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# BRANCH 161 NEWS

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Celebrating our 33rd year! August 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

First, I want to thank our Little Sir Steve Bordi for stepping in and handling the July Executive Board and General meetings in my absence.



I understand the lunch

went well and our guest speaker, Lt. Doug Powell, from the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Marine Patrol was well received.

Boating on the Delta has its own unique challenges and Lt. Powell was very knowledgeable and informative.

You all have received emails from State SIR and Our Branch announcing a contest to re-name SIR and to develop a new Logo. A \$500 prize will be awarded for each of the selected winners: To be eligible for the \$500 prize in either of the two categories (name, logo) SIR members simply need to email an entry to

Jim Gragg, [jegragg65@gmail.com](mailto:jegragg65@gmail.com)

by August 8, 2024 with the subject line reading, "Name and Logo Contest". They have a graphic support group ready to refine the prize-winning submission, so just send in a simple sketch of an idea or, if possible, a high-definition JPEG or PNG! At the August Board meeting, the State Board will evaluate all entries based on creativity, relevance to the SIR

mission, and visual appeal. The winners will be announced at the SIR Inc Annual Meeting on August 27, 2024.

I hope to see you all at our next meeting.

Big Sir Jim Wangeman

### Next luncheon meeting

August 13, 2024.

### August events & activities

*Check the respective articles for more details.*

#### Meetings

**August luncheon meeting - August 13.**

**BEC meeting - August 13.**

#### Activities

##### **Bowling**

- Aug 5, 12, 19 26 - Brentwood Bowlero
- Aug 12-14 - Reno
- Aug 28 & 29 - Grass Valley

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

- Aug 5 & 7 - long ride
- Aug 9 - short ride

##### **Golf**

- August 22 - Concord - Registration filled

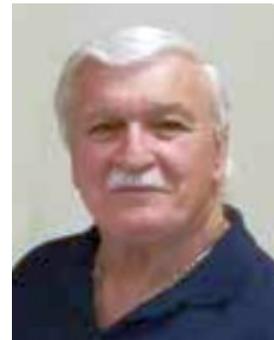
**Dinner With The Ladies** - Aug 27

##### **Wine tasting**

- August 22

## Little Sir report, Steve Bordi

Our July speaker was Contra Costa County Sheriff, Doug Powell, who now heads up the Sheriff's Marine Patrol Unit. Lt. Powell presented a Power Point presentation providing us with up to date boating laws and regulations. SIR attendees were glued to his talk and asked him many questions afterwards.



Our August guest presenter will be Le'Reina Skidmore, Contra Costa County Sheriff Resident Deputy, Crime Prevention Specialist for the Town of Discovery Bay. Her charge is to help prevent crime in our neighborhoods. Her presentation will be current and should prove to be very informative. Be ready with your ideas and any questions.



July speaker Sheriff Doug Powell,  
Contra Costa County supervisor Marine Patrol

### August Luncheon Menu

Sliced New York Strip Steak with Bernaise Sauce, Roasted Potatoes, and Seasonal Veggies. Garlic Bread and Brownie.

### August Birthdays

Al Box, Mike Carmichael, Paul Erchul,  
Luis Figueroa, Philip Kepp, Jerry Lucero,  
Mike McCleery, Ward Messersmith,  
James Moore, Will Myers, Don Patterson,  
Ed Ritner, Terry Silva, Richard Warner

## 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 In Discovery Bay. 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!



## July awards, presented by Bob Damico



Don Rentzel ( L) and Chuck Niessen ( R) receive the 20 year Branch membership award



Dick Jamison ( R) receives the SIR State Senior Sir award (90 years old)

### 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 Sirs 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](mailto:webmaster@sir161.org)

## Membership, Luis Figueroa

At the July luncheon we inducted one returning member, Roy Bristow is a former Big-Sir. His new sponsor is Will Myers. A photo of Roy (left) and his sponsor, Will, is shown below.



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 and I can guide you through the process. 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.

The current branch headcount is 134

Luis Figueroa, Membership Director

Our SIR Branch 161 membership marketing flyer, available for download from our [web site](#)

# 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](http://www.sir161.org)  
 Meet monthly at the Discovery Bay Golf and Country Club  
 Membership Contact: [figueroa50@yahoo.com](mailto: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

SIR is nonprofit 501 (c) (4) and is nonpolitical.

## Mystery Sir

Our June mystery Sir was Will Myers.



Can you guess who our July mystery Sir (photo on left) 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

The wine tasting for this month unfortunately had to be canceled.

The next event will be on August 22.

Terry Silva

Wine Chairman



## July Attendance Report, Phil Newlin

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

Date	JUL 9	
Members, including New	134	NO CALL - NO SHOW This is the number of members subject to lunch charge for not calling and not showing up
NO CALL - NO SHOW	6	
Notified	58	Notified This is the number of members that notified the attendance chairman of their non-attendance
Guests	1	Actual Count Total This is the total members - No Call/No Show - Notified The other categories are self-explanatory.
Guest Speakers	2	
Actual Count Total	70	

## 10th Annual Collector Car Show, Bill Konold

The September meeting is also the SIR Eric Jensen Memorial Car Show. So polish that Collector car of yours and bring it to the meeting. Any interesting car, old or new, is welcome.

Got a new Hemi, a cool Corvette, or an old Mercury? Bring it to the September 10 meeting and park with your other SIR car enthusiast members.

Tire kicking is both before and after the meeting, so arrive early and enjoy the machinery.

Please contact Bill Konold 634-2738 if you have any questions.

Here are a few pictures from past shows.



## Golf News, Johnny Welton

It was an outstanding day at Swenson Park July 23, 2024 for the twenty-four players from SIR Branch 161. It was warm to start AT 8:30 AM; 102 when we left the course less than 4 hours 20 minutes later; and 107 before the day was done! Greens were lush but slow. We played a short version of the course and had some outstanding individual scores!



Eight players had gross scores in the 80's. Eighteen had net scores below 80. David Vicencio led the group with a gross 78. Ron Benge (66), Phil Kepp (67), Randy Zierau (69), and Mike Kaufman (69) all had great net scores!

Tom Denning, Ken Fanucchi, Ron Benge, and Randy Zierau came in First Place as a team with 123. Second with 126 went to Sid Cruser, John Emerson, Isao Nishijima, Phil Kepp. Third place was captured by Lee Donnell, Mike Kaufman, Dennis Pachucki, and John Sutton with a score of 128.

All but one of the 24 players want to return to Swenson Park next year.

With six of the ten events completed for the year, our attention is drawn to the SIR Branch 161 Individual Championship on October 15. Guests and non-Branch 161 members are welcome to play but to participate in the tee prizes and awards:

You must be a member of SIR Branch 161, have participated in at least five SIR Branch 161 events for 2024, and register for the event before the October 8 SIR Branch 161 luncheon.

There will be nice tee prizes and many extras along with the Individual Championship personal and perpetual trophies. Don't miss out. Plan now to qualify and join us for a great tournament.



Last year's winner, Randy Zierau, has had the last nine months to enjoy the perpetual trophy in his home. Look for the perpetual trophy at the next SIR luncheon. You will be surprised at how many names on the trophy you will recognize ... and how many have won multiple times. There is plenty of room to add your name for 2024!

One additional event has been added to the 2024 schedule at Dublin Ranch. It will be a lower key "shamble". It is a variation on the "scramble" where the best drive of the foursome is used by all players. From there, players will use their own hits. The team's two net best scores will be recorded as the team's score for each hole. It should be fun! Be sure to let me know by email if you want to play at Dublin Ranch, Tuesday, October 29.

Please join us – we have a great time!  
Johnny

**More photos on page 8 ....**

# Golf photos

## Swenson Park 7-23-2024



## Randy Zierau



## Bowling news, Ron Wilson

We just finished week 6 of our 13 week Summer League with Team 8 (Mike Sadler, Tony Guarascio, Natalie Paris Jones and Henry Hierro) in first place with 18 wins and 8 losses. Our Summer league will finish on August 26 with our Sweeper round. You can plan for our Winter session to begin on Monday September 9th. This will give us a one week break on Labor Day.



1978	2023
Long hair	Longing for hair
8 Tracks	Cataracts
KEGs	EKGs
Streaking	Leaking
Acid Rock	Acid Reflux
Seeds and stems	Fiber
Stayin' Alive (the song)	Stayin' Alive (the goal)
Hoping for a BMW	Hoping for a BM
Going to a new, hip joint	Getting a new hip joint
Rolling Stones	Kidney Stones
Bell bottoms	Big bottoms
Disco	Costco
Whatever	Depends
Rock n' roll all night	Sleep through the night
Think you know everything	Think you know your name

### Tournaments:

We had 5 bowlers at the Dublin Tournament with no cashers.

Concord at Clayton Valley on July 23-24. We have 5 bowlers from our branch entered.

Reno at the newly remodeled "National Bowling Stadium" on August 12-14. We have 8 bowlers from our branch entered.

Grass Valley at "Prosperity Lanes" on August 28-29

Please plan on supporting our own annual "Bob Matteucci Memorial" tournament on Tuesday October 15.

Last year we had 65 bowlers at our tournament. I am hopeful for more this year and your support will be appreciated. I will have the flyer about this event by mid August. Please put the date on your calendars.

As always if you want to bowl any tournaments I will handle all the paperwork for you. All you need to do is write the check and show up.

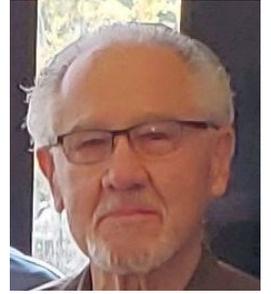
See you on the lanes.

## Annual Boat Cruise And Lunch, Bob Damico

The 29th Annual Al DiGiusto Boat Cruise and Luncheon was held on July 25, 2024 at the Marina Grill in Discovery Bay.

Once again, Dennis Pachucki and Karen Capra did an excellent job of coordinating and hosting this event.

Thirty three attendees enjoyed the good food, good service and the fellowship that this and the Dinner with the Ladies program offer - thanks to Dennis and Karen.



Dennis and Karen have been coordinating the Dinner With Ladies for 6 years, and in 2023 added the Al DiGiusto Boat Cruise and Luncheon to their schedule. Since they took over the Dinner with the Ladies program in 2018, they have hosted 46 Dinners. To recognize their Team Effort and show our SIR Branch 161 gratitude, a SIR Certificate of Appreciation was presented to them for their dedicated service, hard work, and ongoing efforts in support of these dining events for our members.

## Dinner With The Ladies, Dennis Pachucki



**When:** Tuesday, August 27, 2024

**Where:** Cap's Oak Street Bar & Grill, 144 Oak Street, Brentwood CA

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

**Menu Choices:** Dinner includes salad, dessert & non-alcoholic beverage (iced tea, water, coffee)

- Broiled Salmon with rice pilaf
- Stuffed Pork Chops with garlic mashed potatoes & fresh vegetables
- Petite (10 oz) New York Steak with garlic mashed potatoes & fresh vegetables
- Lamb Shanks with garlic mashed potatoes & fresh vegetables

**Cost:** \$40.00 per person (includes tax and tip)

**Deadline:** We need your RSVP no later than Friday, August 23 - there will be envelopes at our General Meeting on August 13.

Please send your checks to me in advance.

Please make your checks out to Dennis Pachucki 2125 Sand Point Road, Discovery Bay CA 94505 phone 408-309-5206

Cap's is located at 144 Oak Street (at the corner of 2nd Street) in downtown Brentwood. Plan is to dine outside on main patio.

----- **Please detach and mail with your check** -----

Your Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Menu choice(s):

Broiled Salmon

Stuffed Pork Chops

Lamb Shanks

Petite New York Steak

**Final Battle of the Bay Bridge Series**  
**Last Chance to see the Oakland A's hosting SF Giants**



**SIR Day at the Ball Park**  
**August 18, 2024**  
**Oakland Coliseum-Sunday-1pm**

**Mail a \$70 check made out to Lee Moy**  
**Include a return addressed and stamped envelope to:**

**Lee Moy, 127 N. Helm Ave., Clovis, CA 93612**

**Tickets will be mailed to you, so please include the**  
**aforementioned envelope plus your contact info:**  
**phone number & email address.**

**Deadline: 8/8/2024**

Lee Moy  
State SIR Sports

**CALLING ALL Sirs!**

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**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.**

#### **Editor's Note**

A big thanks to all our newsletter contributors for their articles and other content, allowing this issue to be published on time. This and prior issues of our newsletter can be viewed/downloaded at our web site:

<https://www.sir161.org>

## 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

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.

**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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