



SIR BRANCH 161 NEWS

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A Nonprofit Public Benefit Organization for Retired Men Devoted to the Promotion of Independence and Dignity of Retirement

Vince Vargas, Big SIR

Mark your Calendars!

Our next meeting is Tuesday, February 8. A calendar of all meetings for 2011 appears later in this newsletter.

The 2011 SIRs Handbook

is currently being finalized by Ralph Pfirman & Mike Reich. This is a difficult task and an easy one to miss errors. Once it is published, we will have 164 auditors reviewing the handbook. It should be available at our February 8th Meeting.



Dress Code for our meetings is "Country Club Casual" which means no jeans or Denim, cutoffs or exercise shorts, shirts must have a collar, no tank tops/T-shirts, no flip-flop or thong type sandals. Please ensure that your guests are aware of this policy. Simple etiquette requires that hats be removed while in dining room.

SIR Membership requirements are simple: men retired from full time employment. Our goal is 110% of the 2010 ending membership, which was 165 members. Increasing the membership by 10% would mean we want to have 165 plus 17 = 182. This may be possible, but much more difficult because of attrition. In January, Brad Vinson, became a member and we have 3 new applications for February.

Voluntary Donations are our only source of income to help defray the administrative costs of running our organization. Please bring \$20.00 cash or a

check (made out to SIR Branch 161) to the next meeting. You can also mail it to our Treasurer:

Tony Pacheco, 2111 St. Andrews Ct, Discovery Bay, CA 94505

125 members including five guests & one visitor attended the January meeting. Walt Shipilov introduced Jeff Conway, the Manager of Reclamation District 800, who provided our members the background to the Reclamation District, state of the levees and aquatic weeds. It was a very informative presentation. Walt has another informative presentation scheduled for February's meeting.

Looking forward to seeing at the February 8th Meeting.

Vince Vargas

In Memoriam

We are sad to report that Brother SIR David & Shirley Lopes' daughter passed away in January 2011. Please keep David & Shirley and their family in your thoughts & prayers.

Attendance

If you are going to miss a meeting, please notify Bill Konold, the Attendance Chairman, by the Friday preceding the meeting. Our branch must provide accurate attendance numbers to the Country Club so they can prepare the correct number of lunches. If you do not call and do not show up for the meeting, the Branch is obligated to pay for the lunches not served. Please call or e-mail Bill at:

Bill Konold, 634-2738 bkonold@comcast.net

February Meeting, Walt Shipilov, Little SIR

Our February Speakers will be Virgil Keohne and Rick Howard from the Discovery Bay Community Service District, also known as the Town of Discovery Bay. Virgil we all know has been with the Town for many years while Rick Howard is the Town's new General Manager, hired in June 2010. Virgil and Rick will be presenting the "State of the Town of Discovery" and some other items of interest to Discovery Bay residents. This will be very topical and of interest to all.



If anyone has any speakers that they think might present something of interest to the Branch luncheon, please let me know. There are some presentation slots still open.

Free lunch winners

In January the Free Lunch winners were George Fraser and Tom Snyder.

February meeting menu

The Menu for the February meeting will be Beef Lasagna with seasonal vegetables, one of Chef Jeff Churchill's favorites.

2011 Meetings Calendar

01/18/2011	07/12/2011
02/08/2011	08/16/2011
03/08/2011	09/13/2011
04/12/2011	10/11/2011
05/03/2011	11/08/2011
06/14/2011	12/13/2011

New member

Brad Vinson was inducted as a member of SIR Branch 161 at the January meeting.

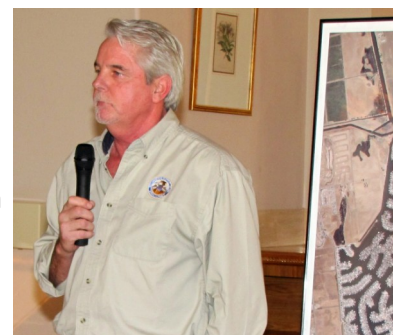


Following active duty in the US Navy, Brad was an electrician for 38 years before retiring in 2007.

Brad lives in Oakley. He has an adult son, a granddaughter aged 21 and a grandson aged 19.

January guest speaker

The guest speaker at our January meeting was Jeff Conway, Manager of the Recreation District 800 office in Discovery Bay. Jeff shared some interesting information regarding our levees, flood control, and the increasing weed issue.



Existing levees have been certified as meeting the 100-year flood criteria, and Jeff has started the process of certifying them to the 200-year flood criteria.

The Department of Boating and Waterways has a plan and a budget to begin chemical treatment of weeds. There's some question about whether the budget is large enough, and an unknown factor might be spending reductions imposed by our new State Governor.

Birthday Boys

Members celebrating their birthdays in February are:

Bill Chelseth, Mike Cullem, Bob Damico, Tim Karlberg, Stan Krotz, Bill LaForest, Myron Lencioni & Glenn MacBride .

SIR Activities, Dick Donald

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



Poker - Dick Donald

The next SIR poker game will be Thursday, February 17 at 7 PM. Adolph Sisneros will be the host. This is a quarter limit dealer choice game. Contact Dick if interested in playing.

Pickleball - Bob Lyman – 513-1939

Locally, drop-in play is Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at 9 am. Play is at the Discovery Bay public tennis courts on Willow Lake Rd. Beginner play is always welcome with both men and women playing 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. For more information about Pickleball go to <http://www.usapa.org/>. The web site also notes our Discovery Bay play time under places to play.

Wine Tasting – Dick Donald – 513-2849

The wine tastings have been very successful the last five months. The next wine tasting is scheduled for Thursday, February 24 at 4PM, and will be hosted by Dave and Shirley Lopes. Contact Dick if interested in attending. Attendance will be limited to eight couples, so reply early if interested.

Golf News, Dale Welin

The 2011 golf schedule is below. You will note that 5 of the 7 courses have shotgun starts, which is good for our group. We have 55 members this year in our golf club for SIRs.



March 15 Lockeford Springs GC, 8:30 am shotgun
 April 19 Poppy Ridge, 10:00 am off 1st tee start
 May 17 Shadow Lakes GC, 8:00 am shotgun

June 21 The Reserve GC, 8:00 am shotgun
 July 19 Callipee GC, 9:00 am - off 1st tee start
 August 23 Lone Tree GC, 8:00 am shotgun
 Sept. 20 To be announced
 Oct 21 Deer Ridge GC, 8:00 am shotgun

Please mark your calendars, and we will be sending entry information for Lockeford Springs soon.

See you on the green, Dale Welin

February Bowling News, Tom Kirtley

The first half of the Winter League wound up on January 3rd with the position round. The winners of the first half were Rock & Rollers, Karen Capra, Dennis Pachucki, Jim Furlong and Jamie Maddox



SEASON HIGH SCORES

- Men's Scratch Series Curtis Manning 802, Ladies Scratch Series Rosie Elmer 653
- Men's Scratch Game Bob Rhiner 284, Ladies Scratch Game Marlena Morgan 247
- Men's Handicap Series Tom Gomez 830, Ladies Handicap Series Margee Arroyo 736
- Men's Handicap Game Don Patterson 317, Ladies Handicap Game Lorraine Burk 293

As you could see in the season high scores Curtis Manning had a GREAT series. He bowled a 280, 243, and 279 for an 802. CONGRATULATIONS Curtis on a remarkable series.

UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

- February 7th or 9th Mon or Wed in Sonoma @ Napa Bowl
- February 23rd Wed in Livermore @ Granada Bowl
- March 7th or 9th Mon or Wed in Petaluma @ Boulevard Bowl
- March 21st or 23rd or 24th Mon Wed or Thu in Concord @ Diablo Lanes

Good bowling, Tom Kirtley

Bridge Table, Lex Overzet

The January bridge game was scheduled for the fourth Tuesday, January 25.

Our next game will be on the third Tuesday, February 15 at the Discovery Bay Country Club.



Recycle those vases

Our ladies who attend the Mothers Day and Christmas Luncheons receive flowers in a bud vase. Our florist will gladly take the vases back for re-use. So if your lady would like to return some vases, bring them to our meeting and we will return them to the florist.

Dinner with the Ladies, Jim Heck

February 22 at Tao San Jin restaurant, 5867-A Lonetree Way, Antioch. The restaurant is located in the Empire Shopping Center.



Menu:

Egg rolls, fried prawns, BBQ spareribs, sweet & sour prawns, sesame chicken, fish fillet with spicy garlic sauce, and cookies. Includes a non-alcoholic beverage.

Price: \$22.00 per person, includes tax and tip.

Deadline: RSVP no later than February 15. There will be envelopes at the February 8 meeting.

Membership Requirements & 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 volunteers and staff 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 held on the second Tuesday of the month at the Discovery Bay Country Club, 1475 Club House Drive. Social hour is at 11.00am 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 consecutive meetings without notifying the Attendance Chairman, or attending less than seven meetings within the last year, shall be notified by Form Letter #4 of their pending membership termination. Certification of attendance at another branch will be considered a credit to attendance.

Responsibility Clause

All tours, trips and other activities for or by Sons In Retirement, Inc. and its branches are for the convenience and pleasure of the members and their guests who desire to participate. Sons In Retirement, Inc. and its branches do not assume responsibility for the well being or safety of the participants, or in any matters pertaining to tours, trips, or other activities.

----- Tear out and return with your check -----

Make your checks out to James Heck and mail to James Heck, 5401 Fairway Court, Discovery Bay, CA 94505.

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Dinner with the ladies, February 22, 2011.

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