



SIR Branch 176 Windsor Winds Newsletter for January 2023

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](#), [State Webpage](#) and/or attend Tuesday morning coffee.

Windsor Branch 176

Monthly Luncheon Meeting Every 3rd Wednesday
Charlie's Restaurant 130 19th Hole Dr. Windsor CA
Charlie's lunch is \$22.00 (plus \$1 table tip if you wish)
Reminder: Yearly Dues (\$24) can also be paid at lunch.

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Big SIR – Chris Roach



Welcome to the New Year for SIR. The Holiday lunch was a success! We had plenty of good wine and food. "Mr. Magic" played his keyboard and sang Holiday songs.

Frank presented Certificates of Achievement to several BEC & activity committee members. He was recognized for all of his achievements as Big SIR for part of 2021 and all of 2022. He was given a nice wall plaque to recognize his service.

Our main challenge as I see it is to encourage members to become more active in the operations of our club. We need members to step up and take on the roles of Big & Little SIR and some activity committees. I feel that a good way to learn how the operation works is to attend the Branch Executive Committee (BEC) meetings which are held prior to the monthly lunch. We meet at Charlie's at 10:30 prior to the luncheon. Anyone interested in learning how we work, especially those who may be interested in becoming more active in the club is invited. We would encourage any new members to attend.

Our new Little SIR, Larry Doherty, is planning some interesting speakers for the coming months. If you have any ideas for a speaker, especially if you have contact info, please talk with Larry.

Chris Roach – Friendship Report

Mike Berry was seriously ill and had to be hospitalized. He is now recovering at home. Ward and Pat Thompson contracted COVID, but we understand that neither case is serious.

Gary Jensen – Recruitment



December 12th coffee time

Our goal is to have one or two new members each month. A big part of meeting that goal is Tuesday coffee. We are not able to have coffee at the Senior Center as it is being re-modeled. Coffee will be at the temporary Senior Citizen Center which is at 25 Bluebird Dr, Windsor, CA 95492. See you there.

Little SIR – Larry Doherty



I am so looking forward to this new year and serving you to the best of my ability. I wasn't ready to do this at such an early time, but as I promised, I will do everything I can to make your time at SIR branch 176 as positive as possible. Luckily we won't have a fireman in charge anymore, even though, I would never admit to Frank he did a great job as SIR...please don't tell him. He did serve us and his community to his fullest. God bless him!!!!

I do hope each of you had a very Merry Christmas and will have a Happy New Year. We are lucky to have such a great group of gentlemen whom we shall keep entertained so they continue to come to our luncheons.

We all have something in common; as we are Americans, citizens of a great county, and vibrant souls of an extraordinary time.

I hope the holidays are an enjoyable time for you. They are a special time with our families. I am blessed to have three grandsons with whom to enjoy this holiday season.

And yes, since 1986, I have cheered on Argentina, so there is something special that is going to happen under Chris' rule.

See you all in 2023.

Warmest Regards,

LarryD.



Golf

Its winter and the holidays are here so more players, regardless of skill level, are desired. Come and join us on the course Wednesday mornings. Prior to Wednesday, use the signup sheet at the golf course or call the golf course at 707-838-7888 and sign up for SIRS golf. The starter usually gets us out by 8:00. ***If you are new*** to the golf group, please show up on time (7:45) and look for us. Since we look forward to playing with new members, we will certainly make adjustments to get you in.

2003 GOLF MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION:

You have the following choices:

1. If you want your handicap establishing and tracking you need a Northern California Golfing Association (NCGA). Without it you cannot play in SIRS tournaments, they have no way to rank you with others.
We make one exception to that. For our weekly sweeps you can still pay the \$5 sweeps fee and win prizes in the two closest- to- the -pin competition;
2. You can establish your initial NCGA index (5 games) playing wherever as long as you report your score to NCGA;
3. You can gain and keep your NCGA with annual membership fee paid to Windsor 176 golf club (US) or you can join or will have joined another club, for example, Windsor Senior Men;
4. Whichever you choose to be your club, we will add \$10 to the annual fee to cover special sweeps, beer on the patio etc.

If you do not have an NCGA number you can get it through Windsor 176 golf. If you get it some other way please let us know.

FEES

Straight renewal with 176 is \$39 plus \$10 for prizes/special events. If you are renewing with another club, they will have their own renewal fee. We ask that you also contribute \$10 to 176 for prizes etc.

Fees for joining NCGA for first time, or after a prolonged absence, are \$49, plus \$10 for prizes etc.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

1. You decide what you are going to do (remember 176 needs 10+ renewals/signers).
2. You let Mike Berry know by email, ASAP.
3. You pay fee to 176, plus \$10 for prizes, or just \$10 to 176. Mike needs these by early January. When you email Mike he will give you his address so you can send payment.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS JANUARY TO:

Jim Strange

OUR HOLIDAY PARTY:



Jim Corbert playing Christmas Music at Charlie's

Also special thanks to Frank and all of those who assisted with the organization of the party as well as Rich De Lambert who received a donation from Kunde Winery who's wine was widely enjoyed.



Approximately 50 of us enjoyed the music, food, decorations and great company. Additionally, numerous appreciation awards were handed out by Frank, while Distinguished Service awards were received by Jerry Culver (For his past service as a Big Sir) and Gary Jensen (for his tireless efforts in Recruitment, Greeting, Coffee time, and as a Director). Finally Frank received his Distinguished Service awards for his efforts and accomplishments as the 2022 Big Sir.



Dave Harrison -Bowling

Monday Morning Seniors League at Windsor Bowl is very active. We've just completed 14 of our scheduled 31 sessions of Winter League. We celebrated our annual Holiday Party on Monday December 19th. At the pot luck party each interested bowler brought a wrapped present. The presents were placed on a table. As bowlers earned first strikes, they were able to select a gift from the table.

Teams including SIR Branch 176 members are doing quite well. Wayne Lindahl's team is currently in 2nd place. Phil Bartels' team is tied with another team for fourth place. Don McCorquodale's team is presently in 9th place, and John Campbell's team is in 10th place. The league is always looking for new substitute players. Beginning as a substitute frequently leads to acceptance as an ongoing member of a team. SIR members interested in bowling are urged to contact me, and I'll pass your name and contact information on to our League Secretary. Happy New Year!

Feel free to contact me at: harrisod@sonic.net

Couples Dinner

(Not an official SIR Activity)

"We wish that you all have had a very Merry Christmas and will also have a Happy New Year. Starting off the new year, in January, let's visit another Windsor gem. Just across from the Windsor Green, on McClelland Drive, Tian Yuen Restaurant, specializing in Asian Cuisine, Dim Sum and Sushi has agreed to host our initial Couples Dinner in 2023. Tian Yuen serves beer and wine only, not a full bar.

We hope that you will join us on Wednesday evening, January 25th about 5:30 and experience some outstanding Asian food and the company of some of Windsor's most interesting couples.

Right now, we have a limit of 15 couples, but if we get a sizable response, I will try to get more tables reserved.

Again, let's plan on meeting at about 5:30pm for a dinner to start at about 6:00pm. Wayne"

So if you wish to attend, please contact Wayne as soon as possible.

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FOR THE LIGHT HEARTED:

My wife is blaming me for
ruining her Birthday
That's ridiculous, I didn't
even know it was her
Birthday

**My favorite childhood
memory is my back not
hurting.**

Profile: JERRY CULVER



Jerry was born and raised in Eureka, Ca, the youngest of four, with a brother and two sisters. His father owned and operated an auto repair business while his mother was a cook at South Bay elementary school. Jerry graduated from Eureka High School in 1975 then went to College of the Redwoods. While attending college he was working in the grocery business for two years. In 1977 Jerry was hired on with PG&E as an apprentice electrician and spent the next 37 years working his way up the ladder until his retirement as the Northern California Superintendent of Substation Maintenance and Construction. He enjoyed all positions held and all aspects of his work. However, his most fulfilling accomplishments were being on the Substation hiring team for 15 years and the department safety team for 20 years. He especially found the hiring hundreds of new employees over the years and then developing them into productive safety conscious individuals, very rewarding!

Jerry also spent his career working with the engineering group to develop new standards to improve construction practices and safety measures.

Jerry has been married to Patty, the love of his life, for 45 years. They have lived in Windsor for the past 34 years and have two wonderful children and four grandchildren. They also have two dogs, a cat and a 140 gallon saltwater fish tank. Jerry's volunteer work includes 25 years of performing various tasks for Redwood Gospel Mission and for the past 5 years has volunteered at the Sonoma County Animal Shelter. His favorite things to do includes anything outdoors such as golfing, motorcycle riding, walking the dogs, landscaping and fishing. He especially loves to fish from a ladder on Pyramid Lake, catching large Lahontan Cutthroat trout. He also is an avid bowler. Jerry, who was the Big Sir from **2020-2021 ???** continues to be involved with our Branch 176 activities including holding office as our 2023 Assistant Secretary.

OFFICIAL SIR Activities

Coffee – Gary Jensen

Coffee and Pastries at the Windsor Senior Center Tuesdays at 9:00am

Bocce Ball - Stewart Morgan

Bocce Ball at Lakewood Meadows Park Thursdays at 10:00am

OTHER SIR FYI Activities

Friday Afternoon (3:00pm) Happy Hour – Location changes weekly and will be published every Sunday in the weekly notice of events with a reminder sent on Thursday.



OTHER COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS: (Not official SIR Activities)

From Len Schwer:

Christmas Eve Breakfast at Castaneda's.



“Christmas Eve breakfast with the veterans. We had a full house & we had awesome volunteers that came to help serve the vets.

In addition, we had members of the community drop off a special treat/gift for each vet.

Vets were treated with mimosas a breakfast consisting of steak with balsamic glazed onions, sunny side eggs, tater-tots and fresh fruit.

This truly was a Feliz Navidad for the vets that joined us this morning.

Veterans, we wish you a Merry Christmas and thank you for your service.”

Jose Castaneda

Every Saturday morning (8:30-10AM) Jose Castaneda hosts a FREE breakfast for veterans at Castaneda Marketplace; 8465 Old Redwood Highway.

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

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

Lions Club Announcement From Wynn Bailey (not an official SIR Activity):



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<i>1 Year Term</i>			<i>2 Year Term</i>		
Rich Laucks	Jock Rader	Larry Doherty	Ed Peoples	John Crooker	Gary Jensen
2023 Activity Coordinators					
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