



SIR BRANCH 161 NEWS

Celebrating our 34th year! September 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

Thank you to all you Sirs for being patient and adapting to all the changes! I also want to thank Little Sir Steve Bordi for filling in for me. I am still on bed rest for another couple of weeks, then I should be able to start attending meetings again. I hear good vibes about our new meeting place. I hope to see you all soon!

Big Sir Jim



September Luncheon Menu

Smorgasbord Buffet - Green Salad and other assorted salads, seasonal vegetables, several entrees, roll and butter or garlic bread, coffee and iced tea, and dessert.

Cost: \$33

September events & activities

Check the respective articles for more details.

Meetings

BEC meeting - September 2

General meeting & luncheon - September 2

Activities

Bowling

- Weekly (Mondays) - Brentwood Bowlero
- September 8 or 9 - Carson City
- September 24 or 25 - Pacheco

Cycling (3 weekly rides)

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

Golf - September 16 - Vallejo

Dinner with the ladies - Tuesday, Sept 23

Wine tasting - September 25

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<https://www.sir161.org>

Little Sir, Steve Bordi

August Entertainment

Last month we were entertained with a medley of tunes by the duo Double-Double. Carlos Suarez and Gony B played their guitars and sang songs for our pleasure. Out of Livermore, they perform locally at wineries and other private party events. It was great to see our SIR singer, Mike Sadler, join them in several songs. Good Job Mike! We now know you can sing more than just Happy Birthday and God Bless America.



September Guest Speaker

This month's guest speaker hails from Pittsburg, CA. Vicki McDaniel is the Orientation and Access Manager for the Lions Center for the Visually Impaired (LCVI), serving Alameda, Contra Costa and Solano Counties. This is a non-profit organization with 20 employees and many, many conscientious and dedicated volunteers.

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Little Sir report, continued from page 1

The mission of the LCVI organization is to preserve vision, foster independence, and enhance the quality of life for adults who are blind or at risk of future visual impairment. They offer services focused on early detection and intervention, in order to prevent or slow vision loss for age-related eye disease. They are always eager to accept volunteers, and are actively collecting donated old eyeglasses from the public. Skip Zehnder our 2026 Treasurer, is on the Board of this organization, serving as Treasurer. Also, past Big Sir Walt Shipilov's wife, Frances, is a Board member.

September Birthdays

Rich Barber, Ron Bengel, Ed Fitzpatrick, Tony Guarascio, John Jewell, Mike Kaufman, Mike Stoiber.

Membership, Luis Figueroa

At the August luncheon we inducted John Reichenbach and Mike Park as members. John had previously been a member and, after a short absence, he has decided to rejoin our branch. John's sponsor is Mike Quier.



John Reichenbach was born in Pa. He served in the USAF from 1967 to 1975. He had a career in the electronic field since leaving the service, and retired from Lockheed in 2013. He moved to Brentwood from Copperopolis in 2012. John enjoys boating, bowling, and motorcycling. He's been married to a wonderful lady for 54 years. In the photo is John (left) with his sponsor Mike Quier.



Mike Park worked for Mastercard, and Mobil Oil, where he developed pay at the pump technology and marketed debit/credit cards. He and his wife recently moved to Brentwood from Danville after residing there and Alamo for 35 years. He has been married for 53 years. They have two daughters, a son and seven grandchildren.

Mike enjoys church activities and serving the community. He is active in golf, bocce, fishing, biking, traveling, and the performing arts. He is looking to future engagement with SIR members. In the photo is John (right) with his sponsor John Sutton.

At the luncheon we had one guest, Mauricio Terrazas (Ken Fanucchi, sponsor).

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. 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 membership headcount is 123.

August Entertainers



Mike Sadler sings



Double-Double entertains

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



Golf News, Johnny Welton

Johnny Welton is on vacation. Dave Vicencio, Tom Denning and Dan Lippstreu are handling the SIR Golf while Johnny is away.

On Thursday, Aug 21st, our SIR Branch 161 played the Concord SIR Branch 8 at Diablo Creek. It is their home course and we have played them there in the past. They know the course much better than we do. It was a 2-Man Scramble and they beat us quite handily.

Next year, maybe, we can play a course that is new or unfamiliar to both SIR Branches - like, maybe, Boundary Oaks in Walnut Creek.

Our next Tournament is Sept 16 at Blue Rock Springs Golf Club in Vallejo.





SIR Branch 161
2025 GOLF SCHEDULE

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

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 9:30 SIR 161 Fall Four Ball Shamble, Best Drive**
{Play your own ball with 70% handicap}
Franklin Canyon [44 miles] Due: 11/11/25

Mystery Sir



Our August mystery Sir was Bob Damico.

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

Bowling news, Ron Wilson

Here we are about to wrap up our summer league ending with Sweeper on September 8th. There will be no break before beginning our winter league on Monday September 15th.



Please plan to arrive early on the first day of winter league because we will have our league meeting. Doors open at 9:30 am.

I am very pleased to announce that as of now we will have 54 league bowlers for our winter session. This is up from 44 last winter.

On the tournament trail, six of us just returned from the Reno tournament. This event attracted 160 bowlers. As usual, the stadium lane conditions are a bit more difficult than here at home. However, Don and Mary Patterson did well and cashed as follows: Mary 6th place Singles women, 4th place handicap "All Events". Don and Mary 5th place Doubles.



The next three tournaments are as follows:

Grass Valley at "Prosperity Lanes" on your choice of August 27th or 28th.

Carson City Nevada at "Home Grown Bowl" on your choice of September 8th or 9th.

Pacheco at "Paddock Lanes" on your choice of September 24th or 25th.

Special Notice: Our own Branch 161 hosted tournament will be held here at "Bowlero Brentwood" on Tuesday October 14th. Last year our Branch 161 bowlers and guests supported our event with 26 bowlers, which was outstanding. I am hopeful that we can get the same or better participation this year. Please mark your calendars for this event! I will be providing complete details to all of you very soon.

As always if you want to bowl any of our tournaments I will handle all the paperwork if you wish. All you have to do is pay the entry fee, show up, have fun and maybe win a bit of cash.

See you on the lanes.

Dinner With The Ladies, Dennis Pachucki



When: Tuesday, September 23, 2025
Where: Shirasoni Japanese Restaurant, 6367 Lone Tree Way, Brentwood
Time: Arrival & Cocktails starting at 5:00 pm, Dinner served at 6:00 pm
Menu Choices (Dinner includes appetizer, dessert & non-alcoholic beverage):

- Chicken Teriyaki grilled with sweet teriyaki sauce
- New York Steak (Hibachi Grilled)
- Filet Mignon (Hibachi Grilled)
- Hibachi Shrimp grilled with lemon & butter
- Hibachi Salmon grilled with a hint of lemon
- Vegetable Delight (Assorted fresh vegetables grilled in a light sauce)

All entrees include Mushroom Soup, Green Salad with Ginger Dressing, Hibachi Vegetables and choice of steamed, fried or garlic fried rice.

Cost: \$38.00 per person (includes tax and tip)
Deadline: We need your RSVP no later than Friday, September 19, 2025.
There will be envelopes at our General Meeting on September 2.
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.

Shirasoni is located at 6367 Lone Tree Way, Brentwood:
From Discovery Bay, take Hwy 4 to Marsh Creek, turn left and continue on Marsh Creek to the Bypass and turn right (north). Exit the Bypass at Lone Tree Way; go east (right) on Lone Tree Way and remain in the right lane. After the SECOND stop light (Shady Willow Lane), take the SECOND driveway into the shopping area; you will see Shirasoni ahead and to the left (next to Mancini's Sleepworld).

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

Your Name(s) _____ Phone: _____

Your Menu choice(s):

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Chicken Teriyaki

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Filet Mignon

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Hibachi Shrimp

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Hibachi Salmon

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New York Steak

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Vegetable Delight

And your rice selection(s):

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Steamed Rice

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Fried Rice

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Garlic Fried Rice

Wine Tasting report, Terry Silva

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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

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

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Reminders

Annual dues defray the administrative costs of running our organization. For those who have yet to pay their 2025 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 are 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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