



SIR Branch 176 Windsor Winds Newsletter for December 2024

SIR Mission Statement

The Mission of SIR is to improve the lives of our members through fun activities and events – while making friends for life. Visit our [Branch Webpage](#), or [State Webpage](#):

Windsor Branch 176

Monthly Luncheon Meeting Every 3rd Wednesday
Charlie's Restaurant 130 19th Hole Dr. Windsor CA
Charlie's lunch is \$23.00 (plus \$1 table tip if you wish)

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Big SIR – Larry Doherty



What a great luncheon we had this month, one we managed despite the rain. Charlie's went all out with a wonderful Turkey meal with all the fixings. Don't forget to thank Robert, the head chef, whenever you see him walking around for the great lunches we have had throughout the year. And we can count on one more great meal for our annual Holiday Party. Thank you Frank for all you have done to make this one a special one for us. Don't forget to purchase your tickets...you have until December 8th.

At the BEC, and based upon Garry Trojanowski's recommendation (yes give him the credit), our annual dues are going up—no actually, they are going down to \$20 a year. Thank you Garry. And don't forget, if you are over 90 years old, you do not have to pay dues any longer. We also voted in a new member, so welcome to Lou Commendatore whom some of you know from bowling. Additionally, we were visited by our new Area 10 representative, Chris Nelle. Congrats Chris.

During the luncheon we swore in all of those members who will be serving on the BEC. Thank you to those who have stepped forward to ensure we all have a good time at our events. We also recognized all of our veterans who have served. Thank you to all of you veterans.

See you all at the Holiday Party.

Little SIR – Tom Palmer



According to the SIR State “Schedule of Branch Operations” I, as the new Big Sir, need to Communicate my “goals and action plan” during the January BEC meeting and include them in the January or February newsletter. I will certainly do that, as we all have an interest in where the group is headed. I have some ideas, but seek input also. One suggestion that I’ve already received is for us to have an “activities committee” exploring additional activities and the degree of interest in such. Another is for us to have official greeters at the doors during luncheon, perhaps our newest member(s). Yet another is to form a “marketing committee” so that we have a plan and can undertake additional efforts to continue our growth. We made it to 79 members this year but come payment of dues time (now down to \$20), we always lose a number of folks. My point in all of this rambling is that I am open for suggestions as to what might make us a stronger, more fun branch this coming year. So please feel free to email me your thoughts (Besides to consult with Larry, our outstanding outgoing Big Sir, I certainly know that....and I **thank him** for his help throughout this year!!!).

Speaking of emails, you will not find any email addresses in the newsletter. I have removed them. Our branch along with numerous other branches have been the victim of scam attempts. So far, we have avoided any mis-steps but any effort on our part to make the scammers’ life more difficult is a good thing. Hence, we are ceasing to make our email addresses public. The plan is for the BEC email addresses to be available on our web page but in an area that is password protected. Jim Tubb is working on that, (with the help of State) and I thank him for his efforts.

Chris Roach – Friendship Report



A Get Well card was sent out recently to Mitch (Charles Michnevich). Please let's stay healthy and don't forget to get your Covid, Flu and RSV (only once) vaccines.

ABOUT THE HOLIDAY PARTY:

As of November 25, we have 61 signed up for the party on December 12th at 1200. It will be plated, not buffet. I am working with the staff to ensure that everyone gets their food hot. We have a plan. Mr Music will entertain us and we can sing seasonal carols. The last day to get your request in is December 8th. If you need a flyer email me at bcft11@comcast.net

Looking forward to seeing you all,

Frank

Gary Jensen – Recruitment

Recruitment:

For Coffee (John Fineren): Interest in the Tuesday Morning 9am coffee session is very busy. Please don't forget to invite a friend.



Coffee at the senior center 10-29

HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS DECEMBER TO:

Jim Branscombe; John Crooker, John Handcock; David Michelson;
Charles Michnevich; Steve Monroe; Dick Wright

Golf: Jerry Culver & Frank Treanor



It has been a good year for the golfers. We have a system in place that allows all the players to participate and have fun, which is really the goal.... along with a couple of beers.

Rainy and cold season is upon us and will affect our ability to play, but dedication will overcome the weather.

Thank you to all of you for your cooperation, that makes it enjoyable for all players.

THANKS TO OUR NOVEMBER LUNCHEON GUEST SPEAKER:



SIR JIM TUBB

Thanks Jim for your insightful presentation regarding AI and not only its threats but how it can benefit us. Download his powerpoint from the web page.

<https://windsorsirs.org/meetings.html>

Most don't know it, but Jim was a backup speaker for all of 2004 in the event there was a last minute cancellation. That was a huge relief for the Little Sir.

**NO LUNCHEON AND NO LUNCHEON SPEAKER IN DECEMBER
PLEASE ENJOY THE HOLIDAY PARTY ON 12/12.**

WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBER:



Lou Comondatore

I am Louis Commendatore. I retired as high school administrator for Fort Bragg Unified School District in 2002. After retirement I continued to play racquetball daily till 2020 and stopped for two years during the COVID issue. By 2022 I had slowed down to play on the court, so I returned to a sport I did has a young man - - bowling. Through bowling I met retirees Dave Harrison and Don McCorquodale, and they told me about SIRS.

My wife and I live in the senior area of Brooks Creek, Windsor. Our daughter is a second teacher in Windsor and her family lives in Windsor and Santa Rosa area. Our son and his daughter live in Chico. He works as a nurse and chiropractor. I am looking forward to the activities and friendships through SIRS.

**Couples Dinner
(Not an official SIR Activity)
Couples Dinner- Jim Neal**

Hello fellow dining enthusiasts; The couples dinner is on hiatus for the month of December. We will restart in January. Hopefully the break will give time to find some new venues. In the months with limited daylight we will be staying close to home, and stretch out during the summer.

Wishing you all a great Thanksgiving and be sure to make reservations for the SIRS Christmas party. Sounds like it's going to be a good one!

Bocce Ball - Stewart Morgan



Bocce Ball at the Senior's Center Thursdays at 10:00am. All are welcome.

The first known documentation of bocce was in 5200 B.C. with an Egyptian tomb painting that depicted two boys playing. The game spread throughout the Middle East and Asia, where it was eventually adopted by the Greeks and passed on to the Romans

LIKE TO PLAY POOL, DARTS, SHUFFLEBOARD?

Game time will be twice monthly on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month (December 3rd and 17th) from 3pm to 5pm.



Definitely a bunch of amateur pool players, but fun! Interest is growing, last time we had 8 players on two tables, let's get to 12 players on 3 tables!!!



SIR Branch 176 Bowling Report for December 2024

As you read this report, we will have completed our fourth session of our second 10-week segment of our 30-week Fall 2024 and Winter 2025 Senior Mixed Bowling League held each Monday morning at the Windsor Bowling Center starting at 10 AM.

Sir Branch 176 participants include Sir Rich Westman of the So Close team, Sir Wayne Lindahl (anchor bowler) of the Strikers team, Sir Don McCorquodale (anchor bowler) of the Thunderheads team, Sir Lou Commendatori (anchor bowler) of the Bowlou team, Sir Ken Tomsen of the Ally Cats II team, Sir Dave Harrison, Sir Phil Bartels and Sir John Campbell (anchor bowler) of the Let's Roll team, and Sir Dick Wright of the Diamond Rollers team.

Scratch game season high scores go to Sir Lou Commendatore in first, and Sir Phil Bartels in second, with these two gentlemen in second and third place respectively in Scratch Series scoring. In Handicap Games, Sir Ken Tomsen is in second position, and in Handicap series Sir John Campbell is in first, with Sir Ken Tomsen in third place. The lane activity remains hot and heavy and we're all having a lot of fun.

Happy Holidays to all from your Sir Branch 176 bowlers.

3PM Friday Happy Hour



If you are free, come chat and enjoy a cold beverage. The schedule for December is: Cu'Ver 12/6; Charley's 12/13; Superburger 12/20; Mountain Mikes 12/27.

SPECIAL PROFILE: TIM SENKIR



I was born in San Francisco in 1954. I participated in football and swimming in high school in Daly City. Joined the Army and was stationed in Germany from 1973-1976. Worked for the Daly City Police Department from 1978-1981 before moving to Santa Rosa. Graduated from Sonoma State University with a degree in Business Management and an MA in Organizational Development. Retired from Santa Rosa PD in 2004 as a lieutenant. Held a variety of assignments during my career, including Training Officer, SWAT Team member, Motor Officer, Accident

Investigator, Detective, Supervisor, and Manager. Worked as a consultant for Bay Area police departments and as an instructor for training courses throughout California until 2016. My wife, Lona, and I have thirteen great-grandchildren ranging in age from 4 months to 18 years old. We like to travel. We have a trip planned to Egypt in January and a trip to Uzbekistan in September. I have been to all seven continents and more than 65 countries. I enjoy playing golf, kayaking, and attending local music concerts.

DID YOU KNOW?



FOR THE LIGHT HEARTED:

**Some days
I amaze myself.**

**Other days, I put my
keys in the fridge.**

**I signed up for an
exercise class and
was told to wear loose
fitting clothing...**

**If I HAD any loose
fitting clothing, I
wouldn't have signed
up to begin with.**

**I'm at that age where my
mind still thinks I'm 29, my
humor suggests I'm 12
while my body mostly
keeps asking if
I'm sure I'm not
dead yet.**



WHY SHE'S MAD VOLUME 1



ON THE WAY HOME



FROM DIVORCE COURT

I've never tried to outrun a police car. But, if this shows up behind me, yeah, I'm taking my chances.



I JOINED A PROCRASTINATOR SUPPORT GROUP



IT'S CALLED "WAIT WATCHERS"



OTHER COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

(Non SIR Activities)

WSRC Holiday Dinner

Tuesday, December 10- 3 to 5pm

Come celebrate the holidays with your WSRC staff and your fellow WSRC members. This social event includes a delicious dinner, dessert, and live music.

To register, call **707-838-1250**, [[register online here](#)],



Youth and seniors can still ride free on SMART trains throughout Sonoma and Marin counties under a new pilot program that started April 1.

According to a recent announcement, the program runs through June 30, 2025, and allows youth 18 and younger and seniors 65 and older to board any SMART train, any day of the week and ride fare-free. Youth and seniors are not required to have a Clipper Card or to use the SMART eTickets app, to reduce any barriers to entering the transit system.



Once a month, date varies, this month it is **DECEMBER 16**. All SIR and their spouse are welcome to start the “work” week with Margherita Monday – a chance to sample the best frozen margaritas in Windsor. Starts sharply at 4PM Castaneda’s Market Place.

Every Saturday morning (8:00-10AM) Jose Castaneda hosts a **FREE breakfast for veterans** at Castaneda Marketplace; 8465 Old Redwood Highway. This “Castañeda’s Breakfast Brigade,” provides veterans a place for connections, camaraderie & friendship

<https://www.facebook.com/CastanedasMarket>



Keep an Eye Out for notices from Len Schwer about Margarita Monday and other community events. For additional information contact Len Schwer at: Len@schwer.net

STEWART MORGAN –TRAVEL

If you are interested or have questions please contact Stewart
at stwrvmorgan@gmail.com



2025

Panama Canal Cruise San Francisco to Ft. Lauderdale. Jan. 20 – Feb. 5, 2025 17 days. Cost from \$4,185 - \$6,295 depending on cabin choice. Ports of Call: Puerto Vallarta Mexico, Puerto Quetzal Guatemala, Puntarenas Costa Rica, Fuerte Amador Panama, Full Transit through the historic locks, and Cartagena Columbia. Includes transfers from Modesto to Port of San Francisco and airfare from Ft. Lauderdale to Sacramento. For more information **contact John Cordoza 209-483-7722** johncordoza@hotmail.com Branch 143

29 Day Northern Lights Grand Adventure South Hampton (London) to Ft. Lauderdale Sept. 27 – Oct. 26 2025. Prices range from \$3797 - \$8264 pp. depending on cabin. Is seeing the Northern Lights and visiting Norway on your bucket list? This is the trip for you join us on the Emerald Princess for a 29-day cruise. Five stops in Norway, additional stops in France and Spain. Additional costs, airfare, trip insurance & \$285 port taxes. **Contact** kathig@shipsandtrips.com

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