



# SIR BRANCH 161 NEWS

Celebrating our 33rd year! *May 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 another great turnout (95) at our April luncheon meeting.

Our Speaker was Carol Jensen, local Historian and author of several Delta area books. She talked about the Sacramento/ San Joaquin Delta Heritage Area.



Our next lunch will be the Mothers Day luncheon on May 14. Since this is a ticketed event, you do not need to notify our Attendance Chairman, Phil Newlin, if you don't plan to attend.

The deadline to purchase tickets for this event (\$35/ person) is May 7. Contact Jerry Wiebe if you need tickets (see Little Sir report for details).

Big Sir Jim Wangeman

## Little Sir, Steve Bordi

### Mothers Day Luncheon

Our May14 luncheon is our annual Mother's Day event. Our entertainment will be:

**No Strings Attached**, a five piece musical 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.

You can purchase tickets by mail: send a check (\$35/ person) 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.

### Mothers Day Luncheon Tickets

Deadline for purchase is May 7.

### May events & activities

*Check the respective articles for more details.*

#### Meetings

**Mothers Day luncheon (ticketed) - May 14.**

**BEC meeting - none in May.**

#### Activities

#### **Bowling**

- May 6, 13, June 3 — Brentwood Bowlero
- May 21-22 - SIR tournament, Rocklin

#### **Cycling** (3 weekly rides)

- May 6 and 8 - long ride
- May 10 - short ride

#### **Golf**

- May, 11:00 Franklin Canyon

**Dinner With The Ladies** - None in May

#### **Wine tasting**

- May 23



*Carol Jensen receives a certificate of appreciation from Little Sir Steve Bordi*



Al Box our only Super Senior SIR (97 years young) joined our branch in 1994. Bob Damico presented him with his 30 year Branch 161 Membership Award.



Bob Lyman (left) and Andy Zwemer (right) were presented with their 25 year Branch 161 Membership Awards by Bob Damico.

## May Birthdays

Carl Carlson, Lee Donnell, Harris Edwards, Ken Fanuchi, Bob Harlan, Tom Leeper, Bob Lyman, Norm Petersen, Mike Quier, Rob Ryan, Mike Sadler, Phil Talley, Jim Wangeman, Mitch Wisinski

## Mothers Day Luncheon Menu

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## April attendance report, Phil Newlin

Fellow SIR members, here is a summary of attendance numbers for our April 9th luncheon.

Date	APR 9
<b>Members, including New</b>	<b>136</b>
<b>NO CALL - NO SHOW</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Notified</b>	<b>35</b>
<b>Guests</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Guest Speakers</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Member Count Total</b>	<b>95</b>

**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.

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 report the passing of Jack Disney at the age of 94. Jack joined our Branch in March of 2001, and was awarded the Senior Sir (90 years old) award in August 2020. He was a True Athlete all of his life, and was a 3-time Olympian (competing in Speed Ice Skating and Bicycle Racing). Jack was one of our most avid Golfers and Bowlers.

Please keep Jack, his wife Alice and their family in your thoughts and prayers.

When known we will share information on Jack's Memorial service with you.

Sympathy cards may be sent to:

Alice Disney and Family, 5321 Emerald Ct., Discovery Bay, CA 94505

## Memorial to fallen Sirs

If you haven't seen it, we have a page dedicated to fallen Sirs from Branch 161 on our web site. See here:

<https://www.sir161.org/in-memoriam/>

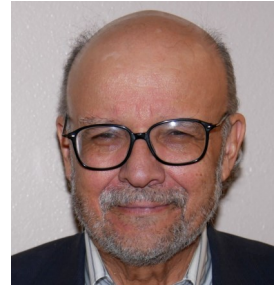
Or go to **Membership** in the menu and scroll down to **In Memoriam**.

The page was started just 4 years ago. If there are prior passed members you'd like to add to the page, please send me their date of passing and a picture, and I'll be glad to add them:

**webmaster@sir161.org**

## Membership, Luis Figueroa

During the April luncheon we inducted 4 new members: Roy Brett (sponsor, Walt Shipilov); Jerry Marshall (sponsor, Ron Wilson); Weiland Mun (sponsor, Keith Jones); George Soles (sponsor, Luis Figueroa). Below are photos for our new inductees, along with their sponsors.



Please refer to the Membership section on our branch web site at [www.sir161.org](http://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.



Roy Brett (right) and sponsor Walt Shipilov

Roy Brett moved from Saratoga to Discovery Bay in 2018 and now lives overlooking the golf course. He manages a retirement planning business on a part time basis.

In the past he has made presentations on financial planning to other SIR branches throughout the area. He has three children and four grandchildren. Roy is into cars, especially vintage models.

He owns a 1940 Mercury hot rod and a 2003 50th Anniversary Corvette and belongs to the Corvette Club. He and his wife, Elaine, will celebrate their 35th wedding anniversary in May.



Weiland Mun (right) and sponsor Keith Jones

Weiland Mun has 3 grown children (two boys and a girl). His wife passed away 9 years ago.

He enjoys bowling and has bowled in numerous alleys throughout the country. He also enjoys playing Bocce and plays at least 5 days per week, while trying to stay fit at the gym.

He goes to watch films, whenever a good movie catches his attention. He has been an avid motorcycle rider for the last 35 years and owns two bikes. During the summer he takes out his fishing boat, while enjoying the weather.

## Membership (continued)



Jerry Marshall (left) and sponsor Ron Wilson

Jerry Marshall was a previous member of the Discover Bay and Brentwood SIR branches for 19 years and has decided to rejoin. He has been married for 62 years. He and his wife have daughter, a son, and four grandchildren.

He served three years in the U.S. Army and was a Hayward firefighter for 29 years. He has been a Four H Swine Leader for 19 years. He has bowled for many years and also enjoys Bocce and Pickle Ball.



George Soles (right) and sponsor Luis Figueroa

George Soles recently relocated to Trilogy in Brentwood. He moved from Harrison, CA where he owned a 20 acre almond farm for 34 years. He also spent 35 years worked in the contract furniture/commercial interiors industry.

He and his wife have two married sons who live in the Walnut Creek/Lafayette area. They also have three grandchildren and a fourth on the way in May. He enjoys wine and beer tasting, traveling, reading, writing, and Pickle Ball.

# 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](http://www.sirinc.org)

## THE BEST TIME OF YOUR LIFE IS NOW!

Don't Miss a  
Minute





## Mystery Sir

Our April mystery Sir was Tom Jones.



Can you guess who our May mystery Sir is?

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

**[sir161@comcast.net](mailto:sir161@comcast.net)**

## Wine Tasting, Terry Silva

This month's Wine Tasting event was held at Dave and Jinni Ciruli's house in Discovery Bay.

We had a nice turnout and a great time..

### Attendees:

Jerry and Sue Wiebe

Dick and Carolyn Jamison

Will and Raquel Myers

Bob and Jan Rix

Michael and Pam Quier

Terry and Sue Silva



Next month's event will be held at Jerry and Sue Wiebe's house on May 23 at 5 pm.

Terry Silva

Wine Chairman

### Photos from the April 25 wine tasting



## Golf News, Johnny Welton

The latest golf scoring will be published by Johnny when he returns from vacation. Meanwhile, here are miscellaneous photos from prior golf events...



Elkhorn



Franklin Canyon



Elkhorn

### 2024 Golf Schedule—revised

Additional details will be in the 2024 Handbook

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



### Golf photos



Franklin Canyon



Lone Tree

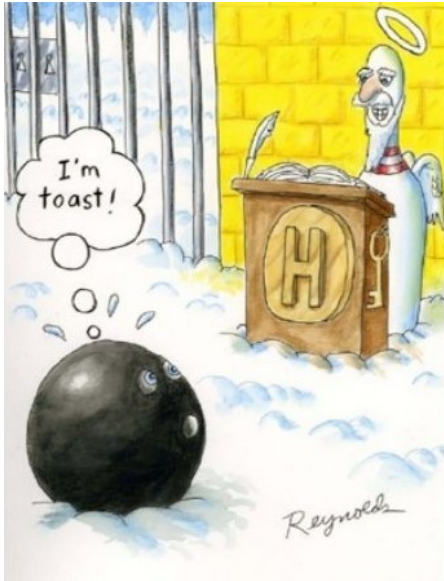
If you want to add someone to the SIR 161 Golf Activity distribution email, please send an email to: [johnnywelton40@gmail.com](mailto:johnnywelton40@gmail.com)

## Bowling news, Ron Wilson

Our winter league ends with our Sweeper day on May 13. We will take a two week break and begin our Summer League on Monday June 3.

We have opened our summer SIR league to a limited number of guests, which is in line with SIR State guidelines.

I am very happy to report that as of 4/19/24 we have seven new bowlers for summer. We have two regular bowlers with injuries likely to curtail their summer participation. This leaves us with 31 bowlers. We can easily reach the 32 bowlers which matches our winter squad. This is very good news.



Our tournament schedule is as follows.

- Carson City on April 22-25 We planned to take 12 bowlers to this tournament, with an expected 180 bowlers for the tournament.
- Rocklin on May 21-22 at AMF Rocklin Lanes.
- Placerville June 6-7 at the new Apex Bowling Center in the Redhawk Casino facility. This is a new venue and should be a fun one to attend plus it is an easy drive for us. This is also a nice area to maybe spend an extra day or two.
- Dublin on June 24-25 at Earl Anthony's Dublin Bowl.

See you on the lanes,  
Ron Wilson

### Editor's Note

A big thanks to all our newsletter contributors for the articles and other content, allowing this issue to be published.

This and prior issues of our newsletter can be viewed/downloaded at our web site:

<https://www.sir161.org>

If you are the chairman or organizer for a Branch 161 event, please keep your photos coming, as they add interest and context to your content.

## 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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