



SIR BRANCH 161 NEWS

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Vince Vargas, Big SIR

Mark your calendars! Our next luncheon is the second Tuesday, September 13. **If you cannot make the meeting call Bill Konold – 634-2738.**



Membership: Our branch has 170 active members and an attendance record above 70% at our luncheons. You the members are to be congratulated for a great job in introducing 21 new members this year. This is quite an accomplishment. You all make this branch what it is – a good time to meet with friends, informative & entertaining speakers, and participating in SIRs fun activities!

2012 Executive Board: The new board was elected by acclamation at our last luncheon meeting. I am sure that you will all support the new board so we can continue with another great year.

Activities: Bowling, golf & dinner with the ladies continue to be popular and enjoyable activities. Bridge lacks active players. Dick Donald continues his efforts organizing the weekly Wednesday bocce ball and the monthly wine tasting. Refer to the activity reports.

Discovery Bay Country Club (DBCC): Your 2012 Big Sir Walt Shipilov and Little Sir Frank Smith will soon be working with the DBCC staff to set the meeting dates, luncheon menus & costs for next year. They are open to suggestions from our members as to luncheon choices and ideas for future speakers and entertainment. Tell them what you would like!

Vince

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, 2111 St. Andrews Ct, Discovery Bay, CA 94505

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

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

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Walt Shipilov, Little SIR

Luncheon meal: For our September 13th meeting, Chef Jeff will prepare chicken parmesan with pasta Alfredo sauce and seasonal vegetables for our entree. In addition we have rolls, butter iced tea, coffee with cookies and brownies for desert.



Please note any special dietary needs need to be pre-arranged several days before the meeting.

Speaker: Our speaker for our September meeting will be Patrick Roche, Principal Planner from the Contra Costa County Conservation and Development Department. Mr. Roche will speak to us about the Department and the general plans for development of East Contra Costa County, in addition he will discuss the impact of the 2010 Census on the East County. This promises to be very interesting and informative about the planned future for East County.

August recap: Our August speaker was David Livingston, the Sheriff of Contra Costa County. He has accompanied by Jimmy Lee, the Sheriff's Public Information Officer. Sheriff Livingston presented the wide functions and structure of the Sheriff's Department and some of the key issues driving his Department. He then took questions on a variety of subjects of interest to members. The Sheriff then conducted a short history quiz where Ralph Pfirrmann and guest Jim Venhaus won Sheriff's Department coffee mugs for each answering a history question correctly. The presentation was entertaining and very informative for all.



Free Lunch winners: The winners of the free lunch drawing were: Coy Madsen and Harry Ohlson. As always, I am sure they will both enjoy their free lunch.

Walter

2011 Meetings Calendar

09/13/2011	10/11/2011
11/08/2011	12/13/2011

Meet your newsletter publication team

I've been remiss over the last eight months in not acknowledging the various people responsible for this publication. We wouldn't have a monthly Branch 161 newsletter without the great teamwork of a number of people, including:

Articles written by our Big SIR, Little SIR, Membership Chairman, and our various activities Chairmen and leaders provide the content for this publication.

Jim Heck provides details of the dinner with the ladies, along with menu options.

LaVan Bock and Bill Konold ensure that our members receive their copies on time every month.



LaVan, in between maintaining our roster and organizing RV trips, emails this publication to our membership.

Bill heads off to Kinko's to make copies, addresses them, adds postage and mails them to folks who don't have email access.

Pictures help add interest to our newsletter, and we're grateful for the pictures submitted by activities leaders. Our candid cameraman, Bob Damico, will often attend events and snap some pictures for the record.

My job is the easy one; I merely copy and paste the various articles and photographs into my boilerplate, and do a little re-arranging to make it all fit.

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

Thanks,



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 August, and they were inducted at our August 16 Branch 161 meeting.

Fred Baca has lived in Discovery Bay for 25 years. He is a retired restaurant owner, and has 2 sons. Fred's hobbies include poker, ping pong, chess and billiards.

Fred was sponsored by SIR Roger Sweeney.



Paul de Leon has lived in Discovery Bay with his wife Trudi since 1994. He retired after 30 years at Xerox Corporation. He has 3 children and 4 grandchildren. His interests include RVing, boating and fishing.

Paul was sponsored by SIR Mike White.



Bill Little has lived in Discovery Bay for 4 years. He retired as a self-employed real estate property manager.

Bill and his wife Ronda have 2 children and 4 grandchildren.

His hobbies are RVing, boating, restoring and showing wooden boats and classic cars.

Bill was sponsored by SIR Ron Wilson.



September Birthday Boys

The following Branch 161 members celebrate their birthday in September:

Ray Ansick, Wayne Berry, Ed Fitzpatrick, Larry Green, Tony Guarascio, John Jewell, Tom Kenny, Donald Roth, Tom State, Brad Vinson, Bruce Watkins & Bill Williams.

Bridge Report, Lex Overzet

After many years of playing SIR bridge, the time has come to make this the last bridge report, for the following reason; In 2010 we played only 5 times, and in 2011 we played only once. I guess everyone is getting too old to play the game. I have tried really hard to keep it going, but to no avail.

At this time I would like to thank our spokesperson, Howie Fisher, for his encouraging words. I would also like to thank Mike Witnov for keeping track of all the scores. Thanks to all the players who kept the game going for so long.

We all had a good time, but it has now come to an end. I'd like to thank everybody for their support.

As always, stay healthy!

Lex



Christmas Luncheon Already! Are you out of your mind! Well, it's never too early to ask your special lady for a luncheon date. So go ask her! Mark the date -- **Tuesday, December 13th, 2011** -- on both of your calendars. A great luncheon and entertainment has been planned. Walter Shipilov has booked "The Summerset Choral Group" to set the mood for the Christmas Season. Tickets will go on sale starting in **October**.

Dinner With The Ladies, Jim Heck

When: September 27, 2011

Where: Texas Roadhouse 2422 Naglee Rd. Tracy (Grantline Rd. and Naglee).



Time: Dinner Served at 5:00 p.m.

Menu Choices: 10oz. Ribeye steak, 1/2 Slab of Ribs, BBQ Ribs and Chicken Combo, BBQ Chicken and Shrimp Combo. Each plate is served with a salad and baked potato or baked beans, dessert included, tea and coffee included, (indicate your choice below).

Cost: \$21.00 per person (includes tax and tip).

Deadline: Need your RSVP no later than September 22, 2011. There will be envelopes at our next meeting on September 13, 2011. If you will please send your checks and menu choices to me prior it would be helpful.

Make your checks out to Jim Heck and mail to 5401 Fairway Ct., Discovery Bay, CA 94505.
Phone(925) 634-6142

Golf News, Dale Welin

Our August golf tournament was at Lone Tree GC, Antioch. We had 27 players using the format of the Modified Stableford scoring. The results show:



- 1 st place - 136 - Brunetto, Konold, Homan
- 2 nd place - 135 - Onstad, Macbride, Rentzel, A. Anderson
- 3rd place - 132 - Carr, Kile, Kenny, Burke

The closest to the pin winners were Shipilov (6.5 inches) and Denis.

The September SIRS golf tournament will be at Delta View GC in Pittsburgh on Tuesday, September 27, 2012, starting at 8:30 am from the 1st tee. The entry cost for the event is \$36 per player for golf, cart and prize money. Please notify Dale Welin to get your name on the entry list and then send your check to Dale before Tuesday, Sept. 20. This is the last opportunity to qualify for the Branch Championships in October. If there are any questions, please call Dale at 925-516-9463.

See you on the green,

Dale Welin

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

Make your checks out to Jim Heck and mail to Jim Heck, 5401 Fairway Court, Discovery Bay, CA 94505.

Name(s):

Phone:

Menu selections: 10oz ribeye steak _____ 1/2 slab of ribs _____

BBQ ribs & chicken combo _____ BBQ chicken & shrimp combo _____

Dinner with the ladies , September 27, 2011 at Texas Roadhouse

Bowling News, Tom Kirtley

Our Fall Bowling League starts on September 12th with a meeting at 9:00am. Time is running out so if you haven't signed up yet, call Paul Elmer @ 634-5690 or Tom Kirtley @ 240-8071. Branch 108 SIR members can contact Curtis Manning @ 510-719-0882.

The Eighth Annual Bob Matteucci Memorial Tournament is going to be held October 18th & 20th at Harvest Park Bowl in Brentwood. This is a chance for those of you who usually don't bowl tournaments because of travel to come join us at Harvest Park Bowl in Brentwood.

Beginning with the start of the Fall league, Paul Elmer will be taking over the job of Branch 161 Bowling Chairman. However, I will still be around to give Paul any assistance he might need. I would like to finish by saying it has been my pleasure to serve as Branch 161 Bowling Chairman the past few years.



Paul Elmer

UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

September 11th or 12th Sun or Mon in Fremont @ Cloverleaf Bowl

October 3rd or 5th Mon or Wed in Citrus Heights @ Fireside Lanes

October 18TH or 20TH Tue or Thur in Brentwood at Harvest Park Bowl.

GOOD LUCK AND GOOD BOWLING

Tom Kirtley

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

The wine tasting activity continues to be very popular. Ed and Michelle Carr will host the September wine tasting. It will be on Thursday, September 22 at 4 PM. If you are interested in attending please contact me at:

513-2849 or email: dickdonald@Yahoo.com

Also let me know if you would like to host a future wine tasting event.

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. If you are interested in playing you just need to show up at the bocce ball courts on Wednesday afternoons at 4 PM.

Pickleball - Bob Lyman – 513-1939

Pickleball is still being played Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 8.00 am and Wednesday evening at 6.00 pm. This activity is for both you and your wife; about half of the players are women at this time. We have the equipment, just come check us out.

Poker – Dick Donald – 513-2849

We are still planning to have a SIR poker game each month, and are looking for more SIR members 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

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Len Fadda	(925) 513-0738
Jim Heck	(925) 634-6142
Tom Kirtley	(925) 240-8071
Lowell Onstad	(925) 516-8468
Lowell Thomas	(925) 516-8840
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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 normally held on the second Tuesday of the month at the Discovery Bay Country Club, 1475 Club House Drive. (There are exceptions where 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. 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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