



The Chanticleer

Date May 10, 2012
 Place: Ramada Inn
 324 W. Shaw Avenue

**New 159 website - www.branch159.sirinc2.org
 Program - Jean Lane with Don Oliver on the keyboard**

Social Hour 11:00 AM
 Luncheon: 12 Noon
 \$18 per person

Spring is here and everyone knows what that means. **LADIES DAY!!!** At the bottom of this page is a reservation for you, your lady and any other friends. We need to have these in by **MAY 6**. Please help us get an accurate count by doing this as soon as possible. We realize there will be some last minute or walk in, but the more tickets we can reserve, the better. We have a great program lined up, so don't miss out.



Big SIR
Steve Whitehead

Many of you seemed to like the way our room was rearranged due to water damage at the last luncheon. We appreciate everyone's cooperation, it went quite smooth. This does have the potential to handle more tables. Let us know what you think.

Little Sir Howard Zinn gave us a great speaker in Dan Pessano of Good Company Players. He is compiling a list of Sirs that may want to attend various plays. Let him know if you are interested.

See you all at Ladies Day!

Ladies Day Luncheon Menu

- Roast Loin of Pork
- Chicken Marsella
- Whipped potatoes/gravy
- Caesar Salad
- Desert

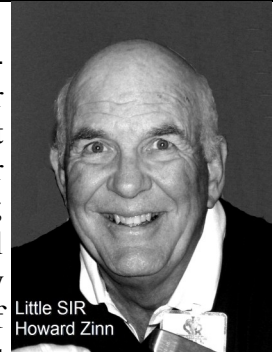
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Name _____ Chicken ___ Pork ___
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Its **PARTY** time at the Ramanda this month with our "Ladies Day Luncheon". Not only do we get to show off our better half or significant other; we can sign-up for a wonderful evening at the Good Company players to see "The Sound of Music". The Musical opens May 24, and we hope to "**Book**" two nights. If interested, please call Howard Zinn ASAP @ 431-6797 to reserve your spot. Limited space is available.



Little SIR
Howard Zinn

Hey Ladies, Do you like to travel ? SIRS 159 needs a Travel Chair. Get your husband to **CHAIR** the Travel position. We need one **NOW** (yesterday) to plan our travel Trips. A lot of help will be provided, but we need a name. Fresno Sirs just returned from a fabulous 16 day Cruise to the Hawaiian Islands. Those who attended the trip asked "when is the next one". Everybody had a relaxing and safe vacation.

A very special thank you to our April Speaker, Mr Dan Pessano, who has invited all of us to the Roger Rocka's Dinner Theater for the performance of The Sound of Music. His speech was interesting and entertaining. I hope many of you will join us for an evening in the Tower District as well as at our **SPRING Ladies day luncheon** on Thursday, May 10th, 12 noon at the Ramada Inn. SEE you there !

SUNSHINE

We were saddened to hear of the loss of two of our SIR #159 members. First , John Casey passed away in early April, followed by Roger Oliver on April 20. Truly sorry to receive this news and have to report it to you. May their Memory be Eternal. We also hear that Fred Scott has been having some health problems resulting in his not being able to attend our meetings lately. Get well, Fred; remember, we're thinking of you. And remember you guys out there, keep me posted.

Sir George Gianopulos The Sunshine Desk

Callers Corner

Still looking for a volunteer caller.
Contact ; **Ron Travis @ 322-1898**

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Bridge Scores

3/30 — 1st. Jim Whitmer,
2nd. Hugh Cox, 3rd. Larry Knoll,
4th. Fred Wrazel, 5th. George

Rurik, 6th. Bob Haw
Consolation: Jim Lund
High score: 5290
High table: 1660
Fred Wrazel - George Rurik

4/6 - 1st. Larry Knoll, 2nd. John
Williford, 3rd. Bob Haw,
4th. Vic Froehmer, 5th. Fred
Wrazel, 6th. George Rurik
Consolation: Jim Whitmer
High score: 5110
High table: 1890
Larry Knoll - John Williford

4/20 - 1st. Ron Vieira,
2nd. Mike Escobar, 3rd. Vic
Froehmer, 4th. Jim Lund, 5th.
(Bob Cleveland - HughCox) tied
Consolation. Russ Mott
High score: 4700
High table: 1820
Bob Cleveland - Vic Froehmer

Computer Group

The Computer Group will meet on
**Tuesday, May 15, 2012 at 1:00
PM**, at the Woodward Park Li-
brary, located at Champlain and
Perrin. In March we learned about
adding pictures and graphics to a
Word Document, in May maybe
we can discuss some of the other
Word features.
Dale Reichard, Computer Group
Chair

Attendance Report

In April, 2012, Fresno SIR Branch #159 had
282 members with 177 of those members
attending the April 12, 2012, luncheon which
represents 63 per-cent of member attendance.
There were 105 members absent; 48 of those
had excused absences.

Members are expected to attend meet-ings or
to notify the Atten-dance Chair-man when-
ever they wish to be excused. Three consecu-
tive 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 meet-ing,
PLEASE call 243-1527 or send email to jef-
fiefil-gas@yahoo.com. When you call or
email, please include your badge number with
your name.

Steve Wray, Attendance Chairman

SIR 159 Couples Bridge Tournament

Through March, all of the team
plays have been made with one
exception which was due to
have been played in January.
The highest scores reported for
March are the Escobar Team
with 5400, the Ferioli team with
4390, and the Freeman/Neate
team with 4230.

For bid-and-made small slams,
the Escobar team still hold the
record for a total of two. No
grand slams to date.

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

SIR Steve Wray



April Speaker Dan Pessano

GOLFERS CORNER

Those golfers who made the trek
down to Visalia on April 5th en-
joyed a beautiful spring day to
play. Our first of the month indi-
vidually flighted tournament
seems to be catching on. Many

members have expressed enjoyment at getting to play against SIRs in a flighted format once a month where they're competing against players of similar handicaps within their foursomes.

In the first flight, Terry Dondero ranked at the top with a net 62 followed by Mike Moyle at net 68. The 2nd flight had Danny Munoz in front of the field with a net 66 and Dave Barredo following at net 69. Vic Froehmer outdistanced the field in the 3rd flight with net 66, 2nd place going to Ben Romo at net 72. In the 4th flight Perry Huffman edged out Duke Marshall for first, net 66 vs net 67. In the CTP contests, Mike Moyle won on hole #4 Lakes at 10' 4" and Ted Fox won on hole #5 Valley at 6' 8".

Golfers if you haven't noticed, the 2012 competitive NCGA Associate Club tournaments have begun. In a SIR 159 qualifier held at Riverbend on March 29th, Mike Fair and Jim Morgan placed 1st in the Associate Club Four Ball net event. They earned the right to advance to the next level, a sectional qualifier at Riverside on May 10th. If they should happen to place high enough in the sectional, they would advance to the finals at Poppy Hills and Spyglass in late June. Having been lucky enough to advance to the finals and play Spyglass/Poppy Hills in an Associate NCGA event a couple years ago, I would highly recommend to any of you with a competitive bent to get involved. What a treat to play Spyglass for the first time at much lower rates than normal! Talk to Butch Evans, our Area 29 golf chairman, to find out more concerning NCGA Associate Club events along with SIR State golf events. Info about the tournaments can also be found on our website under the Branch 159 schedule listed under SIR State & NCGA Associate Club Tournament Schedule.

Also qualifying and advancing with Fair & Morgan to the sectional at Riverside were the teams of Steve Whitehead & Gary Smith along with Ray Phillips & Butch Evans.

Serving as monthly golf chairman for April was Duke Marshall. Having served as an assistant in January helped Duke's transition smoothly into the chairman position. Duke wanted to reinforce to our golfers that we all should check in a minimum of 30 minutes be-

fore the tournament starts. Anytime after that can cause a delay in the start time of the tournament and also prevents the monthly chairman and assistant having adequate time for their own preparation.

Helping Duke out as an assistant in May was Roger Oliver. As most of you probably know, Roger passed away quite suddenly and unexpectedly while at an AD (Athletic Director's) conference in San Diego on April 20th. Recently retired, Roger was a great addition to SIR 159 and our golfing group. He is sorely missed and our prayers go out to him and his family.

Serving as monthly chair for May is James Noriega. James will be assisted by Ron Wilson.

Branch 159 May Golf Schedule
Chairman James Noriega 432-5423

Thur	5/3	8:30AM	SG	Belmont CC
Wed	5/9	9AM	SG	Sierra Meadows
Thur	5/17	8AM	SG	Madera Muni
Thur	5/24	8AM	SG	Airways
Thur	5/31	8AM	SG	Eagle Springs
Thur	6/7	8AM	SG	Sherwood
Wed	6/13	8AM	SG	Ridge Creek

March 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-Mar	HI SERIES	Bev Dickinson	628	159
	HI GAME	Ron Soencer	243	159
9-Mar	HI SERIES	Joe Huizar	641	159
	HI GAME	Jim Whitmer	256	159
16-Mar	HI SERIES	Jim Whitmer	624	159
	HI GAME	Tom Harlan	248	175
23-Mar	HI SERIES	Bill Ripley	621	175
	HI GAME	Fred Bates	221	169
30-Mar	HI SERIES	James Noriega	623	159
	HI GAME	Bill Ripley	223	175



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