



SIR BRANCH 161 NEWS

Celebrating our 33rd year! Nov 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 October 8th meeting, where our speaker, Barabara Barrigan Parrilla gave us an update on the restore the delta program.

There was a warning sent out about scammers, because I was the subject of a scam and we were able to get it stopped before any damage occurred. Please be careful opening any emails from unknown sources.

This is the last meeting to take advantage of a \$5.00 discount on your 2025 dues. Tickets are on sale for our December Luncheon! (\$35.00 for each ticket). We have great entertainment scheduled for you at this lunch!

Please see Jerry Wiebe's notes re dues and Christmas lunch tickets on page 5.

At the November meeting we should have an announcement about next years menu. I look forward to seeing you all at our next meeting on November 12, 2024 and please notify Phil Newlin if you cannot attend.

Big Sir Jim Wangeman



Little Sir report, Steve Bordi

Our October luncheon guest speaker was Barbara Barrigan Parrilla ,the Executive Director of "Restore the Delta", a non-profit agency in Stockton, CA. since 2006. Barbara's message was that Restore the Delta is politically active in matters dealing with water



quality in the immediate Delta region.

Her major concerns are: The Tunnel Project, The State Water Resources Board, The Port of Stockton, The Metropolitan Water District, and the construction of the newly proposed Sites, CA. Reservoir, West of Williams, CA. Along with continuing drought conditions, the actions of these agencies will have direct impacts on the future water quality of our Delta Waterways. Q&A followed her presentation, and there was a magnitude of hand-outs and brochures made available to our members.

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Next luncheon meeting
November 12, 2024.

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

November luncheon meeting - November 12.
BEC meeting - November 12.

Activities

Bowling

- Nov 4, 11, 18, 25 - Brentwood Bowlero
- Nov 7 or 8 - tournament, Modesto

Cycling

- Nov 4 & 8 - long ride
- Nov 6 - short ride

Little Sir report, *continued from page 1*

Our November guest speaker will be Con Fire's Deputy Chief of Advanced Planning and Development, Brian Helmick. With more than 28 years of experience in fire protection and emergency response, he now serves our County in a senior management role. As many of you might recall, Chief Helmick spoke to us a few years back when he was then Chief of our former East Contra Costa Fire District, before it merged with Con Fire. He will bring us up to speed on how this has improved our fire protection and emergency response from what it once was, back when there were fiscal restraints, closing of fire stations, reduction of firefighters, and longer response times. It was a politically "HOT TOPIC" around here back then, remember.



Barbara Barrigan Parrilla *receives a Certificate Of Appreciation from Little Sir Steve Bordi*

November Luncheon Menu

Roast Turkey with Gravy , Stuffing , Mashed Potatoes , and Seasonal Veggies . Roll , and Cookie or Brownie for dessert.

November Birthdays

Frank Cramer, Tommy Grace, Chuck Niessen, John Sutton, Andrew Zwemer

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

Our SIR Wine Tasting event was held at Dick and Carolyn Jamison's house in Discovery Bay.

Attendees:

Terry and Sue Silva

Will and Raquel Myers

Cam Donald

Jerry and Sue Wiebe

Vince and Bobbie Vargas

Art and Donna McSherry

John and Teri Davis



The host did a great job. We all had a grand evening. This was the last wine event this year. The next one will be January 23 at 5pm (host to be named later)

Terry Silva

SIR wine tasting Chairman



Wine tasting (continued)



October awards



Tom Kirtley (left) receives the 20-year membership award From Bob Damico

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

As we approach the end of the year, October is when we began 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 our 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!

Christmas Luncheon Tickets - Jerry Wiebe

We are pleased to announce that tickets for the SIR Christmas Lunch with the Ladies are available for purchase. Tickets are \$35 per person and include lunch of 9 oz. Prime Rib with Au Jus and Creamy Horseradish Sauce, Steamed Red Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables. Garlic Bread or Roll; Dessert and Coffee or Iced Tea are included. Entertainment will be Christmas tunes by the Liberty High School Choir and Holiday Songs by the Songsters.

If you cannot make it to our November SIR Luncheon, you may send your check along with a self-addressed, stamped return envelope to Jerry Wiebe, 1202 Alderman Lane, Brentwood, CA 94513. Jerry will mail your luncheon tickets to you as soon as he receives payment. This event is always my favorite, don't miss out.

Mystery Sir

Our October mystery Sir was Dennis Pachucki.



Can you guess who this month's mystery Sir is? (photo on left).

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

sir161@comcast.net

October Attendance Report, Phil Newlin

Fellow SIR members, here is a summary of attendance numbers for our October 10th luncheon..

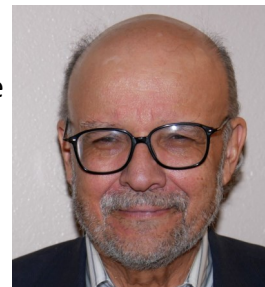
Date	OCT 8	
Members, including New	130	NO CALL - NO SHOW This is the number of members subject to lunch charge for not calling and not showing up
NO CALL - NO SHOW	8	
Notified	39	Notified - This is the number of members that notified the Attendance Chairman of their non-attendance.
Guests	0	Actual Count Total - This is the total members - No Call/No Show - Notified. The other categories are self-explanatory.
Guest Speakers	3	
Actual Count Total	83	

Membership, Luis Figueroa

At the October luncheon we did not have any guests or new members inducted. As we get closer to end of the year, here are some informative membership statistics:

New members: 11 Guests: 11 Member attritions: 16

Active members luncheon attendance percentage: 68-80%



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 130.

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.

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

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

Golf News, Johnny Welton

Golf has had a streak of great weather and wonderful courses. The Reserve at Spanos Park hosted the SIR Branch 161 Individual Championship on another perfect day for golf!

Some very close scores were recorded but when the scoring was done, the 2023 champion defended his title by four strokes with a net 68. Randy Zierau will again have his name etched into the perpetual trophy to place in his home for the next 10 months. Congratulations Randy. Tom Denning had the lowest gross score on the day at 85. A great round. Lee Donnell was second with a net 72. Saul Gold had a 73 for third. Then the ties started: Bill Konold won fourth place after a tie breaker on #17 over Ken Fanucchi. Johnny Welton (75) was in sixth place by himself. The next four players scored 76: 7th Isao Nishijima after three tiebreakers starting on #16. 8th Tom Denning. 9th James Taylor. 10th Tony Rubino. Close play didn't end there. David Vicencio and Al Goodspeed tied with 77. Vince Vargas was 13th with a 80. Dennis Pachucki had 81 for 14th. 15th Jim Avila (82). 16th Dan Lippstreu (83). 17th Gale Nelson (84). 19th Sid Crusier (85). 20th John Sutton (86). 21st Mike Kaufman (87). 22nd Mike Carmichael (89). Skins were led by Dennis O'Connell and Jim Avila with two each. Others with one skin were: Ron Benge, Sid Crusier, Saul Gold, James Taylor, Randy Zierau, Mike Kaufman, Gale Nelson, Dennis Pachucki, and Tony Rubino. Tom Denning and Joe Stanley took the Closest to the Pin prizes. Eighteen out of the twenty-six players took home prize money!



Our final event is a fun "Shamble" event, but it will determine who is the Top Money Winner for the 2024! Tuesday, October 29, we are at Dublin Ranch with 24 players. The results and all prizes will be awarded at the November 12 SIR Luncheon.

One last thing, today I attended a memorial for Jack Disney hosted by the Discovery Bay Senior Men's group. It was a very nice tribute to a long-time member of the Seniors and the Discovery Bay SIR Branch 161, too! Jack was a hero to many for his Olympic (three times, Winter and Spring, Ice Skating and Bicycling), and many championships in Bowling and Golf with SIR. Mostly Jack was the kindest man who represented himself, his family, and SIR with honor in all that he shared with the World. Thank you, Jack, and thank you DB Seniors for celebrating this wonderful life.

An embossed brick was laid as a permanent memorial.



Photos by Bob Damico

Have a good one!

Johnny

Golf photos—The Reserve



Golf photos—The Reserve



Bowling news, Ron Wilson

We just completed our 21st annual "Bob Matteucci Memorial Tournament" and I am very happy with the event! We had 86 total bowlers which is outstanding for a one day SIR tournament. Of these 86 bowlers 32 were from our own branch 161 and the other 54 were from a variety of other branches. The tournament itself ran very well and I received many positive comments. I want to express my deepest appreciation to our own branch members who supported this tournament. It meant a great deal to me to see such a fantastic turnout for this event.



Our own branch bowlers did quite well in the cashing department. Following are the results for our Branch 161 bowlers only. This list is for those cashing.

Division One Singles: Mike Carmichael 6th place, Mike Sadler 8th place.

Division Two Singles: Jerry Marshall 1st place, Tom Kirtley 2nd place, Joe Riggs 3rd place, Lee Blackshear 4th place.

Division One Doubles: Mitch Wisinski and Jack Mix (guest) 3rd place, Mike Sadler and Henry Hi-

erro (guest) 5th place.

Division Two Doubles: Joe Riggs and Marie Wilson (guest) 1st place, Dennis Pachucki and Karen Capra (guest) 3rd place.

Division One All Events: Mike Carmichael 1st place, Ron Wilson 6th place.

Division Two All Events: Joe Riggs 1st place, Tom Kirtley 2nd place, Jerry Marshall 3rd place, Dennis Pachucki 6th place.

This is a great placing result for our Branch Members!

We will be putting on this same tournament next year on October 14, 2025.

Our Final SIR tournament for this year will be held at Modesto McHenry Lanes on your choice of November 7th or 8th. As always if you want to bowl any of these tournaments I will handle all paperwork, and all you have to do is write the check and show up.

See you on the lanes. Ron Wilson

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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