



# SIR BRANCH 161 NEWS

Celebrating our 31st year! August 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

Summer is here in full force. Hope all have been finding a place to stay cool during our 100 degree weather. Bob Damico organized a great lasting tradition of the Al DiGiusto lunch at the Boardwalk on 7/21 that 33 Sirs and their ladies attended, and stayed in the Boardwalk shade and enjoyed the gathering and their lunch.



Little Sir Ken Landoline has been doing a great job acquiring our lunch speakers and has an excellent Olympic champion speaking this month for your enjoyment. Summer is also a time for vacations even though we are all retired. I had a great time in the Canadian Rockies that I would highly recommend to visit if so inclined. Mike Stoiber will be sharing his African Safari adventure with us at one of our future meetings. I look forward to hearing other Sirs sharing where they have been spending their time and money this summer at our lunch meetings.

Now for SIR business; COVID is still with us and our COVID Coordinator, Will Myers is doing his job, which is ensuring all Sirs and guests are as safe as can be by adhering to our SIR State policy of COVID vaccinations and waivers; It's a pain, but it is not our SIR Branch mandate, but the State SIR's, and we need to adhere

to their rules. Also, the membership will be voting on acceptance of the 2023 new slate of Directors. If any Sir wishes to apply for the positions they are more than welcome. The Nominating Committee will list the positions later in the newsletter.

I think most will enjoy the next dinner with the ladies, it will be at Skipolinis in Oakley. It has been remodeled since last ownership and looks great. Next month we will also start SIR winter bowling league, so stay tuned for John Fry's sign up announcement. Speaking of remodeling, wait until you see our Brentwood Bowling Alley; you won't recognize it, very nice and modern.

Enjoy the rest of our Summer, Delta water is nice and warm now, just stay out of the green stuff.

Dennis Pachucki, Big Sir

## Next luncheon meeting

Tuesday, August 9, 2022.

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## Little Sir, Ken Landoline

For those of you who were not in attendance, our July luncheon speaker came to us from Campos Family Vineyards based in Byron. Victor Brandstetter, the winery's sales and marketing director, provided us with an overview of winery operations, the products produced by the winery, and the Campos' community service and charitable involvement. It was a very interesting in-depth presentation that provided a great perspective of the winery's direction and purpose. Everyone who had a desire to taste the Campos wines was presented with a coupon for a free onsite tasting of the vineyard's offerings.



Dennis Pachucki, Victor Brandstetter, Ken Landoline

Our August luncheon speaker will be an East Bay native track star who won the NCAA championships in the 100-meter dash in 1970 as a University of California student, and later a gold medal in the Olympics. Eddie Hart has an amazing story to tell, which is told in his book entitled "Disqualified" based on his 1972 Munich Olympics participation. His Olympic experience included a heartbreaking disappointment and an amazing gold medal comeback finish. You do not want to miss this speaker and his inspiring presentation.

## August Birthdays

Al Box, William Carmichael, Fred du Pont, Paul Erchul, Luis Figueroa, Rick Harris, Phil Kepp, Mike McCleery, Will Myers, Don Patterson, Dave Rardin, Ed Ritner, Terry Silva

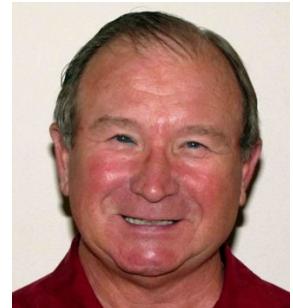
## August Luncheon Menu

Chicken Parmesan, with Pasta Alfredo & vegetable medley, dessert cookies and brownies.

## 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 August wine tasting for Sir couples will be held at the home of Gary and Linda Tucker on Thursday August 25th at 5 P.M. Please contact me via my email which is Mytoothdoc@comcast.net or my cell phone which is (510)717-3637. Hope to see you there with your favorite wine and an appetizer to share!

## 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, August 16	Las Positas, Livermore 9:00 am Reg Closes 8/9 at noon
Tuesday, September 20	Rio Vista, Rio Vista 9:00 am Reg closes 9/13 at noon
Thursday, October 6	SIR Individual Championship at Diablo Creek, Concord

Golf seems to only be played on days that are over 100 degrees. However, we seem to finish before the temperature reaches 100. Again, everyone finished in 4.75 hours at The Reserve at Spanos Park in Stockton. We had our guests to help fill out a field of 26. 35 out of 40 players have gone to the winner's circle!

Tom Denning's team including Jim Avila, Dennis Pachucki and Dennis O'Connell won first place with a low score of 123. Larry Mensch, Al Goodspeed, Randy Zierau, and Vince Vargus posted a 129 for second place. In third place with 132 was Dan Lippstreu and Ken Fanucchi ... with a blind draw support from Dennis O'Connell and Lee Donnell. Dennis Pachucki and Ken Fanucchi won closest to the pin prizes.

Larry Mensch won the low gross prize with an outstanding 75. Lee Donnell came in second with a nice 82. Dan Lippstreu won a tie breaker after four holes with Tom Denning for the low net win, both had net 71s. The big winner in skins was Dennis Pachucki with 3 skins.

If you noticed our Big Sir's name appearing often, he had a great day winning \$55. He and Tom Denning made a great charge to the top of the money winners. Tom Denning leads with \$116, followed by Dennis Pachucki with \$108, Jim Span slid to third with \$107, and Dan Lippstreu is a close fourth at \$102. Larry Mensch, Ken Fanucchi, Al Goodspeed, and I are currently in the second group.

What does this mean beyond the obvious prizes won? Well, the top four money winners will lead off our Thursday, October 6 SIR Individual Championship (Diablo Creek Golf Course) at 9:30 am. We have two more events for you to qualify for prize money at the Individual Championship (Las Positas and Rio Vista). Anyone can play in the tournament, but you must have played in at least two other SIR Branch 161 events to qualify for prize money.

The SIR Branch 161 Individual Championship is an individual net score event as the primary contest. The net winner will have their name engraved on the SIR Branch 161 perpetual trophy as the "Golf Club Champion. The award started in 2001 with Bill Scholle as the first champion. They will be joining the likes of: Norm Petersen, Chuck Renter, Tony Silva, Andy Zwemer, Jack Disney (3), Dale Welin (2), John Lopp, Frank Smith, Ed Carr (3), Don Ramos, Ken Fanucchi, Randy Zierau, Jerry Wiebe, John Fry, and the 2022 winner, Chris Diaz.

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## Golf, continued from page 3

The low net winner also gets a crystal individual trophy. The low gross winner also gets a crystal individual trophy. The top ten players will take home a cash prize. Top cash prize right now is \$90! Second place is \$75, and third is \$60, etc. There will first and second place prize money on two closest to the pin holes. The optional skins contest will continue for \$5 entry fee. Everyone will receive a tee prize and there will be more surprises.

So, sign up for our next two events to qualify. You can register for the Individual Championship now!  
Have a good one! Johnny

## 28th Annual AL DiGiusto Boat Cruise and Luncheon, Bob Damico

Thursday July 21, 2022 was the date; The Boardwalk Grill in Discovery Bay was the place where thirty three Sirs and Ladies converged for another successful event.

The event is in Honor of Al DiGiusto who started this event in 1993. Al passed away in 2005 at the age of 89. Since then, we have continued this luncheon in his honor. Our last luncheon was in 2019; 2020 was canceled due to the Covid Pandemic and 2021 was canceled due to a fire at the Boardwalk.

I'd like to thank:

The Boardwalk Grill owners Ron and Sandy, Groups and Catering Manager Natalie, and their entire staff for their hospitality, great food and service.

Luis and Tina Figueroa, and Jon and Kathy Rensen who were the first to arrive - thanks for getting the party started.

Dennis Pachucki, who was the only Boat Captain, with his crew of eight - thanks Dennis and Karen.

Beckie Brekke and Karen Capra won the drawing prizes (Boardwalk gift cards) - thank you Boardwalk Grill.

Dawn Huebner (Norm Petersen's daughter) was our youngest attendee. Thank you Dawn for hanging out with us old folks.

I shared:

An Al DiGiusto quote, for all to ponder and appreciate. Some of the younger attendees may not "get it" yet, but most of us do: "GETTING OLD IS NOT FOR SISSIES". Our message back to Al: "We understand and are reminded of that every day." With that, we toasted Al and promised to try NOT to be SISSIES.

And Finally:

I want to thank all of you that attended this 2022 event and those that have attended any previous events through the years. I will not be hosting this event in the future; It will be on the "Dinner with the Ladies" schedule (as a Luncheon) and will be hosted by Dennis Pachucki, and eventually his successor.

I appreciate the support everyone has given me and this event for the past 17 years. Hope to see you at the 29th Annual Al DiGiusto luncheon in 2023.

Bob Damico

## Photos from the Al DiGiusto Boat Cruise and Luncheon, courtesy of Bob Damico



### Congratulations Jenelle



SIR Branch 161 sent a card and \$100 Amazon gift card to Jenelle, Manager of the Discovery Bay Country Club, following the birth of Luke, her 9lb 3oz baby boy.

## Nominations for 2023 Officers and Directors

Our SIR Branch 161 Executive Committee (BEC) has approved the following amended nominations for 2023:

### BEC Officers

Big Sir	Ken Landoline
Little Sir	Jim Wangeman
Secretary	Bruce Bohnsack
Assistant Secretary	Saul Gold
Treasurer	Jerry Wiebe
Assistant Treasurer	Lowell Thomas

### Directors

Membership	Luis Figueroa
Attendance	Phil Newlin
Audit & Nominating	Larry Mensch
Bowling	John Fry
Golf	Johnny Welton
Sunshine	Bob Damico

Respectfully submitted,

Nominating Committee: Vince Vargas, Will Myers, Bill Konold

## 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:

Reno at the National Bowling Stadium, Monday August 8 through Wednesday August 10.

Grass Valley at Prosperity Lanes August 24, Wednesday and August 25, Thursday.

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)

## July Attendance, Phil Newlin

Date	JUN
Members	146
NO CALL - NO SHOW	28
Notified	34
Guests	3
New Members	1
Actual Count Total	88

Fellow Sirs, here is a summary of attendance numbers from our July 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.

## Webmaster note—our personal responsibility for luncheon non-attendance

I recently began emailing a courtesy reminder of our upcoming Branch 161 luncheon; This is done if/when time permits. We all know that we have a personal responsibility to notify our Attendance Chairman (Phil Newlin) if we don't plan to attend a luncheon, and that we are responsible for the cost of a lunch if we don't let Phil know. Sirs should not rely on the courtesy reminder or use its non-delivery as an excuse for failing to notify Phil of your intent to not attend a meeting; We are still personally responsible for the cost of the lunch.

## Editor's Note — a big thanks to our newsletter contributors

Once again I must thank our newsletter contributors for their prompt submission of their informative articles. These folks write and submit their articles from various locations. Jerry Wiebe writes from his RV somewhere in the US, I edit and publish the newsletter from our summer RV retreat in the boonies of the Wyoming and Idaho mountains, **but first prize goes to Phil Newlin who wrote and submitted his July articles from Zurich, Switzerland!**

## Dinner With The Ladies, Dennis Pachucki

**When:** Tuesday, August 23, 2022

**Where:** Skipolinis, 3070 Main Street, Oakley CA, 94561

**Time:** Arrival & Cocktails starting at 5:00 pm  
Dinner served at 6:00 pm



**Menu Choices:** Dinner includes salad, starters, dessert & non-alcoholic beverage, (iced tea, water, coffee), tax and tip.

- Chicken Piccata
- Shrimp Scampi
- Lasagna
- Blacknd Salmon

**Cost:** \$33.00 per person (includes tax and tip).

**Deadline:** We need your RSVP no later than Friday, August 19 – there will be envelopes at our General Meeting on August 9.

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.

**Skipolinis is located in beautiful down town Oakley.**

----- Please detach and mail with your check -----

**Your Name(s)**

**Phone:**

**Your Menu choice(s):**

Blackened Salmon

Lasagna

Shrimp Scampi

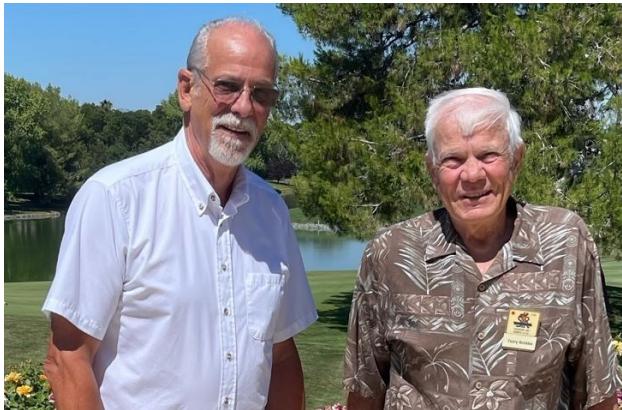
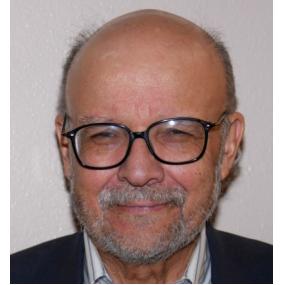
Chicken Piccata

## Membership, Luis Figueroa

During the July luncheon we inducted 2 new members, Patrick Dolan and Jon Rensen. Terry Brekke is the sponsor for both. Their photos are shown below.



Pat Dolan has lived in Brentwood for ~ 8 1/2 years. Prior to that he lived in Livermore. He retired from PG&E and purchased a trophy shop business in Pleasanton. He ran the business until 2004 until he retired again. He and his wife Alice have two daughters and two grandchildren. He enjoys playing golf, woodworking, and travel. Prior to joining our branch he was a member of the Pleasanton branch for 10 years. He is looking forward to getting involved in the many activities offered by our SIR branch.



Jon Rensen is semi-retired and owns a CPA business in San Jose. He and his wife, Kathy, have five children and eight grandchildren. Over the years he has been active in several social clubs. He enjoys cooking and playing golf.

At the luncheon we had 2 guests (Gary Felix, and Ron Keefer) in attendance. They were sponsored by Mark Blackburn, and Terry Brekke respectively.

In June Len Fadda, a long time member, passed away. 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 949-400-4715 via voice or texting and I can outline the procedure. In addition, please ensure that all guests bring their vaccination cards (or a copy) and sign the COVID waivers at the meeting.

Thanks to all members for your continued recruitment efforts for and bringing guests to our luncheons! The branch headcount is currently at 146.

## 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.

## 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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