



# SIR BRANCH 161 NEWS

Celebrating our 27th year! Nov, 2018

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

## Larry Mensch, Big Sir

Our December Luncheon is the Holiday Luncheon on December 11, 2018 at noon. Buy your tickets for \$25 each at our next November 9th luncheon meeting or contact Jerry Wiebe (Treasurer) to purchase tickets. The entertainment will be provided by The Devil Mountain Chorus. See the flyer on page 6.

The December Luncheon is not a required luncheon, so you don't have to call Bill Konold if you can't attend.

Also, at our regular luncheon we must follow the Discovery Bay Country Club dress requirements which include no denim and no hats.

Our Branch Executive Committee, sent our recommendations and opinions about The Future of SIR Task Force survey, as did other BECs. They were meeting on October 30, 2018 to discuss the findings. I hope to report their recommendations next month.

Larry



## Little Sir, Alan Jarvie

### November speaker

Trevor Smith, VP at Lazares Companies and Manager of the Pantages Bay Development Project, will be our speaker at the November 13 luncheon meeting.



### November luncheon menu

Roast Sirloin with Bernaise sauce, steamed red potatoes, vegetable medley, 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 [bkonold@comcast.net](mailto:bkonold@comcast.net)

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### November birthdays

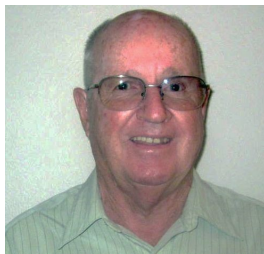
Jack Bree, Rick Crago, Frank Cramer,  
Charles Helfrick, Chuck Niessen, Andrew Zwemer.

**Next Luncheon Meeting:** November 13, 2018

## 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.

One new member was inducted at our October meeting. See photo and bio 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.

## New member inducted in October



Bruce Bohnsack retired from Computer Building Services in Washington D.C. in June, 2017.

He has lived in Discovery Bay since July, 2017.

Bruce and his wife Kathy have 2 sons and 2 grandchildren.

Hobbies include fishing, woodworking, home projects, hiking and biking.

Bruce's sponsor was Will Myers.

## 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.

## Bowling News, Paul Elmer

Week seven of 35 weeks has been completed with 2 teams tied for 1st place, Team 6(Frank Smith, Frank Cramer, Ed Fitzpatrick, Ray Blackshear) and Team 9 (Janine Gordon, Don Rentzel, Al Fleisher, Dave Goplen), both with 19 wins. There is one team one game back and 2 teams 2 games back. With 11 weeks left in the first half it is still anyone's opportunity to win it.

Season high scores to date are:

For the women; Scratch Series; Vicky Reid 609, Scratch Game; Rosie Elmer; 224, Handicap Series; Jan Finch; 644, Handicap Game; Linda Jensen; 254.

For the men, Scratch Series; Curtis Manning; 708, Scratch Game; Mitch Wisinski; 279, Handicap Series; Dick Donald; 747, Handicap Game; Russ Reid; 267.

Our Annual Bob Matteucci Memorial Tournament was held on October 16th with 67 bowlers in attendance as opposed to 73 last year. This is a common problem with most SIR Chapters due to declining numbers of Sirs. We need some younger Sirs to come



along and participate in this enjoyable program of competitive bowling. We could use 5 or 6 bowlers in our current league. If interested please contact John Fry or Paul Elmer for details.

Results for our Branch 161 and 108 are:

SINGLES DIV "A" - John Fry 1st place, Rosie Elmer, 3rd place, Vicky Reid, 4th place.

SINGLES DIV "B", Videlle Marshall 1st place, Fred Critchfield 6th place, Lorraine Burt 7th place.

DOUBLES "A" Division, Rosie Elmer, Pau Elmer, 2nd place. DOUBLES "B" Division, Don Patterson, Mary Patterson, 4th place.

ALL EVENTS "A" Division, Rosie Elmer, 2nd place, John Fry, 3rd place, Paul Elmer 4th place, Vicky Reid, 7th place.

ALL EVENTS "B" Division, Videlle Marshall, 2nd place, Fred Critchfield 7th place.

Well Done!!

There are only three tournaments left in the year. Modesto - Nov 1st and 2nd, Concord - Nov. 13th and 14th, - Danville, Dec. 5th and 6th.

Paul

## 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:

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.

## 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 November wine tasting is scheduled for Thursday, November 15th. Our hosts will be Larry & Barbara Mensch. If you are interested in attending this very popular activity please contact Dick Donald by Friday, November 9th 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. You ever play a racquet sport of any kind and have the energy to use those skills again, come check out pickleball. Great game for both men and women, with lots of good social interaction and it is the fastest growing sport in the country. We have the best courts in Contra Costa County right here in Discovery Bay, at the Cornell Park pickleball courts. Current drop-in play times are Tues, Thur & Sat at 8am. Best time for learning is Saturday morning. With the weather changing and the time change, our start times change to 9am and 3pm, and we also play at 1pm on Sunday. 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**

Recently, 83-year-old SIR Cyclist Ed Fitzpatrick took on the challenge and pedaled to the top of Brent-



wood's 224 foot-high Los Vaqueros Dam, something he had never attempted before. Ed admitted that he hadn't done that arduous of a ride in many years. When first arriving and looking up the road to the top he thought out loud, "I don't think I can do it." Arnold Palmer once said, "The most rewarding things you do in life are often the ones that look like they can't be done."

The SIR Cyclers ride every Thursday. Come join us. Contact Jerry Wiebe by phone or email to be added to the email distribution.

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

I am still accepting sign-ups for the Discovery Bay Christmas Lights boat ride on the Captain Morgan boat "Rosemarie". The event is scheduled for Thursday, December 13th, at 5:30 PM. So far we are short of the minimum number of passengers required, which is twelve couples, so we need some additional riders. The cost is \$60 per person, which includes the boat ride and appetizers. Please let me know by November 9th if you are interested in attending, as I will have to cancel if we cannot make the minimum.



## Golf News, Dale Welin

A huge THANK YOU to Lowell Onstad for acting as Chairman for the tournament at Elkhorn, as our last 2018 tournament was there!



The scorecards were left with me this afternoon and the results look like the following:

2018 Club Championship Winner - Jerry Wiebe with a net 70. Congratulations Jerry.

Tied 2nd place - Onstad and Mensch - 72.

4th place - Fry - 75.

5th place - Carmichael - 77.

Tied 6th place - Ramsdell and Vargas.

CTP winners were Comeau and Mygrant.

Our golf year for 2018 has come to a conclusion. Like other activities, we had fewer players each month this year than in the past.

The renewal period for the 2019 NCGA dues opened on October 1, 2018. The 2019 NCGA dues are the same as they were for 2018: \$39.00 renewing members and \$49.00 for new/lapsed members. We will be sending our list of players to NCGA for 2019 on December 15, 2018. Feel welcome to send your check to me at your convenience (payable to Dale Welin).

Have a good holiday season.

Dale Welin



Big Sir Larry Mensch presents Norm Peterson with a 20 year membership certificate.



Little Sir Alan Jarvie presents Jon O'Brien, our October speaker, with a certificate of appreciation. Also in the photo is Big Sir Larry Mensch.



# *Holiday Luncheon*

## *Tuesday December 11*

Musical entertainment will be provided by the Four-te Quartet from the Devil Mountain Chorus.

The luncheon menu is Roast Turkey Breast with cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes & gravy, and vegetables. Seating is limited to 160.

Tickets are \$25 per person and will be available at our November 13th meeting - or buy them now using the stub below.

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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



## 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](mailto: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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