



SIR BRANCH 161 NEWS

Celebrating our 35th year! February 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

Welcome to our February, 2026 Newsletter. As you probably already know, we will not be having our usual guest speaker at this month's meeting. In its place we will be conducting a "marketing survey", in an attempt to boost our membership numbers by generating ideas and suggestions in order to attract younger members to counteract the steady decline due to aging.



Prior to the meeting you can complete the survey that you received via email, or there will be time allotted to complete and discuss the form at the meeting. Let's attempt to improve the viability of our Branch for the desirability of acquiring new members. This has come at the right time for our SIR Branch, as it has undergone several major changes in the past couple of years.

Steve Bordi , Big Sir

Little Sir, Dave Ciruli

I hope you all had a good January and by now have learned how to write 2026 on your checks. I have a granddaughter going to Indiana University so I thoroughly enjoyed the College Playoffs. Sorry 49er fans, maybe next year they'll have fewer injuries.



Last month our speaker was the Brentwood Mayor, Susannah Meyer. She brought us up to

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February 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

February events & activities

Check the respective articles for more details.

February Meetings

BEC meeting - February 3

General meeting & luncheon - February 3

February Activities

Bowling

- Weekly (Mondays) - Lucky Strike, Brentwood
- Feb 18 or 19 - Sacramento

Cycling (3 weekly rides)

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

Golf - February 24 - Shadow Lakes, Brentwood

Dinner with the ladies - Tuesday, February 24

Wine tasting - February 26

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date with what's going on in Brentwood. She showed a video that was part of her presentation on the State of The City. She also answered lots of questions from the Sirs. I hope you all enjoyed her presentation.

The next couple of months we will be looking at the future direction of SIR. This month we are taking a look at our Branch. We all should have received a survey form. Make sure you fill it out and return it to Mike Park mike4pines@gmail.com.

In March we will hear from the State SIR organization. See you on February 3rd.

February Birthdays

Frank Alexander, Roy Bristow, Dave Ciruli, Mike Cullen, Bob Damico, John Emerson, Tony Rubino, Jim Venhaus, Johnny Welton.



Little Sir, Dave Ciruli & Mayor
Susannah Meyer



Induction of 3 Officers: Bob Damico,
Will Myers, Dave Ciruli

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

The Sunshine Chairman needs your help.

He needs and depends on inputs from the membership to be effective. If/when you know of the passing of a fellow Sir, a Sir spouse, or a Sir that is seriously ill, please notify Bob Damico (email deltacruz@comcast.net, or call (925)-872-4920, so he can send an appropriate greeting card from Branch 161.

Membership, Luis Figueroa

At the January luncheon we inducted two new members: Tim Stover (Keith Butler, sponsor), and Rick Maniz (Dennis Pachuki, sponsor). We had one guest - Chuck Hauptmann, Rich Barber (sponsor). Below are photos and brief bios for our new members and their sponsors.



Rick Maniz (R) & sponsor Dennis Pachucki

Rick Maniz has lived Discovery Bay for 33 years, the last 23 years with his wife Patty. He moved there from Livermore, CA where he grew up and went to school. He was a sanitation engineer for 40 years and retired in 2022.

He and his wife do not have any children. They have a small dog that runs their lives. They both enjoy boating, fishing, and camping. Rick is a bowler and also enjoys playing golf with the guys. He is also looking forward to participating in the Dinner with the Ladies activity.



Tim Stover (R) & sponsor Ken Butler

Tim Stover has lived in Brentwood for 8 years, after moving from Morgan Hill.

Tim retired from Netgear after serving as the VP of Operations Engineering, focused on networking products most of his career. He and his wife have one son.

Tim enjoys biking, RC modeling of sailplanes/airplanes and is looking forward to participating in the Dinner with the Ladies activity.

Knute Kleinen received a free meal certificate for recruiting the most new members to the Branch in 2025.

During the February luncheon the membership will spend some time discussing ways to improve and increase the branch membership. More details has been provided by Mike Park in a separate email distribution.

The current headcount is 125.

Thank you for your continued recruitment efforts and bringing guests to our luncheons and we look forward to a fruitful year in activities and great lunches.

Golf News, Johnny Welton



Time to get serious about golf. The 2026 SIR Branch 161 Golf Events Schedule is enclosed. Please review and decide now - while the discount is still available. As always, just email me if you want to register for one or all the events. The discount is significant this year and it really helps me not to be collecting money for each event. Below are the fees approved for 2026. Mail your check (made out to "SIR Branch 161") as soon as possible to be sure you make the February 10th deadline for discounted rates. (5751 Prestwick Court, Discovery Bay, CA 94505). email: johnnywelton40@gmail.com

Events Fees for 2026

- Basic Rate for each event: \$70 with refund before any penalties @ full amount.
- Pre Pay for all 10 events: \$600 if paid by 2/10/26 with refund triggering a recalculation of rate based on the number of events paid.
- Pre Pay for 9 events: \$560 if paid by 2/10/26 with refund triggering a recalculation of rate based on the number of events paid.

The cancellation policy remains the same - late cancellation will be assessed after the due date (\$15) when SIR is not charged. Full charge will be made when the club is charged. Refunds will be made after the season is completed.

Posting Scores

Please continue to post scores all year - every time you play nine or eighteen holes. Approximately one week prior to an event, I will automatically check the number of postings and apply penalties to the competition. You are responsible for there being 25 postings for the past 12 months - each month - or contacting me if you think I should make an exception.

Match Play

Soon I will be sending out the "Guidelines for Play 2026" for your review. Our first event is Tuesday, February 24 at 9:30 am on the Shadow Lakes Course - We will again encourage the Rough Riders group to join us ... this year it will be a "Match Play Competition." Why, you ask? So that we can practice the Match Play format in preparation for the competition with SIR Branch 8 Concord. We are hosting for the first time in June at Elkhorn Golf Course in Stockton. We won three or four competitions in a row and then lost our mojo! It is time to get it back! We need to know the rules if they are to work in our favor. We need to know what to do when the structure changes on the day of play. We need to learn strategies that might give us an advantage. I will send out some information for you to read before our February event and at 8:15 am prior to the event at Shadow Lakes, there will be a 45 minute clinic on Match Play followed by a Question-and-Answer session or time for warmups. I won't waste your time. The information will be helpful. You will know how to depend on and utilize the "team" effort. Don't get shortchanged on hits available or strokes. Know how to monitor your competition. This is more than showing up to hit a golf ball. We want to be prepared to WIN!

So much for cheerleading! Doesn't the new season sound exciting? Please join us!

Keep warm and ... playing golf!
Johnny Welton



Dennis Pachucki receives the Chief Sandbagger t-shirt from Tom Denning

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

Bowling news, Ron Wilson



After 17 weeks we bowled our first half position round, and we finished with a 3 way tie for first place. The tie was broken with high total handicap pin count (for the first half). This is per USBC rule 107. This tie breaker put team "One & Done" in first place (Don Blotzer, Ron Wilson, Esther Bloise & Carol Ball). The runners up after tie breaker were teams "Not too Shabby" (Paul Elmer, Derek Schutz and Marie Sullivan + Vacant) and Team # 11 (Mauricio Terrazas, Juanita Garrison, Cleo Paperelli and Ken Fanucchi).

Tournaments:

We took 9 bowlers to Napa on Tuesday 1/20 and are waiting for final results. Expectations are not high as we found difficult (lots of dry) lane conditions.

Sacramento at "Country Club Lanes" on your choice of Wed. Feb. 8th or Thurs. 19th.

Citrus Heights at "Fireside Lanes" on Thursday, March 4th.

Concord at "Clayton Valley Bowl" on your choice of Tues. March 24th or Wed. 25th.

Carson City, Nevada at "Gold Dust West" on April 13, 14, 15. This is a Singles, Doubles and 4 person Team event bowled over your choice of 2 or 3 days. It is not too early to have me process your entries. The room rates are very reasonable plus they include a "real" breakfast for each person per day. It is especially nice because the Bowling Center is in-house. If you plan to go you should make your room reservations very soon. Call 877-519-5567 or 775-885-9000 & press 1 for reservations. Ask for the "SIR Bowling Tournament 2026 room block". I will be sending detailed entry information via email.



For any tournament entries I will prepare and process all of the entry paperwork for you. All you need to do is give me your entry fee in a timely manner, show up and have fun.

See you on the lanes-----Ron

In Memoriam



John Lopp, an active member of SIR Branch 161 for 29 years, passed away on December 27, 2025. He was an avid golfer and bowler. After relocating to Brentwood (from Discovery Bay) and for health reasons, he resigned in March of 2023.

There will be a Celebration of Life Service for John on Saturday, January 31, 2026, starting at 11:00 a.m., with a time of fellowship following the service, at Delta Community Presbyterian Church, 1900 Willow Lake Road, Discovery Bay. Please keep his wife Margaret and the rest of their family in your thoughts and prayers.

Wine Tasting Report, Terry Silva

The January wine tasting event was held and hosted in the beautiful home of Vince Vargas. Great time and great group.



Attendees:

Michael and Pam Quier, Gary and Linda Tucker, Will and Raquel Myers, Tony Petralia, Dave and Jinni Ciruli, Terry and Sue Silva, Dennis Pachucki and Karen Capra.

Next month's event will be on February 26 at 5 pm. Looking for hosts and attendees.

Terry Silva

Wine Chairman





Dinner With The Ladies, Dennis Pachucki



When: Tuesday, January 24, 2026
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, February 20.
There will be envelopes at our General Meeting on February 3.

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 choices:

<input type="checkbox"/> Chicken Teriyaki	<input type="checkbox"/> New York Steak	<input type="checkbox"/> Filet Mignon
<input type="checkbox"/> Hibachi Shrimp	<input type="checkbox"/> Hibachi Salmon	<input type="checkbox"/> Vegetable Delight

And your rice selections:

<input type="checkbox"/> Steamed Rice	<input type="checkbox"/> Fried Rice	<input type="checkbox"/> Garlic Fried Rice
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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 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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