



SIR BRANCH 161 NEWS

Celebrating our 30th year! June, 2021

The Mission of SIR is to enrich the Lives of Our Members Through Fun Activities and Events—While Making Friends For Life

Rick Harris, Big Sir

If anyone's counting, this is the fourteenth month since our last luncheon meeting. Certainly they have been missed, as they are a key element to bond us together. We've been able to resume some of our outdoor activities, and thank goodness for that. Yet, I know most of you must be weary of the "some day soon" message about luncheon meetings.



There is some good news...you should mark July 13 on your calendars, as we hope to resume our luncheon meetings on that date! State SIR has established some requirements that must be adhered to, and we are watching and hoping the restrictions from the state and county are lifted mid-June. Assuming that happens, the country club will be able to serve our normal number of attendees. So, while this is not a certainty yet, we have reason to believe we will get a green light. We will communicate separately about the SIR requirements, and how we will satisfy them, but it will be a one time exercise and we will try to make it as painless as possible.

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Enjoy the beginning of summer, and I hope all have a happy Father's Day!

Your 2021 Big Sir,
Rick Harris

Little Sir, Dennis Pachucki

Things are looking up, there is a feeling of our past normalcy in the air, and June 15th is coming, hallelujah. However, lunch meetings and speakers are still possibly a month or so away. The good news is our first Dinner with the Ladies will be at Shirasoni's once the State SIR gives approval. I'm looking forward to having all the Sirs and ladies together again.



Dennis Pachucki

June Birthdays

Ed Coates, Jack Disney, John Hull,
Jim Jenkins, Richard Lutz, Daniel Meckfessel,
Karl Mygrant, Philip Newlin, Doug Pagano,
Milton Piver, Todd Ramsdell, Bob Rix,
Walter Shipilov, Tom Snyder, Lowell Thomas,
Dennis Ward, Dale Welin, Micheal White.

COVID 19 Vaccination

If you need help scheduling a Covid 19 vaccination you can go to the County Health web site www.coronavirus.cchealth.org or call (833) 829-2626.

Membership, Luis Figueroa

We inducted two members in May. Their names are Sid Crusier, sponsored by Luis Figueroa, and Dan Lippstreu, sponsored by Johnny Welton. Sid's photograph along with his sponsor and his biography is below. Dan's bio and photo will be included in the July newsletter.



Our branch continues to recruit new members using our virtual application process. Simply transmit a completed membership application (please make sure it has the required signatures) to me, and I will process the induction procedure from there and get approval from the BEC. The photographs of sponsor and new member can be transmitted to me separately or jointly if they happen to participate at a SIR sponsored event.

Sid Crusier and his wife Connie moved to Summerset II 7 years ago after having raised their 3 kids (1 boy and 2 girls) in Martinez for 35 years. Prior to retiring Sid managed a Ford dealership body shop in Oakland.

He and his wife enjoy traveling (especially cruises), bicycling, and RVing. He is a regular golfer and has a passion for cars, especially his recently acquired Corvette. He is looking forward to meeting new people and participating in the many activities offered by our branch.



In the loss column Tom Biggam (#39) has left the area. Tom had been a member of our branch since 2016. Arlie Blackshear (#82) has left the branch. Arlie had been a member since 2001.

At present the branch membership stands at 166.

SIR Membership Requirements

Membership in Sons In Retirement is open to men regardless of age, race, color or religion. See the last page of this newsletter for more information.

Bowling news, John Fry

The SIR Monday bowling league just completed the ninth week of bowling with one more week to finish our shortened Winter season.

First place in the Team standings is the Pandemics, Karen Capra, Dennis Pachucki, John Reichenbach, and Mary Ann Reichenbach.

Second place is Russ & US, Paul Elmer, Rosie Elmer, Russ Reid, and Vicky Reid.

Third place is Team 3, Ken Fanucchi, Tami Fanucchi, Jerry Dittman, and Curtis Manning.

The Season High Scores are as follows:

Men's Scratch Series, 717 Paul Elmer, 716 John Fry, 700 Mitch Wisinski.

Men's Scratch Game, 264 Tony Guarascio, 244 Ron Wilson, 234 Curtis Manning.

Men's Handicap Series, 885 Roy Bristow, 831 Bob Damico, 786 Dennis Pachucki.

Men's Handicap Game, 303 Jerry Dittman, 302 Gary Leonis, 295 John Reichenbach.

Women's Scratch Series, 645 Rosie Elmer, 599, Vicky Reid, 480 Mary Pitta-Fry.

Women's Scratch Game, 236 Marie Wilson, 200 Mary Ann Reichenbach, 189 Diane Leonis.

Women's Handicap Series, 791 Terry Damico, 743 Mary Patterson, 736 Karen Capra.

Women's Handicap Game, 311 Mary Ann Reichenbach, 274 Doris Cole, 271 Tami Fanucchi.



SIR Cyclers, Jerry Wiebe (916) 206-9221

The SIR Cyclers continue their scheduled rides every week riding each Thursday into Brentwood for a coffee stop and riding Sunday for a longer and more challenging ride on the Marsh Creek Trail through Brentwood, Oakley and Antioch. Occasionally they take their bikes into the Livermore Valley where they peddle up Mines Road to the Lake Del Valle entrance, about an 860-foot climb from Robertson Park. It is a test of stamina for we seniors, yet very self-rewarding and inspirationally fun, especially the thrilling ride back down the hill! We look ahead to plan travels to our surrounding areas and more fresh experiences. The Cyclers are a healthy, hardy group who enjoy each other's company while riding together to their destinations.



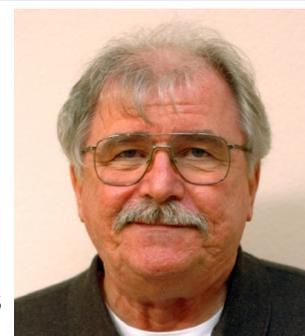
During the upcoming warm months and longer days, we assemble and leave from Jerry's driveway at 2071 Windward Point at 8:30a.m.

Several new members have joined us, and we would love to see more of you. If you would like to join in on the fun, contact Jerry with any questions you may have, then get that bicycle you have hanging on the wall of your garage down, and come along for some healthy exercise and camaraderie.

Activities, Alan Jarvie (408) 219 8240

Wine Tasting

As before, we plan to hold our monthly tastings on the 4th Thursday of the month, @ 5:00pm. We design the tastings for 12 couples / 24 participants, providing 24 1-ounce tastings per bottle; each couple brings a bottle of wine for tasting, (typically, these are moderately priced wines), recent winners include varieties of Trader Joe's "2 buck Chuck"), and an appetizer to share. The bottles are covered to protect the wine's "identity", each taster scores each wine, and at the end of the evening the scores are totaled and the wines are uncovered.



Poker

SIR poker has been a weekly, low-stakes, 7-player game, played 6:30-9:30 on Monday evenings, and hosted by the players on a rotating basis. Most recently we've had a pool of 9-10 players, with everyone playing ~4 times every 5 weeks.

Pending the necessary green-lights, we're looking to re-start both Wine Tasting and Poker in July. There is plenty of room for new participants in both, so please let me know if you are interested in joining either.

Day Trips

The survey we took earlier this year showed a strong interest in adding "Day Trips" to local points of interest (e.g. wineries, baseball games, SF theater, etc). Getting this going will take a little work; in the meantime please let me know any suggested destinations.

Golf Tournament Results, Larry Mensch

On June 15th we will be playing at Elkhorn Golf Club. The cost is \$55. Please send your check made out to Larry Mensch, 4308 Monterey Ct, Discovery Bay CA 94505 by June 5th. The team event will be 2 best net balls of the foursome. A skins game, and low gross/low net game will also be available for \$5 each. The additional games will be flighted by handicap.



Lonetree Golf Competition Results played on May 18, 2021.

Team Results Best 2 balls

1st Place	Lyman, Rentzel, Pachucki, Welton	123	\$15 each
2nd Place	Diaz, O'Connell, Fry, Onstad	125	\$10 each
3rd Place	Mensch, Vargas., Carmichael, Blind Draw (Onstad)	126	
4th Place	Ramsdell, Jewell, Fanucchi, Zierau	143	

Skins Results

A Flight no pops on par 3's

Only two skins in the A flight worth \$17 each

Bob Lyman on hole #14 (3 par) with a natural birdie 2.

Chris Diaz on the par net 4 on the par 5 hole number 12.

B Flight one pop only on par 3's

13 skins worth \$2.50 each

Dennis O'Connell	holes 6 and 9	\$10
Dennis Pachucki	holes 2,3,4,7,and 16	\$12.50
Don Rentzel	hole 17	\$2.50
Mike Carmichael	hole 8	\$2.50
John Fry	holes 1, 12, 13, and 3	\$10

Individual Low Gross/Low Net Competition

A Flight

1st Place low gross	Chris Diaz	82	\$10
2nd Place low gross	Bob Lyman	87	\$5
1st Place low net	Lowell Onstad	68	\$10
2nd Place low net	Larry Mensch	70	\$5

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

All tours, trips and other activities for or by Sons In Retirement, Inc. and its branches are for the convenience and pleasure of the members and their guests who desire to participate. Sons In Retirement, Inc. and its branches do not assume responsibility for the well-being or safety of the participants, or in any matters pertaining to tours, trips, or other activities.

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 \$20 (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. Simple etiquette requires that hats be removed while in the dining room.

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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