



# The Chanticleer

Date May 9, 2013

Place: Ramada Inn

324 W. Shaw Avenue

**New 159 website - [www.branch159.sirinc2.org](http://www.branch159.sirinc2.org)**

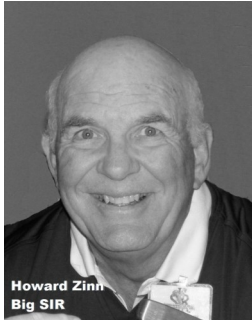
**Program - Music by "The Melodears"**

Social Hour 11:00 AM

Luncheon: 12 Noon

\$18 per person

Happy Ladies Month. I do hope all you guys and your special gal will be attending the Ladies day luncheon on May 9. If you don't have your payment and reservation in - GET to it. We have some special surprises for the Gals, great entertainment, and a great luncheon planned.



Howard Zinn  
Big SIR

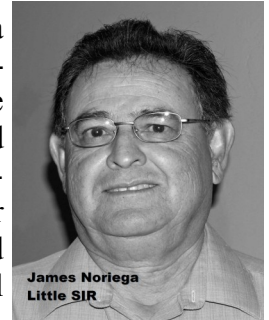
I am disappointed to tell you that after all our hard work and planning, just 8 members are going to Roger Rocha's theatre for "'Paint Your Wagon' on April 21. What a shame, when they reserved 4 tables of 10 for our 159 group. Please don't disappoint the June 9 showing of "Fiddler on the Roof", where we have reserved 4 tables of 10 (Total of 40). Plan to bring your checkbooks or Cash and sign up at the Ladies Luncheon. (I KNOW YOU LADIES WANT TO ATTEND) Come meet other members and their wives and enjoy the evening with dinner and entertainment.

I'm happy to announce that we have filled the entire Bus for the S.F. Giants Baseball game on June 5. I'm Sorry if you missed out. Don't miss out on our next planned event. All tickets are ordered in advance and must be paid up front.

Thank you again for your continued attendance at our monthly luncheons. We are breaking records. We had 9 new members in March, five new members in April, and expecting new guest and more members in May and June. Area 29 Governor, Doug Hanson, attended our April meeting and announced that SIRS 159 received a "A+" for all our efforts. We are the 4th Largest and most active group in the State." Congrats"

Hope to see all of you and your significant other at the May Luncheon.

Wasn't our April speaker, Linda VanKirk, entertaining and knowledgeable? She was clear about the purpose of the SPCA . The spay and neuter program sounds terrific. Hopefully all of us have a better understanding about this program and spread the word about the wonderful job the SPCA is doing in our community.



James Noriega  
Little SIR

The speaker for June will be Bob Winkell who directs the Fresno County Schools choir programs. Bob started as the drama director at McLane High School around 1990, where I met him. One of the first productions that I saw there was "The Rocky Horror Show". My reaction to the sets, acting and singing was almost a shock. The students were as proficient as some professionals. This wonderful outcome was not a fluke; Bob has directed many other productions just as good or even better. From McLane High School he transferred to Sunnyside High, where the theatre was a great addition, since at McLane the plays were staged in the cafeteria. I have always been amazed at how Bob can squeeze such talent out of what seem ordinary students. You will surely be intrigued by such a wonderful educator.

## BIRTHDAYS

Allan Bertelsen, Howard Boston,,John Briceno, Joe Cabral Rich Colby, George Culverwell, Steven Deak, Richard Delgado, Bob Doig, Bob Dowell , Bill Freeman, Frank Garrison, George

## May Menu

**Chicken Cordon Blue**  
**Pot Roast of Beef**  
**Potato, vegetables & salad**  
**Desert & Beverage**

# Be A Friend-Bring A Friend

Gong, Russ Hewer Gene Holt, Bill Johnson Dimitri Kostiw, Gordon Lowe Richard Lulejian Warren Nelson, Gerald Nelson, Jack Neugebauer Manuel Nunez, Fred Osterberg, Dale Reichard, Mike Robinson, Gus Short, Lou Shuemaker Bart Stockman, Claude Torrez, Jim Vaughan, Stan Weinstein  
Bob Wiens, Erv Zander

### ANIVERSARIES

John & Lynn Adams  
Bo & Loretta Bolin  
George & Betty Culverwell  
Steven & Flo Deak  
Ed & Patricia Gavigan  
George & Irene Gruner  
Paul & Pat Kalpakoff  
Nick & Anna Livria  
Gordon & Nadine Lowe  
Jack & Patty Morrill  
Bob & Shirley Rathburn  
Dave & Layne Scharton  
Jim & Mary Vaughan  
Stan & Ruth Weinstein  
Mike & Karen Williamson  
Dan & Pauline Ybanez

### SIR Branch 159

#### Couples Bridge Tournament

Once again the teams are to be congratulated on timely plays. All team plays have been made through March with the exception of one play. Results for the top three scores recorded through March are: 1st the Willifords with 27,240; 2nd the Whitmers with 24,760; and 3rd the Knoll/Filgas team with 22,990. The Mott team has done it again racking up their 5th bid-and-made small slam! As a reminder from last month's report, all scores as of April 1st should be mailed to SIR Stan and Ruth Weinstein, 6325 N, Palm, Fresno 93704. The teams are appreciative of Stan and Ruth for taking over the tournament following the death of SIR Steve Wray.

### Bridge Scores

**March 29** 1st. Fred Wrazel, 2nd Jim Lund, 3rd. John Williford, 4th. Russ Mott, 5th. Jim Peterson, 6th. Jack Leonard  
Consolation: Vic Froehmer  
High Score: 5660  
High table: 1300  
Fred Wrazel - Ron Vieira

**April 5** 1st. Larry Knoll, 2nd Gene Tognazzini, 3rd. John Williford, 4th. Vic Froehmer, 5th. Ron Vieira, 6th. Jim Lund  
Consolation: Fred Wrazel  
High Score: 6250  
High table: 2200  
Larry Knoll - Vic Froehmer

**April 19.** 1st. John Williford, 2nd. Larry Knoll, 3rd. Jim Lund, 4th. Russ Mott 5th. Jack Leonard, 6th. Vic Froehmer  
Consolation: Allen Bertelsen  
High score: 5440  
High Table: 1340  
John Williford - Russ Mott

### Attendance Report

In April, 2013, SIR Branch #159 had 290 members with 193 of those members attending the April 11, 2013 luncheon. This represents 67% of the members in attendance. There were 97 members absent of which 47 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 [DukMarshall@aol.com](mailto:DukMarshall@aol.com) When you call or email please include your NAME and BADGE NUMBER

**Duke Marshall, Attendance Chairman**

**Hello Fellow SIR** – I'm Stan Littleworth. I have just taken over the job of **Chairman of the Sunshine Committee**. If you know of anyone who is ill or a SIR who has died, or for some other reason needs a card, please give me a call or send an e-mail. I don't

recognize everyone's e-mail addresses, so please put SIRS in the subject line so your e-mail doesn't get deleted if it goes into spam. Thank you very much.

Stan Littleworth: Home Phone: (559) 292-1752, Cell Phone: (559) 908-5799 E-mail: [sflphd@aol.com](mailto:sflphd@aol.com)

### Help with attendance

Good day to all of you fellow SIRs out there. I thought I would take an opportunity to ask for your help with the attendance. The phone callers start their calls the week prior to the luncheon. If you know you will not be there to answer their call, call me at 447-5388. If you happen to be out of the house when the call comes in, please return their call. This is how we get a count as to how many we expect to give to Ramada. If you miss their second call then call me again at 447-5388. I know many of you are doing a great job of letting us know when you will be absent. Thanks for your assistance. **Duke Marshall, Attendance Chair**

**Editors Note:** I want to take this opportunity to thank the new contributors who have stepped up to the plate to take the place of Sunshine Desk chairman George Gianopulos and Ruth Weinstein who is replacing Jeffie Filgas as the 159 Couples Bridge Tournament contributor.

### Computer Group

There will be **no Computer Group meeting in May**. Our room is not available due to a Citizenship Class, all week. **Dale Reichard, Computer Group Chair**

### GOLFERS CORNER

Wow...the warm weather has come on quickly. Just a few matches ago we were getting rained on at Valley Oaks. Now

we're starting to bake in the 90 plus degree weather. To combat the warmer weather our tee times will switch to 8:00 AM in mid May, starting with our match at Madera Muni on the 16th. We'll put out an email to our members before that match to remind you of the change.

Our flighted individual match in April was held at Valley Oaks in Visalia. The individual match, held on the first Thursday of each month, is a nice change of pace...it's the one time we get to play in foursomes against SIRs of comparable golfing ability (with similar handicaps). In the 1st flight at Visalia Oaks Terry Dondero came out on top with net 69 followed by Jim Morgan with net 72. In the 2nd flight it was Don Avakian capturing first with net 67 and George Rodriguez placing 2nd with net 71. In flight 3 John Crawford edged out Russ Hewer for top honors in the tiebreaker, both with net 69. In the 4th flight Rick Pezzi placed first with net 67 and Vic Froehmer was 2nd with net 75. In the CTP contests, Rich Fimbres was closest on the Lake's #4 at 6' 3" followed by Gary Smith at 18' 1". On the Oak's #5 Smith was again in the money at 18' even and James Noriega placed 2nd at 19' 7".

The competitive golf season has kicked off with a few of our SIRs qualifying for the next stages of competition. Butch Evans had an up and down round in a qualifier for the Public Links Net Championship at Riverside on the March 28. He had a couple shots go OB on his front side but had a great putting day with a total of only 26 putts to move on for the finals. He'll be playing in the Championship rounds at Spyglass Hill and Bayonet GC on April 29 & 30. Three SIR 159 twosomes are moving on to the sectionals for the NCGA Associate Club Four-Ball Net Championship. Representing SIR 159 will be Jim Morgan & Ray Phillips, Butch Evans & John Adams and Lee Moy & Mike Moyle. They'll be playing their qualifier at San Juan Oaks (near Hollister) on May 29.

On the SIR State golf scene, the Area 29 qualifier for the Sir State Team (scramble) Championship will be held at Ridge Creek (Dinuba) on the 28th of May. Butch will be sending out some information on the A, B, C & D player handicap guidelines. Start thinking about getting a team together for this fun competition. The finals will be held at Stevinson Ranch on August 12th.

Monthly golf chairman for April was Duke Marshall. Duke wanted to thank his able assistant Russ Hewer for doing a great job collecting money for the matches. Duke had a few comments about his

month as chairman. He reiterated that from now on (see 159 golf email on April 21) any group playing in scrambles that doesn't indicate the drives used for each individual on the scorecard will be DQued (disqualified). Also that if you signed up for but can't make the match...it is really, really helpful to let the chairman know if possible the night before. On the day of the match you can even call the chairman on his cell phone (listed on the pairings page). Finally...our club should consider making 30 minutes before tee time the cut off for who is allowed to play in the tournament. As it is...we seem to have too many players rolling in 10 minutes beforehand (while the chairman is packing up his materials).

Golf chairman for May is Jim Morgan. He will be assisted by John Volkman.

### Branch 159 MayGolf Schedule

*Chairman Jim Morgan 289-9759*

Thur 5/2	9AM	SG	Belmont G&CC
Wed 5/8	9AM	SG	Dinuba
Thur 5/16	8AM	SG	Madera Muni
Thur 5/23	8AM	SG	Airways
Thur 5/30	8AM	SG	Eagle Springs
Thur 6/6	8AM	SG	Sherwood

**Things to ponder...** As I hurtled through space, one thought kept crossing my mind - every part of this rocket was supplied by the lowest bidder. ~ *John Glenn*

### March 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-Mar	HI SERIES	Leroy Foote	681	159
	HI GAME	Vic Froehmer	261	159
8-Mar	HI SERIES	Joe Huizar	639	159
	HI GAME	Bill Ripley	251	175
15-Mar	HI SERIES	Jim Whitmer	708	159
	HI GAME	Bill Kinder	257	169
22-Mar	HI SERIES	Merle Knapp	630	175
	HI GAME	Leroy Foote	270	159
29-Mar	HI SERIES	Leroy Foote	661	159
	HI GAME	Vic Froehmer	244	159



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**New Members**

Name	Phone
Dwaine Chambers	261-9803
Lee Moy	709-9851
Dan Rodriquez	434-8526

**SIR Branch #159 needs Volunteers!**

We all know Branch #159 *IS* the largest Branch in this area; **it is also the most active.** But remember, what makes this Branch so vibrant and fun is the member participation in all its diverse Branch activities, activities which are organized, structured, chartered and led by one or more of you, the members of SIR – **Volunteers!** And that’s what we need today. We need folks like you to step up, take over any one of several groups or activities of this Branch. Take them over and run them.

Several leadership positions are open right now. A few have been open for quite a while. We need your help, your talent, your ideas, your leadership to run them. Hold up your hand! Get involved! Pick an activity. **Take it over. Run it! Be a Volunteer!**

**To help, contact our Big Sir! Let him know you’re willing to help, that you’re willing to be a Volunteer! SIR George Gianopulos**

BRANCH #159 ---



**Annual Ladies  
Springtime Luncheon**

**Sons in Retirement**

**- Featuring -**

**A Program of Music by  
"The Melodears"  
In "Remember When" with  
Songs by the Andrew Sisters  
and the McGuire Sisters**

★ **Ramada Inn**

Thursday, May 9, 2013

11 AM: Social Hour

12 Noon: Lunch & Program

Luncheon Choices-

• Chicken Cordon Blue

• Pot Roast of Beef

- Potato, Vegetables, Salad

- Dessert, - Beverage

--- DOOR PRIZES FOR THE LADIES ---

**\$18 Per Person**

**SIR #159 Annual  
Springtime Luncheon**

Reserve by mailing check to:

Shane Petersen

3067 E. Warner Ave.

Fresno, CA 93710

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest: \_\_\_\_\_

Chicken  Beef

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\*Make checks payable to "SIR Branch #159"