



SIR BRANCH 161 NEWS

Celebrating our 29th year! March, 2020

Devoted to improving the lives of our members through fun activities and events, while making friends for life

Roy Bristow, Big Sir

BEC Changes

Due to unforeseen circumstances, we have initiated 3 changes in our Branch Executive Committee (BEC) positions:

1. Bill Konold will again be a Director and assume the duties of Attendance Chairman. PLEASE notify BILL KONOLD if you CANNOT attend our lunch meeting.

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2. Bob Damico will be a Director and again assume the duties as Sunshine Chairman.

3. Alan Jarvie will assume the duties of Awards Coordinator (a new position).

4. We are still searching for someone to fill the Assistant Secretary Officer Position. Please contact me or Vince Vargas, Nominating Committee Chairman.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mothers Day Reminder

Remember to review the Mothers Day luncheon announcement (in the Little Sir article). You don't want to miss this event.

SIR Day Events

Ask me about the upcoming SIR Day At The Races and SIR Day At the Ballpark - A's and Giants.



The Sunshine Chairman needs your help.

He needs and depends on inputs from the membership to be effective. If/when you know of the passing of a fellow Sir, a Sir spouse, or a Sir that is seriously ill, please notify Bob Damico (e-mail del-tacruz@comcast.net, or call 925-872-4920), so he can send an appropriate greeting card from Branch 161.

Annual Dues

If you haven't yet paid your 2020 annual dues, bring a check for \$20, payable to SIR Branch 161, (or \$20 cash) to the next luncheon meeting.

Next meeting: March 10, 2020

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Rick Harris, Little Sir

FEBRUARY SPEAKER

Our February speaker was Dee Scott, who spoke about the Honor Flight program, which transports America's veterans to visit the war memorials in Washington, D.C. Since inception, over 200,000 have been accommodated on these trips, with priority given to WW2, Korean and terminally ill veterans. It was inspiring to learn about the impact of volunteers helping those who sacrificed so much for our country!



*Little Sir Rick Harris presents Dee Scott with a certificate of appreciation for her presentation
(Photo by Roy Bristow)*

MARCH SPEAKERS

Our speakers for this month are Chief Brian Helmick and Fire Marshal Steve Aubert of the East Contra Costa County Fire Protection District. Come get an update on the current status of your Fire District, it's

current and future challenges along with potential solutions. There will be a Q & A session following the presentation.

March birthdays

Steve Bordi, Ron Crawford, John Davis, Jake Fair, Floyd Ferguson, Dave Goodwin, Steve Greenfield, Alan Jarvie, Keith Jones, Gary Leonis, Gary Lewis, Mike Maita, Floyd McBeth, Dennis Pachucki, Donald Sarkozy, Vince Vargas, Dave Vicencio

March luncheon menu

Rolls w/butter

Corned Beef & Cabbage, steamed cauliflower & carrots, boiled potatoes

Cookies and brownies

Includes iced tea and coffee

Mothers Day Luncheon

It's a couple months away, but tickets for our always popular Mother's Day Luncheon go on sale in March! This year's entertainment will be James Clark with his Elvis Tribute performance.

Get your tickets early, as we are likely to have a full house!



Did You Know? - Roy Bristow

SIR Branch 161 members share some things that folks might not know about them.



Michael Quier has been a Sir for 5 years. He was sponsored by our beloved Bob Damico. He served our country as a Vietnam Veteran. Thank you for your service, Mike!

Mike retired after a career spanning 30 years with Lawrence Livermore Labs as an Industrial Electrician. He and his spouse Pam live in Brentwood and contribute most of their leisure time to SIR activities. They are both members of the Monday morning SIR bowling league and Mike manages to golf with other SIR members a couple of times each week as well. (Lessons by appointment only please.) They never miss the popular monthly, "Dinner With the Ladies", and are regulars at the "SIR Wine Tastings", on the last Thursday of each month. Oh, and they told me that they can't wait for upcoming SIR Bocce Ball. See you there!

Find Mike at the SIR Luncheon on March 10 and say "Hello". You will be glad that you did.



William Carmichael is known as "Mike" by his friends. He and his spouse, Diane, live in nearby Brentwood. Mike served our country in Korea for almost (2) years. Thank you for your service!

He boasts of a career in Law Services at San Quentin and Folsom Prison. Of course I asked him how long he was in for. (Wouldn't you have?) Without hesitation he answered, "By most states' standards about (2) life sentences, 28 years."

So now that you know Mike has a great sense of humor, his story continues. He and Diane met at a bowling alley and their Bowling Romance continues to date as they are a part of the SIR bowling league on Monday mornings at Harvest Bowl in Brentwood. Mike actually bowls in 3 different leagues each week. They are both golf enthusiasts and enjoy

rounds with many of our SIR members and spouses.

So stop by Mike's table at the next SIR Luncheon and get to know him better. I am sure you will find him as engaging as I do.

Golf News, Larry Mensch

The first tournament to the year will be a Manteca on March 17. The cost is \$43. I would need your sign up by the March luncheon meeting.



The second tournament is the Discovery Bay Invitational on April 13 and the cost is \$49. If you are planning to play, let me know as soon as possible.

See the 2020 SIR Golf Schedule on page 9.

SIR State Golf Tournament

Napa Valley - April 20 & 21, 2020.

Download the announcement & application:

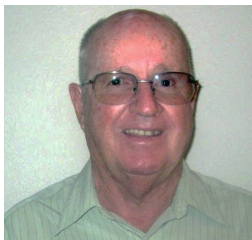
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More info at the State SIR web site:

<https://www.sirinc2.org/golf2018/>

Membership, Will Myers

February saw another significant increase in our membership with the addition of 8 new members. They are: Maty Pardo sponsored by Bill Konold, Jeff Asbury sponsored by



Alan Jarvie, Marty Freitas sponsored by Carl Carlson, Gil Arthur sponsored by Mike Tomaselli, Luis Figueroa sponsored by Robbie Robertson and Ron Crawford sponsored by Vince Vargas. Transferring from the Brentwood Branch 108 were Jerry Marshall and Mario Mandy. Their photos are shown on page 6.

Maty Pardo and his wife, Oli, have lived in Brentwood for the last 3 years, and prior to that in Shingle Springs, the Bay Area and Anaheim, CA. They have 2 sons and 5 grand-children. Maty has worked for Aerospace and Defense, Telecommunications and Semiconductor companies as an Engineer, VP of Engineering, Director and VP of Marketing and Sales. He enjoys biking, bocce and pickle ball, golfing, fishing, photography and snowshoeing.

Jeff Asbury and his wife, Debbie, have lived in Discovery Bay for over 10 years, living previously in Pleasanton for 10 years. They have 2 daughters and one is expecting their second grand-child. Jeff is a geologist and was the VP of Geographic Information Services for Disclosure Source, a division of Fidelity National Financial for 13 years. He also worked 20 years with JCP Geologists. Jeff sings in a Barbershop Chorus in Sacramento called Voices of California. Their quartet performed for our Sir Branch in December, 2018. He also enjoys boating, bowling, wine tasting and horseshoes.

Marty Freitas and his wife, Betty, currently live in Discovery Bay, in a home he purchased over 31 years ago. They have a total of 4 children, 4 grand-children and 3 great grand-children, with 1 more on the way. They rented out their home in 2010 and lived 8 years in Maui, HI. Marty was a manager for Pacific Bell/ATT. He enjoys biking, boating, bowling, poker, hiking, pickle ball, snow skiing, RVing and wine tasting.

Gil Arthur and his wife, Barbara, have lived in Discovery since 1999, moving here from Livermore, CA. to be near the delta water where they enjoy boating and water ski-

ing. They have 4 children, 10 grand-children and 1 great-grandchild with one more on the way. Gil was a Project Manager at the Livermore National Laboratory, from which he retired a year and a half ago. He enjoys boating, water skiing, camping, bowling, bocce ball and travelling.

Luis Figueroa and his wife, Tina, currently live in Brentwood. He held industrial research and management positions at Hughes Research Labs (now part of Raytheon), TRW (now Northrup-Grumman), and Boeing Defense and Aerospace Group. He has also taught electrical engineering at NC State University and the University of Florida, and was a high school science teacher while living in Palm Springs. Luis is an avid book reader, poker player, a one-time motorcycle enthusiast and most recently started learning to play the guitar.

Ron Crawford and his wife, Marilyn, have lived in Discovery Bay for 20 years. They have 2 adopted sons. Ron was born in Santa Cruz, CA and raised in Antioch. He is a veteran of the USAF and has worked in the technology industry most of his career. He enjoys RVing, cooking, fishing, photography and boating.

Jerry Marshall and his wife, Videlle, have lived in Knightson since 1974 in a house he has constructed. They have 2 children and 4 grand-children. Jerry worked 29 years as a firefighter for the Hayward Fire Department before retiring in 1995. He enjoys bowling, bocce and bickle ball, as well as traveling.

Mario Mandy and his wife, Linda, presently live in Brentwood. They have 5 children and 5 grand-children. Mario was a professional boxer in 1944, and later managed and trained other professional boxers, including heavy weight champion, Rocky Marciano. He sold life insurance for Prudential Life Insurance, but later started his own insurance brokerage office. Mario, at age 94, is currently disabled, but would love to play tennis 7 days a week. He just sold his partnership in the Diamond Hills Gym and Tennis Club.

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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.

Membership ... Continued from page 4

Unfortunately, we lost 4 members. Tom State, a past Big Sir in 2001 and a member of our branch for almost 25 years, passed away in January. Michael Cline, a member for over 15 years, Mar Knittel, a member for 9 years, and Roland Valtiera, a member for over 2 years, all moved out

of our area. This brought our February membership to 170.

Bill Konold, Floyd Ferguson and Dennis Pachucki were awarded a bottle of wine for bringing in their guests Lee Thompson, Joseph Viramontez and Milt Piver, respectively.

February Awards

Photos by Rick Harris



Past Big Sir David Goplen (left) receives the 30-year award from Big Sir Roy Bristow



Big Sir Roy Bristow presents the 20-year award to Past Big Sir Frank Smith (left)



Past Big Sir Alan Jarvie (right) receives the President's Appreciation Certificate for service to SIR from Area Governor Bob Turner



Ron Wilson (left) receives the 20-year award from Big Sir Roy Bristow

New members with their sponsors, and SIR members transferred from Branch 108



Maty Pardo (left) and sponsor Bill Konold



Marty Freitas (left) and Sponsor Carl Carlson



Jeff Asbury (left) and sponsor Alan Jarvie



Gil Arthur (right) and sponsor Mike Tomaselli



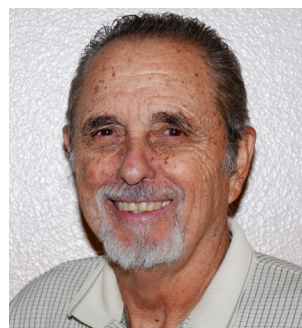
Luis Figueroa (left) and sponsor Robbie Roberston



Ron Crawford (right) and sponsor Vince Vargas



Mario Mandy



Jerry Marshall

Bowling News, John Fry

After 24 weeks of our 35 week SIR fall Bowling league season The standings are as follows.

First place team is Pocket Pounders; Tami Fanucchi, Ken Fanucchi, Curtis Manning, and Bill Konold.

Second place team is Trump Royals; Videlle Marshall, Linda Jensen, Doris Cole, and Jerry Marshall.

Third place team is Ball Busters ; Dennis Pachucki, Karen Capra, Tony Tell, John Reichenbach.

Season High Scores for the Men are as follows;

Scratch Series; 722 Paul Elmer, 715 Ron Wilson, 687 Mitch Wisinski.

Scratch Game; 279 Tony Guarascio, 267 John Fry, 254 Mike Carmichael Jr.

Handicap Series; 774 Jack Disney, 725 Tom Kirtley, 709 Jerry Dittman.

Handicap Game; 290 Bill Konold, 282 Jerry Marshall, 281 Russ Reid.



Season High Scores for the Women are as follows; Scratch Series; 602 Rosie Elmer, 582 Terry Damico, 561 Lorraine Burt.

Scratch Game; 248 Vicky Reid, 209 Mary Pitta-Fry and Marie Wilson, 200 Eloise Gatson.

Handicap Series; 717 Mary Branscum, 701 Videlle Marshall, 677 Diane Leonis.

Handicap Game; 256 Linda Jensen, Jean Scurlock and Mary Patterson, 248 Alice Disney, 245 Karen Capra.

The next SIR Bowling Tournament is scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday March 17 & 18 at Clayton Valley Bowl, sponsored by the Concord Branch.

The Carson City Tournament is Monday April 13 thru Thursday April 16 and it's filling up fast. So If you want to enter contact Paul Elmer ASAP

Be sure to check the SIR State website for a complete calendar of SIR Bowling Tournaments and events, including application forms and Tournament results.

Lastly, we always have room for more bowlers, no experience necessary. Come down to Harvest Park Bowl any Monday between 9:30 AM and 12:30 PM.

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 2020 trips are listed below.

April 17-27, 2020 Holland River Cruise

May 7-14, 2020 Holland Tulip Festival Tour

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

June 20 - July 5, 2020 Alaska Cruise – Queen Elizabeth

June 26 – July 2, 2020: Spotlight on South Dakota – Fly to Rapid City, SD

June 26 – July 10, 2020: Magical Rhine & Moselle River Cruise

July 11-20, 2020 Canadian Rockies by Train

August 18-31, 2020 Princess Cruise British Isles

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



State SIR Day at Golden Gate Fields

Friday March 27th, gates open at 11:00 AM, race starts at 12:45 PM. Cost \$41 per person, includes buffet, parking, and admission. This is a non branch 161 organized event. You will be responsible for you own transportation. Big Sir Roy Bristow will be happy to collect your reservation money. Please contact Lee Moy 559-709-9851, LeeHealthStudio@gmail.com for any further information.

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 March wine tasting will be at 5 PM on Thursday, March 26th. Jerry and Sue Wiebe will be hosting this month. They suggest that everyone should wear the green of the Irish and bring a Cabernet Sauvignon if they like a red wine, or a Chardonnay if they would prefer tasting a white wine. 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

With the advent of Daylight Savings Time in March, we would like to start playing on a regular basis again. The schedule we were using last fall that seemed to work well was Tuesday mornings at 9 o'clock. So, starting March 17 (March 10 is a SIR meeting), if you would like to play, just show up at the Country Club courts and we will make teams on the spot. Be on time, or you may end up watching the first game.

Pickleball - Bob Lyman – 628-7906

Something new - very basic beginner pickleball exposure for both men & women is now being done at 3:00 pm Sunday evenings at the Cornel Park pickleball courts. Come down and check it out. You ever play a racquet sport of any kind and have the energy to use those skills again, come check out pickleball. Great game with lots of good social interaction. The best courts in Contra Costa County are right here in Discovery Bay. Regular drop-in play times are Tues,

Thur & Sat at 8 am. 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

During the winter the SIR Cyclers ride weekly at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday mornings and they invite their spouses and new SIR riders to join them. They usually start from Jerry's home in Discovery Bay for a moderate round-trip to a Brentwood coffee-stop. Some weeks they may travel on other routes or nearby towns' bike trails to enjoy a new riding experience. An email message is sent weekly to inform interested riders 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. Contact Jerry if you are interested in joining the Cyclers.

Tennis - Larry Mensch - (951) 514-1448

The weather at 8:00 am has been a bit cold. 39 degrees one day, but that doesn't keep us from playing. We play Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday in the Town Center at 8:00 am. It's a friendly game, and we rotate players in and out to make up for an odd number of players. Many of us go to Starbucks afterwards, which is as enjoyable as the tennis.

2020 Branch 161 Meetings Calendar

01/21/2020 (3rd Tuesday)	07/14/2020
02/11/2020	08/11/2020
03/10/2020	09/1/2020 (1st Tuesday)
04/14/2020	10/13/2020
05/12/2020 (Mothers Day)	11/10/2020
06/2/2020 (1st Tuesday)	12/8/2020 (Christmas)

2020 Member Handbook

A few folks haven't yet picked up their copy of our 2020 Handbook. These will be available for pickup on the table in the lobby of the Country Club at the next luncheon meeting.

Dinner with the Ladies, Dennis Pachucki

When: Tuesday, March 24, 2020

Where: Mimi's, 5705 Lone Tree Way Antioch CA, 94509

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, tax and tip.)



Entrees:

- Grilled Citrus Salmon, tomatoes, strawberries, lemon, orange wedges, baby greens with balsamic dressing
- Meatloaf, red wine shallot sauce, mashed potatoes, broccoli
- Grilled Creamy Chicken with linguine pasta
- Slow roasted turkey with gravy, cornbread stuffing, cranberries, mashed potatoes and broccoli

Cost: \$30.00 per person (includes tax and tip)

Deadline: We need your RSVP no later than Friday, March 20 – there will be envelopes at our General Meeting on March 10.

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

Mimi's is located in the Bed, Bath, and Beyond Shopping Center.

..... Detach and mail with your check

Your Name(s):

Phone:

Your Menu choice(s):

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Grilled Citrus Salmon

☐

Classique housemade meatloaf

☐

Slow roasted turkey

☐

Creamy chicken, mushrooms, linguine

2020 SIR Golf Schedule

March 17, 2020 c Manteca 35+8 \$43 9:00am

April 13, 2020 Discovery Bay Invitational (Monday)
9:00am shotgun

May 19, 2020 c Lonetree 38+7 \$45 9:30am

June 16, 2020 c Elkhorn 36+8 \$44 9:00am Shotgun

July 21, 2020 c the Reserve 38+7 \$45 9:30am

August 20, 2020 Woodbridge 45+5 \$50 8:30am
(Thursday)

September 15, 2020 Dry Creek 34+8 \$42 9:00am

October 22, 2020 c (Thursday) Paradise Valley 45+5
\$50 10:03am

(Year End Championship Tournament)

November 17, 2020 c Brentwood 35+8 \$43 9:00am

Branch 161 Activities and Events

Bowling (*): John Fry

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: Larry Mensch

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 (*): Larry Mensch

We also have a Branch 161 Away Golf Tournament each year. It is a men's and couples, tournament held last year at the Saddle Creek Golf Resort in Copperopolis, as it is again this year, May 6th and May 7th, 2020.

Pickle Ball (*): Bob Lyman

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's 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. Play is at the Cornell Park pickleball courts. Check the monthly Activities | Pickleball article for drop-in play days/times and learning day(s).

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.

Tennis (*): Larry Mensch

Tennis is a new activity that was added in 2019. It is a mixed co-ed group, similar to the pickle ball group. We play Monday, Wednesday and Saturday at the Discovery Bay Community Center starting at 8:00 am. Players rotate in so that everyone plays. It is an easy-going tennis group that usually ends up at Starbucks afterwards. Sometimes, we'll go out for breakfast or lunch, especially if the weather is not good.

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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 23, 2020, 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

Our 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 meeting and park with other SIR car enthusiast members. Tire kicking is both before and after the meeting, so arrive a little early, stay a little late, and enjoy the machinery.

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

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