



SIR Branch 176 Windsor Winds Newsletter for July 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](#), [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 \$23.00 (plus \$1 table tip if you wish)

Windsor Winds Edition

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Big SIR – Larry Doherty



Yes, I made it back from Europe after five weeks without being arrested. I was there to make sure all the good food, wine, and sites were still in good order and they were. I was very happy to make it back in time for this year's picnic. For those of you who were unable to attend this year's summer picnic, you truly missed a great time. It was nice seeing everyone who were visiting everyone pretty much since they knew everyone there--did I use 'everyone' too many times? It was a great turnout with over 80 attendees. Plus 'Mother Nature' was kind and kept the temperatures in the low 80s.

We started with the visiting, selecting the raffle prize you hoped to win, and finding a place out of the sun to relax with friends during the event. Dave Harrison did a great job and made sure every table had a cover. Thanks to all of you who brought your pop-up.

The lunch was once again well done, with BBQed chicken, salad, beans, and corn. The dessert, was taken care of by our own "Ice Cream Man" Jerry Culver. We were just missing the melody. And don't forget, where is the spoon?

There were nearly 30 raffle prizes and something strange happened during the drawings; Joy Harrison won three items this year just as she did last year. Is there a three-peat for next year? Guess you'll have to be there next year to find out.

We rounded out the day with Bingo which was really a lot of fun. Thanks to Erin Stroud from the Senior Center for running the Bingo.

Thank you to everyone who contributed their time and energy. Made for a very memorable day.

I hope to see you all at our July luncheon on the 17th

Little SIR – Tom Palmer



You may have noticed that we normally have a welcome to new members section in the newsletter. There is no such section this month because for the first time in a very long time, we have no new members to add. Summers are usually a bit slow for member building because so many folks have plans and are on vacations, but let's not get complacent. Getting in new blood is vital to the future of this organization and our branch. New folks often come with new ideas and sometimes the energy and time to step up and volunteer... well at least eventually. So please let's get back to inviting friend(s)/acquaintances to coffee, bocce ball, happy hour and our monthly luncheon.

For the first time I was actually in town during the picnic. What a great event! I haven't played bingo since I was a kid...just a blast. My card once, almost won... and I almost won a raffle prize (so I tell myself) but I was mostly busy watching Joy & Dave, from my table, win 3 of them. The food was quite tasty, then later Jerry came around with the ice cream. Just perfect.

Generally speaking, there were quite a few folks involved in making this event happen, including wives. It all seem so seamless. Some did quite a bit, others less; but the willingness of so many to lend a hand paid real dividends. Yes, a lot of happy faces out there! Well Done.

Chris Roach – Friendship Report



A good month for us, no get well or sympathy cards needed sending.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS JULY TO:

Bob Brown; John Campbell; Jim Neal; Jim Vick, Terry Taylor

Golf: Jerry Culver & Frank Treanor



The golf club is going well. We usually have about 12 players and sometimes 16. My score keeping for the group sometimes has an error or an omission in it, but not to worry, the affected party lets me know about it. If you are new, and want to play contact **Jerry Culver**, sodone56@yahoo.com or text at 707-953-4901. He's the guy who fills the spots. To all other guys, please keep Jerry informed on whether or not you are playing.

We get there about 0730 and tee off is at about 0800. This time of year, 0800 is a perfect time for golf.

Frank

DON'T MISS OUR LUNCHEON GUEST SPEAKER ON 7/17:



Ellie Muelrath

Join Sonoma County Regional Parks Community Outreach Supervisor as she shares opportunities for Seniors to get out and enjoy their parks. From hikes (big and small), to kayaking, birdwatching, and more, there are a variety of opportunities to get out and explore the more than 60 Regional Parks in Sonoma County.

**Couples Dinner
(Not an official SIR Activity)**

Couples Dinner- Wayne Lindahl & Jim Neal

There was no couple's dinner in June due to the picnic. There will be one in July, so keep watch for the announcement.

These dinner slots fill up very fast, so if you are not on my email list and wish to be, please contact me at wlindahl@sonic.net.

CRIBBAGE



Cribbage is a weekly event every Wednesday afternoon from 2pm until 4:30. This is run through the Windsor Senior Center, so anyone and everyone is welcome. Just come for a game or two or stay the entire time, your choice. New players welcome.

Gary Jensen – Recruitment

Recruitment: We still have a goal of 80 members by years end, so let's keep inviting friends. No new members this month, so let's get going.

For Coffee (John Fineren): Interest in the Tuesday Morning 9am coffee session has taken off again. Good to see so many folks attending. Don't forget to invite a friend.



Coffee at the senior center

Bocce Ball - Stewart Morgan



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

If a bocce ball is **touching the pallino**, it's often known as a "baci" or "kiss" and can be rewarded 2 points if they remain touching at the end of the frame.

Dave Harrison: Bowling Report for SIR Branch 176

The Monday Morning Summer Mixed Seniors began. This league runs weekly through August 19th, and features a unique scoring arrangement called "no tap" (defined as a type of competition where nine pins on the first ball is recorded as a strike). This really eases scoring as no one has to hit the pesky seven pin on the left, or the ten pin on the right. We're always looking for substitutes. So, if you are interested in bowling in our summer league, it's not too late; please contact me at harrisod@sonic.net.

SPECIAL PROFILE

GOES TO THE MAN OF THE HOUR FOR HIS LEADERSHIP INVOLVING THE JUNE PICNIC:



I was the first of four boys born at Stockton California into a family whose roots trace back five generations in San Joaquin County. My paternal great-great grandfather rode horseback with his brother to the Gold Rush from Lee County Iowa, arriving in September 1850. My mother's family likewise emigrated to California from the east coast and settled in the little town of Manteca. My family history is closely tied to farming in the Central Valley. I spent my youth visiting my grandmother's ranch, playing with cousins, sailing and water skiing upon the San Joaquin River and its tributaries. I attended Amos Alonzo Stagg High School, Stockton Junior College, and University of the Pacific graduating in 1964. I soloed in a Piper Cub when I was 19 and sailed the San Francisco bay as an adult. Throughout college, I worked part time as a local disk jockey and engineer, starting in radio and progressing to television. During Law School at UC Hastings in San Francisco, I worked part time at KQED as a studio engineer on weekends.

To avoid the draft notice I received during my first year of law school, I signed up for the Air Force Officer's Candidate program in 1966. After receiving my commission and working for a year at a base in Mississippi, I was granted excess leave by the Air Force to complete my legal training. I returned to San Francisco and completed my law studies while working during summers at the base legal office at Travis Air Force Base in Fairfield. Following that service, I spent a year in Japan as Staff Judge Advocate at Wakkanai Air Station, at the northern tip of Hokkaido. I had the chance to travel around Japan and found its people, cities and countryside to be wonderful.

Upon discharge and return, I entered private practice with a firm in Stockton California doing insurance defense work, but quickly decided to become a patent attorney. I joined a San Francisco Patent Law firm in 1984 and practiced patent law there for seven years. I then formed my own firm and moved to San Mateo where I served clients principally in Silicon Valley. In 1991 I joined Quantum Corporation, and retired in 2001, as Vice President and Chief Patent Counsel. My

most interesting work occurred while representing Quantum, then a leading magnetic disk drive storage company.

Following retirement, my wife and I moved from Belmont to Windsor and have enjoyed living here very much. I spend much of my time enjoying my lifetime interest in Amateur Radio, and have a station in our home. I also grow zinfandel grapes in our backyard and make small batches of red wine each fall. In recent years, we've traveled to Europe and South America where our youngest daughter and family reside.

I have a wonderful wife Joy, three children, six grandchildren and one great grandson. Family and friends are very important parts of our life here. I'm proud to have been a part of Branch 176 since 2012, and have served in several positions including Big Sir in 2017.

PHOTOS FROM BRANCH 176 PICNIC





**August 3rd is the day for parties and music:
Two of our Sirs are having a live music party and we
are all invited:**

YOU ARE INVITED TO A YARD PARTY



Sirs Bob Wallace and John Hancock are throwing a house/yard party and you are invited. These neighbors combine their yards, set up a stage for the band, get out the big grills and fun is to be had by all. Since they are now members of Branch 176, they are hoping to see some of their SIR friends (and spouses/partners).

Time: 8/3 starting at 3pm. Band – [Fargo Brothers](#) at 6.

Place: 129 and 121 Windsor Palms

Plenty of food provided: Jambalaya, Ribs & Beer Can Chicken, Brats and Hot Dogs. If you wish to bring something else to grill, please feel free.

Limited drinks provided, so please feel free to contribute.

No cost to guests, but please consider tipping the band.

RSVP: Mary: 707-480-8827 or Becky: 707-849-2349

Note: Parking is limited to the street, Windsor Palms shopping center and possibly the Catholic church.



Hadden Sayers

Decka 9 House Concerts (*Via Sir Charles Boyd*) is hosting Hadden Sayers. The donation is \$25 per person, and all monies go directly to the artist. We will have a potluck before (1 hour) the show, (late afternoonish) and at intermission dessert will be served by the host, then a second set of music.

We have had Hadden play here once before, he puts on a great show. This will be a solo performance.

If you'd like to get an idea of what a house concert is like visit our Facebook page Decka 9 House Concerts. The link is below.

To attend please send an RSVP to barbraboyd12@gmail.com. If you'd like to be on our mailing list for future shows you can send us your email to the same place. We will not share your email with anyone. Once you RSVP we'll send our address and hopefully will have firm times by then.

Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/511338095915502>

Here is Hadden playing

[NCCM: Hadden Sayers Flat Black Automobile](#)

DID YOU KNOW?



Despite being dead for over a year, famous author Agatha Christie saved a baby's life in 1977. Her novel *The Pale Horse* described thallium poisoning so well that a nurse who had been reading it was able to diagnose a sick 1-year-old who had doctors stumped. The baby was immediately tested, they found traces of thallium, doctors changed treatments and her life had been saved by an old murder mystery novel.

PICTURE COURTESY: WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

@ HISTORYALLDAY

FOR THE LIGHT HEARTED:

I really don't mind getting older, but my body is taking it badly.

**YOU KNOW WHEN YOU BUY A BAG OF SALAD & IT GETS ALL BROWN & SOGGY?
COOKIES DON'T DO THAT**

1978	2023
Long hair	Longing for hair
8 Tracks	Cataracts
KEGs	EKGs
Streaking	Leaking
Acid Rock	Acid Reflux
Seeds and stems	Fiber
Stayin' Alive (the song)	Stayin' Alive (the goal)
Hoping for a BMW	Hoping for a BM
Going to a new, hip joint	Getting a new hip joint
Rolling Stones	Kidney Stones
Bell bottoms	Big bottoms
Disco	Costco
Whatever	Depends
Rock n' roll all night	Sleep through the night
Think you know everything	Think you know your name

It's called quarantine coffee. It's just like normal coffee but it has margarita in it and also no coffee.



NATIONAL WiNE DAY

January 1 - December 31



OTHER COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

(Non SIR Activities)



May 30 - August 29

Thursday Live Concerts (6-8 pm)
Windsor Town Green

For additional information and complete schedule visit their webpage at:

<https://www.townofwindsor.com/342/Summer-Nights-on-the-Green>

July 4th (Yes, they are open then) – The first Thursday of every month, April through October, is “Hot Dog Thursday” hosted by the Pacific Coast Air Museum at the Sonoma County Airport. **Cost: \$8.00** will get you into the museum, a hot dog, a drink, and chips. Extra hungry? Ask for the Big Dog for \$10 or add an ice cream for \$2. <https://pacificcoastairmuseum.org/hot-dog-thursday/>



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>



Once a month, date varies, this month it is **July 15th**. All SIR and their spouse are welcome to start the “work” week with Margherita Monday – a chance to sample the best frozen margheritas in Windsor. Starts sharply at 4PM Castaneda’s Market Place.

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



Youth and seniors can now 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.

STEWART MORGAN –TRAVEL

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



2024

Fall Mexican Riviera Getaway Oct. 15 – 26, '24 11 Days. Branch 98 Cost \$844 - \$944 - \$1074 - \$1424 -

\$6083pp. depending on cabin. Highlights: Departs from and returns to San Francisco, ports of call Cabo San

Lucas, Mazatlán, Puerto Vallarta, Manzanillo. **Contact Katherine Gervais Branch 98. 916-337-1623**

Kathig@shipsandtrips.com

Prague to Budapest River Trip November Dates: 11/6/24 thru 11/20/24

Serenade A: \$3995 / Serenade B: \$3895 /Sonata C: \$3795 Sonata D: \$3695/Cantata E: \$3595 /Cantata F:

\$3495/Prelude G: \$3395/Prelude H: \$3195/Air from SFO: \$1100. **Ports and cities:** Prague, Linz, Krems,

Vienna, Bratislava, Budapest. **Pre-trip US departure date: 11/1/24. Post-trip to Budapest return date:**

11/23/24

Dresden and Berlin: \$995pp PRE-TRIPM - Warsaw and Krakow: \$1095 PRE-TRIP. Budapest: \$745

POST-TRIP. Contact Milt Smith 925-258-2897 ASAP for more info. miltsmith549@gmail.com
or book
directly Group Code G4-23630 call 1-800-221-2610

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

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Summer Sojourn

Southern California Get-Away

ESPECIALLY FOR
SIR Branch No. 58

A CUSTOM FIVE DAY TOUR

July 23 - 27, 2024

TOUR FEATURES

Escorted by: *Bruce Scheibach*

Cell Phone: (707) 338-2593

Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation throughout

AMTRAK Coast Starlight passage from Emeryville to Santa Barbara

One-way Air Fare (Burbank to Santa Rosa)

ONE Night at the Best Western - Santa Barbara

THREE Nights at The Embassy Suites - Glendale



Breakfast Daily, Three Lunches and Three Dinners

Narrated TROLLEY TOUR - Santa Barbara

Self-Guided Tour of THE GETTY MUSEUM

CATALINA EXPRESS Ferry (round trip Avalon)

Discover Avalon Tour - Catalina Island

Admission and Tour of the PETERSEN Auto Museum

Admission and Presentation at the GRIFFITH OBSERVATORY

Admission for Self-Guided Tour & Traditional Tea at the HUNTINGTON Library & Gardens

Taxes and Gratuity for all included features

Airport and Rail Transfers to/from Petaluma

Driver Tip

COST: \$1,785 Per Person
Double Occupancy

\$2,265 Single Occupancy

(Trip Limited to 34 Passengers)

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