



# SIR BRANCH 161 NEWS

Celebrating our 31st year! *September 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

Labor Day celebrations on the 5th is an indication that summer is winding down but maybe not weather-wise cooling down. It is a Federal holiday started in the late 19th century to recognize the many contributions workers have made to America's strength, prosperity, and well-being. Good thing about being a Sir is we can celebrate Labor Day every day being we are all retired from our corporate type jobs.



Last month all really enjoyed the Olympic Gold sprinter, Eddie Hart's presentation, so much they kept asking him questions well past our usual 1:30 PM ending meeting time. Another event, we introduced the 2023 Branch Executive Committee, and all were unanimously voted in and to be officially installed at our November meeting.

This month, Sirs Mike Stoiber and Knute Kleinen will be sharing their African Safari adventure with us at our September lunch meeting. Pictures and stories are great, see Ken Landoline's report. I think most will enjoy the next Dinner with the Ladies, it will be at Shirasoni's, it has always been a big hit with everyone. September 12th will start SIR winter bowling league, see John Fry's sign up announcement. The annual Eric

Jensen classic car congregation is scheduled for this month before and after our meeting. Bill Konold will describe more in this newsletter.

Now for a few SIR housekeeping items. Please remember to always call if you cannot attend the luncheon. Also Jerry Weibe will begin collecting \$25 dues for 2023 in October and 2022 dues should have been paid by then or you will be at risk of being dropped.

Hope to see all continue to enjoy our lunch meetings and activities and to keep bringing guests/new members to our lunches.

Dennis Pachucki, Big Sir

**Next luncheon meeting**  
**Tuesday, September 13, 2022.**

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## Little Sir, Ken Landoline

If you were not at our August Luncheon you missed East Bay native Eddie Hart's story of the 1972 Munich Olympics in which he, arguably the "World's Fastest Human" that year, was disqualified from the 100-meter dash event. The disqualification, which took place fifty years ago this summer, was a result of a scheduling error and led to Eddie writing his book entitled "Disqualified". The talk summarized his experiences at the Olympics, including his heartbreaking disappointment and the follow-up elation of his comeback which earned him a gold medal in the 400-meter relay at the same Olympics.



*Eddie Hart receives Certificate of Appreciation from Little Sir Ken Landoline and Big Sir Dennis Pachucki*

Our September luncheon speakers will be our fellow Sirs Mike Stoiber and Knute Kleinen who will share their recent three-week African safari vacation adventure, complete with beautiful and exciting photos and commentary of their "once-in-a-lifetime experience." They will discuss their adventures in South Africa and Namibia, including a stay at a camp near Kruger National Park. They will share beautiful photographs of wildlife including large families of elephants, lions, a Cape Buffalo, leopards, giraffes, and seldom seen wild dogs challenging hyenas. Additional stops on their tour were Swatamunn, Shotand Dunes, Ongava Lodge and Estasha National Park. Their sharing of this fantastic experience will help stimulate some future African travel plans for the rest of us.

## September Luncheon Menu

Beef Lasagna, broccoli with cheese, roll and butter, with cookies and brownies for dessert

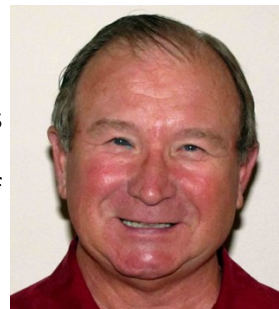
## September Birthdays

Richard Barber, Pat Dolan, Ed Fitzpatrick,  
John Fry, Tony Guarascio, John Jewell,  
Mike Stoiber, Brad Vinson

## SIR Cyclers, Jerry Wiebe (916) 206-9221

The SIR Cyclers continue to ride weekly, as many as three times a week. Everyone's favorite Thursday morning ride is from Jerry's driveway, on out to Brentwood to enjoy a cup of coffee and a lot of gab at a local coffee shop.

We are always on the lookout for members to join us in this fun event that has a lot of plusses. Just look at these



guys, they're all staying fit and healthy from getting their weekly exercises. All levels of bicycling experience are welcome, including those who might ride electric bikes. Some Cyclers are well suited for strenuous rides, and others are free to come along at their own pace.

We are also here to help others brush up on their riding skills if they have not ridden for a while. The Cyclers leave at 8:30 from Jerry's driveway at 2071 Windward Point in Discovery Bay. Give Jerry or any of those bright faces in the photo a call for questions you might have.

Then get that bicycle down you have hanging on the wall of your garage, dust it off, and come along. We are waiting for you!

## Wine Tasting, Gary Tucker

Details of the September wine tasting for Sir couples are currently being finalized. Please contact Gary Tucker via my email which is Mytooth-doc@comcast.net or my cell phone which is (510) 717-3637.



## Photos from the August luncheon courtesy Bob Damico



*Eddie Hart showing us how close the finish was.*



*Eddie's gold medal*



*Hal Whitlow handles gold*

## Super Senior Sir celebrates 96th birthday

Al Box, our very own SUPER SENIOR SIR (and Senior Olympian) celebrated his 96th birthday on August 2. Big Sir Dennis Pachucki arranged for a special slice of Birthday for Al.



## 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](mailto:johnnywelton40@gmail.com)



**WE ARE NOW TAKING RESERVATIONS FOR ALL EVENTS.**

### SIR Branch 161 2022 GOLF SCHEDULE

Tuesday, September 20	Rio Vista, Rio Vista 9:00 am Reg closes 9/13 at noon
Thursday, October 6	SIR Individual Championship at Diablo Creek, Concord 9:30 am. Reg closes 9/27 at noon

Once again the temperature hit 104 in Livermore at Las Positas Golf Course. However, we didn't finish before the temperature reached 100. Pace was slow for the last five groups to play. We had 17 out of 20 indicate they want to return to Las Positas next year. All twenty-nine players hope that next year the temperature will be a little cooler.

A question was raised about scores on the front compared to the back. Sixteen had better front nine scores. Two had the same score. Eleven had better scores on the back nine.

Phil Kepp's team including Johnny Welton, Dennis Pachucki and helped by John Fry as a blind draw won with 123. Dan Lippstreu was the 20 year or more professional at Las Positas Golf Course. He led his team to second place (129). Dan's team included John Avila, Al Goodspeed, and John Jewell. Third place (after a tie breaker) went to David Vicencio's team including Sid Cruser, Ed Fitzpatrick, and helped by Phil Kepp as a blind draw.

Hole #8 closest to the pin was won by Gale Nelson (4' 10"). Hole #15 was won by David Vicencio (20'). First place gross score went to Tom Denning with a nice 83. Bill Konold (86) came in second. I managed a 72 to win the first place net score. Phil Kepp was a close second with 73. Kepp, Denning, and Avila each won one skin in Flight A. In Flight B Al Goodspeed won first place gross score with 92 and John Fry was a close second with 93. Rob Ryan had a net 72 for first place net score. Ed Fitzpatrick was second (74). Ryan won 3 skins in Flight B. Dennis O'Connell and Al Goodspeed each won one skin.

Tom Denning maintained his overall prize-winning lead with \$116, followed by Dennis Pachucki with \$118. All Goodspeed slipped into third place with \$113 with Dan Lippstreu continuing in forth with \$111. The next four are Jim Spann, newcomer Rob Ryan, Larry Mensch, and Ken Fanucchi.

The top four money winners will lead off our Thursday, October 6 SIR Individual Championship (Diablo Creek Golf Course) at 9:30 am. The SIR Branch 161 Individual Championship is an individual net score event as the primary contest. The net winner will have their name engraved on the SIR Branch 161 perpetual trophy as the "Golf Club Champion".

The low net and low gross winner both get a crystal individual trophy. The top ten players will take home a cash prize. Top cash prize right now is \$90! Second place is \$75, and third is \$60, etc. There will first and second place prize money on two closest to the pin holes. The optional skins contest will continue for \$5 entry fee. Everyone will receive a tee prize and there will be more valuable take home surprises.

You can register for the Individual Championship now! Lots of prizes and a lot of fun!

## Bowling news, John Fry

The Monday Sirs and Ladies Winter Bowling league will start on Monday September 12, 2022 at Harvest Park Bowl.

The next two SIR Bowling Tournament are scheduled at:

- Carson City, September 12 Monday thru Wednesday September 14 at Gold Dust West.
- Brentwood, Harvest Park Bowl on Tuesday September 27.

Application forms for all the SIR Bowling Tournaments are available on the State SIR Bowling website ( <http://www.sirinc3.org/sirBowling/index.html> ).

If you have questions about SIR Bowling please call John Fry (925) 783 5614 or email [jcfry43@uyahoo.com](mailto:jcfry43@uyahoo.com)



## 25-Year Award

Will Myers receives the 25 year Membership award from Big Sir Dennis Pachucki.

Will has attended 300 SIR meetings - only missed one in 25 years!

Thank You Will for your loyalty and dedication to SIR.



## August Attendance, Phil Newlin

Date	JUN
Members	149
NO CALL - NO SHOW	6
Notified	44
Guests	4
New Members	
Actual Count Total	105

Here is a summary of attendance numbers from our August 9 meeting.

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.



## Dinner With The Ladies, Dennis Pachucki

**When:** Tuesday, September 27, 2022

**Where:** Shirasoni Japanese Restaurant, 6367 Lone Tree Way, Brentwood CA

**Time:** Arrival & Cocktails starting at 5:00 pm

Dinner served at 6:00 pm



**Menu Choices:** (Dinner includes appetizer, dessert & non-alcoholic beverage):

- Chicken Teriyaki grilled with sweet teriyaki sauce
- New York Steak (Hibachi Grilled)
- Filet Mignon (Hibachi Grilled)
- Hibachi Shrimp grilled with lemon & butter
- Hibachi Salmon grilled with a hint of lemon
- Vegetable Delight (Assorted fresh vegetables grilled in a light sauce)

All entrees include Mushroom Soup, Green Salad with Ginger Dressing, Hibachi Vegetables and choice of steamed, fried or garlic fried rice.

**Cost:** \$38.00 per person (includes tax and tip).

**Deadline:** We need your RSVP no later than Friday, September 23 – there will be envelopes at our General Meeting on September 13.

Please send your checks to me in advance. Please make your checks out to Dennis Pachucki, 2125 Sand Point Road Discovery Bay CA 94505, phone 408-309-5206.

**Shirasoni is located at 6367 Lone Tree Way, Brentwood:**

From Discovery Bay, take Hwy 4 to Marsh Creek, turn left and continue on Marsh Creek to the Bypass and turn right (north). Exit the Bypass at Lone Tree Way; go east (right) on Lone Tree Way and remain in the right lane. After the SECOND stop light (Shady Willow Lane), take the SECOND driveway into the shopping area; you will see Shirasoni ahead and to the left (next to Mancini's Sleepworld).

----- Please detach and mail with your check -----

**Your Name(s):**

**Phone:**

**Your Menu choice(s):**

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Chicken Teriyaki

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New York Steak

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Filet Mignon

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Hibachi Shrimp

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Hibachi Salmon

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Vegetable Delight

**Your rice selection(s):**

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Steamed Rice

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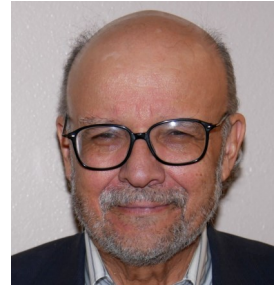
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Garlic Fried Rice

## Membership, Luis Figueroa

During the August luncheon we inducted 4 new members, Ken Butler (Hal Whitlow, sponsor), Gary Felix (Mark Blackburn, sponsor), Ron Keefer (Terry Brekke, sponsor), and Dave Vicencio (Johnny Walton, sponsor). Their photos and bios, along with their sponsor's photos are shown below.



*Ken Butler (right) and sponsor, Hal Whitlow.*

Ken Butler has lived in Discovery Bay since 1991, after having moved from Austin, TX. He retired in 2021 from Northrop Grumman where was the regional Director of Information Technology Operations. He and wife, Karen, an RN, have two adult children. He enjoys boating, travel, and building/flying R/C model aircraft. He is also an Air Force veteran. He is looking forward to know more SIR members and helping the chapter where able.



*Gary Felix (right) with sponsor, Mark Blackburn.*

Gary Felix has lived in Summerset III in Brentwood since September 2021. Prior to that he lived in Concord and Danville. He served in the Fremont Fire Department for 45 years and also lived there most of those years. His two children grew up in Fremont and they both still live in the SF Bay area. He and his second wife Jo have been married for 7 1/2 years. His first wife passed away from breast cancer in 2005 and is the mother of his two sons. Together, Jo and Gary have six grandchildren. Gary enjoys riding his bike, and has been a hiker for years. He also enjoys traveling.



*Ron Keefer (right) and Mark Blackburn, standing for Ron's sponsor, Terry Brekke.*

Ron Keefer is a native Californian having grown up in Oakland. He and his wife have three grown children and six grandkids. They built their retirement home in Discovery Bay in 2000, and relocated to Brentwood in 2012.

After working many years in Silicon Valley he retired in 1999 from Motorola Semiconductors. He then started a new career as a real estate broker in 2000, and retired in 2019. He was the CEO of the local Association of Real Estate Brokers.

He enjoys playing golf, bocce, travel, wine tasting, and Golden State Warrior basketball. He is also interested in auto racing. He is looking forward to meeting new friends, and assisting with various SIR groups and activities.

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Dave Vicencio was born in Hayward and grew up in Hayward. He grew up with 3 brothers and 2 sisters. His future wife (Leona) moved in next door to Dave when she was 14 and they have been together ever since, and have been married for 55 years! Dave has one son (Jason) and he lives with his wife (Aileen) in Dublin where they just celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary.

Dave and his wife moved to Discovery Bay in 1989 and have lived here ever since then and are very happy there. Since Retirement, he now gets to play golf 5 times a week!

In addition, since his retirement in 2013, he and his wife have been lucky to be able to cruise and travel quite a bit.

Dave Vicencio (right) sponsor, Johnny Welton.

At the August luncheon we had 4 guests in attendance - Richard Warner, Rod Linn, Robert Lohse, and Jim Avila. They were sponsored by Mark Blackburn, Rich Barber, Bob Hyman, and Dennis Pachucki respectively.

In July we lost Don Ramos who had been a member since 1998, and Peter Schneider, a member since 2021.

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 949-400-4715 via voice, texting, or e-mail and I can outline the procedure. In addition, please insure that all guests bring their vaccination card (or a copy) and sign the COVID waiver at the meeting.

Thanks to all members for your continued recruitment efforts for and bringing guests to our luncheons!

The branch headcount is currently 146.

## **Eric Jensen Memorial Collector Car Show, Bill Konold**

Our September meeting is time for the Eric Jensen Memorial Collector Car Show. So polish that Collector Car and bring it to the meeting. Any interesting car, old or new, is welcome. Got a new Hemi, a cool Corvette, or an old Mercury? Bring it to the September meeting and park with other SIR car enthusiast members. Tire kicking is both before and after the meeting, so arrive a little early, stay a little late, and enjoy the machinery.



## 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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