



SIR BRANCH 161 NEWS

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Vince Vargas, Big SIR

Mark your calendars!

Our next luncheon is the "MOTHER'S DAY LUNCHEON", Tuesday, May 3rd. Little SIR, Walt Shipilov, has set a grand luncheon with special entertainment (refer to his article for details). Make sure to celebrate this special day with your wife or special friend.



Membership.

Our branch started April with 169 members. In March we added 5 new members. But, in April we had 4 members move to the inactive status because of personal difficulties. We inducted one new member, so we now have 166 active members. At our April meeting, we welcomed 5 guests and 3 visitors. You have done a great job in introducing your neighbors & retired friends to our SIRs Branch. Our members make this organization vibrant!

Activities.

Are you bored? Sitting around watching TV? Get off the sofa and become involved. Activities must be well orchestrated and managed to be successful. It does not happen by itself. Look what we have!

Wine tasting is a good example – on 04/28 we are having "box" wine tasting at the Al & Dana Box home.

Bocce Ball is a new activity. DBCC has installed 2 courts. Dick Donald had the first get together on 04/20; Eleven members/wives turned out for a

learning session & friendly competition.

Bob Lyman's Pickle Ball continues to draw SIRs and non-SIRs participants. The group publishes a weekly schedule.

Tom Kirtley has taken the lead and has a statewide Bowling Tournament 05/17, 18 & 19 here in Brentwood; Summer league will be starting up.

Dale Welin has set up a 04/25 golf match with the San Ramon SIRs Branch 108 here at DBCC. There will be more matches coming!

Jim Heck will have the monthly Dinner With the Ladies at Grazie's – have a great time!.

Fishing Tournament, Friday, 05/20 at Ray Serafin's, 2301 Seal Way; Breakfast & lunch for \$5.00.

RV Outing – 06/13 through 06/17 at French Camp; daily activities are scheduled. Contact LaVan Bock.

Our activities broaden the reach of our branch and create interest in what SIRs is able bring its community. The Directors are great to work with. They have done an outstanding job. It takes time and effort, but their work shows positive results. I must thank Dick Donald for his efforts in searching out

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our wishes and following through to complete them. Give all the directors a deserved pat on the back.

Publicity

Look at the state-wide “SIRS Happenings” – we have 2 events that attracted statewide interest in our branch activities.

Newsletter

Are you sharing the newsletter with your wife or is she sharing it with you? Hmm! I heard that many wives read the newsletter before their husbands – is that true? Family involvement keeps us vital! All of our activities bring enjoyment to our branch members. Please share the monthly newsletter & calendar of events with your wives & friends

Country Club

Lastly, I want to talk to you about our monthly lunch meetings. We enjoy a very ambient surrounding, holding our meetings in the DBCC. Sure, every member is not going to be happy with everything. But I must point out that there are many of our fellow branches in the East Bay that do not have the menu selection, formal table setting with table cloths/napkins, and luncheon service, as opposed to buffet lines, all for \$17.00. Many pay \$25.00. Last November, I worked with the DBCC staff to set the lunch menu for this year. It's up to you - tell the 2012 Board what you want and they will work to offer it in the future.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Mother's Day Luncheon on Tuesday, May 3rd!

Vince Vargas

Birthday Boys

Members celebrating their birthdays in May are:

Fritz Dueming, Bob Harlan, Frank Headley, Joe Kile, Mike Leana, Bob Lyman, William Momaney, Norman Peterson, Paul Sennewald, Jack Socher, Roger Sweeney, Phillip Talley, James Wangeman and Richard Wisdom .

Walt Shipilov, Little SIR

In May we will have:

Mother's Day Luncheon:

Bring your special lady to this special event.

This year our entertainment will be provided by William Florian, formerly a lead singer with the famous 60's band, the New Christy Minstrels. William will serenade us all with upbeat and energetic American classic songs of days gone by.

There will be a flower for each of our lady guests.

Tickets for this event will cost \$24 each.

Luncheon meal: Our Mother's Day Luncheon meal will be roast pork with gravy, new potatoes, seasonal vegetables and special dessert prepared by Chef Jeff.

At our last meeting in April, free lunch coupons were won by Glenn MacBride & Dean Wood.

Dinner with the Ladies, Jim Heck

There will be no Dinner With The Ladies in May due to the fact that we're having the Mother's Day luncheon.

Stay tuned for what we have planned for June.



SIR Branch 161 web site update

Our web site was recently given a facelift. If you haven't already done so, check it out at the address below. If you have suggestions or wish to see additional things on the site, please contact webmaster Tom Jones.



SIR Branch 161 on the web

For more news, photos, and links to state SIR information, visit our web site:

www.sir161.org

Membership

Sponsor a new member

Branch members wishing to sponsor a new member should invite the prospect to a regular luncheon meeting as a guest.

If the guest wishes to become a SIR member, the sponsor should obtain an application form from Membership Chairman Len Fadda. Have the guest complete the form, and return the form to Len.

The prospective member and their sponsor should attend the next regular luncheon meeting. The Executive Board will vote on the membership, and the new member will be inducted immediately prior to the luncheon.

New Branch 161 Member

One new member was inducted at the April 11, 2011 SIR Branch 161 meeting.

Craig Wilson retired from Production Pattern's Foundry in January, 2011. Craig and his wife Mary moved to Discovery Bay in 2005. They have two sons and four grandchildren. Craig enjoys fly fishing and golf.



SIR Branch 161 Handbook

If you haven't already done so, be sure to pick up your copy of the SIR Branch 161 handbook which contains our membership roster, state bowling, the 2011 calendar, and a message from Big SIR.

Voluntary contributions defray the administrative costs of running our organization. For those who have not "donated" their contribution, be sure to bring \$20.00 cash or a check (made out to SIR Branch 161) to our next meeting. You can also mail it to our Treasurer:

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

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 recycle some vases, bring them to our meeting and we will return them.

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 or T-shirts, no flip-flops or thong type sandals. Please ensure that your guests are aware of this policy. Simple etiquette requires that hats be removed while in the dining room.

Attendance Policy Reminder

Our Branch is obligated to pay for lunches not served. Please contact Bill Konold by the Friday preceding the meeting if you don't plan to attend.

Bill Konold, 634-2738 bkonold@comcast.net

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

Golf News, Dale Welin

Poppy Ridge 4/19 results:

We had a smaller field than normal, as several of our golfers were at a bowling tournament. Just 25 played golf. Unfortunately, one of the 25 went for a swim in #9 pond and played just 9 holes. Last seen, the player was doing the backstroke in the pond!! Poppy Ridge was in good shape and it was fun to play the NCGA course that we own! The results show some very low scores and are below:

1st place - 105 - Carr, Giannini, Ramos, Burke (31 under par)

2nd place - 111 - Troen, Rentzel, Pacheco, Neubauer

3rd place - 113 - Kile, Woods, Konold, blind draw

Closest to the pin was Bill Konold.

Several players netted in the 60's and we would like to acknowledge their efforts: Pachucki - 62, Ramos-63, Konold and Fry - 67, Fitzpatrick - 68, Neubauer - 69. Congratulations.

Our May tournament details are below:

When: Tuesday, May 17, 2011

Time: 8:00 am shotgun start

Where: Shadow Lakes GC in Brentwood

Cost: \$41.00 for green fee, cart and prizes

Format: Any suggestions

Please notify Dale Welin by phone, e-mail, or in person about your interest and adding your name to the player list. Then send a check for \$41.00 to Dale Welin, 2867 Cherry Hills Drive, Discovery Bay, CA 94505. The cutoff will be Tuesday, May 10. You will remember that the May luncheon is on Tuesday, May 3 with the ladies. So it will be important to be sure that you let me know of your interest by 5-10. I have to call the golf course with a player count one week prior to the 17th. I will be out of town from 4-29 thru 5-6, but will be checking in on the e-mail while gone.

If there any questions, please call Dale at 516-9463.

See you on the green. Dale Welin



April Bowling News, Tom Kirtley

Our SIR Summer Bowling League starts May 16th. We bowl every Monday morning at Harvest Park Bowl in Brentwood. Practice starts at 9:30am with league bowling starting at 9:45, and we usually end at 12:00 noon. The cost is \$12 a week. You don't have to be an experienced bowler because this is a handicap league. It's not too late to sign up and join in on the fun on Monday mornings. If you are interested call Tom Kirtley at 240-8071.



The Annual State Sir Bowling tournament is going to be held at Harvest Park Bowl on May 17th, 18th or 19th and is co-sponsored by Branches 161 & 108. This is a doubles and team event and is open to SIRs statewide. So far we only have three teams signed up from Branches 161 & 108. It would be great to get a few more teams from our Branches. So talk to your bowling buddies and get a doubles and team together. If you are a single and need a partner and a team let Tom Kirtley know and I will do my best to help.

The results from a couple of tournaments are in. We had a couple of winners from the Tournament held in Livermore. Paul Elmer finished in Second Place in Division A All Events and Jose Arroyo finished 5th in Division A Handicap game. The Tournament held at Diablo Lanes in Concord proved profitable for a few of our bowlers. Drew Hanson and Jose Arroyo finished in 6th place in Doubles, Jose also placed 14th in All Events. Linda Manning bowled really well by finishing 9th in All Events and 21st in Singles.

UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

SIR ANNUAL STATE BOWLING TOURNAMENT

May 17th, 18th or 19th Tue, Wed or Thu in Brentwood at Harvest Park Bowl

June 8th or 9th Wed or Thu in Pinole at Pinole Valley Lanes

June 21st, 22nd Tue, Wed in Paradise at Tall Pines Lanes

June 26th, 27th Mon or Tue in Sunnyvale at Cambrian Bowling Alley

Good bowling. Tom Kirtley

SIR Activities, Dick Donald

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



Wine Tasting – Dick Donald – 513-2849

The wine tasting group continues strong. Richard and Kay Wisdom will host the May wine tasting on Sunday, May 22 at 4PM. This could work out well for those of you who would like to participate but have been unable to attend the Thursday wine tastings. If you are interested please contact me at 513-2849, or email me at dickdonald@yahoo.com . Also let me know if you would like to host a future wine tasting event.

Bocce Ball – Dick Donald – 513-2849

Eleven of the SIR Bocce Ballers had their first informal get-together on April 20. This was the first opportunity for us to try out the two new bocce ball courts at the country club. We plan to have several more informal events, and then try to organize a SIR bocce ball league. Please let me know if you would like to participate and when you are available to play.

RVing – LaVan Bock – 513-1070

Reservations have been made at the French Camp RV Resort for June 13th to Friday June 17th for our 4th semi-annual outing. The rate will be \$37.50 per night and be hosted by Ray Serafin and myself. We will have full access to the clubhouse and be parked across from it in pull-thru sites. All hookups including 50 amps and free wi-fi is included. Feel free to invite your RV friends if they are interested in membership in our SIR branch. If interested, please contact LaVan Bock at lavanb@comcast.net.

Fishing – Ray Serafin – 516-8321

Ray Serafin and Dennis Pachucki present the Second Annual SIRs Fishing Event. The entry fee is \$5. Check in at Ray's house at 2013 Seal Way at 7 AM on Tuesday, May 24th. The entry fee includes continental breakfast and lunch consisting of bratwurst, Polish sausage, beans, soda, and beer. You may fish from

boat or dock. Catch and release at weigh-in or take home your catch. There will be prizes for heaviest fish, most legal fish, and the prettiest fish as determined by Ray. Contact Ray at 516-8321 or darjserafin@comcast.net or Dennis at dpachucki@comcast.net.

Bridge Table, Lex Overzet

The April bridge game was another success. Two tables with a total of 8 players.

The winner for the game was Al Box with 4090 points, closely followed by Harry Olson with 4050 points. Congratulations to the winner!



The next game will be on May 17 at 1.00 PM. Keep that day free.

See you all! Lex Overzet

Al DiGiusto Memorial Boat Cruise

The Al DiGiusto Memorial Boat Cruise and Luncheon is July 21, 2011 (Thursday).

Lunch will be at the Boardwalk Grill here in Discovery Bay. The Boat rides will be as in the past: Members with boats will offer-up rides for those without boats. There will be more information in the June newsletter, and sign-up sheets at the June and July meetings.

Mark you calendars for this great event and tribute to Al DiGiusto (our fallen SIR who started this great event 18 years ago). If you have questions, contact Bob Damico 925-634-0465.

The Happenings

The April issue of the State SIR bulletin, *The Happenings*, was recently published online. Branch 161 contributed two articles to this issue You can access The Happenings, in addition to other features of the State SIR web site, online at any time via the links on the home page of our Branch 161 web site.

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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 by the Friday prior to the meeting 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.

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