



SIR BRANCH 161 NEWS

Celebrating our 27th year! Dec, 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 by contacting Jerry Wiebe (Treasurer). The entertainment will be provided by The Devil Mountain Chorus. The December Luncheon is not a required luncheon, so you don't have to call Bill Konold if you can't attend.



I would like to thank all the members of our Branch Executive Committee, Assistants to the Directors, Committee members, Coordinators and Senior Advisors for all the hard work they have done over the past year. There are 25 plus men who make this Branch work so successfully. Thanks to ALL.

I would also like to thank all the members who take an active part in our Branch by coming to the luncheons and participating in our activities. Thanks to you for bringing guests to our luncheons.

Our Branch Executive Committee sent our recommendations and opinions about The Future of Sir's Task Force Survey, as did other BECs. These are some of the changes made by the State Rules Committee that I assume were made based on information sent to them by the various branches. These are just some highlights and not all of them.

1. Deletion of Inactive status. Now a man is a member or not.
2. Attendance Relief. As a result of the above, "A Branch BEC may grant attendance relief to a member who is unable to attend luncheon meetings due to

prolonged illness, acting as a caregiver to a family member or companion, or an extended absence from Branch locale." (Our Branch's expectation is that a member is to attend 5 of the 10 luncheons).

3. Branch Director Term Limits. The State Board supports the idea that new blood is essential to maintain vigor and enthusiasm in a Branch, so Rule 240 has been rewritten to say "The Branch Director is an integral part of the Branch Executive Committee. He has equal voting rights with other members of the committee and shares equal responsibility for the conduct of all Branch operations and activities. A Branch Director shall serve one-year terms and be restricted to three consecutive terms, excluding any partial year immediately preceding the first such year. If a Branch Director vacates the position for one or more calendar years, eligibility is reestablished. Upon request of the Big Sir, the Regional Director or the State President may make an exception to this rule.

(Revised 9/12/18) Revised 10/30/18.)"

Larry

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Little Sir, Alan Jarvie

December entertainment

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



Bowling News, Paul Elmer

After 11 weeks of bowling, the race for 1st place has changed once again. Strike Force (Videlle Marshall, Doris Cole, Linda Jensen, Greg Mattus) has a slim one game lead over Bowling Buddies



(Lorraine Burt, Tony Tell, Suzanne Berry, Fred Critchfield). Teams 4 (Locos) and 9 have slipped 2 - 3 games back over this last month. With only 3 -4 weeks left in the first half there could be more changes yet to come.

December luncheon menu

The luncheon menu is Roast Turkey Breast with cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes & gravy, and vegetables, with Cheesecake for dessert.

December birthdays

Colin Brodie, Dick Donald, Greg Enkorsen, Gary Hess, Stephen McDonough, Greg Moran, John Reichenbach, Robert Sanocki, Robert White, Craig Wilson.

There have been some changes in the season high scores; John Fry is the new Scratch Series leader with 714. Mitch Wisinsky still has high Handicap Game of 279. High Handicap Series is now held by Curtis Manning with 756. Handicap Game is now Larry Mensch with 288. For the women there are some changes also; Vicky Reid still has Scratch Series with 614; Rosie Elmer also still holds Scratch Game 224. High Handicap Series is now Mary Pita-Fry with 715. Handicap Game is now held by Jean Scurlock with 276. Well Done people!!



Big SIR Larry Mensch presents Trevor Smith, our November speaker, with a Certificate of Appreciation.

Next Luncheon Meeting: December 11, 2018

There were no bowlers from branches 161 or 108 who entered the tournament held on November 5th and 6th in Concord. The last tournament of the year will be in Danville on December 5th and 6th. The Stadium in Reno is closed for extensive remodeling so the 3 Nevada tournaments will be held in Carson City at Gold Dust West on April 8th-11th and August 12th-15th, and Carson Lanes September 12th-14th.

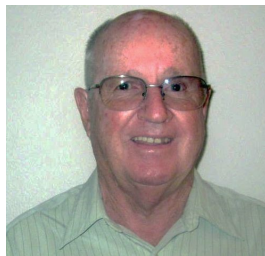
Have an exceptionally good Christmas and New Year !!

Paul

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 November meeting. See photo and bio below.

SIR Membership Requirements

Note that changes to these requirements are being finalized by our Branch Executive Committee.

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 November



Bob Leete Retired from the San Ramon Valley Fire District in 2013.

He has lived in Discovery Bay since 2009.

Bob and his wife Joanne have a son and a daughter, and 4 grand-daughters.

Hobbies include golf and travel.

Bob's sponsor was Will Myers.

2019 Branch 161 Meetings Calendar

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| 01/15/2019 (Note 1) | 07/9/2019 |
| 02/12/2019 | 08/13/2019 |
| 03/12/2019 | 09/10/2019 |
| 04/9/2019 | 10/8/2019 |
| 05/14/2019 (Note 2) | 11/12/2019 |
| 06/4/2019 (Note 3) | 12/10/2019 (Note 2) |

Note 1: 3rd Tuesday of January.

Note 2: These two events are lunches with the ladies, replacing the normal monthly luncheons.

Note 3: 1st Tuesday of June.

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 was the last scheduled for the year. Our next wine tasting will be the fourth Thursday in January. If you are interested in attending this very popular activity please contact Dick Donald by Friday, January 11th 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 Cornel Park pickleball courts.

Current drop-in play times are Tues, Thur & Sat at 9am. 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

The SIR Cyclers ride weekly on Thursday mornings at 9:00 A.M. and include spouses and friends. The Cyclers most commonly meet at Jerry's home in Discovery Bay for a moderate ride into Brentwood and back on the much improved Balfour Road that now includes the added safety of bicycle lanes in both directions all the way into Brentwood and beyond. Mid way they usually include a stop to enjoy a cup of coffee and perhaps a snack and good conversation. Some weeks they travel to other nearby towns' bike trails that 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 in, contact Jerry Wiebe by phone or email to be added to the weekly email distribution. We look forward to and encourage new members joining us on our rides.

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

I am now accepting payments 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. The cost is \$60 per person, which includes the boat ride and appetizers. We have more sign-ups than the minimum required but are short of the maximum, so if anyone else is interested in going, please contact me at the number above, or email dickdonald@yahoo.com.

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:

Dec 30, 2018 - Jan. 3, 2019: Tucson New Years - with Tombstone.

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

For more information contact Dennis Pachucki.

Golf News, Dale Welin

It is time for renewing your NCGA membership for 2019. The 2019 fee is the same as 2018, which is \$39.00 for renewal. For new/lapsed members the fee is \$49.00 Please make the check payable to Dale Welin. I will not be attending the December luncheon, so you will have to mail it to me or give it to me when I see you. The cutoff date is Dec. 15.



the middle of December. If there are any questions, please give me a call at 516-9463.

Dale Welin



Dale Welin presents Jerry Wiebe with the 2018 Golf Champion award.

A message to our entire branch membership ... if anyone is interested in participating with our monthly golf tournaments, please give me a call. The 2019 schedule is being prepared and will be completed by



Big Sir Larry Mensch presents Frank Cramer, Don Ramos and Dick Donald with membership awards.

Editor's notes:

- Special thanks to Bob Damico for various photographs in this issue of our newsletter.
- This and prior issues of our newsletter can be viewed/downloaded at our web site (<http://www.sir161.org>).



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.

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

Note that changes to these requirements are being finalized by our Branch Executive Committee.

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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