



# SIR BRANCH 161 NEWS

Celebrating our 32nd year! *June 2023*

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

## Ken Landoline, Big Sir

We are quickly moving toward the mid-year mark in our 2023 SIR schedule. The recent Mother's Day luncheon was a success enjoyed by many fellow members and their guests including a special luncheon menu. Entertainment was provided by magician John Jim Angelo who provided a sleight of hand magic show that had many shouting "How did he do that?" throughout the show. Thank you to John Jim for the show, and Little Sir Jim Wangeman for planning the entertainment and arranging for the roses presented to all the ladies who attended. As we progress through the coming month, I wish all a wonderful Memorial Day weekend, a happy Father's Day on June 18th followed by the first official day of summer on June 21. Now that everyone is emerging from the rain and cold, family and community gatherings will be in full swing. It is a great time of year to boost the sharing of our gift of SIR membership to family, neighbors, and friends. Please get out there and invite a few of your new and old contacts to join our organization. Stress the known fact that socialization improves health and happiness in our later years.



Our SIR Area Representative Jay Gordon recently shared with me an interesting statistic he acquired from the monthly reports each SIR branch submits. I thought this would be of interest to all. Jay relayed the fact that across all Area 16 branches our Branch 161 has the highest percentage of total members attending our monthly luncheons. Jay's interpretation of this statistic is that our members appreciate all that

we do to make our luncheon meetings interesting and enjoyable including the selection of our monthly speakers. Thank you, Jay, for passing this information along to us, and thank you to all the Branch 161 Sirs for being active members by regularly attending our monthly luncheons and for their involvement in all the offered SIR activities and events.

As I have mentioned previously, we are still in the process of creating the Branch 161 officer's slate for 2024 and I would like to encourage each of you to consider getting more actively involved in the management and operations of our branch by volunteering for any of the positions we are currently working to fill. Your active engagement in our branch is the way to ensure our branch will thrive long into the future. We are seeking members to fill open slots that will become available in January of 2024. You can contact nominating committee chairman Vince Vargas (925-516-5915) if you are interested in volunteering or recommending someone else, or if you have any questions regarding these positions.

Once again, thank you for being an active member of SIR Branch 161 by attending our monthly luncheons and for your enthusiastic involvement in all the SIR activities. I hope to see you all at the upcoming June 13th luncheon.

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## Little Sir, Jim Wangeman

Thank you to Jim Angelo for a very entertaining Magic Show. I would also like to thank all the Ladies for attending our wonderful Mothers Day Lunch, especially Alice, Shirley and Connie for leading us in God Bless America.



## SIR Cyclers, Jerry Wiebe (916) 206-9221

Daylight Savings Time provides excellent times for bicycle riding. Our rides begin at 9:00 a.m. and we have as many as three rides weekly. Our favorite morning trek is on Friday, leaving from Jerry's driveway to Brentwood to enjoy a cup of coffee and a lot of gab at a local coffee shop. We are always on the lookout for new members to join us at this fun event that has a lot of plusses. All levels of bicycling experience are welcome, and electric bike riders are encouraged to join us. We are also here to help others brush up on their riding skills if they have not ridden for a while. It only takes a few weeks to wake up those muscles and build some endurance. Just start at a mile a day...then add another, then another. In no time you'll be surprised at how soon you feel stronger. The best part is feeling good...ALL OVER! Cyclers leave in the morning from Jerry's driveway at 2071 Windward Point in Discovery Bay. Give Jerry a call for questions. Then get that bicycle down you have hanging on the wall of your garage, dust it off, and put some air in the tires. We are waiting for you!



### June Luncheon Menu

Chicken Piccata w/yukon gold mashed potatoes and green beans almandine.

The speaker for our June meeting will be Tim Herbert, Chief of Police for Brentwood.

### June Birthdays

Ed Coats, Jack Disney, Philip Goodspeed, Karl Mygrant, Philip Nelin, Doug Pagano, Todd Ramsdell, Bob Rix, Harold Sagert, Walter Shipilov, Tom Snyder, Lowell Thomas and Dennis Ward.

Photos from the Mother's Day luncheon, courtesy Bob Damico



DCPC Choir Ladies Shirley Jennings, Connie Ryan and Alice Cramer were our song leaders for the day

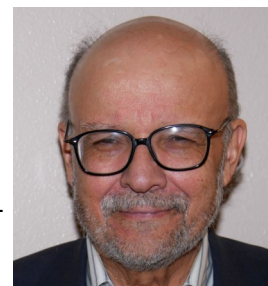


Big Sir Ken Landoline, Magician Jim Angelo, and Little Sir Jim Wangeman

## Membership, Luis Figueroa

There was no regular luncheon meeting in May and thus no guests or new inductees.

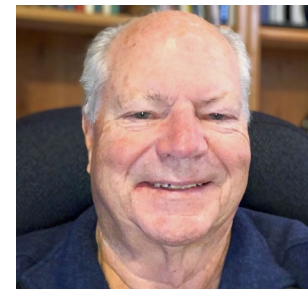
As many of you have heard already we lost Dick Donald recently. Dick was an active member for many years and a former Big SIR for the branch.



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 949-400-4715 via voice or texting and I can quickly outline the procedure. Thanks to all members for your continued recruitment efforts and bringing guests to our luncheons! The current membership roster is now at 142.

## Golf, Johnny Welton

The rain is gone, and golf is in full swing! Two great events to report this month: Match Play against SIR Branch 8 Concord/Mt Diablo at Diablo Creek Golf Course in Concord and our regular play at Lone Tree Golf Course in Antioch. Warm days with cool breezes – good courses – great golf!



This year was our opportunity to defend last year's match play win against Branch 8 and Branch 128 San Ramon. Our team included twenty players. Out of ten teams, eight won their match! We won the Branch match 65 to 42 in holes won. Sid Cruser and I led with ten holes won and three lost. Close behind were Phil Kepp and Mike Quier with eight holes won. Saul Gold and Brian Enbom; Mike Carmichael and Jim Spann; John Sutton and Vince Vargas all won seven holes. Randy Zierau and Al Goodspeed had six holes won. Bill Konold and Tom Denning won with five holes. Wonderful fellowship was had by all. I added a little incentive this year for our Branch. Each player from every one of our teams won a \$buck\$ for each hole won. Of course, I am very proud of our team!

Lone Tree Golf Course played much better than last year. Greens were improved with a traditional cup on the greens. The greens were not the best but as good as some of the other courses we have played. Twenty-two players participated. We finished between 3:56 and 4:30 - hours. Which is very good for us. Two Blind Draws were used.

Seventeen of twenty-two players returned surveys. Fifteen want to play Lone Tree next year. Two said "no". Seems we want to return to playing at Rancho Solano (9) and Paradise Valley (10). The pace of play was rated high today, scoring: 1-0; 2-2; 3-5; 4-4; and 5-6 (with 1=Bad and 5= Great). The average score was 3.83.

Congratulations to Bill Konold, Gale Nelson, Dennis Pachucki, and Vince Vargas, who won first place with a score of 132. At 136 for second place was Johnny Welton, John Emerson, Mike Carmichael, and Bill Konold (Blind Draw). Third place went to Phil Kepp, Al Goodspeed, Jim Spann, and John Jewell. Closest to the Pin on hole #2 was Mike Carmichael (6' 10") with Tom Denning (12' 4") second. On hole #8 it was Lee Donnell (2' 11") and Norm Petersen (15') taking the prize money.

Low Gross Flight A winners were Bill Konold (85) and Lee Donnell (89). Flight B was won by Mike Carmichael (104) and Ken Fanucchi (104 lost on tie breaker).

Low Net Flight A was led by Johnny Welton (73) and Tom Denning (76). Flight B leaders were Vince Vargas (73) and Norm Petersen (78).

Eighteen Skins were paid at \$8.00 per skin. Flight A: Johnny Welton (3); All Goodspeed (1); Bill Konold (1); and Sid Cruser (1). In Flight B Vince Vargas led with 2 skins followed by John Emerson (1); Jim Spann (1); John Sutton (1); and Don Rentzel (1).

June takes us to one of our favorite courses Elkhorn on June 20 at 9:00 am. Registration is easy. Just email me that you and your guests want to play. The fee is due on June 13. Please join us for another great day of golf!

Have a good one!

Johnny

### 2023 Golf Schedule

Additional details will be in the 2023 Handbook

|                           |                           |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Tuesday, May 16 9:00*     | Lone Tree, Antioch        |
| Tuesday, June 20 9:00*    | Elkhorn, Stockton         |
| Tuesday, July 18 9:00*    | Manteca Park, Manteca     |
| Tuesday, August 15 9:00*  | Las Positas, Livermore    |
| Tuesday, Sept 19 9:30*    | Franklin Canyon, Hercules |
| Tuesday, October 24 9:30* | The Reserve, Stockton     |

\*Event included in SEASON LONG 2 MAN TEAM CONTEST

## Bowling news, John Fry



The next SIR Bowling Tournament is in Sutter Creek at the Gold Country Lanes on Thursday June 8 and Friday June 9.

The Monday Sirs and Ladies Winter Bowling league just finished our 37 week long Winter season. The final standing for the season are as follows:

First place, Team 2, (Whatever II) Maddie Brickwedel, Skip Zehnder, Harold Sagert, John Fry (50.5 wins-25.5 losses)

Second place Team 3, Natalie Paris, Mike Sadler Sr, Marie Wilson, Tony Guarasico (46.5 wins-29.5 losses)

Third place, Team 1, ( 1- Ball at a time!) Ron Wilson, Fred Critchfield, Gail Smith, Keith Jones (46 wins-30 losses)

Season High Game Scratch (Male), Keith Jones 279, John Fry 266, Mitch Wisinski 256

Season High Game Scratch (Female), Rosie Elmer 257, Gail Smith 242, Vicky Reid 238

Season High Series Scratch (Male), Keith Jones 720, Bob Damico 712, Mitch Wisinski 661

Season High Series Scratch (Females), Gail Smith 657, Rosie Elmer 619, Vicky Reid 594

Season High Handicap Game (Male), John Fry 302, John Reichenbach 298, Ken Fanucchi 297

Season High Handicap Game (Female), Rosie Elmer 296, Vicky Reid 284, Gail Smith 280

Season High Handicap Series (Male), Bob Damico 793, Mike Carmichael 792, Tom Kirtley 770

Season High Handicap Series (Female), Gail Smith 771, Terry Damico 766, Mary Patterson 751

High Average (Male), Keith Jones 204, Mitch Wisinski 197, Bob Damico 196

High Average (Female), Vicky Reid 180, Gail Smith 180, Rosie Elmer 172

Most improved Average (Male) Russ Reid +16, Skip Zehnder +15, Don Patterson +7

Most improved average (Female), Diane Leonis +9, Mary Ann Reichenbach +8, Shirley Jennings +8

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 or email John Fry (925 783 5614) (jcfry43@yahoo.com)

## Dinner With The Ladies, Dennis Pachucki

**When:** June 27, 2023

**Where:** Texas Roadhouse, 2422 Naglee Rd, Tracy

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

**Menu Choices:** (Salad, dessert & non-alcoholic beverage included)

**Entrees:**

- Sirloin Steak (8 ounce)
- BBQ Chicken Breast
- BBQ Ribs (Half Slab)
- Grilled Salmon(8 ounce)
- Grilled Shrimp (2 skewers)

**Side Dishes (Choose one per person):**

- Baked Potato
- Sweet Potato (baked)
- Fresh Vegetable Mix
- Seasoned Rice

**Cost:** \$30.00 per person (includes tax and tip)

**Deadline:** We need your RSVP no later than Friday, June 23 – there will be envelopes at our General Meeting on June 13.

Please send your checks to me in advance.

Please make your checks out to Dennis Pachucki and mail to:  
2125 Sand Point Road, Discovery Bay, CA 94505.  
Cell phone 408-309-5206

The Texas Roadhouse is located at 2422 Naglee Road, Tracy CA. Take Hwy 4 west out of Discovery Bay, turn left at the traffic light for Byron Highway; continue south into Tracy (approximately 13 miles), and turn left at the traffic light for Grant Line Road. At the third traffic light (about 1 mile), turn left onto Naglee Road - you'll see the Texas Roadhouse on your right. Turn right at the next traffic light (~150 yards), then bear right into the Texas Roadhouse parking lot – the entrance faces Naglee Road.

----- Detach and mail with your check -----

Your Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Menu choice(s):

**Entrees:**

**Sirloin  
Steak**

**BBQ  
Chicken**

**BBQ Ribs**

**Grilled  
Salmon**

**Grilled  
Shrimp**

**Side Dishes:**

**Baked  
Potato**

**Sweet  
Potato**

**Vegetable  
Mix**

**Seasoned  
Rice**



### Wine Tasting, Terry Silva

The May SIR wine tasting event was held at the home of Will and Raquel Myers.



## 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 *(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 at:

2071 Windward Point, Discovery Bay, CA 94505.

**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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