



# Branch #161 News

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Comments from Big Sir Eric Jensen  
Our February Meeting will be held on  
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As promised we are trying to develop programs that will enhance the enjoyment that you get from your SIR membership. Little SIR Bob Damico created the Questionnaire that was on everyone's table at the Jan. 20th luncheon and the tabulations are already in. Four events had 20 or more interested SIRs. They are: Walking/Hiking, Fishing, Poker, and Ping Pong. If the evening Movie buffs (18) and the afternoon Movie Matinee (12) groups were able to find a suitable time to combine, they would be the largest group (30).

A movie discount for a group of 30 plus should be easy to get. Add in wives and friends (potential SIR members), and the group might even get a bigger discount. Walking/Hiking, with the many hiking trails now available in our area, could become a nature walk, possibly with an occasional Nature Guide. Add in the health plus of this activity and it could become a favorite.

We'll be looking for Leaders to start off these new activities. If you'd like to volunteer to get the group activity started, contact Bob or me.

A little coordination effort and knowing your SIR friends that share your interests is all that is required, and this will get the new groups off to a great start.

The most interesting thing about the questionnaire was that every activity had 6 or more SIRs showing interest. Model Railroading had 6, so the question is, do you know who all your Railroad friends are? The next step will be connecting those sharing an interest in an activity with one another. This will be our focus for next month's February meeting.

Just have to add in: Mike White reported that Dinner with the Ladies is up to 100, what a great start for the New Year.

Check out our web site [www.sir161.org](http://www.sir161.org) --and will see you on Feb. 10th for the next luncheon.

Lunch for Feb. is Chicken Picatta w/Rice and Vegetables

Eric Jensen Big SIR

## **Message from your Little SIR**



### **Guest Speaker**

Due to a last minute schedule conflict I had to change our January Speaker to Ken Scheidegger, President of the Discover The Delta Foundation. Ken presented his Foundation's background, progress, and Mission: To increase awareness of the agricultural, cultural, historical, environmental, and recreational value of the California Delta; so that this very important resource can be better understood, protected, enhanced and enjoyed.

Our February Speaker will be Our Discovery Bay Town Manager, Virgil Koehne, whose schedule conflict prevented him from speaking in January. Virgil is most knowledgeable of the "goings on" in Discovery Bay, and will bring us up-to-date on the latest happenings in our town.

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### **Activities:**

We're pleased with the response from our Member Activities Survey handed out at the January meeting-the results are included in Big Sir Eric Jensen's Thoughts and will be discussed at our next meeting. Thanks to all that participated-we appreciate your input.

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### **Travel:**

We have many Travel Opportunities available to us through [Travel Partners](#), in Brentwood. They offer a variety of travel; from day trips to Cruises to Mexico, Hawaii, or even an African Safari! If you are interested in great trips at reasonable prices, see their website [www.travelpartnersworld.com](http://www.travelpartnersworld.com) for a complete listing of travel they are offering. They add trips frequently, so check the Website often to keep up with the latest travel that may suit your interests. When you do see something that interests you: for more information, or to sign-up, simply contact Linda at Travel Partners, and make your reservations (Identify yourself as a SIR, but remember this is not a SIR sponsored activity-We are simply making you aware of some of the travel opportunities out there. You make your decisions and reservations on your own.

Travel Partners has added 3 additional trips since our last newsletter:

**February 25, 2009** -Due to popular demand-an additional trip to the California Academy of Sciences in San Francisco

**March 11, 2009**-A Day in Berkeley

**May 31- June 2, 2009**-Boulder Creek Golf Trip (2 nights)

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

See you at the next meeting on February 10, 2009.

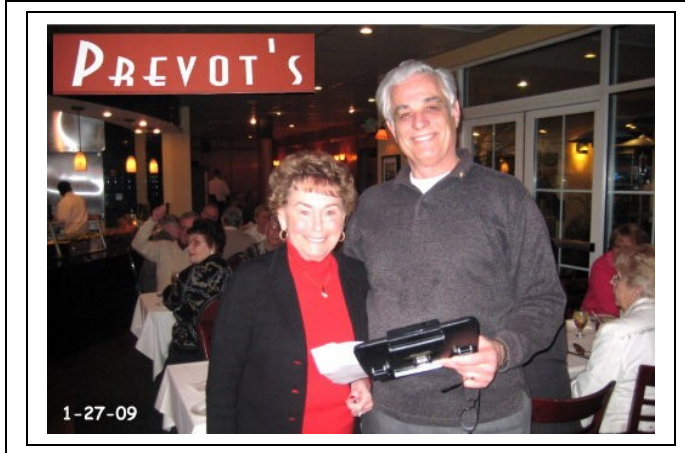
Little SIR

Bob Damico

## January Dinner with the Ladies sets a new Record!!

Mike & Nadine White's **first** "Dinner with the Ladies" set a new record with 101 attendees. In addition to the "Regulars", several first-timers (couples and honored wives of fallen SIRs) were in attendance... Mike has worked hard to get a great selection of local restaurants lined up for the new year.

Hats off to Mike and Nadine for their service to SIR Branch 161.



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Guess which SIR 161 Officer has a Rooster on display in their Kitchen??

A true sign of SIR dedication, spirit, enthusiasm, and loyalty.....

The History of the SIR Rooster:



"Of all the creatures on earth, none express more independence and dignity with sureness and aplomb than the rooster. The majesty of his presence is felt in every barnyard, and when he crows he can be heard for miles, not in a fainthearted crow, but with a noise that calls attention to his being."

Our founders chose the rooster as the official logo to represent the freedom he displays around the barnyard. We have paid our dues to the business world and now is the time for us to strut and crow a little.

We share the dignity of retirement with one another as members of SIR.

## **SIRS BOWLING NEWS ~ FEBRUARY 2009**

The first half of our Winter Bowling League is completed with the highlight being Bob Rhiner's perfect 300 game. Team S.F. Chronicle took First Place. The team is made up of Peggy Hampton, Cal Hampton, Kae Walker and Mark Dutcher.

Men's High Scratch series was Curtis Manning - 725

Women's High Scratch series was Marlena Morgan - 684

Men's High Scratch game was Bob Rhiner - 300

Women's High Scratch game was Rosie Elmer - 265

Men's High Handicap Series was Jack Disney - 779

Women's High Handicap Series was Linda Manning - 741

Men's High Handicap game was LaVan Bock - 311

Women's High Handicap game was Pat Rhiner - 277



Anyone who is interested in a bowling shirt with the SIR logo and your last name can contact LaVan at 513-1070. These shirts are made by Outer Banks and are a good quality shirt. The cost will be \$46 plus tax.

In closing I would like everyone to know the eligibility requirements for our Bowling League. Starting with the 2008 and 2009 Winter bowling league all men must be a SIR in good standing and those on a waiting list. A SIR will be allowed to have one female guest, his spouse (any age), significant other or female guest over 50. All ladies currently bowling will be allowed to continue bowling.

GOOD BOWLING

### **FEBRUARY BOWLING NEWS UP COMING SCHEDULES**

The following are dates and locations for the upcoming scheduled bowling tournaments:

February 18th @ Granada Bowl in Livermore.

March 9th and 11th @ Boulevard Bowl in Petaluma.

March 16th, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 19th @ Diablo Lanes in Concord.

April 7th, and 9th @ Kentwig Lanes in Vallejo.

April 20th, 21st and 22nd @ Gold Dust West in Carson City.

These bowling tournaments are fun to compete in and meet bowlers from other branches.

Anyone interested can contact Tom Kirtley or Bill Bayer for the entree forms.

If you want to bowl and need a doubles partner; let us know.

Tom Kirtley & Bill Bayer

## GOLF NEWS FOR SIRS BRANCHES 108/161 2009

We have completed the scheduling and negotiations with the golf clubs that we will play in 2009. We have 67 members of our SIRS golf club for 2009 and would like to see a good participation for the year. We have 3 new venues this year and it should be fun.

The schedule follows:

March 17- Los Positas GC, Livermore 9:30 am start Tuesday  
April 21 - Callipee GC, Pleasanton 11:00 am Tuesday  
May 21 - Lone Tree GC, Antioch - 8:00 am shotgun THURSDAY  
June 16 - The Reserve GC, Stockton - 8:00 am Shotgun Tuesday  
July 21 - Deer Ridge CC, Brentwood - 8:30 am shotgun Tuesday  
August 18 - Swenson Park GC, Stockton - 9:00 am - Tuesday  
September 16, 17, 18 - Greenhorn Creek Resort, Angels Camp (2 days of golf)  
October 20 - Tracy CC, Tracy - 9:00 am CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS Tuesday  
Please mark your calendars for these events and we trust will see you soon.



The entry information for March 17 at Los Positas will be sent before 2-7.

See you on the green. Dale Welin

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### February Birthday Boys:

FRED BAUER	BILL CHELSETH	BOB DAMICO
GABE GUCHO	RICHARD KIER	STAN KROTZ
MYRON LENCIONI	GLENN MacBRIDE	

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### 2009 MEMBERS ANNUAL DONATION \$ 20.00

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**Discovery Bay Ca. 94505**

### ***Make a Note***

Last day to obtain an  
Excused absence for next meeting is February 6th  
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

We had only two tables this month. The winner was our good friend Howie Fisher with 4240 points, Followed by Floyd McBeth with 4050 points. Congratulation for your outstanding game.

The next meeting will be February 17th at 1:00 p.m. at the Country Club.

If you are Interested give me a call (Lex Overzet) at 634-4614 or Mike Witnov a call at 516-0117.

Hope to see you, Keep this Tuesday open to play Bridge

Stay Healthy

Lex Overzet

## Dinner with the Ladies

**When:** 24 February 2009

**Where:** **Tao San Jin**, 5867-A Lone Tree Way (Empire Shopping Center) Antioch, CA

**Time:** Dinner Served at 6.00 p.m.

**Menu:** **Egg Rolls, Fried Prawns, BBQ Spa ribs, Hot & Sour Soup, Mongolian Beef, Cashew Chicken, Steamed Rice, Sweet and Sour Prawns, Sesame Chicken, Fish Fillet with Spicy Garlic Sauce and Cookies. Includes Non-Alcoholic Beverage.**

**Cost:** \$20.00 per person (includes tax and tip)

**DEADLINE: Need your RSVP no later the February 17, 2009 (There will be envelopes at our General Meeting on February 10, 2009. If you will please send your checks to me prior it would be helpful.**

Make your checks out to

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



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#### 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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