



SIR BRANCH 161 NEWS

Celebrating our 28th year! May, 2019

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

Alan Jarvie, Big Sir

Our annual Mothers Day Lunch is May 14, and if you haven't gotten your tickets yet, now is the time !! All the details are in the flier that's included in this newsletter. Our next regular lunch meeting will be June 4, the first Tuesday of the month (and not our normal 2nd Tuesday).



Once again, our thanks to the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Department for another great presentation. Bob Nelson (Special Assistant to Sheriff David Livingston), Lt. Matt Foley (Delta Station Commander), and especially Sgt. Ryan Borkert (Air Support Unit & UAV Team Supervisor) produced a very interesting and informative session.



Big Sir Alan Jarvie presents Andrew Zwemer with the 20-year membership award.

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.

Next Luncheon Meeting: May 14, 2019.

Note: *This is a ticketed event with the ladies.*

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Roy Bristow, Little Sir

I thought our April luncheon afforded us a great opportunity to know a few of our Contra Costa County Sheriff's team a little better. Present were Bob Nelson, Special assistant to Sheriff David Livingston. Also with us was Lieutenant Matt Foley, Delta Station Commander and Sergeant Ryan Borkert, supervisor of the Air Support Unit and the AUV (Drone Team).



I hope the presentation was as interesting for you as it was for me. Having a chance to meet with them personally doesn't happen often enough. We owe them all a debt of gratitude for helping keep us all safe here in Discovery Bay.



Day-At-The-Races, Golden Gate Fields

We had a great time with other Sirs and guests from Branches statewide. Be sure to join us next year at The Turf Club and "In the Winner's Circle" !!



Sirs Gino Pagano, Roy Bristow, Al Sauvadon at Golden Gate Fields

May birthdays

Carl Carlson, Richard Childress, Arthur Comeau,
Ken Fanucchi, Bob Harlan, Dennis Kutsuris,
Robert Leete, Robert Lyman, Bill Momaney,
Norman Petersen, Michael Quier,
Roger Sweeney, Phil Talley, Roland Valtierra,
Jim Wageman, Richard Wisdom, Mitchell Wisinski

May luncheon menu

Bread sticks or rolls & butter,
Crepes Ala Reine, Wild Rice and Vegetable Medley
Dessert: Cookies or Brownies
Includes Coffee & Iced Tea

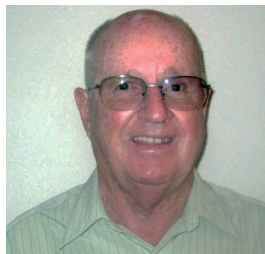
Entertainment for our Mothers Day luncheon



Singer/ Songwriter Bill Ramirez comes to us from Las Vegas, Laughlin, and Palm Springs. Now a resident of Discovery Bay. With a singing style of Frank Sinatra, Bill will share decades of music with you from the 50's to present day. So bring your dancing shoes!

Membership, Will Myers

Our April SIR meeting saw a slight increase in membership with four new members inducted to counter the loss of three existing members. The new members inducted were Dick LaForge sponsored by Mike Tomaselli, Dennis Platania sponsored by Bob Bradley, Paul Schmidt sponsored by Alan Jarvie, and Johnny Welton sponsored by Ed Fitzpatrick. A photo of the new members with their sponsor is shown on the next page.



Dick LaForge and wife Randi have lived in Discovery Bay for 9 years after moving from Morgan Hill, CA. They have 2 children and 4 grandchildren. Dick grew up in Massachusetts and is an avid Boston fan. He started as a math teacher, guidance councilor and vice-principal, but later got into computers and led training for HP and Countrywide Financial.

Dennis Platania and his wife Susan reside in Concord. He was a system accountant with the U.S. Department of Energy until he retired in 2003. Dennis enjoys golfing and playing chess.

Paul Schmidt lives in Antioch. He has a son Greg and daughter Theresa. Paul retired over 10 years ago after working 32 years with J C Penny, starting in Minnesota, then to Wisconsin, and finally into California as Operations Manager.

Johnny Welton and his wife Sharon have lived in Discovery Bay for over 16 years. They have two daughters. Johnny retired in 2007, but continued as a consultant. His avocation for 40 years was as a sports

official (football, basketball, base ball and softball) at every level.

Members Bob Damico and Al Sauvadon were awarded a free bottle of wine for bringing in guests Floyd Ferguson and Mark Shivers, respectively.

Before you bring in a guest, find out his activities of interest and make a point to introduce him to our Activities Chairman, Dick Donald, during the meeting social hour. At the end of the meeting ask your guest if he enjoyed the luncheon experience, and if he is willing to give SIR a try. If he says yes, remember to encourage him to complete the membership application form well in advance of the next meeting you both will be available to attend so that I have adequate time to prepare the required paperwork and the member's badge. Also remember that you have to sign the application and see that it is delivered to me days before the induction meeting.

Phil Mora, a member for 5 years, has chosen to drop out of our SIR Branch for medical reasons, while Rich Gurney, a member for 4 years, has found that he is presently doing too much travelling to regularly attend monthly meetings and has decided to drop out at this time. Art Comeau, a SIR member for 3 years, is moving to Arizona to join his daughter and family. The addition of four new members and loss of three brings our current membership to 151.

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.

New Members inducted in April



Dick LaForge (left) with sponsor Mike Tomaselli.



Dennis Platania (right) with sponsor Bob Bradley.



Paul Schmidt (right) with sponsor Alan Jarvie.



Johnny Walton (left) with sponsor Ed Fitzpatrick.

Bowling News, Paul Elmer

The Carson City Tournament was held on April 8th-10th with 248 bowlers in competition in 3 divisions. Believe it or not, the results were posted in 3 days after the tournament and the appropriate checks were not only mailed out but received in only one week after the tournament concluded. Congratulations have to be handed out to Ray DiBisillio who runs not only this tournament but 3 more as well! Out of the 28 bowlers that we had from Branches 161 and 108, 14 of them cashed. They were: Jerry Marshall - 14th place Singles Div 2, Singles Div 3 saw Rosie Elmer 4th, Diane Carmichael 5th, Val Heck 6th and Mary Patterson 8th. Doubles Div 1 had Keith



Jones and Natalie Paris 15th, Doubles Div 2 had Mike and Diane Carmichael 1st place, Mike and Pam Quier 6th, Jerry and Videlle Marshall 15th and Bill and Julie Bayer 16th. Team Div 2 - Don and Mary Patterson, Val Heck, Mitch Wisinski 4th place and 7th place to Mike and Pam Quier and Diane and Mike Carmichael. All Events Div 3; Pam Quier 3rd, Natalie Paris 7th, Rosie Elmer 11th, and Val Heck 14th. Very well done folks!

With only 3 weeks of completion left in the Monday SIR League Bowling Buddies (Lorraine Burt, Tony Tell, Fred Critchfield) has re-taken first place by 5 games over Strike Force (Videlle Marshall, Doris Cole, Linda Jensen, Greg Mattus). Two other teams are within one game of 2nd place and 6 games of 1st place. It should be an exciting finish for the winter session.

Golf News, Dale Welin

We had a total of 74 players from 5 other SIR branches who participated with our Branch 161 at Discovery Bay Country Club on Monday, April 15, 2019. We were lucky that we had only a 5 minute sprinkle and the rest of the day was dry. It was a bit cool with some breeze.

Our May golf tournament entry information is below. The entry details are:

When: Tuesday, May 21, 2019

Where: Lone Tree GC, Antioch

Time: 9:00 am shotgun start

Format: To be determined

Entry fee: \$44.00 for golf, cart, prize money

Format: To be announced

Cutoff: The last day to sign up is Tuesday, May 14

We do not have a regular monthly luncheon in May, as it is the Mother's Day luncheon with the ladies. It will be up to you to contact Dale by May 14 by phone, e-mail or in person to get your name on the player list. Then please prepare a check payable to Dale Welin and mail it to me, give it to me, etc.

If you have any questions, please call me or e-mail me.

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 table in the Discovery Bay Country Club lobby at our monthly luncheons. Some of the available 2019 trips are listed below. For more information contact Dennis Pachucki.



May 8-12, 2019: Golden Spike 150th Anniversary. Destination Salt Lake City .

May 10-16, 2019: Music Cities Tour . 3 nights in Nashville and 3 nights in Memphis.

May 19-26, 2019: America's Music Cities. Eight day escorted tour featuring New Orleans, Memphis and Nashville.

May 21 – June 1, 2019: Princess Alaska Cruise Tour: 7 day Land – 8 day cruise.

May 24 – June 17, 2019: Machu Picchu and Galapagos, add onto Peru Amazon Jungle.

June 3-18, 2019: Great Rivers of Europe: 18 day Grand Circle Cruise – Vienna to Amsterdam Transverse the Rhine-Mine-Danube Canal.

June 25-29, 2019: Ashland, Oregon & The Oregon Shakespeare Festival.

July 25 – Aug 3, 2019: Alpine Swiss Villages: Unpack twice, an In-Depth Look at the World Famous Bernese Oberland, Plus Swiss Confederation (National) Day Celebration.

August 8-16, 2019: U.S. and Canadian National Parks.

Aug 23-Sept 3, 2019: Crystal Alaska Cruise and Land.

Aug 23 – Sept 9, 2019: Princess Cruise Iceland and Norway on the Pacific Princess.

Sept 3-13, 2019: Princess Cruise Alaska – Grand Princess: R/T San Francisco.

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

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.

Bocce Ball – Dick Donald – 513-2849

There is interest in restarting SIR Bocce Ball. We are currently playing at 10 AM on Tuesday mornings, planning to play about 2 hours. We will make up teams on the spot using all available players. If you would like to play, just show up.

Wine Tasting – Dick Donald – 513-2849

The next wine tasting will be at 5 PM on Thursday, May 23rd. It will be hosted by Jerry and Barbara Dittman. If you are interested in attending this very popular activity please contact Dick Donald at the number above, or email DickDonald@Yahoo.com.

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. The first Saturday of the month is new player day with some snacks and coffee to enhance the experience!! It is a great game for both men and women, with lots of good social interaction, and is the fastest growing sport in the country. The best courts in Contra Costa County are right here in Discovery Bay, at the Cornel Park pickleball courts. Current drop-in play times are Tues, Thur & Sat at 8 am (weather permitting). 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 9:00 A.M. and invite their spouses, friends, and new SIR riders to join them on their rides. They most commonly meet at Jerry's home in Discovery Bay for a moderate ride into Brentwood and back on the recently improved Balfour Road that includes the added safety of bicycle lanes in both directions into Brentwood. 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 interested 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 new members joining us on our rides.



SIR Cyclers Bruce Bohnsack, Ed Fitzpatrick, Jerry Wiebe, Larry Mensch and Phil Newlin enjoying a coffee stop and some camaraderie on one of their weekly Thursday morning rides.

Tennis - Tom Snyder- 634-5289

Tennis is a new activity that was added this year. It is a mixed coed group similar to the pickleball 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 go out for breakfast or lunch, especially if the weather is not good. Contact Tom Snyder if you have any questions.

Mothers Day Luncheon

**Tuesday, May 14 is our annual
Mothers Day Luncheon**

**Our entertainment will be
Discovery Bay's own Bill Ramirez !!!**



**With a singing
style modeled on
Frank Sinatra,
Bill will share
music from the
50's through the
present -
*so be sure to
wear your
dancing shoes
!!!***

**Tickets are \$25 per person and are still available.
Contact Jerry Wiebe to get your tickets
before the deadline of Friday May 10, 2019.**

Jerry's phone # is 916-206-9221

SIR Sports Summary



Golden Gate Fields

March 29-Friday-11 am

mention SIR for:

valet parking, Turf Club (buffet), program
use the Gilman Street entrance
collared shirts & dress slacks
no T-shirts, no shorts, no athletic shoes
Branch leaders see me to get into the
Winners' Circle

Oakland Coliseum-Battle of the Bay
Oakland A's vs San Francisco Giants

August 25-Sunday-1 pm

save \$ 10+

deadline: June 1, 2019

send \$52/per person, plus

self-stamp return envelope

to Lee Moy, 127 N. Helm Ave, Clovis



Raley Field-W. Sacramento
AAA Baseball

River Cats vs Tacoma Rainier
(SF Giants vs Seattle Mariners)

April 7-Sunday-1 pm; \$21.12; section 104
print voucher for parking

pre-game gathering (noon)-Knee Deep Alley
Plus

"Thirsty Thursday"-June 13, 7 pm, section 115

River Cats vs Omaha (KC Royals)

\$22 seats/minimum 20 tickets

this game deadline: May 28th



Chukchansi Park

AAA Baseball

Fresno Grizzlies vs Sacramento River Cats

May 18th-Saturday, 6 pm

price & section not determined yet

Meet at Tioga-Sequoia Brewery-4:30 pm



Please consider
wearing SIR apparel
and/or your favorite team attire
Meet-n-greet fellow SIR members

Lee Moy
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**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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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

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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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