



The Chanticleer

Date April 12, 2012
 Place: Ramada Inn
 324 W. Shaw Avenue

**New 159 website - www.branch159.sirinc2.org
 Program - Dan Pessano Good Company Players**

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

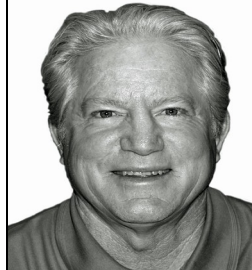
Spring is officially here! All activities should be in full swing. We lost 3 members this month due to moves and health, so keep bringing a guest whenever possible. Thanks to Allan and George, we may have a Fresno Bee article again soon. Keep your eyes out for it, it's a great recruiting tool.

I believe the Ramada PA system was a bit better last month, although not perfect. We think we know how to get a better result this month, so let us know what you think.

Also, congratulations to Dennis Ensminger, who had TWO hole in one's in the last month. One with us and another with, I believe, Chap. 175. This is going to kill his handicap.

Enjoy the longer days, remember Ladies Day is upcoming, and see you all at the luncheon.

BIG SIR
 Steve Whitehead



More sunny days, a little well needed rain, and longer days to deal with as April is here & we change to summer times. I would like to thank Bill Phillips for using me as his "dummy" during his informative & interesting talk on the golf swing. Bill is a humble man and has been blessed with his life and people in the golf world. He has offered SIRS a tremendous discount on lessons to sharpen up your game. I think we have talked him into joining SIRS in his spare time.

Thanks again to the Ramada for a great lunch and the morning "hot toddies". **WE NEED A TRAVEL CHAIRMAN.** Upon my retirement as Travel Chair, Carroll Dahl agreed to take over until a replacement was named. **ITS THAT TIME !** If YOU like to travel and plan trips PLEASE let me know so we can get you started. Seriously, you will get lots of help.

Don't miss our luncheon in March. Our guest speaker will be Dan Pessano, Director and founder of the Good Company players which produces plays and musicals at Roger Rocha's Dinner Theater and Second Space. Several of our SIR members have performed with him. He has a wonderful presentation and just might throw in a ticket or two. Please join us in April.

Continue to bring your friends to our meetings and join ALL our great activities including Bridge, Poker, Tennis, Fishing, Computers & Bowling to name a few. Chairmen's telephone numbers are in the Chanticleer.

Little Sir
 Howard Zinn



April Menu

Baked Fish

Beef Tri-tip Roast

Rice Pilaf & Three Bean Salad

Fresh Seasonal Vegetables

1 Green & 1 Fruit Salad

Rolls & Butter

Coffee, Tea, & Decaf

Assorted Dessert

Be A Friend-Bring A Friend

BIRTHDAYS

Al Baez, David Barredo, Allan Baxter, Leo Bopp, Bill Cross
Chico Garcia, Irving Gates, Hank Gomar, Dick Hall, Cliff Henderson, Paul Hyland, Rene` Klopstein, Jim Knapp
Gene Marshall, Sal Morales, Brian Morse, James Noriega, LeRoy Pan-dukht, Shane Petersen, Dennis Rich, Bob Robinson
Reg Rosander, Jim Whitmer

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Fred & Judith Scott
Bob & Helen Sexton
Lou & Linda Shuemake

Bridge Scores

March 2

1st. Ron Vieira, 2nd. Jim Whitmer, 3rd. Bob Haw, 4th. Mike Escobar, 5th. Vic Froehmer, 6th. Dick Hansen
Consolation: Jim Lund
High score: 5820
High table: 1850
Vic Froehmer—Jim Whitmer

March 16

1st. Jim Lund, 2nd. Jack Leonard, 3rd. Bob Haw, 4th. Mike Escobar, 5th. Hugh Cox, 6th. Vic Froehmer
Consolation: Bob Cleveland

High score: 5220
High table: 1610
John Williford—Bert Bertelsen

Callers Corner

Still looking for a volunteer Caller. Contact
Ron Travis @ 322-1898

Attendance Report

In March, 2012, Fresno SIR Branch #159 had 284 members with 188 of those members attending the March 8, 2012, luncheon which represents 66 percent of member attendance. There were 96 members absent; 49 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 un-excused 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 *jeffiefil-gas@yahoo.com*. When you call or email, please include your badge number with your name.

Steve Wray, Attendance Chairman

Computer Group

The Computer Group will Meet on **Tuesday, May 15, 2012 at 1:00 PM** at the Woodward Park Library, Located at Champlain and Perrin. There will be no meeting in April due to non-availability of the room. In March we discussed adding pictures and graphics to a Word document, maybe in May we can learn how to use some of the features in Word.

Dale Reichard, Computer Group Chair

SIR 159 Couples Bridge Tournament

All of the first three months of team plays have been made. The top three scores for this period are the Escobar Team with a subtotal of 13,430 followed by the Williford Team with a total of 13,280, followed by the Ferioli Team with 12,830.

For January, all of the team plays have been made with one exception. The highest scores reported thus far for January are 4960 for the Freeman/Neate Team followed by the Wrazel Team with 4950, followed by the Whitmer Team with 4650.

For February, all of the team plays have been made with one exception. The highest scores reported thus far for February are 5870 for the Escobar Team, followed by Weinstein Team with 3930, followed by the Whitmer Team with 3920.

For bid-and-made small slams, the Escobar Team made another small slam in February for a total of two.

Teams are doing well with timely plays. Keep up the good work, have fun and keep dealing those cards.

SIR Steve Wray

SUNSHINE

I was saddened to read of the passing of the wife of Sir Ron Eskander. Difficult, tragic and sad. Our sympathy goes out to Ron. Our Sir Ray Urushima has been ill and has had to miss our meetings. But had a happy moment on the phone with Ray Alan. As you remember, Ray has had a near one-year episode with his leg. But I am happy to inform you that he is truly on the mend. Looking forward to seeing one of our Big Sirs back with us soon. Get well soon, you guys. And once again, I do appreciate you all keeping me informed.

Sir George Gianopulos
The Sunshine Desk

GOLFERS CORNER

The competition was stiff in our flighted individual match held at Eagle Springs on the 1st of March. A turnout of 59 golfers enjoyed the unexpected warm sunny day. In the closest to the pin contests, Ray Phillips took 1st on hole # 7 at 12' 9" while Tom Lean was closest on hole #17 at 3' 11". In all four flights, 1st and 2nd place were determined by

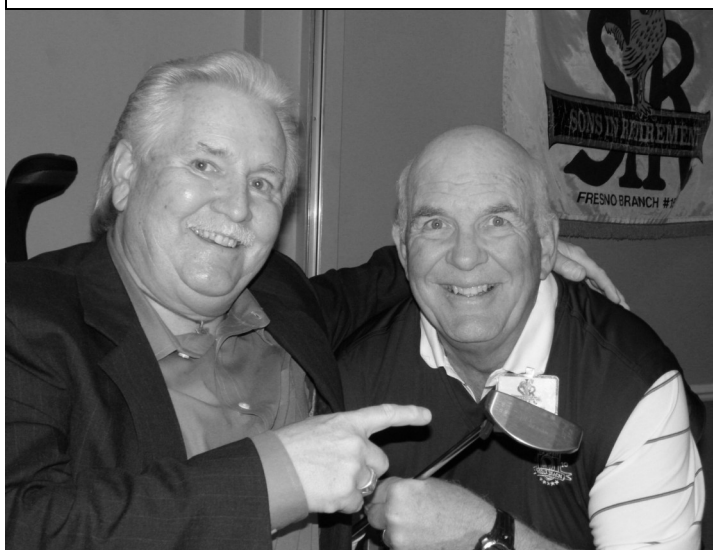
tiebreaker rules. In flight 1 it was Terry Dondero coming out on top over Mike Moyle, both with net 70. In the 2nd flight it was Robert Jones edging out Tom Lean, both with net 69. The 3rd flight had Charles Jaurigue over Robert Rathburn both at net 71. Flight 4 had Vic Froehner on top over Robert Wilderson, both at net 71.

Since we had so many ties that had to be broken to determine our winners, how exactly does the tiebreaker work? The TPP (tournament pairings program) that our scorer Rich Colby utilizes through the NCGA follows USGA rules in that the back nine total net scores are compared first. (It doesn't matter which hole the golfer starts on in the shotgun format, the net scores for holes 10 through 18 are the first tiebreaker utilized.) If still tied, the total net for the last six holes (#13 - 18) are compared. If still tied the total net for the last three holes are compared (#16 - 18). If still tied the eighteenth hole becomes the deciding factor. If all these comparisons still end in ties, the NCGA rep that I talked to said a flip of the coin would determine the winner.

In the matches listed above, the 2nd, 3rd and 4th flight winners were all determined by the first tiebreaker (comparing back nines). In the 1st flight the contestants were tied on the first tiebreaker but Dondero was 1 stroke lower on the 2nd tiebreaker (comparing the last six holes). Thank goodness the TPP program on the computer does all these comparisons!

Reg Rosander was our monthly chairman in March who stoically served for five tournaments. Besides reiterating his comments of serving as a monthly chairman to get to know all of our SIR 159 golfers (August 2011) he mentioned that our golfers should be sure to read their names in the golf press releases in the Fresno Bee in the Monday edition each week....it might be the last time your name appears in print before your obituary. :-)

Speaker—Bill Phillips & Howard having fun



Reg would like to thank his diligent assistant Claude Torrez for his help during the month.

For the month of April Duke Marshall is serving as chairman aided by Roger Oliver. Duke can be reached at 447-5388, email DukMarshal@AOL.com.

STATE GOLF TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE FOR 2012

- April 22 thru 26 - Las Vegas - 3 Days of Golf**
 - June 11 thru 15 - Reno - 3 Days of Golf**
 - June 18 thru 22 - Reno - 3 Days of Golf**
 - August 13th - State Scramble Team Championship at Shadow Lakes GC**
 - Sept. 9 thru 13 - Fall Classic- 3 days of Golf Santa Ynez Marriott in Buellton/Solvang**
 - October 22 and 23 - Championship and Open Laguna Seca Golf Course**
- Check www.sirstategolf.com for entry forms

Branch 159 April Golf Schedule
Chairman Duke Marshall 447-5388

Thur	4/5	9AM	SG	Valley Oaks
Wed	4/11	9AM	SG	Madera CC
Thur	4/19	9AM	SG	Riverside
Thur	4/26	9AM	SG	Pheasant Run
Thur	5/3	9AM	SG	Belmont CC
Wed	5/9	9AM	SG	Eagle Springs
Thur	5/17	9AM	SG	Madera Muni

February 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
3-Feb	HI SERIES	Tom Harlan	643	175
	HI GAME	Jim Whitmer	248	159
10-Feb	HI SERIES	Jim Whitmer	631	159
	HI GAME	Joe Huizar	232	159
17-Feb	HI SERIES	John Corter	632	169
	HI GAME	Duke Marshall	239	159
24-Feb	HI SERIES	Tom Harlan	635	175
	HI GAME	Merle Knapp	234	175



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