



# Branch #161 News

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## Comments from Big Sir Eric Jensen Our January meeting will be held on the **Third** Tuesday, January 20th

Big SIR thoughts,

As we enter 2009 your new leadership group of SIR 161 is looking to enhance the enjoyment that you get from your SIR membership.

We are working on new activities and program ideas like a group discount SIR movie activity once a month, or a possible SIR Poker Tournament. We are open to any activity suggestions are also looking for volunteers to Champion an event or two.



A few openings are still available for anyone who would like to become a part of the SIR 161 Director group. Director Len Fadda is looking for an assistant to help with Attendance and Director Jim Heck is looking to fill the Sunshine position. Little SIR Bob Damico has offered to be the Travel Coordinator for our soon to be approved SIR travel agent, Linda Cicala, but if you would like to be the "Promoter" of even a single event I am sure that Bob would appreciate the help. Event travel is not as difficult as it once was----no money collection or final sign-up since the Travel Agent will be doing this for us.

Our Christmas Luncheon was a sell out (thanks Elvis). A record number of SIR's attended "Dinner with the Ladies" last year and it again looks to be a popular monthly event in 2009 with Mike White taking the place of Bob Damico as our guide to great food and friends. Special thanks go to Terry Damico in her support role for Bob and thanks ahead of time to Nadine White for helping Mike. It is this type of involvement that makes our SIR 161 group enjoyable for all.

Our SIR 161 member and Area 24 Governor, Ralph Pffirman, has had an unexpected time constraint that has led him to decide to step back from that position for now. The previous Area 24 Governor, Ron Saltgraver, is filling back in until a successor can be found.

Check out our new web site [www.sir161.org](http://www.sir161.org) that was created by Tom Jones with SIR direction from Dick Donald. I like the look of our Newsletter on the web site better than e-mail WordPad.

## The menu for the January 20th Lunch is

ROAST SIRLOIN WITH BÉARNAISE SAUCE, NEW POTATOES, AND VEGETABLES. Remember, if you can't make it to the lunch/meeting-it is important to notify Len Fadda (Phone 513-0738) by the Friday before the meeting (Jan. 16, 2009), so he can order the correct number of lunches.



Chuck Alley



Bob Damico

**SUMMERSET SINGERS AND ELVIS  
WERE THE ENTERTAINMENT FOR THE  
CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON ON DECEMBER 11TH**

**ENJOYED BY ALL**



Summerset Singers



Gabe Gucho Impersonating Elvis

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**Message from your Little SIR:**

First of all; I'm looking forward to working with Big SIR Eric Jensen, the Branch Office and serving you.

**Guest Speaker:**

The January Guest Speaker is our Town General Manager Virgil Koehne. He'll bring the latest happenings in Discovery Bay.

And I am working on scheduling future speakers for the remainder of the year - that, I think, will be of interest to you.

**Activities:**

In addition to our existing popular programs of Golf, Bowling, Bridge, and Dinners With the Ladies; Big SIR Eric Jensen and I plan to make some new opportunities available to you, that hopefully will make your SIR membership more enjoyable. We'll be asking you, the membership, for new ideas/suggestions for activities that would interest you. We'll have a Survey Form available at the next meeting - asking for your comments and ideas for new and different activities that may interest you. Our goal is simply to expand our activities to satisfy your interest(s).

**Travel Opportunities** are available through **Travel Partners-** in Brentwood. They have a multitude of travel planned for 2009. See their website for trips available (Day, Over Nighters, Weekend, Cruises, Golf trips to Mexico and Hawaii, or even an African Safari) [www.travelpartnersworld.com](http://www.travelpartnersworld.com) or call Linda at 925-634-7988. I'll keep you informed of the trips available and details are posted on their Website. Their current 2009 travel schedule includes:

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## CURRENT 2009 TRAVEL SCHEDULES

January 13th, 2009~California Academy of Science-San Francisco

January 16-23rd, 2009~IXTAPA Club Med

February 4-6th, 2009~Yosemite (3 day Pkg.)

February 6-13th, 2009~Cruisin the Bahamas

February 10th, 2009~"WICKED- Evening Musical / Dinner - San Francisco

February 13-25th, 2009~African Safari-Kenya

March 3-5th, the Reno Snow Train Trip (3days)

March 7th, 2009 (day trip) ~ Russian River Barrel Tasting/Crabfest

March 15-26th or 31st, 2009 (12 or 18 days) ~ Ecuador & the Galapagos add Peru

March 16-April 15th, 2009 (32 Days) ~ South America-Princess Cruise Rio to San Francisco

April 1st, 2009 (Day Trip) SF - Musical "Grease"

May 1-8th, 2009~Maui Golf Vacation (8 days)

September 18-October 5th, 2009 (16 days) ~ Greek Isles, Athens and Turkey

October 3-9th, 2009 (7 days) ~ New Mexico-Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta

October 17-November 2nd, 2009 (16 days) ~ Grand France River Tour

October 23-November 3rd, 2009 (11 days) ~ Cruise Round Trip SF to Copper Canyon, LaPaz and Mexican Rivera

November 5-17th, 2009 (13days) ~ Ancient Wonders of the Mediterranean (Cruise)Cunard - Queen Victoria.

Remember, for more information on these trips; go to the [Travel Partners](http://www.travelpartnersworld.com) website  
[www.travelpartnersworld.com](http://www.travelpartnersworld.com)

These trips fill up fast, so if you're interested, contact Linda at Travel Partners - 925-634-7988.  
If you have difficulty getting the information from the website (or do not have a computer)  
-contact me - e-mail [deltacruz@comcast.net](mailto:deltacruz@comcast.net)

See you at the next meeting on January 20, 2009.

Little SIR Bob Damico

### **SIR BRANCH #161 ANNUAL SHARK'S HOCKEY NIGHT**

SIR MEMBERS INTERESTED IN CAR POOLING TO SAN JOSE TO HAVE DINNER AT A SAN JOSE RESTAURANT AND THEN WATCHING THE SHARKS HOCKEY GAME AGAINST THE ANAHEIM DUCKS ON SATURDAY, APRIL 4<sup>TH</sup> AT 7:00 PM, SIGN-UP ON THE SHEET PROVIDED IN THE LOBBY AT OUR JANUARY LUNCHEON OR CALL WILL MYERS (EVENT SPONSOR) AT 516-9448.

## **SIRS BOWLING NEWS ~ JANUARY 2009**

Not much bowling news this month things are rolling along well in Monday morning SIRS and ladies league.

I got the results from the tournament held at the Clayton Bowl in Concord.

We had two winners, Val Heck and Tom Kirtley took second place in doubles.

Don't forget a complete list of 2009 Tournaments can be found at Branch 161 Web Site at [www.sir161.org](http://www.sir161.org).

Hope everyone has a safe, healthy and happy new year.

GOOD BOWLING

TOM KIRTLEY



## **SIRS GOLF NEWS FOR BRANCHES 108/161, JANUARY 2009**

We have 61 players who have registered and paid their 2009 NCGA dues. That is down a bit, but lots of players who played with us last year. Thank you for signing up again.

You will be pleased with the lineup for 2009. We have added 2 new courses and hope to have one more. We have 6 courses lined up now, with 2 to go. When we complete the schedule, we will send an e-mail to all of you with the schedule. The first play day will be Tue., March 17, 2009.

In the meantime, please have a healthy and Happy New Year. Hopefully it will be better economically for each of us also.

See you on the green! Dale Welin/Don Ramos



### **January Birthday Boys:**

ANDY ANDERSON   JIM BELL   LAVAN BOCK   REX BREHMER  
LOUIS BRUTON   MANNY EBOJO   PAUL ELMER   LEN FADDA   JOHN LOPP  
EARL MEDEIROS   PHIL PAULSON   MIKE REICH   ADOLPH SISNEROZ   FRANK SMITH  
JACK THOMAS

***Make a Note!***  
Last day to obtain an

excused absence for next meeting is January 16th  
Call Len Fadda 513-0738 or e-mail me at  
lenandlinda1@yahoo.com  
Be sure to notify him  
If you are bringing a Guest

**The Bridge Group Results for the Last 2 Months:**

On November 18th we only had 2 tables. But it was an exciting game  
The winner was our own Howie Fisher with 5,340 points, the second place winner was  
Rich Kier with 4,240 points.

On December 18th we had only 2 tables again.  
The winner was Mike Witnov with 3,510 points, followed by Floyd McBeth with 2,260 points.

Our game is always one week after our Sir meeting.  
If you are interested in playing bridge call Lex Overzet at 634-4614 or Mike Witnov at  
516-0117. we wish everybody an industrious happy 2009

Lex Overzet

**Dinner with the Ladies**

**When:** 27 January 2009

**Where:** Prevots Oyster Bar and Grill - 613 First St., Brentwood, Ca

**Time:** Dinner Served at 6.00 PM

Menu Choices: Include Soup, Salad, Pasta, and Homemade Bread,  
non-alcoholic drink (ice tea/soft drink, one refill, coffee and water.  
Chicken Marsala, Salmon Fillet Grenobloise, Veal Prevot, and Spinach  
Ravioli Salsa Rosa.



**(Indicate your choice below)**

**Cost:** \$22.00 per person (includes tax and tip)

**Deadline:** Need your RSVP no latter than January 21, 2009. There will be envelopes at our  
General Meeting on January 13, 2009. If you will please send your checks and menu choices to  
me prior it would be helpful.

Make checks out to M. E. White and mail to 2146 Sand Point Rd., Discovery Bay, CA 94505.  
Phone 634-0415

-----Detach and return this stub with you menu choices-----

You're Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

You're Menu Choice(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Chicken Marsala \_\_\_\_\_ Salmon Fillet Grenobloise \_\_\_\_\_

Veal Prevot \_\_\_\_\_ Spinach Ravioli Salsa Rosa \_\_\_\_\_

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HAPPY NEW YEAR



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Discovery Bay  
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[www.SIR161.ORG](http://www.SIR161.ORG)

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**2009 MEMBERS ANNUAL DONATION \$ 20.00**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \_\_\_\_\_  
Make checks payable to **Sirs Branch #161**  
Mail to: **Tony Pacheco**  
**2111 St.Andrews Court**  
**Discovery Bay Ca. 94505**

**ATTENDANCE POLICY**

Luncheon Meetings are on the Second Tuesday of the month at the Discovery Bay Country Club, 1475 Club House Drive. Social Hour is at 11:00 AM and Lunch at Noon. All Members are expected to attend. You are required to notify the attendance Chairman if you cannot attend. Regular members missing three (3) consecutive meetings without notifying the Chairman or attending less than seven (7) meetings within the last year, shall be notified by form letter no. 4 of their pending membership termination. Certification of attendance at another branch will be considered a credit to the attendance.

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