



SIR Branch 176 Windsor Winds Newsletter for May 2026

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
Jimmy's Lakeside Grill, 130 19th Hole Dr. Windsor CA
5/20/26 Lunch is \$30.00

Windsor Winds Edition

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Big SIR – Steve De La Montanya



Hello fellow SIR members, looks like May is blowing by in a hurry. Mixed bag for weather and the vegetable plants are looking for some heat. Most of the plants are doing pretty good and if we get some heat in June we may get a few Tomatoes by July 1st.

The May BEC meeting and Luncheon went well. Jimmies had the room set up and waiting. We had a nice Green Salad followed by Meat Loaf, Potatoes, and Fresh Vegetables.

The summer picnic planning continues, and we can expect a nice event with good food plenty to drink and lots of activities.

We have completed the rehabilitation of the surfaces of the two Bocce Court courts behind Safeway. They should be playable as of now. We have a few tools in the shed at the site but are looking for a couple of sets of Bocce Balls to keep in the shed.

Our guest speakers were the 4th Supervisorial District Candidates in a forum hosted by Bruce Okrepkie. Bruce did a great Job, and all 3 candidates were forthcoming with their answers, kind and professional.

At a special online BEC meeting on May 26th, we elected a new member James Selfridge has been to several coffee meetings and is looking forward to showing up for the Luncheons in the future.

I Look forward to seeing everyone at the Summer Picnic in June, and our next meeting in July
If you have concerns, please attend the meeting so your voice is heard.



Little SIR – Bruce Okrepkie



Bruce O. moderates for an informative debate by our 4th District Supervisor Candidates



Our May meeting was packed. We had the 3 candidates that were running for District 4 Supervisor. I asked some timely and interesting questions for them to answer. Hopefully those who attended got enough information to decide who they would vote for. Thanks to all of you who were there. Don't forget to vote!!!

June is our Sirs picnic.

July we will have Jose Castaneda here who will talk about his grocery store and the Veteran's breakfast.

August Cal Fire is our speaker.

September Olivia Lemen - Director of Parks and Rec. of Windsor will be our speaker.

Lastly, I will try to bring timely and interesting speakers. If any of you have someone you would like to speak to our group, please let me know at bruceokrepkie@gmail.com. See you at the picnic!

Chris Roach – Friendship Report



We sent out a “Thinking of you” card, signed by most everyone at the luncheon, to Dick Wright.

Also, remember, if you need a ride to the monthly SIR Lunch meeting, we have volunteers to drive. If you don’t know who they are, then just text or call me at 707-490-8510.

MEMBERSHIP –LARRY D.



Hard to believe it is already June. So looking forward to seeing everyone at the picnic.

As far as membership, we are back up to 85. We have two members who have been with us since the 1990s, Pat McDermott and John Young...well done. We also have two members who are 94 while the youngest member is 60. The median age of our group is 77.7.

And finally, a shout out to Lil’ Sir Bruce, who did a wonderful job this past luncheon. Bruce handled a debate between three of the candidates for our 4th District supervisor. It was handled fair, balanced, and informative. Well done Bruce. And don’t forget to vote for _____, you fill in the blank.

HAPPY JUNE BIRTHDAY TO:

Wynn Bailey; Lorenzo Cavallo; Steve Del La Montanya; Gary Good; Leo Jukov;
Gary Kramer; Tom Lawrence; Wayne Lindahl;
Chris Riggins; Dave Schleeter; Tim Senkir

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Finally, if you've never provided a full **bio. for the newsletter** and would be willing to do so, please contact Gary Good at gary.good@comcast.net. Gary is graciously helping Tom Palmer with that segment of the newsletter.

SIR's Branch 176 Ladies Day Picnic

Wednesday, June 17, 2026



LAST CHANCE FOR THIS FUN EVENT:

Payment accepted in person by Garry anywhere, including at Coffee, or Bocce ball. If you cannot find Garry in person, you can mail your check to Garry Trojanowski, 9575 Wellington Circle, Windsor, CA. 95492. Please make it out to "SIR Branch 176", but please email him [garryski@att.net] and let him know it's coming. *We have no ticket sales after June 1st since we need to notify Jimmy about the number of attendees.*



WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS:

JOSEPH DRAGONMAN



Joe is a retired Windsor resident. He was born and raised in San Francisco. Professionally he was in management-finance having earned his B.S. in accounting. His favorite activity is reading so you can usually catch up to Joe at Tuesday morning coffee where he is fully engaged in active and interesting conversation. Welcome Joe.

JIM SELFRIDGE:



Jim was born in San Francisco and raised in Ross , Ca graduating from Redwood High, followed by obtaining his college degree from the college of Marin. He is an Army veteran and a retired Firefighter. He is also a good friend and neighbor of Steve DLM. They worked together as firefighters and have many interesting stories. His current issues concern his macular degeneration which substantially limits his current activities; but in his past he loved fishing, hunting and body work on cars. Welcome Jim.

TUESDAY MORNING COFFEE 8:45-9:45

High attendance at the Tuesday Morning 8:45am coffee session at the Senior Center continues. Now in 2026, the Senior Center has a new time schedule which slightly affects us, hence the time change. Please don't forget to invite a friend.



3PM Friday Happy Hour



Join us as our Galère gathering in a snugery with the telic of badinage and raillery, inosculate with quaffing. You may notice the schedule has changed for the summer. For the month of **June**:

- 6/5: Barrel Brothers, (near Olivers 1st time in a very long time, bring your credit card)
- 6/12: Cuver (It's been a while & they have some new beers that has won gold)
- 6/19: Publican (they have mixed drinks)
- 6/26: Barley and Bine (Always a favorite)

SIR Branch 176 Bowling Report

Bowling is going well in both the Monday Morning Mixed Seniors Summer No-Tap League, in which at least two participants have bowled perfect games. The same general comments apply to the Tuesday Morning league in which SIR Branch 176 members participate.

More refined details will be reported in the July 2026 Windsor Winds.

Meanwhile if you have questions and/or wish to play, please feel free to contact me at: Dave Harrison, harrisod@sonic.net

Bocce Ball - Stewart Morgan:



As you may know two new bocce ball courts have been prepared by our branch members (mostly bocce ball players) lead by Phil Bartels and Steve DLM with expertise from Charlie Boyd. While we really enjoy playing at the Senior Center and worked hard on that court, numerous folks were not showing up because there were often too many players for one court. As most of you remember, there used to be two bocce ball courts over at the park on Brooks Road. The city changed one of them to a cornball court and it has mostly been vacant ever since. So Bruce O. contacted the city about reviving the one court and reconstructing the other. The city agreed to provide the materials, but not the labor. After two work sessions, the courts are ready to play. There may be those who will want to continue playing at the senior center, and that's fine. So: If you have been wanting to play, but for whatever reason haven't been lately, now's the time. For the near term there will probably be folks at both places. I know it's a bit confusing, but it will most likely sort itself out over the next couple of months.

Golf: Paul Hanson & Frank Treanor



With June comes the best month of golfing. We've been getting 11-12 players each Wednesday. If you want to play and join the group, please contact Frank at bcft11@comcast.net.

LIKE TO PLAY POOL, DARTS, SHUFFLEBOARD?

Game time is every Tuesday from 3pm to 5pm. at Racks-N-Cues 88928 Lakewood Dr.





NEXT OPPORTUNITY IS 6/4 @2PM*

We continue to have a great turnout. Many hands makes the work less difficult, so let's keep it up.



To clarify, this is not a “Sir’s Activity”, it’s a foodbank activity in which we assist, therefore, women/friends are absolutely welcome and encouraged to participate.

We will have a group going over once a month on the 1st Thursday of every month from 2-4pm. **The next service opportunity will be on June 4th, if you haven’t been getting my foodbank sign-up emails and wish to volunteer, please email me immediately at: palmer.ts@gmail.com**

Couples Dinner Jim Vick

The May Sirs Couples Dinner was May 14th at Quimura in Windsor; 22 people attended, there was good food and great conversation. This is a popular activity, so please consider joining us.

For June, the picnic is a couple's event, so there will be no Couples dinner. If you wish to attend future ones, but haven't been getting the emails about them, please email Jim at: jvick1497@gmail.com



IN PROFILE:



Ed Radigue

Ed Radigue was born in Tahiti in 1936 and has carried the spirit of the islands with him throughout a remarkable life of service, family, and adventure. His journey began in the U.S. Armed Forces, where he served two years in the Navy, followed by four years in the U.S. Air Force. As an Aviation Machinist's Mate, 3rd Class, he worked aboard the aircraft carriers USS Kearsarge (CVA-33) and USS Valley Forge (CV-45). He later served proudly with the 99th Bomb Wing and 9th Bomb Wing under the Strategic Air Command, contributing to missions during a pivotal era in American military history.

After completing his military service, Ed attended San Francisco State College, laying the foundation for a long and successful professional life. He began his business career with Sears, serving as both Home Fashions Manager and AB Manager (a department manager responsible for both A-line and B-line merchandise) in San Francisco and Concord. He went on to work with Bertolone Realty in Concord before retiring at age 65.

Beyond his career, Ed has devoted himself to community and relationships. A 17-year member of Rotary, he has always believed in putting service above self. His personal motto — "Treat others as they would like to be treated" — reflects the kindness and emotional intelligence that have shaped his life.

Ed was married for 59 years until the passing of his beloved wife in 1999. Theirs was a partnership defined by love, humor, and mutual devotion. Together they raised four children, and for Ed, the greatest joy of his life remains the love and closeness of his family. "Life is good when you have a good, loving family."

In retirement, Ed virtually embraced the world, traveling to more than twenty countries with his wife and children. His passport tells the story of a man who longed to travel — from Austria to Argentina, Cambodia to China, Tanzania to Thailand, Egypt to Ecuador, and to countless destinations in between. Each trip offered a new chapter for shared discovery and adventure.

For years, Ed has made his home in Larkfield, California, where he enjoys gardening, Pinochle, Bingo, and Rummikub. These simple pleasures reflect the contentment he finds in everyday life and the gratitude he has for the people around him.

At the heart of Ed's story is a deep appreciation for family and his desire to serve others. "Every birthday I celebrate is one more reason to rejoice," he said — with a gleam in his eye.

UPCOMING STATE GOLF NEWS:

The final Spring tournament will take place at Blue Rock Springs in Vallejo on June 24–25, featuring both the East and West courses in the same 4-man, 2 best ball format.

For more information and entry forms, please visit the State SIR website (www.sirgolf.org). You'll also find the full second-half schedule posted there, including:

- Team Scramble at Hiddenbrooke
- Two-day Sacramento event in September at Lincoln Hills and Turkey Creek
- State Individual Championships at Teal Bend on Thursday, October 1
- The season finale: Monterey tournament at BlackHorse and Bayonet courses at Fort Ord on November 10–11

P.S. The State Golf Committee is looking for additional volunteers to help run these events. If you're interested, please contact Ben Gikis, SIR State Golf Chairman, at gikisben@yahoo.com or 408-802-0794.

TRAVEL FROM STATE SIR:

16 Night Hawaiian Island Cruise aboard Ruby Princess round trip from San Francisco: Oct. 23 thru Nov. 8 '26 From \$3,750 to \$6,055 pp.

depending on cabin. Ports of call Hilo, Kahului, Maui, Honolulu, Oahu, Nawiliwili, Kauai, and Ensenada Mexico. Contact John Cardoza area 18 branch 143 209-483-7722 john@storageauctionexperts.com

Christmas on the Danube with a 2 day Christmas Markets of Prague extension. Nov. 27-Dec. 8, 2026

Six night Danube River Cruise including Christmas Markets in Vienna, Wurzburg, Rothenburg, Nuremberg, Regensburg, Passau, Wachau Valley, Gluhwein Party. Pricing: \$5896-\$7497 pp, double occupancy. Contact: Bill Britton Br. 101 bill.britton@comcast.net (925) 200-1062.

LINK:

Christmas on the Danube | Collette

DID YOU KNOW?

A shrimp's heart is in its head. If that wasn't interesting enough, due to the nature of their open circulatory system, shrimp have no arteries so their organs just float around in blood!

FOR THE LIGHT HEARTED:



I used to be able to do cartwheels.

Now I tip over putting on my underwear.



9 out of 10 times when I lose something... it's because I put it in a safe place.



"There's nothing on TV. D'you want to have an argument?"



"Want me to get you a shopping cart?"



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