



The Chanticleer

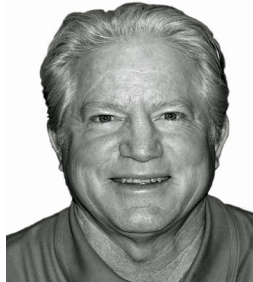
Date February 9, 2012
 Place: Ramada Inn
 324 W. Shaw Avenue

**159 website - www.branch159.sirinc.org
 Program - Dean Huss—Fresno Area Express**

Social Hour 11:00 AM
 Luncheon: 12 Noon
 \$14 plus buck bucket

Thank you all for your understanding of my absence at the January luncheon. It certainly wasn't the way I planned to start the year as Big Sir. Also, thanks Allan, Howard and everyone for stepping in.

BIG SIR
 Steve Whitehead



This is going to be a very exciting year for SIR's. As we continue to expand and grow, I am excited about the opportunities and challenges we will all have as members to continue our success throughout the year. Our leadership throughout the years has really set the bar for a high quality of service to its members. Chapter 159 is looked upon as one of the premier Chapters in the State. Howard and I are determined to maintain our stature, but this however, is due to the efforts of all of you. The one most important thing that all of us can do to continue our success is to bring a guest and increase our membership. Yes, this creates issues, however, I was reflecting on how SIR's was just three years ago as compared to now. I believe every aspect has been improved upon and will continue to be as we bring in new members.

We, of course, always need volunteers. But I would like all of us to consider and offer ways to constantly upgrade and improve our membership. This, as well as bringing a guest, is my challenge as Big Sir. I hope that all of you

will do the same. By the way, I understand that January's luncheon was one of the largest ever! Over 200 attended. Congratulations! Let's do it again in February.

I am again honored and grateful to send my second message. Our January meeting was packed with 201 attendees, the most I have ever seen at a meeting. We presented two boxes of candy to our December and January anniversary couples. I would like to thank our January speaker Ellen Knapp for her informative presentation on the Red Cross and her help with our birthday boys free luncheons. Just a reminder, you must be present to win. We called several names until someone claimed the prize. Come to think about it, at our age, we could afford to miss some birthdays! HA HA Lunch was delicious and thanks always to the Ramada Inn Staff. I'm told our bar tender is great with a morning hot-toddy.

Little Sir
 Howard Zinn



Thanks to Dennis Costello, 159 SIR member, Dean Huss and Company will be our February speaker. Dean represents the Fresno Area Express. In these tough economic times, we all need a LIFT. Dean and Company will show us how to get around Fresno on a meager budget.

I must apologize for my February absence from the meeting. Due to a family commitment, I will miss the meeting. Big SIR Whitehead will handle the chores. Members get involved whenever you can. Join us for a golf outing. Regulars keep hitting it down the middle and have fun. I'll see you in March.

February Menu

- Beef Strogenoff & Baked Fish**
- Potatoes & Carrot/Raisin Salad**
- Fresh Seasonal Vegetables**
- 1Green & 1 Fruit Salad**
- Rolls & Butter**
- Coffee, Tea, & Decaf**
- Assorted Dessert**

Bring A Guest Next Month

Sunshine

I learned that Richard Nakaduchi and Dave Metzger were having health issues. Ken Nalbandian was hospitalized and being treated for some serious problems. Do get well you guys, SIRs all. I regret to announce to you that the wife of Sonny Hatter passed away suddenly and was laid to rest January 18. And finally, Big Sir Steve Whitehead's uncle passed away and was memorialized in early January as well. To all of you fine Sirs of Branch #159, stay healthy and have a wonderful year - 2012.

*Sunshine Desk,
George Gianopoulos*

Attendance Report

In January, 2012, Fresno SIR Branch #159 had 289 members with 198 of those members attending the January 12, 2012, luncheon which represents 69 percent of member attendance. There were 91 members absent; 36 of those had excused absences.

Members are expected to attend meetings or to notify the Attendance Chairman whenever they wish to be excused. Three consecutive unexcused absences or six unexcused absences in a twelve-month period constitute a jeopardy to membership.

If you are unable to attend a future meeting, PLEASE call 243-1527 or send email to jeffiefilgas@yahoo.com. When you call or email, please include your badge number with your name.

Steve Wray, Attendance Chairman

SIR 159 Couples Bridge Tournament

All of the fourteen teams made their plays for the first two months of the 2011-2012 couples bridge tournament. The top-three high scores were made by the Willifords 5530, the Escobars 4970, and the Feriolis 4910. The Escobars made the first small slam for this year. We certainly are off to good start. So, just keep dealing, keep up the good plays, and have a good time
SIR Steve Wray

BIRTHDAYS :

Joe Bencivengo, Bud Burrows
Roger Deal, Ralph Derrick, Ron Eskender, Ted Feasel, Ed Gavigan, George Gruner, Roy Harris
Joe Hushek, Bob Jones, Lee Kerr
David Metzger, Bob Montgomery, Danny Munoz, Richard Nakaguchi, Oz Osmanson, Ron Spencer, Jack Whitaker, Bob Wilderson, Roger Wright

Computer Group

The Computer Group will meet on **Tuesday, February 21, 2012**, at the Woodward Park Library, located at Champlain and Perrin, **at 1:00 PM**. We will discuss the Windows 7 Operating System and its differences, and any questions that have come to mind since the presentation on Excel by Roger Deal.

Dale Reichard, Computer Chair



**January Speaker
Ellen Knapp of the Red Cross**

ANNIVERSARIES

Al & Mary Ann Baez
Pete & Donna Berman
Boyd & Carolyn Gibson
Allen & Lois Layne
Warren & Joan Moose
Sal & Betty Morales
Jim & Betsy Peterson
Alex & Patty Ramirez
John & Mary Ellen Williford

Branch 159 February Golf Schedule *Chairman Dennis Enslinger 297-0540*

Thur	2/2	10AM	SG	Belmont G&CC
Wed	2/8	10AM	SG	Madera G&CC
Thur	2/16	10AM	SG	Riverside
Thur	2/23	10AM	SG	Pheasant Run
Thur	3/1	9AM	SG	Eagle Springs
Wed	3/7	9AM	SG	Ridge Creek

GOLFERS CORNER

Forty seven golfers showed up on a brisk morning for our individual flighted match held at Sherwood on JAN 5. Placing first in flight A was Joe Hushek who shot a smooth 76 for a net 68, edging out Butch Evans who placed 2nd with a net 69. In flight B George Rodriguez and Robert Rathburn tied for low honors with net 66, Rodriguez taking 1st with the back nine tie-breaker. In flight C, Mike Williamson walked away from the competition placing 1st by firing a net 65, tying the lowest net of the day. In flight D Tom Topjian's net 65 placed him on top by one stroke over Richard Colby's net 66. In the CTP competition, Jim Morgan won first place at 5 feet 6 inches on hole number four. Bob Wiens won at 7 feet 9 inches on hole fifteen.

Unfortunately, most of the 47 player field had to suffer through a 5 1/2 hour or more round at Sher-

wood, which was inexcusable. Our SIR 159 golf committee will be meeting to address the slow play and come up with some solutions. A flier with ideas on how to speed up play was handed out the following week at Dinuba's Ridge Creek. On a tough course with lots of tall rough most all groups finished at 4 1/2 hours or less. This is reasonable for our group. By being aware of the pace of play for your foursome and practicing ways to speed up play there really shouldn't be a repeat of 5 hour rounds.

Congratulations go out to Perry Huffman and Howard Zinn for winning the 2011 Holiday Cup held the last two weeks in DEC. The individual scores for the matches at Airways and Riverside were added together. Huffman put together two great rounds to walk away with the combined net trophy. His total net was 121, eleven strokes better than the closest competitor. On the combined gross, Zinn came back with a strong round at Riverside to shoot a total of 159, twelve strokes better than 2nd place.

If you haven't noticed, our Golf Area 29 director Butch Evans has been busy on our SIR 159 golf website. Butch has installed our 2012 schedule, so now you can look at the hard copy of the combined SIR golfing events put out by Art Daly or you can see our schedule by itself on the web. Butch has also posted info on the 2012 SIR state tournaments and associate NCGA events. For those of you who like competitive golf, start marking your calendars and forming teams for the qualifying events.

At certain times of the year our golfing news is sparse which makes the editor scramble for things to say. Golfers if you are taking or have taken a special trip recently that included golfing in other parts of California or out of state, let me know and I'll mention it in the Chanticleer. We other golfers can live vicariously on your experience. :-)

Chairman for the January matches was Mike Williamson. Mike wanted to thank Duke Marshall for collecting money as his assistant. He also felt his concerns over slow play and monthly chairman pro-

cedures were being addressed. He would urge those of you who haven't served as a monthly chairman or assistant to volunteer to make SIR 159 Golf Group the best in Fresno and maybe the best in the whole SIR organization. :-)

(We still need assistants for JUL, AUG, SEP, OCT & DEC....please call 432-8601 to volunteer.)

Monthly chairman for February is Dennis Ensminger, ph # 297-0540. Email den-nis.maggie@sbcglobal.net Assisting will be Dell Kerns.

December Bowling Scores

The new league has started and we invite any SIR member to come join us – Friday mornings, 10AM Sierra Lanes. See you.

DATE		Name	Score	Branch
2-Dec	HI SERIES	Jim Whitmer	625	159
	HI GAME	Dimitri Kostiv	235	159
9-Dec	HI SERIES	Mike Castle	634	175
	HI GAME	Duke Marshall	248	159
16-Dec	HI SERIES	Duke Marshall	626	159
	HI GAME	Jim Whitmer	223	159
23-Dec	HI SERIES	Jerry Brown	628	159
	HI GAME	James Noriega	261	159
30-Dec	HI SERIES	Mike Castle	643	175
	HI GAME	Bill Kinder	233	169

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