



SIR BRANCH 161 NEWS

Celebrating our 31st year! June 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

June, here comes Summer and thankfully we are not pandemic grounded, and are free to travel which I hear will be very busy this year. Here are also a couple trivia items for you: June represents a couple of SIR's coincidental event dates. June 14 is our general meeting and also National Flag Day. The holiday commemorates the date in 1777 when the United States approved the design of its first national flag. June 21 is the first day of Summer and is also our Dinner with the Ladies at Cap's on the patio, and our Elkhorn golf event. Note that the Dinner with the Ladies this month is on the 3rd Tuesday of the month.



Last month we had 90 attendees for our Mother's Day Luncheon as they listened to Roy Bristow doing a great job of gentle crooning during the lunch, and then afterwards while all enjoyed dancing and listening. Natalie Paris also did a great job and joined in and sang a few songs.

This month, if you enjoy NFL football you'll enjoy our guest speaker; Our Little Sir will introduce more to you later in his report.

There's been no word yet from the State SIR Executive Committee on relaxing their policies regarding

Covid restrictions, meaning vaccinations and general meeting waivers are still to be followed.

Remember our Nominating Chairman, Vince Vargas, is always looking for members that would like to get more involved with running our Branch, so don't be surprised if you get a call from Vince. Also, the life blood of our Branch is for all to spread the word about our SIR Organization and continue to bring in new guests, Thank you.

Wish all a happy and safe Summer and a great Memorial Day, and see you at our June meeting. Let's all remember the military personnel who have died while serving in the United States armed forces on this special holiday.

Dennis Pachucki, Big Sir

Next luncheon meeting

Tuesday, June 14, 2022.

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Little Sir, Ken Landoline

Our monthly meetings have been growing as new member inductions are increasing, and we hope these trends continue throughout 2022 as COVID levels diminish and the menu of SIR activities grows. The May meeting was our popular Mother's Day luncheon and this year's entertainment was provided by our own Past Big Sir Roy Bristow who captivated the crowd with a collection of popular songs that got many SIR and guest attendees up to dance. Thank you, PBS Roy!



As mentioned last month, our scheduled June 14th speaker comes to us from the world of NFL football. Mike Waufler is a retired NFL defensive line coach who has been with several NFL teams including coaching assignments in Super Bowls XXXVII (Raiders) and XLII (Giants). This will be a very interesting inside pro-football talk that you will not want to miss. Future months' luncheon plans will include speakers from a local winery, a 1972 Gold Medal Olympian, and another expert on our local area history, to name a few. If you are a SIR member with an interesting story to share with us, please let me know and we may be able to get you on the schedule later this year.

June 2022 Luncheon Menu

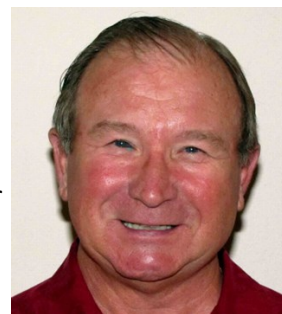
Chicken Cordon Blue, steamed red potatoes, broccoli with cheese, rolls, butter, and dessert.

June Birthdays

Ed Coats, Jack Disney, Phil Goodspeed,
Jim Jenkins, Richard Lutz, Karl Mygrant,
Phil Newlin, Doug Pagano, Todd Ramsdell,
Bob Rix, Harold Sagert, Walt Shipilov,
Tom Snyder, Lowell Thomas,
Dennis Ward, Dale Welin

SIR Cyclers, Jerry Wiebe (916) 206-9221

June and Summer are just around the corner, and the SIR Cyclers are looking forward to the warm mornings ahead. We continue to have our coffee ride on Thursday and two other exercise rides on Monday and Wednesdays.



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, along the upgraded Marsh Creek Trail nearing The Big Break, and 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 have not ridden for a while.

The Cyclers assemble and leave at 9:00am 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!

Wine Tasting, Gary Tucker

The second Wine tasting for 2022 will be held on June 23rd at the home of Larry and Barbara Mensch, at 5 PM. They are located at 4308 Monterey Court in Discovery Bay. Any couples who are interested in attending this fun event should contact Gary Tucker at (925) 634-0930 to be put on the list. This event is limited to the first 12 couples who sign up. Please call if you need more information. Thanks.

Photos from May 10th Mother's Day luncheon

Photos by Bob Damico



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.



It was warm and sunny at Lone Tree Golf Course in Antioch, and we had a great day of golf on May 17. The greens were green but very rough and their method of cutting holes leaves a lot to be desired.

There were 17 out of the 24 players that shared in the prize money. Four were first time winners. Prizes will be distributed at the next SIR luncheon. The big winner was a new player, Rob Ryan (\$53). Bill Konold earned \$35 and had the Low Gross score with a great 84! Jim Span had the Low Net at 72. David Vicenio and Ken Fanucchi won the closest to the pin contests. Seven players won in the skins contest.

SIR Branch 161 2022 GOLF SCHEDULE

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

For the second year in a row, SIR Branch 8 (Concord) invited SIR Branch 161 and 19 (Walnut Creek/San Ramon) to a Match Play Challenge Tournament. On May 19 forty-four players gathered at Diablo Creek Golf Course in Port Chicago. It was another fine day and the course was in great shape. Greens were superb. When the dust settled, SIR Branch 161 had won 43 holes to claim bragging rights for 2022. Lee Donnell and Rob Ryan won the most holes (11). Great job everyone! Can't wait to play Diablo Creek again for the SIR Branch 161 Individual Championship in October.

The next outing is Tuesday, June 21 at Elkhorn Golf Club in Stockton. Deadline for registration is June 1.

The July 12 event is at The Reserve at Spanos Park in Stockton. This is one of the nicest courses we play. There should be a good turnout. Registration closes July 1.

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. Flights for closest to the hole will be eliminated for the future. Optional contests: 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

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 Technology category describing some of the history, application, and psychology of prosthetics. Have fun with Britt and her arm prosthetic. Listen, learn, and enjoy.

Episode 452, <https://99percentinvisible.org/episode/the-lows-of-high-tech/>

Previous month's recommended podcast:

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

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 Winter Bowling league is now finished.

The number one team from the first half of the league was Team 8; Jack Disney, Alice Disney, Suzanne Berry, Val Heck, and Frank Smith. The second half was won by team 7; Todd Ramsdell, Tom Kirtley, Don Patterson and Fred Critchfield. After a three game roll off between the two teams, team 8 won the overall first place for the Winter league.

Season high Scores:

Men's Scratch Series, 730 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, 622, Marie Wilson, 431 Karen Capra

Women's Scratch Game, 247 Rosie Elmer, 193 Diane Leonis, 159 Mary Ann Reichenbach

Women's Handicap Series, 818 Terry Damico, 787 Val Heck

Women's handicap Game, 291 Maddie Brickwedel, 275 Mary Patterson.

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)

Membership, Luis Figueroa



In May due to the Mother's Day luncheon we had no guests and did not induct any new members.

As we approach the half way point for the year I would like to remind members of the importance of recruitment which might be enhanced by introducing potential new members to the many activities offered by our branch. As you know, guests are the life blood in the new member recruitment process and it's imperative that all current members give it their highest priority. Try inviting someone who might be a good candidate for membership to a branch activity in order for them to get a first hand perspective and then follow up with an invitation to a luncheon.

If you have any questions about the application and membership process, feel free to contact me at figueroa50@yahoo.com and don't forget to let Phil Newlin, the Attendance Chairman, know if you plan to bring a guest to a luncheon. He can be reached at newlinp@sbcglobal.net.

Members are rewarded with a free bottle of wine for each luncheon guest they bring, and a free meal certificate, if the guest becomes a member.

The current branch headcount is 147.

Dinner with the Ladies Dennis Pachucki

When: Tuesday, June 21, 2022

Where: Cap's Oak Street Bar & Grill, 144 Oak Street, Brentwood CA

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:

- Broiled Salmon with rice pilaf.
- Stuffed Pork Chops with garlic mashed potatoes & fresh vegetables.
- Petite (10 oz) New York Steak with garlic mashed potatoes & fresh vegetables.
- Lamb Shanks with garlic mashed potatoes & fresh vegetables.

Cost: \$40.00 per person (includes tax and tip).

Deadline: We need your RSVP no later than Friday, June 17 – there will be envelopes at our General Meeting on June 14.

The General Meeting is just one week before the deadline so return/mail envelopes to me the next day after the meeting if possible.

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

Cap's is located at 144 Oak Street (at the corner of 2nd Street) in downtown Brentwood.

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

Your Name(s) _____ Phone: _____

Your Menu choice(s):

Broiled Salmon _____ Stuffed Pork Chops _____

Lamb Shanks _____ Petite New York Steak _____

28th Annual Al DiGiusto Boat Cruise and Luncheon

We have our first Boat Cruise/Lunch since COVID scheduled for July 21, 2022, at the Boardwalk Grill in Discovery Bay (outdoor seating). This is our annual AL DiGiusto Boat Cruise and Lunch, started in 1993 by Fallen Sir Al DiGiusto, and has continued in his memory since 2005. In 2020, due to COVID, the event was cancelled. In 2021, due to a fire at the Boardwalk Grill, it was cancelled. In 2022, we plan to have it with a couple of changes:

SIR Event Waiver Forms and COVID Vaccination verification must be on file or presented for each attendee.

Boat rides are optional and will be up to Boat Captains to arrange with their fellow members.

(Dining only, without a Boat Ride, continues to be an acceptable and popular choice).

Cost is \$22 per person (includes non-alcoholic drinks, dessert, tax, and tip): We have four menu choices:

Chicken Club Wrap, Chicken Caesar Salad, Prime Rib Dip Sandwich, and Fish & Chips.

House Wine: \$6.00 glass, Draft Beer (Domestic- \$4.00), (Premium: \$6.00 -16oz. size)

Arrive by 11:30 a.m. - lunch will be served at noon.

Call 925-872-4920 if you have questions.

Use the form below to submit your menu choices. Sign up deadline is July 14, 2022.

————— Detach and return this stub with your payment by July 14, 2022 —————

REMEMBER: If you do not have a SIR Event Waiver and COVID Vaccination verification on file, mail it in with your payment or bring to the Lunch. NOTE: SIR Event Waivers and COVID vaccination verifications are required for Sirs, wives, significant others, and any other guests attending the luncheon.

If needed, Waiver forms can be found on our website: <https://sir161.org>

Your Name(s): _____ Phone Number: _____

Your Menu choices:

Chicken Club Wrap _____

Chicken Caesar Salad _____

Prime Rib Dip Sandwich _____

Fish & Chips _____

Mail this menu form with your check (made out to R. C. Damico) to:

Bob Damico

1621 Gamay Ln.

Brentwood, CA 94513

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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