



SIR BRANCH 161 NEWS

Celebrating our 33rd year! Oct. 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 everyone that attended our September 10th Lunch. We had a very informative talk from Monica Gallo, from the Town of Discovery Bay.

I look forward to our October 8th meeting with Chicken Parmesan on the menu!

We received sad news about Jim Moore passing away on Friday 9/20/24 after a lengthy stay in the hospital. Jim was a special friend with endless stories!

Our Board will be working on the proposal from the Country Club on next year's meetings and lunches.

I look forward to seeing you all at our next meeting and remember to notify Phil Newlin if you cannot make our next meeting on 10/8/24.

Please see Jerry Wiebe's note re dues on page 5.

Big Sir Jim Wangeman



Little Sir report, Steve Bordi

Our guest speaker for last month's luncheon was Monica Gallo, Supervisor of Landscaping, Parks, and Recreation for the Town of Discovery Bay. Monica has held this position for the past 10 years, and has worked hard to maintain the beauty of the entrance and streets of our Town. Besides the landscaping, Monica maintains all the Parks along with their maintenance. The Community Center, the Tennis Courts, and the Swimming Pool are also a big part of



her duties. She also is responsible for the annual publication listing all the classes and recreational activities available at the Community Center. Monica noted that the Summer Jam Concert Series has raised \$50,000 for upgrades and improvements to the Community Center. Q & A's followed her presentation.

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Next luncheon meeting

October 8, 2024.

October events & activities

Check the respective articles for more details.

October luncheon meeting - October 8.

BEC meeting - October 8.

Activities

Bowling

- Oct 7, 14, 21, 28 - Brentwood Bowlero
- Oct 22 - tournament, Brentwood Bowlero
- Nov 7 or 8 - tournament, Modesto

Cycling (3 weekly rides)

- Oct 2 & 7 - long ride
- Oct 9 - short ride

Golf

- Oct 15 - Spanos Park
- Oct 29 - Dublin Ranch

Dinner With The Ladies - Oct 23

Wine tasting

- Oct 24

Little Sir report, *continued from page 1*

Our guest speaker for October will be Barbara Barrigan Parrilla, Director of "Restore the Delta". This organization is located in Stockton and its mission is promoting the water quality of the Delta. Topics she is involved with definitely affect our Town. CA.Senate Bill 1390 -- Delta Conveyance Project (Tunnels) -- Saltwater Intrusion -- Metropolitan Water District -- Algae Blooms and various Water Weeds -- Fish and Wildlife -- Salt and Chemicals and Farming (Irrigation on golf course) -- Port of Stockton (Steam Methane Reforming Project). Be prepared with your questions for Barbara.



Monica Gallo receives a Certificate Of Appreciation from Little Sir Steve Bordi

October Luncheon Menu

Chicken Parmesan Pasta with Marinara Sauce ,
Seasonal Veggies and Roll with
Cookie or Brownie for dessert.

October Birthdays

Bruce Bohnsack, Fred Critchfield,
Tom Denning, Knute Kleinen, Rod Linn,
Larry Mensch, George Soles, Jim Spann,
Gary Tucker, Ron Wilson, Calvin Zehnder

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

We held the SIR Wine Tasting event at the beautiful new home of Jerry and Sue Wiebe in Brentwood. As always, Jerry and Sue did a great job hosting this event.

Attendees:

Dick and Carolyn Jamison, Terry and Sue Silva, Cam Donald, Saul and Maureen Gold, Michael and Pam Quier, Vince and Bobbie Vargas, Dave and Jinni Ciruli, Bruce and Kathy Bohnsack, Will and Raquel Myers.

A great time was had by all.

Next wine tasting will be Thursday October 24th at Dick and Carolyn's house in Discovery Bay at 5 pm. See me if you would like to attend. I will send out an email in a week or so.

Terry Silva

SIR wine tasting Chairman





Membership, Luis Figueroa

At the September luncheon we had one guest, Al Neves (Bill Konold, sponsor). There were no new member inductees.

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 131.



Annual Dues Reminder – Special Offer for 2025! Jerry Wiebe, Treasurer

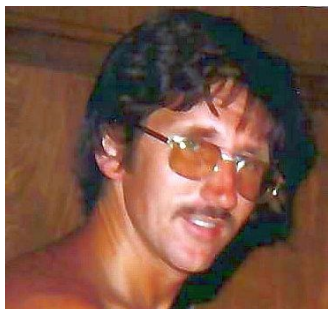
As we approach the end of the year, October is when we begin collecting our 2025 annual dues, which remain this year at \$25. To make things easier and more rewarding, we're offering a special deal!

Just attend either our October 8th or November 12th SIR Luncheon and bring \$50 ...\$30 for lunch and \$20 for your discounted dues), your 2025 dues are included with your luncheon ticket.

This is a great way to enjoy a fantastic meal and check off your discounted dues in one go. We encourage early payments to keep our club running smoothly, and we look forward to seeing you at the luncheons!

Mystery Sir

Our August mystery Sir was Johnny Welton. Congratulations to John Sutton for being the first to provide the correct answer.



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

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

sir161@comcast.net

September Attendance Report, Phil Newlin

Date	SEP 10
Members, including New	131
NO CALL - NO SHOW	4
Notified	52
Guests	1
Guest Speakers	1
Actual Count Total	75

Fellow SIR members, here is a summary of attendance numbers for our September 10th 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>

September awards

Two of our Sirs received awards from Bob Damico.



Dennis Pachucki (left) and Karen Capra -
for coordinating the monthly Dinner With The Ladies



Steve Bordi (left) - 20-year membership

Golf News, Johnny Welton

The day was the best of the summer. Not hot! Calm winds. Manteca Park was in great shape. We had it all, and so we played to some of the best scores of the season. Twenty-two players enjoyed the fine company and competition. It was a great day for golf!



The big winner on the day was Lee Donnell with \$24 for second place team, closest to the pin on #8, first place gross with an 86, and one skin. Close behind him with \$23 was a newcomer to the group, Rick Martin. Looks like Rick may have an impact on 2025 when he has a full season to challenge the regulars. First place went to Todd Ramsdell, Sid Cruser, Mike Carmichael, and Rick Martin with 130. With 131 Lee Donnell, Johnny Welton, Tony Rubino and Dennis O'Connell took second place. Third place with 133 went to Bill Konold, Randy Zierau, Al Goodspeed, and John Sutton.

The two final events are in October. Please sign up early to be sure you are included. Just email to register: johnnywelton40@gmail.com

Tuesday, October 15, 9:30 am The Reserve at Spanos Park has 26 players for the SIR Branch 161 Individual Championship. Everyone is welcome to play. Qualifying players will receive tee prizes and a chance at prizes: \$235 in prize money will be shared by the top ten finishers; two closest to the pin prizes; three individual trophies; name on the perpetual trophy; red shirts; gray shirts; and more! Randy Zierau, 2023 SIR Branch 161 Individual Champion, will defend his championship. It is the biggest event of the season!

Tuesday, October 29, 9:50 am Dublin Ranch has 24 players for a new course and new "shamble" event. A fun, low key way to end the season.

Last month, I shared the standings for total amount of money won ... which determines the order of play at the Individual Championship. On the next page are the final standings and order of play at the Individual Championship.

At the October 8th SIR luncheon, SIR Branch 161 logo gear will be on sale. Please support the golf program by making a purchase.

Hats: \$15

Vests: \$40

Shirts (Red & Gray limited number and sizes): \$45

Have a good one!

Johnny

2024 SIR Branch Standings Prior To The Individual Championship

#	Name	To- tal	Player	Qualified
1	Denning, Tom	\$97	*	X
2	Benge, Ron	\$80	*	X
3	Zierau, Randy	\$78	*	X
4	Lippstreu, Dan	\$77	*	X
5	Vicencio, David	\$75	*	X
6	Nishijima, Isao	\$71	*	X
7	Cruser, Sid	\$63	*	X
8	Rubino, Tony	\$61	*	X
9	O'Connell, Denny	\$60	*	X
10	Pachucki, Dennis	\$59	*	X
11	Spann, Jim	\$59		
12	Taylor, James	\$54	*	X
13	Fanucchi, Ken	\$53	*	X
14	Goodspeed, Al	\$53	*	X
15	Welton, Johnny	\$52	*	X
16	Kaufman, Mike	\$50	*	X
17	Sutton, John	\$44	*	X
18	Kepp, Phil	\$40		X
19	Carmichael, Mike	\$40	*	X
20	Gold, Saul	\$38	*	X
21	Raposa, Joeseeph	\$38		
22	Donnell, Lee	\$35	*	X
23	Konold, Bill	\$30	*	X
24	Emerson, John	\$26	*	X
25	Martin, Rick	\$23		
26	Ramsdell, Todd	\$22	*	X
27	Nelson, Gale	\$16	*	X
28	Vargas, Vincent	\$13	*	X
29	Fitzpatrick, Ed	\$10		
30	Luevano, John	\$10		
31	Quier, Michael	\$7		
32	Riggs, Joe	\$7		
33	Abate, Don	\$6		
34	Mygrant, Karl	\$6		
35	Geronimo, Manny	\$5		
36	Veatch, David	\$5		
37	Clark, Larry	\$4		
38	Neves, Al	\$4		
39	Stanley, Joe	\$4	*	
40	Avellar, Steve	\$0		
41	Avila, Jim	\$0	*	
42	Barns, Rick	\$0		
43	Crumb, Phil	\$0		
44	Hartman, William	\$0		
45	Pekarcik, Ray	\$0		
46	Petersen, Norm	\$0		

Manteca Park photos



Dinner With The Ladies, Dennis Pachucki



When: Wednesday, October 23 2024

Where: Byron Roadhouse, 3045 Taylor Lane, Byron, CA 94514.

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

Menu Choices: (Salad, dessert & non-alcoholic beverage (soft-drink, water, ice tea) are included):

- Filet of Sole.
- Chicken Piccata
- Salmon
- Tenderloin Steak

All entrees include garlic mashed potatoes, seasonal vegetables and garlic bread.

Cost: \$35.00 per person (includes tax and tip).

Deadline: We need your RSVP no later than Friday, October 19 - there will be envelopes at our General Meeting on October 8.

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

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

Your Name(s): _____

Phone: _____

Your Menu choice(s):

Tenderloin steak

Salmon

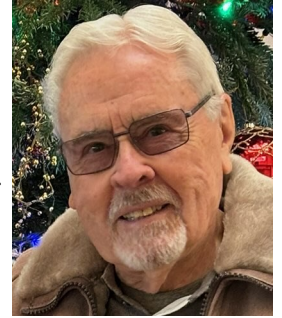
Chicken piccata

Filet Of Sole

Bowling news, Ron Wilson

We are off to a great start to our 37 week winter league with 11 complete 4-person teams. Eight of these 44 bowlers under State SIR guidelines are invited guests.

We are taking 6 Branch 161 bowlers to Pacheco (Paddock Bowl) on Thursday September 26th.



Our big event for the year is the 21st annual “Bob Matteucci Memorial Tournament”

hosted by our own Branch 161 on Tuesday October 22, 2024 at “Bowlero Brentwood”. From our own group we have 30 bowlers signed up to bowl this Singles and Doubles Tournament. I am hoping for another 40-50 bowlers from other SIR Branches.

The final 2024 tournament will be held at “McHenry Lanes” in Modesto on your choice of November 7th or 8th. This is an easy drive for us, and I am hopeful we can get a good turnout. I will be sending the details on this tournament and as always if you want

to bowl all you need to do is give me your entry fee and show up. I will take care of all paperwork.

As soon as next year’s tournament schedule is available I will get copies to all of our bowlers.

See you on the lanes!

In Memoriam



We were sad to hear of the passing of Jim Moore on September 20th.

Jim joined our Branch in January of 2023.

When known we will share information on any planned memorial Services for Jim.

Please keep Jim, his wife Donna and their family in your thoughts and prayers.

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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