



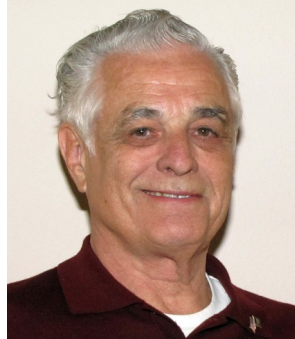
SIR BRANCH 161 NEWS

Celebrating our 25th year! July, 2016

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

Micheal White, Big Sir

My year as Big Sir is half way through. It has been one large privilege to serve as your Big Sir. The support from the Board and many others has been wonderful and most helpful.



I know you know that we now have a new activity to participate in; Beer tasting. This is open to the ladies also. Contact Eric Jensen to become a part of this great new activity.

Nominees for 2017

This year's nominating committee is chaired by Sir Dick Donald and supported by Sirs Bob Damico and Tony Guarascio. They have spent a great amount of time in developing next year's candidates for your leadership. I thank them for their hard work and due diligence in providing us with a list of candidates for our Branch to consider and vote on at our August Luncheon.

The candidates for next year are:

Big Sir: Len Fadda (2016 Little Sir)

Little Sir: Larry Mensch (Secretary 2016)

Secretary: Pete Prather (Assistant Secretary 2016)

Asst. Secretary: Mitch Wisinski (Travel 2016)

Treasurer: Bill Momaney (Incumbent)

Asst. Treasurer: Jerry Wiebe

Director: Lowell Onstad

Director: Bob Damico

Director: Paul Elmer

Director: Tom Kirtley

Director: Alan Jarvie

Director: Dale Welin

July luncheon

Bring a guest to the luncheon and receive a free bottle of wine as a thank you for bringing someone new to meet the great members that are part of SIR. I look forward to seeing each and every one of you.

Al DiGiusto Boat Cruise and Lunch - July 21, 2016

Again this year we will honor the memory of our friend and Sir Al Digiusto and enjoy a boat cruise and lunch. If you can, please come.

Your Big Sir,
Micheal White

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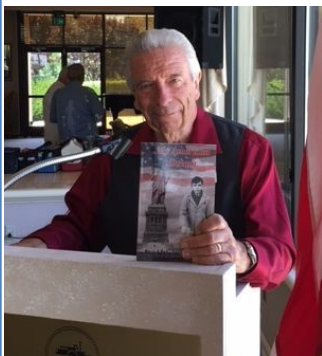
Len Fadda, Little Sir

June Free Lunch Winners

Firoz Bharwani
Joey Brignolio

June Speaker

Our June speaker was our own Sir Al Sauvadon. Sir Al has written a book "*My American Dream*". An immigrant from France, Al recounts the migration of his family into the United States with the story of his father, a member of the French Underground, and his heroic efforts to get WWII American soldiers out of Southern France when it was Nazi occupied. A promise from a US Soldier to reunite the



French family with the U.S. was fulfilled and the "Dream" began. Al's presentation was brilliant and "spoken from the heart."

July speaker

Our July Speaker will be Mike Carmichael, a Corrections Officer at San Quentin and Folsom State Prisons.

July luncheon menu

Chicken Marsala, Wild Rice & Green Beans Almadine/with Bread & butter, Coffee and Iced Tea. Dessert will be Cookies and Brownies.

Please note: If you have any special dietary needs, please email or call Bill Konold bkonold@comcast.net or tel. 634-2738 by Friday before the meeting to arrange this.

July Birthday Boys—see page 4.

Golf News, Dale Welin

We had our largest field of the year for the event at Poppy Ridge GC. It was warm, a tough golf course for all of us. With the 3 threesomes and 3 foursomes, we rearranged the payout schedule. **EVERYONE WON SOMETHING!** The format was 2 best net balls of the groups.

The CTP winners were: Shipilov and Zierau on hole #8 of the Merlot course.

For the foursomes, the 1st place winners were - 128 - Welin, Zierau, Ramos & Rentzel
2nd place winners were- 139 Onstad, Konieczny, Kirtley & Vargas
3rd place winners were - 141 - Watkins, Fry, Emerson & Comeau

For the threesomes:

The 1st place winners were - 127 - Shipilov, Fanucchi & Macdonald
2nd place winners were - 133 - Konold, Avila & Disney



3rd place winners were - 139 - Mensch, Jenkins & Jewell

So there you have it, all 21 players cashed in this month. We will post your scores. Thank you for playing and see you next month at Deer Ridge.

The July SIR golf tournament will be at Deer Ridge CC in Brentwood. The entry info is below.

When: Tuesday, July 19, 2016

Where: Deer Ridge GC, Brentwood

Time: 8:00 am reverse shotgun start

Cost: \$41.00 for golf, cart and prize money

Format: To be announced

Entry cutoff date is Tuesday, July 12 at the monthly luncheon.

Please email or call Dale to get your name on the player list. Then send or give me your check on/ before the cutoff date of July 12. If you have any questions, please call Dale at 516-9463.

Dale Welin

SIR Activities, Dick Donald

We're always looking for new activities among SIR. If you have a suggestion for an activity not currently supported, let us know and we'll see if we can get a group going. You can contact me at 513-2849 or email DickDonald@Yahoo.com.



Following are some ongoing SIR activities, including details on current plans.

Wine Tasting, Dick Donald, 513-2849

Alan and Pam Jarvie will be hosting the next wine tasting on Thursday July 28th. If you are interested in attending this very popular activity please contact Dick Donald by June 10th at the number above, or email DickDonald@Yahoo.com

Beer Tasting, Eric Jensen, 240-0543

The first Professional Beer Tasting event was held right after our last meeting.

It was a very successful, enjoyable gathering held in the relaxing Piano Bar of the Country Club. Six beers were tasted, with first place going to "Fat Tire", a distance back in second was Miller MGD. Tasting went smoothly and beer grading was often a topic. The only change for the next Professional Tasting will be

that the beer labels will be covered to give us a blind taste testing.

Thanks to the Country Club for giving us a great place to hold our event.

If anyone would like to be added to the group, please call Eric at the number above.

Pickleball, Bob Lyman, 628-7906

"If you are looking for more fun – come try pickleball"

Come join us and have loads of fun playing pickleball. Pickleball is a cross between tennis and ping pong, played with paddles on a court very similar to a tennis court. We have drop in play at Cornell Park on the Discovery Bay public pickleball courts at 505 Discovery Bay Blvd. Play is on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday mornings at 8:00 a.m., and on Wednesday afternoon at 4:00 p.m.

Beginners are always welcome, and an experienced player is designated on Saturdays to work with the new players. Just show up and we'll teach you the game on any of our play days.

Photography

The photography group is currently on hiatus. To join our group, call Tom Jones at 634-7026. No special knowledge or equipment needed.

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.

No new members were inducted at our June 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.

2016 Branch 161 Meetings Calendar

01/12/2016	07/12/2016
02/9/2016	08/9/2016
03/8/2016	09/13/2016
04/12/2016	10/11/2016
05/10/2016 (note 1)	11/8/2016
06/14/2016	12/13/2016 (note 1)
Note 1: Not 'required' Branch luncheon meetings.	

SIR Travel Opportunities, Mitch Wisinski

Various bargain-priced trips are available to SIR members through local travel agencies and other SIR branches. Look for the TRAVEL binder located on the entrance table at each monthly meeting. For more information contact Mitch Wisinski at: (408) 515-7655.



Bowling News, Paul Elmer

After one week off due to the senior pro bowlers competing at Harvest Park Bowl where Noel Vasques of Sacramento defeated Pete Weber for the PBA Senior title and \$8000 first place. Some of the greatest bowlers in the world were there including Walter Ray Williams, Parker Bohn III, Amleto Monacelli, John Petraglia, and Mike Scroggins. It was very interesting watching each professional's style in bowling. There were 111 entries and 111 different bowling styles. Keep in mind that the winner (depending where he placed in the top 32 bowlers after 16 games) could conceivably bowl 31 games of competition in three days. Needless to say it takes great physical conditioning to do this. It was very interesting to be able to keep score for these pros and talk with them concerning bowling and gaining some very valuable suggestions.

For the SIR League we completed week 5 of 14 with the Sharpshooters (Tom State Sr, Barb Slifer, and



Glenn McBride) still in first place but by only 1/2 game over Team 2 (Beth Edwards, Harris Edwards, Tom Kirtley, Hoyt Huggins).

There are two other teams only 2 games back. Anything can happen!

High scores are for the men: Scratch Series - Jerry Marshall 669, Scratch Game - Eric Jensen 247, Handicap Series - Don Rentzel 718, Handicap Game - Art Lopez 260. For the Ladies Mary Branscum has Scratch Series - 559, Dottie Harris has Scratch Game - 216, Val Heck has Handicap Series -712, and Pam Jarvie Handicap Game - 261.

The tournament at Pinole had limited entries but Curtis Manning came in 1st in "A" Division Singles and 3rd in Scratch Singles. Nice!!

Don't forget the big tournament in Reno on August 15th - 17th is rapidly approaching so if you plan to compete see John Fry or Jerry Marshall for entry forms.

Paul

July birthdays

Harlan Averitt, Murray Cole, Daniel Cruz, Jerry Dittman, David Holmes, Dick Jamison, Tom Jones, Tom Kirtley, Mar Knittel, Lowell Onstad, Gino Pagano, Dan Riordan and Al Ruiz

Hot August SIR Classics

Following the annual tradition, Branch 161 members will be displaying their classic cars at the August luncheon. For more details, contact Eric Jensen or Bill Konold.

The 23rd Annual Al DiGiusto Boat Cruise and Luncheon - July 21, 2016, Bob Damico

In 1993, 23 years ago, AL DiGiusto conceived the idea to plan a SIR event that would introduce some of the non-boating members and their wives to the world of boating in the Delta. The Sirs with boats invited members and their wives to ride with them on a cruise to one of many Delta waterfront restaurants for lunch. Al coordinated this successful event till his passing in 2005. The event continues in his honor.



This year's boat cruise and luncheon will be held Thursday July 21, 2016, and starts at the Boardwalk Grill in Discovery Bay. There will be sign up sheets at the July meeting.

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 and Chips.

Non-alcoholic beverage, dessert, tax and tip included for \$15.00 per person. Also 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 Grill by 11:30 a.m. (by car or boat). Lunch will be served at noon. After Lunch we'll load-up and cruise the bays. Or for those interested, talk to your Boat Captain, and go out on the river for a faster ride. Sign-up 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 / Boat Captains there to give you a ride after lunch. **Sign-up deadline is July 14, 2016.**

-----Detach & return this stub with payment-----

Your Names: _____ Phone Number _____

Your Menu choices:

Chicken Wrap _____ Chicken Caesar Salad _____

Tri Tip Sandwich _____ Fish & Chips _____

Make check out to / Mail to: R.C. Damico, 1621 Gamay Ln. Brentwood, CA 94513

CHECK ONE

____ Need a Boat Ride ____ Have a Boat Ride-Riding with: _____

____ Have Boat and need passengers (have room for _____)

____ Lunch only, not interested in Boat ride

Annual Discovery Bay SIR Golfing Tournament, Will Myers

The sign-up for our 9th Annual Discovery Bay Sir Golfing Tournament for members and their mates at the Greenhorn Creek Resort at nearby Angels Camp, scheduled this year for



Wednesday, September 28 and Thursday, September 29, 2016, has now begun. Please note that this is the only Sir golfing event which involves your wife or significant other, regardless if they play golf or not.

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.

These first-class housing villas are four person (two bedrooms, two baths) units providing access to the facilities spas and pools, tennis courts, pool tables, exercise rooms and other amenities . Sir members have the option of staying at the villas for one night or two nights. The villas have a full kitchen, where members can prepare their own meals, if they so choose. What has been done in the past years is for most everyone to meet and have dinner at the excellent Greenhorn Creek Resort restaurant on both evenings.

The nearby towns of Angels Camp and Murphy provide plenty of entertainment, restaurants, and shopping for the non-golfers to spend time while golfers play. Each day after golfing, hors d'oeuvres will be provided to all by the Greenhorn Creek restaurant staff .

The total cost per golfer (which includes two days of golf, two-days of hors d'oeuvres, housing, and golf prize money) is \$192.50 for those staying one night in the villa, while it is \$245.00 for those staying two nights. The total cost per person for the non-golfers (which includes two-days of hors d'oeuvres, and housing) is \$70.50 for those staying one night, while

it is \$123.00 for those staying two nights.

A sign-up sheet will be in the Discovery Bay CC lobby at our monthly SIR meetings through September. 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 now and come join us for two days of fun at this beautiful, local resort. If you have any questions, see or call event coordinator, Will Myers at 925-516-9448.

Will

Editor's note

A big thanks to Norm Petersen for taking photographs at the June luncheon.

Membership Requirements & Principles

Membership is open to men retired from full time occupation, regardless of age, race, color or religion. Member volunteers and staff administer and govern all branch activities. Nominal annual dues 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 is 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 (not counting May and December), will have their membership reviewed by the Branch Executive Committee (BEC), and may receive a notice from the BEC of their decision to consider terminating the absent Sir's 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

Annual dues Annual dues defray the administrative costs of running our organization. For those who have yet to pay their dues, be sure to bring \$20 cash or check (made out to SIR Branch 161) to the next meeting. Or you can mail it to our Treasurer, Bill Momaney.

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 email Bill Konold by the Friday preceding the meeting if you don't plan to attend.

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