



SIR BRANCH 161 NEWS

Celebrating our 33rd year! April 2024

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

Jim Wangeman, Big Sir

Thank you for a great turnout (91) for our 3rd lunch of the New Year. Our menu of Corned Beef and Cabbage was excellent. Our Speaker, Jessica Enos, President of Harvest Time in Brentwood, informed us that U Pick in Brentwood is the largest U Pick in the country! WOW.



Our next lunch will be on 4/9/24 and the menu is, BBQ Chicken with macaroni salad and Corn on the Cob.

Please remember to let our Attendance Chairman, Phil Newlin, know if you cannot make the meeting by the Friday before the meeting, that you will not be attending. Phil can be reached at (408) 505-5359 or email (ward28fredsirs@yahoo.com

Tickets for the Mothers Day lunch are on sale now for \$35.00 per ticket. We are looking for another Great turnout!

I am looking forward to seeing you on April 9th!

Big Sir Jim Wangeman

Little Sir, Steve Bordi

Our March speaker was Jessica Enos, President of Harvest Time, which represents over 60 U-pick farms in the greater Brentwood area.

She talked about the U-pick operation in Brentwood, how it started and how it has turned into the largest U-pick operation in the country. We learned that Brentwood is "The U-pick Capital of the United States".

We're looking forward to another plentiful and pros-



perous season of cherries, apricots, strawberries, peaches, etc. How fortunate we are to have all these commodities available to us so close to home.

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Mothers Day Luncheon Tickets

Deadline for purchase is May 7.

See page 2 of the Little Sir report for details

April events & activities

Check the respective articles for more details.

Meetings

General meeting & luncheon - April 9.

BEC meeting - April 9.

Activities

Bowling

- April 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29— Brentwood Bowlero
- April 22-25 - SIR tournament, Carson City, NV
- May 21-22 - SIR tournament, Sacramento
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Cycling (3 weekly rides)

- April 1 and 3 - long ride
- April 5 - short ride

Golf

April 16, 9:30 Las Positas, Livermore

Dinner With The Ladies - April 23, Skipollinis

Wine tasting April 25

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Jessica Enos receives a certificate of appreciation from Big Sir Jim Wangeman and Bob Damico

April Luncheon Menu

BBQ Chicken, Macaroni Salad, and
Corn on the Cob.

April Birthdays

Chris Diaz, Saul Gold, Bill Konold,
Ken Landoline, Richard Martin, Nish Nishijima,
Don Rentzel, Paul Van Emmerick,
Hal Whitlow, Randy Zierau



Dave Goodwin receives the 30-year membership award from Bob Damico

April speaker

Our April speaker—TBA (awaiting confirmation).

Mothers Day Luncheon

Our May 14 luncheon is our annual Mother's Day luncheon with entertainment. We have **No Strings Attached**, a five piece group, who will play music and sing familiar songs of our era.

The lunch menu is Salmon Alla Bella, Risotto, Seasonal Vegetables and a "Special Dessert". Coffee and iced tea are included. The doors will open at 11:00 a.m. and sit-down is 12:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$35.00, and will be available at check-in at the April 9th luncheon. Or you can purchase tickets by mail: send a check made out to SIR Branch 161 to:

Jerry Wiebe,
1202 Alderman Ln. Brentwood, CA 94513.

Include a stamped, self-addressed envelope and Jerry will mail your tickets to you.

Note: Ticket purchase deadline is May 7, 2024.

March attendance report, Phil Newlin

Fellow SIR members, here is a summary of attendance numbers for our March 12th luncheon.

Date	MAR 12
Members, including New	135
NO CALL - NO SHOW	6
Notified	43
Guests	4
Guest Speakers	1
Actual Count Total	91

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 + Guest(s) + Guest Speaker(s)

The other categories are self-explanatory.

SIR Cyclers, Jerry Wiebe (916) 206-9221

We continue to enjoy our California weather year after year that provides so many opportunities for morning and early evening bicycle riders. Riding just a few miles a week helps you to maintain your balance and strengthens 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 how stronger you feel. The best part is feeling good... ALL OVER!

Contact your physician and discuss the health benefits of bicycling. Our cyclists often get up in the morning on Lee Donell's driveway on the corner of Windward Point and Clipper Drive. When you feel confident about a longer trip, 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 exercise activity that has a lot of plusses.

This past month we had couple of special rides, the first on a weekend riding through the miles of vineyards and poppies with the Brentwood Delta Pedalers, then with a large combination of other local bicyclers for the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the walking and bicycle overpass over the top of Highway 4 just North of the Streets of Brentwood. So much to see and do! Now get those bicycles down you have hanging on the wall of your garages, dust them off, and put some air in the tires. We are waiting for you!



In Memoriam



We were sad to hear of the passing of Murray Cole on March 27. Murray was our only remaining Charter Member of Branch 161-joining on 11/15/1991.

He was an active and loyal member for over 32 years and was one of five current members with 30 years membership. He will be remembered by his infectious smile and positive attitude. Please keep Murray, his wife Doris and their family in your thoughts and prayers.

When known, we will share information on his Memorial services with you.

Sympathy cards may be sent to: Doris Cole and Family, 4100 Windward Ct. Discovery Bay, CA 94505

Membership, Luis Figueroa

At the March luncheon we inducted no new members, but had 4 guests: Weiland Mun (sponsor, Keith Jones); Jerry Marshall (sponsor, Ron Wilson); Pete Leimpeter (sponsor, Johnny Welton); and Roy Brett (sponsor, Walt Shipilov).



Please refer to the Membership section on our branch web site at www.sir161.org to better understand the new member process, and if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Prospective members have the option to become inducted at their first luncheon meeting if they have already completely filled out their application and submitted it, or wait until after attending the first luncheon and later submitting the application. In addition when bringing in guests, please notify Phil Newlin or myself in advance of the meeting in order to allow time for the preparation of a guest package. The Branch will continue to give a free bottle of wine to any member who brings in a guest to our luncheons, and a free lunch certificate to the member who sponsors a new member.

We have developed a new branch brochure to help in our new member recruiting efforts. Feel free to share this with prospective members, either digitally or print it out and make copies. The brochure is also available for download from our web site (under **Membership**).

Luis Figueroa, Membership Director

Our SIR Branch 161 brochure:

Enrich Your Life

Have you ever thought, I want to do that, but didn't have someone to do it with? Have you ever just wanted to get out, but had nowhere special to go?

SIR is your answer.

For over 60 years, SIR has provided opportunities for active senior men to enjoy activities with friends, both old and new.

SIR is a social club for men, with over 95 Branches in Northern and Central California.

Our Branch welcomes your participation in our activities.

Come have lunch with us! Our treat. Contact our Branch representative to RSVP and get the date, time and location.

In addition to our monthly lunch, our major activities include:

- Golf
- Bowling
- RV trips
- Pickle Ball
- Tennis
- Wine tasting
- Cycling
- Monthly dinner at local restaurants with ladies
- Bi-annual entertainment events

Our Branch contact information:

www.sir161.org
 Meet monthly at the Discovery Bay Golf and Country Club
 Membership Contact:
figueroa50@yahoo.com; 415-997-5172

To learn more about SIR and other branches visit the organization website: www.sirinc.org



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THE BEST TIME OF YOUR LIFE IS NOW!

Don't Miss a Minute








Mystery Sir

Last month's mystery Sir was none other than our Big Sir Jim Wangeman.



This month's mystery Sir received an early start to his music career; In addition to learning to play a toy trumpet, he was given an introduction to a real pipe organ at a local place of worship. He's the little guy in the photo on the right, although his feet couldn't reach the organ pedals. Tune in next month to see if your guess was correct.

If you have an 'early' photo of yourself you'd like included, please email to:

sir161@comcast.net



Wine Tasting, Terry Silva

Hosts for this month's wine event were Will and Raquel Myers.



Attendees:

Terry and Sue Silva
 Jerry and Sue Wiebe
 Dick and Carolyn Jamison
 Dave and Jinni Ciruli
 Cam Donald
 Linda Tucker
 Michael and Pam Quier
 Ray and Mary Beccera

We had a great time with good hosts.

The next wine event will be at Jim Wangeman's house on April 25. We would like to see more people attend.

Terry Silva
 Wine Chairman

Photos from the March 28 wine tasting



Golf News, Johnny Welton

If you want to add someone to the SIR 161 Golf Activity distribution email, please send me an email: johnnywelton40@gmail.com



It was a beautiful sunny day at Lone Tree Golf Course. It was the best of days to play golf and some of us had the best scores! I thought when they put two groups of five out in front of us at our tee time, we would be taking all day to play but the first group played in four hours and the last group played in four hours 20 minutes. Wow! Anyone would love to play in that amount of time starting at 9:00ish. Good job everyone!

Although we all had a good time, some did better than others. First place went to Phil Kepp, Randy Zierau, Ken Fanucchi, and Isao Nishijima with a team 2-best ball score of 124. Dan Lippstreu, Joe Raposa, Mike Kaufman, and Dennis O'Connell were a close second with 125. With 128 Joe Stanley, Sid Crusier, Al Goodspeed, and Jim Spann were third. John Emerson was closest to the hole with 18'4" on hole 2. With 6'4" Tom Denning was closest on hole 14.

This season the optional games are incorporated, and everyone plays. Low Gross and Net for Flight A were ties. Gross - David Vicencio (80) and Joe Raposa (80) & Net – Randy Zierau (66) and James Taylor (66). For Flight B – Gross was a tie between Isao Nishijima (93) and Al Goodspeed (93) & Net – First Dennis O'Connell (70) and Second Ken Fanucchi (74).

Winning one skin in Flight A was Dave Vicencio, Randy Zierau, Dan Lippstreu, Joe Raposa, James Taylor, and Tom Denning. In Flight B Dennis O'Connell led with two skins. Jim Spann, Mike Carmichael, and Isao Nishijima each had one skin.

Twenty-two players won prize money out of the twenty-seven that played. We still want to come back to Lone Tree next year (24/3) but there continues to be complaints about the greens (lumpy Bermuda grass) and the cut of the holes (they are permanent and are not done well). Six courses were suggested for play next year to replace the closing of Franklin Canyon. Seventeen want more events next year. We will see if a new Golf Director can be found that is willing to host more events.

Have a good one!
Johnny

2024 Golf Schedule—revized

Additional details will be in the 2024 Handbook

Tuesday, April 16, 9:30	Las Positas, Livermore
Tuesday, May 21, 11:00	Franklin Canyon, Hercules
Tuesday, June 18 ,9:00	Elkhorn, Stockton
Tuesday, July 23, 8:30	Swensen Park
Thursday, August 22, 8:00	Diablo Creek
Tuesday, September 17, 9.00	Manteca Park, Manteca
Tuesday, October 15, 9:30	The Reserve, Stockton

Event coordinators: 3/19 Tom Denning; 4/16 David Vicencio; 8/22 Dan Lippstreu .

Bowling news, Ron Wilson

We witnessed a rare event at our SIR League bowling on Monday March 11th. Mitch Wisinski rolled a perfect 300 game (his first)! For a senior league this is rare. In consulting with others, we believe this is the fourth perfect game in our league in 20 years. Congratulations Mitch, for a great achievement.



I would like to welcome Weiland Mun to our Branch and to our Bowling League. After this add we still have one vacancy.

We just finished week 26 of our 34 week winter league and will finish with our Sweepers on May 13. Our Summer League will begin on June 3. We always want new bowlers. We are a handicap league so new or low average bowlers do not hurt a team. We bowl on Monday mornings at 10am.

Tournaments

Our next tournament is a big one at Carson City Nevada at the Gold Dust West facility on April 22-25. We are taking 12 bowlers from our branch, and I expect about 180 total bowlers at this event.

Then on May 21-22 we have our annual State Tournament at Fireside lanes in Sacramento. I hope we can have a good turnout for this one.

On June 6-7 we have a tournament at the Red Hawk Casino in Placerville. They have a new bowling venue at the casino and should be fun.

Come Bowl With Us !

Hall of Fame Athlete

In this month's bowling article, I want to recognize Jack Disney for his remarkable athletic accomplishments. I consider Jack a good friend and an overall humble and good man. I have known Jack for about 20 years. I met Jack and his wife Alice, early in the SIR Bowling League. Jack, and Alice have been avid bowlers and in their early years won and placed in many SIR tournaments. Jack is also known for his golf talents and has won the SIR Branch 161 Individual Championship three times (2006, 2010, 2015). Jack's major athletic accomplishments occurred many years before I met him when he was a high level amateur and Olympian. Below is an article from the United States Bicycling Hall of Fame.

Jack Disney was inducted into The United States Bicycling Hall of Fame in 1988 for Modern Road and Track Competitor (1945-1975).

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BIOGRAPHY

Jack Disney was born in 1930 and began his racing career in 1953. He won his first five consecutive national Amateur Championships in 1954. Jack won the National Senior Sprint Championship in 1966 and again in 1968. He was the silver medalist at the National Senior Sprint Championships in 1973.

He was a member of the US Olympic Team in 1956, 1964 and 1968. He won a silver medal in the 1959 Pan Am Games. Proving his athletic versatility Jack made two Olympic squads in Speed Skating.

Honors

1956—Melbourne Olympic Games, Track, Sprint-- Fifth Place

1959--- Pan American Games (Chicago), Track, Sprint—Second Place

1966—National Championships, Track, Sprint, Amateurs—First Place

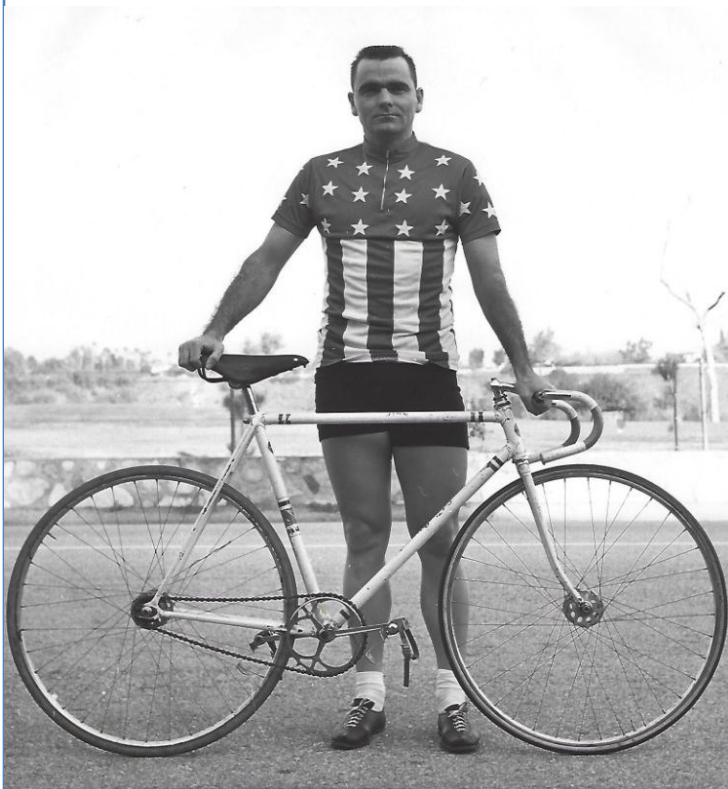
1968—National Championships, Track, Sprint, Amateurs—First Place

1973—National Championships, Track, Sprint, Amateurs—Second Place

These accomplishments are only a brief look at Jack and his family's accomplishments. Aside from Jack, his wife Alice was a very accomplished Bicycle Racer. She won many State level medals in Michigan and won a California State Championship. She also made the Olympic Trials. Their Daughter Jackie won California State Championships for five consecutive years.

In Jack's home as you look around you see many Trophies, Photos and in one framed grouping there are 23 Gold and 2 Silver medals representing Jack's achievements in high level Bicycling Racing. He says there are others in drawers.

The next time you see Jack, shake his hand, and tell him you are proud of him.



Dinner With The Ladies, Dennis Pachucki

When: Tuesday, April 23, 2024

Where: Skipolinis, 3070 Main Street, Oakley CA, 94561.

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

Menu choices: Dinner includes salad, starters, dessert & non-alcoholic beverage, (iced tea, water, coffee, tax and tip).



- Chicken Piccata
- Shrimp Scampi
- Lasagna
- Blacknd Salmon

Cost: \$36.00 per person (includes tax and tip)

Deadline: We need your RSVP no later than Friday, April 19 – there will be envelopes at our General Meeting on April 9.

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

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

Your Name(s): _____

Phone: _____

Your Menu choice(s):

Chicken Piccata

Shrimp Scampi

Lasagna

Blacknd Salmon

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.

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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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