

# The Chanticleer

Date September 13,2012

Place: Ramada Inn

324 W. Shaw Avenue

New 159 website - www.branch159.sirinc2.org

Program - FSU Womens Basketball Coach - Raegan Pebley

Social Hour11;00 AM

Luncheon: 12 Noon

\$14 plus buck bucket

Hello again SIR's. Hang in there, hopefully the heat will pass as we move into fall. As many of you make travel plans, be sure to check out the state sir's voyage to Alaska. This is a state sponsored trip and I understand there are approximately 190 sir's from around the state already signed



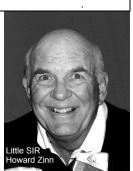
up. You can check with travel chair Corky Nakayama or any one of us to get information. I attended the annual State meeting recently and the number one theme throughout SIR's is creating and maintaining membership. This is vital to our success. Our branch has achieved consistently in this area, so keep up the good work. It's not that far off and we are making plans for a very special Ladies Day in December. Be sure and get this on your calendar Early! Stay healthy and see you all at the luncheon.

	<b>Branch 159 September Golf Schedule</b>				
	Chair	man Lynn	Streit -	323-7486	
Thur	9/06	8AM	SG	Riverside	
Wed	9/12	8AM	SG	Ridge Creek	
Thur	9/20	8AM	SG	Madera Muni	
Thur	9/27	8AM	SG	Pheasant Run	
Thur	10/4	9AM	SG	Eagle Springs	
Wed	10/10	9AM	SG	Madera CC	
Thur	10/18	9AM	SG	Belmont CC	

#### September Menu

Chicken Fried Steak/w gravy
Sesame Chicken Teriyaki
Herb Rice - Waldorf Salad
Fresh Seasonal Vegetables
1Green & 1 Fruit Salad
Rolls & Butter
Coffee, Tea, & Decaf
Assorted Dessert

"O what a night" it was on August 19, when Sirs 159 attended Roger Rocka's "Calamity Jane". Men, their Ladies, family and friends, a total of 42 enjoyed, a fabulous show starring Louise Mandrell and local Dan Pessano. Sir Lance Casper & Sir Gus Short were also featured in the show. A



great night was had by all. (Pictures to follow) The next show is "Singing in the rain". (Sept 20 - Nov 11) Don't miss the sign ups - look for them at the September meeting.

My thanks to Kathy Hubert from John Hortsman Insurance for her informational and friendly talk with us at the August meeting. It is always the SIR intent to give information to our members about something the membership has requested. It is never our attempt to sell anything. Any and all speaker request are to be submitted to the Little SIR who will make the arrangements after Board approval.

Our speaker for September will be FSU Womens Basketball Coach Raegan Pebley. Her associates have promised that she won't let us down. Wear your "Bulldog" Red to the lunch meeting. Reagan is a former WNBA player and coach. Prior to coming to FSU, she guided the Utah State womens program to 21 wins in 2012. She was named finalist for the 2012 WBNA National coach of the year. She played for the Cleveland Rockets in 1997 and later spent some time with the Utah Staezz. She is a graduate from University of Colorado and lead the Buffs to a 106-24 record. Don't miss her presentation.

See you at the Sept meeting - Bring a guest

## Be A Friend-Bring A Friend

### **BIRTHDAYS**

Philip Angelillo, Bob Bosserman
Harry Buchaklian, Steve Cox
Larry Daniels, John Devlin, Ray
Ensher, Bruce Evans, Nick Fierro
Phil Fullerton, Dick Hansen, Dave
Heth, Gary Kazarian, Newell
Knudson, Len Mazorra, Byron
McCormick, Carl Merz, Ray
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Ray, Jim Ruhl, Gary Smith, Lynn
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Dan Ybanez

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## **Computer Group**

The Computer Group (and other technical stuff) will meet on **Tuesday, September 18, 2012**, at the Woodward Park Library, located at Champlain and Perrin, at 1:00 **PM.** We'll talk about some of the new Tablets and laptops that are becoming available, as well as Windows 7 that is coming loaded

as their operating system.

So, if you have one of these, please bring it to our next meeting and you can proudly show it off!

If you have questions, please bring those too, and we'll see if we can find answers to them.

Wives are always welcome too.

Dale Reichard, Computer Group

## 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.

A meeting has been set for Wednesday, August 29, 2012, at 9:45 AM, at Marie Callender's on Shaw Avenue for team members to receive their information for the 2012-2013 tournament year. A fee of \$15 per team couple is required. Notices of this meeting have been mailed to the members of the sixteen teams who have committed to this upcoming couples bridge tournament. Members have been requested to give notice by Monday. August 27, if they will or will not attend this start-up meeting.

SIR Steve Wray

## **Attendance Report**

In August, 2012, Fresno SIR Branch #159 had 284 members with 183 of those members attending the August 9, 2012, luncheon which represents 64 percent of member attendance. There were 101 members absent; 59 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 con-

stitute 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

## **Bridge Scores**

July 20 1st. Bob Cleveland,

2nd. Hugh Cox, 3rd. Russ Mott 4th. Jim Peterson, 5th. Vic Froehmer, 6th. Fred Wrazel

Consolation: Bob Haw

High score: 4250 High table: 1740

Hugh Cox - Russ Mott

August 3 1st. Jim Lund

2nd. Russ Mott, 3rd. Larry Knoll

4th. Mike Escobar, 5th. Vic

Froehmer, 6th. Jim Whitmer

7th. Bob Cleveland

Consolation: Jim Peterson

High score: 5720 High table: 1580

Larry Knoll - Jim Whitmer *August 17* 1st. Fred Wrazel 2nd. Bob Cleveland, 3rd. Jim Whitmer, 4th. Ron Vieira 5th. John Williford, 6th. Mike Escobar, 7th. Jim Suddath Consolation: Dick Hansen

High score: 4640 High table: 1680

Jim Whitmer - Bob Cleveland

## Caller's Corner

It's been disappointing that we haven't had anyone come forward and volunteer to be a caller. Those of you that may be thinking about it should try it. It doesn't take too much time to do and you will be participating in something very important to the organization. RonTravis322-1898

#### **Golfers Corner**

Sixty-three golfers showed up to play in our flighted individual match held at Belmont Country Club on 8/2/12. With that many golfers the competition was tough in the four flights.

In flight 1 Ted Fox came out on top with the lowest net of the day at 63. Terry Dondero followed with net 67. In the 2nd flight Don Avakian grabbed first with a fine net 66, followed by Reg Rosander with net 68. Flight 3 saw Robert Wilderson fire a hot net 65 to take 1st, followed closely by Claude Torrez with net 66. The 4th flight was captured by Bob Anderson at net 65 with Larry Daniels in 2nd at net 68. In the CTP contests Steve Deak took hole # 2 with a shot just 4' 7" from the hole while Mick Carrera was close at 7' 6" on hole #13.

The following week SIR 159 golf group played another flighted individual match at Madera Country Club. The reason behind playing two flighted individual matches in a row was that the combined gross and net scores of the 159 golfers who played both weeks constituted our 2012 Club Championship. Scores for the two weeks were added together with the following results:

Repeating as the club champion for the 2nd year in a row for total low gross was Joe Hushek at net 156. In 2nd was Mike Moyle at net 160 and 3rd Mike Robinson at net 161. This year there was a tie for first in the low net competition. Co-champions for 2012 at low net were Reg Rosander and Bob Wilderson both at net 136. Hushek placed third at net 138.

The results of our annual Ron Rich Match Play tournament are also in. Again repeating as champion for the 2nd year in a row was Joe Hushek. (We've been seeing Joe's name appear a lot in the winner's circle of many of our events as he has been playing some great golf.) Mike Williamson placed 2nd, Bob Rathburn 3rd and Larry Psaltis 4th. Congratulations to all four of these golfers who won their flights and advanced to the finals of the Ron Rich.

In SIR State Individual competition at a sectional match held at Elkhorn Golf Course in Stockton on 8/10/12 three of SIR 159 golfers qualified to advance to the state finals. Ray Phillips and Mike Moyle both fired 78 in the first flight to advance along with Butch Evans with net 71 in the 3rd flight. All three will play in the state finals to be held at Laguna Seca golf course in Monterey on OCT 22.

For those of you that don't have the internet, be sure to plan for OCT 26th as the date of our annual golf awards luncheon to be held at the Ramada. Besides the lunch and awards there will be many door prizes.

Doing a great job as monthly chairman for August was Perry Huffman along with assistant Dennis Costello. When asked for any input about his experience for the month Perry sent the following email. "Warm August breezes, Dennis taking five bucks to mark you in...my monthly golf chairman service was cool. You hot old farts were a gas. Thank you for your participation." (Pretty much sums it up.)

Chairman for September is Lynn Streit who will be assisted by Dell Kerns.

#### **Bowling**

The 2012-2013 season will begin the Friday following Labor Day, September 7th. All interested SIRS are welcome to come out andgive it a go. We will start at 10:00 am at Sierra Lanes, located on Blackstone Ave. Cost is \$6.00 dollars for bowling and a \$1.00 fee for the prize money games. (Costs are subject to change). Hope to see you there. *Ted Fox* 

#### Summer Results

Hi game scratch=HGS, Hi game handicap=HGH, Hi series scratch=HSS, Hi series handicap=HSH

7/13 HGS Tom Harlan,196; HSS Tom Harlan,580; HGH Tom Harlan,226; HSH Tom Harlan,670

7/20 HGS Merle Knapp,192; HSS Bill Ripley, 505; HGH Jim Whitmer, 220; HSH Bill Ripley, 601

7/27 HGS Allen Barton,220; HSS Duke Marshall, 578; HGH Duke Marshall & Allen Barton,232; HSH Duke Marshall 665

8/3 HGS Merle Knapp & Duke Marshall,182; HSS Merle Knapp,540; HGH Bill Kinder,221; HSH Carrol Dahl, 626

8/10 HGS Joe Huizar,198; HSS Joe Huizar,512; HGH Carrol Dahl,226; HSH Carrol Dahl,602

Talk about the HOT days of August, Allen was hotter than the temperature outside!

8/17 HGS Allen Barton, 235; HSS Allen Barton,647; HGH Allen Barton,247; HSH Allen Barton, 683



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