



Branch #161 News

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Comments from Big Sir Bob Damico
Our February meeting will be held on the
Second Tuesday, February 9th



Spotlight on "Sunshine"

"Sunshine", as we know it, doesn't happen
much in January and February in

Discovery Bay. However, we do have a "Sunshine" Chairman. Traditionally, a Sunshine Committee offers services to families going through a difficult time from events such as surgery, illness/injury, or death of a family member. Lloyd Skjerdal (pronounced SHIR-DOLL), a Branch 161 SIR since 2001, is our new Sunshine Chairman. His job is to send out Greeting Cards (Get Well and Sympathy cards) as appropriate, to our SIRs/SIR families. He is dependent on input from the membership to be effective. If/when you know of the passing of a SIR, or a SIR who is sick, or had a death in the family; please notify Lloyd. He'll take the action to send out the appropriate greeting card from SIR Branch 161. Lloyd has served as our Assistant Branch Treasurer and Branch Treasurer for two terms. Lloyd-Man, **thank you** for your service to SIR Branch 161!!

Now, a couple of reminders:

1. It's time to pay our Annual Voluntary Donation. 60% have paid so far-thanks! We'd like to get this completed by March 1, 2010; so your support is appreciated. If you haven't already, **please** make your check out to SIR Branch 161-for \$20 and bring it to our next meeting. Or mail it to our Treasurer, Tony Pacheco, 2111 St. Andrews Ct. Discovery Bay, CA 94505. These funds, our only source of income, help defray the administrative costs of running the organization.

2. SIR membership requirements are simple: **Men** retired from **full-time** gainful employment. SIR supports no outside cause or interest. SIR organization Principles state that we will not espouse any political, religious, sectarian philosophy, or fraternal organization. Please read the notices regarding these issues, as well as the Attendance and Responsibility Clause on the last page.

In case you haven't guessed/heard...the January "Guess Who SIR" is Jim Heck.

Be Safe, Healthy, and Enjoy Your Retirement. Remember, We're NOT old, we just have Seniority... Thank you for your continued support, and I hope to see you at our February Meeting. If you can't make it, please notify Len Fadda.

Bob Damico

We're sad to report that our Brother SIR, Bob Williams passed away on January 7th; of an apparent Heart Attack. Bob had been an active SIR since 1995 and will be missed. Please Keep Bob, his wife Idie, and his family in your thoughts and prayers

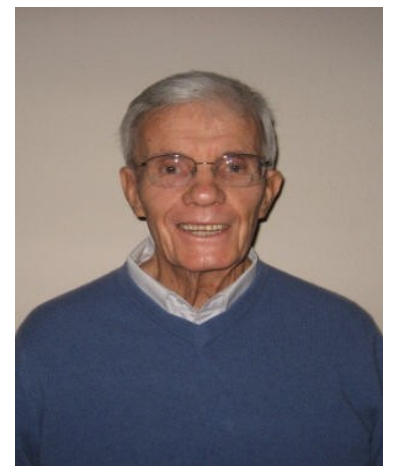
Think Green

Here is one more opportunity for us to re-cycle: Our ladies, that attend our Mothers and Christmas Luncheons, most likely have an abundance of those little rose bud vases that we give them. In fact, if they are like my lady, they could probably use the space they are taking up in their cupboards. Our Florist will gladly take them back for re-use. So if your lady would like to get rid of some vases, bring them to our meeting and we'll get them to the florist.

NEW MEMBER

My name is Bill La Forest. I was born in Detroit Michigan on leap year day (Feb. 29) of 1928 (I celebrated my **20th** Birthday in 2008!). I married my High School sweetheart, Colleen Wood, who was the love of my life and best friend, until her death in 1985. Colleen and I raised three children, Linda, Billy and Jack. In 1955, we moved from Michigan to Pacifica, CA, where we raised our family. I was a Police Officer in Michigan, and again for awhile in California. I worked as a contractor installing fiber optic cable for IBM, and retired (in 1990) from Ceitronmics in San Jose.

I have 4 grand children, and eight great grand children. I have two cats, Mollie and Kitty. I moved to Discovery Bay in 1993 from Sunnyvale, CA. I enjoy bowling, golfing, walking and I do crossword puzzles every day. I look forward to getting involved in SIR golf, bowling and the Dinner with the Ladies activities. Thank you for accepting me as a member of SIR Branch 161.



BILL LA FOREST

MESSAGE from your Little SIR – Vince Vargas

February Guest Speaker

Carol Jensen, a Contra Costa area historian will give a presentation on the California Delta. She completed the California delta book started by Hal Schell. You may remember her from last year when she presented the history of Byron Hot Springs.



February Lunch Menu

Roast Pork Loin w/gravy, new potatoes & vegetables

Theatre for SIRs

The shows appearing at the El Campanil Theatre are described in the brochure that was given to you at the meeting. There a number of shows coming up that we can all relate to and enjoy. Please go over the brochure and see what is coming. You are encouraged to sign on there web site (www.elcampaniltheatre.com) or mailing list, or call (925) 757-9500 so you can plan to attend outstanding shows close to home.

If there is enough interest from SIRs, El Campanil Theatre will discount each ticket. If 10 or more SIRs attend a show we would receive a 10% discount. If 20 or more SIRs attend a show we would receive a 20% discount.

If you and your wife or significant other are interested in attending **the other shows** please contact me. Once I have the names, I will pass them on to Rick Carraher, so he can arrive at the final price per ticket and reserve our seats.

In the Mood – 40’s Swing Musical -- Wednesday, February 10, 2010 at 7:30PM

Tickets – Orchestra level: \$32.00; Opera level -- \$25.00

.>>You may have already missed this show, but call the box office.

Preservation Hall Jazz Band -- Saturday, March 6, 2010 at 8:00PM

Tickets -- Adults -- \$25.00, Seniors (62&over) -- \$22.00

>>Contact Vince Vargas by **February 26, 2010**

The Four Freshman -- Saturday, April 10, 2010 at 8:00PM

Tickets -- Adults -- \$30.00, Seniors (62&over) -- \$27.00

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THE BRIDGE TABLE

The Discovery Bay Sir Bridge group played our December game with 8 players Lefty Brabec came in with 3760 points and followed by Howie Fisher with 3350 points.

At this time the Bridge Players wish all the SIR’s Members
A Happy New Year.

I will call 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, February 18, at 7 PM. This is a quarter limit dealer choice game. Contact Dick Donald at 513-2849 if interested in playing.

Wine Tasting – Dick Donald -513-2849

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

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 interest, 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

RVers – LaVan Bock – 513-1070

Plans are continuing for the RV outing to the Far Horizons 49er Village RV Park in Plymouth On March 29-April 2. We will be arriving on Monday and leaving on Friday. The club rate will be \$31 for the March days and \$34 for the April day plus tax. Few signups were acquired during the last meeting so we have invited Branch 108 to join our outing to make the club minimum of 10 rigs. Ray Serfin has volunteered to handle a Mexican dinner for Tuesday and a breakfast for one of the mornings. We do have a clubhouse for 3 days so the weather should not be a problem. This will be a fun filled outing with wineries to visit, shopping, exploring the Mother Lode, gold panning and boating. Don't miss out! Sign up soon with a call to LaVan Bock at 513-1070 or a message at lavanb@comcast.net

FEBRUARY BOWLING NEWS

The Position Round finished up the first half of the season on January 4th. The winners of the first half were team 21, Pat Fitzpatrick, Ed Fitzpatrick, Jose Arroyo and Clif Boehrer. Special congratulations to Elwood Davis on a very nice 198 game.

SEASON HIGH SCORES

Men's Scratch Series Bob Rhiner 783
Women's Scratch Series Marlana Morgan 693
Men's Scratch Game Al Winston 279
Women's Scratch Game Nancy Lencioni 247
Men's Handicap Series Bill Konold 784
Women's Handicap Series Mary Gekes 719
Men's Handicap Game Ed Fitzpatrick 299
Women's Handicap Game Val Heck 280



UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

February 17th Wednesday, Livermore @ Granada Bowl
March 8th or 10th Monday & Wednesday, Petaluma @ Boulevard Bowl
March 15th or 17th or 18th Monday, Wednesday or Thursday, Concord @ Diablo Lanes

GOOD BOWLING

TOM KIRTLEY & BILL BAYER

SIRS BRANCHES 108/161 GOLF NEWS – FEBRUARY

The 2010 SIRS golf tournaments have been scheduled. We have a couple courses from the past and the others are the regular locations.

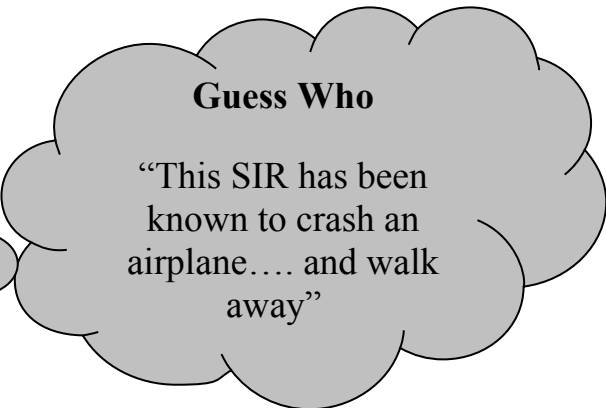
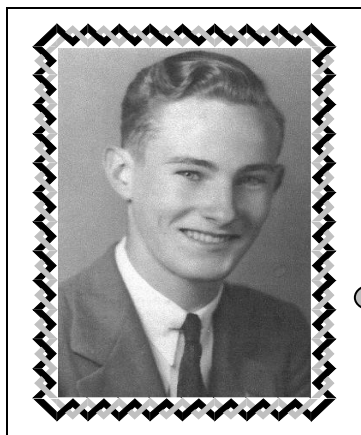
March 16 Lockeford Springs, in Lockeford Springs 8:30 am
April 20 Diablo Creek GC, Port Chicago 10:00 am
May 18 Dry Creek GC, Galt 9:00 am Modified Shotgun
June 22 The Reserve, Stockton 8:00 am Modified Shotgun
July 20 Deer Ridge GC, Brentwood 8:00 am Modified Shotgun
August 24 Brookside CC, Stockton 8:30 Modified Shotgun
Sept. 8,9,10 Greenhorn Creek, Angeles Camp

October 19 Lone Tree CC, Antioch 8:00 am Modified Shotgun
CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT



Mark your calendar for the dates above. For 2010, we have 62 SIRS golfers in our NCGA golf club. We hope to see you and that you will make an effort to participate this year.

See you on the green. Dale Welin



Dinner with the Ladies

When: 23 February 2010

Where: G. R. Marshall's Island Bistro, 6277 Bethel Island, Bethel Island, CA

Time: Dinner Served at 6.00 p.m.

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

New York Steak, Maple Cured Pork Chop, Roast Vegetable Linguini, and Scampi-Scallop Skewer

(Indicate your choice below)

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



DEADLINE: Need your RSVP no later than the 16 February 2010 (There will be envelopes at our General Meeting on 9 February 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)

New York Steak w/garlic fettuccini _____

Maple Cured Pork Chop w/creamed spinach _____

Roast Vegetable Linguini _____

Scampi-Scallop Skewer w/rice pilaf _____

G. R. Marshall's is located in a small strip mall on the North (left) side of the road just after you cross over the Bethel Island Bridge. About one (1) block passed the Mexican Restaurant.

THE BRIDGE TABLE

There was no news at the bridge table for the month of
(January)

There will be a Game on the 16th of
February

We are still looking for players to join our Discovery
Bay Bridge Group.

As always stay Healthy

Lex Overzet
Phone # 634- 4614



2010 MEMBERS ANNUAL DONATION \$20.00

Name _____ Amount _____

**Make check payable to Sirs Branch #161
Mail to: Tony Pacheco
2111 St. Andrews Court
Discovery Bay, CA 94505**

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY BOYS:

FRED BAUER
BOB DAMICO
STAN KROTZ
GLEN MACBRIDE

BILL CHELSETH
GABE GUCHO
BILL LA FOREST

MIKE CULLEN
RICHARD KIER
MYRON LENCIONI





Make a Note!
Last day to obtain an
Excused absence for next meeting is
February 5th
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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SIR MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS AND PRINCIPLES

Membership is open to men retired from full-time occupation, regardless of age, race, color or religion. There are no dues, fees or assessments. Member volunteer's staffs administer and govern all Branch activities. Voluntary member contributions 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. The only requirements to join SIR are that a man be retired, or semi-retired, and sponsored by an active member.

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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