



The Chanticleer

Date November 8, 2012

Place: Ramada Inn

324 W. Shaw Avenue

**New 159 website - www.branch159.sirinc2.org
Program - Shane Krogan U. S. Forest Service**

Social Hour 11:00 AM

Luncheon: 12 Noon

\$14 plus buck bucket

Gentlemen, our last luncheon before our grand December ladies day is upon us.

With the November luncheon, we will install our new officers and directors for the year 2013. As you know, Howard Zinn will become the Big Sir and James Noriega will be our new Little Sir. We will also be announcing new directors and assistants to various activity chairs.



Big SIR
Steve Whitehead

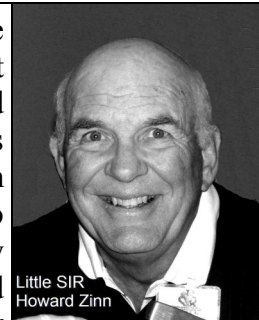
I want to personally thank everyone on the board and the membership in general for all of the help and support throughout the last year. You have saved my bacon more than once. As a membership, we should be very thankful to have such a great nucleus of members that are so dedicated to SIR.

I know it's easy to complain when everything isn't just how we want it, or we don't have the perfect speaker, but it's not from lack of effort or commitment or just plain hard work by your board. They deserve our thanks because they earn it.

On that note, many new members are volunteering as well and it is appreciated. There is something that everyone can do at some time to keep the membership thriving, from being involved, to just bringing a guest.

I've enjoyed my last two years immensely. Thanks, and keep up the good work.

Happy Turkey Month. I hope all of you who attended the Oct meeting enjoyed the Video and Activities Sheet I provided as promised. Thank you to John Crawford for getting it together to show on a large screen. It's my desire that you place the hard copy of the activities sheet near the telephone for quick reference so you can get more involved with our functions. Pick up the telephone and call one or more of our chairmen and get involved in a group. Great weather for Golf, Tennis, and Fishing. (Bowling Too).



Little SIR
Howard Zinn

A big Thank you to Captain Dwaine Breazeale for his informative presentation on the Salvation Army. Many some of us will share the joy of helping our community.

Our November speaker will be Shane Krogan. Shane discovered the Forest Service "Adopt-A-Trail" program, which enables individuals, business and special interest groups to adopt and maintain trails within the National Forest. He will present the "High Sierra Volunteers" program and hopefully look for some "SENIOR" help!

I have asked the BOARD to excuse me from the Nov meeting and accept 2013 Little Sir, James Noriega to sit in for me. Please welcome him with open arms or a hand shake. My wife and I have planned a trip and will return on Nov 13, just missing the Nov Meeting. I will see you all at the Ladies Day luncheon in December. Great fun and a lot of prizes await the lucky winners. Get your Ladies Day lunch tickets at the November meeting for you and your significant other. Bring a friend to the Nov meeting. SEE YA

Be A Friend-Bring A Friend

November Menu

Roast turkey with herb dressing
Baked Ham
Whipped potatoes/gravy
Waldorf salad
Fresh Seasonal Vegetables
1 Green & 1 Fruit Salad
Rolls & Butter
Coffee, Tea, & Decaf
Assorted Dessert

Anniversaries

Chuck & Midge Barrett
Joe & Michele Bencivengo
Bob & Betty Bosserman
Irving & Pam Gates
David & Luba Metzger
Joe & Josie Montejano
Randy Anita Morris Morris
Danny & Gail Munoz
Ray & Jone Phillips
Raymond & Dolores Porter
Gino & Dawn Roberti
Terry & Chris Schneider
Bob & Mary Wiens
Erv & Deanie Zander
Howard & Marty Zinn

Birthdays

Chuck Barrett, Alan Barton
Augusto Benavides, Al Bopp
Byron Brough, Bernie Cargle
Larry Cox, George Dildine
Jim Dunklin, Bill Dunlap
Al Escola, Andy Evanko
Frederick Ganssle, Berge Goshgarian, Sonny Hatter
Paul Kalpakoff, Tom MacNicol
Warren Moose, Rick Pezzi
Rog Pirie, John Pokorny
Terry Schneider, Jim Sheldon
Steve Whitehead, John Williford
Rich Zanarini, Howard Zinn

Attendance Report

In October, 2012, Fresno SIR Branch

#159 had 283 members with 189 of those members attending the September 13, 2012 luncheon which represents 67 percent of member attendance. There were also 7 guests and 1 visitor.

Steve Wray, our Attendance Chairman passed away this month, and this loss will be filled by Allan Baxter with Joe Marshall as his assistant. These two good SIR are to be commended for stepping up so quickly to fill this important position for our group. Three consecutive unexcused absences or six absences in a twelve-month period constitute a jeopardy to membership. If you are not reached by the caller and do not return his call to say you are attending, you will be considered as not attending and it will be considered to be an unexcused absence.

Branch 159 pays the SIR State Organization \$1/member each quarter and the only way we get this money is through the buck bucket on meeting day. Also, the Ramada Inn depends on our expected count so they know how much food to prepare.

Mike Williamson-Editor

Computer Group

The Computer Group will meet on Tuesday, November 20, 2012, at 1:00PM, at the Woodward Park Library. We plan to review and discuss Microsoft Excel's various features, and Allen Baxter will explain Form 28 for SIR Treasurers who have requested the information, and will also be attending.

Dale Reichard, Computer Group Chair

Bridge Scores

Sept 21 1st. Jim Peterson
2nd. John Williford

3rd. Jim Lund, 4th. Ron Vieira
5th. Dick Hansen, 6th. Bob Cleveland

Consolation: Allen Bertelsen

High score: 4290

High table: 1450

Bob Cleveland — Jim Lund

Oct. 5 1st. Larry Knoll, 2nd Jack Leonard, 3rd. George Rurik
4th. Hugh Cox, 5th. Allen Bertelsen

Consolation: John Williford

High score: 5420

High table: 1880

Larry Knoll - George Rurik

Oct. 19 1st. Fred Wrazel
2nd. Jack Leonard, 3rd. Bob Cleveland, 4th. Ron Vieira
5th. Hugh Cox, 6th. Dick Hansen
7th. Larry Knoll

Consolation: Russ Mott

High score: 5230

High table: 1620

Fred Wrazel - Ron Vieira

SIR 159 Couples Bridge Tournament

With regrets we report the death of SIR Steve Wray who was a team member and the lead person for the bridge tournament. However, there is no change in team plays, etc. SIR Larry Knoll of Branch 159 has stepped in to be a team partner with Jeffie Filgas, previously Steve Wray's partner. So, just start contacting your opponents and dealing the cards. Team plays start with the month of October. Continue to mail play results to Jeffie Filgas using the mail labels which were provided to you.

'I knew I was going to take the wrong train, so I left early.'

Yogi Berra

September Bowling Scores

The new league has started and we invite any SIR member to come join us – Friday mornings, 10AM Sierra Lanes. Looking for additional bowlers for the new season, anyone interested please contact Ted Fox @ 298-3179, See you.

DATE		Name	Score	Branch
7-Sep	HI SERIES	Leroy Foote	628	159
	HI GAME	Bill Ripley	232	175
14-Sep	HI SERIES	Bill Kinder	625	169
	HI GAME	Duke Marshall	263	159
21-Sep	HI SERIES	Tom Harlan	638	175
	HI GAME	Bill Kinder	237	169
28-Sep	HI SERIES	Joe Huizar	639	159
	HI GAME	Vic Froehmer	279	159

GOLFERS CORNER

Eagle Springs (across the street from Table Mountain Casino) was the site for our first of the month flighted individual match in OCT. On a beautiful Fall day we had 64 golfers compete in the four flights.

In the 1st flight Jim Morgan took top honors with a net 69 followed by Joe Hushek in second with a net 71. In the 2nd flight it was Charlie Jaurique running away from the field with a net 64 followed by Paul Baker with net 68. In the 3rd flight Mike Williamson fired a strong net 69 to take first followed by Bob Dickson at net 71. In flight 4 John Briceno had low net of the day at 62 followed by Steven Deak at net 67.

In the CTP contests, Paul Gabrielson took first on hole # 2 at 4' 4" followed by Rich Zanarini at 4' 11". On hole # 17 Mel Johnson was first at 3' 6" edging out Lou Shue-make at 3' 10".

Competition outside of our local SIR 159 matches has wound down for the year. In the 2012 NCGA Associate Club Net Amateur state finals held over two days at Poppy Ridge (Livermore) on OCT 1 & 2, Mike Moyle was runner up in a field of 37 golfers in the President's flight (handicaps 11 and below). His net total for the two

days was 9 under par 135, two strokes behind the winner.

In the SIR State Individual Championships competition held at Laguna Seca (Monterey) on OCT 22, competition was suspended after the first hour of play due to heavy rain. After an hour delay to let the foul weather pass, Butch Evans ended up placing third in his flight at net 73. Mike Moyle tied for 2nd in his flight at net 75.

By the time our members are reading this article we will have held our 2012 annual SIR 159 golfing awards luncheon. All golfers who attended received a raffle golf related door prize and next month we should have a few photos of our top golfers for the year.

Courses have been contacted and our weekly tournament schedule for next year is close to being finalized. We still need volunteers for monthly chairmen for OCT, NOV & DEC in 2013 along with assistants for FEB, JUN, OCT, NOV & DEC. Please consider being a key part to maintaining a strong SIR 159 golf program by volunteering for one of these positions.

Handicaps for the 2013 season through the NCGA are coming due. Golfers you can renew by writing a check for \$39 to SIR 159 and giving it to either our handicap chairman John Brechmann or treasurer Rich Zanarini. Either both or one of these gentlemen will be at the November luncheon which makes it convenient at that time to hand them a check. New handicaps or renewals are the same price.

Chairman for the OCT matches was Bob Moore. Bob wanted to thank his assistant Vic Froehmer for collecting money for the matches. Chairman for the November matches is Charlie Barrett who will be assisted by Nick Fierro

Branch 159 November Golf Schedule

Chairman Charlie Barrett - 436-8338

Thur	11/1	9AM	SG	Riverside
Wed	11/7	9AM	SG	Ridge Creek
Thur	11/15	9AM	SG	Riverbend
Wed	11/21	9AM	SG	Madera Muni
Thur	11/29	9AM	SG	Sherwood
Thur	12/6	9:30	TT	Fig Garden
Wed	12/12	10AM	SG	Madera CC



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