may or may not get your check back if notified after the Friday before the dinner.

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

Deadline: We need your RSVP no later than Thursday, October 20. There will also be envelopes at our General Meeting on October 9.

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.

Cap's is located at 144 Oak Street (at the corner of 2nd Street) in downtown Brentwood.

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

Your Name(s):

Phone:

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Broiled Salmon with rice pilaf

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Stuffed Pork Chops with garlic mashed
potatoes & fresh vegetables

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Lamb Shanks with garlic mashed
potatoes & fresh vegetables

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Petite New York Steak with garlic mashed
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Golf News, Dale Welin

The results are in for the September tournament at Diablo Grande, Patterson. Only 16 players participated in the this event.

The format was 1 best net ball for the odd numbered holes and 2 net best balls for the even numbered holes.

1st place - 86 - Konold, Quier, Rentzel, Comeau

2nd place - 87 - Onstad, Emerson, Disney, Zierau

Closest to the pin - handicap 0-27 Zierau. Handicap 28 - up Rentzel

Our final golf tournament for 2018 is scheduled for Tuesday, October 23 at Elkhorn GC, Stockton. This is for the Club Championship for 2018 The entry infor-



mation is below:

When: Tuesday, October 23, 2018

Where: Elkhorn GC, Stockton

Time: 8:30 am shotgun

Format: Individual net

Cost: \$43.00

As always, please e-mail or phone Dale to get your name onto the player list. Then follow that up with a check for \$43.00. Those players who have played in at least 2 events in 2018, are eligible for the championship and trophy. If there are any questions, please call Dale or use e-mail.

See you in Stockton on the 23rd.

Dale Welin

SIR Day at the Races

When: Saturday, October 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, October 10, 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:

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I can PROVIDE transportation for ____ people.

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I will NEED transportation.

SIR Branch 161 - Eric Jensen Memorial Car Show , September 11, 2018

At our September meeting, members displayed their collector or interesting car. Tire kicking in the parking lot was encouraged before and after the meeting.

This was the 7th anniversary of the event, started by Eric Jensen and now named in his memory.



Photos courtesy Bob Damico

State SIR Golf Championship



The 2018 SIR State Championship and Open Individual Play (The US Open of SIR Golf, Seven Flights)

State Championship

1. 70 Divisional Qualifiers will play on November 14th for the SIR State Championship in seven flights!
2. Green Fees and Cart will be paid by the State Golf Committee.
3. In addition to the winners of each flight getting their beautiful jackets, we will have a voluntary \$20 Buy In for prize money for the 70 Division qualifiers. A \$1,400 prize fund if we have a 100% Buy-In.

Open Play

1. When & Where: Nov 13th & 14th at Seaside CA, Bayonet Course.
2. Two days of open play tournaments, 140 positions on November 13th, and 70 positions on November 14th. Thousands of dollars of prize money. You can play both days if you get your application in soon enough!
3. Approximately 24 positions will be reserved on Day 1 for women to play in their own special tournament. We want to encourage your spouses and significant others to play in our destination events.
4. Applications for men and women are posted on our website.

Why not get a group together and enjoy the Seaside, Carmel, Monterey, Pebble Beach area at the most magnificent time of the year.

For questions about the tournament you may contact JERRY at one of the following options:

Phone: (209)551-8220; or Email: sirjerry42@gmail.com

Visit the State SIR golf web site at: <http://www.golf.sirinc2.org/>

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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