



The Chanticleer

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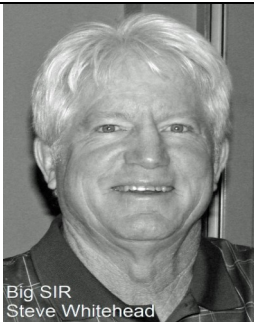
**New 159 website - www.branch159.sirinc2.org
Program - John Horstman Insurance specialist**

Social Hour 11:00 AM

Luncheon: 12 Noon

\$14 plus buck bucket

August is upon us already, time sure flies by. This month we will be voting on our nominations for next year's officer and director positions. We have some open positions for anyone who would like to join in on our board meetings. A couple chairman positions that need to be filled are publicity, events, and we are always in need of a monthly golf chairman. We would like to thank Dennis Costello for stepping up at our last meeting and taking over the position of Rooster Items. I know it sounds like a broken record, but the more members we have, the easier it is to spread some of the responsibilities. Also, we are always here to promote any activities that members feel may be of interest, just let us know. Stay healthy, enjoy the good weather and see you at the August luncheon.



Big SIR
Steve Whitehead

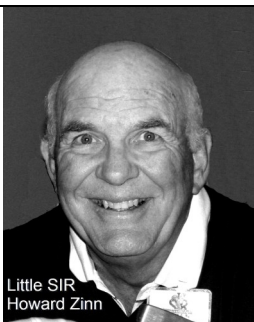
Another Thank you to Col. Clay Garrison for speaking at our July meeting. He wowed us and scared some members with information about the 144 National Guard unit in Fresno. His Presentation was informative and interesting. His entire speech was spontaneous and off-the-cuff. Thank you for keeping us safe.

Our August speaker will be John Horstman, Insurance specialist. He will share Insurance needs, Long term health care, possible wills and Living Trust.

Planning for the annual Golf outing/Cruise to Baja is in the works for Feb 4, 2013. This trip is not sponsored by SIRS. Golfers, wives, friends and singles are welcome. Contact me if interested. Stay cool, be happy, and solicit more members.

SEE YA AT THE AUGUST MEETING

I hope everyone is enjoying the "warm" summer. Many folks are on vacation and sharing time with friends and family. New members continue to roll-in to 159. Keep up the good work gentlemen and get involved in our many activities.



Little SIR
Howard Zinn

One such activity is another wonderful evening at the Good Company Players "Calamity Jane", starring Louise Mandrell, opens July 19 and runs through Sept 16. SIRS 159 is planning another night at the theater. Call Howard Zinn @ 431-6797 if interested in attending. We will move fast and it will fill up quickly. Sign ups and payment will be due at the August meeting so bring your checkbooks!

SIR 159 OFFERS

"CALAMITY JANE"

GOOD COMPANY PLAYERS
ROGER ROCKA'S DINNER THEATER
SUNDAY, AUGUST 19, 2012

BUFFET DINNER 5:30
PRE-SHOW 7:00
SHOW - 7:30

TOTAL PRICE - \$44.00 pp

(INCLUDES DINNER, SHOW, TAX, & TIP)

CONTACT : HOWARD ZINN

431-6797 (LEAVE MESSAGE)

1ST COME -1ST SERVED

LIMITED SEATS

FINAL SIGN-UPS & PAYMENT
DUE AUG 9TH AT SIR MEETING

Be A Friend-Bring A Friend

Callers Corner

In the past three months we lost two of our callers - Bill Freeman due to illness and Paul Conway, who passed on to the other side. We need at least three new callers. If you like talking to people, then you will find it very rewarding. We have a great membership easy to talk to. I was a caller for over three years and now I am the head caller and feel it is time well spent. If you would like to help out with this task, give me a call @ 322-1898. **Ron Travis**

BIRTHDAYS

Bob Ashe, Walt Berg, Dave Betts
John Brechmann, Jerry Brown
Greg Ellis, Dennis Ensminger
Mike Escobar, Bruce Gibson
Al Gonzalez, Frank Hokr, Scott
Holmes, Perry Huffman, Bob Knebel,
Tony Maslowski, Bill Neal
Jim Peterson, Ori Reed, Fred
Scott, Dave Smith, Bob Stenberg
John Volkman, Ron Wilson

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Larry & Pat Rosander
Chuck & Betty Royse
Graham & Shirley Ruff
Jim & Barbara Ruhl
Ron & Nancy Smith
Dave & Kerri Smith
Lew & Millie Stewart
Lynn & Carol Streit
Jim & Kay Suddath
Steve & Denise Whitehead
Ed & Naomi Wiens
Bob & Janice Wilson
Roger & Robin Wright
Bob & Joan Zoldoske

Bridge

We are in need of some additional bridge players for the SIRS men's bridge gathering. We meet on the first and third fridays of the month. If there is a fifth friday we do play on that day also. We meet at the bowling alley at Sierra and Blackstone at about 11:45 AM and play until about 3:30 PM. The level of skill of the player is secondary, and all are welcome. We all learn from each other and just enjoy the friendship. If interested call
George Rurik @ 447-0855

Scores

June 29 1st. John Williford,
2nd. Larry Knoll, 3rd. Fred Wrazel,
4th. Jim Peterson
5th. Jim Lund, 6th. Ron Vieira
Consolation: Dick Hansen
High score: 7120
High table: 2090
John Williford - Jim Lund

July 6 1st. Bob Haw, 2nd. Jack
Leonard, 3rd. Fred Wrazel
4th. Hugh Cox, 5th. John Williford
6th Ron Vieira
Consolation: Allan Bertelsen

High score: 5970

High table: 1630

John Williford - Ron Vieira



Our own pro George Cullverwell in action

Attendance Report

In July, 2012, Fresno SIR Branch #159 had 283 members with 157 of those members attending the July 12, 2012, luncheon which represents 55 percent of member attendance. There were 126 members absent; 50 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

Bowling

The current league is finished Starting July 14th we began 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!

Branch 159 July Golf Schedule
Chairman Perry Huffman - 323-8478

Thur	8/02	8:30AM	SG	Belmont CC
Wed	8/08	8AM	SG	Madera CC
Thur	8/16	8AM	SG	Sherwood
Thur	8/23	8AM	SG	Lemoore
Thur	8/30	9AM	SG	Sierra Meadow
Thur	9/06	8AM	SG	Riverside
Wed	9/12	8AM	SG	Ridge Creek

GOLFERS CORNER

Pheasant Run in Chowchilla was the sight of our individual flighted match held on 7/5/12. Fifty golfers made the trip and enjoyed a pleasant morning of golf before it got too terribly hot.

Mike Castle took top honors in the first flight with a net 66, followed by Mike Fair with net 68. In the second flight George Rodriguez placed first with a net 64, two strokes better than Robert Jones with net 66. In the third flight Mike Williamson had the low net of the day with a 60, followed closely by Bob Dickson with net 61. In the fourth flight it was Leroy Foote who was low with a fine net 61. Steven Deak placed second with net 63.

In the CTP contests Duke Marshal was close at 1' 7" on hole #4 and Byron Brough knocked it to 12' 10" on hole #17. Advancing in our annual Ron Rich match play tournament were Mike Williamson, winner of the third flight, and Larry Psaltis, winner of the fourth flight. These two will square off in the semi-finals at Belmont on 8/2/12.

We got our golf in before it hit 109 degrees on

Sunshine

As was mentioned at the meeting last month, we lost long-time member and caller Paul Conway also Director Claude Torrez lost his wife suddenly. Our two former BIG SIRs Sal Morales and George Gianopulos are mending nicely as both were at the luncheon last month.

August Menu

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

7/11/12 at Riverside. Afterwards we had a bite to eat and relaxed with a social. Nice to sit down every once and a while and enjoy the 19th hole. Heard some of our golfers talking about the annual "Beat The Heat" tournament over at the coast at Morrow Bay and Dairy Creek on the 10th and 11th of September. Others were talking about the third annual golfing cruise (Catalina & Ensenada) scheduled for February 4th next year. For information concerning either event contact Rich Zanarini for the coast or Howard Zinn/Mike Moyle for the cruise.

Bob Rathburn won his match at Riverside to win the 2nd flight of the Ron Rich. Joe Hushek (the defending champion) won his match at Madera Muni on 7/19/12 to win the 1st flight. Bob and Joe will face off in the semi-finals at Belmont.

Serving as the monthly chairman for July was Allan Baxter. Allan would like to thank his assistant John Crawford for doing such a good job collecting match fees. We in turn need to thank Allan as he stepped in to fill the vacancy for July's chairman. Indeed he did this even though he wasn't playing in the July matches; Allan stepped up to the plate when he saw our need. For those of you who have never volunteered to be a monthly chairman or assistant, I hope you'll seriously consider getting involved when the call goes out next year. It's a great way to get to know your fellow Sir golfers and you'll be providing an essential service for our group.

Perry Huffman is the monthly chairman for our August matches. Perry will be assisted by Dennis Costello.

DIRECTORY UPDATE

023-John Crawford 35790 Avenue 15,
 MADERA CA 93636-8436
 phone 559- 645-1880
 email Crawfordxx@Yahoo.com.

241-Wayne Adams new telephone number is
 559-375-1021

179-Frank Hokr moved to Windham at 1100 E
 SPRUCE #301, Fresno CA 93720-3338

242-Richard McDonough address is 4314
 N EMERSON AVE #102, Fresno 93705

030-Ray Allen 713 E. SAMPLE AVE, Fresno CA
 93710-5430, 431-1529,
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085-Jack Moody phone disconnected.



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