



The Chanticleer

Date February 14, 2013

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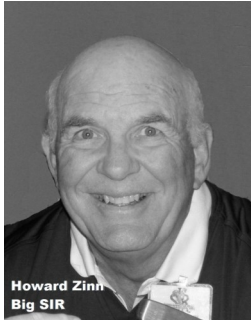
Program - Ricky Manning football coach@ Edison HS and DB in NFL

Social Hour 11:00 AM

Luncheon: 12 Noon

\$15 plus buck bucket

We had great attendance at the January Meeting. Please continue to attend all meetings and bring a new guest who would like to join our group and activities. I would like to thank Chaplain Jack Leonard for his kind words and moment of silence for our fellow members who passed in 2012. Bless all of us in 2013 with good health. Thank you to new "LittleSir", James Noriega, for his first interesting guest speaker.



Howard Zinn
Big SIR

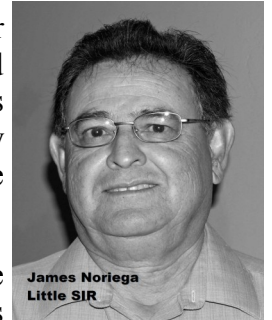
Some Board members attended a State Leaders meeting in Fresno the end of January with positive results. Sirs 159 received the highest compliment for number of members and many activities. It seemed like we had all the right information and most of the other groups were asking questions from us. Way to go guys!

Just another reminder to pay your yearly "Buck Bucket" donation. Instead of paying Two dollars a month, write a check for \$24 and never worry about it again.

February should bring warmer weather. Join us for Golf or Tennis. Contact activities chairmen for other events and times. Don't forget to order your SIR Rooster items from Sir Dennis Costello. (Shirts, caps, and other items.)

Finally, Thank you to a number of members who have been working on our Monthly Newsletter, The Chanticleer. You will see some minor changes in Publication, Distributions, and Text. (Thank you Mike Williamson and crew) The New membership directory will be out in March. See you all at the Luncheon.

When I first joined SIRS it was for the bowling, than it was the golf and now best of all it's for the friendships I have made. For those and many other reasons, it's a delight to serve as Little SIR for this year, 2013.



James Noriega
Little SIR

For the past few weeks, there have been frost delays at the golf courses where we play. Most of us will do some grumbling for the delays. (We have to wait for 1 to 2 hours until the frost melts on the greens.) This morning a cousin sent me a video showing cars getting stuck in the snow and slipping in the ice somewhere where it gets really cold. Boy, are we lucky that we live in the Central Valley. That brought the general thought that we should count our blessing. Let's have fun and enjoy our families and our friends.

I hope you enjoyed Dr. Young's speech last month. She was very informative about a highly successful school district. The speaker for February will be Ricky Manning. He played as a defensive back in the National Football League for 7 years. He played for St. Louis, Chicago, and Carolina. He attended Edison High School then UCLA. He is now the Varsity Coach for Edison H.S.

Hopefully you have joined one or more of the many activities offered by SIRS. Don't procrastinate; I'm still looking for a third or fourth one.

February Menu

Beef Stroganoff & Baked Fish
Roasted New Potatoes & Carrot Raisin Salad
Fresh Seasonal Vegetables
1Green & 1 Fruit Salad
Rolls & Butter
Coffee, Tea, & Decaf
Assorted Dessert

Be A Friend-Bring A Friend

Callers Corner

Due to illness and the passing of two callers we are in need of two volunteers to help us out. Please consider being a caller. Your service will be greatly appreciated. **Ron Travis**

BIRTHDAYS

Joe Bencivengo, Bud Burrows
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SIR 159 Couples Bridge Tournament

Good progress continues in team playoffs for the first quarter. Two teams have not been successful in getting together. So, with the exception of these two plays, the leaders are: Clevelands 12,090; Whitmers 12,040; Wrazels 11,680. Mike Escobar got well enough for he and his wife, Mary, to make their October and November plays. We pray for improvement in Mike's health. He and Mary are tough

competition. Small Slams (bid and made): Mott team - two; Cleveland team - one; Leonard team - one; and Knoll-Filgas team- one.

Bridge scores

Jan. 4 1st. Vic Froehmer
2nd. Fred Wrazel, 3rd Jim Peterson, 4th. Jim Lund, 5th. Jim Whitmer, 6th. Gene Tognazzini
Consolation: George Rurik
High score: 4650
High table: 1470
Jim Peterson - Fred Wrazel
Jan. 18 1st. Jack Leonard
2nd. Vic Froehmer, 3rd. Jim Lund
4th. Larry Knoll, 5th. Ron Vieira
6th. Fred Wrazel
Consolation: Russ Mott
High score: 5370
High table: 1680
Ron Vieira - Jack Leonard

Monthly Attendance Report

**In January, 2013, SIR Branch #159 had 276 members with 192 of those members attending the January 10, 2013 luncheon. This represents 70% of the members in attendance. There were 84 members absent of which 32 were excused. Members are expected to attend the monthly meeting or to notify the Attendance Chairman when the wish to be excused. Three consecutive unexcused absences or six unexcused absences in a twelve month period constitutes a jeopardy to membership. If you are unable to attend a future meeting, PLEASE call 447-5388 or send an email to DukMarshal@aol.com When you call or email please include your NAME and BADGE NUMBER
**Duke Marshall,
Attendance Chairman****

The Sunshine Desk

Several of our SIR Branch members were under the weather over the past weeks. Included are Ron Wilson and Frank Smith. Carroll Kerney underwent surgery. I also heard that Tony Maslowski is also being treated for a sudden illness. We wish them all a speedy recovery. But I am saddened to inform you of our loss of long time SIR Branch #159 member, Ron Eskander. Ron was a member since 1995! As we say, "May His Memory be Eternal"! On another subject, we are looking for a Branch Member/Volunteer to take over the Sunshine Desk. All applicants will be seriously considered. Calling Committee, thanks for the help.

SIR George Gianopulos



Ron Rich Memorial Flight Winners (left to right) Joe Hushek - champion and 1st flight winner, Mike Williamson, 2nd and 3rd winner flight, Bob Rathburn, 3rd and second flight winner, Larry Psaltis, 4th and 4th flight winner

GOLFERS CORNER

Our first match of 2013 was held at Sherwood Forest. Being the first match of the month it was a flighted individual that saw 50 golfers playing in somewhat cool weather. On CTP hole #4 Ron Wilson placed 2nd at 15' 5" and Terry Dondero was closest at 14' 2". On CTP #15 Gary Smith captured 2nd at 5' 7" while Chuck Phillips burned the cup at 2' 5". In flight 1 Terry Dondero was low with net 68 followed by Steve Whitehead at net

69. In the 2nd flight Andy Evanko had a fine net 65 to lead the way followed by Robert Jones at net 67. In the 3rd flight Larry Psaltis had low net of the day at net 64 with Vic Froehmer in 2nd at net 69. The 4th flight had a tie for 1st with Bob Wiens and Lance Casper both at net 67, Wiens on top in the tie breaker.

Match results at Sherwood drew a conclusion to our Holiday Cup tournament for 2012. Normally the Holiday Cup winners are determined by the combined match results at Airways and Riverside (our last two match sites each year). A lot of rain in the 24 hours prior to Riverside meant cart paths only for carts so the decision was made to conclude the Holiday Cup at the next match which was Sherwood. In the low net competition, Lance Casper was 3rd with a combined 134, Terry Dondero 2nd at 133 and our winner was Paul Gabrielson at 132. In the low gross Gabrielson took 3rd at 166, Big Sir Howard Zinn 2nd at 165 and Terry Dondero 1st at 161. Congrats to Paul and Terry who received nice trophies with a holiday motif.

It's come to our attention that we need to be a little more diligent in our scoring in the individual flighted match each month. Remember that in the flighted match you're playing as an individual, not as part of a team. In a 2man1 or 4man2 format, you can sometimes speed up play when you're having a bad hole by picking up and taking an equitable stroke control (ESC) score based on your handicap. This happens when your partner in the 2man1 or two partners in the 4man2 are already in the hole with a net score equal or lower than the net score your ESC score will provide. But in the individual flighted match you're playing on your own and you have to putt out and record your actual score. As an example...a few months ago in the individual match I played horrible on the par 3 17th hole at Sherwood. I ended up recording an 8 (which I still get kidded about). If I had been playing in a 2man1 or 4man2 and my partner/s recorded a net 4 or less I could have taken a double bogey 5 ESC (net 4) based on my handicap. Playing in the individual format, I couldn't just pick up on my 5th stroke and record a 5 ESC as it wouldn't have been fair to the other golfers I was competing against in my flight. With a 5 on the scorecard I could have been competitive on my other 17 holes and walked away placing in the money that day. I had to record the 8 and take my medicine. Hopefully this makes sense to most of you. If you're just starting to get into golf and don't understand the ESC have one of our veteran golfers try to explain more fully.

Monthly chairman for JAN was Mike Williamson

who wanted to thank his great assistant Dennis Costello. Mike wanted to reinforce how important it is for all our golfers to check the roster on the website weekly to see if you signed up for the tournament. Sometimes at our age we forget we've signed up....then on match day we're a no show and it screws everything up. So please...double check the roster each week...and if you know you aren't going to make the tournament let the chairman know (even the morning of, if an emergency arises...we'll have the chairman's cell phone # on the pairing's page).

Chairman for February will be Dennis Ensminger (297-0540) assisted by Bill Leavitt.

Perry's Pun

I met a fairy who said she would grant me one wish. Immediately I said, "I want to live forever." "Sorry," said the fairy, "I'm not allowed to grant eternal life." "OK," I said, "Then, I want to die after Congress gets its head out of its butt!"

Branch 159 February Golf Schedule
Chairman Dennis Ensminger 297-0540

Thur 2/7	10AM	SG	Pheasant Run
Wed 2/13	10AM	SG	Madera G&CC
Thur 2/21	10AM	SG	Riverside
Thur 2/28	10AM	SG	Eagle Springs
Thur 3/7	9AM	SG	Dinuba
Wed 3/13	9AM	SG	Madera Muni

December Bowling Scores

The new league has started and we invite any SIR member to come join us - Friday mornings, 10AM Sierra Lanes. Anyone interested please contact Ted Fox @ 298-3179, See you.

DATE		Name	Score	Branch
2-Dec	HI SERIES	Bev Dickinson	635	159
		James Noriega	635	159
	HI GAME	Merle Knapp	234	175
14-Dec	HI SERIES	Vic Froehmer	690	159
	HI GAME	Merle Knapp	230	175
21-Dec		No report		
28-Dec	HI SERIES	Alan Barton	669	159
	HI GAME	Bill Ripley	244	175

2013 PREPAID BUCK BUCKET

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