



SIR BRANCH 161 NEWS

Celebrating our 34th year! January 2025

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 would like to say Thank You to Steve Bordi and Bob Damico for covering for me at our Lunch with the Ladies in December!

I am feeling much better and planning on attending our January 14 Luncheon.

I have been informed that the Country Club has been sold and the new owners take over January 15th, the day after our luncheon. I will continue to update you if anything changes!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all.

Big Sir Jim Wangeman



you all again in May for the annual Mother's Day Luncheon.

January Luncheon Menu

Fish and Chips with Peas, Garlic Bread or Roll.
Cookie or Brownie with Iced Tea and Coffee.

January Birthdays

Don Abate, Steve Avellar, Alberto Delgado,
Paul Elmer, Dave Harrison, Ken Marsh,
Art McSherry, Gale Nelson, Jerry Nielsen,
Russ Reid, Jerry Wiebe

January events & activities

Check the respective articles for more details.

Meetings

General meeting & luncheon - January 14.

BEC meeting - January 14.

Activities

Bowling

- Jan 6, 13, 20, 27 - Brentwood Bowlero
- Jan 21, 22 - SIR tournament, Napa

Cycling (3 weekly rides)

- January 6 and 8 - long ride
- January 10 - short ride

Dinner With The Ladies - Jan 22, Byron Roadhouse

Wine tasting January 23.

Little Sir, Steve Bordi

For those of you who attended the Christmas with the Ladies Luncheon, we were welcomed into the Holiday Spirit with the eighteen marvelous voices of the Liberty High School Choir, led by Director Laura Carrie, and by the fifteen Songsters, led by Cheryl McNish. In addition, we were led in the singing of God Bless America by Alice, Connie, and Shirley (wives of fallen Sirs) of the Delta Community Presbyterian Church Choir.

This only added to the delicious Prime Rib entree with all the trimmings. Much to everyone's surprise, the advertised and much anticipated "SURPRISE DESSERT" turned out to be a cookie.

The Sirs of Branch 161 thank all the ladies for their attendance and support. We look forward to seeing



Photos from the Christmas Luncheon



Liberty High School Choir



The Songsters

SIR Cyclers, Jerry Wiebe (916) 206-9221

A group of SIR cycling enthusiasts meets weekly to ride in local communities, promoting the physical and mental benefits of regular exercise.

They hold three rides a week, typically on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, and welcome riders of all levels, offering support for those looking to rebuild their skills and fitness. Beginners are encouraged to start small and gradually increase their mileage. Participants are advised to consult their doctor before starting.

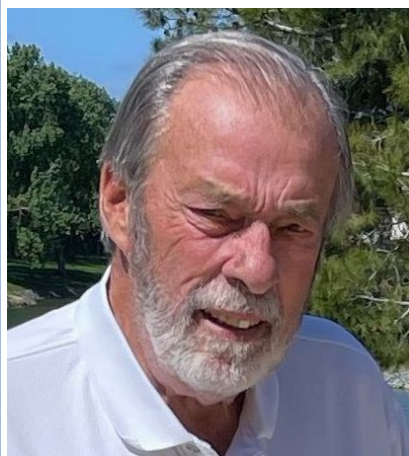


For details, contact Jerry Wiebe at 916-206-9221 or papadrone@gmail.com

Dust off your bike and join the fun to start the new year on a positive note!



In Memoriam



We were sad to hear of the passing of Larry Lindsey on December 8, 2024.

Larry was a SIR member for 14 years (10 were in the Pleasanton Branch, before transferring to our Branch 161 in April of 2022).

Please keep Larry, his wife Sharon and their family in your thoughts and prayers.

The Lindsey Family is holding a memorial service to honor Larry on Saturday, December 28, 2024, at 12:00 p.m. – Summerset III Vista Clubhouse, 550 Baldwin Dr., Brentwood, CA 94513.

Membership, Luis Figueroa

The December luncheon was the Ladies Day Christmas event and no regular meeting was held.

As we begin the New Year I want to thank all members for doing their part in regularly attending the luncheons (average attendance was ~74% of active members), while continuing to recruit new members. In 2024 11 new members were recruited. However due to attrition we lost 22.



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 current headcount is 124.

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.

**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








Golf News, Johnny Welton

If you want to add someone to the SIR 161 Golf Activity distribution email,
please send me an email: johnnywelton40@gmail.com



I am hoping you were all good little boys and Santa brought you everything you could wish for ... including a new driver, etc. The New Year's celebration is upon us with great expectations for the New Year! Golf is still in the throes of paperwork. A few have yet to pay their NCGA dues for 2025. Almost everyone has completed the End of the Season Survey. Time to look forward to the 2025 Season.

The End of Season Golf Survey 2024 has 25 of 28 reporting so far (90%). By an overwhelming margin the reporters are satisfied with the handicap system, promise to post every score next year, and try to post 25 scores before the start of the 2025 Season. 100% want to continue a competition focus for SIR Events, continue membership in the NCGA, and continuation of the SIR Branch 161 Individual Championship. Six were in favor of fewer prizes without flights or handicap usage. Ten were interested in an option to quit any time after nine holes. This will take more conversation to create a structure that supports competition with some players playing less than 18 holes. We seem to have made a clear commitment to competition and to fairly competing. If there is not the same commitment to the rules and posting scores by every player, a handicap system cannot create fair competition.

The Golf Schedule again starts with a Four-Ball Scramble event at Shadow Lakes. We visit Elkhorn twice and again have a Match Play at Diablo Creek with Concord SIR Branch 8. We go to Dublin Ranch in July. The event survey will ask if we want the Four Ball Shamble to be played there in November. Many of our favorites are once again included: Swenson Park, Manteca Park, and The Reserve. Blue Rock Springs in Vallejo has been added. The Golf Committee has dropped and added courses this year based on player surveys and in a continuing effort to keep the price low.

Registration for all events should be made by emailing Johnny Welton at johnnywelton40@gmail.com and registration for all events can be done today. Make checks out to: "SIR Branch 161" and note the place of the event on the check. Send or give the check to Johnny Welton at 5751 Prestwick Court, Discovery Bay, CA 94505. Checks must be received before the deadline. Early registration and payments for multiple events are encouraged. A financial incentive exists for paying for multiple events at one time.

Guests and occasional SIR member participation is encouraged for all events except the Championship Tournament which has specific guidelines. The registration process and fees are the same as for regular golf participants. We would welcome anyone who wants to play ... anytime! If there are special needs, please discuss them directly with Johnny as soon as possible. All efforts will be made to accommodate reasonable requests.

As always, we are hoping to increase our numbers. Our goal for the regular events is 24. We have space for 32. Each of us need to make a real effort to encourage other golfers to join us and join SIR Branch 161.

Plan to join us now. Don't miss out on the fun!

Happy New Year!
Have a good one!
Johnny



SIR Branch 161 2025 GOLF SCHEDULE

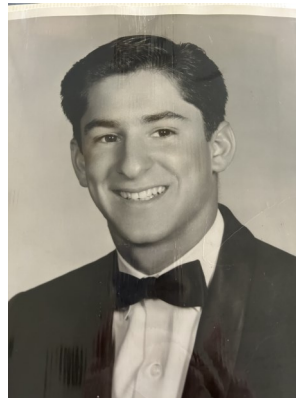
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12/19/2024

1. Tuesday, February 25 9:00 SIR 161 Winter Four-Ball Scramble Due: 2/11/25
Shadow Lakes, Brentwood {Tee Prize: Range Balls}
2. Tuesday, March 18 9:00 Elkhorn, Stockton [32 miles] Due: 3/11/25
3. Tuesday, April 15 9:00 Swenson Park, Stockton [16 miles] Due: 4/8/25
4. Tuesday, May 20 9:30 Manteca Park, Manteca [33 miles] Due: 5/13/25
5. Tuesday, June 17 9:00 Elkhorn, Stockton [32 miles] Due: 6/10/25
6. Tuesday, July 15 9:30 Dublin Ranch, Dublin [30 miles] Due: 7/8/25
7. Thursday, August 21 8:00 Concord SIR: Match Play Diablo Creek, Concord Tee Prize
[17 miles] SIR 161 players will receive prizes.
Shotgun Start hosted by SIR Branch 8 Concord. Limited to 20
players {Tee Prize: Sleeve of Balls} Due: 8/12/25
8. Tuesday, September 16 9:30 Blue Rock Springs, Vallejo [36 miles] Due: 9/9/25
9. Tuesday, October 21 9:30 SIR Individual Championship at The Reserve, Stockton
[30 miles] Flier and guidelines to follow. Due: 10/14/25
10. Tuesday, November 18 9:00 SIR 161 Fall Four Ball Shamble, Best Drive {Play your own ball
with 70% handicap}
Dublin Ranch, Dublin [30 miles] Due: 11/11/25

Mystery Sir

Our December mystery Sir was Ken Landoline.



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

Bowling news, Ron Wilson

Our first two SIR bowling tournaments for 2025 are as follows:

Napa at “Napa Bowl” on your choice of January 21 or 22 (Tues., Wed.). So far it looks like we will have 11 bowlers going to this event. This bowling center is now 100% “String Pin Setters”. Most of you have never bowled with this new technology. It is a fun experience to see this new technology in action and to form your opinions as to how they impact scoring compared to our normal Pin Setters.



Sacramento at “Country Club Lanes” on your choice of February 20 or 21 (Thurs., Fri.).

These two tournaments are the usual Singles in the morning and Doubles in the afternoon.

I want to also mention one of our more popular tournaments coming up on April 21,22,23 &24 at the “**Gold Dust West**” in **Carson City, Nevada**. This venue is nice because everything is “In House”, meaning--- Hotel, Casino, Bowling and Café with good food and very reasonable prices. The Rooms are very reasonably priced. The standard 2 queen beds or 1 king is \$105.00 per night with no “Resort Fees”. **With this room rate you get a free breakfast for each guest for each day’s stay. It is a regular breakfast, not just fruit, muffin and coffee.**



This is a three-day event tournament with Singles, Doubles and 4 person teams. We usually bowl one event on each day (Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday). We like to arrive on Sunday and return home after bowling Wednesday morning. This gets it done with three night’s stay. You can shorten the stay to two days if you want to bowl two events on one of the days.

This is a popular tournament. If you want to go you should make your reservations at “Gold Dust West” early. If you do book now just ask for the “April SIR Bowling Tournament” block of rooms rate. I will get the entry fee cost and other details to you as soon as I receive them.

There is also an onsite RV park for anyone wishing to bring their rig.

As always, I will take care of all paperwork to make it easy for you. All you have to do is pay the entry fee.

See you on the lanes.
Ron Wilson

Dinner With The Ladies, Dennis Pachucki

When: Wednesday January 22, 2025.

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

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

Entrees: 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, January 17 – there will be envelopes at our General Meeting on January 14.

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

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

Your Name(s): _____ Phone: _____

Your Menu choice(s):

Filet of Sole

Chicken Piccata

Salmon

Tenderloin Steak

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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