



# SIR BRANCH 161 NEWS

Celebrating our 33rd year! June 2024

The Mission of SIR is to enrich the Lives of Our Members Through Fun Activities and Events—While Making Friends For Life

## Jim Wangeman, Big Sir

Thank you to all the Ladies for making our Mothers Day Luncheon a success! We were entertained with great music.

We have a great speaker for our June Luncheon meeting; See Steve Bordi's Little Sir report for details and for the menu.



Most of you will have received an email from Dave Ciruli, Chairman of our Nominating Committee. Dave and his committee are looking for volunteers to participate on the 2025 BEC (Branch Executive Committee). Please consider running for a position on the 2025 Board and let Dave Ciruli know.

Big Sir Jim Wangeman

## Little Sir, Steve Bordi

### Mothers Day Luncheon

Our Mother's Day luncheon was attended by 77 people, including Sirs and their special guest, and wives of fallen Sirs. We were entertained by **No Strings Attached**, a five-person musical ensemble playing multiple instruments including guitar, banjo, mandolin, ukulele and cajon. They played a variety of familiar music and sang familiar songs.



The DBGCC provided valet parking.

Our June speaker will be 3rd District County Supervisor Diane Burgis, who represents the 22,000 East County residents of Antioch, Brentwood, Oakley, Knightsen, Bethel Island, Byron and Discovery Bay. She will give us an update and entertain questions regarding the proposed State Highway 239, which will connect Vasco Road (at Camino Diablo) to Byron Highway/J-4 to Tracy. *Continued on page 2...*

### Next luncheon meeting

June 11, 2024.

### June events & activities

*Check the respective articles for more details.*

#### Meetings

June luncheon meeting - June 11.

BEC meeting - June 11 (room behind reception desk).

#### Activities

##### Bowling

- June 3, 10, 17, 24 — Brentwood Bowlero
- June 6/7 - SIR tournament, Placerville
- June 24/25—SIR tournament, Dublin

##### Cycling (3 weekly rides)

- June 3 and 5 - long ride
- June 7 - short ride

##### Golf

- June 18—Stockton

Dinner With The Ladies - June 25, Smith's Landing

##### Wine tasting

- June 27

## Little Sir report—continued from page 1



*No Strings Attached, our Mothers Day entertainment*

### June Luncheon Menu

Chicken fajitas with beans and Spanish rice, flour and corn tortillas, garlic bread and brownies.

### June Birthdays

Ed Coats, Phil Godspeed, Weiland Mun, Karl Mygrant, Phil Newlin, Doug Pagano, Todd Ramsdell, Bob Rix, Walter Shipilov, Tom Snyder, Lowell Thomas, Dennis Ward

## SIR Cyclers, Jerry Wiebe (916) 206-9221

We continue to enjoy our California weather year after year that provides so many opportunities for morning and early evening bicycle riders. Riding just a few miles a week helps you to maintain your balance and strengthens your muscles to help keep you in good health.

All levels of bicycling experience are welcome, and electric bike riders are encouraged to join us. We are here to help you brush up on your riding skills if you have not ridden for a while. It only takes a few weeks to wake up those muscles and build some endurance. Just start at a mile a day...then add another, then another. In no time you'll be surprised how stronger you feel. The best part is feeling good... ALL OVER!

Contact your physician and discuss the health benefits of bicycling. Our cyclists often get up in the morning on Lee Donell's driveway on the corner of Windward Point and Clipper Drive In Discovery Bay. When you feel confident about a longer trip, we have as many as three rides a week. Our favorite morning trek is on Friday, pedaling into Brentwood to enjoy a cup of coffee and a lot of gab at a local coffee shop. We are always on the lookout for new members to join us at this fun exercise activity that has a lot of plusses.

Now get those bicycles down you have hanging on the wall of your garages, dust them off, and put some air in the tires. We are waiting for you!





## Membership, Luis Figueroa

Since May was the annual Mother's Day luncheon we had no guests and new inductees.

All members are reminded when a guest attends a luncheon the sponsor will receive a free bottle of wine. If the guest later decides to become a member, the sponsor will also be awarded a free lunch certificate. If a guest wants to become a member please have the guest contact me at 949-400-4715 via voice or texting and I can outline the procedure.



Thanks to all members for your continued recruitment efforts and for bringing guests to our luncheons!

The branch headcount is currently 134.

A reminder that we have developed a new branch brochure to help in our new member recruiting efforts. Feel free to share this with prospective members, either digitally or print it out and make copies. The brochure is also available for download from our web site (under **Membership**): <https://www.sir161.org>

Luis Figueroa, Membership Director

### Our SIR Branch 161 brochure

# Enrich Your Life

Have you ever thought, I want to do that, but didn't have someone to do it with? Have you ever just wanted to get out, but had nowhere special to go?

SIR is your answer.

For over 60 years, SIR has provided opportunities for active senior men to enjoy activities with friends, both old and new.

Our Branch welcomes your participation in our activities.

Come have lunch with us! Our treat. Contact our Branch representative to RSVP and get the date, time and location.

In addition to our monthly lunch, our major activities include:

- Golf
- Bowling
- RV trips
- Pickle Ball
- Tennis
- Wine tasting
- Cycling
- Monthly dinner at local restaurants with ladies
- Bi-annual entertainment events

**Our Branch contact information:**

[www.sir161.org](http://www.sir161.org)  
 Meet monthly at the Discovery Bay Golf and Country Club  
 Membership Contact:  
 figueroa50@yahoo.com; 415-997-5172

To learn more about SIR and other branches visit the organization website: [www.sirinc.org](http://www.sirinc.org)

## THE BEST TIME OF YOUR LIFE IS NOW!

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### Don't Miss a Minute

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**SIR is a social club for men, with over 95 Branches in Northern and Central California.**



SIR is nonprofit 501 (c) (4) and is nonpolitical.

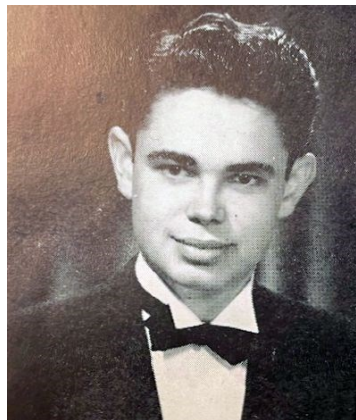







## Mystery Sir

Our May mystery Sir was our Branch Chaplain Rich Barber.



Can you guess who our June mystery Sir (photo on left) is?

If you have an 'early' photo of yourself you'd like included, please email to:

**sir161@comcast.net**

## Wine Tasting, Terry Silva

Regrettably, due to unforeseen circumstances, this month's Wine Tasting event was canceled.

Next month's event will be held at Dennis Pachucki's home in Discovery Bay on June 27.

Terry Silva

Wine Chairman



## Memorial to fallen Sirs

If you haven't seen it, we have a page dedicated to fallen Sirs from Branch 161 on our web site. See here:

<https://www.sir161.org/in-memoriam/>

Or go to **Membership** in the menu and scroll down to **In Memoriam**.

The page was started just 4 years ago. If there are prior passed Sirs you'd like to add to the page, please send me their date of passing and a picture, and I'll be glad to add them:

**webmaster@sir161.org**

## Golf News, Johnny Welton

Those that didn't play missed an exceptional day. 89 degrees in Discovery Bay and 80 degrees at Franklin Canyon. It took 45 minutes to arrive and less than an hour to get home (leaving at 4:20 pm). It has been many years since the course was in such good shape, but the grounds keeper had some attitude. The greens were fast, and the hole placements were at a minimum "difficult."



We had 23 players. Dan Lippstreu, Mike Kaufman, Tony Rubino, and Dennis O'Connell took the honors with a team score of 120. Fourteen strokes better than last month's winning team. James Taylor, Sid Cruser, Isao

Nishijima, and Ken Fanucchi were second with 131. Third went to Joe Raposa, Johnny Welton, Dennis Pachucki, and Joe Riggs with a 133. Closest to Hole #2 at 13' 4" was Dave Vicencio. On hole #17 it was Manny Geronimo at 13".

Low Gross and Net were very close. Dan Lippstreu with a very nice 84 took the Flight A Low Gross. Joe Raposa broke a three-way-tie with James Taylor & Tom Denning on the second tiebreaker hole (17). Johnny Welton won First Net for flight A with a 70 followed by James Taylor with a 72. In Flight B Mike Kaufman broke a tie with Tony Rubino at 97. Ron Bengue with a 70 won the Flight B Low Net followed by John Sutton (73).



Six skins were won by six individuals in Flight A but Flight B had some show offs: Tony Rubino had four skins and John Sutton had three. Four others won one skin.

It seems the red shirts were a hit! We were the best dressed SIR Branch playing golf!! Here is the scoop. I had hoped the shirts would have arrived two months ago. They came the day after I left. They were first to be an incentive to register and pay for the full year - you get your shirt early. If you register and pay for five events, you qualify for the SIR Branch 161 Individual Championship on October 15 - you get your shirt early. If you qualify for the SIR Branch 161 Individual Championship late, you will still receive a shirt at the tournament. Red shirts will not be sold until after the SIR Branch 161 Individual Championship. So, plan ahead, pay ahead, and get your shirt early!

The next event is at Elkhorn Golf Course in Stockton on Tuesday, 6/18/24.

The first tee time is at 9:00 am. We have 18 players registered. Please let me know as soon as possible ... and mail your checks now! Last day to register or pay is at the luncheon on June eleventh.

It was a great day!  
Johnny



# Golf photos

Check out the new shirts!





## Bowling news, Ron Wilson

### Some sad news.

Barbara Matteucci passed away on May 14, 2024. Barbara was the wife of Bob Matteucci who was the founder of our bowling league. Both Bob and Barbara were heavy contributors to bowling and our SIR organization. Below is a tribute to Barbara and Bob.



Bob and his wife Barbara moved to Discovery Bay in 1990 from Millbrae where he was general manager at Millbrae Bowl and then to King's Bowl also in Millbrae for a combined 50 years. His wife Barbara also worked in the bowling business as youth director and book keeper. She also had a bowling trophy business on the side.

Bob joined the SIR organization and he created and sanctioned the SIR Branch 161 bowling league. Under his leadership the league grew to 28

teams of 4 bowlers each. It is interesting to note that back in those days we used to take a bus to Reno for the annual tournament and there would be as many as 46 bowlers which is 14 more people than bowl in our existing league today.

Bob, also with lots of help from Barbara, took over the position as our SIR Branch 161 Travel Director. During Bob's leadership he and Barbara organized many fun travel events. We enjoyed tours on the bus going to Sacramento and San Francisco for lunch and plays. We went to Santa Rosa to the Peanuts venue, to San Jose for a Sharks game, Ice skating show and a cruise to Mexico, plus many other fun trips and tours.

In 2003, after Bob's passing, the Discovery Bay SIR Branch voted to dedicate our annual SIR Bowling Tournament to Bob in honor of his achievements. After Bob's passing, Barbara continued her involvement with bowling and started bi-monthly "No Tap" bowling tournaments, which continue today under the guidance of her daughter Gail. Together, they coined the phrase: *"Bowling is a Requirement for Retirement"*. Our sincere condolences and gratitude go out to the Matteucci family.

### Bowling News

On Monday May 13 we finished our 2023-2024 SIR winter league with the championship roll off between the first half winners Team # 1 (Keith Jones, Gail Smith, Fred Critchfield and Ron Wilson) and the second half winners "Delta Strikers" (Bob Damico Terry Damico, Diane Leonis and Shirley Jennings).

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## Bowling news—continued from page 10

The delta strikers won the championship by winning the first two games of the 2 of 3 contest. The Delta Strikers also won the Sweeper first prize money by rolling high team score against all teams. A big congratulations to the “Delta Strikers for a great season!

Some other notables for our winter season are as follows:

High scratch game (Male), Mitch Wisinski	300 (Perfect Game)
High scratch game (Female), Rosie Elmer	258
High scratch series (Male), Keith Jones	761
High scratch series (Female), Gail Smith	638
High handicap game (Male), Mike Sadler Jr,	317
High handicap game (Female), Natalie Paris Jones	298
High handicap series (Male), Bill Konold	768
High handicap series (Female), Diane Leonis	730
High average (Male), Keith Jones	217
High average (Female), Gail Smith	175
Most improved average (Male), Keith Jones	+13
Most improved average (Female), Terry Damico	+1

We opened our summer league to guests, which is in line with State Committee guidelines. As a result, we are off to a great start with 9 teams (two with one vacancy) and the tenth team will be a vacancy team which we have used before. This means as of now we are starting the summer with 34 bowlers which is 3 more than our ending winter season roster.



Summer League will start on Monday June 3rd. and we begin at 10am. The league will be 13 weeks long ending on August 26.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** On June 3rd our first day please come early for our team meeting at 9:45 am to approve league rules. Meeting will start promptly at 9:45am.

We had 12 bowlers at The Carson City tournament, and we found very tough lane conditions which produced only 2 cashers. Congratulations to Mike Kaufman and Terry Kaufman for cashing in sixth place division 2 doubles.

Next Tournaments are as follows:

Placerville at Red Hawk Casino (Apex Lanes) on June 6th and or 7th. This is a new venue located just west of Placerville. It should be a fun experience.

Dublin at Earl Anthony’s Dublin Bowl on June 24th and or 25th. This is an easy one to get to.

Auburn at Foothill Bowl on July 11th and or 12th

Thanks for supporting our SIR Bowling League and SIR Tournaments.

See you on the lanes.

### Editor’s Note

A big thanks to all our newsletter contributors for their articles and other content, allowing this issue to be published on time. This and prior issues of our newsletter can be viewed/downloaded at our web site.



## Dinner With The Ladies, Dennis Pachucki



**When:** Tuesday, June 25, 2024

**Where:** Smith's Landing, 1 Marina Plaza, Antioch, CA 94509.

**Time:** Arrival & Cocktails starting at 5:00 pm. Dinner served at 6:00 pm.

**Menu Choices:** Dinner includes salad, dessert & non-alcoholic beverage (iced tea, water, coffee):

- Simply Grilled Salmon, mashed Potatoes, seasonal vegetables
- Chicken Saltimbocca Breast Cream Sauce, mashed potatoes, seasonal vegetables
- Point Reyes Petit Filet, Blue Cheese Sauce, mashed potatoes, seasonal vegetable
- Baby Back Pork Beer Ribs, BBQ sauce, French fries, creamed corn.

**Cost:** \$40.00 per person (includes tax and tip)

**Deadline:** We need your RSVP no later than Friday, June 21 – there will be envelopes at our General Meeting on June 11.

Please send your checks to me in advance.

Please make your checks out to Dennis Pachucki and mail to:  
2125 Sand Point Road, Discovery Bay, CA 94505. Cell phone 408-309-5206

Smith's Landing is located at 1 Marina Plaza, Antioch, CA 94509

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

Your Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Your Menu choice(s):**

Grilled salmon

Point Reyes Petite Filet

Chicken Saltimbocca

Baby Back Beer Ribs

## 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

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### Reminders

**Annual dues** defray the administrative costs of running our organization. For those who have yet to pay their dues, be sure to mail a check for \$25 (made out to SIR Branch 161) 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. It is suggested that hats be removed while reciting the Pledge Of Allegiance.

**If you're unable to attend a meeting**, our Branch is obligated to pay for lunches not served. Please email or call Phil Newlin by the Friday preceding the meeting if you don't plan to attend.

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### Your newsletter team



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