



# SIR BRANCH 161 NEWS

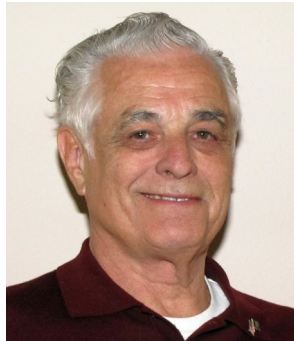
Celebrating our 25th year! Nov. 2016

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

## Micheal White, Big Sir

### Christmas Luncheon With The Ladies.

Again, next month we have the pleasure of the company of our beautiful and wonderful ladies at luncheon. We will have the pleasure of special entertainment arranged by Little Sir Len Fadda.



Now is the time to purchase your December luncheon tickets. The price is \$23.00 each and can be purchased from our Treasurer Bill Momaney. Make your checks out to SIR Branch 161. Send them to Bill at 690 Central Park Place, Brentwood, CA 94513. You may also purchase them at our next SIR luncheon on November 8. Our ladies always enjoy the Christmas luncheon, so make them happy, and you will also be happy, and purchase your Christmas luncheon tickets.

### Annual Dues For 2017

The annual dues have not increased for 2017. This money is used to cover our Branch's and the state organization's cost of operating Sons in Retirement. Dues may be paid in cash or via check. Checks need to be made out to SIR Branch 161. Either mail checks to Bill Momaney or give them to Bill at one of our luncheons.

### Support For Your Board

Next year you will have a new board to lead your branch. Sir Len Fadda and Little Sir Larry Mensch will have the task of leadership. They and the rest of the Board cannot do the job by themselves; They need

your help and support. Those of you with the time to spare, volunteer to help. If you have an idea for something new bring it to the Board and they will help you get it started.

### Annual Golf Tournament

The SIR Annual Golf Tournament at Greenhorn Creek this year was a success with the turnout of 12 couples. This was the 10th consecutive event that Will Myers has organized, but he has now decided it's time for a new SIR member to take over this task. Consequently, I am seeking a SIR golfing member who would like to see that this traditional and popular event continues, since it is the only golfing tournament which includes our wife or significant other. Will has stated that he would turn over his files and assist the new person in getting started early for next year. Those interested should contact me or Will.

Your Big Sir,  
Micheal White

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## Len Fadda, Little Sir

### October Free Lunch Winners

Len Fadda  
Jim Venhaus



### October Speaker

Our Speaker was County Supervisor Mary Piepho. Supervisor Piepho provided an excellent presentation on issues for our community, the County, State and Federal government. A great Q & A followed with many Sirs participating.

### November Speaker

Our November Speaker will be Charles Westbrook who will discuss Alternative Fuels (biofuels).

### Holiday Luncheon

Tickets are available at the November meeting for the December 13th Holiday Luncheon with the ladies. The entertainment will be the Sparks Family Singers. A rose & special picture will be provided. The

cost of \$23 includes a luncheon menu of roast turkey breast, Yukon gold mashed potatoes & gravy, vegetable medley and cranberry sauce, bread & butter, coffee and iced tea.

### November birthdays

Jack Bree, Rick Crago, Frank Cramer,  
Jim Davis, Lou Kirkpatrick,  
Bill Martin, Chuck Niessen,  
Frank Tisch and Andrew Zwemer.

### November luncheon menu

Fried Chicken, Yukon Gold Mashed Potatoes, with gravy and green beans, bread and 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](mailto:bkonold@comcast.net) or tel. 634-2738 by Friday before the meeting to arrange this.

## Golf News, Dale Welin

We had 25 players for our championship tournament. The course was wet, the wind blew and there was a lot of walking for all of us. Cart path only is not our "cup of tea." However, most of us made it in the end and finished a good year.



The results are below and congratulations to Ken Fanucchi and the winners from The Reserve:

Our Club Champ for 2016 is Ken Fanucchi (see photo on page 5), with a net score of 72. A job well done on a tough day. We had 2 flights with 4 winners in each flight.

### Flight A

Low gross - Larry Mensch - 90  
1st Low net - Ken Fanucchi - 72  
2nd low net - Bill Konold - 73  
3rd low net - Don Ramos - 74

### Flight B

Low gross - Don Rentzel - 107  
1st low net - Vince Vargas - 80  
2nd low net - Colin Brodie - 82  
3rd low net - John Emerson - 83

No closest to the pin winners on hole #13. 115 yards!!!! The treasury thanks you!

Renewal membership is now open for our SIR NCGA golf club for 2017. The fee remains \$36.00 for the year, with a check payable to Dale Welin. You can proceed now to sign up and the cutoff is Dec. 15, 2016. We must complete our membership list for NCGA by then. If you have any questions, please call Dale.

If there are members in SIR Branches 108 and/or 161 that would be interested in joining our golf club, please call Dale Welin, phone 516-9463. We would welcome new members.

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

Gary and Linda Tucker will be hosting the next wine tasting on Thursday November 17th. If you are interested in attending this very popular activity please contact Dick Donald by Friday, November 4th at the number above, or email DickDonald@Yahoo.com

### **Beer Tasting**, Eric Jensen, 240-0543

The competition is ramping up. Last month's King of the Hill, Kona Longboard, was dethroned by not just a single beer, but three of the new contenders. The top three were all highly rated by the Professional Tasting Group. Allagash Double Ale, Howling Wolf, and the new "King", Pacifico, were within 11 points of each other. Len Fadda's Pacifico bottles were wrapped in aluminum foil and ice cold - was this the winning advantage? Next month's competition will determine the Best Beer of the Year. Can Len's beer

be the first to return and remain the KING?

### **Christmas Lights Boat Ride**, Dick Donald, 513-2849

This is a new event this year replacing the wine tasting event for the month of December. We chartered the Captain Morgan boat "Rosemarie" for the evening of December 14th for a two hour ride through the bays of Discovery Bay to view the Christmas lights on many of the homes. I didn't think that the maximum load for the boat would be a problem but within days of my announcement at the last SIR meeting I received checks from the limit of 35 riders and had to start a wait list. We are looking forward to a fun evening of appetizers and drinks.

### **Pickleball**, Bob Lyman, 628-7906

*"If you are looking for little competitive exercise – come try pickleball"*

Come join us and have loads of fun playing pickleball. Pickleball is a cross between tennis & pingpong, 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 9:00 a.m.

Beginners are always welcome and an experienced player will work with new players. Just show up and we'll teach you the game on any of our days of play. If you (or maybe you and your wife) would like a private introduction to the game, please call me.

## 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.

One new member was inducted at our October luncheon (see photo and bio on page 5).

### **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 6 weeks and 24 games of bowling Jerry B Our Man (Bill Bayer, Julie Bayer, Curtis Manning, Jerry W Marshall) is in first place by only one game over two other teams Over The Top (Ron Wilson, Marie Wilson, Art Lopez, John Fry) and Bowling Buddies (Mary Branscum, Lorraine Burt, Fred Critchfield, Art Solomon). 3 other teams are within 2 games of these teams so, as we have always seen, anything can and will happen, as we still have a long season to go.



Season high scores to date are; for the women; Scratch Series has Rosie Elmer with 638, Scratch Game is Marie Wilson with 238, Handicap Series is Terry Damico with 798 (WOW!), and Handicap Game goes to Barbara Mensch with 287. For the men; Scratch Series-Bob Damico 731, Scratch Game Dale Davidson with 267; Handicap Series has John Lopp with 855 (another WOW) and Handicap Game of 339 goes to Larry Mensch (did this with a scratch game of 259!). Way to go people!!

Speaking of scores and positions Branches 108 and 161 co-sponsored the annual Bob Matteucci SIRS Tournament on Oct. 18th and 20th with a total of 78 bowlers. This is down about 20% from previous years and seems to be a common happening with other branches. Even though we had fewer participants this year there were some very good scores. For instance, John Dorsett from branch 19 in Clayton, bowled an incredible 805 series for "A" Div Doubles. That is 268 per game folks!!

For branches 108 and 161 people that placed in their respective events are: Eric Jensen - 1st in "B" division singles and 1st in "B" division All Events. Ron and Marie Wilson placed 3rd in "A" Division doubles and Marie placed 5th in "B" Division Singles and 6th in "B" Division All Events. Paul Elmer was 5th in "A" Division All Events, Bill Bayer placed 5th in "B" Division All Events and 10th in "B" Division Singles and Curtis Manning placed 8th in "A" Division Singles. Well done!! There are only two tournaments left for the year, both in November. In Modesto on the 3rd and 6th, and Clayton on the 15th and 16th.

Paul

## SIR Travel Opportunities, Mitch Wisinski

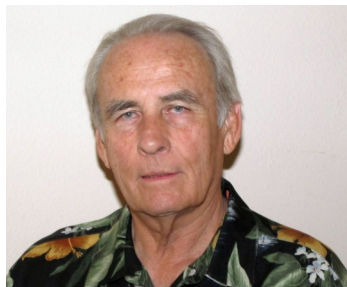
Various bargain-priced trips are available to SIR members through local travel agencies and other SIR branches. Look for the TRAVEL binder located on the entrance table at each monthly meeting. For more information contact Mitch Wisinski at: (408) 515-7655.



## 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)
<b>Note 1:</b> Not 'required' Branch luncheon meetings.	

### New member



Todd Ramsdell re-tired from a career in real estate in 2013. He has lived in Brentwood for 30 years.

Todd and his wife Sue have 2 children and 3 grandchildren.

Hobbies include golf and bowling.

Todd's sponsor was Dennis Puchucki.

### 2016 Golf Champion



Dale Welin presenting the trophy for the 2016 Club Championship to Ken Fanucchi.

### Photos from the Greenhorn Creek golf tournament

*photos by Mike Quier*



## Dinner with the Ladies: 2016 Restaurants Survey

### Alan Jarvie

We'd like your thoughts on the eight restaurants we dined at in 2016. For each DWTL that you attended, on a scale of 1 (poor) to 5 (excellent), please indicate your opinion of the quality of the meal, the service, and value for the price, and also whether or not you think we should have future dinners at this restaurant. We'd also appreciate any additional comments or suggestions, as well as possible locations for future dinners.

Please bring your completed survey to the next luncheon meeting

Thanks for your help



Restaurant	Date	Price	Meal Quality	Service	Value	Future DWTL?
Carpaccio	Jan 26	\$ 25	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	Yes No
Sports Bar & Grill	Feb 23	\$ 27	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	Yes No
Texas Roadhouse	Mar 22	\$ 22	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	Yes No
Sweeney's	Apr 26	\$ 25	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	Yes No
Tao San Jin	Jun 28	\$ 27	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	Yes No
Lone Tree Golf Club	Aug 23	\$ 28	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	Yes No
Shirasoni	Sep 27	\$ 27	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	Yes No
Cap's	Oct 25	\$ 28	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	Yes No

### Comments & Suggestions:

## 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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