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Comments from Big Sir Eric Jensen
Our April Meeting will be held on the
Second Tuesday, April 14th



This Month and next months Big SIR thoughts are going to be concerning two groups of people that contribute greatly to what makes our SIR #161 Branch what it is today.

With the May 7th Mother's Day "Dean Martin" Luncheon quickly approaching, I am going to start by thanking the Ladies first. As Little SIR Bob Damico put it: Yes, SIR is a Men's organization. But our Ladies are a valued part of our SIR branch #161 and we appreciate their participation and support. Two of our Luncheons a year include our Ladies and our "Dinner with the Ladies" program gets us out and about with great deal meal and camaraderie once a month. It would be difficult to fill the Harvest Park Bowling Alley like we do and enjoy bowling as much without the Ladies. Last years Greenhorn and Hollister Golf tournaments included the Ladies and some of the "New Activities" like Walking or Movie Buffs will be other opportunities for their participation. We should also not forget that we always include the Wives of Fallen SIR's in all of our programs as they continue to honor their husbands. So, thanks Ladies!!!

Next month I will be thanking the behind the scene SIR contributors that do so much for our group. Who does that Newsletter/Roster/Calendar/Attendance/Audit/Web site.....???

Our activities have started out well with Past Big SIR Dick Donald giving an update on the program in this Newsletter. I encourage everyone to look at all the new activities that are now available and give a couple a try. See Dick's updates for more information concerning all the activities that you may be interested in.

At the last meeting Michael Whitnov received his Senior SIR Certificate (over 90) from Area Governor Ron Saltgaver. Congratulations again to Michael.

Remember our addition of a new program to encourage members to recruit their friends and neighbors to join SIR. This program is in addition to the existing "Free lunch for Sponsors". The new program: bring a potential member to the meeting, and he gets his lunch for half price. Be sure to ask for the discount as you pay for your lunches.

See you at the Meeting April 14th and be sure to check out our web site

www.sir161.org

Lunch menu for April 14th is Tortellini with Chicken and Mushrooms

Message(s) from your Little SIR: Bob Damico

Guest Speaker

Our guest speaker for April is Andy Zyla from the American Red Cross. Andy is the Northern California Account Manager for Donor Recruitment and will tell us about the Blood Donor Program and how it benefits the community.



Travel

Travel Partners, in Brentwood. Continues to 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/ reasonable prices, see their website www.travelpartnersworld.com



Photo--Mike Cullen inducted to SIR Branch 161 at March 10, 2009 Luncheon.

My name is Mike Cullen. I have lived in Discovery Bay full time for 5 years and part time for 24 years. I lived and worked in San Jose for 30 years before Retirement. I've worked almost 40 years in Computer Engineering-primarily on hard drive research and development and retired from Western Digital Corporation in San Jose in June 2005. I grew up in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. My wife Barbara and I have been married for 51 years. We have three children (two boys and one girl), and five grand children (four boys and one girl). My hobbies are boating, fishing, and computers. I look forward to meeting all of you. Thank You very much for accepting me as a member in SIR Branch 161..

Mike Witnov awarded Senior SIR Presidential Award

Photo-L to R Ron Saltgaver (Area 24 Governor), Mike Witnov and Big Sir Eric Jensen



Presidential Award presented to Mike Witnov (90) by Ron Saltgaver (Area 24 Governor) on March 10, 2009. SIR active members, upon reaching the age of 90, are entitled to be awarded the Senior SIR Certificate. Mike has been a SIR since 1991 and is an active Poker player. He attends, with his Lovely Lady Lynn, most of the Dinners with the Ladies. It's a pleasure having Mike as a member of our Branch 161. Congratulations Mike!

May 7 (Thursday) is our annual Mother's Luncheon.

The entertainment is Matt Helm as Dean Martin.



**Tickets are \$23.00 per person and will be on sale at our April 14th meeting..... or send in your money now. Use stub below.
(Tickets limited to 150)**

Sir Branch 161 Mother's Lunch (May 7, 2009)

Your Name: _____

of tickets _____

Amount enclosed: _____

**Make check out to SIR Branch 161 and Mail to
Bob Damico, 141 Discovery Bay Blvd.
Discovery Bay, CA 94505**

NOTICE

**The Mother's Luncheon
Will be at the Discovery Bay Country Club
May 7th (Thursday)**

Sir Golf Members:

Sir Golfing Tournament at Greenhorn Creek Resort.

It is that time to announce the beginning of sign-ups for our annual Sir golfing tournament at the Greenhorn Creek Golf Resort near Angels Camp taking place this year on Wednesday, September 16 and Thursday, September 17. The golfing package consists of two days of golf on the fine Greenhorn Creek course and housing at the adjacent WorldMark time share golfing format for both days will be two best-balls between teams made up of mixed men and women foursomes. The housing villas are four person (two bedrooms, two baths) units providing access to the facilities spas and pools, tennis courts, pool tables, and exercise rooms. This year Sir Members will have the option of staying at the villas for one night or two nights. The Wednesday night dinner, held at one of the villas, will be hors d'oeuvres brought and shared amongst the couples participating in the tournament. An awards buffet banquet will be held on Thursday night at the Greenhorn Creek resort restaurant. The nearby towns of Angels Camp and Murphy provide plenty of entertainment for the non-golfers. The total cost per person for those golfing (which includes golfing, awards dinner, two-days of bar snacks, housing and prize money) is \$217.00 for those staying one night, while it is \$259.00 for those staying two nights. The total cost per person for the non-golfers (which includes awards dinner, two days of bar snacks and housing) is \$81.00 for those staying one night, while it is \$123.00 for those staying two nights.



A sign-up sheet will be in the lobby at our April Sir meeting, so look for it and sign-up. If you would like to share a villa with another couple, please indicate this on the sign-up sheet. Those couples choosing to stay one night will have to share a villa with another couple staying one night. We had 40 people at last year's event, and everyone had a great time. If you have any questions, see or call Will Myers at 925-516-9448.

THE BRIDGE TABLE

We did have 8 players on 2 tables for this Month
The winner was Al Box with 4790 Points Mike Witnov came in second with 3560 Points.

Congratulations to the winner.

We are still trying to increase our players.

The next games will always be on the third Tuesday of the Month April 21st, May 19th and June 16th

Try to keep those days free

Stay Healthy Lex Overzet

APRIL BOWLING NEWS 2009

Our Winter Bowling League will end on May 4th with the sweeper round, so its time to think about the Summer League. If you would like to bowl the Summer League please let Tom Kirtley or Bill Bayer know. The Summer League will start May11th.

SEASON HIGH SCORES

Men's scratch series Bob Rhiner 747
Ladies scratch series Marlena Morgan 684
Men's scratch game Mike Kropf 290
Ladies scratch game Rosie Elmer 265
Men's handicap series Curtis Manning 779
Ladies handicap series Linda Manning 741
Men's handicap game Lavan Bock 311
Ladies handicap game Pat Rhiner 277



UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

April 20th, 21st, and 22nd Carson City
May 5th, 6th, and 7th Pollock Pines

SIR ANNUAL STATE TOURNAMENT

May 18th,19th and 20th Paradise
June 3rd, and 4th Pinole

To date, we have 27 persons signed up for the Carson City Tournament. Slightly down from last year, but as in past years, we always show good support for this tournament.

The Pollock Pines tournament is becoming more popular. The bowling center has undergone some changes to upgrade the lanes and the facility.

The SIR state bowling tournament will be in Paradise this year. This is a SIR only tournament with doubles, team, and all events, NO singles. Interested? Let us know.

GOOD BOWLING

TOM KIRTLEY & BILL BAYER

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<p>2009 MEMBERS ANNUAL DONATION \$ 20.00</p> <p>Name _____ Amount _____</p> <p>Make checks payable to Sirs Branch #161_</p> <p>Mail to:</p> <p>Tony Pacheco 2111 St. Andrews Court Discovery Bay Ca. 94505</p>
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GOLF NEWS FOR SIRS BRANCHES 108/161 2009

An error was made on Wednesday and is now corrected below. All the prize money was received by the correct winners on Tue., 3-19. Some of the team placing were incorrect in my e-mail of Monday. I apologize for the error. The results for the first tournament of 2009 are as follows: 1st place-210-Smith,Disney,Dickens,Young 2nd place-219-Socher,Shipilov,Pacheco,Bree 3rd place-221-Giannini,Petersen,Kenny,Howe Tie for 4th place-222-Carr,Desalles,Fry,Bruton-won on card off. 222-Heck,Donald,Woods Closest to the pin winners, were Lowell Onstad and Bob Anderson. See you in April at Callippe. Dale Welin

Our next tournament for SIRS 108/161 will be at Callippe, in Pleasanton.

The tournament information is below: Where: Callippe GC, Pleasanton When: Tuesday, April 21, 2009 Time: 11:00 am start from the 1st tee Entry Fee: \$52.00, includes the usual golf, cart and prizes Format: Will be announced later Cutoff: Tuesday, April 14 at the SIRS 161 luncheon, 1:30 pm

Please phone, e-mail or send your check to Dale Welin 2867 Cherry Hills Drive Discovery Bay, CA 94505



Dinner with the Ladies

NOTE (Bob Damico) will be standing in for Mike White

When: 28 April 2009

Where: Boardwalk Grill – at the Discovery Bay Marina, 5879 Marina Rd.

Time: Dinner Served at 6.00 p.m.

Menu Choices: Include Salad, Dessert, non alcoholic drink (ice tea/soft drink coffee and water).

Tri Tip, Rolled Chicken (similar to Chicken Cordon Bleu), Salmon Florentine, or Asian Salad

(Indicate your choice below)



Cost: \$19.00 per person (includes tax and tip)

DEADLINE: Need your RSVP no later the 21 April 2009 (There will be envelopes at our General Meeting on April 14, 2009. If you will please send your checks and menu choices to Bob Damico prior it would be helpful.

Make your checks out to **Bob Damico** and mail to
141 Discovery Bay Blvd, Discovery Bay, CA 94505. Phone: 634-0465

-----**Detach and return this stub with your menu choices**-----

You're Name(s) _____ **Phone** _____

You're Menu Choice(s)

Rolled Chicken _____ Salmon Florentine _____

Tri Tip _____ Asian Salad _____

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Activities Chairman - Dick Donald

SIR Activities

The new SIR activities are off to a good start. Just about every group has already started and plan on continuing so on a regular basis. Following are details on those activities.



Movie Buffs - Eric Jensen

Eric is negotiating with the Rave Theaters in Brentwood to get discount tickets for SIR members for selected days. He will have more information at the next SIR meeting.

Fishing - Tom Snyder

Ray Serafin has graciously decided to host *Goin' fishin' instead of just wishin'*, to be held on his dock on Tuesday, May 5th. The tournament starts at 7 AM and will run through Noon. An entry fee of \$5 includes prizes, coffee, donuts, and lunch. If you are interested, contact Ray at 516-8321.

Tennis - Frank Tisch

If you would like to enjoy some good tennis, camaraderie, and lots of laughs, joins us at 7:30 AM on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays at the Discovery Bay Athletic Club. The format is drop-in doubles tennis, and we rotate people in team tennis if we have more than four, so that you never sit for more than 2 games. When you show up, you go in. There are no set pairings, as we SPIN for teams. Generally we have between 4 and 10 players. We are usually found between courts 3 and 4. If interested, just drop in or call Frank Tisch (925-516-7389). Note: non-members of the Discovery Bay Athletic Club must pay \$10 per visit (memberships are also available).

Model Railroading - Vince Vargas

Vince hosted a gathering of model railroad buffs on Thursday evening, March 26th at 7:00 PM. They were treated to a showing of Vince's under-construction layout and then viewed a Rail Buff DVD. The next meeting will be in about a month. Please let Vince know if you are interested in attending by calling 925-516-5915.

Walking - Al Box

Al has graciously agreed to lead this activity, but since he travels a lot the group needs an alternate leader. If you would like to assist with this activity call Al at 634-7973 or Dick Donald at 513-2849.

Retired Old Men Eating Out (ROMEIO) - Ray Serafin

Our first (SIR Men only) dinner was on March 19th (a Thursday) at The Boardwalk in Discovery Bay. Additional night outs will be planned monthly. If interested call Ray at 516-8321.

SEE BELOW Next Outing

Retired Old Men Eating Out (ROMEIO) - Ray Serafin

The **Next** (Romeo) Dinner will be April 23rd (Thursday) at 6:00: PM Place: Boardwalk Restaurant. Discovery Bay Marina. Order Off Menu;;;;;

Ray Serafin

Bicycling - Phil Paulson

The bicycling group had their first ride on Saturday, March 21st, braving the cold and wind to ride up to Los Vaqueros dam. They plan to have similar rides monthly.

For more information call Phil at 634-6654.

Ping Pong - Doug Pagano

Doug Pagano has a plan for 2-hour sessions weekly or monthly, and has the equipment and a place for fair weather playing. However start-up is delayed due to not having a place to play in the winter months (indoors). Contact Doug at 321-0238 if you have an indoor place to play during these winter months. All you need is a ping pong table and space for 6-12 of us old guys to hang out.

RVing - LaVan Bock

The RV group is planning an outing in June. Details are still being decided. For more information contact LaVan at 513-1070.

Pickle Ball - Bob Lyman

Bob plans on demonstrating pickle ball equipment (racquet and ball) at the next SIRs meeting for those who are unfamiliar with the game. Currently there are two tennis courts marked for Pickle Ball at Ed Cornell Park on Willow Lake Rd. in Discovery Bay (near the intersection of Discovery Bay Blvd. and Willow Lake Rd.) Players meet every Monday morning at 9:30 a.m. No reservation or equipment required. Come by and give it a try. Contact Bob Lyman at 925-513-1939 or e-mail rlyman@mac.com

Poker - Dick Donald

The first SIR monthly poker game was held on Thursday, March 19th. We plan on holding games monthly on the third Thursday of each month, so the next one will be Thursday, April 16th. Contact Dick Donald at 513-2849 if interested in playing.

April Birthday Boys:

CRIS CASTRO

ALBERT CORKER

ELWOOD DAVIS

JOSEPH DeHOPE

TOM DEVEAU

HOWIE FISHER

SAUL GOLD

DOUG HARRY

BOB HOWE

ERIC JENSEN

RAY PELLAND

DON RENTZEL

LLOYD SKJERDAL

HAL WHITLOW

ROGER WOOD



Make a Note!

Last day to obtain an
Excused absence for next meeting is April 10th
Call Len Fadda 513-0738 or e-mail me at
lenandlinda1@yahoo.com
Be sure to notify him
If you are bringing a Guest.

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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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