



SIR BRANCH 161 NEWS

Celebrating our 34th year! April 2025

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

Jim Wangeman, Big Sir

Sorry I missed our last meeting. However, I received several emails with complaints about the meal! A few members of our Branch Executive Committee and myself are Meeting with the Club Management on 3/27/25, hopefully we get a resolution! See you at our next meeting on 4/8/25!

Big Sir Jim Wangeman



Little Sir, Steve Bordi

March Guest Speaker

Our March guest speaker was Ruben Uriarte, renowned UFO authority. Ruben spoke about the many encounters that he has investigated in Northern California, and on the Texas, New Mexico, and Arizona borders with Mexico. His presentation highlighted examples of spacecraft and characteristics of aliens as described by witnesses. He spoke about some of the investigations that have been presented in his 7 television documentaries airing on the Discovery and History Channels. He also noted episodes that were "notable" from his 8 books on the subject of UFO's and Aliens. Q 's and A's from SIR members followed his talk.

April Guest Speaker

Our April guest speaker will be Discovery Bay resident Carolyn Graham, recently re-elected as President of the Board of Directors of the Discovery Bay Community Service District (CSD). This will be her second term. In 2020- 2024 she was elected Vice-President of the



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April Luncheon Menu

Grilled Teriyaki Chicken Thighs with Jasmine Rice and Seasonal Vegetables. Bread rolls or garlic bread, cookie or brownie , iced tea and coffee.

April Birthdays

Don Blotzer, Chris Diaz, Bill Dowden, Saul Gold, Bill Konold, Ken Landoline, Richard Martin, Isao Nishijima, Don Rentzel, Paul Van Emmerick, Hal Whitlow, Randy Zierau

April events & activities

Check the respective articles for more details.

Meetings

General meeting & luncheon - April 8
BEC meeting - April 8.

Activities

Bowling

- Weekly (Mondays) - Brentwood Bowlero
- April 21, 22, 23 - SIR tournament, Carson City

Cycling (3 weekly rides)

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

Golf - April 1 - Elkhorn Stockton

Dinner With The Ladies - April 29, Smiths Landing

Wine tasting April 26.

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Board.

In her latest campaign she stated her goals for the next four years would be to improve and maintain the "aesthetics" of the Town in the areas of landscaping, quality of life activities, and infrastructure. All of this under the curtain of "making sound financial decisions". Some of her discussion will certainly include the topics of the new CSD administrative offices, landscaping projects , crime, plans for growth of the Town, and the proposed "Affordable High-Rise Building" on the corner of Discovery Bay Blvd. and Sand Point (at the 4-way stop). Be ready with your questions for Carolyn.



Little Sir Steve Bordi presents Ruben Uriarte, our March speaker, with a Certificate Of Appreciation

HEY Sirs—WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

We **need** you to help us find **engaging** guest speakers that **you believe** would be of interest to yourself and to **our members**.

If you have any suggestions for topics, or know of **an engaging** topic/speaker, please share that with our Little Sir Steve Bordi at a meeting or email stevekay4010@yahoo.com .

Thank you.

Membership, Luis Figueroa

At the March luncheon we had two guests and two new members inducted. The guests were: Andy Geckler (Jim Spann, sponsor), and Nick Pack (Knute Kleinen, sponsor).

The two new inductees were: Dan Roberts (Don Blotzer, sponsor); and Bill Dowden (Gale Nelson, sponsor).



Dan Roberts (L) and sponsor Don Blotzer

Dan has been a Brentwood resident for 18 years, but was originally from San Francisco. He retired in 2014 after a 36 year career with Southern Pacific and Amtrak, where he was a skilled mechanic. He is a car enthusiast and is an avid bowler. He and his wife have two grown daughters and now live in a senior community. He looks forward to engaging with many of the activities offered by our branch.



Bill Dowden (L) and sponsor Gale Nelson

Bill has lived in Brentwood for three years. He is a retired high school teacher and coach. He and his wife moved to Brentwood to be closer to his grandkids (a boy and a girl). He is looking forward to golfing with the SIR group. His hobbies include horse racing and golf. He has a lifelong passion for teaching and continues as a substitute at Heritage High School.

Please refer to the Membership section on our branch web site at www.sir161.org to better understand the new member process, and if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Prospective members have the option to become inducted at their first luncheon meeting if they have already completely filled out their application and submitted it, or wait until after attending the first luncheon and later submitting the application. In addition, when bringing in guests, please notify Phil Newlin or myself in advance of the meeting in order to allow time for the preparation of a guest package. The Branch will continue to give a free bottle of wine to any member who brings in a guest to our luncheons, and a free lunch certificate to the member who sponsors a new member.

The current branch headcount is 121.

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

Dust off your bike and join the fun to start the new year on a positive note!



Celebration of Life Service for Dale Welin

There will be a Celebration of Life Service for Dale Welin on Saturday, April 5, 2025, starting at 11 a.m., with a time of fellowship following the service, at Delta Community Presbyterian Church 1900 Willow Lake Rd. Discovery Bay, CA.

On Sunday April 6, 2025, at 4:30 p.m., The Discovery Bay Senior Men's Golf Club is laying a Memorial Brick in Dale's honor at the 8th Tee of the Discovery Bay Golf Course. Meet at the lower Golf cart garage area on north side of country club around 4:00 pm.- Golf carts will be available to drive out to the 8th Tee.

All Sirs/spouses are welcome to attend both events

March Awards - presented by Bob Damico



Jerry Wiebe (R) received the Distinguished Service Award for his dedicated service as Branch Treasurer for the past seven years.

DON'T MISS IT....

What: Our Annual Mother's Day Luncheon - Honoring our Ladies.

Where: Discovery Bay Golf and Country Club.

When: May 13, 2025, 11:00 a.m. Social hour - Lunch served at noon.

Menu: Sliced Beef in Béarnaise sauce, Potatoes du jour, and Seasonal Veggies, Coffee, Ice Tea, and Dessert.

Entertainment: Laurie Roldan, singer, writer, musician and cabaret performer inspired by Karen Carpenter.

Cost: \$42 includes tax and tip

You can buy your tickets at the April meeting or mail a check (made out to SIR 161) to our Treasurer Norm Peterson, 5711 Augusta Ct. Discovery Bay, Ca 94505; He will mail your tickets to you.

Bowling news, Ron Wilson

A reminder for those "SIR and Guests" league bowlers who have not paid their last two weeks league fees; Our rules state that the last two weeks are due by week 30. Week 30 is March 31st, but we have extended this deadline to Monday April 7th. Please be sure you have paid by this date so our Secretary/Treasurer can begin season prize fund wrap up.

Our winter league will finish with our Sweeper Round on Monday May 19th. We will take the following Monday May 26th off due to Memorial Day. We will begin our summer 13 week league on Monday June 2nd and finish on Monday August 25th.

Please let me know as soon as you can if you will be bowling with us this summer. If you are going to bowl, please give me your team lineups or let me know if you want me to put you on a team.

Beginning with our summer league there will be a fee increase. Bowlero is raising our lineage per week to \$13.25 from the \$12.75 we are now paying. This increase will cause our total weekly fee to increase from our current \$18.00 per week to \$18.50 per week, unless the league chooses to make an adjustment to the prize fund portion of our fee. We can finalize this at the league meeting on the morning we begin summer league.



Upcoming SIR tournaments:

Carson City Nevada at the "Gold Dust West" facility. This is typically a three -day event but can be bowled in two days if you choose. It is a Singles, Doubles and 4 -person team event. We currently have 8 bowlers going from our Branch. We can expect about 150 bowlers at this one. If you are interested in this fun event let me know and I will give you the details.

The annual SIR State sponsored tournament will be held at "Country Club Lanes" in Sacramento on your choice of May 12th or 13th (Monday-Tuesday). This tournament is for men SIR members only. This is a Singles and Doubles event. There will also be \$500.00 added to the normal prize fund. As always for these tournaments, I will take care of all the entry paperwork. All you need to do is pay the entry fee and show up ready to take home some of the prize money.

See you on the lanes.

Ron

Wine Tasting, Terry Silva

This month's wine tasting was hosted by Vince and Bobbi Vargas at their beautiful home on the Discovery Bay golf course.

Attendees:

Will and Raquel Myers, Dennis Pachucki and Karen Capra, Terry and Sue Silva, Bob and Jan Rix, Saul and Maureen Gold, Jerry and Sue Wiebe, Dick and Carolyn Jamison, Tony Petralia.

Everyone had a great time and many thanks to our hosts.

Next month's wine tasting will be held at the Wiebe's residence on Thursday April 26 at 5 pm in Brentwood.

Terry Silva, SIR Wine Chairman



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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



The March event at Elkhorn Golf Course became the April 1 event with Swensen Park on April 15. So, there is not much to report except that Elkhorn has 31 players ready to go!

Signups for Swensen Park close at the luncheon on April 8 and there is plenty of room. We have 25 registered as of publication. email: johnnywelton40@gmail.com.

It is time to consider playing at Manteca Park on May 20. It is another great golf course and we have only 19 registered.

It is a little golf ball, and you wave a big club at it, so is it strength, timing, or technique that makes it fly so far? Obviously, being strong helps but pumping iron doesn't necessarily mean the ball goes farther. If you don't hit the ball in the right spot on the club or with the right timing, it will find its way anywhere on the course.

Working on technique certainly gives you lots to think about but will the ball really go farther? I am not so sure. It takes a little of all of it, some natural ability may help, too! You walk up to the ball, clear your head, keep tempo, and swing away! There it goes!! If you can see it, follow it, and find it, you may have hit the best shot of your life ... or not. Do you try to hold onto the feeling so muscle memory can help you do it again or go back to the driving range and start over?

Keep reading all those tips in the magazines. Watch every lesson on video. Take from them what seems to best match your needs. Don't be overwhelmed by every new idea ... most aren't new anyway. It all must fit you! Words need to have meaning to you and fit your way of thinking about movement. Golf is one of the most technical sports and has more specific skills to master than any sport. It seems that all of that has been mentioned plays a part but it still comes down to what is going on in your head right at the time the club hits the ball that matters most. Oh, and what you do on your next swing!

Have a good one!

Johnny Welton, SIR Golf Director



SIR Branch 161 2025 GOLF SCHEDULE

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

12/19/2024

1. Tuesday, February 25 9:00 SIR 161 Winter Four-Ball Scramble Due: 2/11/25
Shadow Lakes, Brentwood {Tee Prize: Range Balls}
2. Tuesday, March 18 9:00 Elkhorn, Stockton [32 miles] Due: 3/11/25
3. Tuesday, April 15 9:00 Swenson Park, Stockton [16 miles] Due: 4/8/25
4. Tuesday, May 20 9:30 Manteca Park, Manteca [33 miles] Due: 5/13/25
5. Tuesday, June 17 9:00 Elkhorn, Stockton [32 miles] Due: 6/10/25
6. Tuesday, July 15 9:30 Dublin Ranch, Dublin [30 miles] Due: 7/8/25
7. Thursday, August 21 8:00 Concord SIR: Match Play Diablo Creek, Concord Tee Prize
[17 miles] SIR 161 players will receive prizes.
Shotgun Start hosted by SIR Branch 8 Concord. Limited to 20
players {Tee Prize: Sleeve of Balls} Due: 8/12/25
8. Tuesday, September 16 9:30 Blue Rock Springs, Vallejo [36 miles] Due: 9/9/25
9. Tuesday, October 21 9:30 SIR Individual Championship at The Reserve, Stockton
[30 miles] Flier and guidelines to follow. Due: 10/14/25
10. Tuesday, November 18 9:00 SIR 161 Fall Four Ball Shamble, Best Drive {Play your own ball
with 70% handicap}
Dublin Ranch, Dublin [30 miles] Due: 11/11/25

Mystery Sir

Our March mystery Sir was Bill Konold.



Can you guess who this month's mystery Sir is? (photo on left).

If you have an 'early' photo of yourself you'd like included, please email to:

sir161@comcast.net

Dinner With The Ladies, Dennis Pachucki

When: Tuesday, April 29, 2025 .

Where: Smith's Landing Antioch; 1 Marina Plaza, Antioch, CA 94509 .

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

Starter: Caesar Salad: romaine, house-made Caesar dressing, parmesan, croutons.

Entrée choices: Dinner includes salad, dessert & non-alcoholic beverage (iced tea, water, coffee).



- Simply Grilled Salmon, mashed Potatoes, seasonal vegetables
- Chicken Saltimbocca Breast, Cream Sauce, mashed potatoes, seasonal vegetables
- Point Reyes Petit Filet, Blue Cheese Sauce, mashed potatoes, seasonal vegetable
- Baby Back Pork Beer Ribs, BBQ sauce, French fries, creamed corn

Cost: \$44.00 per person (includes tax and tip).

Deadline: We need your RSVP no later than Friday, April 25. There will be envelopes at our General Meeting on April 8.

Please send your checks to me in advance of the dinner.

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

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

Your Name(s): _____ Phone: _____

Your Menu choice(s):

Grilled Salmon

Chicken Saltimbocca

Point Reyes Petite Filet

Baby Back Ribs

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

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 two Sundays 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.

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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, Norm Petersen.

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 two Sundays preceding the meeting if you don't plan to attend.

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