



Branch #161 News

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Comments from Bob Damico
Our January meeting will be held on the
Third Tuesday, January 19th



Message from Your Big SIR...

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

Wow it is 2010 already!! As they say, "time flies when you're having fun".

Last year was a good year for our Branch, and we intend for 2010 to be as good or better for you - the members. With Golf, Bowling, Bridge, Dinner with the Ladies, and our many other activities; you should not have any problem staying busy. We have many activities waiting for you, and if you have an idea for a new one, let us know.

We are fortunate to continue to have the Discovery Bay Country Club as our meeting place. The conveniently located up-scale facility and their commitment to us, in the form of quality food and excellent service, contribute to our overall success. Our commitment to them is to abide by their Dress Code, and to provide them with accurate lunch counts each month. You are key to both:

1. Please adhere to the dress code and advise your guests accordingly: Shirts must have a collar (No Tank Tops or Tee Shirts). No Flip-Flops or Thong type sandals, No Cut-off shorts, No jeans or denims of any kind. Hats must be removed in the Dining Room.
2. You are expected to attend each monthly lunch meeting. If you are unable to attend, it is important that you notify our Attendance Chairman Len Fadda ASAP.

We need to bring in new members to stay healthy as an organization. We currently have 167 members (down one from 2008, even though we brought in nine new members in 2009). Membership Requirements for SIR are pretty simple: Men, retired from full-time - gainful employment.

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Message from Your Big SIR

So invite a retired friend, neighbor, or acquaintance to one of our lunch meetings (and remember to notify Len Fadda, so he can add them to our lunch count). Their lunch is ½ price; and if they join SIR, you get a free lunch. As few as two guests (potential new members) per month could result in a healthy increase in our membership by year end. **We need your help..**

As in past years, we have a dedicated and energetic Executive Board, whose objectives are to make SIR Branch 161 the best it can be. We appreciate your support and are looking forward to serving you in 2010.

Remember; “We’re NOT old...We just have Seniority”. See you at our meeting
On January 19th.

Bob Damico

155 attended the annual Christmas lunch at the Discovery Bay Country Club. We had a great crowd, the food was great, and everyone seemed to have a good time. Lynn Hannigan and Alice Disney seemed to especially enjoy James Clark as Elvis...

To all that attended and contributed to this success:

Thank YOU,
Thank YOU Verry Muuuch.



LYNN HANNIGAN

ALICE DISNEY

Bob Damico

MESSAGE from Your Little SIR – Vince Vargas

January Guest Speaker:

Mr. Rick Carraher, Director, El Campanil Theatre, Antioch, California
Mr. Carraher has managed the restoration of the El Campanil Theatre returning it to its original décor and ambience. Since reopening he has contracted for quality live theater, concerts, ballet along with classic films. You are encouraged to sign on to their web site (www.elcampaniltheatre.com)
Or mailing list (925) 757-9500 so you can plan to attend outstanding shows close to home.

Future Speakers

I have been contacting & scheduling potential speakers for the rest of 2010. I am sure that they will be of interest to my fellow Sirs

January Lunch Menu

Roast Sirloin with Sauce Béarnaise, new potatoes & vegetables

Little Sir Vince Vargas

THE BRIDGE TABLE

The Discovery Bay Sir Bridge group played our December game with 8 players Lefty Brabec came in points and followed by Howie Fisher with 3350 points.

The Bridge Players wish all the SIR's Members
A Happy New Year.

See you all you when the next game will be played.

Stay Healthy

Lex Overzet 634-4614



SIR Activities

Following are some of the SIR Activities, including details on current plans. Feel free to call Dick Donald (513-2849) for more information on these and other activities.



Walking – Bob Damico – 634-0465

SIR Walking Group meets at the Marina parking lot (near The Boardwalk) 7:30 AM every Tuesday. Come join us for a scenic and refreshing walk on the levy (takes about an hour). We have seven regulars and welcome anyone that wants to join us....

Poker - Dick Donald -513-2849

The next SIR poker game will be Thursday, January 15, at 7 PM. This is a quarter limit dealer choice games. Contact Dick Donald at 513-2849 if interested in playing.

Wine Tasting – Dick Donald -513-2849

Wine tasting is a new activity that will kick off with a visit to Hannah Nicole Winery on Thursday, January 28. Contact the activity chairman if you are interested in attending.

Pickleball - Bob Lyman – 513-1939

The Pickleball players are still meeting every Monday at 9:30 am and Wednesday at 2 pm at the Discovery Bay public tennis courts on Willow Lake Rd. Beginner play is always welcome and we have both men and women playing. We play at the Discovery Bay public tennis courts on Willow Lake Road and we have all the equipment for you to try it out.

If you have any interests come out and watch and we'll show you what it is all about. If you would like to check it out on the internet go to: www.usapa.org.

Breakfast with the Guys – Ray Serafin – 516-8321

January's breakfast with the guys will be at 7:30 on Tuesday, January 12 at the McDonalds on Hi-way 4 at Bixler Rd.

RV ers – LaVan Bock – 513-1070

Attention RVers: We have made plans for a 5-day 4-night outing at the Far Horizons 49er Village RV Park in Plymouth from March 29th thru April 2. We will be starting on Monday and leaving on Friday (April 2nd). The rate will be \$30 plus a tax of 7% per night, which is their club rate that requires at least 10 rigs. That will be \$129 for the entire event. They have 200 full service hookups and this rate will be for 30 amps. We will have a clubhouse for at least 3 days. If you haven't been there, the area is noted for their many wineries, shopping, mine exploration, fishing, kayaking, etc. Hopefully this notice will give you some time for planning. Please give me a call, LaVan Bock at 916-513-1070 or a message at lavanb@comcast.net if you have any interest in this fun trip.

JANUARY BIRTHDAY BOY:

ANDY ANDERSON
REX BREHMER
PAUL ELMER
PHIL PAULSON
FRANK SMITH

JIM BELL
LOUIS BRUTON
LEN FADDA
MIKE REICH
JACK THOMAS

LAVAN BOCK
MANNY EBOJO
EARL MEDEIROS
ADOLPH SISNEROZ



JANUARY BOWLING NEWS

The results of the Tournament held in Concord at the Clayton are in. The dynamic duo of Jack and Alice Disney finished 4th in the Doubles Division. We still need some Bowlers on Monday mornings, so come to Harvest Park.

UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

Tuesday January 19th Stockton @ Pacific bowl
Monday & Wednesday February 1st & 3rd Napa @ Napa Bowl
Wednesday February 17th Livermore @ Granada bowl

May all of you have a Healthy and Happy New Year

GOOD BOWLING TOM KIRTLEY AND BILL BAYER



SIRS BRANCHES 108/161 GOLF NEWS – JANUARY

I have no golf news for the month of January,
I hope by the February issue, we will have the
2010 schedule ready.

Happy Holidays to you and your family.

Dale Welin and Don Ramos



Make a Note!

Last day to obtain an
excused absence for next meeting is January 15th
Call Len Fadda 513-0738 or e-mail me at
lenandlinda1@yahoo.com
Be sure to notify him
if you are bringing a Guest

Dinner with the Ladies

When: 26th January, 2010

Where: Humphrey's On The Delta, One Marina Plaza, Antioch, CA.

Time: Dinner Served at 6.00 p.m.



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

Chicken Marsala, Salmon, Tri Tip, and Pasta Pomodoro
(Indicate your choice below)

Cost: \$23.00 per person (includes tax and tip)

DEADLINE: Need your RSVP no later the 19 January 2010 (There will be envelopes at our General Meeting on 12 January 2010. If you will please send your checks and menu choices 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

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

You're Name(s)

Phone

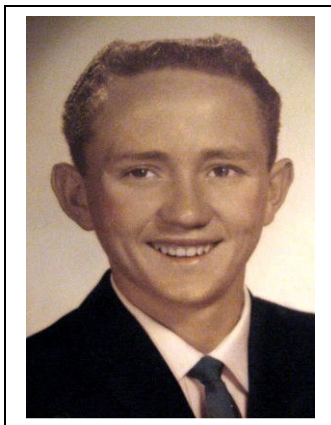
You're Menu Choice(s)

Chicken Marsala _____ Tri Tip _____

Salmon _____ Pasta Pomodoro _____

Humphrey's has recently undergone a change of management. This management is making strides in service and quality of food. Please join for a pleasant evening.

DIRECTIONS: (S) Discovery Bay Blvd. (W) on to SR 4. (L) On to Marsh Creek. (R) On to SR-4 Byp. (L) On to Hwy 4. (R) On to A St. (L) onto 2nd. St. (R) onto L St.; Road name changes to Marina Plaza



Guess Who

"This SIR likes to golf and bowl"






SIR Branch #161
 Discovery Bay
 Visit our branch web site at
WWW.SIR161.ORG



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2010 MEMBERS ANNUAL DONATION \$20.00	
Name _____	Amount _____
<p>Make check payable to Sirs Branch #161 Mail to: Tony Pacheco 2111 St. Andrews Court Discovery Bay, CA 94505</p>	

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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