



SIR BRANCH 161 NEWS

Celebrating our 32nd year! February 2023

The Mission of SIR is to enrich the Lives of Our Members Through Fun Activities and Events—While Making Friends For Life

Ken Landoline, Big Sir

Here we are already one month into 2023. Our last 2022 all member luncheon meeting was in November. For those of you who missed our Christmas Luncheon with the Ladies event, it was more than 11 weeks until our first 2023 luncheon on January 24th. However, time has not stood still and there has been a lot going on within SIR world. Although it is not yet fully behind us, COVID is having a diminished effect on our everyday activities as air travel has increased, people got back to more normal family and friend gatherings over the holidays, and those vaccines we received over the past two years appear to be keeping us safer than we were a year or two ago. I hope that has been your experience also.



The newly installed team of officers of Branch 161 has been very active on your behalf. We have been planning the 2023 SIR agenda in terms of dealing with the rapidly changing physical environment of the Discovery Bay Country Club as the facility is being remodeled, meeting with and building relationships with the new ownership team and making changes in our monthly luncheon menus and pricing. We are feeling a sense of accomplishment about our newly signed contract with the DB Golf & Country Club. We believe we have reached an agreement through 2023 that will maintain our strong ongoing thirty-one-year relationship with the Club in terms of having a conven-

ient, beautiful, and comfortable environment with high quality monthly menus at a reasonable price during this inflationary economic period.

While many SIR branches have been shrinking in size, we have been able to balance our membership losses with new member recruitment and keep our membership at a consistent 150+ members. As pointed out by our Membership Director Luis Figueroa, we believe this achievement is because our branch offers 11 well attended activities, most of which are coed, and the elimination of the once very restrictive COVID restrictions which curbed luncheon attendance and activity participation. Our branch members must be congratulated for their active recruitment of friends and neighbors over the past few years. Keep up the good work. It would be great if each member of our branch would invite at least one guest to a SIR luncheon this year. Given our very strong history of guest

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Next luncheon meeting

Tuesday, February 14, 2023.

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to member convergence this would certainly keep Branch 161 on the road to success and sustainability far into the future.

In closing I would like to remind you that our next meeting will be held on Tuesday February 14 (Valentine's Day) and by then we expect the clubhouse remodel will be near completion and things will be back to normal with lunches on the second Tuesday of each month for the rest of 2023. Also, as local restaurants return to normal operations our popular monthly Dinner with the Ladies events will be back in full swing. Please try to participate in as many of our branch sponsored activities as possible and remember to invite a friend or neighbor to our next luncheon. I look forward to seeing all of you at the February luncheon meeting.

Little Sir, Jim Wangeman

We had a great lunch of Chicken Scallopini and our speaker, Greg Robinson with his experiences in gold mining.



Our next meeting will be February 14th with Chicken Marsala for lunch. The speaker will be Michael Rucker, Brentwood police officer, talking about the Give Back Garage project.

Thank you to the almost 100 Sirs at our lunch. See you next month.

February Luncheon Menu

Chicken Marsala.

February Birthdays

Richard Allen, Frank Alexander, Ralph Arthur,
Steve Avellar, Roy Bristow, Dave Ciruli,
Mike Cullen, Bob Damico, John Emerson,
Robert Jacobsen, Jon Rensen,
Jim Venhaus, Johnny Welton

SIR Cyclers, Jerry Wiebe (916) 206-9221

The welcomed, but heavy precipitation experienced in January contributed to several missed rides this past month for the SIR Cyclers. We are looking forward to a better balance of rain and sun in the coming weeks.



Our rides begin at 9:00 a.m.

and we take as many as three rides weekly. Our favorite morning trek is on Friday, leaving from Jerry's driveway 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 new members to join us on this fun event that has a lot of plusses.

All levels of bicycling experience are welcome, and electric bike riders 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 and build some endurance. Just start at a mile a day...then add another, then another. In no time you'll be surprised at how soon you are feeling stronger. The best part is feeling good...ALL OVER!

Cyclers leave in the morning 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 put some air in the tires. We are waiting for you!

Photos from the January luncheon

Courtesy of Louis Figueroa

Appreciation of the January speaker



Big Sir Ken Landoline presents 90-year awards



Ken Marsh



Dick Warner

Appreciation of Past Big Sir Dennis Pachucki



Passing the gavel



Passing the hat

Golf News, Johnny Welton

NCGA/GHIN NEWS

The article below was taken from an NCGA website posting (11/7/22).



The USGA and the R&A have unveiled a regular update to the Rules of Golf as they continue to make the Rules easier to understand and apply. The new Rules have gone into effect on January 1, 2023.

Several penalties have been relaxed and language has been clarified to help golfers at all levels of play. Key changes include:

Modifications for Players with Disabilities: The modifications to the Rules for players with disabilities have been made part of the Rules and are in effect for all players who are classified in the categories covered in Rule 25

Handicap Usage in Stroke Play: With the continued growth of score-posting technology following the adoption of the World Handicap System™, players are no longer penalized for failing to put their handicap on their scorecard in stroke play. The committee will be responsible for ensuring the accuracy of each player's handicap.

Club Damaged During Round: The Rule has been amended to allow a player to replace a club that is damaged during a round, provided the player did not damage it through abuse.

Ball Moved by Natural Forces: A new exception provides that a ball at rest must be replaced if it moves to another area of the course or comes to rest out of bounds after being dropped, placed, or replaced.

Back-on-the-Line Relief Procedure: The back-on-the-line relief procedure, often used for penalty area and unplayable ball relief, has been simplified so that the player now drops their ball on the line, and the ball must come to rest within one club-length of where it is dropped.

Golfers will be able to learn more about the major changes and review the official 2023 Rules of Golf by visiting www.usga.org/2023Rules and <https://www.randa.org/>. Full updates to the official Rules of Golf digital applications are available.

More On Clubs

You are allowed to carry up to 14 clubs for play (but you can have fewer). There is no restriction on the type of clubs you carry – for instance you can carry multiple putters, multiple drivers, or some left-handed clubs and some right-handed. If you start a round with 14 clubs, you are generally limited to those clubs for the rest of the round, even if you lose one or break one while making a stroke. But you can continue using a

2023 Golf Schedule

Additional details will be in the 2023 Handbook

Monday, March 6 9:00*	SIR 161 Discovery Bay CC
Tuesday, March 21 9:30*	The Reserve, Stockton
Tuesday, April 18 9:00*	Swensen Park, Stockton
Thursday, May 11: 9:30	Diablo Creek
Tuesday, May 16 9:00*	Lone Tree, Antioch
Tuesday, June 20 9:00*	Elkhorn, Stockton
Tuesday, July 18 9:00*	Manteca Park, Manteca
Tuesday, August 15 9:00*	Las Positas, Livermore
Tuesday, Sept 19 9:30*	Franklin Canyon, Hercules
Tuesday, October 24 9:30*	The Reserve, Stockton

*Event included in SEASON LONG 2 MAN TEAM CONTEST

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damaged club or have it repaired if possible. If you start a round with fewer than 14 clubs, you can add clubs during the round until you reach 14, but you must not delay play in doing so. When you have a partner, you can share clubs, provided that the total number of clubs between the two of you is no more than 14. For example, if you have 6 clubs and your partner has 8 clubs, the total is 14 and you can share.

You cannot purposely adjust or alter clubs during your round, which includes making changes to adjustable clubs. But if an adjustable club becomes loose during the round, you can repair it by moving it back to the original setting. So, if a club breaks you can replace it but not if you got mad after a bad shot and slammed it against a tree. You can keep using it or repair it but not replace it. Better yet – don't lose your cool!

We begin the year with two new events: Winter Four-Man Scramble on Tuesday, February 21 at Shadow Lakes and Discovery Bay Friendship Tournament at Discovery Bay Golf and Country Club on Monday, March 6. After a shotgun start and playing two nine-hole rounds at Shadow Lakes, a lunch consisting of sandwich, chips, and drink will be provided. A great relaxed format to begin the season. SIR Branch 161 is hosting SIR Branches from throughout the state at the Friendship Tournament. Your team of four (playing 2 net best ball as a team and four other individual flighted contests - all included) will consist of members from as many different SIR Branches as possible. A served lunch after the round will be followed by cash prize awards. We are the hosts – We need a great turnout from our branch. Even if you are not a regular at our golf activities, please consider this one. Email if you need a flier for the Friendship Tournament. Register now for all events by sending me an email!

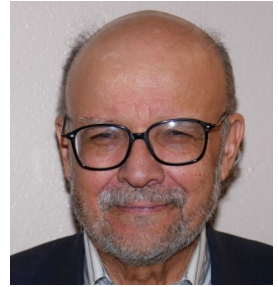
Plan to join us now. Don't miss out on the fun!

Have a good one!

Johnny

Membership, Luis Figueroa

During the January luncheon we inducted 3 new members: Rod Linn (Rich Barber, sponsor); John Moore (Jim Wangeman, sponsor); Jerry Lucero (Dick Warner, sponsor).



Rod Linn and his wife, Linda, moved to Brentwood approximately 30 years ago. They owned and operated an office equipment dealership for 17 years before selling it. He continued to work for the new company another 10 years until he retired. They have three sons, five grandkids, and three daughter's in law. He enjoys being with family and friends.

Rod Linn (left) and sponsor, Rich Barber

Jim Moore has lived in Discovery Bay for 16 years. He retired from ARCIS Government Services and Security in 2015. He and his wife, Donna, have a son and a daughter in addition to four grandsons. He enjoys traveling, cars, fishing, and wine tasting.



Jim Moore (right) and sponsor Jim Wangeman



Jerry Lucero (left) and his sponsor Dick Warner

We had one guest (Robert Vetter, Luis Figueroa, sponsor) during the January luncheon.

In January Gene Bianchi and Gino Pagano have left the branch. In addition Jim Jenkins passed away.

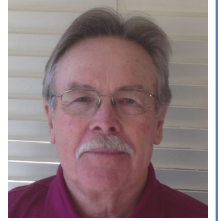
All members are reminded when a guest attends a luncheon the sponsor will receive a free bottle of wine. If the guest later decides to become a member, the sponsor will also be awarded a free lunch certificate. If a guest wants to become a member please have the guest contact me at 949-400-4715 via voice or texting and I can quickly outline the procedure.

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

The branch headcount is currently 150.

Bowling news, John Fry

The Monday Sirs and Ladies Winter Bowling league just finished week 19 The current standing are as follows:



First place, Team 5, (Never give up), Paul Elmer, Rosie Elmer, Russ Reid, Vicky Reid

Second place, Team 6, (Delta Strikers), Diane Leonis, Shirley Jennings, Terry Damico, Bob Damico

Third place, Team 3, Natalie Paris, Mike Sadler Sr., Marie Wilson, Tony Guarascio

Season High Game Scratch Male, John Fry 266

Season High Game Scratch Female, Rosie Elmer 257

Season High Series Scratch Male, Bob Damico 712

Season High Series Scratch Female, Gail Smith 657

Season High Handicap Game Male, Ken Fanucchi 290

Season High Handicap Game Female, Vicky Reid 284

Season High Handicap Series Male, Mike Carmichael, 792

Season High Handicap Series Female, Terry Damico 766

High Average, Keith Jones 200 and Gail Smith 184

Most improved Average Skip Zehnder +12 and Diane Leonis +12

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 or email John Fry (925 783 5614) (jcfry43@yahoo.com)

Dinner With The Ladies, Dennis Pachucki

When: February 28 2023

Where: Samurai Japanese Restaurant, 5007 Lone Tree Way, Brentwood.

Time: Arrival & Cocktails starting at 5:00 pm. Dinner served at 6:00 pm.

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

Entrees:

- 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, February 24 – there will be envelopes at our General Meeting on February 14.

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

Samurai is located at 5007 Lone Tree Way, Brentwood 94531. It is in the shopping center, (Lone Tree Landing), on your right heading from Brentwood to Antioch just before Hillcrest and Walmart.

----- 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

☐

Hibachi Shrimp

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Hibachi Salmon

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Vegetable Delight

And your rice selection(s):

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Steamed Rice

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Fried Rice

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Garlic Fried Rice



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

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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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