



SIR BRANCH 161 NEWS

Celebrating our 34th year! December 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

Again, I must say, I sincerely regret that my health has interfered with my duties as your Big Sir. And, I so appreciate Steve Bordi for taking over my duties along with his duties as Little Sir.



The support you have given Steve and I this past year is appreciated. I thank YOU for the honor of being your Big Sir.

And I want to especially thank you all for your thoughts, prayers, cards and calls--they mean a lot.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Little Sir, Steve Bordi

November Guest Speaker

Our November guest speaker was Roger Mammon, President of the West Delta Chapter of the California



Striped Bass Association. Roger Discussed the decline of salmon and bass populations in San Francisco Bay and Delta, due to human interference with waterflows and pollution, to the point they are becoming endangered.

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December Luncheon Menu

Turkey and Ham, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Cranberry and all the Trimmings, Seasonal Vegetables, Roll and Butter, Dessert, Coffee and Iced Tea.

Cost: \$48/person.

Note that this is a ticketed event.

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)

2026 Luncheon Price Increase

Our luncheon price in 2026 will increase to:

\$35.00 if paid by cash or check

\$36.50 if paid by credit card

December events

Christmas luncheon (ticketed) - December 2

Visit us on the web:

<https://www.sir161.org>

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December Luncheon Entertainment

For the social hour, the Liberty High School Choir will sing Christmas carols as background music, while we socialize.

Following lunch, we are most fortunate to have a professional vocalist entertain us. Widely acclaimed Cabaret Entertainer, Laurie Roldan, will sing a variety of Christmas songs to welcome in the Holiday Season. Laurie is known as "The Voice of Comfort", and has recently appeared onstage in New York and San Francisco. We are expecting a big turnout for our Annual Christmas Luncheon With The Ladies.

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

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

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

If you need last-minute tickets for the Christmas lunch (\$48/person), please contact Norm Petersen:

Tel. (925) 634 6617 email: db11golf@aol.com

December Birthdays

Kenny Butler, Sid Cruser, Gary Hess, Dan Lippstreu, Jerry Marshall, Howard Patton, Dennis Platania, John Reichenbach, Joe Stanley, Leon Thompson.

Need For Revenue (info provided by Mike Park)

As you know, our annual budget has been near a zero balance for some time. This is too close to be able to plan special events and/or marketing for membership growth. Therefore, effective January 2026, our luncheon price will reflect a \$1 increase from Club Los Meganos and \$1 for Branch 161, for a total of \$35. This is only a \$2 increase. Thank you for your commitment to making our Branch 161 healthy, meaningful and growing.

In Memoriam



We were sad to report the passing of Rod Linn on Saturday, November 8, 2025, following a recent illness.

Rod joined SIR Branch 161 in January 2023.

Please keep his wife Kim and their family in your thoughts and prayers as they mourn Rod's passing.

A Celebration Of Life will be held December 5, 2025 at 1:00pm at the Resurrection Ministries, 1275 Fairview Ave, Brentwood.

Installation Of 2026 Branch Executive Committee

At the November meeting, past Big Sir Ken Landoline conducted the installation of our 2026 Branch Executive Committee. A few of the elected members were absent from the meeting, and they will be installed at our January meeting.



L-R: Ken Landoline, Phil Newlin, Ron Wilson, Steve Bordi, Skip Zehnder, Don Abate, Bruce Bohnsack, Saul Gold, Dennis Pachucki, Johnny Welton., Luis Figueroa.

November Awards - presented by Little Sir Steve Bordi



Rich Barber received a Certificate Of Appreciation for his service as our Branch 161 Chaplain.



Vince Vargas (L) received the 30-year membership award.
Don Patterson (M) and Tony Guarascio (R) received the 20-year membership award.

Membership, Luis Figueroa

At the October luncheon we inducted Mauricio Terrazas but, since his sponsor was unavailable, we held off on his bio and photo until this month.



Mauricio has lived in Antioch for 11 years. Prior to that he lived in Concord and San Jose. He retired in 2022 from Andersen Consultant where was a design consultant.

He has one daughter and enjoys live music, bowling, bike riding, and golf. He is looking forward to be fully engaged with the many ongoing SIR activities.

Mauricio Terrazas (R) and sponsor Ken Fanucchi.

At the November luncheon we had 2 guests, Tim Stover, who was sponsored by Ken Butler, and Ron Lew sponsored by Luis Figueroa.

One member, Rod Linn, sadly passed away.

The current branch membership headcount is 124.

As an additional item this month, I would like to announce that Mike Park is currently working with me on strengthening our Branch membership recruiting activity. Mike will be sending out a member satisfaction survey he has developed to all members via email in January. It's important all members give it their full consideration and be ready to engage at a subsequent lunch meeting.

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 that attended 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!

Golf News, Johnny Welton



It was a very nice day at Franklin Canyon Golf Course, and 34 players had a great time! We had the most players ever for a SIR event thanks to Bill Konold and the Rough Riders group joining us. We started with doughnuts, enjoyed treat bags, and played a hard course mostly in the sun. The Shamble format allowed everyone to use the longest drive from their team on each hole. Counting all four scores for the team created some interesting results and some great scores!

I had the best net score on the day with a 74. I think the best SIR golf day for me ever! Net 76's were reported by Albert Delgado, Rick Maniz, Bill Konold, and Mike Kaufman. Eleven players in all were in the net 70's. Bill Konold and Rick Maniz had low gross scores of 86. I had an 87. Joe Stanley had an 88. David Vicencio, Tom Denning, and Sid Cruiser all had 89s. There were some great individual scores.

There were no individual contests, but prizes were awarded to the first four teams. First place went to Johnny Welton, Alberto Delgado, Dennis Pachucki and Rick Maniz (304) by 16 strokes. All four players were in the net 70's. Second place: David Vicencio, Todd Ramsdell, John Emerson, and Bill Konold (320). Third Place: Mike Kaufman, Joe Riggs, Rick Martin and Blind Draw Bob Rodrique (325). Fourth Place: Tom Denning, Sid Cruiser, Isao Nishijima, and Blind Draw Ken Fanucchi.

2025 has been a banner season for SIR Branch 161 Golf. This season we have had our highest number of participants (254). Participation was up from 44 to 56 players. 44 were SIR members. 19 were new to golf. 21 played seven times or more. The average event had 25.4 players with a range of 16-35 players. \$1,914 were distributed in prize money. 82.1% of the players went home winners.

The NCGA membership renewal for 2026 begins now. Anyone can join through the SIR Branch 161 Golf. The cost is \$48. See the promotion included in this newsletter. Checks should be sent in before January 1, 2026. There are lots of benefits to SIR Golf and NCGA membership.

The 2026 Golf Schedule is included in this newsletter. Put these dates on your calendar now. Fees will be announced and registration will begin in January.

I hope you enjoy your Thanksgiving and Holiday Seasons. We have much to be thankful for and much to look forward to in 2026!

Johnny Welton
Golf Director

Golf Photos



Chris Lyon, Erv Rivers,
Jim Sniadecki, & Vince Vargas



David Vicencio, Todd Ramsdell,
& John Emerson



Dennis O'Connell, Ron Benge,
Larry Clark, & Ken Fanucchi



Jim Spann, Joe Stanley,
& Jerry Wiebe



John Sutton, Ted Acado,
James Taylor, & Bob Rodrigue



Johnny Welton, Alberto Delgado,
Dennis Pachucki, & Rick Maniz



Rick Martin, Mike Kaufman,
& Joe Riggs

SIR Branch 161 2026 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
11/4/25

Tuesday, February 24	9:30	SIR 161 Winter Two Ball - Match Play Scramble Shadow Lakes, Brentwood Course Tee Prize: Range Balls
Tuesday, March 17	9:30	Elkhorn, Stockton [32 miles] Shotgun Start
Tuesday, April 21	9:30	Swenson Park, Stockton [16 miles] Shotgun Start. Course Tee Prize: Range Balls and Sleeve of Balls
Tuesday, May 19	9:30	Manteca Park, Manteca [33 miles]
Tuesday, June 16	9:00	Elkhorn, Stockton [32 miles] Match Play with SIR Branch 8 Concord. Shotgun Start
Tuesday, July 21	9:30	Franklin Canyon [44 miles]
Tuesday, August 18	9:30	Diablo Creek, Concord [17 miles] Course Tee Prize: Sleeve of Balls
Tuesday, September 15	9:30	Blue Rock Springs West, Vallejo [36 miles]
Tuesday, October 20	9:30	SIR Individual Championship at The Reserve, Stockton [30 miles], Flier and guidelines to follow. Course Tee Prize: Range Balls
Tuesday, November 17	9:30	SIR 161 Fall Four Ball Shamble, {Best Drive Then play your own ball with 70% handicap} at Blue Rock Springs East

2026 NCGA Club Membership Template

SIR Branch 161 Golf Club



AN NCGA CLUB

SIR Branch 161 Golf Club Benefits

- 10 Events
- Match Play with SIR Branch 8 Concord
- SIR Branch 161 Individual Championship
- Special Treats and Gifts
- Team and Individual Contests
- Cash Prizes
- Newsletter Recognition
- Automatic Score Posting
- Invite Guests to Play
- Lots of Fun and Friends!



NCGA benefits:

- ✓ Official USGA Handicap Index and free score posting app with GPS
- ✓ Bi-Monthly Handicap revision updates
- ✓ Monthly NCGA GOLF Magazine
- ✓ Exclusive member perks on golf, travel, and more
- ✓ Hundreds of events for all ages and abilities across the region
- ✓ Members-only savings at NCGA-owned Poppy Hills and Poppy Ridge golf courses
- ✓ And more!

Membership

- \$48 for All of 2026
- Duplicate NCGA/USGA/GHIN Membership NOT Required
- May Cover Other Club Requirements
- Activate Existing GHIN Number
- This NCGA Legacy Club May Have Lower Dues
- Not SIR Branch 161 2026 Dues

Make check payable to “SIR Branch 161”
Mail to: Johnny Welton,
5751 Prestwick Court,
Discovery Bay, CA 94505
Before January 1, 2026
(Check won’t be cashed until 1/5/26)

Bowling news, Ron Wilson

We just completed the Modesto tournament with 12 of our Branch 161 Bowlers attending. We were a bit thin with only 3 cashers. Lee Blackshear and Carol Ball placed 3rd in "Doubles division 2. Mitch Wisinski placed 4th in "All Events Handicap" and 2nd in "Scratch All Events".



Modesto was our last SIR tournament for 2025. Our next tournament will be in late January at Napa Bowl (exact date to be determined).



The 2026 SIR Tournament calendar is now available on the SIR Inc Bowling web site, and will appear in our Branch 161 2026 Handbook.

"SIR and Guests League" special recognition goes to Keith Jones (photo on left) for rolling yet another perfect 300 game during league play on November 10th. This is Keith's career 15th 300 game! Rolling a perfect 300 game by anyone is significant and especially so when you enter the senior ranks.

By doing some math I estimate that over the last 23 years our SIR League has bowled approximately 159,000 games and we have seen only eight or nine perfect 300 games. Congratulations to Keith for another great performance and hope we see number 16 soon.

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

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

Until further notice, luncheon meetings 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 will be assessed a fee 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. 2026 dues are \$30 and can be paid at the January or February luncheons, or by mailing a check (made out to SIR Branch 161) to our 2026 Treasurer: Skip Zehnder, 7488 Wayfarer Court, Discovery Bay, CA 94505.

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, please email or call Phil Newlin by the Friday preceding the meeting if you don't plan to attend (not required for Christmas lunch):

email: ward28fred-sirs@yahoo.com

Tel: (408) 505 5359

No-shows who don't notify Phil in advance of their non-attendance will be assessed \$20.

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