



SIR BRANCH 161 NEWS

Celebrating our 27th year! *July, 2018*

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

Larry Mensch, Big Sir

Our next Luncheon is Tuesday July 10th. It is still very important to contact Bill Konold if you will not be attending the Luncheon.

The State SIR leadership is very concerned over the loss of membership at many of its Branches. They are looking to make changes in that regard.

Our Branch has maintained a good membership count. Bringing guests, and having activities they can participate in, seems to be the best way for our branch to increase our membership.

I am still looking to add one more activity this year that our members can participate in. I had one suggestion that we have a monthly movie day. I will be looking into that suggestion.

Larry



Little Sir, Alan Jarvie

July speaker

Jeff Fitch and Albert Rodriguez, with the U.S. Postal Inspector Service, will join us for our July 10th luncheon.



July luncheon menu

Meatloaf with Yukon mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans almondine, Breadsticks & Butter, Coffee & Tea, and Cookies & Brownies for dessert.

Please note: If you have any special dietary needs, please contact Bill Konold by the Friday before the meeting.

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July birthdays

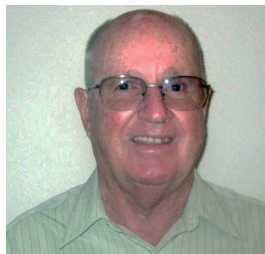
Harlan Averitt, Bob Bradley, Murray Cole,
Jerry Dittman, Dick Jamison, Tom Jones,
Tom Kirtley, Mar Knittel, Lowell Onstad,
Gino Pagano, Dan Riordan

Next luncheon meeting: July 10, 2018

Membership, Will Myers

To continue enjoying the activities and camaraderie of our fellow SIR Branch members, it is essential that we continue to bring in new members to counter the loss due to various reasons. Only through aggressive recruiting by members can our membership maintain an acceptable level. Many SIR Branches have ceased to exist due to the lack of a sufficient number of new members to replace those lost. Invite fellow golfing, bowling, fishing, boating or similar activity friends, neighbors, church and other social association members or sport car enthusiasts. A larger membership assures the continued existence of such activities as golf and bowling, as well as the start of new ones. More activities attract more men to join and participate.

A member who brings in a guest will receive a bottle of wine. If the guest decides to become a member, his sponsor will be rewarded with a free lunch certificate. The member who sponsors the most new members for the year will receive an additional free



lunch certificate.

Branch members wishing to sponsor a new member should invite the prospect to a regular luncheon meeting as his guest. The guest will receive a package containing a welcoming letter from our Big Sir, a Membership Application Form and a copy of our Branch Newsletter. If the guest decides to become a SIR member, he should complete the Membership Application and send it to Membership Chairman, Will Myers (see top of Membership Application for mailing address). The prospective member and his sponsor will be asked to attend the next regular luncheon. The Branch Executive Board will vote on the membership and, if approved, the new member will be inducted prior to that luncheon.

One new member was inducted at our June luncheon meeting. Photo and bio on page 4.

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.

Bowling News, Paul Elmer

After 4 weeks of the summer season of the Monday Morning SIR Bowling League, In The Hunt (Karen Capra, Dennis Pachucki, Drew Hanson, Bill Konold) have squeaked their way into first place by one game over two teams tied for second place. They are: Russ and Us (Paul Elmer, Rosie Elmer, Marie Wilson, Russ Reid) and Bottoms Up (Glenn MacBride, Pam Jarvie, Jan Finch, Gary Leonis). Three other teams are within 2 to 3 games back. What this means at this point is that 6 of the 10 teams are being very competitive, and yes, anything can and will happen during this summer season.



Season high scores so far are:

For the men; Scratch Series, Mitch Wisinski; 652, Scratch Game; Art Lopez; 252.

For the women, Scratch Series; Jan Finch; 553, Scratch Game; Mary Branscum; 221. There were no handicap scores listed yet.

There has been only moderate interest in the tournaments scheduled for June and a little more for the ones in July.

As usual, the Reno tournament in August is generating a fair amount of interest and is expected to have quite a few entries by the closing date of August 10th.

Paul

June guest speakers.



Left to right: Contra Costa County Sheriff K-9 Argo , Contra Costa County Sheriff Deputy Scott Pliier, Little Sir Alan Jarvie, Contra Costa County Sheriff Deputy Brian McDevitt.



Sirs aboard one of the boats participating in the annual Al DiGiusto Boat Cruise and Luncheon .

See page 6 for details.

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

The July wine tasting is scheduled for Thursday, July 27th. Our hosts will be Jerry and Sue Wiebe. This month our hosts are requesting that attendees bring one of two varieties of wine, either Pinot Grigio or Cabernet Franc. If you are interested in attending this very popular activity please contact Dick Donald by Friday, July 14th at the number above, or email DickDonald@Yahoo.com.

Pickleball, Bob Lyman, 628-7906

If getting a little exercise and having some fun social competition interests you, come give pickleball a try. We have all the needed equipment, so just show up

and let someone know you are interested. Play is at the Cornel Park pickleball courts and current drop in play times are Mon, Wed, Fri at 5pm; Tues, Thur, Sat at 8am; and Sun at 4pm. Best time for learning is Saturday. Have any questions, check with SIR players Terry Silva, Randy Zierau or Bob Lyman.

SIR Cyclers, Jerry Wiebe, 916-206-9221

The SIR Cyclers' go-to 22-mile round trip is Marsh Creek and the connecting Big Break Trails. Both wind through Brentwood and Oakley and have undergone some needed repairs during the month of June. They are now in much better condition.

Since the trails were closed for several days, the Cyclers headed to Livermore for another new riding experience and change of scenery. Those who rode enjoyed the beautiful summertime weather and tree-shaded stretches along the relatively flat Arroyo Trail. This trail passes through parts of Livermore along the Arroyo Creek bed and continues to the scenic Livermore wine country. Return trips to this area are planned and we look forward to other SIR bicycling enthusiasts to come on along.

We ride every Thursday morning, usually starting at 9:00 am; our next ride will be on July 12. Contact Jerry Wiebe for details or questions you may have.

New member



Bob Young was a contractor with Service Painting in Livermore, and retired in February, 2016. He and his wife Linda have lived in Discovery Bay for 30 years.

Hobbies include golfing, bocce, pool, yoga and wine tasting.

Bob's sponsor was Will Myers.

20-year awards



Little Sir, Alan Jarvie, presents 20-year awards to Lynn Pierce and Jerry Dittman.

Golf News, Dale Welin

We enjoyed a nice golf day at Diablo Creek, Port Chicago on Tuesday, June 19, with only 17 players. The golf course was long and in very good condition for a heavily played public golf course. The results for the event are below:



1st place - 135 - Konold, Quier, Jenkins
 2ns place - 137 - Ramsdell, Fry, Fanucchi, Pachucki
 CTP winners were Shegich and Wilson
 We are scheduled to play The Reserve at Spanos Park, Stockton on Tuesday, July 17, 2018. The entry

info is below for your action.

When: Tuesday, July 17, 2018

Where: The Reserve at Spanos Park, Stockton

Time: 9:00 am from the first tee

Entry Fee: \$44.00 includes green fee, cart, prize money

Cutoff date: Tuesday, July 10, 2018

I will be happy to add your name to the player list and receive your check before Tuesday, July 10 and by the monthly luncheon. I hope the interest is greater than it was for June! If you have any questions, please call Dale.

Dale Welin

Travel, Dennis Pachucki

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.



Upcoming trips include:

Aug 6 – 12, 2018: Yellowstone, A Wildlife Safari.
 Aug 7-18, 2018: Alaska Land/Cruise Tour.
 Aug 22-30, 2018: Colors of Provence River Cruise.
 Sept 3-13, 2018: Alaska Inside Passage.
 Sept 8, 2018: Colorado Train Trip.
 Sept 13-23, 2018: Alaska Inside Passage.
 Sept 17-25, 2018: The BIG E.
 Sept 20 – 27 2018: Islands of New England
 Oct. 10-16, 2018: At Home with the Presidents.

For more information contact Dennis Pachucki at (408) 309-5206.

2018 Branch 161 Meetings Calendar

01/16/2018	07/10/2018
02/13/2018	08/14/2018
03/13/2018	09/11/2018
04/10/2018	10/9/2018
05/8/2018 (Note 1)	11/13/2018
06/5/2018	12/11/2018 (Note 1)

Note 1: These two events are lunches with the ladies, replacing the normal monthly luncheons. They are ticketed events.

Editor's note

Multiple photos in this issue are courtesy of Sir Bob Damico.

The 25th Annual Al DiGiusto Boat Cruise and Luncheon - July 19, 2018,

Bob Damico

In 1993, 25 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 19, 2018, 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 12, 2018.

-----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

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 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 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, Jerry Wiebe.

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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