



SIR BRANCH 161 NEWS

Celebrating our 34th year!

November 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

Dear Sirs,

Please accept my apologies for missing so many meetings this year. Unfortunately my health has taken a turn, and it looks like I will not be attending the remaining meetings this year.

Again, I am grateful for Steve Bordi taking over for me and Thank You, our loyal members, for your support and friendship. SIR is a great organization, and I am proud to have been a member for the past twenty two years. Serving as your Big Sir has been a true honor. Thank You, and I wish you all the best.

Big Jim



November Luncheon Menu

Smorgasbord Buffet - green salad, other assorted cold dishes, main protein entrees, seasonal vegetables, roll and butter or garlic bread, coffee and iced tea, and dessert.

Cost: \$33.

Please update your contact information

We will shortly be updating our Member Handbook. If any of your personal/contact information (address, phone number, email address) has changed this year, please let us know prior to December 1:
(email: webmaster@sir161.org)

November events & activities

Check the respective articles for more details.

Meetings

BEC meeting - November 4
General meeting & luncheon - November 4

Activities

Bowling

- Weekly (Mondays) - Brentwood Bowlero
- November 6 or 7 - Modesto

Cycling (3 weekly rides)

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

Golf - November 19 - Franklin Canyon GC

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Little Sir, Steve Bordi

October Guest Speaker

Our October guest speaker was a real cowboy. I spotted him in the foyer, but he was without his horse.

He answered to "hey cowboy, you must be our guest speaker for today". Dressed for the occasion in boots, Cowboy Hat, and Levi's, he looked the part. And what a fancy custom cowboy shirt! Mike McCaffrey gave us a tour of his organization "Hold Your Horses".



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Little Sir report, continued from page 1

As a retired City of Hayward Fireman, the Byron rancher developed an organization to "round up" horses and livestock during disasters such as fires, floods, windstorms, etc. What a big help to the fire agencies, and to animal owners. Great idea, Mike!

November Guest Speaker

This month's guest speaker will be sportsman and conservationist, Roger Mammon of Oakley. Roger is a longtime Board Member of Restore the Delta, and is also the President of the West Delta Chapter of the California Striped Bass Association in Antioch. An avid outdoorsman and fisherman, Roger has witnessed the gradual decline in salmon and striped bass fish populations in the Bay and Delta due to adverse human effects on the water. Effects such as industrial, as well as human pollution, agricultural chemical runoff, loss of fresh water (tunnels), and abandoned & sunken vessels. Thus, he has been a strong advocate for reforms, and has been politically active in Sacramento with the Legislature, and the Fish and Wildlife Commission. On the recreational side, CSBA is involved in the annual Rio Vista Bass Derby in October, as well as the annual free Kids Fishing Derby on the Antioch Public Pier in October - "Get kids Hooked on Fishing, not Drugs and Gangs".

November Birthdays

Frank Cramer, Tommy Grace, Chuck Niessen, John Sutton, Andrew Zwemer.

Christmas Luncheon Tickets will be on sale at the November 4th luncheon.

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

Where: Club Los Meganos, Trilogy At The Vinyards, 1700 Trilogy Pkwy, Brentwood.

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 November Branch 161 luncheon 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!

Awards - presented by Bob Damico

September Awards



Will Myers (R) received SIR State Senior SIR (90-year) Award.



Dick Jamison (R) received 30-year Branch 161 Membership Award

October Awards



Ed Fitzpatrick (R) received SIR State Senior SIR (90-year) Award.



Walter Shipilov (L) received SIR Branch 161 20-year membership award.

Membership, Luis Figueroa

At our October luncheon we inducted Mauricio Terrazas, but unfortunately his sponsor, Ken Fanucchi was unavailable. Mauricio's bio is below; A photo of Mario and his sponsor will be published in an upcoming newsletter.



Mauricio Terrazas has lived in Antioch for 11 years. He previously lived in Concord & San Jose, and retired in May 2022 from Renewal by Andersen where he worked as a Design Consultant. Mauricio has one daughter and enjoys live music, bowling, bike riding, exercising/walking and golfing. He's looking forward to getting involved in the SIR golfing, bowling, dinner with the ladies, and other fun activities.

At the October luncheon we had 1 guest, Jim Jones, who was sponsored by Chris Diaz.

All members are reminded that if they want to sponsor a guest it's important to contact either Phil Newlin (Attendance Chairman) or myself no later than the Friday before the planned lunch. If a guest who attends a lunch wants to become a member, they need to complete the membership application (included in the guest package) several weeks before the next month's lunch when they will be officially inducted and introduced.

Thanks to all members for your continued recruitment efforts and bringing guests to our luncheons!

The current branch membership headcount is 124.

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

24 players enjoyed a beautiful Fall Day at The Reserve at Spanos Park in Stockton for the 2025 SIR Branch 161 Individual Championship. The course played tough! The greens were fast and not smooth or consistent. Even the groundskeeper placed the holes in some very difficult spots. There were lots of three putts. Scores were high for everyone. But everyone wants to come back next year! Maybe it is for the SIR logo golf towels or big bag of snacks and water that everyone received.



Players teed off in the order of their current standings as a money winner. Mike Carmichael had the honor of the first ball. He was followed by Dennis Pachucki, Jim Spann, and John Sutton. The big mystery is "Who will be the top money winner on the year?" ... and receive the coveted "Sand Bagger" t-shirt and individual trophy for the Top Money Winner.



It was an individual competition which meant each player took longer to carefully make their shots. The pace was slow. However, every group finished in less than four hours -fifty minutes, which is only 10-15 minutes longer than normal.

Bill Konold led the group with a gross score of 88 and will receive the Lowest Gross Score Trophy! The top three net scores were: Dennis Pachucki - 72; Bill Konold - 74; and Randy Zierau - 75. Jim Sniadecki and Isao Nishijima tied for fourth with 76. The players with the top ten net scores will receive cash prizes.

Dennis Pachucki is our new 2025 SIR Branch 161 Individual Champion. He will have his name placed on the perpetual trophy that goes back 25 years to 2001. Dennis will join Randy Zierau, our 2024 champion who has his name on the trophy three times. Dennis will also receive an individual trophy and a \$50 cash prize.

In Flight A Randy Zierau had two skins. Four other players won one skin. In Flight B Isao Nishijima had three skins. Two other players also won one skin. Tom Denning was closest to the pin on Hole 4 @ 15' 4" and Dennis Pachucki was closest to the pin on Hole 13 @ 16' 9".

A big thanks to Tom Denning and Mike Kaufman for their help with the treats, towels, and registration.

Our last event of the season is a team "Shamble" competition at Franklin Canyon Golf Course on November 18 with tee times starting at 9:30 am. There is hope that 32 players will register for this fun team event - a Shamble: Everyone tees off. The team chooses the best drive, and everyone plays their ball from there all the way to the hole.

Have a good one!
Johnny Welton, Golf Director

Golf Photos



Mike Carmichael: First Tee Honors



Dennis Pachucki



John Sutton, Mike Carmichael,
Jim Spann, Dennis Pachucki



Isao Nishijima, James Taylor,
Tom Denning, David Vicencio



John Jewell, Todd Ramsdell,
Mike Park, Ken Fanucchi



Mike Kaufman, John Emerson,
Randy Zierau, Jim Sniadecki

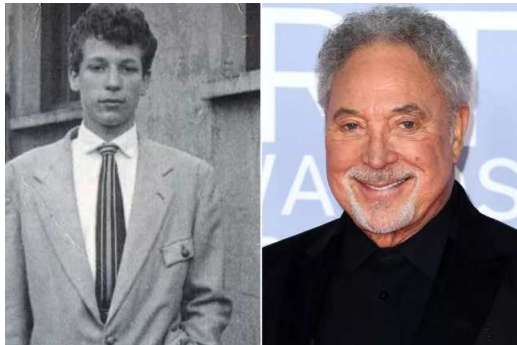


Tony Rubino, Gale Nelson,
Sid Crusier, Joe Stanley



Vince Vargas, Johnny Welton,
Rich Martin, Bill Konold

Mystery Sir



Our October mystery 'Sir' was Sir Tom Jones - unrelated to Sir Tom Jones, our Branch 161 webmaster, although they were born 25 miles apart. One of them made more money, but no prizes for guessing which one.

The photo far left shows the singer in what was known as *"the teddy boy look"*, representative of a UK youth subculture in the 50's and 60's and the Rock n' Roll music era.

If you have an 'early' photo of yourself you'd like included as a mystery Sir, please email to:
sir161@comcast.net

Bowling news, Ron Wilson

Our Branch 161, 22nd annual "Bob Mateucci Memorial Tournament" just completed on October 14th. Again, we had a very successful tournament with 80 bowlers. Our own Branch 161 comprised 24 of this total which shows exceptional support for our event. I am very proud of all from our Branch 161 league bowlers who participated! You guys and gals are awesome!



"Back in MY day scoring was done with grease pencils."

The tournament came off as flawlessly as any do. Special thanks to Ray Becerra the General Manager at our center which is now branded as "Lucky Strike Entertainment". Ray and his staff worked hard to make this event one of the great ones. Of course a big thank you to Ray DiBasilio our SIR State Bowling Advisor and Tournament Director and his wife Cindy who runs our brackets and helps greatly behind the scenes. I also want to thank my wife Marie for her behind the scenes help. She checks my work for accuracy and I really appreciate her input.

Also, a big thank you to those who donated items for our door prizes. We had a nice lineup of 14 bottles of wine and a nice Starbucks Coffee gift basket.

This Tournament for 22 years has been a one day event.

That will change next year as we will conduct a two day event. This will allow for a few more bowlers because of the two day flexibility. Dates for 2026 are October 13th and 14th.

Here is a list of our bowlers cashing in this years event listed top cash amount first and descending:

Lee Blackshear, 3rd place "All Events" Div. 2, 1st place Doubles Div. 2, 9th place "Singles" Div. 2
Mike Carmichael, 1st place Doubles Div. 1, 2nd place All Events Div. 1, 7th place Singles Div. 1
Carol Ball, 1st place "Doubles" Div. 2, 6th place "All Events" Div. 2
Esther Bloise 1st place "Doubles" Div.1, 6th place "All Events" Div. 1
Maryann Reichenbach, 3rd place "Singles" Div. 2, 4th place "All Events" Div. 2
Johnny Welton, 4th place "Singles" Div. 2, 7th place "All Events" Div. 2
Jerry Marshall, 5th place "Doubles" Div. 1
Mitch Wisinski, 5th place "Doubles" Div. 1
Karen Capra, 10th place "All Events" Div. 2

Our last SIR tournament will be held in Modesto at McHenry Lanes on your choice of either Nov. 6th or 7th (Thursday or Friday). So far, all are bowling on Thursday (Nov. 6th) because of league conflict on Friday. Cost is \$65 with Handicap "all Events" or \$70 if you want to add "Scratch All Events". Checks are payable to "SIR Branch 113".

IMPORTANT - I will need your payments no later than Monday Oct. 27th.

See you on the lanes

Wine Tasting report, Terry Silva

Wine tasting for October was held at Dick and Carolyn Jamison's house in Discovery Bay.



Attendees:

Linda Tucker, Dave and Jinni Ciruli, Terry and Sue Silva, Vince and Bobbie Vargas, John and Teri Davis, John and Maryann Reichenbach, Michael and Pam Quier.

Our hosts, the Jamisons, did a great job and we all had a great time.

We do not have wine tasting in November or December. Our next event will be in January next year, stay tuned.

Terry Silva

SIR Branch 161 Wine Chairman



Wine tasting Photos cont'd



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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