



# SIR BRANCH 161 NEWS

Celebrating our 33rd year! July 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

I met with the General Manager of DBGCC, Rodney Mueller, and he has assured me that there will be no more lunches without proper staffing and management on site. He has apologized for our bad experience.



I am looking forward to our July luncheon without any hiccups.

Thank you to Diane Burgis for an excellent talk on Discovery Bay expansion.

As always, our goal is to grow our Branch 161.

Please see the Nominating Committee's slate of nominations for our 2025 BEC (Branch Executive Committee) on page 3. We will vote on these nominations at our July 9 general meeting.

Big Sir Jim Wangeman

## Little Sir, Steve Bordi

Diane Burgis, 3rd District Contra Costa County Supervisor, was our guest presenter at last month's luncheon. She gave us an update and overview of the proposed State Highway 239 which will connect Vasco Road to Byron Highway (J-4), running by the Byron airport. The new Hwy239 will run 17 miles and will be 4 lanes all the way to Tracy where it will connect to I-205. The project has been slow to develop due to the fact that it involves the bureaucracies of three Counties (Contra Costa, Alameda, and San Joaquin). Work should begin sometime around 2026.



Our July guest speaker will be Doug Powell, former retired lieutenant with the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office. He now heads the Marine Patrol Unit which covers some 80 square miles of waterways between Richmond and Discovery Bay. The Marine Unit

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### Next luncheon meeting

July 9, 2024.

### July events & activities

*Check the respective articles for more details.*

#### Meetings

**July luncheon meeting - July 9.**

**BEC meeting - July 9 .**

#### Activities

##### **Bowling**

- July 1, 8, 15, 22— Brentwood Bowlero
- July 11 or 12— Auburn
- July 23 or 24— Concord

##### **Cycling** (3 weekly rides)

- July 1 and 3 - long ride
- July 5 - short ride

##### **Golf**

- July 23—Swensen Park

**Annual lunch and boat cruise - July 25**

##### **Wine tasting**

- July 25

## Little Sir report—continued from page 1

has varied duties including law enforcement, boating safety checks, aiding disabled boaters, derelict boat management, operation of the Dive Team, and educational endeavors with the public and schools.



June speaker Diane Burgis,  
Contra Costa County supervisor

### July Luncheon Menu

BBQ Pork Ribs, Mac-n-Cheese, Roasted Potatoes, Garlic Bread, and Brownie.

### July Birthdays

Mark Blackburn, Bob Bradley, Dick Jamison,  
Tom Jones, Tom Kirtley, Denny O'Connell,  
Lowell Onstad, Rob Vetter.

## 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!



### In Memoriam

We were sad to report the passing of Sir Doug Pagano on June 12, 2024.

Doug joined SIR Branch 161 in July of 2005. When known, we will share information on Doug's Memorial service with you.

Meanwhile, please keep Doug and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

## June awards, presented by Bob Damico



Harris Edwards receives SIR State Senior Sir (90 years old) Award



Jerry Marshall receives 25 year Branch Membership Award

## Nominations for the 2025 BEC, submitted by the Nominating Committee, approved by the BEC

### BEC Officers

Big Sir	Jim Wangeman
Little Sir	Steve Bordi
Secretary	Bruce Bohnsack
Assistant Secretary	Saul Gold
Treasurer	Norm Petersen
Assistant Treasurer	Skip Zehnder

### Directors

Membership	Luis Figueroa
Attendance	Phil Newlin
Dave Ciruli	Audit & Nominating
Bowling	Ron Wilson
Golf	Johnny Welton
Dinner with the Ladies	Dennis Pachucki
Sunshine	Bob Damico

## 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**

## Membership, Luis Figueroa

At the June luncheon we inducted no new members, but had 2 guests: Tony Petralia (Phil Newlin, sponsor), and Ron Bengé (Dave Vicencio, sponsor)



Please refer to the Membership section on our branch web site at [www.sir161.org](http://www.sir161.org) to better understand the new member process, and if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Prospective members have the option to become inducted at their first luncheon meeting if they have already completely filled out their application and submitted it, or wait until after attending the first luncheon and later submitting the application. In addition when bringing in guests, please notify Phil Newlin or myself in advance of the meeting in order to allow time for the preparation of a guest package. The Branch will continue to give a free bottle of wine to any member who brings in a guest to our luncheons, and a free lunch certificate to the member who sponsors a new member.

The current branch headcount is 133.

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

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

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

## Mystery Sir

Our May mystery Sir was Vince Vargas.



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

The SIR Wine Tasting event was held at the home of Dennis Pachucki and Karen Capra in Discovery Bay. The hosts did a great job hosting twelve couples.

### Attendees:

Joe and Linda Riggs, Dick and Carolyn Jamison, Tom and Madonna Leeper, Cam Donald, Bob and Jan Rix, Michael and Pam Quier, Jerry and Sue Wiebe, Terry and Sue Silva, Dave and Jinni Ciruli, Vince and Bobbie Vargas, Ron and Marilyn Crawford.



Next month's Wine event will be on July 25 at Cam Donald's house in Discovery Bay at 5 pm. An email will come out in a week inviting members to the next month's event.

Terry Silva  
Wine Chairman

## Photos from June 28 wine tasting



## June Attendance Report, Phil Newlin

Fellow SIR members, here is a summary of attendance numbers for our June 11th luncheon..

Date	JUN 11	NO CALL - NO SHOW	This is the number of members subject to lunch charge for not calling and not showing up
Members, including New	133		
NO CALL - NO SHOW	6		
Notified	29		Notified This is the number of members that notified the attendance chairman of their non-attendance
Guests	3		
Guest Speakers	2		
Actual Count Total	98		Actual Count Total This is the total members - No Call/No Show - Notified

The other categories are self-explanatory.

## Golf News, Johnny Welton



It was a great day at Elkhorn! Lots of fun! Everyone reporting indicated that 4 hrs 15 mins was about right for the round. The weather was mild for so near summer and the course was in great shape.

Some people had their best day ever with SIR Golf. Most notable was Jim Spann. \$49 ... nice gross 89/net 66 ... earned second place team and first place on the Blind Draw! Jim won four skins in Flight B as well as both closest to the pin awards. Tom Denning led all golfers with a gross 77! 2023 Champion Randy Zierau scored a net 70! James Taylor won three skins in Flight A.

The first-place team award with 121 went to Tom Denning, Saul Gold, Tony Rubino and Spann (BD). Second-place team with 124 was Todd Ramsdell, Randy Zierau, Ken Pachucki, and Jim Spann. Dan Lippstreu, Ken Fanucchi, Isao Nishijima, and Lee Donnell had scored 131 to finish as the third-place team.

In Flight A Tom Denning (77) won the gross award with Dave Vicencio (82) second. Randy Zuierau (70) was first in the net award and Saul Gold (72) came in second after a tie breaker with Dan Lippstreu. James Taylor earned three skins. Randy Zierau and Dave Vicencio both had two skins. Todd Ramsdell, Dan Lippstreu, Lee Donnell, and Tom Denning all had one skin.

Flight B was let by Jim Spann (89) in the gross award followed by Mike Kaufman (92). In the net award Ken Fanucchi (74) was first followed by Dennis O'Connell (77). Jim Spann won four skins. Dennis O'Connell had two. Mike Carmichael and Ron Bengel both had one skin.

We have 23 for Swensen Park on July 23 and only two alternate positions remaining for the Match Play competition with Concord SIR on Thursday, August 22 which is limited to a team of twenty. Let me know ASAP for either event. There are only four events remaining, including the SIR Branch 161 Individual Championship which requires five events to be played to qualify for the Championship Award. Many of you are very close to qualifying or would qualify by playing the remaining events. Lots of goodies to be given out at the Championship. Look at your schedule and please join us!

Congratulations!  
Johnny

### 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:

<https://www.sir161.org>

## Bowling news, Ron Wilson

Our summer league is off to a good start with Team 9 (Dennis Pachucki, Leanne Hipkind, Rosemarie Larkin and Mitch Wisinski) in first place after 3 weeks with a perfect 12 and 0 record.



"Well, I finally bowled 300 ...  
and it only took me three games."

On the tournament trail our branch took 5 bowlers to the Redhawk Casino in Placerville. We found dry lane conditions and none of us scored well enough to cash. It is a new bowling center in the casino. The whole complex was very nice. I was especially impressed with the number of Slot's (2,500). They also had 4 locations where you could get free coffee and soft drinks.

Our next tournaments are as follows:

Dublin at "Earl Anthony Bowl" on Tuesday June 25. We have five bowlers competing. This one will be finished by the time you get this newsletter.

Auburn at "Foothill Bowl" on your choice of July 11 or 12.

Concord at "Clayton Valley Bowl" on your choice of July 23 or 24. This is a short ride for those who prefer to not drive far.

Reno at the "National Bowling Stadium" on August 12 thru 14. This is a singles, doubles and 4 person team event. We bowl this over three days but it can be bowled in 2 days saving a night's stay. For those of you who have never bowled at the "National Bowling Stadium" it is an awesome place to bowl. There are 78 lanes and the bowlers settee area is huge. The ceiling in this place must be 35 feet or so. There will also be 200-250 bowlers at this one. It is located only one block off Virginia street from the Eldorado complex.

I am including a link to a brief video I took showing the size of this facility:

[https://www.icloud.com/photos/#047vApNRUUVq7oKkXUyRvkF\\_A](https://www.icloud.com/photos/#047vApNRUUVq7oKkXUyRvkF_A)

See me on the lanes or call (925-354-6647) if you have questions. As always, I will handle your tournament entry applications.



### 30th Annual Al DiGiusto Boat Cruise and Luncheon, Dennis Pachucki

We are having our Boat Cruise/Lunch scheduled for Thursday, July 25, 2024, at the newly remodeled Boardwalk Grill, now called Marina Bar and Grill in Discovery Bay (outdoor seating). This is our annual Al DiGiusto Boat Cruise and Lunch, started in 1993 by Fallen Sir Al DiGiusto, and has continued in his memory since 2005.



Boat rides are optional and will be up to Boat Captains to arrange with their fellow members.

Dining only, without a Boat Ride, continues to be an acceptable and popular choice.

Cost is \$30 per person (includes non-alcoholic drinks, dessert, tax, and tip). We have four menu choices:

Chicken Hawaiian Burger, Chicken Caesar Salad, Philly Cheese Sandwich, and Fish & Chips.

House Wine: \$? glass, Draft Beer \$?

Arrive by 11:30 a.m. - lunch will be served at noon.

Call Dennis at 408-309-5206 if you have questions.

Use the form below to submit your menu choices. Sign up deadline is July 19, 2024

----- **Detach and return this stub with your payment by July 19, 2024** -----

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

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Menu choices:

Chicken Hawaiian Burger \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken Caesar Salad \_\_\_\_\_

Philly Cheese Sandwich \_\_\_\_\_ Fish & Chips \_\_\_\_\_

Mail this menu form with your check (made out to Dennis Pachucki) to:

Dennis Pachucki

2125 Sand Point Rd

Discovery Bay CA 94505

## 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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