



SIR BRANCH 161 NEWS

Celebrating our 31st year! April 2022

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

Dennis Pachucki, Big Sir

SIR is back, our Discovery Bay SIR Branch 161 is back, Spring season has arrived, Daylight Savings Time is here, fish are spawning, grandkids will be finding Easter eggs, and soon we will be celebrating Easter.



It sure feels good continuing on our way back to normality, even though there are rumblings about Covid variant surges in Asia and Europe. Our Branch is up to 146 members and lunch meetings are close to 100 and even more lately, so things are looking up for keeping our members together. But there is more:

We have a new Dinner with the Ladies venue this month at Smith's Landing, which I hope all will enjoy. February we had 44 attendees at the Discovery Bay Steak House, and 68 attendees at Sweeneys in March. Wine tasting is also happening this month. More information will be provided describing the events, in the following newsletter articles. I know SIR does not promote religious or political positions in our Bylaws, but I feel compelled to mention that all the war happenings to the people in Ukraine could use our prayers or support in any way we feel appropriate.

Hope to see you all at our April meeting.

Next luncheon meeting

Tuesday, April 12, 2022.

Convenient check-in at our luncheons



We are pleased to announce our SIR Branch Treasurer can now accept credit cards for lunch meetings, events, and annual dues payments. This new process will make it more convenient for all and help to speed check-in.

Meeting Attendance—Phil Newlin

Fellow Sirs, here is a summary of attendance numbers from our March 8th meeting.

Members	147
NO CALL - NO SHOW	18
Notified	27
Guests	2
New Members	3
Actual Count Total	105

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Little Sir, Ken Landoline

It was great seeing a near-normal crowd at our St. Patrick's Day luncheon. Hopefully, we will continue to see growing member participation at lunches and other SIR events throughout 2022.



I received a good deal of positive feedback on our March guest speaker, Chuck Hunter of the East Contra Costa Historical Society, who gave a great introduction to the Society and described the many projects he and his team have produced. He is actively seeking volunteers to assist. So, if you have a few hours of spare time each week to help expand the museum he would be happy to hear from you.

The upcoming April 12th luncheon speaker will be Dina Breitstein, the relatively new Discovery Bay General Town Manager, who was appointed by the Community Services District (CSD) Board in September 2021. Dina will update us on the operations of the Discovery Bay Community Service District after her first six months on the job, the current programs underway, and discuss plans for the town going forward.

Of course, our May meeting will be the Mother's Day luncheon on May 12, and the entertainment will be provided by our own past Big Sir Roy Bristow who will serenade the crowd with a collection of popular songs I am certain we will all enjoy.

APRIL 2022 Luncheon Menu

Chicken Piccata, Anna Potatoes, green bean almondine, dinner roll and dessert.

April Birthdays

Chris Diaz, John Douglas, Saul Gold,
Bill Konold, Ken Landoline, Don Rentzel,
Paul Van Emmerik, Hal Whitlow, Randy Zierau



Chuck Hunter



Chuck Hunter (center) with Big Sir and Little Sir

SIR Cyclers, Jerry Wiebe (916) 206-9221

Spring and Daylight Saving are finally here, and the SIR Cyclers will soon change our starting time to 8:00 a.m. as the mornings get warmer. We continue to have our coffee ride on Thursday and rides on Monday and a newly added ride on Wednesday mornings.



On Thursdays the Cyclers pedal into Brentwood to their favorite coffee shop for a cup of joe and plenty of conversation. Mondays and Wednesdays they go for longer, more challenging rides, now open along the upgraded Marsh Creek Trail nearing The Big Break, and many other roads throughout Brentwood and Oakley. Occasionally they take their bicycles into the Livermore Valley for its beautiful vineyard trails.

All levels of bicycling experience are welcome, including those who ride electric bikes. Some Cyclers are well suited for strenuous rides, and others are free to go at their own pace at any time. Primarily we are out to get together to have some fun and get some good exercise. We are also here to help others brush up on their riding skills if they haven't ridden for a while.

The Cyclers assemble and leave from Jerry's driveway at 2071 Windward Point in Discovery Bay. If you would like to join in, contact Jerry. Then get that bicycle down you have hanging on the wall of your garage, dust it off, and come along for some healthy exercise and great camaraderie. We're looking for you!

Wine Tasting, Gary Tucker

The first wine tasting for 2022 will be held on April 21st (not the 28th) at the Vargas home. We still have openings for this event and you can reserve your spot by contacting Gary Tucker at (925)6340939 or by email at mytoothdoc@comcast.net. The tasting starts at 5 PM.

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



WE ARE NOW TAKING RESERVATIONS FOR ALL EVENTS.

After a wet beginning, our day at Manteca Park was warm and exciting. Greens were great and they put all the trees away just for us! We had 23 players (one was exposed to COVID and stayed quarantined. Thank you, Sid.). There were 16 that shared in prize money. More would have won prize money, but several would be winners didn't sign up for the optional contests. Teams were evenly provided from 91-93 handicap strokes. The range of scores were 120 to 133. Four teams finished in less than 4.25 hours. Prizes will be distributed at the next SIR luncheon. Bob Lyman had a great day winning \$42. Dan Lippstreu won \$33 and Ken Fanucchi \$31. Low Gross went to Larry Mensch with a beautiful 77!

Tuesday, April 19 we have our second event at Swenson Park - 9:00 am shotgun start with a box lunch and drink. Registration closes April 1.

The third outing is May 17 at Lone Tree in Antioch. There will be no further novelty contests. Just golf!

Each event (except the Individual Championship) includes Team Play and Closest to the Pin. Team play is based on two best net scores (\$10 First, \$6 Second, and \$4 Third). Awards for closest to the pin will be \$5 for closest and \$3 for second closest to the hole with two flights. Low Gross, Low Net, and Skins games will be available @ \$5 cash each paid at the event.

All events are \$54 each. Payments for golf shall be paid by check and made out to "SIR Branch 161." Golf checks should be given to me or mailed to: Johnny Welton, 5751 Prestwick Court, Discovery Bay, CA 94505. Cell: 925-876-5844. Payments need to be received by the first of the month in which the event is scheduled.

Our goal is 24 players at each event this year. We currently have 32 spots for each event. We need everyone to recruit players (SIR members, guests, etc.) that will sign up for every event. We don't want anyone to miss out on the fun! More information is provided by email, so if you're not on the email list, send me an email and get all the information.

Have a good one!

Johnny

SIR Branch 161 2022 GOLF SCHEDULE

Tuesday, April 19	Swenson Park, Stockton
Tuesday, May 17	Lone Tree, Antioch
Tuesday, June 21	Elkhorn, Stockton
Tuesday, July 19	The Reserve, Stockton
Tuesday, August 16	Las Positas, Livermore
Tuesday, September 20	Rio Vista, Rio Vista
Thursday, October 6	SIR Individual Championship at Diablo Creek, Concord

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Manteca Park - 3/15/22 Results SIR Branch 161**2-Best Ball Team Score Winner's Names**

First Team	120	\$10/	Dan Lippstreu	Dennis	Pacchucki	Bob Lyman	Jim Spann
Second Team	121	\$6/	Tom Denning	Johnny	Welton	Ken Fanucchi	John Sutton
Third Team	127	\$4/	Larry Mensch	John	Emerson	Al Goodspeed	John Jewell

Closest To Pin A Flight B Flight

First CTP	\$5/	Bob Lyman	John Fry
Second CTP	\$3/	Tom Denning	Mike Carmichael

Optional Contest Cash Prize Distribution

Low Gross - Low Net Contest

Flight A Number of Players 9 Total Collected \$45

Amount	Description	Winner's Names	Score
\$15.00	First Gross	Larry Mensch	77
\$6.00	Second Gross	Tom Denning	70
\$15.00	First Net	Dan Lippstreu	66
\$6.00	First Net	Bob Lyman	70

Flight B Number of Players 9 Total Collected \$45

Amount	Description	Winner's Names	Score
\$15.00	First Gross	John Fry	96
\$6.00	Second Gross	Dennis Pachucci	102
\$15.00	First Net	Dennis O'Connell	72
\$6.00	Second Net	Jim Spann	75

Low Gross - Low Net Contest Prizes : \$84.00 Awarded. \$6.00 Balance not distributed after rounding down**Skins - Flight A** Number of Players 10 Total Collected \$50

Amount	# Skins Won	Winner's Names
\$16.00	2	Bob Lyman
\$8.00	1	Tom Denning
\$8.00	1	Dan Lippstreu
\$8.00	1	Johnny Welton
\$8.00	1	Larry Mensch

Skins - Flight B Number of Players 10 Total Collected \$50

Amount	# Skins Won	Winner's Names
\$25.00	1	Don Rentzel
\$25.00	1	Ken Fanucci

Total Skins Contest Prizes \$98.00 Awarded \$2.00 Balance not distributed after rounding down

Podcast Corner by Phil Newlin

Fellow Sirs, welcome back to this month's edition of Podcast Corner. I hope that you enjoyed and improved your knowledge with the podcasts suggested in previous newsletters. Below is this month's suggested podcast for you and I've included last month's suggestion, in case you missed it.



If you have an interest in learning about and understanding the world around you, some of its history, about human nature, and other areas of general interest, this Podcast Corner may be of interest to you. Each month, I'll suggest one or more educational/informational podcast episodes that I have discovered or have been member-recommended. I'll give a brief description and a website link for each episode.

If you have a recommended podcast episode or subject category, such as hot rods, golf, or healthcare, that you believe would be of interest to the members, please send it to me for research, or review and inclusion in one of the next newsletters. Send your suggestions to newlinp@sbcglobal.net.

If you are not familiar with podcasts, go to the inaugural edition in the July 2021 newsletter, where you'll find information about podcasts and how to get started.

This month's recommended podcast again comes from 99% Invisible from their Infrastructure category describing an airport in Ireland grew from nowhere to be one of the biggest and how duty free shops started. Listen, learn, and enjoy.

Episode 477, <https://99percentinvisible.org/episode/call-of-duty-free/>

Previous month's recommended podcast:

Episode 434, <https://99percentinvisible.org/episode/artistic-license/>

I hope you enjoy this Podcast Corner and these podcasts and share them with others. I'm looking forward to your recommendations and any feedback you might have.

Bowling news, John Fry

The Monday Sirs and Ladies Bowling league is now in week 28 of a 35 week league. Summer League starts May 16, 2022. We bowl every Monday at Harvest Park Bowl starting at 10:00 AM.

First place is Team 7, Todd Ramsdell, Tom Kirtley, Don Patterson and Fred Critchfield.

Second place is Team 6 Delta Strikers, Diane Leonis, Eloise Gatson, Terry Damico, and Bob Damico.

Third place is Team 2 Shirley Jennings, Jerry Dittman, Ken Fanucchi, and Michael Carmichael.

Season high Scores are,

Men's Scratch Series, 719 Mitch Wisinski, 660 Ron Wilson, 609 John Fry

Men's Scratch Game, 280 Bob Damico, 258 Paul Elmer, 245 Todd Ramsdell

Men's Handicap Series, 804 Dennis Pachucki, 796 Jerry Dittman, 795 Ken Fanucchi

Men's Handicap Game, 312 Tony Gaurasico 309 Harold Sagert, 298 Russ Reid

Women's Scratch Series, 698 Vicky Reid, 602, Natalie Paris, 515 Diane Leonis

Women's Scratch Game, 247 Rosie Elmer, 195 Maddie Brickwedel, 192 Eloise Gatson

Women's Handicap Series, 793 Marie Wilson, 787 Val Heck, 748 Mary Patterson

Women's handicap Game, 296 Terry Damico, 295 Alice Disney, 273, Mary Ann Reichenbach



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We always have room for new bowlers, no experience necessary.

If you haven't bowled in our league before and are interested in joining the league please let me know. (John Fry 925 783 5614)

The next SIR Bowling Tournament is being held in Carson City at the Gold Dust Casino. May18 through May 21. This is a 4 person Team event including Doubles and singles

Dinner with the Ladies Dennis Pachucki

When: Tuesday, April 26, 2022

Where: Smith's Landing, 1 Marina Plaza Antioch, CA 94509

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

Menu Choices: Dinner includes salad, dessert & non-alcoholic beverage (iced tea, water, coffee) .

Entrees:

- Simply Grilled Salmon, mashed Potatoes, seasonal vegetables
- Chicken Saltimbocca Breast Cream Sauce, mashed potatoes, seasonal vegetables
- Point Reyes Petit Filet, Blue Cheese Sauce, mashed potatoes, seasonal vegetable
- Baby Back Pork Beer Ribs, BBQ sauce, French fries, creamed corn.

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

Deadline: We need your RSVP no later than FridayFriday, April 22 – there will be envelopes at our General Meeting on April 12.

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

Smith's Landing is located at 1 Marina Plaza, Antioch, CA 94509

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

Your Name(s) _____ Phone: _____

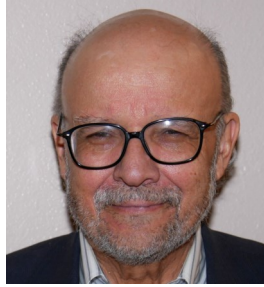
Your Menu choice(s):

Simply Grilled Fresh Salmon _____ Chicken Saltimbocca Breast _____

Point Reyes Petit Filet _____ Baby Back Pork Beer Ribs _____

Membership, Luis Figueroa

During the March luncheon we inducted 3 new members. John Pesek (sponsor is Charles Nielsen), Mike Stoiber (sponsor is Knute Kleinen), and Gale Nelson (sponsor is Phil Kepp). Their photos (along with their sponsors) and brief bios are provided below.



All members are reminded when a guest attends a luncheon the sponsor will receive a free bottle of wine. If the guest later decides to become a member, the sponsor will also be awarded a free lunch certificate. If a guest wants to become a member please have him contact me at 949-400-4815 via voice or texting and I can outline the procedure. Thank you for all your efforts in bringing guests to our luncheons and recruitment!

John Pesek currently lives at Trilogy in Brentwood after having lived in Fremont for 58 years. He retired in 1999 as an automotive engineer having worked at GM, and later Toyota. He has one son, a daughter, and a granddaughter. He enjoys bowling, card games, and traveling. He moved to Brentwood to live with a lady that he met through a Catholic church match and is quite happy.

Mike Stoiber and his wife Barbara moved to Discovery Bay from Pleasant Hill in 1998. They have been married for 39 years and have seven children between them, along with multiple grandchildren. They both enjoy traveling, going out to dinner, and entertaining. After a 54 year career with State Farm he retired in 2019. He enjoys boating, bocce, fishing, photography, travel, and having dinner with his wife.

Gale Nelson has lived in Brentwood for approximately 2 1/2 years. Prior to that he lived in Fremont for 32 years. He retired from Lockheed-Martin in 2011 after 30 years service in various finance positions. He is a lifelong bachelor with several girlfriends over time, but no wife. He enjoys golf, poker, and traveling. He is also interested in wine tasting.

At the luncheon 2 guests were in attendance. Our guest included Mark Blackburn and Larry Lindsay. Both were sponsored by Terry Brekke.

In March we lost 5 members. Keith Willis has left the branch due to health reasons. Keith had been a member since 2018. Dan Riordan has left the area and is no longer a member. Dan had been a member since 2009. Dennis Kutsuris is no longer a member. Dennis had been a member since 2019. Richard Pontes, who had been a member since last year, has left the branch due to health reasons. Lastly, Gary Lewis has also left the branch due to health reasons. Gary was a long term member since 2007.

The branch headcount is currently 146.



John Pesek (right) and sponsor, Charles Nielsen



Mike Stoiber (right) and sponsor, Knute Kleinen



Gale Nelson (left) and sponsor, Phil Kepp

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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