



SIR BRANCH 161 NEWS

Celebrating our 34th year! October 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 you all know, for the past several months, I have been dealing with some health issues that have prevented me from attending our monthly meetings. I appreciate your thoughts, and hope to see you all soon. I especially want to thank Steve Bordi for sitting in for me, in addition to performing his duties as Little Sir. I am also thankful to all of you for the support you've given Steve. Without you, our branch would not be the great organization it is. Thank YOU, and Best Regards, Big Jim



Little Sir, Steve Bordi

September Guest Speaker

Vickie McDaniel, the Orientation and Outreach Access Manager for The Lions Center for the Visually Impaired (LCVI) gave us an informative presentation, and demonstrated many "devices and gadgets" used by her services to aid those who are blind in conducting their daily lives.



Devices such as magnifiers, check-writing templates, alarms, talking clocks, and even a gadget that shows you when your cup or glass is full. She provided brochures to those interested and invited all to observe their facility in Pittsburg. The LCVI provides screening, counseling, and other services for all adults with age-related eye disease and/or visual impairment.

Call Vickie @ (925) 432-3013 or www.lcvi.org

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October Luncheon Menu

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

Cost: \$33

October events & activities

Check the respective articles for more details.

Meetings

BEC meeting - October 7

General meeting & luncheon - October 7

Activities

Bowling

- Weekly (Mondays) - Brentwood Bowlero
- October 14 - SIR tournament - Brentwood

Cycling (3 weekly rides)

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

Golf - October 21 - The Reserve, Stockton

Dinner with the ladies - Tuesday, Oct 28

Wine tasting - October 23

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<https://www.sir161.org>

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October Guest Speaker

Mike McCaffrey is a lifelong cowboy and an ardent animal welfare advocate who has lived on a small ranch in downtown Byron for 35 years (FACT - he can throw a rock and hit the Byron Post Office from his corral). Mike is a retired City of Hayward fireman (32 years), retiring as a Battalion Chief. Upon retiring, he saw a need for an organization to contain horses and other types of large livestock during times of natural disasters, such as fires, earthquakes windstorms, floods, etc. Out of this concept came "Hold Your Horses, Evacuation and Rescue (HYH)". HYH is deployed to a command post by Cal Fire, CoCo County Fire, and The Office of County Emergency Services where they set up their camp. Their duties then include coordination with all the other agencies, rescue and round-up, transportation of animals, staging and sheltering, and feeding/animal welfare (need for veterinarians ?) until the crisis clears, and the owners can return to their ranches, farms and homes.

October Birthdays

Bruce Bohnsack, Fred Critchfield, Tom Denning, Knute Kleinen, Rod Linn, Larry Mensch, George Soles, Jim Spann, Gary Tucker, Ron Wilson, Skip Zehnder.

Reminder from Big Sir and Little Sir

Gentlemen, let us remind you that we must all show courtesy and respect to our guest speakers. Even if they arrive late, we should remain seated until dismissed. It was embarrassing for those who remained at the September meeting to have half of you leave while our guest speaker was setting up her table. Let's show the class that SIR represents. The only "saving grace" from that rude episode was that the speaker didn't know anyone had left because she didn't see you leave (she is visually impaired). Remember, our guest speakers are an important aspect of our monthly luncheon meetings.

Christmas Luncheon Tickets will be on sale at the October 7th luncheon.

When: Tuesday, December 2nd, noon - 1:45 (11:00 arrival).

Where: Club Los Meganos, Trilogy At The Vinyards.

Price: \$48 per person (all inclusive, sit-down service).

Menu: Turkey and ham with all the trimmings, salad, roll, dessert.

Entertainment: Widely-acclaimed cabaret vocalist Laurie Roldan (A Voice to Comfort). She will sing a medley of holiday favorites for your enjoyment. She regularly appears in New York City and San Francisco.

NOTE: If you cannot make it to our October or November Branch 161 luncheons to buy your tickets for the Christmas lunch, you can send your check along with a self-addressed stamped return envelope to Norm Petersen, 5711 Augusta Way, Discovery Bay, CA. 94505. Norm will mail your tickets to you as soon as he receives your payment. This event is always a favorite and this year promises to be even more special - don't miss out!

Membership, Luis Figueroa

At the September luncheon we inducted Ed Loyd (sponsor: Jim Spann), Tony Mannino (sponsor: Frank Cramer), and Dave Gatt (sponsor: Roy Brett) as members. We had no guests at the luncheon.



Ed Loyd has had a broad career health, safety, and security management. He has worked in the semiconductor, food manufacturing, hospitality, healthcare, and biotech industries advising them on a broad set of regulatory issues. He also serves on the as on the Advisory Board for the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office, Santa Clara County Sheriffs Advisors Board, and the Oro Valley Police Department. He lives in Discovery Bay.



Tony Mannino has lived in Brentwood for approximately one year, after he moved from Indio after 20 years living there. His wife passed away recently. Prior to Indio he lived in Twain Harte after he retired. Tony has 2 children and 5 grandchildren. His son and daughter live in the general vicinity. Tony's background is in engineering focused on ship construction for the U.S. Navy.



Dave Gatt has lived in Discovery Bay for over 20 years, after moving from Black Hawk. He retired in 2022 from PianoRetail after 38 years, where had been CEO. He and his wife, Debbie, have two kids and two grandsons. Dave enjoys boating, fishing, car racing, and traveling. He is looking forward to being engaged with many of the branch activities.

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 126.

Golf News, Johnny Welton



It was a great day at Spring Creek Golf Course West in Vallejo. Greens were about the best we have seen all year. Twenty-four golfers moved pretty much lock step from hole to hole. Times were reported from 4:17 - 4:30 ... which is very good. The rating of the pace was 3.72 out of 5. Some players felt the pace could be improved. 19/21 want to play the West Course again and 13/18 want to add the East Course next year.

Final team standings were:

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| 1. | Benge/Taylor/Pachucki/Nishijima | (124) | |
| 2. | Vincencio/Sniadecki/Carmichael/BD Rubino | (126) | Won Tie Breaker on 18th Hole |
| 3. | Welton/Kepp/Emerson/BD Nelson | (126) | |
| 4. | Kaufman/Riggs/Spann/BD Robin | (130) | |
| 5. | Konold/Cruser/Martin/Rubino | (132) | |
| 6. | Denning/Fanucchi/Nelson/BD Emerson | (136) | |
| 7. | Stanley/Zierau/Sutton/Rubino | (140) | |

Phil Kepp led Flight A with a Gross 86 followed by Bill Konold with an 88. Also, in Flight A Mike Kaufman scored a net 67 with James Taylor recording a 70. Phil Kepp won two Skins with Bill Konold, Joe Stanley, Randy Zierau, and Mike Kaufman each winning one Skin.

Flight B was led by Dennis Pachucki with a Gross score of 98. Mike Carmichael was second with 102. Isao Nishijima recorded a net 70 score with Joe Riggs and Mike Carmichael both scoring a net 72. In Flight B two Skins were won by Mike Carmichael. Gale Nelson, Dennis Pachucki, Isao Nishijima, John Sutton, Jim Spann, and Joe Riggs each won one Skin.

No one was on the green on Hole 2. On Hole 11 Randy Zierau was Closest to The Pin at 14 feet 2 inches. Isao Nishijima and Dennis Pachucki were the big money winners on the day with a total of \$24 each!

There are only two events left for this season. Please sign up early to be sure you are included. Tuesday, October 21, 9:30 am The Reserve at Spanos Park has 27 players for the SIR Branch 161 Individual Championship. Tuesday, November 18, 9:30 am Franklin Canyon has 26 players for a "shamble" event to wrap up our golf season. Send Johnny an email (johnnywelton40@gmail.com) to register and provide a check (SIR Branch 161 for \$65) for each event as soon as possible.

SIR Branch 161 Individual Championship is the marquee of our season. There are special rules for championship competition that require players to play in five events or have registered and paid for five events in the current season to be eligible for the perpetual trophy. Others may play in the event but will not be eligible for the championship competition or tee prizes.

1. The name of the low net winner will be placed on the perpetual trophy for the SIR Branch 161 Golf Championship Tournament. The winner may retain the perpetual trophy for eight months and then return the trophy to the Director of Golf.
2. The low net winner will also receive an individual trophy.
3. The low gross winner (who is not the low net winner) will receive an individual trophy.

4. The player to win the most money during the golf season will receive recognition as the “Sand Bagger” for the year with a trophy as “Top Money Winner” and a t-shirt.

In addition, there will be surprise tee prizes for those eligible and treats for everyone.

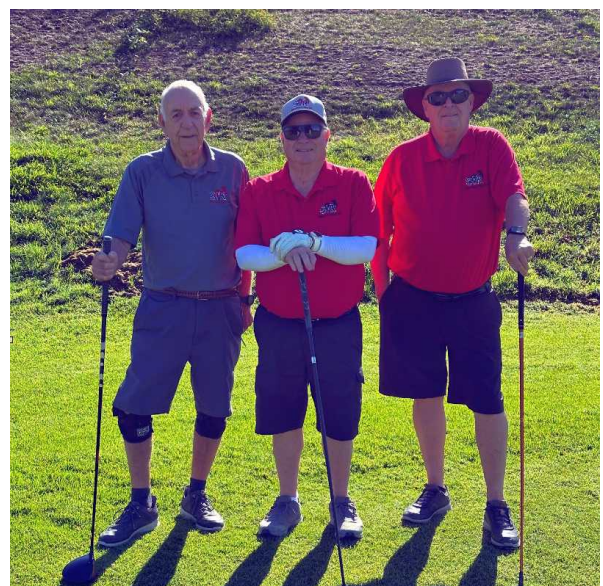
The honors for teeing off for the SIR Branch 161 Individual Championship is determined by the order of finish based on the money won so far, this the season.

#	Name	Total \$	#	Name	Total \$	#	Name	Total \$
1	Lippstreu, Dan	\$95	14	Goodspeed, Al	\$43	27	Gold, Saul	\$20
2	Benge, Ron	\$85	15	Nelson, Gale	\$42	28	Emerson, John	\$17
3	Carmichael, Mike	\$79	16	Rubino, Tony	\$42	29	Zierau, Randy	\$17
4	Spann, Jim	\$78	17	Welton, Johnny	\$39	30	Kaufman, Mike	\$14
5	Pachucki, Dennis	\$74	18	Martin, Rick	\$36	31	Fanucchi, Ken	\$13
6	Sutton, John	\$74	19	Konold, Bill	\$35	32	Geckler, Andy	\$11
7	Denning, Tom	\$72	20	O'Connell, Denny	\$35	33	Berg, Jeff	\$10
8	Kepp, Phil	\$70	21	Vargas, Vincent	\$33	34	Ramsdell, Todd	\$10
9	Vicencio, David	\$65	22	Donnell, Lee	\$31	35	Avila, Jim	\$9
10	Nishijima, Isao	\$59	23	Robin, Sol	\$31	36	Kloyas, Bob	\$5
11	Taylor, James	\$54	24	Schniadecki, Jim	\$30	37	Lietz, Richard	\$5
12	Cruser, Sid	\$49	25	Riggs, Joe	\$29	38	Welton, Mark	\$5
13	Stanley, Joe	\$46	26	Geronimo, Manny	\$23	39	Park, Michael	\$3

There have been 39 money winners out of the 43 participants this year. Randy Zierau was the 2024 and 2023 SIR Branch 161 Individual Champion! He will defend his title against a very strong field or there will be a new name added to the perpetual trophy.



Mike Carmichael, Jim Sniadecki, and David Vicencio



John Sutton, Johnny Welton, and Phil Kepp

See golf course photo on page 9 ...

Bowling news, Ron Wilson

We finished our "SIR and Guests" summer league on September 8th. Congratulations go out to the first place team winners, Mike and Venita Sadler, Derek Schutz and Mike Quier. Also, good job goes out to Lee Thompson and Maryann Reichenbach for most improved Male and Female bowler.



Our winter league began on Monday, September 15th.

We have not had any tournament activity since Reno in August.

The next tournament will be our own Branch 161 event on Tuesday October 14th. This is the 22nd annual "Bob Matteucci Memorial Event". As of this writing we have 26 of our own league members signed up for this event. This is again a terrific show of support from our bowlers! I am expecting approximately 80-90 bowlers after other SIR Branch entry's are received. If anyone has anything they would like to donate for tournament door prize please see me at league play. Wine is especially good for door prize.



On tournament day (October 14th) the "Bowlero" doors will open at 9:00 am. Singles event begins at 10 am. After the lunch break Doubles will begin at 1:00 pm.

"Bowlero" is offering a "Lunch Special" consisting of "Build your own Burger", Chips, Salad and a soft drink for \$13.00. I need to give an estimate of how many of you bowling will likely buy the "Lunch Special". I will be collecting this information at our regular league bowling. Payment for the Lunch will be taken at the Bowlero desk on morning of tournament.

The last tournament for 2025 will be held at Modesto (McHenry Lanes) on your choice of November 6th or 7th (Thurs. or Fri.).

See you on the lanes.

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



Mystery Sir

Our September mystery 'Sir' was Sir Elton John.

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

Dinner With The Ladies, Dennis Pachucki



When: Tuesday, October 28, 2025

Where: Club Los Meganos 1700 Trilogy Parkway, Brentwood CA, 94513.

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

Menu Choices: The menu includes the following::

- Rolls and butter
- Classic Caesar salad
- Seasonal vegetables
- Creamy mashed potatoes
- Choice of beef bourguignon or salmon piccata or chicken marsala
- Cheesecake
- Bev station consisting of iced tea and coffee

For purchase:

- Club liquor, wine, beer, sodas

Cost: \$43.00 per person (includes tax and tip)

Deadline: We need your RSVP no later than Tuesday, October 21.
There will be envelopes at our General Meeting on October 7.

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.

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

Your Name(s) _____ Phone: _____

Your Menu choice(s):

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Salmon Piccata

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Beef Bourguignon

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Chicken Marsala

Wine Tasting report, Terry Silva

The SIR Wine Tasting Event for September was held at the home of Gary and Linda Tucker.



Attendees:

Vince and Bobbie Vargas, Dick and Carolyn Jamison, Dennis and Karen Pachucki, Terry and Sue Silva, John and Teri Davis.

Our hosts did a great job and everyone had a very nice time.

The October Wine event will be at the Jamison residence on the 23rd at 5 pm.

If you are interested please let me know

Terry Silva
SIR Branch 161 Wine Chairman
925/305-7573



Wine Pasting Photos cont'd



Blue Rock Springs Golf Course

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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