



SIR BRANCH 161 NEWS

Celebrating our 31st year! October 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

I want to say that our Branch had a very good compliment from our state governor, John Kent who attended our meeting in September. He awarded Honorary Life Membership pins and awards to Bob Damico, Dick Donald, Will Myers. Also, were presented Distinguished Service Awards to Roy Bristow and Rick Harris. This is a new presentation that the state has initiated for SIR. There will also be *I'm Doing My Part* pins for members who are doing things to help our Branch survive, such as bringing in new members or taking on functions such as organizing wine tastings, etc.



Speaking of Branch survival, the State Governor was impressed with our meeting and how many people are involved in leadership of activities and our lunch attendance and venue.

There was an annual zoom state meeting that all Big and Little Sirs were required to attend. Being we are all close to the water out here and go fishing, I'm bringing up the old quote, I don't want to open up a can of worms on sharing what was discussed and possibly bore you. The good news is our area governor stated our Branch is very well and healthy, and any changes that may be proposed are for the individual Branches to decide, but the changes were intended for the small Branches that are having trouble keeping members, such as in small towns in Northern CA.

Our Branch will continue as it is and will follow the guidelines as proposed back in 1958 when the SIR were conceived. I have also been asked to reiterate that we all have a responsibility to continue to push for bringing in new members to keep our Branch strong and growing. At our October meeting I will mention a few of the issues some of the other Branches are having.

I want to let you know there will be NO Dinner with the Ladies in October and November, but we will have Elvis Presley for you at our December Christmas luncheon celebration for all. Tickets will be on sale at the October meeting for \$30 per person.

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, October 11, 2022.

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Little Sir, Ken Landoline

Thank you to fellow Branch 161 Sirs Mike Stoiber and Knute Kleinen who delivered commentary and shared beautiful photos of the three-week African safari vacation adventure they experienced with their wives earlier this year. As promised, the trip was truly a "once-in-a-lifetime experience" never to be forgotten. It was both an educational and inspiring presentation and I am certain it stimulated some ideas of future African travel plans for the rest of us.



At our October luncheon meeting our guest speaker will be Patty Bristow, a lifetime resident of the Byron/Brentwood Area and very knowledgeable regional historian. Patty will be sharing interesting facts and stories about our local area as she has seen it develop over the years. She will touch upon various aspects of the community including the evolution of the agricultural community (farmland and vineyards), interesting background information and plans for the Byron Hot Springs and Hotel, and the Union Cemetery of which Patty was recently re-elected to another four-year term as Trustee and Board Chairperson. Be ready with any questions you may have concerning our local community and the many people who have helped to shape its course.

October Birthdays

Phil Avila, Bruce Bohnsack, Fred Critchfield, Tom Denning, Knute Kleinen, Larry Mensch, John Pesek, Al Sauvadon, Jim Spann, Gary Tucker, Ron Wilson, Calvin Zehnder

October Luncheon Menu

Fried Chicken, Yukon mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans/red onion, roll and butter, with cookies and brownies for dessert

SIR Cyclers, Jerry Wiebe (916) 206-9221

Fall is in the air and the leaves are already beginning to turn ... a perfect time to go bicycle riding. 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 on this fun event that has a lot of plusses.



All levels of bicycling experience are welcome, and those who might ride electric bikes are encouraged to join us. We are also here to help others brush up on their riding skills if they have not ridden for a while. It only takes a few weeks to wake up those muscles to build some endurance. Just start at a mile a day...then add another, then another and so on. In no time you'll be surprised at how soon you are feeling stronger. The best part is feeling good ALL OVER.

The Cyclers leave in the morning at 9:00 from Jerry's driveway at 2071 Windward Point in Discovery Bay. Give Jerry a call for questions. 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

The last couples wine tasting for 2022 will take place at the home of Raquel and Will Myers on October 27th. They can be reached at wgmyers@comcast.net or by phone at (925) 516-9448.

You can reach me at (510)717-3637 or at Mytoothdoc@comcast.net. Don't miss out on this fun event! Remember to bring a bottle of wine and an appetizer to share. Hope to see you there. Gary Tucker.

Special Awards

State Governor John Kent presented special awards at the September luncheon meeting. John is in the red shirt in the photos below.



*Bob Damico & Will Myers receive
Honorary Life Membership Pins*



*Roy Bristow & Rick Harris receive
Distinguished Service Pins*

The New Distinguished Service Awards (DSA) Pins were in recognition of their service as Big Sir during the trying Covid years (2020 and 2021); Roy for keeping us alive during the shutdown April 2020 through December 2020, and Rick for bringing us back in July of 2021.

Thank you Gentlemen for your service!

Dick Donald was not present to receive his Honorary Life Membership pin, and will receive it at a later date.

Photos from the 2022 Eric Jensen Memorial Collector Car Show



*Knute Kleinen's 1931 Plymouth Model PA
Convertible Coupe*

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



REGISTRATION CLOSED

SIR Branch 161 2022 GOLF SCHEDULE

Thursday, October 6 SIR Individual Championship at
Diablo Creek, Concord
9:30 am.

Twelve players out of a registration of 25 ended up playing at Rio Vista. It was a calm and nice day. The course is much improved over this time last year but still needs some work. Six out of nine players that completed the survey indicated they wanted to play Rio Vista next year.

Dan Lippstreu led team of Johnny Welton and Richard Lietz to a first-place finish (123). Tom Denning teamed with John Fry and Ed Fitzpatrick to come in second. Third place went to David Vicencio, Mike Carmichael and Gale Nelson. Each team was a threesome which eliminated the use of a blind draw.

Hole #5 and hole #13 closest to the pin were both won by David Vicencio. Second place on both holes went to Tom Denning. In Flight A first place gross score went to Dave Vicencio with an outstanding 77. Tom Denning (81) came in second. I managed a 71 to win the first-place net score. There was no second place. I won three skins with Tom Denning and Gale Nelson winning two.

David Vicencio won one skin in Flight A. In Flight B Richard Lietz won first place gross score with 100 and Ken Fanucchi was second with 103. John Sutton had a score of 76 for first place net score. Mike Carmichael was second (79). John Sutton won 4 skins in Flight B. Mike Carmichael had two skins. John Emerson and Richard Lietz each won one skin.

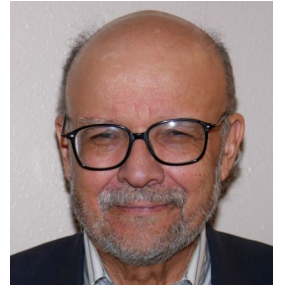
Tom Denning maintained his overall prize-winning lead with \$179, followed by Dan Lippstreu with \$121. Dennis Pachucki dropped into third place with \$118. Rounding out the first foursome is Al Goodspeed with \$113. The next four are Johnny Welton, Jim Spann, (Rob Ryan and Larry Mensch will not be playing at Diablo Creek), Ken Fanucchi and John Fry.

Thursday, October 6 SIR Individual Championship is at Diablo Creek Golf Course starting at 9:30 am. Tee time assignments for the SIR Branch 161 Individual Championship will be based on the money winnings for the season. 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. This event will conclude the golf season for 2022!

Have a good one!
Johnny

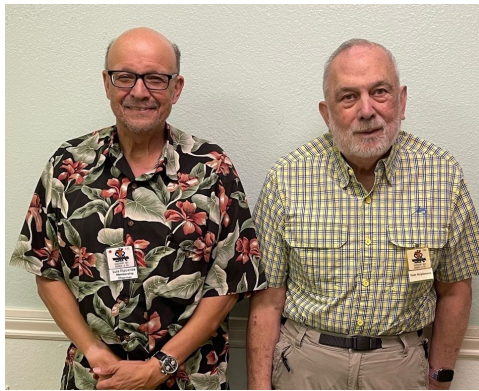
Membership, Luis Figueroa

During the September luncheon we inducted 3 new members, Phil Avila (Dave Ciruli, sponsor), Sam Stephenson (Luis Figueroa. sponsor), and Tom Leeper (Luis Figueroa, sponsor). Their photos, along with their sponsors are shown below.



Phil Avila (left) and sponsor, Dave Ciruli.

Phil Avila and his wife, Laura, moved to Brentwood from Pleasanton in 2010. Phil retired from the Boardwalk Auto Center approximately 15 years ago, where he was the General Sales Manager. He and his wife have recently celebrated their 39th wedding anniversary. They have three children and they enjoy spending time together traveling and other adventures. Phil enjoys fishing and dabbling in Texas Hold'em. Phil spends a fair amount of his time volunteering with the Brentwood Lion's Club, where is he currently their President.



Sam Stephenson (right) with sponsor, Luis Figueroa

Sam Stephenson has lived in Discovery Bay since 1991 after having moved from Castro Valley. He retired from Pacific Bell Information Services in 1996 after 30 years of service. After retiring he worked for several telecom related companies as a field engineer. Sam and his wife are members of the Discovery Bay Yacht Club. He and his wife have two daughters who live in Marin County and Sun Valley.



Tom Leeper (left) with sponsor, Luis Figueroa

Tom Leeper has lived in Discovery Bay for 22 years after having moved from Fremont. He retired in 2002 from the Nibbi Brothers Construction Company where he was a steel form carpenter. He and his wife, Madonna, have two sons and five grandchildren. Tom enjoys golfing, traveling, and wine tasting. He is looking forward to participating in our dinner with the ladies and wine tasting events.

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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 or texting and I can outline the procedure. In addition, please insure that all guests bring their COVID vaccination card (or a copy) to the luncheons.

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

The branch headcount is currently 151

Bowling news, John Fry

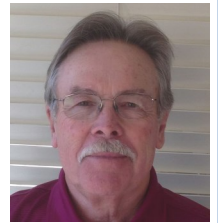
The Monday Sirs and Ladies Winter Bowling league started on Monday September 12, 2022 at Harvest Park Bowl. We have just finished week two and the Standings are as follows:

First place, Team 5 Paul Elmer, Rosie Elmer, Russ Reid, Vicky Reid
 Second place, Frank Cramer, Don Patterson, Mary Patterson, Mitch Wisinski
 Third place, Ron Wilson, Keith Jones, Fred Critchfield

High Game Scratch, Keith Jones 261, Paul Elmer 242, Ron Wilson 237
 High Series Scratch, Keith Jones 705, Mike Carmicheal 591, Paul Elmer 583
 High Handicap Game, Vicky Reid 284, Mike Carmicheal 280, Ken Fanucchi 272
 High Handicap Series, Alice Disney 723, Russ Reid 714, Vicky Reid 697

The next two SIR Bowling Tournaments are scheduled at:
 Fireside lanes in Citrus Heights on Tuesday and Wednesday October 18 and 19
 McHenry Bowl in Modesto on Thursday and Friday November 3 and 4

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



September Attendance, Phil Newlin

Date	SEP
Members	151
NO CALL - NO SHOW	7
Notified	47
Guests	4
New Members	3
Actual Count Total	101

Here is a summary of attendance numbers from our September 13 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.

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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