



SIR BRANCH 161 NEWS

Celebrating our 32nd year! Nov 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

By the time you read this article in our November SIR branch 161 newsletter Halloween trick-or-treating will be behind us, along with the 90+ degree days of summer. Like it or not, we have been thrust into autumn. Next up will be the end of Daylight Savings Time on November 5th, Veterans Day on November 11, and Thanksgiving weekend which will kick-off the year-end holidays. We will be wrapping up our SIR year starting with the November luncheon meeting on November 14th. That will be our final regular monthly member meeting before closing out the year with our always popular Christmas luncheon with the ladies on December 12th.



At the upcoming November luncheon meeting it will once again be time for the Branch 161 “changing of the guard” as we install the new 2024 slate of officers, which includes a few new and several repeating officers and directors. This will be the team that will lead us through the upcoming new year. Thank you to these men who are jumping into the new year by offering to serve us with their time and talents throughout 2024. I would like to encourage more members to consider volunteering to actively serve our branch as new positions become available.

In closing – thank you to all our SIR veterans who served our country in uniform. Happy Veterans Day. We deeply appreciate your service. And just a few reminders. The continued future success of Branch 161 depends on us continuing to recruit new members, so

please invite a guest or two to an upcoming luncheon to help stabilize and/or grow our membership. Also, please remember to purchase your tickets for the upcoming special Christmas luncheon with the ladies scheduled for December 12th and pay your \$25 SIR dues for 2024, which are due before the new year begins. Both these items can be accomplished with our Treasurer Jerry Wiebe at the upcoming meeting or via telephone at (916) 206-9221. Also, please remember to call or email the Friday before the upcoming luncheon if you will be unable to attend. Our Attendance Director Phil Newlin can be reached at (408) 505-5359 or at ward28fred-sirs@yahoo.com for your non-attendance messages.

Ken Landoline

Next meeting

Tuesday, November 14

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Little Sir, Jim Wangeman

Thank you to our own Big Sir "Ken" for informing us on the Boys Ranch! Our November speaker will be a manager of the Country Club.



Big Sir Ken Landoline presents the 25-year membership award to Norm Petersen

November Luncheon Menu

Roast Pork Loin with a Rum Raisin Sauce, Red Potatoes and Green Beans W/red onion

November Birthdays

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

In Memoriam



We were saddened to hear that Al Sauvadon passed away peacefully on Friday, October 20, 2023 at his home in Discovery Bay after a short time under hospice care. Al joined SIR Branch 161 April 8, 2014.

Please keep his wife Paula and their family in your thoughts and prayers as they mourn Al's passing.

There will be a Celebration of Life for Al on Monday, November 13, 2023 starting at 1 p.m. at Delta Community Presbyterian Church (DCPC), 1900 Willow lake Road, Discovery Bay, CA 94505. Following the service at DCPC, there will be an Eight Bells Service at the Discovery Bay Yacht Club, 5871 Marina Road, Discovery Bay, CA 94505, starting at 3 p.m. with a reception following.

To attend the Eight Bells Service, please RSVP with Paula Sauvadon by cell phone: (925) 222-0923 or email: psauvadon@aol.com

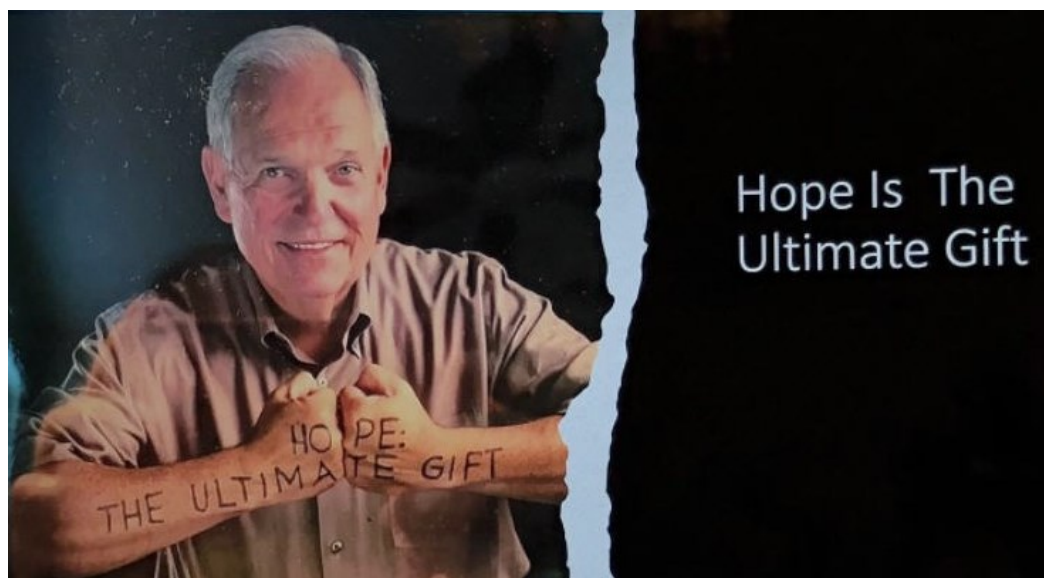
October Mystery Guest Speaker, report by Bob Damico

As our October “Mystery Guest Speaker”, Big Sir Ken Landoline gave us a very interesting overview of his experiences as a volunteer at the Orin Allen Youth Rehabilitation Facility, more commonly known as the Byron Boys’ Ranch. The Ranch was a low-security correctional facility for wayward young men 12-18 years of age.

Ken explained he was driven to a need to “give back” to the community for the gifts he had received from others earlier in his life. So, from 2006 until 2022 when the Ranch closed, Ken donated his time to the Ranch and the up to one hundred boys living there serving three-to-twelve-month terms.

Ken positively touched hundreds of boys during his 16 years as a weekly volunteer at the Ranch. Not only was he a role model and positive influence on the boys, but it was a rewarding experience for him as well. His quote “It was the most interesting educational experience of my life”. In closing, Ken explained that he believed the best thing any of us could do for a person at a low point in their life, such as imprisonment, is to make them understand that others care about them, and they do have a good chance for a positive future. Therefore, his closing slide - “Hope Is the Ultimate Gift” - capped off his very noteworthy presentation.

Thank You Ken for your service to the Boys Ranch and for sharing your story.



Wine Tasting, Terry Silva

October's wine tasting was held at Bruce and Kathy Bohnsack's house. Attendees were:

Bruce and Kathy Bohnsack, Terry and Sue Silva, John and Teri Davis, Bob and Jan Rix, Saul and Maureen Gold, Cam Donald, Michael and Pam Quier, Vince and Bobbie Vargas, Jerry and Sue Wiebe, Will and Raquel Myers.

A great time was had by all. Our hosts did an excellent job.

This was the last event for this year, but will be starting up in January.



Bowling News, Paul Elmer

Our Monday Sirs and Ladies Winter League, which started on September 11, 2023, is on its eighth week at Bowlero in Brentwood. We currently have 8 four-person teams, and could use more bowlers.

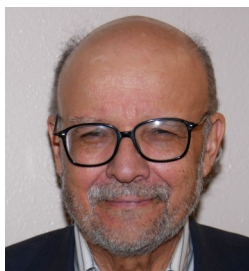
Wives of "Fallen Sirs" are also eligible to join. Bowling experience in all stages from beginners to higher average bowlers are encouraged to join.

If are interested in joining us , or you have questions about SIR Bowling, please call Paul Elmer at 925-634-5690 or Ron Wilson 925-513-8329.



Membership, Luis Figueroa

During the October luncheon we had one guest, Ken Koodrich (sponsor is Rod Lin).



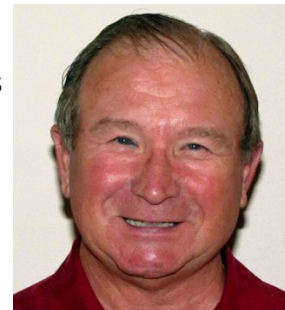
All members are reminded when a guest attends a luncheon the sponsor will receive a free bottle of wine. If the guest later decides to become a member, the sponsor will also be awarded a free lunch certificate. If a guest wants to become a member, please have the guest contact me at 949-400-4715 via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

On a sad note, we recently were informed that long time member Al Sauvadon has passed away.

The branch headcount is currently at 139.

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.



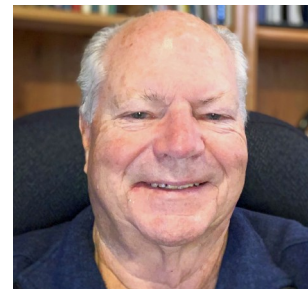
All levels of bicycling experience are welcome, and electric bike riders are encouraged to join us. We are here to help you brush up on your riding skills if you have not ridden for a while. It only takes a few weeks to wake up those muscles and build some endurance. Just start at a mile a day...then 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, pedaling 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 pluses.

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 last event of the season was a very special activity. The day was perfect. Cool in the morning so we could all show off our SIR Branch 161 vests and warming up as the morning developed. The Reserve in Stockton is the best course we play. It is a great way to celebrate with our Individual Championship. Obviously, this is an individual event that every player has had to qualify to participate. We crown the club champion, award prize money, and put a name on the perpetual trophy based on the lowest net score. Also, recognized are the best golfers with the low gross score.



Chris Diaz posted a gross score of 80 to be awarded an individual trophy. Other top gross scores were achieved by Dan Lippstreu and David Vicencio with 85s. Way to go guys!

Congratulations are in order for Randy Zierau with the best low net score of 66. His name will be returning to the perpetual trophy, as this is not the first time he has won this tournament. He also receives an individual trophy. Dan Lippstreu had a close 69 and Chris Diaz scored a net 70. Johnny Welton and Ken Fanucchi both had 73s. Many other prizes were awarded as is the club's tradition.

This season we have had 47 players participate in at least one event. Thirty-six (77%) players have won some money! The leading money winner for 2023 is Dan Lippstreu with \$276. Johnny Welton followed with \$267. Chris Diaz won \$230. Randy Zierau earned \$186 followed by Sid Crusier at \$176. Ken Fanucchi, Ed Fitzpatrick, Mike Carmichael, Bill Konold, John Sutton, Vince Vargas, and David Vicencio round out the top twelve. It really does pay to play golf!

The Season Long Leaders Contest has also ended. When we started it wasn't clear that we had identified two separate games, but the outcome was very clear. There were ten teams of two that registered. Players used their scores from each event during the season. They didn't need to play together but their scores were combined for this special competition.

Contest 1: Event Leaders: Used the total net team score (both players not best ball). Points were awarded based on team placement in each event. Awards were based on rank order of the total team points (high to low).

Ed Fitzpatrick/Dan Lippstreu had a total of 100 points to win \$90. Johnny Welton/Dennis Pachucki scored 90 points with Randy Zierau/Johnny Welton earning 79. Two teams tied for fourth place with 66 points: Tom Denning/Lee Donnell and Chris Diaz/Sid Crusier.

Contest 2: Best Ball Leaders: The team net best ball total in each event (one player's net score used each hole). Team scores for all events were averaged based on the number of events played. Awards were based on the rank order of average team scores (low to high). Chris Diaz/Sid Crusier averaged a low score of 62.8 to also earn and share \$90. Randy Zierau/Welton averaged 65.0 and Ed Fitzpatrick/Dan Lippstreu scored 65.4. Bill Konold/Mike Carmichael were the fourth team with 66.1.

Now as the golf season winds down, thoughts turn to planning events for next year, NCGA membership, and recruiting new golfers. I hope you will consider joining us. We have a great time!

Have a good one!

Johnny

Golf Photos



This Sir satisfies his need for speed, report by Ron Wilson

Congratulations to our fellow Sir Carl Carlson for his championship win in 2023 NHRA Hot Rod Heritage Series!



Carl owns and drives a beautiful “Nostalgia Eliminator 3” roadster and races in the 9.600 second index class. For those who do not know what index Racing is, here is a simple explanation. When racing, Carl must get his car from the start line to the finish (1/4 mile) as close to 9.600 seconds as possible without going quicker than 9.600 seconds. if he does go under the 9.600 he basically loses that race. We are not talking seconds here as his closest win was 0.002 seconds and his closest loss was 0.0008 seconds. Obviously the car must be tuned perfectly and the driver has to be spot on. His speed is in the 138 mph area at the finish line even though his car is capable of 150 mph. Horsepower for this class is in the 600-800 range. Tuning for achieving his 9.600 second target is demanding. He has to achieve the perfect air/fuel flow, perfect engine timing, precise tire pressure, add or subtract weight to the car and has to closely monitor atmospheric temperature, barometric pressure and humidity which all impact the tuneup. Then Carl has to nail the starting light (Tree) and drive the car perfectly.

Again, congratulations to Carl for his hard earned and well deserved championship season.

October meeting attendance, Phil Newlin

Fellow SIR members, here is a summary of attendance numbers from our October meeting.

Date	OCT 10	NO CALL - NO SHOW
Members, including New	140	This is the number of members subject to lunch charge for not calling and not showing up
NO CALL - NO SHOW	4	Notified This is the number of members that notified the attendance chairman of their non-attendance
Notified	49	Actual Count Total This is the total members - No Call/No Show - Notified + Guests + Guest Speakers
Guests	1	The other categories are self-explanatory.
Guest Speakers	1	* Guest speaker, Ken Landoline, was not counted in the total as he was already counted as a member.
Actual Count Total	88*	

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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