



SIR BRANCH 161 NEWS

Celebrating our 31st year! *May 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

April showers, bring back May flowers as well as the weeds, but the old saying never mentions the weeds. May also represents Cinco de Mayo and of course Mother's Day. Hope all remember to purchase tickets before our Mother's Day Luncheon being held on May 10th. Most of our SIR meeting formalities are waived so members and guests can enjoy each other and the entertainment following their meal.



The next newsletter will be in June and approaching 6 months without being shut down because of Covid, for which we are all thankful to be back to almost normal. Next, I'd like to give thanks to a couple of Sirs that have done a great job in re-establishing our membership activities. I'm saying all BEC members have done a great job getting us back to pre-pandemic activities as the great jobs they have also done in the past.

But two accomplishments are worth noting: Jerry Wiebe for expediting lunch sign-in by getting us Square to allow credit card purchases. Also, Johnny Welton, for his creative approach to golf sign ups, payments, and games. These are the pro-active endeavors that will keep our branch strong and continuing while other branches might be struggling.

Next, this brings up the point if we want our branch to continue to flourish, we need to replace our outgoing officers with new members who would like to add support, value, and fresh ideas, to keeping our SIR Branch healthy. Please contact Vince Vargas, Ken Landoline, or Dennis Pachucki for any questions or concerns you might have.

Hope to see all Sirs and their Ladies at our Mother's Day Lunch event.

Dennis Pachucki,

Big Sir

Mother's Day luncheon

Tuesday, May 10, 2022.

Tickets required - contact Jerry Wiebe

Please purchase tickets by May 3.

You do not need to contact Phil Newlin if you don't plan to attend.

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Little Sir, Ken Landoline

It is great to see that our monthly luncheon meetings are continuing to gain strong support now that the COVID pandemic is less of a deterrent to attending live luncheon meetings. Let's hope this trend continues throughout 2022 and into next year. The upcoming May 10th meeting will be our always popular Mother's Day luncheon. This year the entertainment will be provided by our own Past Big Sir Roy Bristow who will serenade the crowd with a collection of popular songs that I am certain we and our special guests will all enjoy.

For the June 14th luncheon our scheduled speaker comes to us from the sports world. Mike Waufle is a retired NFL defensive line coach who has been with several NFL teams, including our own Oakland Raiders (1998-2003) a team he coached in Super Bowl XXXVII. When Mike was later with the New York Giants the team won Super Bowl XLII. In that game his defensive line sacked Tom Brady 5 times and was credited by many for limiting the previously undefeated Patriots to 14 points in achieving a 17-14 win. This will be a very interesting talk that you will not want to miss.

See page 5 for details and photos of our April speaker.



SIR Cyclers, Jerry Wiebe (916) 206-9221

Spring is here, and the SIR Cyclers will soon change our starting time to 8:00 a.m. when 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 are looking for you!

May 2022 Luncheon Menu

Crepes ala Reine, wild rice pilaf & vegetable medley, dinner roll, and a special Mother's Day dessert

May Birthdays

Carl Carlson, Lee Donnell, Harris Edwards,
Ken Fanucchi, Bob Harlan, Bob Lyman,
Bill Momaney, Norm Petersen, Rob Ryan,
Michael Sadler, Phil Talley,
Jim Wangeman, Mitchell Wisinski

Wine Tasting, Gary Tucker

The May wine tasting is being held on May 26th at the home of Vince and Bobbie Vargas at 5 P.M. Those who are interested should contact Gary Tucker at (510) 717-3637 or (925)634-0930 or by email at Mytoothdoc@comcast.net. We still have room for 5 more couples.

Convenient check-in at our luncheons



Our SIR Branch Treasurer can now accept credit cards for lunch meetings, events, and annual dues payments.

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.

Once again, we were holding our breath at Swenson Park in Stockton, as the rain came down but true to the forecaster's report the downpour stopped five minutes before the 9:00 am shotgun start! By the end of the day the layers were all off and we wished we had our shorts on. The golf was great, and the course was a good challenge. See photo on page 7.

The lone threesome finished in 3 hours and 15 minutes. One foursome finished in four and a half hours because of a cart breakdown. Everyone else finished in less than 4 hours 15 minutes.

Once again there were 16 out of the 27 players that shared in prize money. Six were first time winners. Three more would have won prize money, but they didn't sign up for the optional contests. Now 24 of the 30 that have played have won prize money. Prizes will be distributed at the next SIR luncheon. The big winner was Jim Spann (\$38). Low Gross went to Dan Lippstreu with a very nice 84!

SIR Branch 161 2022 GOLF SCHEDULE

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

Tuesday, May 17 we have our third event at Lone Tree Golf Course in Antioch. Registration closes May 1.

The fourth outing is Tuesday, June 21 at Elkhorn Golf Club in Stockton. Registration is now open. June will be a little tricky for me as I will be away from May 21 to June 9. I hope to play the Old Course at St Andrews, Scotland. I would appreciate early registration and a big turnout. Elkhorn has always treated us well.

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!

Swenson Park - 4/19/22 Results SIR Branch 161

2-Best Ball Team	Score	Winner's Names
First Team	121 \$10/	Dan Lippstreu Gale Nelson Ed Fitzpatrick Mike Carmichael
Second Team	122 \$6/	Tom Denning Sid Cruser John Fry Jim Spann
Third Team	126 \$4/	Bill Konold Phil Kepp Dennis Pachucki Don Rentzel

Closest To Pin	A Flight	B Flight
First CTP	\$5/ Tom Denning	Ed Fitzpatrick
Second CTP	\$3/ None reported by course	

Optional Contest Cash Prize Distribution

Low Gross - Low Net Contest

Flight A Number of Players 10 Total Collected \$50

Amount	Description	Winner's Names	Score
\$17.00	First Gross	Dan Lippstreu	84
\$7.00	Second Gross	Chris Diaz	85
\$17.00	First Net	Phil Kepp	69
\$7.00	Second Net	Al Goodspeed	73

Flight B Number of Players 8 Total Collected \$40

Amount	Description	Winner's Names	Score
\$15.00	First Gross	Jim Spann	99
\$6.00	Second Gross	John Fry	104
\$15.00	First Net	Dennis Pachucki	73
\$6.00	Second Net	Vince Vargas	77

Low Gross - Low Net Contest Prizes : \$88.00 Awarded. \$2.00 Balance not distributed after rounding down**Skins - Flight A** Number of Players 11 Total Collected \$55

Amount	# Skins Won	Winner's Names
\$18.00	2	Chris Diaz
\$9.00	1	Gale Nelson
\$9.00	1	Dan Lippstreu
\$9.00	1	Al Goodspeed
\$9.00	1	Sid Cruser

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

Amount	# Skins Won	Winner's Names
\$18.00	2	Jim Spann
\$6.00	1	Dennis Pachucki
\$6.00	1	Don Rentzel
\$6.00	1	Vince Vargas
\$6.00	1	John Fry

Total Skins Contest Prizes \$96.00 Awarded \$2.00 Balance not distributed after rounding down

Bowling news, John Fry

The Monday SIR and Ladies Bowling league is now in week 32 of a 35 weeks of the Winter league. Summer League starts May 16, 2022.

We bowl every Monday at Harvest Park Bowl starting at 10:00 AM.

Team Standings

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

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

Third place is Team 3, Natalie Paris, Mike Sadler Sr., and Marie Wilson.



Team 7 is solidly in first place in the second half, but there are just 2 games separating the second and sixths placed teams. Which should make the last three weeks very competitive.

Season high Scores

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

Men's Scratch Game, 280 Bob Damico, 247 Harold Sagert, 245 Todd Ramsdell.

Men's Handicap Series, 808 Paul Elmer, 804 Dennis Pachucki, 796 Jerry Dittman.

Men's Handicap Game, 312 Tony Gaurascio 307 Ken Fanucchi, 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, 159 Mary Ann Reichenbach.

Women's Handicap Series, 793 Eloise Gatson, 793 Marie Wilson, 787 Val Heck.

Women's handicap Game, 296 Terry Damico, 275 Mary Patterson, 273 Mary Ann Reichenbach.

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 Concord at the Clayton Valley Bowl. May 10 and 11. This is the annual State SIR Bowling Tournament consisting of a 4 man Team event plus Doubles, SIR members only no guests.

April speaker, Ken Landoline

Our April 12th luncheon speaker was Dina Breitstein, Discovery Bay General Town Manager. Dina updated us on the operations of the Discovery Bay Community Service District after her first six months on the job, the current programs underway, and plans for the town going forward .



Dina Breitstein talks to Branch 161 members



Dennis Pachucki and Ken Landoline present Dina with a certificate of appreciation

Podcast Corner

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 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 General category describing the story behind the barbell, that familiar and long-lived icon of muscle men and body builders. Listen, learn, and enjoy.

Episode 466, <https://99percentinvisible.org/episode/the-weight/>

Previous month's recommended podcast:

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

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.

April luncheon attendance, Phil Newlin

Fellow SIR members, here is a summary of attendance numbers from our April 12th meeting. This chart shows the importance of calling or emailing me if you don't plan to attend a luncheon.

Date	APR
Members	147
NO CALL - NO SHOW	13
Notified	39
Guests	2
New Members	1
Actual Count Total	98

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 + Guests + New Members. The other categories are self-explanatory.

Membership, Luis Figueroa

During the March luncheon we inducted 2 new members. Larry Lindsey (sponsor is Terry Brekke), and Mark Blackburn (sponsor is Terry Brekke). Their photos (along with their sponsors) and brief bios are below.



grandchildren. He looks forward to meeting new friends, along with dinners, and wine tasting.

Larry Lindsey has lived in Brentwood for the last 2 years. He has worked at several mortgage companies and at several golf courses throughout the area. He has a son and a daughter, along with 6 grandchildren. He enjoys golfing with friends, wine tasting and travel.



Larry Lindsey and sponsor Terry Brekke

Mark Blackburn has lived in Brentwood for 22 years. He retired in 2007. From 1966 to 1972 he served in the Naval Reserve. He is a trained mechanic for reciprocating engines. He enjoys trout fishing, and traveling. He has been married for almost 53 years and he and his wife have one daughter, along with two



Mark Blackburn and sponsor Terry Brekke

At the April luncheon 2 guests were in attendance. Our guests included Pat Dolan and Tommy Grace, who were sponsored by Terry Brekke and Roy Bristow respectively.

In March Jeff Asbury has left the branch. Jeff had been a member since 2020.

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 the guest contact me at 949-400-4815 via voice or texting and I can outline the procedure. Thanks to all members for your recruitment efforts for and bringing guests to our luncheons!

The branch headcount is currently 147.

From the April golf game

Left to right:

Tyler Malinky, John Rushmere, Chris Diaz, and Al Goodspeed



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 \$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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