



SIR BRANCH 161 NEWS

Celebrating our 30th year! *May, 2021*

The Mission of SIR is to enrich the Lives of Our Members Through Fun Activities and Events—While Making Friends For Life

Rick Harris, Big Sir

It's often said that timing is everything. In this case, the publication deadline for our newsletter comes a few days before I will participate in a town hall meeting with the SIR State President, where information will be shared about the resumption of indoor activities, including luncheon meetings. I know this is top of mind for most of our members, and while I haven't yet attended the town hall meeting, I have some insight about the approach that will be followed. Don't hold me to it (surprises do happen!), but here's what I think will likely take place.



Luncheon meetings, and other indoor activities, will be approved based on a strict protocol that all branches must agree to and prepare themselves to manage. Proof of vaccination would be required, and for any unvaccinated members who wish to attend meetings, they would need to have a negative covid test within 72 hours of the event (like travelling to Hawaii).

Additionally, all participating members would have to sign a waiver before the event. Connected to all this is

the fact that SIR's new insurance policy, effective May 1, will no longer provide coverage related to communicable diseases.

Aside from what SIR decides, there is the question of our venue, the Discovery Bay Country Club, and when the government mandates will allow them to accommodate a crowd of our size. Hopefully as things improve we will get good news about that, and get back to holding luncheon meetings soon.

Whether you see this as a half full or half empty glass is a matter of perspective and attitude. I owe our members a straightforward assessment, and I hope you can join me in raising a half full glass in anticipation of our return to normal!

Your 2021 Big Sir,
Rick Harris

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May Birthdays

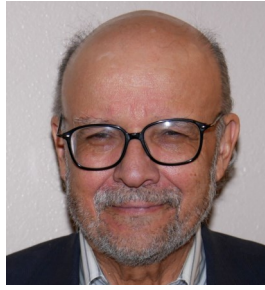
Angel Aviles, Carl Carlson, Richard Childress,
Lee Donnell, Harris Edwards, Ken Fanucchi,
Bob Harlan, Dennis Kutsuris, Bob Lyman,
Bill Momaney, Norm Petersen,
Mike Quier, Roger Sweeney, Phil Talley,
Jim Wangeman, Mitch Wisinski

COVID 19 Vaccination

If you need help scheduling a Covid 19 vaccination you can go to the County Health web site www.coronavirus.cchealth.org or call (833) 829-2626.

Membership, Luis Figueroa

We inducted a new member (see bio below) in April. His name is John Sutton, sponsored by Bill Konold. Their photograph is shown below. The induction continues to demonstrate the Branch continues to recruit new members despite the Covid-19 pandemic.



In order to bring a new member just transmit a completed membership (please make sure it has the required signatures) application to me, and I will process the application from there. The photographs of sponsor and new member can be transmitted to me separately or jointly if they happen to participate at a SIR sponsored event.

Our new member John is married to Judith and they moved to Summerset 1 in Brentwood at the end of 2019 after having lived in Moraga since 1992, where their two children attended K-12.

In 1986, they moved to the SF Bay Area from the Denver area, where they had lived since the 1970s, to take a new job. Their two children, along with two grandkids, live in the East Bay. John and his wife have been married for 40 years.

For 45 years he was a geotechnical engineer and the last 26 years he managed his own business, working

mainly in central Contra Costa County, while consulting throughout California. Previously he had worked on engineering projects in all of the Rocky Mountain states, as well as in Florida, Minnesota, Michigan, and Texas, in the mining, power, and water sectors.



John Sutton & sponsor Bill Konold

His golfing buddies (Rough Riders) suggested that he join the Discovery Bay SIR organization for additional golfing and other activities, including wine tasting, as well as for general camaraderie.

In the loss column Greg Mattus (#118) passed away in April. Greg had been a member of Branch 161 since 2019.

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.

In Memoriam

We're sorry to report the loss of another SIR.

Greg Mattus passed away Sunday, March 21, 2021. Greg joined SIR Branch 108 in 2010 and transferred to Branch 161 in November of 2019.

He was an avid bowler, bowling in our Monday SIR League, and the Friday Summerset Seniors League for many years. He bowled with his Mom, Shirley Madsen, who many of you know.

Please keep Greg, his Mom Shirley and their family in your thoughts and prayers.



SIR Cyclers, Jerry Wiebe (916) 206-9221

The SIR Cyclers are back! Actually...they never really left. Several of us chose to ride together, non-sanctioned, but riding responsibly twice each week throughout the pandemic. It served as an outlet that kept us all active and fit, and in touch with each other. We put a lot of miles and stories on our bikes, frequently peddling over thirty miles on our early Sunday morning ride and enjoying a cup of coffee and man-chat on our shorter Thursday morning rides. We have been having fun.



It is time to grow our group, so we are looking for other cyclists to join us as our Branch and the SIR organization have once again sanctioned us to ride. We have missed seeing a lot of familiar faces from before and hope they, and new riders, will be coming out to join us. On Thursdays we take a 12-mile ride into Brentwood and back to enjoy some coffee and time together. We meet at Jerry's conveniently located driveway along our route at 2071 Windward Point in Discovery Bay at 9:00am and usually return around 11:00am.

Feel free to contact Jerry for any questions or uncertainties you may have. We hope to see you soon!



Spring has sprung and the vaccinations are kicking Covid's butt, so get out of the house and join us for some good ol' exercise, fun and socializing. Rudy, Phil, Jerry, Lee, Sean (and not pictured) Ed and Bruce are going to be looking for you!

Golf Tournament Results, Larry Mensch

Discovery Bay Tournament April 19, 2020

The format was 2 best ball of the foursome. We had 36 players, which is a great turnout. The next tournament is on May 18th at the Lonetree Golf Course. The cost is \$52. Make your checks out to Larry Mensch, 4308 Monterey Court, Discovery Bay, CA 94505



Team Results

Team 1	Bristow	5	Tied for 8th place 142
	Onstad	18	
	O'Connell	21	
	Vargas	35	
Team 2	Giambastiani	7	Tied for 8th place 142
	Ehle	14	
	Robertson	24	
	Spann	33	
Team 3	Diaz	8	1st place \$20 each 125
	Lee	13	
	Aviles	16	
	Sutton	32	
Team 4	Donnell	11	7th place 141
	Goodwin	20	
	Jewell	29	
	Rentzel	29	
Team 5	Mensch	11	4th place \$5 each 133
	Riordan	17	
	Shegich	17	
	Kenny	27	
Team 6	Nishijimi	11	6th place 137
	Myers	14	
	Carmichael	21	
	Ramos	27	
Team 7	Lippstreu	12	2nd place \$15 each 126
	Welton	18	
	Kepp	18	
	Pachucki	26	

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Golf (continued from page 4)

Team 8	Konold	13	5th place 135
	Ramsdell	14	
	Fanucchi	24	
	Fitzpatrick	25	
Team 9	Lyman	14	3rd place \$10 each 128
	Emerson	23	
	Fry	24	
	McCleery	27	

Skins Results

A Flight Handicaps 0-14 \$20 each, no pops on par 3's

Three winners, Roy Bristow net 2 on #14
 Bob Lyman net 2 on # 7
 Denny Giambastiani net 3 on #16

B Flight Handicaps 15-32 \$25 each, only one pop on par 3's

Four winners, Don Ramos net 2 on #11
 Ken Fanucchi net 2 on #16
 Jim Spann net 2 on #5
 Warren Emerson net 3 on #8

Individual Low Gross and Low Net Results

A Flight Handicaps 0-19 with 14 players

1st Low Gross, Chris Diaz	79	\$26	1st Low Net, Larry Mensch	70	\$26
2nd Low Gross, Roy Bristow	81	\$11	2nd Low Net, Phil Kepp	71	\$11

B Flight Handicaps 20-33 with 14 players

1st Low Gross, John Fry	87	\$24	Tie for 1st Low Net, Dennis Pachucki	71	\$10
2nd Low Gross, Johnny Welton	90	\$10	Tie for 1st Low Net, Don Ramos	71	\$10

Bowling news, John Fry

The SIR Monday bowling league just completed the fourth week of bowling.

First place in the Team standings is Team 5, Paul Elmer, Rosie Elmer, Russ Reid, and Vicky Reid.

Second place is the Pandemics, Karen Capra, Dennis Pachucki, John Reichenbach, and Mary Ann Reichenbach.

Third place is Team 2, Ron Wilson, Mary Patterson, Mitch Wisinski, and John Fry.

The Season High Scores are as follows;

Men's Scratch Series, 715 John Fry, 661 Mitch Wisinski, 587 Bob Damico.

Men's Scratch Game, 264 Tony Guarascio, 244 Ron Wilson, 233 Ray Blackshear.

Men's Handicap Series, 784 Jerry Dittman, 753 Roy Bristow, 740 Russ Reid.

Men's Handicap Game, 295 Curtis Manning, 291 Jack Disney, 277 John Reichenbach.

Women's Scratch Series, 588 Rosie Elmer, 533, Vicky Reid, 467 Mary Pitta-Fry.

Womens Scratch Game, 236 Marie Wilson, 200 Mary Ann Reichenbach, 165 Pam Quier.

Women's Handicap Series, 734 Doris Cole, 728 Tami Fanucchi, 709 Joanie Bristow.

Women's Handicap Game, 285 Terry Damico, 276 Diane Leonis, 250 Karen Capra.



April 20-year Awards



Jack Disney joined Branch 161 on March 13, 2001, and has been an avid Golfer and Bowler.

Ron Fritz joined Brentwood SIR Branch 108 in April 2001 and transferred to our Discovery Bay Branch 161 in November 2019.

Floyd McBeth joined our Discovery Bay SIR Branch 161 in April 2001.

Don Sarkozy joined Brentwood, Branch 108 in April 2001 and transferred to our Discovery Bay Branch 161 in October of 2019.

Congratulations gentlemen, and thank you for your loyal membership and support of SIR.

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 mail a check for \$20 (made out to SIR Branch 161) 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 Phil Newlin by the Friday preceding the meeting if you don't plan to attend.

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