



SIR BRANCH 161 NEWS

Celebrating our 28th year! September, 2019

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

Alan Jarvie, Big Sir

Congratulations to our newly elected 2020 Branch Executive Committee. They'll be working hard to keep our Branch running smoothly, to the benefit of us all, and I encourage all of us to assist them – they'll be very appreciative of the help.



We need to do a much better job of notifying our Attendance Chairman when we aren't able to attend our regular luncheons. For our August meeting, we had 16 members who didn't attend and also didn't notify Bill Konold, and 28 more in June and July – a total of 44 for these three months alone. That's over \$800 for which we are responsible, and we can't let this continue.

Please remember to contact Bill when you know you can't attend. Our yearly meeting calendar is included in our annual handbook, on our website, and in each monthly newsletter. You don't have to wait until the Friday before the meeting; if you have something planned for November, and you know about in January, just let the Attendance Chairman know, he'll mark it down and you don't have to tell him again.

Our next meeting is September 10, and I hope to see you all then, but if you know you can't make it, call Bill @ 925-634-2738.

Editor's Note

Special thanks to Bob Damico for various photographs in this edition of our newsletter.

Next meeting: September 10, 2019

The Eric Jensen Memorial Collector Car Show

The September meeting is also the SIR Eric Jensen Memorial 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 10 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.



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Roy Bristow, Little Sir

August Speaker

Our August speaker, Dina Breitstein, was warmly welcomed to the monthly SIR luncheon. Dina recently assumed the position as our Assistant General Manager, Town of Discovery Bay.



She was delighted to be introduced to most all of the more than 100 members in attendance, and visited each table prior to the luncheon. Her presentation was very informative and she answered questions from the floor with candor and detail. Dina promised our group an "Update" of information concerning some of the items discussed. True to her word.....

The Signboard Project . The signboard is up and running as of 8/17/19. The cost of the sign plus installation was a total of \$26,377.61

The Pool Project. A Facility Conditions Report was conducted for a total cost of \$14,900. Goetechnical Engineering Services were completed for a total cost of \$17,750. The pool design was discussed at committee meetings and a board meeting. These meetings were agendized and open to the public. At these meetings, the pool depth, along with the size and shape, were discussed to best suit the community center's recreational needs.

License Plate Cameras. The Contra Costa Sheriff's Department is managing this project. The cameras have been purchased, but Caltrans is requiring the Sheriff's Department to provide an engineer's report on loadbearing specifications and wind shearing specifications before Caltrans allows the cameras to be placed on their poles. These reports are expensive, so the Sheriff's Department is working to find a vendor to conduct the reports at a reasonable price.

Cornell Park Restrooms. I have relayed the concerns about the park restrooms to General Manager Davies. He and the Landscape Manager will be working with staff and the janitorial service to address these concerns.

Dina and her family have been residents of Discovery Bay for 19 years. It's great to have one of our neighbors working on our behalf. Thank you, Dina.



September speaker Dina Breitstein (center) receives a certificate of appreciation from Big Sir Alan Jarvie (left) and Little Sir Roy Bristow

September Speaker

Our speaker this month is Peter Petersen, owner and winemaker of Petersen Vineyards. Bonded as a winery in 2015, is located a mere 11 minutes north of our Discovery Bay. It was established in 2012. Their very first harvest was the year 2013. It followed that their now famous "Diablo Sunset" was crafted in 2014. With wine aging in 2016, Petersen Vineyards product was first available for sale in 2017. Peter's subject will be Petersen Vineyards ports. Yes, this will be a PARTICIPATORY PRESENTATION!

September birthdays

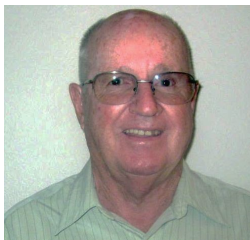
Ed Fitzpatrick, John Fry, Tony Guarascio,
John Jewell, Ken Johnson, Tom Kenny,
Rene McClain, Don Roth, Tom State,
Brett Swenson, Brad Vinson

September luncheon menu

Bread Sticks or Rolls & Butter
Beef Lasagna with Broccoli and Cheese
Dessert: Cookies / Brownies
Includes Ice Tea & Coffee

Membership, Will Myers

Our August SIR membership increased to 154 with the addition of two new members. Chris Diaz was sponsored by Ken Fanucchi, and Tom Denning was sponsored by Johnny Welton. Photos of our new members, along with their sponsors, are shown below.



Chris Diaz and his wife Linda have lived in Brentwood at the Del Webb Orchards Summerset IV for the past 8 years. They have been married for 52 years, having 2 children, 4 grandchildren, and 6 great-grandchildren. Chris was born and raised in San Francisco, graduated from Balboa H.S., and attended CCSF & Healds Engineering. He joined the San Francisco Fire Department in 1974 and retired 31 years later as a Lieutenant. Chris enjoys golfing, cooking, watching football, a good bottle of wine and a nice Manhattan cocktail.

Tom Denning and his wife Julie have lived in Discovery Bay for 15 years after moving from Oakley. They have a daughter and 2 grandchildren. Tom retired in April 2017 after working 20 years as a power plant machinist and 17 years as an electrical meter technician for PG&E. He enjoys wood carving and playing golf.

A free bottle of wine was given to Jerry Wiebe for bringing in guest Ken Marsh, Ward Messersmith for bringing in guest Eric Swalwell, and Mike McCleery for bringing in guest Toni Simi. There still remains 3 months of this year

in determining who sponsors the most new members; so anyone at this time can still win this free lunch award.



Chris Diaz (left) with sponsor Ken Fanucchi



Tom Denning (right) with sponsor Johnny Welton

SIR Membership Requirements

Membership in Sons In Retirement is open to men regardless of age, race, color or religion. See the last page of this newsletter for more information.

Golf News, Dale Welin

We had 13 golfers for Manteca Park GC, Manteca for our August 20 event. The course was waiting for us and was in very good shape.

For September, we are scheduled to play at Poppy Ridge GC in Livermore. The entry information has been forwarded to each of the 36 members of our golf club. We hope that more players will participate in September.

Finally, our club championship tournament will be Thursday, October 17, 2019. All club members can play at Paradise Valley in Fairfield. You must have participated in 2 of our events this year to qualify for the championship honors, as has been the requirement norm for many years.

Dale Welin



Bowling News, Paul Elmer



There are 2 big items to report on this month, with the first being the end of the summer session of the Monday SIR Bowling League.

After 13 weeks of competition between the 10 teams, Team 5 (Terry Damico, Eloise Gatson, Diane Leonis, Al Fleisher) and Team 2 (Beth Edwards, Harris Edwards, Tony Tell, Tom Kirtley) ended in a tie for first place with 31 wins each leading 3rd place by 1 1/2 games. This meant that there would be a ONE game play-off in the sweepstakes for the league title as champions.

The results are in! After the first game, Team 2 won by only 3 pins 930 to 927. Talk about close and tense, this was it! Well done people! You are now clearly entitled to be called champions!

Season ending high scores are; Scratch Series- Dennis Sandau 723, Scratch Game; John Fry-255, Handicap Series; Glenn MacBride; 720, for the women; Scratch Series- Terry Damico - 592, Scratch Game- Rosie

Elmer-234, Handicap Series- Val Heck 710, Handicap Game- Diane Leonis 222. The winter session will start on Sept. ninth with 15 teams. There are openings available if you wish to bowl with some very great people- See John Fry for team openings--

The other good news is that the Carson City Tournament was held on August 12 - 14 with 214 bowlers, 24 of them coming from branch 161 and 108. The lane conditions were consistent, good, and well maintained. Those who cashed were; Div. 1 Singles - Ron Wilson 5th place, Paul Elmer 12th place. Div. 3 Singles - Lorraine Burt 5th place, Rosie Elmer 6th place, Natalie Paris 10th place. Div 2 Doubles- Greg Mattus and Shirley Madsen 13th place, Div 3 All Events- Julie Bayer 6th place, Lorraine Burt 7th place, Nicely done !!

The up-coming tournaments are; Carson City September 13-14, Citrus Heights October 1-2 and our own tournament in Brentwood on Oct 15th. If you would like to enter these tournaments please contact John Fry or Paul Elmer or on-line at sirinc3.org/sirbowling for the entry forms.

SIR 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 table in the Discovery Bay CC lobby at our monthly luncheons. Some of the available 2019/2020 trips are listed below.

Sept 20-28, 2019 Captivating Cascadia – A Custom Nine Day Cruise/Tour

Oct 11-18, 2019 Niagara Falls and the Grand Hotel

Oct 13 – 20, 2019 Princess Cruise Pacific Northwest: 7 Day

Oct 18-25, 2019 Niagara Falls & Grand Hotel

Oct 20 to 27, 2019 Princess Cruise Pacific Northwest 7 Day-R/T San Francisco

Nov 4-23, 2019 Inside Vietnam: Grand Circle Cruise, 18 day Overseas Adventure Travel Tour of Vietnam

May 9 - 21, 2020. "The Passion Play In Oberammergau"

Aug 29-Sept 9, 2020 Top of Switzerland with Oberammergau

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 next wine tasting will be at 5 PM on Thursday, September 26th. Dennis Pachucki & Karen Capra will be hosting this month. If you are interested in attending this very popular activity please contact Dick Donald at the number above, or email DickDonald@Yahoo.com.

Bocce Ball – Dick Donald – 513-2849

We are currently playing SIR Bocce Ball at 9 AM on Tuesday mornings, planning to play about 2 hours. We will make up teams on the spot using all available players. If you would like to play, just show up.

We are also organizing a group to go to Campo di Bocce in Livermore, to play on their court and have lunch. We will be going on Wednesday, October 5th with bocce playing starting at 10 am, followed by lunch off their menu. Please let me know if you would like to attend

Pickleball - Bob Lyman – 628-7906

If you ever played a racquet sport of any kind and have the energy to use those skills again, come check

out pickleball. A great game for both men and women, lots of good social interaction and the fastest growing sport in the country. With the best courts in Contra Costa County right here in Discovery Bay. Very basic beginner exposure is now being held at 6pm Sunday evenings at the Cornel Park pickleball courts. Regular drop in play times are Tues, Thur & Sat at 8am. Have any questions, check with SIR players Dennis Pachucki, Phil Talley, Greg Moran, Don Patterson, Terry Silva, Randy Zierau or Bob Lyman.

SIR Cyclers - Jerry Wiebe - 916-206-9221

The SIR Cyclers ride weekly on Thursday mornings at 8:00am. during the long warm days of summer, and invite their spouses and new SIR riders to join them on their rides.

They meet at Jerry's home in Discovery Bay for a moderate ride into Brentwood and back. Some weeks they may travel to other nearby towns' bike trails to enjoy a new riding experience. An email message is sent weekly to inform interested participants of the riding plan for that week.

If anyone would like to join their rides, contact Jerry Wiebe by phone or email to be added to the weekly email distribution. We look forward to and encourage SIR members to join us on our rides.

Tennis - Tom Snyder- 634-5289

Tennis is a new activity that was added this year. It is a mixed coed group similar to the pickleball group. We play Monday, Wednesday and Saturday at the Discovery Bay community center starting at 8:00am.

Players rotate in so that everyone plays. It is an easy going tennis group that usually ends up at Starbucks afterwards. Sometimes, we go out for breakfast or lunch, especially if the weather is not good. Contact Tom Snyder if you have any questions.

2019 Branch 161 Meetings Calendar

Note 1: Third Tuesday in January.

Note 2: Lunch with the ladies.

Note 3: First Tuesday in June.

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)

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

When: Wednesday, September 25, 2019

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 Friday, September 20. There will be envelopes at our General Meeting on September 10. Please send your checks to me in advance. Please make your checks out to Dennis Pachucki 2125 Sand Point Road, Discovery Bay 94505, 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

SIR Day at the Races

When: Friday, October 18, 2019

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 9, 2019.

Golden Gate Fields is once again 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, Prime Rib buffet, and tax & tip for the food servers.

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.

As we have in the past, we plan to car pool (in lieu of renting a bus at \$25+ per person) 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,

Branch 161 Activities and Events

Bowling (*): John Fry or Paul Elmer

Sirs & Ladies Bowling league happens every Monday @ 9:30 am at Harvest Park Bowl. Our league consists of four-person teams, with approximately 20 teams, and consists of two seasons – a Winter session of 36 weeks and a Summer session of 16 weeks; both are sanctioned with the USBC. We bowl every Monday except for Holidays, and we always have room for more bowlers, seasoned bowlers as well as newcomers. During the year various SIR Branches sponsor Bowling Tournaments throughout Northern California; Check the state SIR website (<http://www.sirinc3.org/sirBowling/index.html>) for dates and details.

Golf: Dale Welin

Golf is usually on the third Tuesday of each month from March through October, at various local courses. Also, there are a number of state-wide SIR-sponsored events during the year; Information can be found on the state SIR website, <https://www.sirinc2.org/golf2018> .

Away Golf Tournament (*): Roy Bristow

We also have a Branch 161 Away Golf Tournament each year. It is a mens and couples, tournament in which 42+ people participated in 2018. Last year it was at the Saddle Creek Golf Resort in Copperopolis, as it is again this year, May 1-3, 2019.

Pickle Ball (*): Bob Lyman

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Wine tasting (*): Dick Donald

Monthly on the 4th Thursday, at different hosts each month. Each couple brings a bottle of wine and an appetizer to share. The bottle is covered so that the label is not visible and is poured in 1 ounce 'tastes', which is graded on a scale of 1 to 5 by each participant. At the end of the evening the bottles are uncovered and the scores are totaled to determine how each wine is rated.

Bike Riding (*): Jerry Wiebe

9:00 a.m. Thursday mornings, meeting at Jerry's address, 2071 Windward Point, Discovery Bay, for a weekly 13 mile ride into Brentwood, sometimes further on other routes, and when possible, a mid way coffee shop stop for a leisurely bit of group chit-chatting.

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Branch 161 Activities and Events (*continued*)

Dinner with the Ladies (*): Dennis Pachucki

SIR Dinner with the Ladies is a well attended event. We have 8 annual events at various local restaurants. Dinners are typically the last Tuesday of the month, 5:00 PM socialization and 6:00 PM dinner. All Sirs and ladies and their guests are welcome. Look for dates and locations in our Monthly newsletter.

Poker: Dick Donald

SIR Poker is a weekly, low-stakes poker game. It's played every Monday evening at 6:30 through 9:30. Games are quarter-limit dealer-choice and the dealer antes a quarter for everyone. A schedule is made with a different host and six additional players each week. Everyone plays about seven times over two and a half months.

Annual Al DiGiusto Boat Cruise and Luncheon (*): Bob Damico

In 1993, Al DiGiusto conceived the idea to plan a SIR event that would introduce some of our non-boating members and their wives to the world of boating in the Delta. Sirs with boats invited members and their wives to ride with them on a cruise to one of many Delta waterfront restaurants for lunch. Al coordinated this successful event until his passing in 2005, and the event continues in his honor. This year's boat cruise and luncheon will be Thursday July 18, 2019, and starts at the Boardwalk Grill in Discovery Bay. There will be sign-up sheets at the June meeting.

Eric Jensen Memorial Collector Car Show: Bill Konold

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Christmas Lights Boat Ride (*): Dick Donald

A mid-December evening ride with "Captain Morgan" on the waterways of Discovery Bay, to observe the Christmas light displays. We'll have an appetizer tray provided by the Boardwalk restaurant, and drinks will be available for purchase aboard.

Sporting Events (*):

The state SIR organization puts together special "SIR Days" for a variety of sporting events, such as A's & Giants games, Golden Gate Fields horse racing, Sacramento River Cats, AAA baseball, etc. Information on these events can be found on the state SIR website (http://www.sirinc.org/siractivities/SIR_sports.htm), and flyers are routinely included in our monthly newsletter.

Bocce Ball (*): Dick Donald

We are re-starting our weekly game, and we will once again use the Discovery Bay Country Club facilities.

Beer Tasting: Temporarily on hiatus.

(*) denotes a co-ed and/or couples activity. Details & schedules of individual activities can be found in our Branch 161 monthly newsletter. Contact information for coordinators can be found in the current Branch 161 Handbook.

Membership Requirements & Principles

(revised 2019)

Membership is open to men, regardless of age, race, color, or religion. Member volunteers and staff administer and govern all branch activities. Nominal membership dues help 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. Prospective members must be 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 newsletter).

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

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 or call Bill Konold by the Friday preceding the meeting if you don't plan to attend.

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