



SIR BRANCH 161 NEWS

Celebrating our 31st year! July 2022

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

Dennis Pachucki, Big Sir

Greetings, hope all had a special Father's Day last month. The special day this month is our Fourth of July celebrated as the birth of American Independence with festivities ranging from fireworks, parades, concerts, family gatherings, and of course barbecues. It has been celebrated since 1776, but did you know it was not declared a federal holiday until 1941. Another day that may be pertinent to all Sirs is July 2nd; It celebrates National I Forgot Day, this is no joke, just Google it. This day is one to simply "not remember". If you have ever wished you had an excuse for things you had slip your mind you have it! You can celebrate this day by just letting yourself forget.



Breaking news: I received notification from the SIR State President on 6/17 that COVID waivers are back, and are to remain in force for SIR indoor and outdoor activities.

We continue to have a requirement for each member to show their vaccination card or a negative test result to attend an activity.

Meanwhile, we need a COVID Coordinator volunteer to continue to keep up our waiver/vaccination log books. It's a matter of checking a guest's vaccination

record, having them fill out the waiver and install into the Branch waiver book. Presently, all current members and wives/partners have waivers on file. So, it would be predominately completed for a few guests at our SIR luncheon meeting check-in. Contact me or any officer if you care to help.

July 21 is our Al DiGiusto lunch with the ladies at the Boardwalk (no Dinner with the Ladies this month). Larry Mensch has an interesting RV group; If interested, contact Larry for information. Bill Konold will be leading the Eric Jensen memorial car show in September. The 2023 slate of officers will be presented to the membership at our August lunch meeting for all members to vote on (see nominations on page 4).

Wish all a happy safe and great Independence Day, and we'll see you at our July meeting.

Dennis Pachucki, Big Sir

Next luncheon meeting

Tuesday, July 12, 2022.

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Little Sir, Ken Landoline

It is hard to believe that we are entering the second half of our SIR calendar year, but here we are. Those Sirs who attended the June luncheon were treated to a talk by Mike Waufle, a recently retired NFL defensive line coach with forty four years of experience coaching NFL teams, including the Oakland Raiders, New York Giants, LA Rams, and Buffalo Bills. This included earning two Super Bowl rings. It was a stimulating and inspirational talk that generated an exciting Q&A session.



Ken Landoline , Mike Waufle , Dennis Pachucki

For a change of pace, the July luncheon speaker comes to us from a local winery – Campos Family Vineyards – based in Byron, who will provide us with an overview of winery operations, the products produced, and Campos' community involvement. If you are at the July luncheon you may even get a chance to do some tasting of the Campos offerings. Future luncheon speaker plans include a 1972 Gold Medal Olympian with a very interesting story based on his Munich Olympics experience, and an expert on our local Byron/Discovery Bay area history. If you are a SIR member with an interesting story to share with us, please let me know and we may be able to get you on the speaker schedule later this year.

July Birthdays

Harlan Averitt, Mark Blackburn, Bob Bradley, Murray Cole, Jerry Dittman, Dick Jamison, Tom Jones, Tom Kirtley, Richard Laforge, Denny O'Connell, Lowell Onstad, Gino Pagano, Steven Smith.

July Luncheon Menu

Meatloaf with Yukon mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans almondine, rolls, butter, and dessert.

SIR Cyclers, Jerry Wiebe (916) 206-9221

Summer is here, and the SIR Cyclers have been looking forward to the warm mornings ahead. We continue to have our coffee ride on Thursday and two other exercise rides on Monday and Wednesdays.



On Thursdays, the Cyclers pedal into Brentwood to their favorite coffee shop for a cup of joe and plenty of conversation. Mondays and Wednesdays they go for longer, more challenging rides, along the upgraded Marsh Creek Trail nearing The Big Break, and other roads throughout Brentwood and Oakley. Occasionally they take their bicycles into the Livermore Valley for its beautiful vineyard trails.

All levels of bicycling experience are welcome, including those who ride electric bikes. Some Cyclers are well suited for strenuous rides, and others are free to go at their own pace at any time. Primarily we are out to get together to have some fun and get some good exercise. We are also here to help others brush up on their riding skills if they have not ridden for a while.

The Cyclers assemble and leave at 9:00am from Jerry's driveway at 2071 Windward Point in Discovery Bay. If you would like to join in, contact Jerry. Then get that bicycle down you have hanging on the wall of your garage, dust it off, and come along for some healthy exercise and great camaraderie. We are looking for you!

Wine Tasting, Gary Tucker

The July wine tasting will be held at the home of Jerry and Sue Wiebe on July 28th at 5 P.M. Please contact Gary Tucker if you wish to sign up for this event (which is limited to 12 couples). My email is Mytoothdoc@comcast.net and my cell phone is (510) 717-3637.

Golf News, Johnny Welton

If you want to add someone to the SIR 161 Golf Activity distribution email, please send me an email: johnnywelton40@gmail.com



WE ARE NOW TAKING RESERVATIONS FOR ALL EVENTS.

SIR Branch 161 2022 GOLF SCHEDULE

Tuesday, July 19	The Reserve, Stockton
Tuesday, August 16	Las Positas, Livermore
Tuesday, September 20	Rio Vista, Rio Vista
Thursday, October 6	SIR Individual Championship at Diablo Creek, Concord

A good job was done by everyone who played at Elkhorn Golf Club! It was hot (100 degrees when we finished.) Everyone finished in 4.5 hours. Twenty-three players had a good time. Four players joined the rank of SIR Golf prize winners for the first time: Randy Zierau, Phil Talley, David Rardin, and Manny Geronimo. Only four participants have not won money (two played twice and two played once). Thirty-three out of thirty-seven players have gone to the winner's circle!

Sid Cruser's team was short a player because of an illness. Larry Mensch was selected as the "blind draw." Larry chose to put in \$5 extra for another chance to win. Which he did - as did Sid, John Sutton, and Jim Jewell (126). Congratulations!! Todd Ramsdell, Al Goodspeed, Big Sir Dennis Pachucki, and Jim Spann were a close second place with a score of 128. Larry's playing team lost a tie breaker for third place. Tough break! With a 131 Bill Konold, David Rardin, Ken Fanucchi, and Jim Spann took third place.

Hole 2 was too tough for everyone - no one hit the green! However, hole 9 had four players on the green. Tom Denning was closest to hole 9 (18' 11"). In Flight A Larry Mensch had the best individual gross score of 82. David Vicencio won a tie breaker for second in low gross score. Tom Denning had the best net score at 75 but won on a three-way tie breaker. Phil Talley again by a tie breaker was second. In Flight B Ken Fanucchi took the low gross score honors with a 94. Dennis Pachucki was second. Al Goodspeed had a net 71 for first place in Flight B. Dennis O'Connell was second in Flight B low net. In Flight A I managed to wing two skins. Manny Geronimo (a guest), Sid Cruser, Phil Talley, Tom Denning, and Larry mensch captured one skin. Holding on to one skin from Flight B were: Al Goodspeed, Jim Spann, Randy Zierau, Ed Fitzpatrick, William Carmichael, and Don Rentzell.

Our next outing is July 19 at The Reserve in Stockton. Always popular, it is one of the best courses we play. It is used each year for a minor league level pro-tour tournament. Registrations close July 1.

Quickly approaching (registrations are open), is the August 16 SIR Branch 161 return after many years to Las Positas Golf Course in Livermore. It was the home of our own Dan Lippstreu for over 20 years as head pro.

Have a good one!
Johnny

Nominations for 2023 Officers

State SIR Policy 31 Branch Executive Committee (BEC) requires the following:

- * Nominating Committee presents proposed 2023 BEC slate to Big Sir & BEC in May.
- * Branch 161 BEC voted and approved the proposed slate on 06/14/2022.
- * Publish the nominations in July Newsletter.
- * Big Sir holds the election of next year's Branch Officers by the Branch members at the August luncheon meeting.
- * Big Sir installs next year's officers at the November luncheon meeting.

The proposed 2023 BEC slate of officers are:

Big Sir	Ken Landoline
Little Sir	Jim Wangeman
Secretary	Bruce Bohnsack
Assistant Secretary	Saul Gold
Treasurer	Jerry Wiebe
Assistant Treasurer	Lowell Thomas
Membership	Luis Figueroa
Attendance	Phil Newlin
Bowling	John Fry
Assistant Bowling	Paul Elmer
Dinner with the Ladies	Dennis Pachucki
Golf	Johnny Welton
Sunshine	Vince Vargas

Respectfully submitted,

Nominating Committee: Vince Vargas, Will Myers, Bill Konold

Podcast Corner by Phil Newlin

Fellow Sirs, welcome back to this month's edition of Podcast Corner. I hope that you enjoyed and improved your knowledge with the podcasts suggested in previous newsletters. Below is this month's suggested podcast for you and I've included last month's suggestion, in case you missed it.



If you have an interest in learning about and understanding the world around you, some of its history, about human nature, and other areas of general interest, this Podcast Corner may be of interest to you. Each month, I'll suggest one or more educational/informational podcast episodes that I have discovered or have been member-recommended. I'll give a brief description and a website link for each episode.

If you have a recommended podcast episode or subject category, such as hot rods, golf, or healthcare, that you believe would be of interest to the members, please send it to me for research, or review and inclusion in one of the next newsletters. Send your suggestions to newlinp@sbcglobal.net.

If you are not familiar with podcasts, go to the inaugural edition in the July 2021 newsletter, where you'll find information about podcasts and how to get started.

This month's recommended podcast again comes from 99% Invisible from their Visuals category describing origins of our flag and how Betsy Ross and others were involved--it's not what you think. Listen, learn, and enjoy.

Episode 494, <https://99percentinvisible.org/episode/flag-days-unfolding-a-moment/>

Previous month's recommended podcast:

Episode 452, <https://99percentinvisible.org/episode/the-lows-of-high-tech/>

I hope you enjoy this Podcast Corner and these podcasts and share them with others. I'm looking forward to your recommendations and any feedback you might have.

Attendance, Phil Newlin

Date	JUN
Members	145
NO CALL - NO SHOW	10
Notified	38
Guests	4
New Members	1
Actual Count Total	102

Fellow Sirs, here is a summary of attendance numbers from our April 12th meeting.

NO CALL - NO SHOW: This is the number of members subject to lunch charge for not calling and not showing up

Notified: This is the number of members that notified the attendance chairman of their non-attendance

Actual Count Total: This is the total members - No Call/No Show - Notified + Guests + New Members

The other categories are self-explanatory.

Bowling news, John Fry

The Monday Sirs and Ladies Bowling league is on Summer Break.

The Winter League will restart on Monday September 12. 2022

The next two SIR Bowling Tournaments are scheduled at Foothill Bowl in Auburn Ca. July 7 and 8, Thursday and Friday and Clayton Valley Bowl on July 26 and 27 Thursday and Friday in Concord Ca. Application forms for all the SIR Bowling Tournaments are available on the State SIR Bowling website (<http://www.sirinc3.org/sirBowling/index.html>)

If you have questions about SIR Bowling please call (John Fry 925 783 5614)



In Memoriam

We were sad to report the recent loss of two of our SIR Branch 161 members.



Alan Jarvie

Alan Jarvie passed away on May 28,2022.

Al joined SIR Branch 161 in October of 2011. He was Big Sir in 2019, and was very active on our Branch Executive Committee for several years.

There will be a Celebration of Life for Al sometime in October.

Once known, we will share those details with you.

Please Keep Al, his wife Pam and their family in your thoughts and prayers.



John Carmelich

John Carmelich passed away on April 10, 2022.

John was a long time resident of Discovery Bay, and joined branch 161 in July 2018.

The family will be holding a Celebration of Life for John on Saturday July 9, 2022, at 2:00 pm at the Discovery Bay Yacht Club, 5871 Marina Rd. Discovery Bay. Please RSVP to: JohnnyCelebrationOfLife@gmail.com

Please keep John, his wife Kathy and their family in your thoughts and prayers.

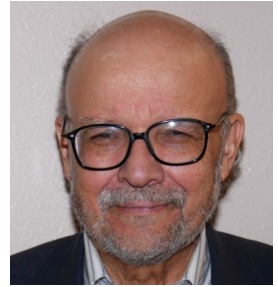
Please note that we have a Memorial page on our web site to remember passed Sirs:

<https://sir161.org/in-memoriam/>

Membership, Luis Figueroa

During the June luncheon we inducted 1 new member, Tommy Grace. Tommy's sponsors are Al Sauvadon and Roy Bristow. Their photos are shown below.

Tommy is a retired locomotive engineer (AMTRA) and has been living in Discovery Bay for ~21 months. He lived in Los Banos for 50 years. He's been a rancher raising alfalfa, herded cows, and horses. He is an avid bird and deer hunter. He loves to fish and that's the primary reason for moving to the Delta area, where people are great. Both his wife and himself have made lots of friends in a short time.



Roy Bristow (left), Tommy Grace (center), and Al Sauvadon (right)

At the luncheon 2 guests were in attendance. Our guests included Ken Butler and John Rensen, who were sponsored by Hal Whitlow and Terry Brekke respectively.

In May we lost Alan Jarvie, a former Big Sir who passed away. We were also informed that John Carmelich had passed away in April. In addition, Dane McCoy has left the branch.

All members are reminded when a guest attends a luncheon the sponsor will receive a free bottle of wine. If the guest later decides to become a member, the sponsor will also be awarded a free lunch certificate. If a guest wants to become a member please have the guest contact me at 949-400-4815 via voice or texting and I can outline the procedure. Thanks to all members for your continued recruitment efforts for and bringing guests to our luncheons!

The branch headcount is currently 145.

Eric Jensen Memorial Collector Car Show, Bill Konold

Our September meeting is time for Eric Jensen Memorial Collector Car Show. So polish that Collector Car of yours and bring it to the meeting. Any interesting car, old or new, is welcome. Got a new Hemi, a cool Corvette, or an old Mercury? Bring it to the September meeting and park with other SIR car enthusiast members. Tire kicking is both before and after the meeting, so arrive a little early, stay a little late, and enjoy the machinery.

28th Annual Al DiGiusto Boat Cruise and Luncheon, Bob Damico

We have our first Boat Cruise/Lunch since COVID scheduled for July 21, 2022, at the Boardwalk Grill in Discovery Bay (outdoor seating). This is our annual Al DiGiusto Boat Cruise and Lunch, started in 1993 by Fallen Sir Al DiGiusto, and has continued in his memory since 2005. In 2020, due to COVID, the event was cancelled. In 2021, due to a fire at the Boardwalk Grill, it was cancelled. In 2022, we plan to have it with a couple of changes:

SIR Event Waiver Forms and COVID Vaccination verification must be on file or presented for each attendee.

Boat rides are optional and will be up to Boat Captains to arrange with their fellow members.

(Dining only, without a Boat Ride, continues to be an acceptable and popular choice).

Cost is \$22 per person (includes non-alcoholic drinks, dessert, tax, and tip): We have four menu choices:

Chicken Club Wrap, Chicken Caesar Salad, Prime Rib Dip Sandwich, and Fish & Chips.

House Wine: \$6.00 glass, Draft Beer (Domestic- \$4.00), (Premium: \$6.00 -16oz. size)

Arrive by 11:30 a.m. - lunch will be served at noon.

Call 925-872-4920 if you have questions.

Use the form below to submit your menu choices. Sign up deadline is July 14, 2022.

----- Detach and return this stub with your payment by July 14, 2022 -----

REMEMBER: If you do not have a SIR Event Waiver and COVID Vaccination verification on file, mail it in with your payment or bring to the Lunch. NOTE: SIR Event Waivers and COVID vaccination verifications are required for Sirs, wives, significant others, and any other guests attending the luncheon.

If needed, Waiver forms can be found on our website: <https://sir161.org>

Your Name(s): _____ Phone Number: _____

Your Menu choices:

Chicken Club Wrap _____ Chicken Caesar Salad _____

Prime Rib Dip Sandwich _____ Fish & Chips _____

Mail this menu form with your check (made out to R. C. Damico) to:

Bob Damico

1621 Gamay Ln.

Brentwood, CA 94513

Membership Requirements & Principles

(revised 2019)

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 *(Revised July, 2012)*

Luncheon meetings are normally held on the second Tuesday of the month at the Discovery Bay Country Club, 1475 Club House Drive. (There are 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.

Responsibility Clause

All tours, trips and other activities for or by Sons In Retirement, Inc. and its branches are for the convenience and pleasure of the members and their guests who desire to participate. Sons In Retirement, Inc. and its branches do not assume responsibility for the well-being or safety of the participants, or in any matters pertaining to tours, trips, or other activities.

Reminders

Annual dues defray the administrative costs of running our organization. For those who have yet to pay their dues, be sure to mail a check for \$25 (made out to SIR Branch 161) to our Treasurer, Jerry Wiebe.

Dress code for our meetings is "Country Club Casual", which means no jeans or denim, cutoffs or exercise shorts, shirts must have a collar, no tank tops or T-shirts, no flip-flops or thong type sandals. Please ensure that your guests are aware of this policy. 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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