



The Chanticleer

Date July 12, 2012

Place: Ramada Inn

324 W. Shaw Avenue

**New 159 website - www.branch159.sirinc2.org
Program - Col. Clay Garrison (Air Nat'l Guard of Fresno)**

Social Hour 11:00 AM

Luncheon: 12 Noon

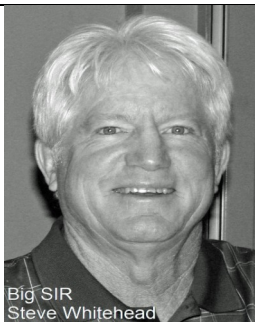
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To all SIR's... have a fun and safe 4th of July as we celebrate our country's independence. How fortunate we are to live in such a great land.

First, let me apologize for the difficulty with the public address system at last months luncheon. Although we have improved the system, we discovered another glitch. Thanks to the efforts of Rich Colby and Roger Deal, I believe the major problems have been resolved and should not occur at the upcoming luncheons.

We inducted four new members last month. Wouldn't that be a magnificent goal to set. I know you can do it members, keep up the good work. The Fresno Bee ran another great article which should benefit all our branches.

Along with this issue of the Chanticleer, you should have received an updated 2012 membership directory. Bert Bertelsen, Mike Williamson, Rich Colby and Roger Deal do a great job to facilitate this. Thanks gentlemen. By the way, thanks to all the volunteers that make our club run. The easiest way to know our membership is to be involved. I encourage all of you, at some point, to volunteer in some capacity. You can talk to any

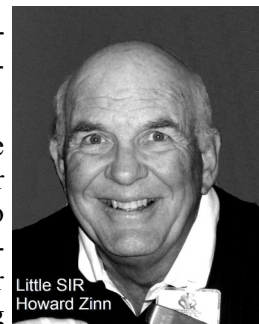


Big SIR
Steve Whitehead

one of us at the luncheon, we will be there. Hope to see each and every one of you there also!

Six months of the year - gone already. Time flies when you're having fun.

For six months it been my pleasure to serve SIRS 159. Thank you all for your help and support. We have so much to look forward to in the future. Last month we welcomed over six new members. As of this writing we expect to add four more at the July meeting. Please keep up the good work of recruiting men for our membership. We have so many activities to offer. The chairman for each activity is listed in the Chanticleer. Please get involved in some way. Corky Nakayama is our new Travel Chair. When is our next trip? Let's put as much participation in other activities as we do into golf.



Little SIR
Howard Zinn

A very special thank you to Mike Paustian for speaking at our June meeting with such short notice. Mike filled in for Raegan Pebley (FSU Womens BB Coach) as a scheduling conflict occurred. Mike spent over twenty years as a professional Baseball Scout. His presentation was professional and informative.

Our July speaker will be Col. Clay Garrison, Wing Commander of 144 National Guard of Fresno. His talk will provide some interesting discussion. Bring a friend and join us for the July meeting.

July Menu

- Beef Tri-tip Roast
- BBQ Chicken
- Roasted New Potatoes
- Four Bean Salad
- Fresh Seasonal Vegetables
- 1 Green & 1 Fruit Salad
- Rolls & Butter
- Coffee, Tea, & Decaf

SUNSHINE

We had a couple of past Big SIRs with health issues during the past month. George Gianopulos had shoulder surgery and Sal Morales had a heart attack. Both are on the mend now and we hope to see them back in playing form again soon.

Be A Friend-Bring A Friend

Callers Corner

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

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Poker

Hi – My name is Dave Metzger and I am cochairman with Bob Young for the “poker group”; we have acted in this capacity since the group was formed 4 years ago. We are different 159 SIR members, that come together for the fun of playing poker. We play one of

the easy games (Texas Holdum) as you may have seen played on TV. I give a 5 minute lesson in the basics; then, it takes a lifetime to understand. HA! We meet at a different house each month on the first Tuesday of the month; however, with thw July 4th holiday happening that week, we will delay the game until the next week (July 10). We start at noon and finish about 3PM. We have about 12 players usually, but we welcome more. We have fun joking with each other and spending some time together to forget our pains and woes. If you are interested in poker playing and would like to join in the fun, call Dave Metzger @ 298-5163.

Bridge Scores

June 1 1st. Russ Mott, 2nd. Fred Wrazel, 3rd. Jim Peterson
4th. Larry Knoll, 5th. Bob Cleveland, 6th. John Williford
Consolation: Allan Bertelsen
High score: 4680
High table: 1260
Fred Wrazel - Jim Peterson

June 15 1st. Larry Knoll,
2nd. Jim Whitmer, 3rd. Jim Peterson, 4th. Ron Vieira, 5th. Jim Lund, 6th. Dick Hansen
Consolation: Russ Mott
High score: 5470
High table: 1620
Larry Knoll - Jim Peterson

Computer Group

Our room at the Library is reserved for **Tuesday September 18, 2012**, which will be the next meeting of the Computer Group. We are going to start including additional technology: Digital pho-

tography, Cell Phones, (Smart and dumb) and such other interesting stuff as we can think of (Digital Model Railroading?). Watch this space!

Dale Reichard Computer Group Chair

Attendance Report

In June, 2012, Fresno SIR Branch #159 had 280 members with 183 of those members attending the June 14, 2012, luncheon which represents 65 percent of member attendance. There were 97 members absent; 58 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 meet-ing, *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 Chair

GOLFERS CORNER

The temperature soared over the century mark for a few days but that didn't deter our golfers, as we've had good turnouts at our matches. Sherwood was the sight of our individual flighted match on June 7th. Sixty golfers made the four flights very competitive.

In the first flight Joe Hushek took gross honors for the day firing a smooth 74...net 65. Carl Merz was

a close 2nd at net 67. In flight 2 Rich Zanarini edged out George Rodriguez for first, his net 65 one stroke better than George's 66. The 3rd flight was a runaway with Rich Colby taking first with his 58 being the lowest net of the day. Vic Froehmer took 2nd with a fine net 63. In the 4th flight top

Ridge Creek in Dinuba was the sight for the kickoff of our annual Ron Rich Memorial Match play on 13 June. Winning their first match and advancing to the 2nd round were the following individuals: 1st flight - Joe Hushek, Jim Morgan & Ray Phillips. 2nd flight - Bob Rathburn, Gary Smith, Hank Gomar & Bruce Evans. 3rd flight - Mike Williamson, Bob Moore & Dell Kerns. 4th flight - Ron Wilson, Perry Huffman & Larry Psaltis. Unable to play at Ridge Creek but playing at Riverbend the following week Gerry Fields in the 3rd flight and Charles Barret in the 4th flight both advanced to the 2nd round.

In the NCGA Associate Club Championship qualifier held at Riverbend on Wednesday, June 20th, the 4man2BB team of Jim Morgan, Butch Evans, James Noriega & Mike Moyle fired a net 126 good for third place. They will serve as 1st alternate to the two teams that are advancing to the sectionals at Poppy Ridge on July 26th.

The very next day on June 21, also at Riverbend, the four man team of Jim Morgan, Butch Evans, Nick Fierro & Rich Colby fired a lights out net 58.12 in the Area 29 qualifier for the SIR State Scrambles. Congratulations to this team that now advances to the State finals to be held at Shadow Lakes in Brentwood on August 13th.

Thanks go out to Howard Zinn and Joe Hushek who served as chairman and assistant for June. It came to Howard's attention through comments of some of our players that a few of our SIR golfers are consistently having a tough time keeping accurate scores. His advice would be the same that he gave the high school golfers he coached...at the end of the hole add how many wood shots, how many irons, how many putts. Another remedy is to make sure the low handicap golfer in the group is the scorekeeper. If the scorer suspects a golfer is shaving a stroke or more off his score, instead of asking for the golfer's score, he simply says, "I have you down for a ___." If the golfer doesn't agree, now he has the onus of recounting stroke by stroke. (If the low handicapper is the one having a tough time counting his own score, someone else in the foursome should use the same method on him). All scores should be said out loud at the end of each hole, even the score of the scorekeeper. Let's all have fun out there...anyone shaving strokes is kidding themselves that other golfers don't notice.

Serving as monthly chairman for July is Alan Baxter assisted by John Crawford.

SIR 159 Couples Bridge Tournament

The 2011-2012 Couples Bridge Tournament came to a successful close. Once again Mike and Mary Escobar graciously hosted the potluck awards luncheon at their home. The winners for this year are:

First Place Mike and Mary Escobar 36,340 \$80.00

Second Place John and Mary Ellen Williford 32,470 \$50.00

Third Place B.J. and Marjorie Ferioli 30,030 \$40.00

We had guests at the luncheon who plan to join our group when we start the new year in October 2012. Notices will be mailed to present members and prospective members in late August or early September as to the date, place and time we will meet to get started with the new year.

SIR Steve Wray

Branch 159 July Golf Schedule

Chairman Allan Baxter 434-1037

Thur	7/5	8AM	SG	Pheasant Run
Wed	7/11	8AM	SG	Riverside
Thur	7/19	8AM	SG	Madera Muni
Thur	7/26	8AM	SG	Airways
Thur	8/02	9AM	SG	Belmont CC
Wed	8/08	8AM	SG	Madera CC
Thur	8/16	8AM	SG	Sherwood

May Bowling Scores

The current league is about to finish. Starting July 14th we will be bowling just for fun, so come out and give it a try. Bring a friend or a grandchild. It is a good way to spend time with the grandchildren..See ya at the lanes!

DATE		Name	Score	Branch
4-May	HI SERIES	James Noreiga	640	159
	HI GAME	Tom Harlan	242	175
11-May	HI SERIES	Ed Gavighan	619	159
	HI GAME	Jerry Brown	230	159
18-May	HI SERIES	Merle Knapp	650	175
	HI GAME	Bill Kinder	227	169
25-May	HI SERIES	Duke Marshall	648	159
	HI GAME	Leroy Foote	239	159



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