



SIR BRANCH 161 NEWS

Celebrating our 32nd year! July 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

In mid-May our SIR Area Representative (AR) Jay Gordon held an onsite meeting to which he invited the Big Sirs and Little Sirs of the seven SIR branches he oversees in the Bay Area. Although I



was unable to attend due to being out of town at that time, I did arrange a follow-up meeting with Jay to obtain a summary overview of the meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to have a “meet and greet” of the area’s branch leadership teams, to hold an in-depth discussion of how our branches are alike as well as how they differ, and to evaluate how the Area Representative might best assist the branches in achieving their goals while adding value to the overall missions of the SIR organization.

The invited branches included three from Walnut Creek (#8, #116, and #146), as well as branches from Pittsburg (#19), El Sobrante (#73), Discovery Bay (#161), and Moraga (#171). Thanks to Jay for initiating this inter-branch information sharing effort.

In preparation for the meeting Jay developed a spreadsheet to compare the various branches in terms of member size, the median age of the membership, the annual growth/decline of members from 2022 and 2023, the cost of annual dues, lunch pricing, and a host of other interesting facts and figures comparing the various branches. I thought you might be interested in how Branch 161 compares to other area

branches. I summarized some of the contrasts on page 2.

As can be seen from this summary, the analysis shows our branch size in the mid-range of the group, while we are on the high side in median age. The number of guests we bring to our lunch meetings is the lowest of all branches. Like all but one branch, we dropped in number of members last year, while our dues are the lowest (along with only one other branch) in annual dues per member. Our percentage of members attending our lunches is the highest across all branches, and our lunch cost is at the lower end of the group and only one branch charges less than our branch. Finally, we are at the lower end of the range in offered member activities, and rank in the middle of the group in cash in our treasury per member.

I hope you find this information interesting. I believe sharing information of this type with other branches can be useful in understanding our fit into the state SIR organization. I also think this sort of data can act as a helpful guidance tool for our branch leaders in making some of our management decisions in the future.

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Comparison statistics for several SIR branches

	Range	Our Branch #161
Number of members	39 to 248	143
Median age	74 to 82.2	80
Average # of lunch guests	3 to 18	3
Membership changes in 2023	+5 to -88*	-9 (only one branch grew)
Membership dues	\$25 to \$45	\$25
Percentage of members at lunches	45% to 61%	61%
Lunch cost	\$20 to \$36	\$30
Number of member activities	2 to 59	11
Cash in bank per member	\$67 to \$127	\$89

*Large reduction of 88 was caused by two branches merging and the 2023 year's reduction of inactive members.

Calling all Branch 161 Sirs!

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Help our Branch by bringing in new members.

First: For each guest You bring to lunch-You get a FREE bottle of wine and His first lunch is Half Price.

And then:

If He becomes a member, You get a FREE Lunch.

It's a "Win - Win - Win"; The Branch gets a new member, You get rewarded, and our New Member gets to enjoy the SIR experience.

Little Sir, Jim Wangeman

Thank you, Police Chief Herbert from Brentwood, for a very informative talk about our community.

Our speaker for July will be Jim Mattison, who will talk about the Pantages project in Discovery Bay.



June Luncheon Menu

Meatloaf with Yukon gold mashed potatoes and broccoli with cheese sauce!

July Birthdays

Harlan Averitt, Mark Blackburn, Bob Bradley, Murray Cole, Jerry Dittman, Dick Jamison, Tom Jones, Tom Kirtley, Denny O'Connell, Lowell Onstad, Steven Smith and Rob Vetter.

Bowling news, John Fry

The next SIR Bowling Tournament is in Auburn Bowl at the Foothill Bowl on Thursday July 6 and Friday July 7.

The Monday Sirs and Ladies Bowling league is on a Summer Break and will resume in September.

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)



Membership, Luis Figueroa

During the June luncheon we inducted two members, Tony Rubino (Dan Lippstreu is the sponsor) and Janak Patel (Luis Figueroa, sponsor).



Tony Rubino (right) and sponsor Dan Lippstreu

Tony has lived in Antioch and Brentwood for the last 7 years. He was raised in San Jose and worked at IBM for 34 years, retiring in 2015. He has 2 daughters and 4 grandkids. He and his girlfriend Lisa have been together for 8 years. Tony enjoys playing golf and is an avid sports fan.

In college he played baseball at San Jose City College and Cal State East Bay. He enjoys camping and traveling in his motorhome.



Janak Patel (right) and sponsor Luis Figueroa

Janak arrived from the midwest and settled in Brentwood in 2019. He was a professor of electrical engineering at the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign for 30 years. He retired about 10 years early to focus on his health. He is married to Jyotti and they have 3 daughters. One works in Berkeley, and another in Yosemite. He received his MS and Ph.D degrees from Stanford in the 1970s. Early in his career he founded a start up technology company in the Bay area.

He enjoys reading non-fiction and history (including American history) books, and has read many biographies. He has been an avid runner since he turned 50 and eats organic vegetarian food, factors he be-

lieves has helped him live a healthier life. He is looking forward to meeting other SIR members who might be interested in running and healthier living.

At the June luncheon we had one guest-Art McSherry, sponsored by Will Myers.

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.

In the July luncheon we are planning to distribute a satisfaction survey at the tables focused on the food at the Country Club, which we encourage the members to fill out.

Thanks to all members for your continued recruitment efforts and bringing guests to our luncheons! The branch headcount is currently 141.

SIR Cyclers, Jerry Wiebe (916) 206-9221

The summertime weather has been beautiful this year and provides so many opportunities for a morning or early evening bicycle ride. Riding just a few miles a week helps you to maintain your balance and strengthen your muscles to help keep you in good health.



All levels of bicycling experience are welcome, and electric bike riders are encouraged to join us. We are here to help you brush up on your riding skills if you 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! Contact your physician and discuss the merits of staying healthy on a bicycle.

The more advanced cyclers leave in the morning from Jerry's driveway at 2071 Windward Point in Discovery Bay. When you feel confident for a longer ride, we have as many as three rides a week. Our favorite morning trek is on Friday, peddling into 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 at this fun activity that has a lot of plusses.

Now 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

The weather continues to be mild but beautiful and the golf keeps getting better. The June event was held at the Elkhorn Golf Course in Stockton. 20 players had a great day ... and a short day. Play was completed in four hours and forty minutes. The pace of play was rated the best: 4.74 out of 5.

First place went to Lee Donnell, Sid Crusier, Ken Fanucchi, and John Sutton (125). In second place was Bill Konold, Randy Zierau, Ed Fitzpatrick, and Dennis Pachucki (128). Third place with 131 went to Tom Denning, Gale Nelson, Al Goodspeed, and Mike Carmichael. Fitzpatrick was closest to the pin on hole 2 with 14' 2". On hole 9 John Sutton was 23' 8".

Low Gross scores in Flight A went to Denning (80) and Chris Diaz (81). In Flight B Fanucchi (92), and Goodspeed (98) took the prize money. Low Net for Flight A went to Konold (73) and Sid Crusier (78). In Flight B Low Net went to Sutton (73) and Dennis O'Connell (75).

Eight players won in the Skins contest. In Flight A the big winner with 3 skins was Bill Konold. With one skin were: Donnell, Johnny Welton, Chris Diaz, and Jeff Rhoades. The Flight B big winner was John Sutton with 3 skins. Winning one skin were: Goodspeed and Fanucchi.

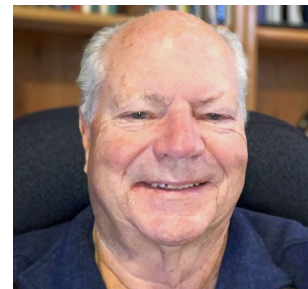
It is that time of year that I need to remind you of the rules for the Championship Tournament on October 24, 9:30 am at The Reserve in Stockton. This is one of our favorite courses and we missed the first opportunity to play there this year because of rain. So, there should be lots of interest.

Guests are welcome but they may not win prizes or receive any tee prizes. For members of Branch 161 to be eligible for prize money, tee prizes, and the championship, you must have played in five events this year. Branch 161 members who are not eligible are welcome to play.

Next month we will travel to Manteca on 7/18 at 9:00 am to play another favorite course at Manteca Park Golf Course. Twenty have already signed up. Just send me an email to register and pay your \$55 check at or before the SIR luncheon. There are only four events left this year.

Have a good one!

Johnny



2023 Golf Schedule

Additional details will be in the 2023 Handbook

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

June meeting attendance, Phil Newlin

Date	JUN 13
Members, including New	142
NO CALL - NO SHOW	8
Notified	52
Guests	1
Guest Speakers	1
Actual Count Total	84

Fellow SIR members, here is a summary of attendance numbers from our June 13th 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

Golf photos



Elkhorn golfers



Elkhorn golfers



Lone Tree golfers



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29th Annual Al DiGiusto Boat Cruise and Luncheon

We are having our Boat Cruise/Lunch scheduled for Thursday, July 20, 2023 at the newly remodeled Boardwalk Grill, now called Marina Bar and Grill, in Discovery Bay (outdoor seating). This is our annual Al DiGiusto Boat Cruise and Lunch, started in 1993 by fallen Sir Al DiGiusto, and has continued in his memory since 2005.

Boat rides are optional and will be up to Boat Captains to arrange with their fellow members. Dining only, without a boat ride, continues to be an acceptable and popular choice.

Cost is \$22 per person (includes non-alcoholic drinks, dessert, tax, and tip). We have four menu choices:

Chicken Hawaiian Burger, Chicken Caesar Salad, Philly Cheese Sandwich, and Fish & Chips.

House Wine: \$? glass, Draft Beer \$?

Arrive by 11:30 a.m., lunch will be served at noon.

Call (408) 309-5206 if you have questions.

Use the form below to submit your menu choices. Sign up deadline is July 14, 2023

----- Detach and return this stub with your payment by July 14, 2023 -----

Your Name(s): _____ Phone Number: _____

Your Menu choices:

Chicken Hawaiian Burger _____ Chicken Caesar Salad _____

Philly Cheese Sandwich _____ Fish & Chips _____

Mail this menu form with your check (made out to Dennis Pachucki) to:

Dennis Pachucki

2125 Sand Point Rd

Discovery Bay CA 94505

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

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 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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