



# Branch #161 News

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Comments from Big Sir Bob Damico  
May is our Annual Mothers' Luncheon (with entertainment) and will be held on the First Tues.-May 4th



Lots happening in May with SIR Branch 161  
In addition to our regular activities, on May 4<sup>th</sup>

have the annual Mother's Lunch with a special Frank Sinatra Tribute for entertainment. This was arranged by Little Sir Vince Vargas, for the enjoyment of you and your ladies.

On May 18<sup>th</sup>, Ray Serafin has his "Going Fishin Instead of Wishin" fishing extravaganza at his dock in Discovery Bay. Whether you are a fisherman or not—this will be a good time...those that attended Ray's event last year know that "FOOD" and "FUN" was more plentiful than the fish. Watch for other "FISHIN" oriented events from Ray.

With the good weather, Golf is "on again". Dale Welin has lots planned for you. And he will soon be out on the course again with his brand new knee.

Tom Kirtley is forming the summer SIR Bowling League. The winter League had 108 bowlers and ends May 10 - summer league starts May 17<sup>th</sup>. Any SIR / SIR spouse is welcome to join.

And don't forget the SIR Discount Shows at El Campanil Theatre.

There is a lot to do, so mark you calendars and join in the fun.

In case you haven't heard...the April "Guess Who SIR" is Elwood Davis. Yes, he and his wife Jean hit the first two golf balls off the Tee at the Discovery Bay Golf Course in 1984. See if you know this Month's "Guess Who SIR".

Be Safe, Healthy, and Enjoy Your Retirement. Remember, we're NOT old, we just have Seniority... Thank you for your continued support,

Big SIR Bob Damico

**THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS**

We're sad to report that Gene Matthias passed away in early April from a Heart Attack. He has been a member of SIR Branch 161 since 1996. Many of you may know / remember him from his involvement in the Coast Guard Auxiliary (He and his wife Barbara taught Boating Safety Classes). A Memorial Service is planned for sometime in May or June-we will pass on that information when we get it. Meanwhile please keep his wife Barbara (Who is fighting her own battle with cancer at a Willow Pass Healthcare Center in Concord) and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

**NEW MEMBER**

My name is Bruce Watkins. I have lived in DB for 10 months. We moved from Salt Spring Island in British Columbia. I retired from PG&E as an electrical system operator in San Mateo in 2000. My wife Frankie and I have two children, Bruce Jr. (Palo Alto) & Deniece (Mt View). We have 3 grandsons from Bruce. I enjoy cars, golf, fishing, and travel. I'm looking forward to meeting more of the SIRS. My sponsor is Phil Talley.  
Thank you for accepting me as a member.



**Bruce Watkins**

**NEW MEMBER**

My name is William Terry Cook (I go by "TC"). I've lived in Brentwood for 37 years. I moved here from Lafayette. I owned and operated WT Cook Construction Company, Inc. I am a widower, have 3 kids and 2 grandkids. I enjoy skiing, golf, fishing, flying and old cars. I look forward to making new friends and having fun in the Discovery Bay SIR organization.



**William T Cook**

## **RV Outing**

Nine RVs enjoyed the outing at Plymouth's 49er Village RV Park last month. It provided the rare opportunity to make new friendships with other fellow SIRs and their ladies. After the days of exploring the area we always came back to enjoying each other's company over food and drink in the clubhouse which included a Mexican dinner, a BBQ and even a breakfast together. All seemed to agree these RV outings should occur more frequently.



### **Guess Who**

“This SIR served in both  
the British Navy and  
Army.”

**Mothers Day Luncheon Tuesday, May 4, 2010** On this day we honor our wives & mothers. The entertainment is Michael Spellman, who sings Frank Sinatra's timeless music & lyrics. Tickets are \$23.00 per person; send in your money now. Use stub below. Tickets limited to 150.



***SIR Branch 161 Mothers Day Lunch – May 4, 2010***

<p>Your name: _____ No. of Tickets _____ Amount enclosed _____ Make check payable to SIR Branch 161 and mail to: Vince Vargas, 4906 Cabrillo Point, Discovery Bay, CA 94505</p>
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The deadline for tickets is April 28<sup>th</sup> for the May 4<sup>th</sup> Mothers Day Luncheon

**Free Lunch Drawing Winners for March – Steve Bordi & Don Roth**

***El Campanil Theatre Tickets***

This Theatre in Antioch provides quality entertainment for our community. I encourage members to check out the Theatre's web site or call the box office to receive future show announcements by mail.

*El Campanil Theatre will give our S I R S members a 10% discount for future shows at their theatre. Please contact the box office by telephone or by internet to purchase tickets & seat requests. Identify yourself as a member of S I R S - use promo code: S I R S. Arrange for payment with the theatre staff and have your tickets held at the box office, mailed or emailed to you.*

**Internet** – [www.elcampaniltheatre.com](http://www.elcampaniltheatre.com)

**Promo code:** SIRS

**Telephone** -- 925-757-9500

Little SIR -- Vince Vargas

# 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, May 20, at 7 PM. This month's host is Adolph Sisneros. This is a quarter limit dealer choice games. Contact Adolph at 634-5503 if interested in playing.

**Fishing** – Ray Serafin – 516-8321

Ray will host “Going Fishing instead of just wishin!” at his dock at 2013 Seal Way in Discover Bay on Tuesday, May 18 from 7 AM to Noon. Entry fee is \$5, which includes breakfast stuff and lunch. Bring your own bait!

**Pickleball** - Bob Lyman – 513-1939

Currently playing Tuesday and Thursday at 2 pm. We play at the Discovery Bay public tennis courts on Willow Lake Rd. Beginner play is always welcome and we have both men and women playing and 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.

Current SIRS who play include Vince Vargas, Pete Dean, George Hurlbert, Don Rice & Gary Hess. Ask them about the game.

**Wine Tasting** – Al Ciaramella – 240-1932

We are planning a group tasting at Harney Lane Winery in Lodi, CA. on Thursday, May 20th at 2:00 pm. We need to have people signed up by contacting Al by Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. They have picnic tables available. SIRS members can arrange to drive together if desired. Their website is: [harneylane.com](http://harneylane.com). Directions and more info will be provided in early May.

## THE BRIDGE TABLE

For the first time this year we ended up with 8 players  
The winner was Fred Bauer, with 3,670 points.  
Followed by Al Box, with 2,810 points.

The next game will be on May 18<sup>th</sup>, keep that Date  
Open.

I would like to thank Mike Witnov for his help in  
organizing the game.

As Always stay healthy,

Lex Overzet  
925 634-6314



## Sir Golf Members:

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 8 and Thursday, September 9. The golfing package consists of two days of golf on the fine Greenhorn Creek Resort course and housing at the adjacent WorldMark time share villas. The 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.



Again this year, Sir Members will have the option of staying at the villas for one night or two nights. For the Wednesday night dinner, couples can either eat at a local restaurant or they can do as most have done in the past where we meet at one of the villas and share hors d'oeuvres brought by 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 other restaurants and entertainment for the non-golfers.

The total cost per person for those golfing (which includes two-days of golfing, awards dinner, and two-days of after-golf hors d'oeuvres, villa housing, and prize money) is \$222.00 for those staying one night, while it is \$264.00 for those staying two nights. The total cost per person for the non-golfers (which includes awards dinner, two days of after-golf hors d'oeuvres, and villa housing) is \$85.00 for those staying one night, while it is \$127.00 for those staying two nights.

A sign-up sheet will be in the lobby at our next 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. Please indicate if you are staying for the awards dinner.

If you have any questions,

See me or call

Will Myers at 925-516-9448.

## MAY BOWLING NEWS

On May 17<sup>th</sup> our Summer League starts with a meeting at 9am at Harvest Park Bowl in Brentwood. We bowl every Monday morning at 9:30am. You do not need to be an experienced bowler to come and have fun with us. If you are interested please contact Tom Kirtley at 240-8071 or come down to see me at the bowling alley on Monday morning.



There was a tournament held at Diablo Lanes in Concord and we had several big winners. Drew Hanson and Jose Arroyo finished 7<sup>th</sup> in Doubles. Jim Heck took 11<sup>th</sup> place in Singles. Alice Disney took 8<sup>th</sup> place in Singles and 9<sup>th</sup> place in All Events. Linda Manning did a great job by finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> in All Events and 7<sup>th</sup> in Singles and not to be out done Curtis Manning finished 4<sup>th</sup> place in Scratch Singles, 6<sup>th</sup> place in Singles and 20<sup>th</sup> place in All Events.

### UP COMING TOURNAMENTS

May 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> Sun Mon or Tue In Pollock Pines @ Knotty Pine Lanes.

### SIR ANNUAL STATE TOURNAMENT

May 17<sup>th</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup> Mon, Tue, or Wed in Citrus Heights @ Fireside Lanes.

June 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup>, Wed or Thur in Pinole @ Pinole Valley Lanes.

June 22<sup>nd</sup>, or 23<sup>rd</sup>, Tue or Wed in Paradise @ Tall Pines Lanes.

June 27<sup>th</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup> Sun or Mon in Campbell @ Cambrian Bowling Alley.

### GOOD BOWLING TOM KIRTLEY AND BILL BAYER

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## MAY SIRS BRANCHES 108/161 GOLF NEWS –

Even though we are trying to still get our April tournament in, we need to think ahead a bit to our May tournament. The information for this event is:

When: Tuesday, May 18, 2010  
Time: 9:00am modified shotgun start  
Where: Dry Creek GC, Galt - Hwy 99 in Galt  
Cost: \$36.00 includes golf, cart, and prizes  
Format: To be announced



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Please e-mail or phone Dale Welin to get your name on the entry list. Follow that up with a check for \$36.00 and mail or get it to Dale Welin. The cutoff will be Tuesday, May 11, 2010 at noon. The May luncheon is on May 4 with the ladies, so you will have to mail the check to me. I will not be at the May 4 luncheon.

If you have any questions, please call Dale Welin at 516-9463.

Dale Welin

MAY SIRS BRANCHES 108/161 GOLF NEWS

**April 27<sup>th</sup> Diablo Creek Tournament**

On our way to Diablo Creek Golf course this morning, things look promising, as we ran thru sun in Pittsburg and thru a full rainbow to the west. It was sprinkling some on our arrival, 24 of our players showed up and checked in. After a few minutes, the raindrops came down in larger quantity and that changed the mind of the golfers to play. The event was cancelled and we appreciate the flexibility and cooperation of Sandy Day of Diablo Creek.

No tournament, no scores, no winners. Thank you for showing up and trying to get the game in. See you in May at Dry Creek in Galt. I hope the name of DRY Creek will allow us to play in dry weather next month.

Dale Welin

There will be no "Dinner with the Ladies" in the month of May .due to the annual Mother's Day Luncheon on May 4<sup>th</sup>  
Please come and enjoy "Dinner with the Ladies". In June.  
Thanks Mike White




<b>MAY BIRTHDAY BOYS</b>		
<b>ED CAMERA</b>	<b>FRITZ DUEMING</b>	<b>BOB HARLAN</b>
<b>FRANK HEADLEY</b>	<b>JOE KILE</b>	<b>GORDON LAWSON</b>
<b>JERRY LUTHIN</b>	<b>ROBERT LYMAN</b>	<b>BILL MOMANEY</b>
<b>NORMAN PETERSON</b>	<b>JACK SOCHER</b>	<b>ROGER SWEENEY</b>
<b>PHIL TALLEY</b>	<b>JIM WANGEMAN</b>	<b>RICHARD WISDOM</b>







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**Lloyd Skjerdal, our SUNSHINE CHAIRMAN, needs our help. He is dependent on inputs from the membership to be effective. If/when you know of the passing of a SIR or SIR spouse, or a SIR who is seriously ill, please notify Lloyd and Big SIR Bob Damico**

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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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