



# SIR BRANCH 161 NEWS

Celebrating our 35th year!

June 2026

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

Our Members come from from Discovery Bay, Brentwood & surrounding Communities

## Steve Bordi, Big Sir



As we prepare for our upcoming June 2nd SIR Branch 161 Luncheon Meeting, I am mindful of the recent wonderful weather that we're experiencing. A perfect match for all of our SIR outdoor activities such as golf, pickle ball, and bicycling.

The good weather also aids our popular co-ed events, including bowling, wine tasting and Dinners with the Ladies. There is something for everyone to enjoy in SIR. So, summer is approaching, let's get moving!

Also, I want to remind all our members to get ready to hand out those SIR invitation cards inviting a friend or guest to a future luncheon (for half price \$17.50). Hopefully this will infuse some 'new blood' into our Branch. As I previously noted, SIR offers a lot of "fellowship" for as little as \$30 per year in dues. Good fun in all your SIR activities, and the BEC (Branch Executive Committee) thanks you for your efforts, support, and participation on behalf of our Organization.

Looking forward to seeing you on 6/2/26 at the beautiful Club Los Meganos, Trilogy At The Vineyards.

Big Sir, Steve Bordi.

## June Luncheon Menu

Smorgasbord Buffet assorted salads, seasonal vegetables, main entrees, roll and butter or garlic bread, coffee and iced tea, and dessert. Cost:

\$35 if paid by cash or check

\$36.50 if paid by credit card

## June events & activities

*Check the respective articles for more details.*

### June Meetings

BEC meeting - June 2

General meeting - June 2

### June Activities

#### **Bowling**

- Weekly (Mondays) - Lucky Strike, Brentwood
- June 4 or 5 - Placerville
- June 22 or 23 - Dublin

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

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

**Golf** - June 16 - Stockton

**Dinner with the ladies** - June 24

**Wine tasting** - June 25

**Visit us on the web:**

<https://www.sir161.org>

## Little Sir, Dave Ciruli

Last month we had our Mother's Day Luncheon. Sorry about the late notice that salmon was added to our menu; I heard that it was very good. The Delta Rhythm-Aires were very good, and I hope we can get them back for another event. See photos on pages 3 & 4.



This month we are back to our buffet with 2 proteins, salad, veggies and dessert. Hopefully we can let you know what our choices will be.

This month our speaker will be Bryon Gutow, President of the Discovery Bay Community Service District. He will be giving a short talk and is looking forward to your questions.

We will try to get back to our committee reports at this meeting. Hope to see you at the luncheon.

### June Birthdays:

Ed Coats, Philip Goodspeed, Tony Mannino, Phil Newlin, Anthony Petralia, Todd Ramsdell, Bob Rix, Walter Shipilov, Lowell Thomas, Dennis Ward.

Dave Ciruli, Little Sir

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## The story behind God Bless America



Before singing our closing song "God Bless America" at the Mothers Day luncheon, our song leader Mike Sadler gave us a brief history of this great song:

"God Bless America" was originally written in 1918 as a soldier's peace prayer during WW I by Russian immigrant songwriter Irving Berlin. But it was not released and was shelved for twenty years. In 1938 amid rising WW II tensions, Berlin revised the song and it was introduced by singer Kate Smith on November 10, 1938, becoming an immediate patriotic sensation and the song we know today.

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## 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](mailto:papadrone@gmail.com)

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Photos from our Mothers Day luncheon, by Bob Damico





## Bowling news, Ron Wilson

We had 4 bowlers represent our Branch 161 at the annual SIR State Championship event at Country Club lanes in Sacramento. This event had 70 participants. Danny Roberts was our only casher, placing 7th in Singles. Thank you to Danny Roberts, Don Blotzer, Jerry Marshall and Mitch Wisinski for representing our Branch 161.



We finished our 34 week winter league on May 11th. Here are the highlights:

**Season Team Champions:** Mitch Wisinski, Keith Jones, Danny Roberts and Natalie Jones.

**Runner up Team:** Paul Elmer, Marie Sullivan and Derek Schutz.

**Season High Scores Men:**

**Scratch Game:** Keith Jones 300 (Perfect Game), Derek Schutz 290, Danny Roberts 278.

**Scratch Series:** Danny Roberts 747, Keith Jones 718, Don Blotzer 704.

**Handicap Game:** Keith Jones 324, Derek Schutz 321, Mike Sadler 307.

**Handicap Series:** Derek Schutz 831, Mike Carmichael 806, Danny Roberts 801.

**Season High Scores Women:**

**Scratch Game:** Marie Wilson 233, Vicky Reid 224, Esther Bloise 215,

**Scratch Series:** Marie Wilson 612, Terry Damico 559, Vicky Reid 558.

**Handicap Game:** Rosemarie Larkin 290, Carol Ball 282, Marie Sullivan 276.

**Handicap Series:** Rosemarie Larkin 760, Diane Leonis 758, Terry Damico 745.

**Most improved average men:** Jerry Templeton 20 pins.

**Most improved average Women:** Juanita Garrison 18 pins.

Thanks to all who supported our winter league! You are appreciated!

Our 14 week Summer League will begin on Monday June 1st. As of now we have 8 complete 4 person teams.

**Important Note** -- There is a time change for our summer league; Instead of a bowling start time of 10 am we will be starting at 11 am. This has been dictated by "Lucky Strike Brentwood". Doors will be open at 10:30 am.

## Upcoming SIR Tournaments:

**Placerville:** At "Apex" inside the "Red Hawk" Casino/ Hotel Facility. This tournament is on your choice of Thursday, June 4th or Friday, June 5th. For you Slot Fanatics this casino has something like 2400 Slots.

**Dublin:** At "Earl Anthony Bowl" on your choice of Monday, June 22nd or Tuesday, June 23rd. Most of us will bowl this on Tuesday due to our league on Monday.

**Auburn:** At "Foothill Bowl" on your choice of Thursday, July 9th, or Friday, July 10th.

**Concord:** At "Clayton Valley Bowl" on your choice of Tuesday, July 21st, or Wednesday, July,22nd.

**Reno:** At the "National Bowling Stadium" on August 10, 11 and 12 (Mon. - Wed.). This is a "Singles, Doubles and 4 person team event". It can be bowled over 2 days but we have always made this a 3 day event.



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Most travel up on Sunday, stay 3 nights and leave for home on Wednesday at noon after Team event. It is not too early to commit to this event and make your reservations.

As always for these tournaments I will handle all paperwork for you. All you have to do is pay the entry fee by deadline, show up, bowl and have fun.

See you on the Lanes,  
Ron

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### **Membership, Luis Figueroa**

The May luncheon was the Ladies Day Mother's Day event and no regular meeting was held.



As we begin the second half of the year I want to continue encouraging each member to become actively engaged in recruiting guests to our luncheons.

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 114.

Thank you for your continued recruitment efforts and bringing guests to our luncheons.

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### **Branch Membership Marketing, Mike Park**

An update on our marketing plans for new Membership. I'm happy to see some new members or new invitees at our meeting in June. We have received our new 7 foot retractable sign and various brochures for distribution. We are focusing the early distribution on 55+ communities like the four Summersets and Trilogy. We will also be focusing on community senior centers like the Brentwood ETC. Our Big Sir Steve Bordi and I met with the owner of the Press and planned our mass communication print strategy. Hopefully, table discussions at our June 2 meeting will provide us with even other distribution opportunities, given that our members also have relationships that could be meaningful. Just a reminder, please always carry your invitation business cards, and if you have anybody that you would like to be a member, please give them an invitation to our next luncheon meeting. I'm very hopeful that with everybody's help our Membership will grow, and the strength of our organization will be even stronger in the future.

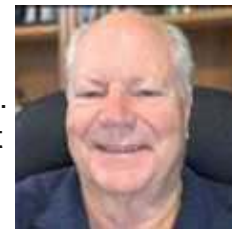


Mike Park

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## Golf News, Johnny Welton

It was a beautiful warm Spring Day at Manteca Park. Twenty-eight players enjoyed a great golf course that had been nicely manicured following a lot of wind. The big winner on the day was Jim Sniadecki - \$39 for: Team First Place, Closest to the Pin on Hole #5 (5' 5"), Flight A: Low Net (69), and winning two Skins. He had three (net) Birdies and two Eagles. What a great day for him and many others!



First Place Team with a net 122 (-22) included Jim Sniadecki, Johnny Welton, Mike Kaufman, and John Sutton. Second Place Team at 127 was Tom Denning, Gale Nelson, Dennis Pachucki, and Ken Fanucchi with Second Place. Third Place (128) went to Bill Konold, Phil Kepp, Joe Riggs, and Vince Vargas. Randy Zierau won the other Closest to the Pin (Hole 15) with 17' 5".

Tom Denning had the lowest Gross Score at 81. Isao Nishijima had the lowest Gross Score in Flight B with 92. Jim Sniadecki had the lowest Net Score (69) in Flight A and Dennis Pachucki had a 66 for the lowest Net Score in Flight B. Phil Kepp, Randy Zierau, Isao Nishijima, and Jim Sniadecki each won two Skins. Five others won one Skin.

Some others also had great days: Isao Nishijima 6 Birdies and 2 Eagles, John Sutton 7 Birdies and 1 Eagle, Randy Zierau 7 Birdies, Richard Martin 6 Birdies and 1 Eagle, Johnny Welton 5 Birdies and 1 Eagle, Dennis Pachucki 5 Birdies and 1 Eagle, and Joe Riggs 6 Birdies.

Our next event is at Elkhorn Golf Course in Stockton with a 9:00 am shotgun start. We currently have 28 registered and can accommodate anyone that wants to play. Deadline to register is May 31. This is also our competition with SIR Branch 8, Concord. Twenty of those registered from each Branch will compete in a two-player team scramble for the honors for 2026! There also will be prize money for Discovery Bay players. It is expected that Discovery Bay will be decked out in their SIR logo gear ... and look great!

Have a good one!

Johnny Welton, Golf Director



Group 1: Bill Konold, Vince Vargas, Phil Kepp, Joe Riggs (Third Place)



Group 2: Tom Denning, Ken Fanucchi, Gale Nelson, Dennis Pachucki (Second Place)



Group 3: Bill Dowden, Richard Martin,  
Randy Zierau and Mike Carmichael



Group 5: Johnny Welton, Mike Kaufman,  
Jim Sniadecki, and John Sutton (First Place)



Group 7: Manny Geronimo, David Vicencio,  
Norm Peterson, and Tony Rubino



Group 4: Jim Spann, Joe Stanley,  
Lee Donnell, and Isao Nishijima

Missing from the photo shoot:  
Group 6: James Taylor, Jerry Wiebe,  
Sol Robin, and John Emerson

## Dinner With The Ladies, Dennis Pachucki



**When:** Wednesday, June 24, 2026.  
**Where:** Eight Acres Kitchen and Bar, 801 Foothill Drive, Brentwood.  
**Time:** Arrival & Cocktails starting at 5:00 pm. Dinner served at 6:00 pm.

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

- Grilled Chicken roasted mushrooms, potatoes, chimichurri.
- Pan Seared Salmon, roasted potatoes, sauteed baby kale, lemon cream sauce.
- Steak Frites, 10 oz. wagyu pichana steak chimichurri, French fries.
- Orecchiette, orecchiette pasta, mushrooms, baby kale, cherry tomatoes, pesto cream sauce, shaved grana padano.

**Cost:** \$45.00 per person (includes tax and tip).

**Deadline:** We need your RSVP no later than Friday, June 19.  
There will be envelopes at our General Meeting on June 2.

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.

**Please detach and mail with your check**

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

### Your menu choices:

Grilled Chicken

Pan-seared salmon

Steak Frites

Orecchiette

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### Has your contact info changed?

We've had several recent cases where a member's contact info (phone #, email address, mailing address) has changed, and we were not notified. If any of this info changes for you, please let us know via email ( sirbranch161@gmail.com ) or via phone call or text (209) 298-5006. Thanks.  
Tom Jones

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## Wine Tasting Report, Terry Silva

This month's SIR Branch 161 Wine tasting event was held at the beautiful home of Gary and Linda Tucker in discovery bay. Our hosts did a great job and we had a fun evening.



### Attendees:

Randy and Lynda Zierau, Dick and Carolyn Jamison, Will and Raquel Myers, Michael and Pam Quier, Vince and Bobi Vargas, Mimi Conley, John Davis, Terry and Sue Silva.

The June wine tasting will be held on the 25th @ 5 pm at Terry and Sue's house in discovery Bay.

Terry Silva, Wine Chairman



## 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

Luncheon meetings are 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 will be assessed a fee 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. 2026 dues are \$30, payable at the January meeting, or by mailing a check (payable to SIR Branch 161) to our Treasurer, Skip Zehnder, 2488 Wayfarer Court, Discovery Bay, CA 94505.

**Dress code** for our meetings is business casual. Also jeans, shorts and T-shirts are allowed. It is suggested that hats be removed while reciting the Pledge Of Allegiance.

**If you're unable to attend a meeting** please email or call Phil Newlin by the Friday preceding the meeting:  
Phil Newlin: ward28fred-sirs@yahoo.com  
Tel: (408) 505-5359

No-shows who fail to notify Phil in advance will be assessed a fee of \$20.

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