



SIR BRANCH 161 NEWS

Celebrating our 35th year! January 2026

The Mission of SIR is to enrich the Lives of Our Members Through Fun Activities and Events - While Making Friends For Life

Steve Bordi, Big Sir

Happy New Year to all you fellow Sirs. We are ready to kick off a new year full of delicious lunches and new guest speakers, along with a host of activities awaiting your participation.



Club Los Meganos at Trilogy in the Vineyards is ready for us with a variety of buffet items, which will surely please our appetites.

We look forward to seeing you all for fellowship on Tuesday, January 6th at our first luncheon of 2026. So round up your gear, and let the games begin.

Big Sir, Steve Bordi

Little Sir, Dave Ciruli

Happy New Year Sirs! I hope you all had a happy and safe holiday season. It's time for us to kick off a new Sir year. We are going to start the year at Club Los Meganos and hopefully end the year without having to move. This year we will continue to have our meetings on the first Tuesday of each month. We tried to move to the second Tuesday, but they did not have that day open.



In December we had our holiday luncheon with the Ladies. We had both the Liberty High School
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January Luncheon Menu

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

\$35 if paid by cash or check

\$36.50 if paid by credit card

January events & activities

Check the respective articles for more details.

January Meetings

BEC meeting - January 6

General meeting & luncheon - January 6

January Activities

Bowling

- Weekly (Mondays) - Lucky Strike, Brentwood
- Jan 20 or 21 - SIR tournament - Napa

Cycling (3 weekly rides)

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

Golf - None in January.

Dinner with the ladies - Wednesday, Jan 28

Wine tasting - January 22

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Choir and Laurie Roldan to entertain us. Laurie brought her husband and they put on quite a show for us.

Our January speaker will be the Brentwood Mayor, Susannah Meyer. She will give us a quick update on what is going on in Brentwood and then she will answer any questions you have. So be thinking about what you would know about Brentwood.

At our February Meeting we will concentrate on Marketing SIR, and we will not have a speaker. You will be receiving a short survey that will be discussed during the meeting.

January Birthdays

Don Abate, Steve Avellar, Alberto Delgado, Paul Elmer, David Harrison, Ed Lloyd, Art McSherry, Gale Nelson, Jerry Nielsen, Russ Reid, Dan Roberts, Solomon Robin, Jerry Wiebe.

Photos from the 2025 Christmas Lunch, Bob Damico & Johnny Welton



The "Liberty Carolers," members of the Liberty High School Choir, Laura Carreon, Director.



Little Sir Steve Bordi (R) with performers Laurie Roldan and her husband Dan

Membership, Luis Figueroa

During December the Branch held its annual Christmas luncheon for the first time at Club Los Maganos, Trilogy. There were no guests or new members inducted.



I am happy to announce this year's winners for Branch recruitment are: Knute Kleinen and Jim Spann who each recruited 2 new members: Nick Pack and Sol Robin by Knute; Andy Geckler and Ed Loyd by Jim. I will present Knute and Jim their free meal certificate at the January luncheon.

Below are some branch membership summary statistics for 2025:

Year End Branch Membership Total: 124

New Members Added: 15

Members Lost:15

Guests:16

Average Member Luncheon Attendance (% of Active Membership): 71

Median Age of Branch Membership: 81

Thank you for your continued recruitment efforts and bringing guests to our luncheons!

Branch Member Survey, Mike Park

Thank you for supporting Branch 161! Because we value everyone's contributions, now is your chance to provide meaningful input to strengthen our Branch even more!



We have developed a BRANCH MEMBER SURVEY that will provide our leadership insight into what you like, and opportunities you see for change. The subjects we want you to start thinking about are: general satisfaction, leadership opportunities, meetings, activities and events. The survey will be introduced in January and will be conducted at the February meeting. We look forward to participation and discussions at that meeting. So, PLEASE put on your thinking caps and look forward to helping us make this Branch even more successful in meeting your needs.

Golf News, Johnny Welton



Although there are no events for December or January, this is a busy time for golf. Golfers are now paying for their 2026 NCGA dues and registering for the February through November SIR Branch 161 events. There are also a few leftover items from 2025 to be taken care of at our January meeting. A goal for the New Year is to continue posting those golf scores!

The top ten money winners for 2025 were very close with one exception. Tenth: John Sutton; Ninth: David Vicentio; Eighth: Mike Carmichael; Seventh: Bill Konold; Sixth: Ron Bengé; Fifth Tom Denning; Fourth: Jim Spann; Third: Dan Lippstreu; Second: Isao Nishijima. They had a range in prize money of \$99 to \$70. The exception was our SIR Branch 161 Individual Champion, Dennis Pachucki. He amassed a fortune of \$142! But that is not all; At the January meeting he will receive recognition as our “Sandbagger of the Year” and receive a very appropriate t-shirt! He also receives the trophy as the “2025 Top Money Winner.” We can’t make it too easy for him to defend his championship in 2026.

We are appreciative of the members of the Golf Committee for their support, advice, and leadership during the past season. Tom Denning, Lee Donnell, Mike Kaufman, Bill Konold, Dan Lippstreu, Dennis Pachucki, John Sutton, David Vicencio, and myself. They meet 2-4 times per year to advise/decide on the policies, costs, prizes, courses, etc. Their work is important to the success of the SIR Golf program. Two major actions during 2026 will be to increase the membership of the Golf Committee and to replace the Golf Director for 2027. If the new Golf Director joins the committee in 2026 there will be an opportunity to learn how the process has worked as a member of the committee before taking on the responsibility of the operation in 2027.

At the Golf Committee’s meeting on December 8, 2026, the rates for participation were determined for 2026. Green fees have been both up and down at specific courses for next season, but the average increase is \$2.00 per person per event. Prizes will increase by \$2.90. The Individual Championship event will increase by \$3.80 for a total expected increase of \$8.70 in 2026. In 2025 the individual event cost was \$65. For 2026 the basic event cost will be \$70. Refunds will be made based on the Cancellation Policy - up to the full amount may be refunded. Once again, a pre-season price for ten or nine events will be offered if paid in full before February 10, 2026. Ten events will be offered at an increase of \$30 from last year and a total of \$600 (\$100 discount). Nine events will be offered at an increase of \$45 from last year and a total of \$560 (\$70 discount). Cancellations will result in a recalculation of costs per the number of events completed. Refunds will be made according to policy after the completion of the golf season. There is a potential, based on the ending balance in the SIR Branch 161 Golf Custodial Account, for many surprises throughout the 2026 season. The Golf Committee is committed to providing players with a quality experience and value at each golf event.

The 2026 Golf Schedule is included in this newsletter. Put these dates on your calendar now.

I hope you enjoy your Holiday Season. It will be an exciting golf season in 2026! Please plan to join us.

Johnny Welton

SIR Branch 161 2026 GOLF SCHEDULE

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

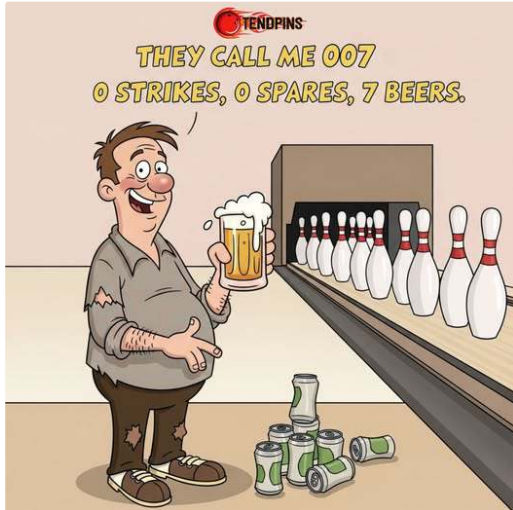
Tuesday, February 24	9:30	SIR 161 Winter Two Ball - Match Play Scramble Shadow Lakes, Brentwood Course Tee Prize: Range Balls
Tuesday, March 17	9:30	Elkhorn, Stockton [32 miles] Shotgun Start
Tuesday, April 21	9:30	Swenson Park, Stockton [16 miles] Shotgun Start. Course Tee Prize: Range Balls and Sleeve 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



Dennis Pachucki 2025 Individual Champion

Bowling news, Ron Wilson

After 14 weeks of our 34 week regular league schedule (plus 1 week for Sweeper), team # 12 (Paul Elmer, Marie Sullivan and Derek Schutz) is in first place with 37.5 wins and 18.5 losses. Team # 1 (Mitch Wisinski, Natalie Jones, Keith Jones and Danny Roberts) are close behind with 33.5 wins.



We have had a short break in our tournament schedule but we will begin 2026 with our first SIR tournament in Napa on your choice of January 20th or 21st (Tuesday or Wednesday).

Sacramento at Country Club Lanes will be next on your choice of February 18th or 19th (Wed or Thurs).

For the Napa Tournament I will need your Napa entry fee no later than Monday January 5th. The entry fee will be \$65.00 each (includes Handicap All Events). If you want to add "Scratch Singles" it will be \$70.00. Make checks payable to "SIR Branch 113 Bowling".

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

2026 Branch 161 Handbook, Tom Jones

You should have recently received the 2026 edition of our Branch 161 Annual Handbook. Included was a message from Big Sir, information about our BEC (Branch Executive Committee), Activities Chairmen and their activities, additional information about our Branch, and our Branch Roster.

If you didn't receive the Handbook, please check the spam and trash folders in your email; Occasionally, email providers decide to label our bona fide Branch 161 emails as spam.

A very small number of members received a hard copy of the Handbook via US mail, rather than a pdf file via email.

Dinner With The Ladies, Dennis Pachucki



When: Wednesday, January 28, 2026
Where: Byron Roadhouse, 3045 Taylor Lane, Byron, CA 94514.
Time: Arrival & Cocktails starting at 5:00 pm. Dinner served at 6:00 pm.

Menu Choices: Salad, dessert & non-alcoholic beverage (soft-drink, water, ice tea) are included.

- Filet of Sole
- Chicken Piccata
- Salmon
- Tenderloin Steak

All entrees include garlic mashed potatoes, seasonal vegetables and garlic bread.

Cost: \$37.00 per person (includes tax and tip)

Deadline: We need your RSVP no later than Friday, January 24.
There will be envelopes at our General Meeting on January 6.

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: _____

Circle Your Menu choice(s) and write 1 or 2 next to your choice:

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Filet of Sole

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Chicken Piccata

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Salmon

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Tenderloin Steak

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 are 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.

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Reminders

Annual dues defray the administrative costs of running our organization. 2026 dues are \$30, payable at the January meeting, or by mailing a check (payable to SIR Branch 161) to our Treasurer, Skip Zehnder, 2488 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:
Phil Newlin: ward28fred-sirs@yahoo.com
Tel: (408) 505-5359

No-shows who fail to notify Phil in advance will be assessed a fee of \$20.

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