



SIR BRANCH 161 NEWS

Celebrating our 34th year! June 2025

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

As previously reported, our May Mothers Day luncheon was cancelled due to insufficient tickets sold.

Update on my health, I continue to have arthritis in my right hip, I've also had open sores on both legs, so haven't been able to get around. As a result, I won't be attending our June meeting, our first at Trilogy.

Big Sir Jim Wangeman



Changes to our lunches for 2025

Please see page 2 for a reminder of important changes to our luncheon meetings for the remainder of 2025.

June Birthdays

Ed Coats, Phil Goodspeed, Karl Mygrant, Phil Newlin, Anthony Petralia, Todd Ramsdell, Bob Rix, Walt Shipilov, Tom Snyder, Lowell Thomas, Dennis Ward,.

June events & activities

Check the respective articles for more details.

Meetings

BEC meeting—June 3

General meeting & luncheon—June 3

Activities

Bowling

- Weekly (Mondays) - Brentwood Bowlero
- June 5 & 6 - Placerville
- June 23 or 24 - Dublin

Cycling (3 weekly rides)

- Mondays & Wednesdays - long ride
- Fridays - short ride

Golf - June 17, Elkhorn Golf Course

Dinner With The Ladies - June 24 at Cap's

Wine tasting - June 19., Serendipity Cellars

Little Sir, Steve Bordi

June Guest Speaker

Due to a conflict with his schedule, our June guest speaker had to cancel. This was a result of our changing from the second Tuesday to the first Tuesday of the month.



June Luncheon Menu

Smorgasbord Buffet

a variety of hot and cold dishes.

Cost: \$33

Important Changes To Our Monthly Luncheon Meetings

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, June 3.

- Times are unchanged: 9:30 Branch Executive Committee, 11:00 check-in, 12:00 meeting start and lunch.

Change Of Venue for monthly luncheon meetings

- Starting in June, 2025 our monthly luncheon meetings will be held at Club Los Meganos at Trilogy in Brentwood. -
- Our monthly meetings (at Trilogy) will be held on the **first Tuesday of the month** for the remainder of 2025.
- The meal will be a buffet, salads included (we're told there will be ample good quality food), and the price will be \$33. Help will be available for members who are unable to stand in line.
- Times remain the same, registration and social hour start at 11:00, lunch meeting starts at 12:00.
- Upper parking is flat, Handicap parking available. Lower parking slightly uphill, golf cart available if needed.
- Watch for an email from Phil Newlin re the deadline to notify Phil of planned non-attendance.

For those who haven't been to the Club Los Meganos facility:

Address: 1700 Trilogy Parkway, Trilogy, Brentwood.

Driving Directions:

Option 1. From HWY 4 towards Brentwood, left at the light on Marsh Creek Road,
Right at the next light on Walnut Blvd,
Left at the next light on Concord Ave,
Left at the light on Vineyards Parkway,
Up the hill and left on Trilogy Pkwy (at the sign for Club Los Meganos),
Left before the tennis courts, and Club Los Meganos will be ahead.

Option 2. From HWY 4 towards Brentwood, left at the light on Marsh Creek Road,
Right on Vineyards Parkway,
Right on Trilogy Pkwy (at the sign for Club Los Meganos),
Left before the tennis courts, and Club Los Meganos will be ahead.

Option 3. From Balfour Road, take Fairview Ave South,
Fairview becomes Vineyards Parkway,
Up the hill and left on Trilogy Pkwy (at the sign for Club Los Meganos),
Left before the tennis courts, and Club Los Meganos will be ahead.

Membership, Luis Figueroa

As you know, there was no May luncheon, so we had no new or prospective members.

As reported elsewhere in this newsletter, starting on June 3, 2025 our monthly luncheon meetings will be held at Club Los Meganos at Trilogy in Brentwood (1700 Trilogy Parkway, Trilogy, Brentwood). The new venue has a relaxing atmosphere, well-stocked bar, Bocce Court, and a scenic outdoor garden.

See the Little Sir article for meal details.

I hope to see you at our next luncheon, and encourage inviting new guests to our luncheons at the new location.

The current Branch headcount is 122



SIR Cyclers, Jerry Wiebe (916) 206-9221

A group of SIR cycling enthusiasts meets weekly to ride in local communities, promoting the physical and mental benefits of regular exercise.

They hold three rides a week, typically on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, and welcome riders of all levels, offering support for those looking to rebuild their skills and fitness. Beginners are encouraged to start small and gradually increase their mileage. Participants are advised to consult their doctor before starting.



For details, contact Jerry Wiebe at 916-206-9221 or papadrone@gmail.com

Dust off your bike and join the fun!



Dinner With The Ladies, Dennis Pachucki



When: Tuesday, June 24, 2025

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: \$45.00 per person (includes tax and tip)

Deadline: We need your RSVP no later than Friday, June 21, 2025.
There will be envelopes at our General Meeting on June 3.
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. The plan is to dine outside on main patio.

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

Your Name(s) _____ **Phone:** _____

Your Menu choice(s):

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Broiled Salmon

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Stuffed Pork Chops

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Lamb Shanks

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Petite New York Steak

Bowling news, Ron Wilson

Our winter league finished up with our sweepers on Monday, May, 19th. After 37 weeks of bowling, Team # 2 (One and Done) prevailed as league champions after beating Team # 3 in a "Roll Off".

Congratulations to our Champions team members: Mike Kaufman, Marie Wilson, Joe Riggs and Bill Konold. (See photo on page 6).



Runner-up team members: Mike Sadler, Tony Guarascio, Russ Reid and Vicky Reid.

Congratulations also go out to the following Sweeper Day category winners.

Sweeper team 1st place - Team # 4 (Boom) Harold Sagert, Rosie Elmer, Jim Brunicardi and Paul Elmer.

Sweeper Individual 1st place - Tom Kirtley.

Personal achievement awards:

High average Men - Keith Jones 209

High average Women - Vicky Reid 176

Most improved Men - Joe Riggs + 20 pins

Most improved Women - Mary Patterson +14 pins



We will be off to a good summer league start with 39 bowlers. We are one shy of ten full teams. If this one vacant spot is not filled by our start date, team # 10 will have a "Vacant" spot.

On Monday June 2nd please be at Bowlero at 9:30 am as we will have our league opening meeting at 9:40 am. Our normal league bowling will start at 10:am each Monday. Remember to please be prompt. If you are late, you will be delaying 9 other bowlers on your pair of lanes. If you are late you will be able to bowl the first game as long as your opposing team has not finished the 3rd frame. In any event, you will be able to bowl game 2 and 3.

On the tournament trail:

Only 4 of us bowled the SIR State Tournament in Sacramento and only one casher (Danny Roberts).

Our next tournament will be at "Red Hawk" casino in Placerville on June 5th and 6th. So far we have only 6 entered from our branch.

Dublin Tournament at "Earl Anthony's Bowl" will be held on your choice of June 23rd or 24th.

Auburn Tournament at "Foothill Bowl" on your choice of July 10th or 11th.

As always, for any of our tournaments, I will take care of the entry paperwork if you want. All you need to do is pay the entry fee, show up and have fun.

See you on the lanes, Ron Wilson

Winter League Bowling Champions



HEY Sirs—WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

We **need** you to help us find **engaging** guest speakers that **you believe** would be of interest to yourself and to **our members**.

If you have any suggestions for topics, or know of **an engaging** topic/speaker, please share that with our Little Sir Steve Bordi at a meeting or email stevekay4010@yahoo.com . Thank you.

May Wine Tasting report, Terry Silva

A great May SIR wine tasting event.

Hosts: Terry and Sue Silva in Discovery Bay.

Attendees: Will and Raquel Myers, Dick and Carolyn Jamison, Dave and Jinni Ciruli, Vince and Bobbi Vargas.



Next Month's event will be at Serendipity Winery in Brentwood at 4pm on June 19. Dennis Pachucki will be the host. See Dennis' article below for more details.

Terry Silva,

SIR Wine Chairman

June Special Wine Tasting Event, Dennis Pachucki

Our June wine tasting will be held on June 19th at Serendipity Cellars at 4:00pm to approximately 6.00pm.

Guests will be expected to bring a snack to share, as we always have in the past.

You may invite as many fellow Sirs and non-Sirs/guests as you desire.

Cost: All Sirs and guests \$20 to be received by June 15; Please send checks to:

Dennis Pachucki
2125 Sand Point Rd
Discovery Bay 94505



The winery closes at 4:00PM, so this is an exclusive tasting for our group.

They have wonderful outdoor surroundings, shaded areas, patio, pond view.

It will include 6 tastings, 2 whites and 4 reds.

Wine will also be available for purchase if any desire more. Also, winery is open at 12:00PM that day so anyone that wishes to get there early is welcome.

Serendipity Cellars
1600 Chestnut St.
Brentwood CA 94513
925-597-1545

This is the first wine tasting we've had at a local winery for our SIR wine tasting activity. So, I hope all our fellow wine tasters and guests will want to come and make this a success.

Dennis Pachucki

408-309-5206 cell

May 2025 Wine Tasting Photos



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**



Once again, we had 26 players at Manteca Park. It must have been a great day as everyone wants to come back next year. There were some new players in the group and there were some great scores recorded.

First place went to the team of Dan Lippstreu, Tony Rubino, Sid Crusier, and Jim Spann with 118. With a score of 124 second place went to David Vicencio, Randy Zierau, Dennis O'Connell and John Sutton. Third place winners were Tom Denning, Gale Nelson, John Emerson, and Joe Riggs (127). Only one stroke separated each of the remaining teams.

Closest to the Pin on hole 5 to Tom Denning with 21' 3". Hole 8 went to Dennis Pachucki (13' 1"). The lowest Gross score seems to belong to Dan Lippstreu (81) who keeps having great rounds. Tom Denning had a 84 for second place. In Flight A Sid Crusier won First Low Net with a 69. Second place went to Jim Avila (69). In Flight B Dennis Pachucki won Low Gross (96) and Ken Fanucchi was second with 98. Dennis O'Connell won the Low Net (65). Joe riggs won a tie breaker over Jim Spann on the 18th hole both with a net 73. Fourteen Skins were awarded. In Flight A Dan Lippstreu won 3 and five others won one skin. Flight B saw Joe Riggs with three skins, Dannis O'Connell had two skins, and Jim Spann had one.

All but two indicated they would rather play a more reasonably priced course twice than see the fees increase next year. There will be some changes to the question about the pace of play in the next survey. The question will try to gather more specific information about how long each team took to play their round. This time there seemed to be a great disparity between the opinions on the pace of play. Five said play was very slow with scores of one and two. Seventeen gave scores of three, four, or five. The average score was 3.19. Not our highest score but above average. The first group of four reported 4.5 hours of playing time. The last group reported 4.5 hours of playing time. Which were good times. In the middle there were some longer times and because there were two groups of three and they probably waited on every hole. In the future the Survey will ask "How Long did your group play today from the first tee to last putt?"

Next up is our second trip to Elkhorn Golf Course on June 17th. It is one of our favorites each year. We have a 9:00 am shot gun start which is a great way to get going. There are 22 registered, so there is plenty of space. Register by email. Best to pay by the luncheon on June 3. The deadline to register and pay is June 10.

Just a reminder that golfers are offering an organization wide-challenge to help sustain and increase membership in the SIR organization. We will try and increase not just golf participation but SIR Branch 161 membership throughout the remainder of 2025 to demonstrate support for SIR. Will you? From April 17 to December 31 there will be a count of new members to SIR Branch 161. The teams are those on the Golf Email list vs the balance of the membership. The prize is a glass of champagne (or soda) at the January 2026 luncheon. Will you accept the challenge? Contact Luis Figueroa, Membership Director (phone: 949-400-4715 or email: figueroa50@gmail.com) if you need forms or help with the task.

The new or returning member will be credited to you when they complete the membership application, pay their membership fee, and pay their 2026 membership dues ... before January 1, 2026. The induction ceremony may be held on or before the luncheon in January. The competition is just for fun but the support for your SIR Branch 161 is critical!

Johnny Welton, Golf Director



If
or

SIR Branch 161 2025 GOLF SCHEDULE

you want to add someone the SIR 161 Golf distribution email list
have a question, please send an email: johnnywelton40@gmail.com

12/19/2024

1. Tuesday, February 25 9:00 SIR 161 Winter Four-Ball Scramble Due: 2/11/25
Shadow Lakes, Brentwood {Tee Prize: Range Balls}
2. Tuesday, March 18 9:00 Elkhorn, Stockton [32 miles] Due: 3/11/25
3. Tuesday, April 15 9:00 Swenson Park, Stockton [16 miles] Due: 4/8/25
4. Tuesday, May 20 9:30 Manteca Park, Manteca [33 miles] Due: 5/13/25
5. Tuesday, June 17 9:00 Elkhorn, Stockton [32 miles] Due: 6/10/25
6. Tuesday, July 15 9:30 Dublin Ranch, Dublin [30 miles] Due: 7/8/25
7. Thursday, August 21 8:00 Concord SIR: Match Play Diablo Creek, Concord Tee Prize
[17 miles] SIR 161 players will receive prizes.
Shotgun Start hosted by SIR Branch 8 Concord. Limited to 20
players {Tee Prize: Sleeve of Balls} Due: 8/12/25
8. Tuesday, September 16 9:30 Blue Rock Springs, Vallejo [36 miles] Due: 9/9/25
9. Tuesday, October 21 9:30 SIR Individual Championship at The Reserve, Stockton
[30 miles] Flier and guidelines to follow. Due: 10/14/25
10. Tuesday, November 18 9:00 SIR 161 Fall Four Ball Shamble, Best Drive {Play your own ball
with 70% handicap}
Dublin Ranch, Dublin [30 miles] Due: 11/11/25

Mystery Sir



Our May mystery Sir was Ron Wilson.

Can you guess who this month's mystery Sir is? (photo on left).

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

sir161@comcast.net

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

Luncheon meetings for the remainder of 2025 will be held on the first Tuesday of the month at Club Los Meganos at Trilogy in Brentwood. (There may be 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, Norm Petersen.

Dress code for our meetings is business casual. Also jeans, shorts and T shirts allowed. 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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