



SIR BRANCH 161 NEWS

Celebrating our 32nd year! *May 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

It is difficult to believe that May is upon us. It seems like 2023 just began and we are already rapidly approaching the halfway mark of our SIR year. We are about to celebrate the mothers in our lives in place of our regular monthly meeting on Tuesday May 9th. In case you were not aware, in 1914, President Woodrow Wilson signed a proclamation designating Mother's Day, held on the second Sunday each May, as a national holiday to honor mothers.



As always, our celebration of Mother's Day will occur in place of our regular May SIR meeting. I hope we are all planning to attend on May 9th in honor of all the mothers in our lives. If you have not yet secured your tickets for this always popular event, please contact Jerry Wiebe (916-206-9221) while there are still some tickets available. I hope to see many of you at that event along with your guests. Our next SIR meeting after that will be our regular Tuesday luncheon meeting on June 13th.

As I mentioned at the April luncheon, we are in the process of creating the Branch 161 officers slate for 2024 and I would like to encourage each of you to consider getting actively involved in the management and operations of our branch by volunteering for any of the positions we are currently working to fill. Your

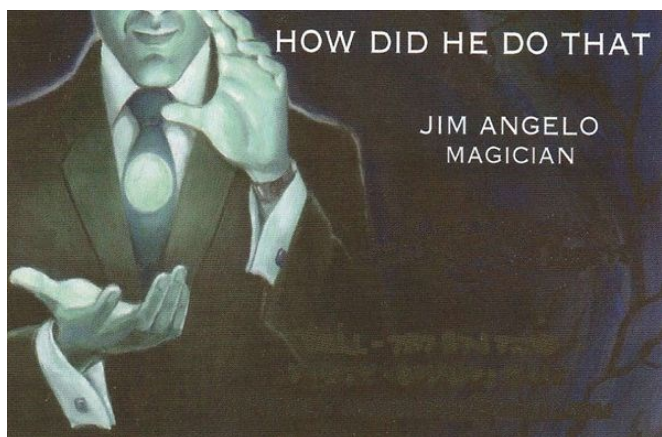
active engagement in our branch is the only way to ensure our branch will thrive into the future. While several of our executive committee members and directors will be continuing in their current positions, there is still a need to fill a few positions with new talent as other positions become vacant. In the coming few weeks we are seeking members to fill open slots that will become available in January of 2024. These include Little Sir, Assistant Treasurer, Golf Director, Sunshine Director, as well as Directorships of the other key Auditing and Nominating Committees. You can contact Vince Vargas (925-516-5915) if you are interested in volunteering or have any questions regarding these soon-to-be open positions.

Once again, thank you for being an active member of SIR Branch 161 by attending our monthly luncheons and for your involvement in all the SIR activities and events in which you participate. I hope to see you all at the Mother's Day event on May 9th.

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Mother's Day Luncheon, Jerry Wiebe



We have a whole new performance for you this Mother's Day Luncheon. A local magician, Jim Angelo, will bring us his bag of tricks and spectacular magic to wow the audience! The lunch will be chicken & mushroom crepes with fresh vegetables and strawberry mousse for dessert. Coffee and iced tea are included along with a no-host bar. Tickets are on sale for \$35 each. There are ways to purchase them before the May 5th deadline, but could be sold out before then, so make sure you get yours soon. You can purchase tickets from Jerry Wiebe with a check that covers your payment, made out to SIR Branch 161. Include a stamped, self-addressed envelope to return your tickets. Jerry's mailing address is 2071 Windward Point, Discovery Bay, CA 94505. You can also pick up your tickets by calling Jerry at (916) 206-9221. The door will open on May 9 at 11:00 a.m. and sit-down for lunch is 12:00 pm.

Little Sir, Jim Wangeman

Thank you to Brandon Gruber, for a very inspirational talk, on the challenges of overcoming Down Syndrome.



Our program for the Mother's Day Lunch will be Jim Angelo, a Magician! We have a very special lunch menu:

May Luncheon Menu

Crepes ala Reine with wild rice pilaf and vegetable medley.



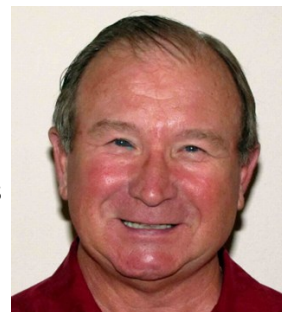
Little Sir Jim Wangeman and Big Sir Ken Landoline present a certificate of appreciation to Brandon Bruber.

May Birthdays

Carl Carlson, Lee Donnell, Harris Edwards, Ken Fanucchi, Bob Harlan, Tom Leeper, Robert Lyman, Bill Momaney, Norman Petersen, Mike Quier, Rob Ryan, Mike Sadler, Phil Talley, Jim Wangeman, Mitch Wisinski

SIR Cyclers, Jerry Wiebe (916) 206-9221

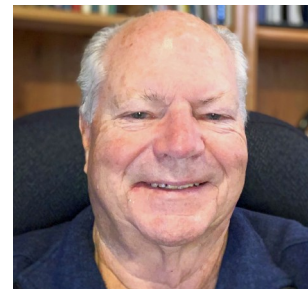
April and Spring go together like two peas in a pod of Daylight Savings Time; excellent times for bicycle riding. Our rides begin at 9:00 a.m. and we have as many as three rides weekly. Our favorite morning trek is on Friday, leaving from Jerry's driveway to Brent-



wood 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 at this fun event that has a lot of pluses. 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 feel 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!

Golf, Johnny Welton

After a rainout at The Reserve in March, everyone was ready for play at Swensen Park. Twenty-four players enjoyed a beautiful day. The shotgun start got us finished in between 3.25 and 3.75 hours. It seemed like the nineteenth hole was the most fun for everyone.



Two teams tied at 118. Dan Lippstreu, Phil Kepp, Sid Crusier, and Jim Spann won on the 18th hole tie breaker. Bill Konold, Randy Zierau, Ed Fitzpatrick, and Mike Carmichael settled for second. With a score of 121 Chris Dias, Joe Raposa, Dennis Pachucki, and Norm Petersen claimed third.

No one hit the green on either of the closest to the pin holes. No prizes were awarded.

Three players scored a gross score of 80: Larry Mensch, Chris Diaz, and Bill Konold. Ed Fitzpatrick had a gross 87 to win the "B" flight. Phil Kepp won the "A" flight net score (66) while John Fry won the "B" flight net (67). Mike Carmichael came in second in the "B" flight net score with 68.

Ten skins were awarded. Jim Spann had two. Tom Denning, Chris Diaz, Phil Kepp, Mike Carmichael, Ed Fitzpatrick, John Fry, Dennis Pachucki, and Norm Petersen won one skin each.

At the next event SIR Branch 161 will defend last year's win at the SIR Branch 8 (Mt Diablo/Concord) Match Play Tournament at Diablo Creek Golf Course. Our two-man teams are set to do their best against Concord's best. It is an early 8:00 am shotgun start. Results to follow.

May 16 will be our usual event at Lone Tree Golf Course in Antioch with the first tee time at 9:00 am. Registrations are open now by email. Fees are due by May 9th. Hope you and your guests can join us!

Have a good one!

Johnny

2023 Golf Schedule

Additional details will be in the 2023 Handbook

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

In Memoriam



It was with deep sadness that we learned of the passing of Dick Donald on April 27, 2023. Dick joined our Branch in November of 1998, and was active on our Branch Executive Committee for 17 years. He served as Big Sir in 2006, and was our Activities Chairman for 11 years. Dick was awarded the high honor of Honorary Life Member in 2014 for his outstanding support and dedication to SIR.

At this time, we do not have information on Memorial services for Dick. Once known, we will share that information with you.

Please keep Dick, his wife Cam and their family in your thoughts and prayers. Sympathy cards may be sent to: Cam Donald and Family, 4161 Beacon Place, Discovery Bay, CA 94505.

April awards



SIR Area Representative Jay Gordon (right) presented Don Rentzel (left) with the Senior Sir (over 90) award. Also present was Big Sir Ken Landoline.

SIR Area Representative Jay Gordon (center) presented Larry Mensch (right) with the Distinguished Service award. Also present was Big Sir Ken Landoline.



SIR Area Representative Jay Gordon (right) presented Johnny Welton (center) with the Distinguished Service award. Also present was Big Sir Ken Landoline.

SIR Area Representative Jay Gordon (right) presented Vince Vargas (left) with the Distinguished Service award. Also present was Big Sir Ken Landoline.



Membership, Luis Figueroa

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.

During the April luncheon we inducted one member, Tim Pollock (Bob Vetter is the sponsor).



Tim Pollock (right) and sponsor Bob Vetter

Tim has lived in Brentwood for 33 years. He retired in 2018 as a video sales engineer. He is a veteran of the U.S. Air Force where he served for 8 years and has also worked for NASA. He has over 35 years experience in computing, internet technology, and video services. He and his wife, Christie, have been married for over 35 years and they have a son and a daughter, along with three grandchildren. He enjoys many outdoor activities, including golf, pickle ball, rving, traveling, and hiking. He is looking forward to being involved with our branch activities.

Recently we received a request from the East Contra Costa Historical Society. The resource center is compiling their military veterans' files and are requesting information from any of our members who are military veterans. The contact point is Magdalena Northcut and she can be reached at (925) 634-8651. The contact email is northcutm@gmail.com. Please contact her if you are interested.

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

The branch headcount is currently 142.

Luis

Bowling news, John Fry



The next SIR Bowling Tournament is the SIR Annual State Tournament at Fireside Lanes, Tuesday May 16 and Wednesday May 17 in Citrus Heights.

The Monday Sirs and Ladies Winter Bowling league just finished week 32 of a 37 week season. The Winter season is divided into 2 parts. The current standings for the second half are as follows:

First place, Team 2, (Whatever II) Maddie Brickwedel, Skip Zehnder, Harold Sagert, John Fry (36.5 wins-19.5 losses).

Second place Team 3, Natalie Paris, Mike Sadler Sr, Marie Wilson, Tony Guarasico (34.5 wins-21.5 losses).

Third place, Team 1, (1- Ball at a time!) Ron Wilson, Fred Critchfield, Gail Smith, Keith Jones (34 wins-22 losses).

Season High Game Scratch (Male), Keith Jones 279, John Fry 266, Mitch Wisinski 256.

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

Season High Series Scratch (Male), Keith Jones 720, Bob Damico 712, Mitch Wisinski 661.

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

Season High Handicap Game (Male), John Fry 302, Ken Fanucchi 297, Keith Jones 294.

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 751.

High Average (Male), Keith Jones 204, Bob Damico 197, Mitch Wisinski 196.

High Average (Female), Vicky Reid 180, Gail Smith 179, Natalie Paris 173.

Most improved Average (Male) Russ Reid +15, Skip Zehnder +14, Don Patterson +7

Most improved average (Female), Diane Leonis +9, 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>)

If you have questions about SIR Bowling please call or email John Fry (925 783 5614) (jcfry43@yahoo.com).

Wine Tasting, Terry Silva

The April SIR wine tasting event was held at the beautiful home of Vince and Bobbie Vargas.

Attendees:

Vince and Bobbie Vargas, Dick and Carolyn Jamison, John and Teri Davis, Bruce and Kathy Bohnsack, Will and Rachel Myers.

A great time was had by all. Next event is at Will and Raquel Myers' home on May 25th. Please call me if interested in attending. Terry Silva (925) 305-7573.



Membership Requirements & Principles

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 at:

2071 Windward Point, Discovery Bay, CA 94505.

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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