



SIR BRANCH 161 NEWS

Celebrating our 33rd year! *Sept. 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

Welcome Sirs to our 9th meeting of the year. Thank you to the Sheriff's Department, including the Discovery Bay Resident Crime Prevention Specialist, for a very timely talk on scammers taking advantage of Seniors.



My daughter Mary and I hosted the August wine group and a good time was had by all. Thank you to Terry Silva for your help!

As we go forward, please remember to notify Phil Newlin if you can't make the meeting, as we get charged if you are not there and don't let Phil know ahead of time.

Big Sir Jim Wangeman

Little Sir report, Steve Bordi

August guest speaker

Our August speaker was Le' Reina Skidmore, Contra Costa County Sheriff's Department Discovery Bay Resident Crime Prevention Specialist, with an excellent Powerpoint presentation.

She was assisted by Lt. Charlene Jacquez, along with Deputies Glenn Bryant and Chris Kooy. Topics covered were vehicle thefts, golf carts on the street issues, cameras at the entrance of Discovery Bay Blvd., cameras at residences, and phone/



email scams.

The presentation concluded with questions and answers from the audience.

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Next luncheon meeting
September 10, 2024.

September events & activities
Check the respective articles for more details.

Meetings

September luncheon meeting - September 10.
BEC meeting - September 10.

Activities

Bowling

- Sept 9, 16, 23, 30 - Brentwood Bowlero
- Sept 25 or 26 - Pacheco

Cycling (3 weekly rides)

- Sept 2 & 4 - long ride
- Sept 6 - short ride

Golf

- Sept 17 - Manteca

Dinner With The Ladies - Sept 24

Wine tasting

- Sept 26

Little Sir report, *continued from page 1*

Our guest speaker for the September luncheon will be Monica Gallo. Raised in Fremont, Monica has been a resident of Discovery Bay since the early 1990's. Prior to being hired by the Town of Discovery Bay, Monica worked in the construction industry in the Livermore area. Since 2014 she has held the position of Supervisor of Parks and Recreation. Her duties include landscaping, proposing and conducting recreation classes and activities at the Community Center. Her major landscaping responsibilities include the Entrance to DB, Discovery Bay Blvd, Clipper and Newport Drives, and the Parks. Recreation responsibilities include the Community Center, Swimming Pool, and Tennis/Pickleball Courts. Her favorites have been the creation of the Dog Park, the Activities Guide Publication, and the "Summer Jam Concert Series" which has raised close to \$50,000 for upgrades and improvements to the Community Center.



September Luncheon Menu

Cream Cheese, Parmesan Spinach with Artichoke stuffed Pork Loin topped with Mornay Sauce. Steamed Red Potatoes and Seasonal Veggies, Garlic Bread and Brownie.

September Birthdays

Rich Barber, Ron Benge, Patrick Dolan,
Ed Fitzpatrick, Tony Guarascio,
John Jewell, Mike Kaufman,
Tim Pollok, Michael Stoiber, Brad Vinson

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!



Wine Tasting, Terry Silva

The August SIR wine tasting event was held at Big Sir Jim Wangeman's house.

Attendees:

Jerry and Sue Wiebe, Michael and Pam Quier, Terry and Sue Silva, Bruce and Kathy Bohnsack, Will and Raquel Myers.

The hosts Big Sir Jim, his daughter Mary and husband Ray did an excellent job

The next wine event will be on Thursday September 26 at 5 pm. An email will go out soon for sign ups. Hope to see you there.



Terry Silva, Wine Chairman



Membership, Luis Figueroa

At the August luncheon we did not have any guests.

We inducted 3 new members: Ron Benge (sponsor, Dave Vicencio); Tony Petralia (sponsor, Phil Newlin); and James Taylor (sponsor, Sid Crusier).



Ron Benge moved to Discovery Bay 14 months ago. He retired from Pacific Steel in 2018, where he was a journeyman pattern maker, and was in the steel business for over 45 years. Prior to moving to Discovery Bay he lived for 47 years in Dublin. He has been single for a while, but currently is in a long term relationship with a lovely lady.

Tony Petralia has lived in Discovery Bay since 2011. He retired from NetApp, a data storage provider, in 2016 where he worked in global technical training, technical support, system administration, troubleshooting, and performance analysis. He has a daughter and three grand children. Tony is a part time golfer and he is an avid boater having cruised throughout the Delta, and the SF Bay. He is also a volunteer with the Patriots Jet team in Byron.



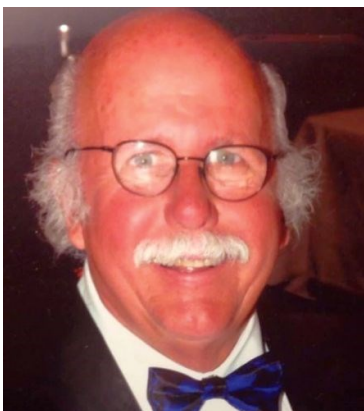
James Taylor has lived in Brentwood and Discovery Bay since 1996. He retired from the Livermore Police Department as a police dispatcher in 2021. His wife, Faith, works at Marin General Hospital. He and his wife have a daughter and three grand children. He enjoys golfing, traveling, and getting out on a pontoon whenever possible. He is looking forward to SIR golfing and wine tasting.

Please refer to the Membership section on our branch web site at 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 branch headcount is 133.

Luis Figueroa, Membership Director

In Memoriam



We were sad to hear of the passing of Ken Graunstadt on August 15, 2024. He passed away peacefully at his home in Byron, after a short time under hospice care.

Ken joined our SIR Branch 161 in January 2019.

Please keep Ken, his wife Mary Jo and their family in your thoughts and prayers.

A Funeral Mass for Ken will take place on Monday Sept. 23, 2024 at 11 a.m. at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 500 Fairview Ave., Brentwood, Ca. 94513. A Rosary will be said before Mass at 10:30 a.m. Lunch will follow in the church hall.

Our SIR Branch 161 membership marketing flyer, available for download from our [web site](#)

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.

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

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
 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

THE BEST TIME OF YOUR LIFE IS NOW!

Don't Miss a Minute





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

Mystery Sir

Our August mystery Sir was Jerry Wiebe. Congratulations to Ed Ritner on being the first to provide the correct answer.



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

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

sir161@comcast.net

August Attendance Report, Phil Newlin

Date	AUG 13
Members, including New	133
NO CALL - NO SHOW	11
Notified	39
Guests	0
Guest Speakers	4
Actual Count Total	87

Fellow SIR members, here is a summary of attendance numbers for our August 13th luncheon..

NO CALL - NO SHOW This is the number of members subject to lunch charge for not calling and not showing up

Notified - This is the number of members that notified the Attendance Chairman of their non-attendance.

Actual Count Total - This is the total members - No Call/No Show - Notified.

The other categories are self-explanatory.

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>

10th Annual Collector Car Show, Bill Konold

The September meeting is also the SIR Eric Jensen Memorial 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 10 meeting and park with your other SIR car enthusiast members.

Tire kicking is both before and after the meeting, so arrive early and enjoy the machinery.

Please contact Bill Konold 634-2738 if you have any questions.

Here are a few pictures from past shows.



Golf News, Johnny Welton



It had been a long hot summer and then along came August 22. It was a cold, dark morning. Leaving at 6:00 am you could see the fog billow over the mountains as you made your 45 minute drive to Diablo Creek Golf Course. Everyone wished they had brought their SIR Logo vest. The pro shop had a run on windbreakers and jackets. It was Match Play day versus Concord Branch 8. You met your teammate and opposition for a shotgun start at 8:00 am but it wasn't until 9:30 am that the sun took over and warmed us.

There were high expectations after Branch 161 had won the last three events, but it was not to be. Branch 8 hosted another great event with good friendships all around. Branch 8 was a wonderful host (except for the "winning" part). Players were still hanging out together more than an hour after everyone had finished playing.

For Branch 8: Tom Denning/David Vicencio won 6/4; James Taylor/Saul Gold won 7/5; Sid Cruser/Ron Bengue won 5/3; and John Sutton/Vince Vargas tied 4/4. Branch 8 won 6; Branch 161 won 3 and tied 1. Branch 8 won 59 holes and Branch 161 won 45 holes.

We thank our friends from Branch 8 and can't wait until next year!

There are only three events left for this season. Please sign up early to be sure you are included. Tuesday, September 17, 9:00 am Manteca Park has 25 players. Tuesday, October 15, 9:30 am The Reserve at Spanos Park has 25 players for the **SIR Branch 161 Individual Championship**. Tuesday, October 29, 9:50 am Dublin Ranch has 15 players for a new course and new "shamble" event.

There have been forty-four players that have participated in at least one SIR Golf event this year. Thirty-eight have won prize money! Tom Denning continues to lead the pack with the most prize money won (\$94) this season. He is followed by Dan Lippstreu with \$77, Randy Zierau (\$71), Isao Nishijima (\$71), Dave Vicencio (\$68), and Ron Bengue (\$67). Looks like it will be a close finish to earn the first tee off spot for the Individual Championship.

Consider joining us. We have a lot of fun!



Buddy May, Steve Burrows, Tom Denning, and David Vicencio.

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Golf photos



Dave and Dan



Group 2

Dave and Dan: David Platter, Branch 8 Golf Director and Dan Lippstreu, Branch 161 Event Captain.

Group 2: Bob Samson, Rick Trudell, Bill Konold, and Johnny Welton.

Directions to Shirasoni for the Sept 24 Dinner With The Ladies (see page 10).

Shirasoni is located at 6367 Lone Tree Way, Brentwood:

From Discovery Bay, take Hwy 4 to Marsh Creek, turn left and continue on Marsh Creek to the Bypass and turn right (north). Exit the Bypass at Lone Tree Way; go east (right) on Lone Tree Way and remain in the right lane. After the SECOND stop light (Shady Willow Lane), take the SECOND driveway into the shopping area; you will see Shirasoni ahead and to the left (next to Mancini's Sleepworld).

Dinner With The Ladies, Dennis Pachucki



When: September 24, 2024

Where: Shirasoni Japanese Restaurant, 6367 Lone Tree Way, Brentwood CA.

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

Menu Choices: (Dinner includes appetizer, dessert & non-alcoholic beverage):

- Chicken Teriyaki grilled with sweet teriyaki sauce
- New York Steak (Hibachi Grilled)
- Filet Mignon (Hibachi Grilled)
- Hibachi Shrimp grilled with lemon & butter
- Hibachi Salmon grilled with a hint of lemon
- Vegetable Delight (Assorted fresh vegetables grilled in a light sauce)

All entrees include Mushroom Soup, Green Salad with Ginger Dressing, Hibachi Vegetables and choice of steamed, fried or garlic fried rice.

Cost: \$38.00 per person (includes tax and tip)

Deadline: We need your RSVP no later than Friday, September 20 - there will be envelopes at our General Meeting on September 10 .

Please send your checks to me in advance.

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

Shirasoni is located at 6367 Lone Tree Way, Brentwood. (Directions on page 9).

----- **Please detach and mail with your check** -----

Your Name(s): _____

Phone: _____

Your Menu choice(s):

Chicken Teriyaki

Filet Mignon

Hibachi Shrimp

Hibachi Salmon

New York Steak

Vegetarian Entree

Your Rice choice(s):

Steamed Rice

Fried Rice

Garlic Fried Rice

Bowling news, Ron Wilson

We just wrapped up our summer league position round with team “One and Done” (Mike Kaufman, Marie Wilson, Joe Riggs and Bill Konold) defeating team “Delta Strikers” (Ralph Garner, Shirley Jennings, Terry Damico and Bob Damico) for the League Championship. This was an exciting playoff with these two teams tied going in with 28 wins each, but “One and Done” prevailed by taking 3 out of the 4 points. Team “Boom” (Harold Sagert, Terry Kaufman, Rosie Elmer and Paul Elmer) took second place by taking 3 wins in their match and edging out the “Delta Strikers” by one win.



Season Leaderboards:

High Average Men	Henry Hierro 225
High Average Women	Natalie Paris Jones 179
Most Improved Average Men	Tony Guarascio 19 pins
Most Improved Average Women	Rosemarie Larkin 3 pins
High Game Scratch Men	Keith Jones 287
High Game Scratch Women	Marie Wilson 219
High Series Scratch Men	Henry Hierro 774
High Series Scratch Women	Natalie Paris Jones 595
High Game Handicap Men	Paul Elmer 303
High Game Handicap Women	Rosie Elmer 265
High Series Handicap Men	Derek Schutz 764
High Series Handicap Women	Leanne Hipskind 718

We will begin our winter league on Monday Morning September 9th with a league meeting at 9:40 am and bowling to start at 10 am. The meeting is important as we will elect remaining league officers and approve our league rules.

The winter league will be 37 weeks in duration, finishing on May 19, 2025. This will break down into two 18 week halves plus final Sweeper.

I am happy to announce that we will have 10 complete 4-person teams for our Winter season.

Tournaments:

We had 5 bowlers from branch 161 at Concord/Clayton with only one casher. At Reno we had 6 bowlers with two cashing. There were a total of 154 bowlers at Reno.

The next tournament will be at Pacheco on your choice of September 25 or 26. To date we have 6 bowlers going from our branch.

Following Pacheco we have our own Branch 161 “Bob Matteucci Memorial Tournament” on Tuesday October 22nd. I am very happy with our Branch support for this tournament as it looks like we could have close to 30 bowlers from our own Branch. This number is unheard of since the early 2000’s. This means a lot to me to see this kind of support and I thank you all who have said you will be bowling this tournament.

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Bowling, continued from page 11



The final Tournament for 2024 will be at Modesto at “McHenry Lanes” on your choice of November 7 or 8.

As always, if you want to bowl any tournaments I will handle all of the paperwork for you. All you need to do is write the check and show up.

See you on the lanes

SIR Day At The Ballpark - A’s v Giants, Dennis Pachucki

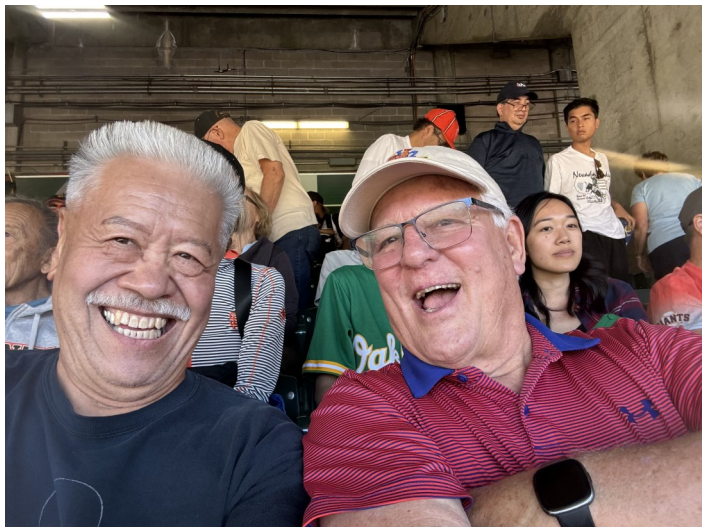
Thanks to Lee Moy, State SIR Sports, for organizing this event. Sirs from multiple SIR Branches attended.



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SIR Day At The Ballpark - A's v Giants, *continued*

Photos courtesy Lee Moy.



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.

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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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