



# 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

## Walt Shipilov, Big SIR

### Next luncheon meeting

Our next Luncheon meeting will be on Tuesday, September 11, 2012. This is the second Tuesday in September. If you will not attend make sure that you contact our Attendance Chairman, Bill Konold at 634-2738 or bkonold@comcast.net.



If you miss the meeting and do not let us know in advance you may be charged for the meal, since we have to guarantee seating to the Country Club.

### Branch Elections for 2013

At our August Luncheon we elected the Nominating Committee's recommended slate of Branch Officers for 2013 by acclamation. Our 2013 Officers will be:

#### 2013 Branch 161 Officers

**Big SIR** – Frank Smith  
**Little SIR** – Floyd McBeth  
**Secretary** – Jim Davis  
**Treasurer** – Tony Pacheco  
**Assistant Treasurer** – Mike Reich  
**Assistant Secretary** – Remy Giannini  
**Director** – Bob Damico  
**Director** – Paul Elmer  
**Director** – Tom Kirtley  
**Director** – Lowell Onstad  
**Director** – Dale Welin  
**Director** – Mike White

### August Luncheon Speaker

Last month we had Andy Bayramian from the Lawrence Livermore National Ignition Facility tell us about the development of nuclear fusion based power production. WOW. Based on the questions asked, I'd say we have quite a lot of ex-scientists in the Branch. It was very informative and way over my head. How is liquid lithium used? I think most walked away learning more about commercial fusion technology than when they started that day.

### Attendance

Attendance at the Luncheon meetings is important to us as a group. It is where we renew relationships, exchange stories about our recent experiences and plan for new events to participate in. So it is important to us that you participate in our monthly Luncheons. The Board has recently revised our Luncheon attendance policy; In summary, you expected to attend 5 Luncheon meetings per year to be a member in good standing. If you are an active member and miss more than 3 meetings in a row or more than

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### **Big SIR Report, continued from page 1.**

5 meetings in a year you may be dropped from membership by the Branch Board. If you will not be available to attend for a long time due to travel, illness or being a care giver you can request be placed on inactive status for six months by the Branch Board. Just let us know.

### **Membership**

Our Branch 161 membership continues to stand at 178 with 6 inactive members. Last month we had a member leave the area and another go inactive. We had two new members accepted by the Board and inducted.

### **Activities**

Our Branch activities remain strong and well attended. Continue to participate. For you daring SIRs try something new or try it again, you might like it this time. We will be having Golf, Bowling, Pickle Ball, Bridge, Wine Tasting, Bocce Ball and Dinner-with-The-Ladies events in September. And don't forget the October Greenhorn golf excursion. GO GET'EM SIRs.

### **Big Picture**

The State organization elected new Officers in August for 2013. Check out [www.sirinc.org](http://www.sirinc.org) to see what is "happening" statewide. While you are browsing the

#### **September Birthday Boys**

*The following Branch 161 members celebrate their birthday in September:*

*Wayne Berry, Al Ciaramella, Ed Fitzpatrick,  
John Fry, Larry Green, John Jewell,  
Ed Konieczny, Tom Kenny,  
Dick Macdonald, Don Roth, Tom State,  
Brad Vinson, Bruce Watkins.*

#### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY Boys!!!!.**

*If your name is missing or not correct let Big SIR, Walter Shipilov at 634-3246, know so our records are corrected.*

Internet, visit our own outstanding Branch website at [www.sir161.org](http://www.sir161.org) for more Branch information and pictures.

### **Newsletter**

Continue to share the Branch 161 Newsletter with your wife or significant other and make sure that she shares the Newsletter with you, the actual Branch member, if that's the way it works in your household. Then share it with others, it is a great ice breaker to invite guests to our luncheons.

**Remember** - get out there and participate in our Branch activities or create a new one for others to join you in doing. Just get out there and do SOMETHING.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our next Luncheon Meeting on September 11th, the second Tuesday in September.

Walter

### **2012 Branch 161 Meetings Calendar**

01/10/2012	07/10/2012
02/14/2012	08/14/2012
03/13/2012	09/11/2012
04/10/2012	10/9/2012
05/08/2012 (note 1)	11/13/2012
06/12/2012	12/11/2012 (note 1)

**Note 1:** Mother's Day and Christmas With The Ladies are not 'required' Branch luncheon meetings.

### **Errata.**

The list of nominees for 2013 Officers in the August newsletter incorrectly showed Remy Giannini and Mike Reich interchanged.

## Frank Smith, Little SIR

### August Recap

For the August meeting we were served Salisbury Steak with mashed potatoes and veggies. In addition we had the usual rolls, butter, iced tea, coffee with cookies and brownies.



The speaker was Dr. Andy Bayramian from Lawrence Livermore Labs assigned to the Laser Inertial Fusion Energy team. They have been working on using laser beams to create electricity. His talk was very informative and kept most attendees very interested. He presented a very complex process in a way that it ALMOST seemed simple. His presentation was cut a little short due to many questions and his effort to answer them as simply as he could. In my opinion, one of the best speakers this year.

### Free lunch winners

This month the lucky winners were Joe Kile and Earl Cole, two more lucky SIRs.

### September speaker

This month our speaker will be Lt. Tony Fontenot from the Contra Costa Sheriff's Department. As he has a lot of information to share, we are working on shortening it down so I do not have specific subject at this time.

### SEPTEMBER LUNCHEON MEAL

For the September meeting we will have the following meal. Chicken Parmesan w/Pasta Alfredo and Vegetables. All of this complemented with rolls, coffee, tea and the tasty mix of brownies and cookies.

**Please note:** Any special dietary needs need to be pre-arranged several days before the meeting; Contact Bill Konold.

At this meeting, September 11, let us all remember this day of infamy and those who lost their lives or were injured. Plus, we must remember our armed forces for what they have done for the last decade.

## Golf News, Dale Welin

Our August golf tournament was held at Shadow Lakes, Brentwood and 27 of our golf members played. We had a shotgun start and enjoyed a well conditioned golf course. The format for the day was the best net ball of the A-B players added to the best net net ball of the C-D payers. The results for the day are:



1st place - 120 - Welin, Disney, Konold and Fanucchi (note: the C-D team played well with a net score of 52 and the A-B team was 16 shots higher with a 68).

2nd place - 124 - Carr, Goodwin, Macdonald, Neubauer (welcome back Ray).

3rd place - 125 - Giannini, Ramos, Konieczny, Brodie.

Closest to the pin winners were Jewel and Wilson.

As we try and do each month, there were 5 players who netted in the 60's, and they were Konold - 63, Carr - 64, Ramos, Brodie, Zwemer - 69. Nice games!

Our tournament for September will be at Lone Tree GC in Antioch:

**When:** Tuesday, Sept. 25, 2012

**Where:** Lone Tree GC, Antioch.

**Time:** 8:00 am shotgun start

**Cost:** \$43.00 for golf, cart, and prizes

**Format:** To be announced

As usual, please let Dale know of your intention to play by e-mail or phone. Then send a check payable to Dale Welin, 2867 Cherry Hills Drive, Discovery Bay, CA 94505. This the last tournament before the Club Championship tournament in October.

See you then.

Dale Welin

## Membership, Tom Kirtley

### 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 Tom Kirtley. Have the guest complete the form, and return it to Tom. 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.

### SIR Membership Requirements

Membership in **Sons In Retirement** is open to men retired from full time occupation, regardless of age, race, color or religion. See the last page of this newsletter for more information.

Two new members were inducted at our August Branch 161 meeting.

### John Howard

John retired in 2010 from a management position at IBM. He moved to Discovery Bay 3 years ago. His hobbies include electronics, computers and geocaching. John and his wife Barbara have 2 grandchildren.



John's sponsor was Bob Rhiner.

### Rick Crago

Rick retired in 2010 as an actuary at Great American Life Insurance. He moved to Discovery Bay from Cincinnati, OH in 2011. His hobbies include golf, bowling, running, and solving crossword puzzles. Rick is single, and has 9 nieces and nephews.



Rick's's sponsor was Walt Shipilov.

### From your newsletter team

This publication is produced and published through a team effort by:

**Editor:** Tom Jones

**email distribution:** LaVan Bock

**Paper copies and mailing:** Bill Konold

If we can improve this publication, please let any one of the team know.

### Photographs needed

Photos add interest to our newsletter and web site. Last month was a good example, with photos from several Branch 161 activities.

Activities Leaders are encouraged to snap photos during their events and submit them to Tom Jones for inclusion in our publications.

## Bowling News, Paul Elmer

Two events occurred the week of August 19th to the 24th. The first one being that TEAM 8 led by Warren Young, Connie Ryan, Doris Cole and Eric Jensen won the summer season of SIRs Monday morning bowling by trashing the Disco Boys led by Elwood Davis, Jim Davis, and Russ Reid during the season ending position round by winning all four games.



Sweet Sixteen also won all four games in defeating Team 12 and finishing 1 ½ games back in 2nd place. Well done!! The featured bowler(s) of the month have to be the members of team eight. Let's start with Warren Young, who started bowling in SIRs 2000-2001 with an average of 172. He had a high average of 185 in both 2001 and 2003 and ended this year with 182. Warren had 11 strikes in a row with a 298 game this year.

Connie Ryan started bowling with SIRs also in 2001 with an average of 135 and continued averaging in the 130's until this year when she finished with a 125 average.

Doris Cole started bowling with SIRs in 2001 with a 145 average and had a high of 155 in 2004. She finished this year with 149.

Eric Jensen started bowling with SIRs in 2000 with a 176 average and had a high of 191 in 2002. He has consistently averaged in the 180 plus range from there on, with 185 in 2012.

The summer session ended with Bob Rhiner taking scratch series with 719, scratch game going to Warren Young with 298, handicap series going to Al Winston with 770, and handicap game of 296 to Vic Vasquez. For the women, scratch series went to Marie Wilson with 639, scratch game to Mary Branscum with 238, handicap series had Anne Wangeman with 763, and Margee Arroyo had handicap game of 290.

The second item was the tournament in Reno, held at the Stadium where we had 26 of our people representing Branch 161 and Branch 108. The results have not been posted yet, and some of our people had some very good games but couldn't put a really good

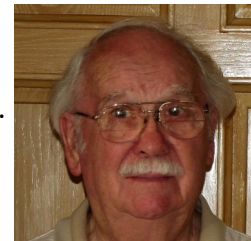
series together. Some will place for cash but I don't think in the top 10. From what I could tell, most everyone enjoyed the Reno life and times.

There are two upcoming tournaments in September. The first one is at Cloverleaf Bowl in Fremont on Sept. 9th and 10th, and South Lake Tahoe on the 21st and 22nd. I have entry forms for both.

Paul

## Bridge - Harry Ohlson

The next Bridge session will be on Tuesday, Sept. 18th at 12:30. People wanting to play call Harry Ohlson at 513-3048.



Harry

## SIR Travel Opportunities Reminder

For those of you interested in traveling, there are various bargain-priced trips available to SIRs through local travel agencies and other SIR branches.



Look for the TRAVEL binder located on the entrance table at each monthly meeting. There are many travel opportunities. For more info. contact Bob Damico at:

634-0465 or [deltacrzer@comcast.net](mailto:deltacrzer@comcast.net)



## SIR Branch 161 on the web

[www.sir161.org](http://www.sir161.org)

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

The latest issue of **SIR Happenings** can be downloaded via a link on our web site.

## 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

Nine couples enjoyed the August wine tasting, sampling different types of rose wines as this month's theme. Dan and Louise Riordan will host the wine tasting next month. If you are interested in attending or hosting please contact Dick Donald at 513-2849, or email DickDonald@Yahoo.com.

### Bocce Ball– Dick Donald – 513-2849

Play is Wednesday afternoons at 4 PM. If you would like to play just show up at the bocce ball courts at the Discovery Bay Country Club and we will put together teams on the spot.

### Pickleball - Bob Lyman – 628-7906

The pickleball group is still looking to get more of you SIRs out to play. The social aspect of this game is one its greatest aspects. Current play is now Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 8:00am and Wednesday at 5:00pm. So come join in the fun for a little exercise and competition. We play at the public tennis courts on Willow Lake Road. Just bring yourself; we have everything else needed.

## Dinner With The Ladies, Micheal White

**When:** 25 September 2012.

**Where:** Grazie! Grill, 2505 Sand Creek Road, Brentwood, CA.

**Time:** Dinner served at 6:00pm.

**Price:** \$22.50 per person (includes tax and tip).

**Menu Choices:** Include your choice of a Dinner salad or a Caesar salad, non alcoholic drink (ice tea/ coffee and water).

Chicken Parmesan/with pasta, Ravioli Rosa, Cedar Plank Salmon/Roasted Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables, and Lasagna(Indicate your choice below).

**Deadline:** Need your RSVP no later than 18 September 2012. There will be envelopes at our next meeting. Make your checks out to M. E. White and mail to 2146 Sand Point Road, Discovery Bay, CA 94505. Phone: 634-0415.



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

Name(s):

Phone:

Chicken Parmesan \_\_\_\_\_

Ravioli Rosa \_\_\_\_\_

Cedar Plank Salmon \_\_\_\_\_

Lasagna \_\_\_\_\_

Your Choice of: Salad-Caesar \_\_\_\_\_

House Salad \_\_\_\_\_

### HAPPY HOUR FOR DRINKS BEGINNING AT 5PM.

Dinner With The Ladies, September 25, 2012 at Grazie! Grill, 2505 Sand Creek Road, Brentwood, CA.

## 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 *(Revised July, 2012)*

Luncheon meetings are normally held on the second Tuesday of the month at the Discovery Bay Country Club, 1475 Club House Drive. (There are exceptions to when we need to hold our meetings on a different Tuesday, so please check the Meetings Calendar elsewhere in this issue).

Social hour is at 11.00am and lunch at noon. All members are expected to attend Luncheon meetings unless prevented by illness, absence from the Branch locale, or acting as a caregiver to a spouse or companion. If you cannot attend, you are required to notify the Attendance Chairman by the Friday prior to the luncheon meeting or you may be charged for the luncheon.

Regular members missing three consecutive meetings without notifying the Attendance Chairman, or missing more than five (5) meetings within the last 12 months for any reason, shall be notified by letter or email of the Branch Executive Committee's pending action to terminate their membership.

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.

### Reminders

**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.

**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.

#### **If you're unable to attend a meeting**

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 or email: [bkonold@comcast.net](mailto:bkonold@comcast.net)