



# SIR BRANCH 161 NEWS

Celebrating our 34th year! *May 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

I hope you had a Blessed and Happy Easter. I would like to thank Steve Bordi for filling in for me during my recovery period. Also a big thanks to both Dennis Pachucki and Steve Bordi for leading the transition of our monthly lunch meetings (see page 2).



Update on my health, I have arthritis in my right hip and can't walk!

Big Sir Jim Wangeman

## Little Sir, Steve Bordi

### April Guest Speaker

Our April Luncheon guest speaker was Carolyn Graham, the 2025-2028 President of the Board for the Town of Discovery Bay Community Services District (CSD). Having just completed her first term (2000 - 2024), Carolyn gave our group the progress that has taken place in the Town since 2000, plus an update on the present and future needs of our Community as seen by the Board. She answered many questions concerning future projects and their fiscal implications. Carolyn proudly accepted her "Certificate of Appreciation".



### May Luncheon Canceled

**Our Mothers Day luncheon in May has been canceled due to insufficient tickets being sold. Ticket holders will be reimbursed by our Treasurer.**

### Changes to our lunches for 2025

Please see page 2 for important changes to our luncheon meetings for the remainder of 2025.

**Our next meeting will be on June 3rd at Trilogy.**

### May Birthdays

Carl Carlson, Lee Donnell, Harris Edwards, Ken Fanucchi, Bob Harlan, Tom Leeper, Bob Lyman, Norm Petersen, Mike Sadler, Phil Talley, Jim Wangeman, Mitch Wisinski

### May events & activities

*Check the respective articles for more details.*

#### Meetings

No lunch meeting or BEC meeting in May.

#### Activities

#### **Bowling**

- Weekly (Mondays) - Brentwood Bowlero
- May 12 or 13 - Annual State SIR, Sacramento

#### **Cycling** (3 weekly rides)

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

**Golf** - May 20 - Manteca Park

**Dinner With The Ladies** - Not in May. The next one will be June 24 at Cap's.

**Wine tasting** May 22.

## Important Changes To Our Monthly Luncheon Meetings

The Mothers Day luncheon scheduled for May 13 has been canceled. We had insufficient tickets purchased to meet the minimum number required by the Discovery Bay Golf & Country Club. Our Treasurer, Norm Petersen, will issue refunds to members who purchased tickets.

### **Our next meeting will be Tuesday, June 3.**

- Times are unchanged: 9:30 Branch Executive Committee, 11:00 check-in, 12:00 meeting start and lunch.

### **Change Of Venue for monthly luncheon meetings**

- Starting in June, 2025 our monthly luncheon meetings will be held at Club Los Meganos at Trilogy in Brentwood. Branch Executive Committee members recently visited the new venue, and were impressed with the facility and the eagerness of their management to satisfy our needs.

- Our monthly meetings (at Trilogy) will be held on the **first Tuesday of the month** for the remainder of 2025.

- The meal will be a buffet, salads included (we're told there will be ample good quality food), and the price will be \$33. Help will be available for members who are unable to stand in line.

- Times remain the same, registration and social hour start at 11:00, lunch meeting starts at 12:00.

- Upper parking is flat, Handicap parking available. Lower parking slightly uphill, golf cart available if needed.

- The new deadline to notify Phil Newlin of non-attendance is the Friday prior to the meeting.

For those who haven't been to the Club Los Meganos facility:

**Address:** 1700 Trilogy Parkway, Trilogy, Brentwood.

### **Driving Directions:**

**Option 1.** From HWY 4 towards Brentwood, left at the light on Marsh Creek Road,  
Right at the next light on Walnut Blvd,  
Left at the next light on Concord Ave,  
Left at the light on Vineyards Parkway,  
Up the hill and left on Trilogy Pkwy (at the sign for Club Los Meganos),  
Left before the tennis courts, and Club Los Meganos will be ahead.

**Option 2.** From HWY 4 towards Brentwood, left at the light on Marsh Creek Road,  
Right on Vineyards Parkway,  
Right on Trilogy Pkwy (at the sign for Club Los Meganos),  
Left before the tennis courts, and Club Los Meganos will be ahead.

**Option 3.** From Balfour Road, take Fairview Ave South,  
Fairview becomes Vineyards Parkway,  
Up the hill and left on Trilogy Pkwy (at the sign for Club Los Meganos),  
Left before the tennis courts, and Club Los Meganos will be ahead.

## Membership, Luis Figueroa

At the April luncheon we had no guests and two new inductees.

The two new inductees were: Nick Pack (Knut Klein, sponsor); and Andy Geckler (Jim Spann, sponsor).



Nick Pack (L) and sponsor Knute Kleinen

Nick has lived in this area for approximately three years. He and his family moved from Belmont, on the Peninsula, where he lived for 55 years. He has two children, a boy and a girl, along with four grandchildren. He worked as a machinist in the shipyards and in the newspaper industry. His favorite hobbies include woodworking, fishing, and going to car shows.



Andy Geckler (L) and sponsor Jim Spann

Andy has been a golfer for thirty years and has played around the globe. He retired from the Army and both of his kids serve in the U.S. military (Army and Air Force). For twenty five years he has been golfing in charity golf events and raising money. He has lived in the East Bay for twenty years, and in 2020 he moved to Discovery Bay where he enjoys the quiet good life.

Please refer to the Membership section on our branch web site at [www.sir161.org](http://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 122.

### 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](mailto:stevekay4010@yahoo.com) . Thank you.

## 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!



## Dale Welin Memorial



A Celebration of Life Service for Dale Welin was held on Saturday, April 5, 2025.

On Sunday April 6, 2025, the Discovery Bay Senior Men's Golf Club laid a Memorial Brick in Dale's honor at the 8th Tee of the Discovery Bay Golf Course.



## Sir Presidential Senior (90 year) awards presented by Bob Damico



L to R - Paul Van Emmerik, Vince Vargas, Dave Goodwin (unavailable: Howard Patton)



*Little Sir Steve Bordi presents a Certificate of Appreciation to Carolyn Graham, our April speaker.*

## In Memoriam

We were sad to hear of the passing of Don Rentzel on Tuesday, April 8th, following a short time in hospice care.

Don joined SIR Branch 161 in July of 2004. He was an active Golfer and Bowler until his recent health issues.

Please keep his wife Cathy and the rest of the Rentzel and Davenport families in your thoughts and prayers as they mourn Don's passing.

There will be a Celebration of Life Service for Don on Monday, May 19, 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.



## Bowling news, Ron Wilson

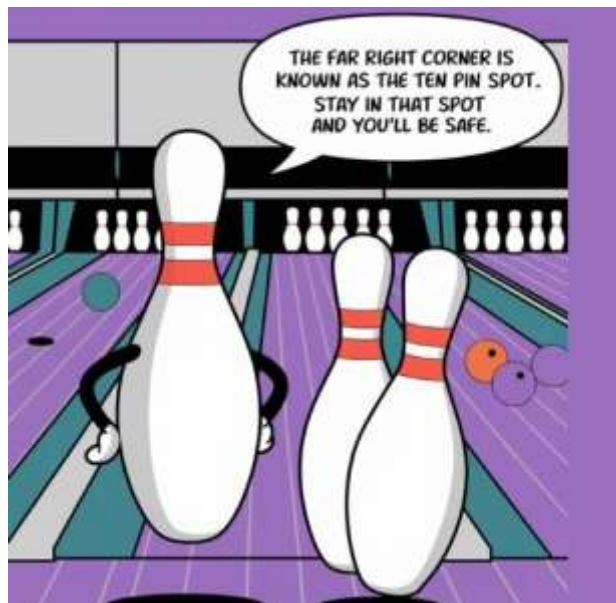
Our winter league will end shortly with Position Round on May 12th and Sweepers on May 19th. We will rest one week due to Memorial Day and begin our 13 week Summer League on Monday June 2nd and ending on August 25th. So far we have 34 bowlers for Summer League. We really need 2 more bowlers for Summer to complete 8 teams. If you know of any possible bowlers to fill these spots please let me know.



Last month I told you that our lineage portion of weekly fee would be going up from our current \$12.75 to \$13.25. Bowlero was wanting \$13.70 and I thought after talking with Bowlero management we could get the \$13.25 but I do not have a firm answer from Bowlero.

Also, regarding our Summer League please be aware that we will have a league meeting on the first day of bowling (June 2nd). This meeting will start at 9:40 am. Please arrive early enough to attend. For our new bowlers the doors open at 9:30. During our regular season we will begin each session at 10:00 am with 10 minutes of practice before official league bowling begins. The league meeting is important as we go over our rules and vote to accept them with any changes. We also vote for our league officers.

I want to send a very big "Thank You" to Jonny Welton for bringing in 5 "New" bowlers for our summer league. Same Thanks goes out to Bill Konold for bringing in 2 "New" bowlers. This is a great help for our league.



### Upcoming SIR Tournaments:

Carson City Nevada at the "Gold Dust West" facility. This is a three day event beginning on Monday April 21st. We took 14 bowlers from our branch to this tournament. We were expecting approximately 130 bowlers at this event.

Sacramento at "Country Club Lanes" on your choice of either May 12th or 13th. This is our annual State SIR event and is for SIR members only. This is the only event that does not allow non-SIR members to bowl. This tournament also has \$500.00 added money to prize fund.

Placerville California : "The Apex at Red Hawk". This event is being held on your choice of June 5th or 6th. This is a very nice venue and is located in the Casino building. For you slot players, I believe there are 2700 machines. I would really

like for our branch to show great support for this tournament. Placerville is a great small town with many good restaurants and lots of overnight accommodations. Some of you might want to consider an overniter for this one.

As always for any of our Tournaments, I will take care of the entry paperwork if you want. All you have to do is pay the entry fee and, show up, have fun and hopefully take home some prize money.

See you on the lanes.

**Ron Wilson**

### Bowling League Photos



Clayton, 2025



Napa, 2025

## Wine Tasting, Terry Silva

We had a great time at the Jerry and Sue Wiebe residence in Summerset, Brentwood.

### Attendees:

Will and Raquel Myers, Dick and Carolyn Jamison, Terry and Sue Silva, Bruce and Kathy Bohnsack, Saul and Maureen Gold, Dave and Jinni Ciruli, Vince and Bobbi Vargas, John and Teri Davis.

**Hosts:** Jerry and Sue Wiebe.

Next month's event will be at Terry and Sue Silva's in Discovery Bay on May 22 at 5pm.





## 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](mailto:johnnywelton40@gmail.com)**



Swenson Park on April 15 was a perfect place for golf. Twenty-six players enjoyed a great day at the links. Everyone wants to come back next year. The weather was much improved over the rain or heat we have had in Stockton in previous times. Sunscreen was needed without being hot.

Competition continues to be very close. Winners seem to change every month. Sixteen (62%) won some money. First place went to Tom Dennin, Phil Kepp, Sol Robin, and Dennis Pachucki with 124. Second place (127) was decided after a tie breaker – Dave Vicencio, Manny Geronimo, Dan Lippstreu, and Ken Fanucchi. Third place was awarded to Joe Stanley, Sid Crusier, Ron Benge, and John Emerson. It took a lot of measuring tape to award Closest to the Pin on hole 5 to Jim Span with 44' 11". Hole 12 went to Dave Vicencio (8' 8"). Lowest Gross score went to Dan Lippstreu (77). The top winner was Sol Robin (\$31) having also won three Skins. In Flight A Phil Kepp won First Low Net over Ron Benge (72). In Flight B Isao Nishijima won Low Gross (92) and Dennis Pachucki won Low Net (72).

The Event Surveys continue to be very informative. There was an even split on the question of more logo gear. Half wanted more Shirts, Windbreakers, and Towels. Pace of play was very good today with an average of 3.92. Several were in under 4 hours 15 minutes, and all were done in 4 hours 30 minutes.

Golf is experiencing the highest registration for three events ever. It looks like a growth year. This is at a time when the SIR Branch 161 is going through some major changes. For the organization, attendance is down significantly. One reason is because of the cost and lack of quality of luncheons provided by the Discovery Bay Golf and Country Club. The SIR BEC has taken action to improve things by moving our luncheons to Trilogy. A bold move that should improve both concerns, but we will lose more members because of the distance to the new meeting site.

Golfers are offering an organization-wide challenge to help sustain and increase membership. We will try and increase not just golf participation but SIR Branch 161 membership throughout the remainder of 2025 to demonstrate support for the difficult, but quality decision made by the BEC. Will you? From April 17 to December 31 there will be a count of new members to SIR Branch 161. The teams are those on the Golf Email list vs the balance of the membership. The prize is a glass of champagne (or soda) at the January 2026 luncheon. Will you accept the challenge? Contact Luis Figueroa, Membership Director (phone: 949-400-4715 or email: [figueroa50@gmail.com](mailto:figueroa50@gmail.com)) if you need forms or help with the task.

The new or returning member will be credited to you when they complete the membership application, pay their membership fee, and pay their 2026 membership dues ... before January 1, 2026. The induction ceremony may be held on or before the luncheon in January. The competition is informal but the support for your SIR Branch 161 is critical at this time!

Have a good one!  
Johnny Welton  
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](mailto: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 April mystery Sir was Bruce Bohnsack.



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](mailto:sir161@comcast.net)

## 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 for the remainder of 2025 will be 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 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

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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 business casual. Also jeans, shorts and T shirts allowed. 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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