



SIR BRANCH 161 NEWS

Celebrating our 32nd year! March 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 well into 2023 with two successful SIR luncheons and an equal number of interesting guest speakers behind us. Our next meeting will be a special St. Patrick's Day luncheon on March 14th, followed by the first day of spring only a week later. I am very happy to report that our monthly lunch attendance levels are back at pre-COVID levels right around one hundred attendees, or sixty-seven percent of our membership. This is one of the higher percentage attendance levels across SIR branches. Thank you for your continued support at our meetings as well as your growing involvement at other SIR activities.



We were pleased to have our SIR Area Representative Jay Gordon attend the February meeting to give us an update on happenings around the state. These visits are always beneficial to us in learning things that are new with state SIR operations, plans and goals for the year and further into the future. The visits are also very helpful in sharing some best practices that will help us run a better operation here in Discovery Bay. Jay also assisted in the presentation of some SIR awards to several of

our members. These included Distinguished Service Awards to Tom Jones and Dennis Pachucki, as well as two SIR Anniversary Awards to Gary Hess (30 years) and Lowell Onstad (20 years).

In the area of more good news is the fact that I was told by Country Club management that by our March meeting we can expect the Discovery Bay clubhouse remodel to be very close to completion, if not finished entirely. Things will be back to normal with all the remodeling efforts behind us and we will, no doubt, have a beautifully remodeled venue for our monthly meetings. So far, the remodel effort has been impressive with new restrooms and an expanded and updated bar area on the main floor of the clubhouse. I expect the overall project will exceed our expectations.

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Next luncheon meeting

Tuesday, March 14, 2023.

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One other thing I did want to mention is that the process of members notifying our Attendance Director by the Friday before our monthly meetings to indicate that they will not be attending a luncheon is not being adequately followed by all members. Please remember if you do not inform us that you will not be attending a luncheon a meal is ordered and paid for on your behalf. If you do not show up, we must still pay for your meal. At the February lunch meeting there were fifteen "extra" meals that had to be paid for, at a total cost of \$450, due to non-notification of members who did not attend and did not let us know before the meeting.

I would very much like to see every member at the March lunch, but please let our Attendance Director Phil Newlin know if you cannot make it by the Friday before if for any reason you cannot be there. Phil can be reached at (408) 505-5359 or Phil Newlin: ward28fred-sirs@yahoo.com . Otherwise, I look forward to seeing you on March 14th.

Little Sir, Jim Wangeman

Thank you to Michael Rucker, Brentwood Police Officer, for a very informative talk on starting the **Give Back Garage!**



Our speaker for March will be Allen Cantando, Assistant General Manager for the Town of Discovery Bay.

March Luncheon Menu

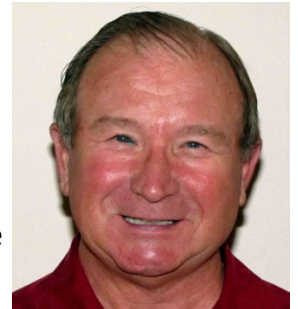
Corned Beef and Cabbage in honor of Saint Patrick's Day.

March Birthdays

Steve Bordi, Terry Brekke, Ron Crawford, John Davis, Jake Fair, Gary Felix, Dave Goodwin, Keith Jones, Ronald Keefer, Umberto Marconi, Sean Murphy, Dennis Pachucki, Donald Sarcozy, Vince Vargas, David Vicencio

SIR Cyclers, Jerry Wiebe (916) 206-9221

March and Spring go together like two peas in a pod of Daylight Savings Time; excellent times for bicycle riding. Our rides begin at 9:00 a.m. and we make 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!

February awards

Appreciation Award for the February speaker presented by Little Sir Jim Wangeman.

Also in the photo is Big Sir Ken Landoline



Branch Membership Awards presented by Big Sir Ken Landoline



30-year award presented to Gary Hess



20-year award presented to Lowell Onstadt

SIR Area Representative Jay Gordon presents Distinguished Service Awards



Dennis Pachucki



Tom Jones

Golf News, Johnny Welton



Another golf season opened with a scramble event at Shadow Lakes. Twenty-eight golfers played the existing nine holes twice. The plan is next year that the course will have eighteen holes open. It wasn't the rain or heat that defined play. It was the wind. It started out mild but grew to 24 mph. It not only blew the ball around but some players, too!

We all had a great time and concluded the day with a hot dog, chips and drink. Prizes were awarded for the two contests played: team scramble and closest to the pin.

The first-place team was: Chris Diaz, John Emerson, and John Sutton with a team score of 66. Determining second place required a two hole playoff to break a tie at 67. Bill Konold, Todd Ramsdell, Dennis O'Connell, and Ken Fanucchi took second place. David Vicencio, Phil Kepp, and Mike Carmichael finished in third place. Competition was very close as the next teams had scores of 68, 69, 71, and 73. Because we went around twice, every player had two chances at the two closest to the pin holes. Todd Ramsdell was closest to the pin on hole number three at 3' 11" with Al Goodspeed coming in second place at 5'. On the seventh hole Bill Hartman was closest with 16' and John Fry had 16' 10" for second place. No other contests were offered because of the scramble format.

The surveys indicated that we liked playing at Shadow Lakes and would like to play a scramble again. The choice is to play 9 holes once or 9 holes twice for 18. As the group grows older during the past two years an interest in playing just 9 holes has grown. This time the survey vote was close for the first time. 18 won out ... but 9 is gaining. Everyone finished in under five hours which is good for Shadow Lakes and our SIR golf group.

On March 6 at Discovery Bay Golf & Country Club SIR Branch 161 will be hosts to 113 players from around the state representing 16 SIR Branches. A big thank you to the 30 SIR Branch 161 members that donated bottles of wine to our raffle. Donors, sponsors, and volunteers still are welcome to help administer this grand tournament for our guests. Just call me (925-876-5844).

The regular golf outing in March is on Tuesday, the 21st at The Reserve in Stockton. Registration and payment will be open until our next SIR luncheon on March 14.

Have a good one!
Johnny

2023 Golf Schedule

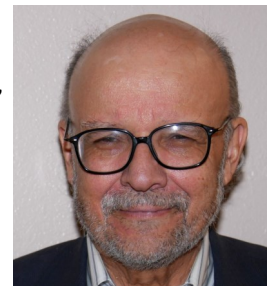
Additional details will be in the 2023 Handbook

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

Membership, Luis Figueroa

During the February luncheon we inducted 2 new members: Bob Vetter (Luis Figueroa, sponsor); and Mike Quier (Luis Figueroa, sponsor).



Bob (right) and his sponsor, Luis Figueroa.



Bob and his wife, Deb, have lived in Brentwood for 35 years. They both grew up in San Jose and have two daughters, who live outside of the area. He and his wife enjoy the coastal areas, camping in their travel trailer, playing poker, bowling, cooking/BBQ, and socializing. He is interested in volunteering with local organizations.

Mike Quier (right) and his sponsor Luis Figueroa.

Mike was a previous member and has rejoined the branch. Mike is a retired electrician who worked at Lawrence Livermore National Lab. He has been married for 54 years and has two daughters along with six grandchildren and five great grandchildren. He is looking forward to rejoining the Discovery Bay SIR branch.



In February we lost three members - Rick Harris, Dan Riordan, and Don Shegich.

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 for and bringing guests to our luncheons!

The branch headcount is currently 149.

February meeting attendance

Members	148
NO CALL - NO SHOW	14
Notified	53
Guests	0
New Members	2
Actual Count Total	83

Fellow SIR members, here is a summary of attendance numbers from our February 14th 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

Bowling news, John Fry

The Monday Sirs and Ladies Winter Bowling league just finished week 24 of a 37 week season. The Winter season is divided into 2 parts.

The current standing for the second half are as follows:



First place, Team 2 (Whatever II) Maddie Brickwedel, Skip Zehnder, Harold Sagert, John Fry (19.5 wins-4.5 losses)

Second place, Team 5 (Never give up) Paul Elmer, Rosie Elmer, Russ Reid, Vicky Reid (14 wins-9 losses)

Third place, Team 1 (1- Ball at a time!) Ron Wilson, Fred Critchfield, Gail Smith, Keith Jones (14 wins-10 losses)

Season High Game Scratch (Male), John Fry 266, Keith Jones 261, Mitch Wisinski 256

Season High Game Scratch (Female), Rosie Elmer 257, Gail Smith 242, Vicky Reid 238

Season High Series Scratch (Male), Bob Damico 712, Keith Jones 705, Tom Kirtley 638

Season High Series Scratch (Females), Gail Smith 657, Rosie Elmer 619, Vicky Reid 594

Season High Handicap Game (Male), John Fry 302, Ken Fanucchi 290, Russ Reid 287

Season High Handicap Game (Female), Rosie Elmer 296, Vicky Reid 284, Gail Smith 280

Season High Handicap Series (Male), Bob Damico 793, Mike Carmichael, 792, Tom Kirtley 770

Season High Handicap Series (Female), Gail Smith 771, Terry Damico 766, Mary Patterson

High Average (Male), Keith Jones 202, Bob Damico 198, Mitch Wisinski 197

High Average (Female), Gail Smith 180, Vicky Reid 180, Rosie Elmer 175

Most improved Average (Male) Skip Zehnder +14, Russ Reid +14, Don Patterson +7

Most improved average (Female), Diane Leonis +10, Mary Ann Reichenbach +8, Shirley Jennings +7

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

Wine Tasting, Terry Silva

SIR Branch 161 held the first wine tasting event of 2023 at Jerry and Sue Wiebe's home. Seven couples attended. It was a great time and the hosts did an excellent job.



Our Next Wine tasting event is March 23 at the John and Connie Douglas home.

An email will go out next week. Please call me if interested in attending.

Terry Silva

(925) 305-7573

Dinner With The Ladies, Dennis Pachucki

When: March 28, 2023

Where: Sweeney's Grill & Bar, 301 Oak Street, Brentwood.

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

Menu Choices: Salad, dessert & non-alcoholic beverage (soft drink, water, coffee) are included:

Entrees:

- Sirloin Steak with mashed potatoes and fresh vegetable
- Grilled Fresh Salmon with rice and fresh vegetable
- Jumbo Fried Prawns with rice and fresh vegetable
- Grilled Chicken Breast with mashed potatoes and fresh vegetable

Cost: \$34.00 per person (includes tax and tip)

Deadline: We need your RSVP no later than Friday, March 24 – there will be envelopes at our General Meeting on March 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

Sweeney's is located at 301 Oak Street (at the northwest corner of 1st Street) in downtown Brentwood.

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

Your Name(s): _____ Phone: _____

Your Menu choice(s):

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Sirloin steak

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Grilled Fresh Salmon

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Jumbo Fried Prawns

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Grilled Chicken Breast



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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