



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 luncheon is Tuesday, July 12th.

Solstice has occurred, summer has arrived -- with a heat wave -- did we have Spring?

Membership: Our branch began 2011 with 165 members; we now have 166. This year, the branch has added 14 new members -- 3 new members were inducted in June and 3 current members resigned. Five prospective members attended the June luncheon with sponsors. Our 2011 goal is to maintain our membership and if possible grow, by attracting 17 new active members. Yes, there are gains & losses, but at least we are maintaining our membership. This is quite an accomplishment! You have done a great job in introducing your retired neighbors & friends to our SIRs Branch.

Nominating Committee: Our thanks to Eric Jensen, Lowell Thomas & Bob Harlan. They have identified and met with fellow members willing and able to serve on the 2012 SIRs Branch Executive Board (BEC). They will be elected by our membership in August. Ray Serafin, Assistant Secretary, has stepped down because of pressing business problems. Our thanks to Ray for his contributions to BEC. Jim Davis has agreed to step in as his replacement for the remainder of this year.

Activities: It's time to "jump-in" and enjoy one of our activities and friendly competition. Bowling, golf, & Dinner with the Ladies have always been



popular enjoyable activities. Bridge needs more active members. Where are the card players? Dick Donald is doing an outstanding job introducing & organizing the weekly Wednesday Bocce Ball. The monthly Wine Tasting is well attended and lots of fun. If you haven't tried these activities, give Dick a call or e-mail and join in the fun with fellow SIRs and their mates. What would we do without Dick? Refer to activity reports for details.

Annual SIR Golfing Tournament: The place: Greenhorn Creek Resort, near Angels Camp; The dates -- 09/07 & 09/08/2011. Get in touch with Will Myers. This is a great event! Mark your calendars. Refer to Will's article for details.

Attendance & Country Club: If you are not going to attend a Branch 161 meeting, please call Bill Konold by the Friday preceding the meeting.

The 2012 Board will soon be working with the DBCC staff to set the lunch menu for next year. Let the board know what you would like to have as luncheon choices and ideas on future speakers or entertainment.

Let's have fun! See you at the July 12th luncheon.

Vince Vargas

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Walt Shipilov, Little SIR

Luncheon meal: For our July meeting Chef Jeff will prepare his renowned Meat Loaf with mashed potatoes, gravy and seasonal vegetables for our entree. In addition, we have rolls, butter iced tea, coffee with cookies and brownies for dessert. Any special dietary needs need to be pre-arranged several days before the meeting.



Speaker: The speaker for our July meeting will be Ginny Karlburg, President of the Contra Costa Historical Museum. She will speak to us about some history of East Contra Costa County and their newly dedicated museum at 3890 Sellers Ave (nearest cross street is Sunset).

Museum tour: Following the meeting, SIRs and their wives or guests are welcome to visit the facility and get a personal guided tour by Ginny. This is a great opportunity to see and learn some history of our area, led by a very knowledgeable person. So plan to visit the museum after the July 12 meeting. It should be very interesting.

June recap: Our speaker at the June meeting was Mike Beaman who shared some interesting information about the availability of State funds to pay for long term care, and some options that seniors have for our later years.



Free Lunch winners: Winners of the free lunch drawing were Dick Jamison and Bob Rutherford.

Al DiGiusto Memorial Boat Cruise Lunch

The 18th Al DiGiusto Memorial Boat Cruise and Luncheon is Thursday, July 21, 2011 at the Boardwalk Grill here in Discovery Bay.



Menu Choices:

Chicken wrap served with a side of fresh fruit, Chicken Caesar salad (comes with garlic bread), Tri-tip Sandwich served with French Fries, or Fish & Chips. Non-alcoholic beverage, dessert, tax and tip included for \$15.00 per person.

House wine discounted to \$4.50 glass, and draft beer \$1.00 off (\$2.25 domestic, \$3.75 premium 16 oz. size).

Agenda:

Meet at the boardwalk by 11:30 (by car or boat). Lunch served at noon. After lunch we'll load up and cruise the Bays - enjoy a smooth (not bumpy), slow ride with no "messed up hair" ladies!! Or Option #2: For those that want to go out on the river for a faster ride, "Go for it!!" Sign up with and meet your Boat Captain at his house and Cruise to the Boardwalk. Or walk, or drive your car to the Boardwalk - we'll have boats and boat captains there to give you a ride after lunch.

Sign Up deadline is July 14, 2011.

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

Your Name(s): _____ Phone #: _____

Your Menu Choices:

Chicken Wrap _____ Chicken Caesar Salad _____

Tri Tip Sandwich _____ Fish & Chips _____

(Make Check out to / Mail to: R.C. Damico 141 Discovery Bay Blvd. Discovery Bay, CA 94505)

Check one:

___ Need a Boat Ride. ___ Have Boat Ride and will be riding with _____.

___ Have Boat and need passengers (have room for ___)

Membership, Len Fadda

Sponsor a new member

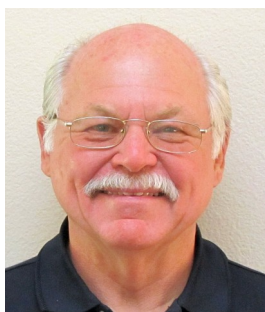
Branch members wishing to sponsor a new member should invite the prospect to a regular luncheon meeting as a guest.

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.

The Board approved three new members in June; Two were inducted at the June meeting.

Carl Carlson lives in Discovery Bay with his wife Connie. He worked as a Space Systems Engineer for Loral. Carl retired in January 2003. His hobbies and interests are car racing, boating and travel.



Al Ruiz and his wife Carol live in Discovery Bay. He retired from Safeway Stores as an Executive in the corporate office. His principle interests are fishing, boating and golf.



Colin Brodie lives in Discovery Bay with his wife Ethel. He was self-employed in Sales. His interests are golf, travel, water skiing, antique cars and Corvettes.

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

Bridge Table, Lex Overzet

Once again we had to cancel the bridge game. We even tried a 4-man game, but that didn’t work.

I’ll contact all bridge players in the next week and discuss if we should end the SIR bridge games. I’m willing to keep it going, but the players don’t seem interested in continuing the games.

The late Hal Adams started our bridge game, and I feel that we should not let him down by canceling the games.

Stay healthy,

Lex



Golf News, Dale Welin

We are returning to Callippe Golf Course for our July golf tournament. The date is Tuesday, July 19. The cost is \$53 for golf, cart and prizes. Start time is 9:00 am off the first tee. Please notify Dale Welin of your interest and we will sign you up. Then send a check to Dale at 2867 Cherry Hills Drive, Discovery Bay, CA 94505. We all enjoyed this course a couple years ago and we look forward to a return with a good field of players.



The results for the June tournament are below. 21 players participated, as we had 2 conflicts of other outings out of the area. It was hot, but we did get done in 4 hours and 20 minutes, which meant the pace was good. Thank you for getting around the course on time.

1st place - 124 – Kile, Momaney, Konold, Bruton
 2nd place – 125 – Zwemer, Macbride, Woods
 3rd place – 126 – Mahlberg, Disney, Pachucki, Denis

Closest to the pin winners were Zwemer and Denis. Several players had net scores in the 60's and we want to note that as follows: 63 – Macbride, 67 – Pacheco, 68 – Pachucki, Welin, and 69 – Momaney. Congratulations on your good rounds.

See you in July.

Dale Welin

July Birthday Boys

Members celebrating their birthdays in July are:

Robert Anderson, Harlan Averitt, Murray Cole, Bill Cook, Gerald Dittman, Lee Doty, Remy Giannini, Dick Jamison, Tom Jones, Tom Kirtley, Mar Kittel, Lowell Onstad, Robert Rhiner, Dan Riordan, Bob Rutherford, Ray Serifin, Rick Synder, Dean Wood, Ernie Woodiske, and Patrick Woods.

Annual SIR golfing tournament

Sign-ups for our annual SIR Golfing Tournament at the Greenhorn Creek Resort, Angels Camp, on Wednesday & Thursday, September 7 & 8, 2011, are proceeding, but we will need your commitment by the August SIR meeting (8/9/11) if you intend to participate.

The golfing package consists of two days of golf on the beautiful Greenhorn Creek golf course and housing at the adjacent WorldMark time share villas. The golfing format for both days will be two best-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. SIR members have the option of staying at the villas for one night or two nights. Another option is to either seek your own source of dinner on Wednesday night, or to do what most have done in past years is to share hors d'oeuvres brought by participants in the event.

Each day after golfing, hors d'oeuvres of nachos, calamari, Buffalo wings, and batter fried asparagus will be provided by the Greenhorn Creek staff on the patio overlooking the 18th green.

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 plenty of entertainment, restaurants and shopping for both golfers and non-golfers.

The total cost per golfer (which includes golfing, awards dinners, two-days of hors d'oeuvres, housing, and golf prize money) is \$213.85 for those staying one night, while it is \$250.85 for those staying two nights. The total cost per person for the non-golfers (which includes awards dinner, two-days of hors d'oeuvres, and two nights of housing) is \$115.85. Past participants of this event will note that the total prices are less than they were two years ago.

A sign-up sheet will be at our July SIR Branch 161 meeting. 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. Sign up and come join us for two days of fun at this scenic location. If you have any questions, see or call Will Myers at 925-516-9448.

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

The wine tasting activity continues to be very popular. Will and Raquel Myers will host the July wine tasting. It will be on Thursday, July 21 at 5 PM (note the different time). If you are interested in attending, or if you would like to host a future wine tasting event, please call me, or email me at DickDonald@Yahoo.com .

Bocce Ball– Dick Donald – 513-2849

The informal bocce ball get-togethers have been going well. We will continue these informal learn-by-playing events for another month or so. The informal vote on which day to play that I asked for last month resulted in a majority of those replying preferring that we remain playing on Wednesdays. So we will continue on Wednesdays through July. Please call me, or email me at DickDonald@Yahoo.com if you are interested in playing.

Pickleball - Bob Lyman – 513-1939

Drop-in play is Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday 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 needed. If you have any interests come out and watch and we'll show you what it is all about. Check out the web site <http://www.usapa.org/> for more information about Pickleball. The site notes our Discovery Bay playtime under places to play.

Poker – Dick Donald – 513-2849

There has been no SIR poker game the last few months due to a lack of enough players for a game. Right now we have five players interested in playing every month, but we need at least two more players who would like to be regular players. If you are interested in being a regular player or a substitute for a once monthly quarter-limit game playing on Thursday evening, please contact me at dickdonald@yahoo.com

Bowling News, Tom Kirtley

At the State SIR Bowling held on May 17th, 18th and 19th we had several people who bowled really well, here are the people who finished in the money. Curtis Manning 10th Division 1 All Events, Jerry Marshall 12th division 1 All Events, Don Patterson 6th Division 1 Doubles, Ron Wilson 6th Division 1 Doubles, Jack Disney 4th Division 2 Doubles, Ed Gallagher 4th Division 2 Doubles and 1st in Division 2 All Events. Good Bowling everyone.



There is still time to get signed up for the Annual Tournament held at the National Bowling Stadium in Reno. This is a singles, Doubles and Team Event held on August 22nd, 23rd and 24th. So if you're a Single Bowler or a Pair of Bowlers who need a team let Tom Kirtley know at 240-8071 or at Harvest Park Bowl Monday morning and I will get you set up with a Doubles Partner and a team.

UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

July 18th & 19th Mon or Tue in Yuba City at Nu Generation Bowl

Aug 1st & 2nd Mon or Tue in Napa 2 Napa Bowl

Aug 22nd 23rd & 24th Mon, Tue and Wed in Reno at Bowling Stadium

GOOD LUCK AND GOOD BOWLING

Tom Kirtley

2011 Meetings Calendar

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| 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 |

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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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