



The Chanticleer

Date April 11, 2013

Place: Ramada Inn

324 W. Shaw Avenue

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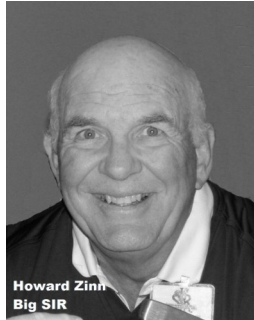
Program - Beth Caffrey SPCA

Social Hour 11:00 AM

Luncheon: 12 Noon

\$15 plus buck bucket

This month's message is for all but especially for the Ladies. I know they read our Chanticleer from cover to cover. At our March meeting, a few veteran SIR members also commented "How blessed and fortunate we are to have choices in our world".



Howard Zinn
Big SIR

Congratulations to our new Pope! We offer so many activities and have great directors running them. Thank you directors. The SIR board just approved a new "Group". Sir, Rich Colby will chair a new DANCE activity. This is for singles and couples (Ladies get your men out for a dance lesson). Details to follow or call Rich Colby for information.

We had great attendance and 11 new members at our March luncheon. At this rate we will exceed our quota for the year. Great job fellows - keep bringing them.

Don't forget - the ladies day luncheon is just around the corner, (May 9). Get your reservations in soon. We expect a full house with outstanding entertainment. Speaking of entertainment and fun, we have three venues to announce. Roger Rocka's has presented us 2 shows coming to the Good Players company. (Paint your Wagon, and Fiddler on the Roof). Sign ups and choices will start at the April luncheon.

Also the San Francisco Giants have offered us three dates for a MLB game. Sir John Volkman (367-1304) is chairman for that activity and will take sign ups at the April Lunch. (The cost will be under \$50. for the game and R/T transportation to the stadium from the Ramada Inn. Details will follow at the April meeting, but the bus will fill up fast, so have your Money in hand.

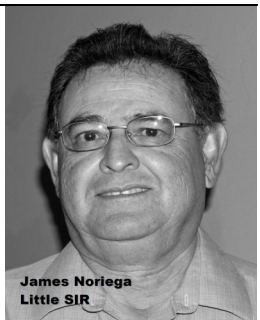
Lastly, the annual Cruise to Catalina and Ensenada is in the works. Plenty of time, but the earlier you

book, you are guaranteed the lowest price. This "Golf" Cruise will take place in Jan 2014 a week before Super Bowl. A flyer will be available at the Luncheon with price and details.

We are still looking and need a new "Sunshine Director" to look after our faithful membership for any Illness or problems that occur in their lives. Please contact me or George Gianopoulos @432-4630 if interested.

SEE YA ALL IN APRIL - PEACE & GOOD HEALTH

Isn't spring a great time of the year? It's always like a new beginning. And as always it is the little things that lift our spirits, like the trees losing their blossoms and getting new leaves, the flowers everywhere and young children laughing and playing without a care in the world. When I attend SIRs luncheons that feeling comes to me, meeting new and old friends and enjoying a great meal.



James Noriega
Little SIR

Last month's Chuck Topjian; who was going to speak to us about a nonprofit organization called Emerging Health that promotes health and wellness through humor was unable to speak due to a death in the family that morning. He has offered to come back in the future and speak to us.

Thanks to all the activity chairmen who gave us information from bowling through travel at the last luncheon. April's speaker is Beth Caffrey from the SPCA.

April Menu

- Baked fish & Beef Tri-tip Roast**
- Rice Pilaf/Three bean salad**
- Fresh seasoned vegetables**
- 1Green & 1 Fruit Salad**
- Rolls & Butter**
- Coffee, Tea, & Decaf**
- Assorted Dessert**

Be A Friend-Bring A Friend

Callers Corner

In the last two months we have had a few SIRS step up to the plate to help with the very important calling activity for the luncheon attendance. We have a great bunch of "Young" SIRS who do this. Get to know your caller. Who knows, you might make a new friend. **Ron Travis**

SIR 159 Couples Bridge Tournament

Teams are making timely plays. All plays have been made through January, and all plays with the exception of one, have been made through February. Highest reported scores made in February are Willifords with 5900, Escobars 5710, and Whitmere 4930. The Motts have another bid-and-made small slam giving them a total of four. Effective April 1, 2013, SIR Stanley and Ruth Weinstein will be taking over this tournament. Please send your scores to them. Their address is 6325 N. Palm, Fresno 93704 -- phone 435-1822.

We can all be proud of the outstanding progress we are making in timely plays. Keep up the good work. If you have questions, call 243-1527 (Filgas) or 435-1822 (Weinstein).

Attendance Report

In March, 2013, SIR Branch #159 had 282 members with 184 of those members attending the March 14, 2013 luncheon. This represents 65% of the members in attendance. There were 98 members absent of which 50 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*

Bridge Scores

3/1 - 1st. Jim Whitmer, 2nd. Jack Leonard, 3rd. Jim Peterson
4th. Russ Mott, 5th. John Williford
Consolation: Bob Cleveland
High score: 5510
High table: 1620
Jack Leonard - Russ Mott

3/15 - 1st. Fred Wrazel
2nd. Ron Vieira, 3rd. Larry Knoll
4th. Vic Froehmer, 5th. Allen Bertelsen, 6th. George Rurik
Consolation: Bob Cleveland
High score: 4670
High table: 1750
Larry Knoll - Ron Vieira

Computer Group

The Computer Group will meet on Tuesday, April 16, 2013, at 1:00 PM, at the Woodward Park Library, located at Champlain and Perrin. We'll discuss digital photography and see some pictures shot in different light conditions. Wives are always welcome, as are any questions about technical stuff.

**Dale Reichard,
Computer Group Chair**

Golfer: "That can't be my ball, it's too old."

Caddy: "It's been a long time since we teed off, *sir*

BIRTHDAYS

Rick Aranjó, Al Baez, David Barredo, Allan Baxter, Bill Cross Paul Gabrielson, Chico Garcia Irving Gates, Hank Gomar, Dick Hall, Cliff Henderson, Paul Hyland Rene` Klopstein, Jim Knapp, Jerry Manley, Gene Marshall, Sal Morales Brian Morse, James Noriega, LeRoy Pandukht, Shane Petersen, Bob Robinson, Reg Rosander, Donald Smith, Jim Whitmer

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SIR Humor...Perry Huffman

Have you ever seen a twenty dollar bill all crumpled up?" asked the wife. "No," said her husband. She gave him a sexy little smile, slowly reached into her cleavage and pulled out a crumpled twenty Have you ever seen a fifty all crumpled up?" she asked. "Uh, no," he said. She gave him another sexy little smile, seductively reached into her panties and pulled out a crumpled fifty dollar bill. "Now," she said, "Have you ever seen 40,000 dollars all crumpled up?" "No, he said, now really intrigued... "Well, go look in the garage . . . "

GOLFERS CORNER

Ridge Creek in Dinuba was the location for our individual matches in March. Our number of players was down (32) due to a scheduling conflict with SIR 169 on that Thursday. (What are those guys doing playing on our day?) : Anyway...32 players allowed for 8 competitors per flight so those who played saw some good competition. In the first flight, Joe Hushek was at the top with net 68 followed by Howard Zinn at net 74. Flight 2 had Gary Smith edging out Don Avakian in the tie breaker, both with net 71. The 3rd flight saw Frank Kurihara in first at net 70 followed closely by Joe Russo at net 71. Larry Psaltis had low net of the day in flight 4 with a 64 followed by Gene Marshall at net 73. In the CTP contests, Joe Hushek was close on hole #3 at 7' 8" followed by Duke Marshall at 18' 4". On hole #16 Gary Smith was at 5' 10" followed by Bob Sheffield at 9' 7".

Well the weather is warming up and our competitive golf season (associate club and state SIR events) will be getting underway in May. May 3rd is the closing date to enter the NCGA Associate Club 4 ball Net Championship qualifier to be played on 5/29/13. This is a 2manBB competition. May 31 is the closing date to sign up for the NCGA Associate Club Championship. This is a 4man2BB event that has a choice for qualifiers...either in late JUN or early JUL. May 28th is the Area 29 qualifier at Ridge Creek for the 2013 SIR State Team Championship (scrambles). Signups will be conducted by Area 29 Golf Coordinator Butch Evans. For more information on these events talk to Butch or myself (Mike Moyle).

It's come to my attention that we need to talk more about how to use ESC (equitable stroke control) when you post a score when you're out golfing with friends at a non SIR event. If you Google ESC you'll see that the USGA definition is, "the downward adjustment of individual hole scores for handicap purposes in order to make handicaps more representative of a player's ability. ESC sets a maximum number that a player can post on any hole depending on the player's Course Handicap." It then provides the ESC chart. If you look at the chart, someone with a course handicap between 10 to 19 can post at most a 7 on any hole. So if that person actually took an 8, 9 and 10 on three different holes, no matter what their par...he should record a 7 on his card for those three holes. For a person with course handicap 20 - 29....8 is the maximum score you should record. CH 30 -39 it's a 9. CH 40 or more a 10 max. For single digit golfers (9 or less) the rule changes to a double bogey being the max score you should record. Back to our

original example. If instead of recording three sevens like he should have the golfer had recorded the 8,9 and 10 he is artificially inflating his handicap. His gross score submitted into the computer would be 6 strokes higher than it should have. Please...if this does not make sense to you...seek clarification from your golfing friends. I don't think any of us want to get the reputation of being a sandbagger...and that's where you're headed if you're not using ESC when you post your scores.

Reg Rosander was monthly chairman for MAR. Reg wanted to thank Claude Torrez for his great help in collecting money at each match. Reg voiced a common complaint that I hear often from our monthly chairmen. That is...SIR golfers who show up 5 minutes before a match and expect to play. Our cut off time before a match is 15 minutes to tee off (we should all be there at least 30 minutes early). If you show up 5 minutes to tee off don't be surprised that you've been dropped from the tournament. Maybe if you're lucky there will be room to play just for fun behind our group.

Monthly chairman for April is Duke Marshall. Duke will be assisted by Russ Hewer.

Branch 159 April Golf Schedule Chairman Duke Marshall 324-1119

Thur 4/4	9AM	SG	Valley Oaks
Wed 4/10	9AM	SG	Madera G&CC
Thur 4/18	9AM	SG	Riverside
Thur 4/25	9AM	SG	Pheasant Run
Thur 5/2	9AM	SG	Belmont G&CC
Wed 5/8	9AM	SG	Dinuba

February 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
1-Feb	HI SERIES	Bev Dickinson	639	159
	HI GAME	Joe Huizar	221	159
8-Feb	HI SERIES	Gene Biglione	668	169
	HI GAME	Bill Ripley	246	175
15-Feb	HI SERIES	Hugh Cox	636	159
	HI GAME	Merle Knapp	256	175
22-Feb	HI SERIES	Leroy Foote	702	159
	HI GAME	Bill Ripley	236	175



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Jim Johnson	474-6671
Mike Kilijian	439-9662
Rich Lewis	289-5359
John Rackin	493-5580
Michael Rumley	515-6129
Ted Vogt	260-6698

Editors Note

In our ongoing effort to improve service and reduce costs, we will only produce a directory once per year in March with an update of additional members and data changes in October. The Chanti-

cleer is printed and mailed from a new supplier at a reduced cost for us also with better service and quality. The mailing data base is sent to the new printer/distributor at three month intervals; therefore, new members, or anyone else, can see the Chanticleer on our Web site (www.branch159.sirinc2.org). Procedure: After accessing the web site, click on Chanticleer and a new screen will come up listing several years of Chanticleers that are available. Then Click on the month you wish to view. *That's all there is to it!* A list of new members and their phone numbers will be listed each month so you can update your directory.

The new Chanticleer data goes to the printer about two weeks prior to our meetings and will be avail-

able on our web site shortly thereafter. If after trying this way of seeing your Chanticleer and you want to save us the cost of printing and mailing, let me know and we will drop you from the data base we send to the printer the next time data is sent. *Mike Williamson*

News Flash from Perry

To help save the economy, the Government will announce next month that the Immigration Department will start deporting seniors (instead of illegal's) in order to lower Social Security and Medicare costs. Older people are easier to catch and won't remember how to get back home. I started to cry when I thought of you. Then it dawned on me "Oh, shit, I'll see you on the bus!!! "

Golfer: "Think I'm going to drown myself in the lake."

Caddy: "Think you can keep your head down that long?"