



SIR BRANCH 161 NEWS

Celebrating our 31st year! *November 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

November is here, the old poem states the frost will be on the pumpkins, probably everywhere but in California. We have all been through the trick and treaters by now, and may still be eating our grandkids' leftover candy: Watch out for those calories.



Maybe some of you enjoyed San Francisco Fleet Week. It's really special to see the Navy presence that we have protecting our air and shores.

The message this month is that I am happy to report that our SIR DBCC community will continue as always been in the past with no changes. There was a state meeting that had us all concerned that was directed to all. Branches that need to have changes such as making it a non-retired membership to increase/uphold membership. However, we are doing a great job keeping interest and growing, and so no worries about any changes.

November brings family and friends together once again for a yearly gathering for all to enjoy. I want to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving Day and wish

the best for all.

This month we will have our installation of officers for 2023, and \$30 Christmas party tickets will be on sale.

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

Next luncheon meeting

Tuesday, November 8, 2022.

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Little Sir, Ken Landoline

Our thanks go out to local historian Patty Bristow, our October luncheon speaker, for her presentation sharing interesting facts and stories about our area, including Brentwood, Byron, and Discovery Bay as she has seen it develop over the years. As a lifelong resident of the



area, Patty reviewed the evolution of the farming community, interesting background information surrounding the Byron Hot Springs and Hotel, the Wild Idol Saloon, and the Union Cemetery of which Patty is a second term Trustee and Board Chairperson. For those of us relatively new to the area.



It was a great primer on

how the Brentwood/Byron area was developed and the leaders who shaped the community.

At our November luncheon meeting our guest speaker will be Ford Roosevelt, a grandson of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt and First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt, and the Executive Director of the non-profit Potomac Association. Mr. Roosevelt will share with us the story of President Roosevelt's "Floating White House" the USS Potomac, which the President used between 1936 until his death in 1945. The boat is now a registered National Historic landmark permanently berthed at Oakland's Jack London Square and maintained by The Potomac Foundation. Ford Roosevelt promises to share with us stories of the restoration of the USS Potomac plus anecdotes of life with his grandparents. This is a luncheon you do not want to miss.

November Birthdays

Frank Cramer, Tommy Grace, Ken Graunstadt, Chuck Niessen, Ashwani Rana, Walter Robertson, John Sutton, Andrew Zwemer

November Luncheon Menu

Roast Sirloin with sauce Bearnaise, steamed red potatoes, vegetable medley with cookies and brownies for dessert

SIR Cyclers, Jerry Wiebe (916) 206-9221

Fall is in the air and the leaves are turning ... still 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, Will Myers

The picture below shows SIR members enjoying the October wine tasting event hosted by Will and Raquel Myers at their home.



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

2022 Season Completed



Tom Denning, led off group of 23 contestants for the SIR Branch 161 Individual Championship on October 6 at Diablo Creek Golf Course. He was followed by Dan Lippstreu, and Al Goodspeed. Tee off order was determined by the order of finish in total money won.

The ultimate winners came from within the pack by posting one of their individual best scores. In terms of total winnings prior to the Championship, Jim Avila was ranked 26th, Lee Donnel was ranked 31st, and Mike Carmichael was ranked 19th. Great time to have your best day! Congratulations, gentlemen!

Lowest net score was submitted by Jim Avila (68). First prize paid [\$90]. Lee Donnell had a net 73 and won the tie breaker on the 17th hole over Mike Carmichael (73). Lee is our club champion and will get his name engraved on the perpetual trophy [\$75]. He also won a crystal trophy with a low gross score of 89. Mike did "Ok" also: Crystal trophy, [\$60].

The other results were:

4	Ken Fanucchi	\$40	74	
5	Dan Lippstreu	\$30	76	
6	Johnny Welton	\$25	77	
7	Vince Vargus	\$20	78	TB #18
8	John Fry	\$15	78	
9	Sid Crusier	\$10	79	TB #17
10	Bill Konold	\$5	79	TB #18
X	Jim Span		79	
X	Chris Diaz		79	

Closest To Pin

First CTP	\$5.00	7th Hole	Johnny Welton	22' 6"
Second CTP	\$3.00	7th Hole	Jim Avila	37' 10"
First CTP	\$5.00	17th Hole	Dave Vicencio	3' 3"
Second CTP	\$3.00	17th Hole	Lee Donnell	7' 8"

Optional Skins

	Amount	# Won	Winners' Names
Flight A	\$20.00	5	Jim Avila
	\$8.00	2	Johnny Welton
	\$8.00	2	Bill Konold
	\$8.00	2	Sid Crusier
	\$4.00	1	Lee Donnell

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Flight B	Amount	Skins	Winner's Names
	\$20.00	2	John Fry
	\$20.00	2	Vince Vargas
	\$10.00	1	Jim Spann
	\$10.00	1	John Sutton

Everyone was a winner! Every player that played received a sleeve of balls. All players that played in five or more events this year received a SIR Discovery Bay hat and SIR Discovery Bay golf towel. The registration was \$54. The total value of the event averaged \$69.

As the season of play ends, two of the most important events of the year occur. The first is that the NCGA dues are now due (\$39). The check needs to come to me with it made out to "SIR Branch 161." The second assists immensely in the planning of next year in terms of courses, events, and addressing specific things that have come up during the year. Changes will be made before the schedule is announce in December. Be sure that your voice is heard. Please send in the surveys before December 1.

It has been a great year for SIR Branch 161 Golf. More on that in the next Golf Update.

Have a good one!

RV Trip, Larry Mensch

The RV group went to Chowchilla in October. There were 7 rigs total that participated. The activities included golf at the Pheasant Run Golf Course, tour of the Borga Steel Buildings in Fresno (the rolls of steel you've seen on the back of trucks weigh 14,000 pounds), 5 pm Happy Hour, remote speed boat racing, and dinner out at a local restaurant.

We will be planning next year's events.



Membership, Luis Figueroa

During the October luncheon we inducted 2 new members: Dick Warner (Mark Blackburn is the sponsor) and Don Abate (Saul Gold is the sponsor).



Dick Warner was born and raised in Long Beach, CA and he has lived in Brentwood since 2011. He retired from Chevron in 1989 after working for 32 years in marketing. He and his wife, Connie, have five children and fourteen grandchildren. He enjoys fishing, traveling, and wine tasting.

Dick Warner (right) and sponsor Mark Blackburn



Don Abate and his wife, Carol, are New Jersey natives and have been blessed with 2 sons and one grandchild. After a career in banking at Chase and BofA, Don worked as a consultant for IBM before changing careers as an orange grower in San Diego. Carol finally gave up teaching high school Special Education and they moved back to Northern California to try retirement by the sea at Dillon Beach. After 5 years on the north coast they moved to Discovery Bay putting themselves closer to their children and more important, their grandchild. Though they have only lived here for a few months in Discovery Bay, they already feel they made the right decision and are looking forward to being active members of the community and making new friends.

Don Abate (right) and sponsor Saul Gold



During the luncheon, Terry Brekke received a well deserved "I Am Doing My Part Award" from the Branch for his outstanding recruiting efforts, where he has brought in 5 new members in the last year. Congratulations go to Terry!

Bob Damico (left), Terry Brekke, Luis Figueroa

At the luncheon we had one guest, Jim Moore, who was sponsored by Jim Wangeman.

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In October Dale Welin left the branch. Dale had been a long term member since 1998.

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

The branch headcount is currently 152.

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>)

October Attendance, Phil Newlin

Date	OCT
Members	153
NO CALL - NO SHOW	5
Notified	53
Guests	1
New Members	2
Actual Count Total	98

Here is a summary of attendance numbers from our October 11 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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