SIR
BRANCH 161 NEWS

Celebrating our 35th year!

August 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

A happy August to all you fellow SIR Branch 161 members. I hope your athletic endeavors (competitions) are turning up a lot of high scores and team successes.

We are moving forward with plans for 2027. At this month's luncheon, we will be introducing the slate of nominations for the coming year, and conducting elections (see list on page 4). Thank you Will Myers and members of the Nominating Committee for all their hard work. Also thank you to our new leaders for stepping up.

I also want to thank Mike Park for all his hard work with the "Marketing New Member recruitment Program". I am really excited to see our half page ad about SIR, which will hit the newsracks on August 7th. It will be in the "Over 50 " insert of the Brentwood Press". Pick up a copy and let Mike and I know what you think . You can get a free copy in racks at Post Offices, grocery stores, UPS Stores, restaurants, and Banks. This ad will hopefully spark interest among the men in the Community who are looking for fellowship, fun, and athletic activity which is both organized and competitive. It will surely draw Community Interest from those who have never heard of SIR .

Take Care , and I will see you on August 4th at the luncheon.
Big Sir, Steve Bordi.

August 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

August events & activities

Check the respective articles for more details.

August Meetings

- BEC meeting - August 4
- General meeting - August 4

August Activities

Bowling
- Weekly (Mondays) - Lucky Strike, Brentwood
- August 10, 11 and 12 - Reno, NV

Cycling (3 weekly rides)
- Mondays & Wednesdays - long ride
- Fridays - short ride

Golf
- August 18 - Diablo Creek

Dinner with the ladies - August 25

Wine tasting - August 26

Visit us on the web:
https://www.sir161.org

Little Sir, Dave Ciruli

Sorry I missed last month's meeting, but I was recovering from surgery. I really wanted to hear Mary Black. The East Contra County Historical Society is really growing, and I really wanted to get the latest news from her. I hope you all enjoyed the talk.

This month our speaker will be Karen Mann. Karen was the President of Save the California Delta Alliance and she will give a us brief summary on what is happening with the Tunnels. She is also a real estate appraiser and will give us an appraiser's view of the real estate market.

This month Club Los Maganos will try to get the luncheon details to us before the meeting. They cannot get the information to us before our newsletter deadlines, but we will pass it along to the folks on our 'Dietary Meal Mailing List' before the meeting if possible. See page 4 for more information.

This month we will be trying a new method for drawing our free luncheon. It should be faster and is much easier. Good Luck.

Hope to see you on August 4th.

Little Sir, Dave Ciruli

August Birthdays
Mike Charmichael, Luis Figueroa, Phil Kepp, Ward Messersmith, Will Myers, Nicholas Pack, Don Patterson, Ed Ritner, and Terry Silva.

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

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Bowling news, Ron Wilson

Our summer league is at the midway point with Team # 2 (Mike Kaufman, Marie Wilson, Lee Thompson and Bill Konold) in first place by a margin of 3 games. Summer league will end with Sweeper on Monday August 31st. Labor Day falls on Monday September 7th and our Winter League will likely start on Monday September 14th.

As reported last month, one of our Branch 161 Bowlers (Danny Roberts) did very well at the annual "SP Tournament" that is held in Carson City, Nevada. We had unofficial results at that time and they are now official. Danny placed 1st overall in "Scratch All Events". There were 349 competitors in this event. 6th in "Handicap All Events". There were 1198 competitors in this event. 11th in "Handicap Singles". There were 1383 competitors in this event. 33rd in "4 person Team". There were 342 competitor teams.
Danny's performance at this tournament was outstanding. If you see Danny please give him a big congratulations!

At Dublin SIR Tournament we had 5 cashers. Russ and Vicky Reid placed 1st in Division 1 Doubles. Russ Reid placed 3rd in Division 2 "All Events". Esther Bloise placed 7th in Division 2 Singles. Ron and Marie Wilson placed 4th in Division 2 Doubles. Ron Wilson placed 5th in Division 2 "All Events".

Upcoming SIR Tournaments:
Concord at "Clayton Valley Bowl" on Tuesday, July 21st.
Reno Nevada at the "National Bowling Stadium" August 10,11 and 12.
Pacheco at "Paddock Lanes" on choice of September 23 or 24.
Brentwood at "Lucky Strike" on your choice of October 13 or 14. This is our local Branch 161 Tournament. We have shown a great turnout over the last 2 years and I am hopeful we can maintain an excellent showing.

I will be sending information on these events, and as always I will prepare all paperwork for your entries. All you have to do is show up, pay the entry fee, have fun and maybe win a few bucks.

See you on the lanes.

Has your contact info changed?

We occasionally find 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:
email: info@sir161.org phone call or text: (209) 298-5006.

2027 Officer and Director Nominations

The following slate of nominations was submitted by the 2027 Nominating Committee and reported to the membership via email on July 8, 2026.

Big Sir:	Dave Ciruli
Little Sir:	Randy Zierau
Secretary:	Russ Reid
Assistant Secretary:	Saul Gold
Treasurer:	Skip Zehnder
Assistant Treasurer:	Jerry Wiebe
Director, Sunshine Chairman:	Bob Damico
Director, Membership Chairman:	Mike Park
Director, Attendance Chairman:	Phil Newlin
Director, Dinner w/The Ladies Chairman:	Dennis Pachucki
Director, Golfing Chairman:	Tom Denning
Director, Bowling Chairman:	Ron Wilson
Director, Nominating/Audit Chairman:	Will Myers

Nominations from the floor will be entertained at our August 4 meeting.
Nominations will be closed at that time, and elections will be conducted.

Special dietary needs?

If you have special dietary needs and require the option for a dietary meal at our monthly luncheons, you need to register to be on our dietary meal mailing list. Members on this mailing list will receive an email letting them know what will be on offer at the upcoming buffet, and will have the opportunity to email Club Los Meganos requesting an alternate meal (Chef's choice). This will only happen if Club Los Meganos is able to notify us in time.

If you have a dietary need to be on the mailing list, please email: info@sir161.org

Do not use the above email address to request an alternate meal. This request has to be made via the contact info you'll receive if you're on the list.

Membership & Marketing - Luis Figueroa, Mike Park

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At the July luncheon we had 1 guest, Terry Dawkins (Mike Park is the sponsor). Terry is the second person who walked in after seeing our new banner posted at the main entrance to Club Los Meganos. Below (left) is a photo of Terry and Mike.

Terry Dawkins (left),
Sponsor: Mike Park

Erv Rivers (left)
Sponsor: Bill Konold

Joe Palestro (left)
Sponsor: Bill Konold

Last month we inducted Erv Rivers and Joe Palestro but did not include their photos, since their sponsor, Bill Konold, was unable to attend the lunch; Above are their photos along with their sponsor (the bios were included last month).

The current Branch membership headcount stands at 116.

Also, new this month, we have integrated the membership and marketing activities into one article. Below is an update of the current and planned marketing activities.

Starting in August you will see our expanded marketing into the nearby communities with ads in the Press newspaper. With a half page ad we expect a good response from men with varied backgrounds and ages. Feel free to use the ad for your conversations with prospects.

We will begin expanding our brochures into bowling alleys and local golf courses. If you have any suggestions for our brochures please let me know.

I have heard from several SIR Branch 161 members who have given out their supply of the invite cards. Kudos to these members. I have more and encourage you to take them.

Golf News, Johnny Welton

It was a great day, as proven by the 98 degree weather we found when we returned home! The 85 degree day at Franklin Canyon Golf Course started with a few sprinkles. It was perfect for July. I think all 31 players had a good time. Some had a productive day golfing. Fun was had by all.

Stroke Play (2-Best Ball) - TEAM STANDINGS

	Team	Under Par	Score
1	Denning/Welton/Pachucki/Kaufman BD	-16	126
2	Diaz/Zierau/Nishijima/Kaufman	-14	128
3	Stanley/Valdez/Park/Petersen	-7	135
4	Geronimo/Vicencio/Riggs/Martin	4	137
5	Sniadecki/Wiebe/Jewell/Sutton	-4	138
T6	Taylor/Carmichael/Robin/Vargas	-1	141
T6	Donnell/Fanucchi/Spann/Emerson	-1	141
8	Konold/Maniz/Rubino/Goodwin	4	146

When players have good days, I like to highlight their day. I did something I have never done before:

- Team - First Place
- Closest to the Pin Hole #2 13' 9"
- Closest to the Pin Hole #17 13' 4"
- Flight A Net: First 71
- Skins Flight A: 3 Skins
- $49

Mike Kaufman also cleaned up as the Blind Draw player by being on both the first and second winning teams while capturing one skin (Total $24). Tom Denning's team first place win was accomplished in part because he had the lowest gross score on the day with an 84 (Totaling $27). Rick Martin First Net (69) and Isao Nishijima First Gross (95) in Flight B had great days and Nish also won two skins (Totaling $36). 25 players won something on the day!

We have 31 players for Diablo Creek on 8/18. Don't miss out on the fun! Register now. Gale Nelson and Bill Dowden have volunteered to be our SIR Course Marshals for this event. We could use two more players.

The biggest event of the year is the SIR Branch 161 Individual Championship at The Reserve in Stockton on 10/20. There will be many tee prizes. Anyone, including guests, may play in the event but only those that qualify may receive tee prizes and be eligible to win trophies or prizes money. To be eligible you must be a SIR Branch 161 member (join now!), have registered for and paid for five SIR Golf events in 2026, and be an NCGA member at the time of the event.

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The big tee prize this year is a blue SIR logo shirt. Register and pay for the Individual Championship before 8/15 to receive your blue logo shirt at the October meeting. We will all be wearing blue shirts for the event.

The last logo gear order for this year will be made soon with a deadline to order before August 15. Red, gray, and blue shirts will be ordered. You will be able to get any size you order. Existing inventory of logo hats, white towels, and vests are also available. Complete the order form on page 9 and send it to:
johnnywelton40@gmail.com

Keep SIR Branch 161 as the best dressed branch in SIR!

Have a good one!
Johnny Welton
Golf Director
Cell: 925-876-5844

Jerry Wiebe, Jim Sniadecki, John Sutton, and John Jewel

Chris Diaz, Randy Zierau, Isao Nishijima, and Mike Kaufman

Vince Vargas, Sol, Robin, James Taylor, and Mike Carmichael

John Emerson, Lee Donnell, Ken Fanucchi,
and Jim Spann

Norm Peteresen, Ray Valdez, Joe Stanley,
and Michael Park

Tom Denning, Johnny Welton,
and Dennis Pachucki

Rick Maniz, Tony Rubino, David Goodwin,
and Bill Konold

SIR Branch 161: Logo Shirts and More Sale
Deadline: August 15, 2026

Red, Gray, and Carolina Blue shirts are available for order by August 15. Please copy and paste the order form below into an email as soon as possible to Johnny Welton (johnnywelton40@gmail.com) Delivery is expected October 6, 2026. If you thought you ordered previously, **please re-order** at this time. Any previous order that has not been delivered, has been cancelled.

The price of one shirt is $60. Please mail a check made out to "SIR Branch 161" to Johnny Welton, 5751 Prestwick Court, Discovery Bay 94505 after you email your order. Check must be received before September 2.

If you are eligible for prizes, registered, and paid for the Individual Championship at The Reserve on October 20, 2026, you will receive a Carolina Blue Shirt as a tee prize before the tournament. **You do not need to order unless you want an extra one.**

Shirts sizes run large. Vest sizes run small. Limited sizes are available for vests. A special order for a vest will cost $120 each. Existing inventory cost is $40 each.

This is a specific special order. No inventory is expected to be available in the future.

Questions? Contact: Johnny Welton
Email: johnnywelton40@gmail.com or Cell: 925-876-5844

Order Form

Name: _____ Email: _____

Cell Phone Number: _____

Place the **number** desired in each cell.

Size	Carolina Blue ($60)	Red ($60)	Gray ($60)	Vest ($40)
Small				
Medium				
Large				
X-Large				
2X-Large				
3X-Large				
4X-Large				

Adjustable Hats ($15-3 available) _____

White Towels ($15-12 available) _____ **Total Due:** _____

Dinner With The Ladies

When: **Tuesday**, August 25, 2026
Where: Shirasoni Japanese Restaurant, 6367 Lone Tree Way, Brentwood CA
Time: Arrival & Cocktails starting at 5:00 pm
Dinner served at 6:00 pm

Menu Choices (Dinner includes appetizer, dessert & non-alcoholic beverage):

- Chicken Teriyaki grilled with sweet teriyaki sauce
- New York Steak (Hibachi Grilled)
- Filet Mignon (Hibachi Grilled)
- Hibachi Shrimp grilled with lemon & butter
- Hibachi Salmon grilled with a hint of lemon
- Vegetable Delight (Assorted fresh vegetables grilled in a light sauce)

All entrees include Mushroom Soup, Green Salad with Ginger Dressing, Hibachi Vegetables and choice of steamed, fried or garlic fried rice.

Cost: $38.00 per person (includes tax and tip)

Deadline: We need your RSVP no later than Friday, August 21 – there will also be envelopes at our General Meeting on August 4.
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

Directions: From Discovery Bay, take Hwy 4 to Marsh Creek, turn left and continue on Marsh Creek to the Bypass and turn right (north). Exit the Bypass at Lone Tree Way; go east (right) on Lone Tree Way and remain in the right lane. After the SECOND stop light (Shady Willow Lane), take the SECOND driveway into the shopping area; you will see Shirasoni ahead and to the left (next to Mancini's Sleepworld).

---------- Detach and return this stub with your check ----------

Your Name(s): _____

Phone Number:_____

Your Menu choices:

☐ Chicken Teriyaki ☐ New York Steak ☐ Filet Mignon

☐ Hibachi Shrimp ☐ Hibachi Salmon ☐ Vegetable Delight

Wine Tasting Report, Terry Silva

We had a great time tasting wine

Hosts: Jerry and Sue Wiebe

Attendees:
Dick and Carolyn Jamison, Little SIR Dave and Jinni Ciruli, Michael and Pam Quier, Terry and Sue Silva, John and Teri Davis, Randy and Lynda Zierau

Our hosts did an excellent job at their home in Brentwood.

Next month's event will be on Wednesday August 26 at 5 pm

Terry Silva, Wine Chairman

welcome

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 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. 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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