



SIR BRANCH 161 NEWS

Celebrating our 28th year! August, 2019 rev 2

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

Alan Jarvie, Big Sir

We are organizing a "Lunch and Bocce Ball" event at Campo di Bocce in Livermore. Tentatively scheduled for late September or October, this will be an entertaining afternoon of terrific Italian food, socializing and bocce. For transportation, we plan to organize carpools, as we have been doing for Golden Gate Fields' "Day at the Races", and we'll have sign-up sheets at our August 13 lunch meeting.



Our election of BEC Officers and Directors will take place at our next lunch meeting. The nominees put forward by the BEC Nominating Committee are as follows:

Board Officers:

Roy Bristow	Big Sir
Al Sauvadon	Little Sir
Jerry Wiebe	Treasurer
Lowell Thomas	Assistant Treasurer
Rick Harris	Secretary
Ken Landoline	Assistant Secretary

Directors:

Will Myers	Membership Chairman
Paul Elmer	Attendance Chairman
John Fry	Bowling Chairman
Larry Mensch	Golf Chairman
Dennis Pachucki	Dinner with the Ladies Chairman
Bill Konold	Director at Large
Lowell Onstad	Director at Large

As always, any Member can make a nomination "from the floor", at any time up to and including "Election Day". Should you chose to make such a nomination, please be sure to confirm with the prospective nominee that:

- 1) he will accept the position if elected, and ...
- 2) he intends to serve the full one-year term.

And last but not least, our thanks to Roy Bristow for arranging, on incredibly short notice due to circumstances beyond his control, an interesting and informative presentation for our last lunch meeting.

Our next lunch meeting is August 13, I'll see you all then !!

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Roy Bristow, Little Sir

July Speaker

Our July speaker, Alyssa Blake, certainly brought a "Breath of fresh air" to our luncheon. Alyssa is a mother, a wife, and an educator. She has a passion for teaching and, following three generations of teachers before her, has only proven to strengthen her commitment to her students and her profession. Alyssa shared the many changes, new focuses, and differences in today's young student education concepts vs. the traditional 3 "R's (Reading, wRiting, & aRithmetic) we remember from our youthful past.

"This is not like you and your daughter's education experience.....

This is your Granddaughter's & Great Granddaughter's education experience.."

August Speaker

Our August speaker will be Ms. Dina Breitstein of the Discovery Bay City Offices. Dina is our new Assistant City Manager. Dina has been our City Treasurer and it is our understanding that she will continue as City Treasurer in addition to her Assistant City Manager position. We are anxious to meet her.

We are also anxious for an update from her about the City Center Pool Project.

You will want to attend this luncheon! Why not bring a guest!



August speaker Alyssa Blake, classroom educator (center) receives a certificate of appreciation from Big Sir Alan Jarvie (left) and Little Sir Roy Bristow

August birthdays

Al Box, William Carmichael, Earl Cole,
Fred Dupont, Rick Harris, Mike McCleery,
Ward Messersmith, Will Myers, Don Patterson,
Lynn Pierce, Don Ramos, Terry Silva.

August luncheon menu

Bread Sticks or Rolls & Butter
Chicken Parmesan w/Pasta Alfredo
Summer Vegetable Medley
Dessert: Cookies / Brownies
Includes Ice Tea & Coffee

Editor's note:

A big thanks to Bob Damico and Bill Konold for various pictures appearing in this issue.

Bowling News, Paul Elmer

We will start this Bowling News article with some information and history of our two SIR State Bowling Championship doubles



Div A champions Ron Wilson and Keith Jones. Ron Wilson, a member and bowler in the Monday SIR Bowling League for 19 years has one sanctioned perfect 300 game in 2002 and a 299 game in 2000. Ron had his highest league average of 190 in the 2009-2010 bowling season

Keith Jones, a SIR member for 2 years has bowled 7 perfect sanctioned games of 300 and 11 strikes in a row 3 times. His 1st 300 at Harvest Park Lanes was in 2009 and he also had one last year. Keith's highest average was 226 in the 2011-2012 season in which he bowled in 6 leagues during the season. Both of these men are great sportsmen and a pleasure to be associated with. WELL DONE GENTLEMEN !!!

For the current summer session of the Monday SIR

Bowling League, Team 2 (Beth Edwards, Harris Edwards, Tony Tell, Tom Kirtley) find themselves in 1st place by four games over Team 9 (Marie Wilson, Tami Fanucchi, Diane Carmichael, Dennis Sandau). There is only 5 weeks of competition for the summer session which ends in early September. Season high scores are:

For the men; Scratch Series; Dennis Sandau 722, Scratch Game; John Fry 255, Handicap Series; Bill Konold 657, Handicap Game; Greg Mattus; 236.

For the women Rosie Elmer has High Scratch Series; 581, Terry Damico has High Scratch Game; 231, Val Heck has High Handicap Series; 710 and Jan Finch has High Handicap Game; 261.

The next tournament will be held in Carson City on August 12th-15th. There is currently still time to enter but dates and times are filling up. If you wish to enter please contact John Fry or Paul Elmer for Applications or go on line to sirinc3.org to fill out the desired dates and squad times if still available.

Bowling Champions Award



Ever wonder what champions look like? Here they are, two of our finest, Keith Jones and Ron Wilson

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 next wine tasting will be at 5 PM on Thursday, August 22nd. It will be hosted by Alan & Pam Jarvie. If you are interested in attending this very popular activity please contact Dick Donald at the number above, or email DickDonald@Yahoo.com.

Bocce Ball – Dick Donald – 513-2849

We are currently playing SIR Bocce Ball at 9 AM on Tuesday mornings, planning to play about 2 hours. However, there is no game on SIR meeting Tuesdays. We will make up teams on the spot using all available players. If you would like to play, just show up.

Pickleball - Bob Lyman – 628-7906

If you have ever played a racquet sport of any kind

and have the energy to use those skills again, come check out pickleball. Great game for both men and women, with lots of good social interaction and it's the fastest growing sport in the country. The best courts in Contra Costa County are right here in Discovery Bay. Play is at the Cornel Park pickleball courts and current drop in play times are Tues, Thur & Sat at 8 am. Have any questions, check with SIR players Dennis Pachucki, Phil Talley, Greg Moran, Don Patterson, Terry Silva, Randy Zierau or Bob Lyman.

SIR Cyclers - Jerry Wiebe - 916-206-9221

The SIR Cyclers ride weekly on Thursday mornings at 8:00 a.m. during the long warm days of summer and invite their spouses and new SIR riders to join them on their rides.

They meet at Jerry's home in Discovery Bay for a moderate ride into Brentwood and back. Some weeks they may travel to other nearby towns' bike trails to enjoy a new riding experience. An email message is sent weekly to inform interest-ed participants of the riding plan for that week.

If anyone would like to join their rides, contact Jerry Wiebe by phone or email to be added to the weekly email distribution. We look forward to and encourage SIR members to join us on our rides.

SIR 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 table in the Discovery Bay CC lobby at our monthly luncheons. Some of the available 2019 trips are listed below.

Sept 7-22 2019: Taste of Bordeaux.

Sept 3-10, 2019. 7 day Crystal Alaskan Cruise

Sept 5-18, 2019 Tuscany & Rome Italy

Sept 20-28/2019 Captivating Cascadia – A Custom Nine Day Cruise/Tour

Oct 11-18, 2019 Niagara Falls and the Grand Hotel

Oct 13 – 20, 2019 Princess Cruise Pacific Northwest: 7 Day

Oct 18-25, 2019 Niagara Falls & Grand Hotel



Golf News, Dale Welin

The July golf tournament was planned to be a GUEST DAY and we experienced a lack of participation and interest. We only had 18 member golfers and 4 of them had a guest. We had an team event for the day at Elkhorn GC and the results follow. Thank you to the 4 members that brought a guest.



1st place - Ramsdell and Emerson

2nd place - Quier and Carmichael

3rd place - Fanucchi and guest Diaz

4th place - Onstad and guest Anderson

5th place - Konold and Vargas

6th place - Welin and guest Rice.

A MAJOR NEWS NOTICE FOR AN EVENT DATE CHANGE - Our Championship Tournament scheduled at Paradise Valley GC in October has been rescheduled to Thursday, Oct. 17. The change was necessary due to a conflict with the bowling schedule. Please note the change on your calendars.

The August tournament will be at Manteca Park GC. The entry info follows.

Date: Tuesday, August 20, 2019

Where: Manteca Park GC, Manteca

Time: 9:00 shotgun start

Cost: \$41.00 includes green fee, cart and prize money

Format: To be announced

Cutoff date: Tuesday, August 13 luncheon

Please notify Dale to get on the player list by e-mail, phone and or in person. We hope you will be interested in playing at a fun course which is usually in very good shape for the amount of play it gets. If there are any question, please notify Dale. See you on the course.

Dale Welin

July 16, 2019 Branch 161 Golf Guest Day *(photos by Bill Konold)*



Bob Anderson (guest) and Lowell Onstad



John Douglas (guest) and Larry Mensch



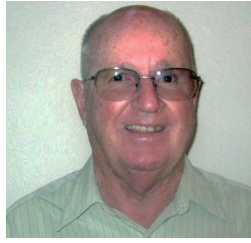
Chris Davis (guest) and Ken Fanucchi



Dale Welin and Don Rice (guest)

Membership, Will Myers

Our July SIR membership remained at 152 with the addition of one member and the loss of one. Our new member is Dennis Sandau, sponsored by Paul Elmer. Dennis and his wife Leslie have lived in Brentwood for 10 years. He retired in 2017 after 25 years as an over-the-road truck driver. He has 3 sons and 2 grandchildren. He enjoys bowling, dancing and antique cars. His father was a member of the Brentwood SIR Branch 108. A photo of Dennis along with his sponsor, Paul Elmer, is shown below.



John Douglas.

It is great to see that many of our members are competing to win the most members sponsored award for this year. At this time we have nine new members sponsored by nine different people, so anyone still can win. Keep up the good work in bringing in new guests.



New member Dennis Sandau and sponsor Paul Elmer

Member Jim Avila has dropped out of our SIR branch and will be moving from this area, possibly joining the Walnut Creek SIR Branch 146 in Pleasanton.

A free bottle of wine was given to the following 5 members who brought in guests: Ken Fanucchi brought in guest Chris Diaz, Keith Jones brought in guest Darrell Hanson, Chuck Neissen brought in guest Ralph Smith, Johnny Welton brought in guest Tom Denning, and Larry Mensch brought in guest

SIR Membership Requirements

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

20-Year Award



Micheal White receives the 20-year membership award from Big Sir Alan Jarvie

2019 Branch 161 Meetings Calendar

01/15/2019 (note 1)	07/9/2019
02/12/2019	08/13/2019
03/12/2019	09/10/2019
04/9/2019	10/8/2019
05/14/2019 (note 2)	11/12/2019
06/4/2019 (note 3)	12/10/2019 (note 2)

Note 1: Third Tuesday in January.

Note 2: Lunch with the ladies.

Note 3: First Tuesday in June.

26th Annual Al DiGiusto Boat Cruise and Luncheon

Report by Bob Damico

July 18, 2019 was the date, and the Boardwalk Grill in Discovery Bay was the place where fifty four SIR Branch 161 members and ladies gathered to participate in this annual event honoring Al DiGiusto who started this event in 1993.

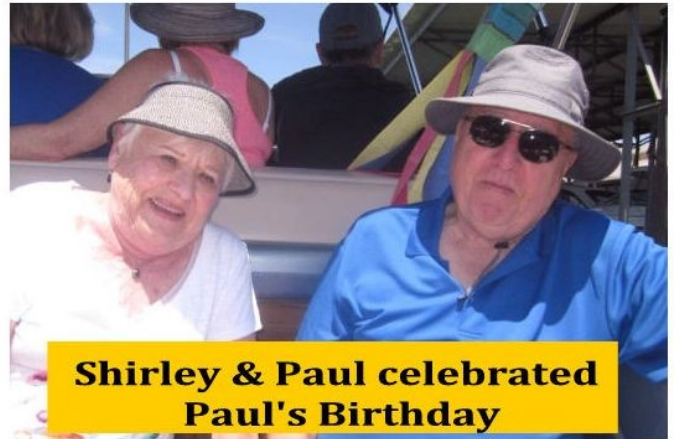
We thank Chris and Erica Cookson, owners of the Boardwalk Grill, who have hosted this event for the past eleven years, and have provided us with a great venue of on-the-water dining, great food, and service.

This year we had 3 boats providing rides for 22 attendees. Our thanks go to our boat Captains and their first mates; Ken and Tami Fanucchi, Gary and Diane Leonis, and Greg and Christine Moran.

The weather was perfect and a good time was had by all. We thank all participants for making this event another success. If you like planning ahead, mark your calendars for July 16, 2020 - we'll do it again!



Cam & Dick Donald-First to arrive



Shirley & Paul celebrated Paul's Birthday



Gary and Diane Leonis' Boat Crew



Sirs and Ladies enjoying lunch

Dinner With The Ladies, Dennis Pachucki

Please note the revised/corrected price.

When: Tuesday, August 27, 2019

Where: Olive Garden Italian Restaurant, 3140 Naglee Rd, Tracy, CA 95304

Time: Arrival & Cocktails starting at 5:00 pm

Dinner served at 6:00 pm



Menu Choices: Garlic bread sticks, soup or salad, non-alcoholic beverage, and vanilla ice cream dessert are included.

Entrees:

- Tour of Italy (Lasagna, chicken parmigiana, & fettuccine alfredo)
- Chicken Parmigiana with spaghetti
- Chicken Alfredo with fettucine
- Shrimp Alfredo with fettucine
- Spaghetti & Meatballs

Cost (revised): \$28.50 per person (includes tax and tip)

Deadline: We need your RSVP no later than Thursday, August 23 – there will be envelopes at our General Meeting on August 13. Please send your checks to me in advance. Please make your checks out to Dennis Pachucki 2125 Sand Point Road, Discovery Bay 94505, 408-309-5206

The Olive Garden is located at 3140 Naglee Road, Tracy CA.

Take Hwy 4 west out of Discovery Bay, turn left at the traffic light for Byron Highway; continue south into Tracy (approximately 13 miles), and turn left at the traffic light for Grant Line Road. At the third traffic light (about 1 mile), turn left onto Naglee Road. At ~0.4 miles on Naglee, you'll see the Olive Garden on your right, and then take the next right (Robertson Drive), and then right again. You will now be travelling South, parallel to Naglee Road, and you'll see the Olive Garden on your right. Turn right into the parking lot, the entrance faces SW on the Naglee side of the building.

----- Detach and mail with your check -----

Your Name(s):

Phone:

Your Menu choice(s):

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Chicken Parmigiana with spaghetti

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Chicken Alfredo with fettucine

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Spaghetti & Meatballs

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Shrimp Alfredo with fettucine

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Tour of Italy - Lasagna, chicken parmargiana & fetuccine alfredo



**SIR Day at the Park
A's vs Giants**

AT THE OAKLAND A's



**2nd Annual Bay Area Series
Sunday, 1 pm, August 25th, 2019, Coliseum
\$ 52, deadline June 1st, section 106-shaded**



**Check: Lee Moy, Amount: \$ 52
Mail: 127 N. Helm Ave, Clovis, CA 93612
include: self-stamp return envelope**

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LeeHealthStudio@gmail.com

Branch 161 Activities and Events

Bowling (*): John Fry or Paul Elmer

Sirs & Ladies Bowling league happens every Monday @ 9:30 am at Harvest Park Bowl. Our league consists of four-person teams, with approximately 20 teams, and consists of two seasons – a Winter session of 36 weeks and a Summer session of 16 weeks; both are sanctioned with the USBC. We bowl every Monday except for Holidays, and we always have room for more bowlers, seasoned bowlers as well as newcomers. During the year various SIR Branches sponsor Bowling Tournaments throughout Northern California; Check the state SIR website (<http://www.sirinc3.org/sirBowling/index.html>) for dates and details.

Golf: Dale Welin

Golf is usually on the third Tuesday of each month from March through October, at various local courses. Also, there are a number of state-wide SIR-sponsored events during the year; Information can be found on the state SIR website, <https://www.sirinc2.org/golf2018> .

Away Golf Tournament (*): Roy Bristow

We also have a Branch 161 Away Golf Tournament each year. It is a mens and couples, tournament in which 42+ people participated in 2018. Last year it was at the Saddle Creek Golf Resort in Copperopolis, as it is again this year, May 1-3, 2019.

Pickle Ball (*): Bob Lyman

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Wine tasting (*): Dick Donald

Monthly on the 4th Thursday, at different hosts each month. Each couple brings a bottle of wine and an appetizer to share. The bottle is covered so that the label is not visible and is poured in 1 ounce 'tastes', which is graded on a scale of 1 to 5 by each participant. At the end of the evening the bottles are uncovered and the scores are totaled to determine how each wine is rated.

Bike Riding (*): Jerry Wiebe

9:00 a.m. Thursday mornings, meeting at Jerry's address, 2071 Windward Point, Discovery Bay, for a weekly 13 mile ride into Brentwood, sometimes further on other routes, and when possible, a mid way coffee shop stop for a leisurely bit of group chit-chatting.

Tennis (*): Tom Snyder

Tennis is a new activity that was added this year (2019). It is a mixed co-ed group, similar to the pickle ball group. We play Monday, Wednesday and Saturday at the Discovery Bay Community Center starting at 8:00 am. Players rotate in so that everyone plays. It is an easy-going tennis group that usually ends up at Starbucks afterwards. Sometimes, we'll go out for breakfast or lunch, especially if the weather is not good.

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Branch 161 Activities and Events (*continued*)

Dinner with the Ladies (*): Dennis Pachucki

SIR Dinner with the Ladies is a well attended event. We have 8 annual events at various local restaurants. Dinners are typically the last Tuesday of the month, 5:00 PM socialization and 6:00 PM dinner. All Sirs and ladies and their guests are welcome. Look for dates and locations in our Monthly newsletter.

Poker: Dick Donald

SIR Poker is a weekly, low-stakes poker game. It's played every Monday evening at 6:30 through 9:30. Games are quarter-limit dealer-choice and the dealer antes a quarter for everyone. A schedule is made with a different host and six additional players each week. Everyone plays about seven times over two and a half months.

Annual Al DiGiusto Boat Cruise and Luncheon (*): Bob Damico

In 1993, Al DiGiusto conceived the idea to plan a SIR event that would introduce some of our non-boating members and their wives to the world of boating in the Delta. 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 until his passing in 2005, and the event continues in his honor. This year's boat cruise and luncheon will be Thursday July 18, 2019, and starts at the Boardwalk Grill in Discovery Bay. There will be sign-up sheets at the June meeting.

Eric Jensen Memorial Collector Car Show: Bill Konold

Our September meeting is also the SIR Collector Car Show. So polish that Collector Car of yours and bring it to the meeting. Any interesting car, old or new, is welcome. Got a new Hemi, a cool Corvette, or an old Mercury? Bring it to the September meeting and park with other SIR car enthusiast members. Tire kicking is both before and after the meeting, so arrive a little early, stay a little late, and enjoy the machinery.

Christmas Lights Boat Ride (*): Dick Donald

A mid-December evening ride with "Captain Morgan" on the waterways of Discovery Bay, to observe the Christmas light displays. We'll have an appetizer tray provided by the Boardwalk restaurant, and drinks will be available for purchase aboard.

Sporting Events (*):

The state SIR organization puts together special "SIR Days" for a variety of sporting events, such as A's & Giants games, Golden Gate Fields horse racing, Sacramento River Cats, AAA baseball, etc. Information on these events can be found on the state SIR website (http://www.sirinc.org/siractivities/SIR_sports.htm), and flyers are routinely included in our monthly newsletter.

Bocce Ball (*): Dick Donald

We are re-starting our weekly game, and we will once again use the Discovery Bay Country Club facilities.

Beer Tasting: Temporarily on hiatus.

(*) denotes a co-ed and/or couples activity. Details & schedules of individual activities can be found in our Branch 161 monthly newsletter. Contact information for coordinators can be found in the current Branch 161 Handbook.

Membership Requirements & Principles

(revised 2019)

Membership is open to men, regardless of age, race, color, or religion. Member volunteers and staff administer and govern all branch activities. Nominal membership dues help 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. Prospective members must be 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 newsletter).

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

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

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