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Date Feb 12, 2015

Place Pardini's Restraurant

2257 W. Shaw Avenue

The Chanticleer

New 159 website - www.branch159.sirinc2.org

Program: Mareck Warsawski Sports columnist (Warzone)

Social Hour 11:00 AM

Meeting: 12 Noon

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Even as the West faces random attacks of terror which threaten the three pillars of our civilization -- freedom of expression, freedom of worship, and the equality of persons -- we Sons In Retirement resolve to remain resilient and de-

Big SIR Charlie

In February, we will "Enter the War Zone" only metaphorically, with the sports guy and o'le Perry the Huff giving

us more insight into sports as viewed by those in the newspaper business. That ought to be great fun, and you will not want to miss it.

Speaking of sports, Howard Zinn has filled us in on of life here in the Valley. *Pickleball.* For those of you not in the know, a certain Mr. Pickle developed a game for seniors which is a sort of hog Day. Let's have a happy Valentine's scaled down tennis. Played on something resembling a badminton court with a low net, the rules are similar to tennis, but adapted to the needs of seniors. Use a wooden paddle instead of a racket, and a plastic wiffle-ball. It sounds like great fun to me. Bill Leavitt has experience with the game, and is willing to start a SIR activity group. Howard says they play the game at Sunniside Racquet Club. Call Bill or Howard, and let's give it a shot!

Additionally, we live in a place with a lively art scene. Art Hop, Museums, Exhibitions, Concerts, Theatre -- they are all plentiful and here to enjoy. Let's do so! Those interested in Arts and Entertainment activity should contact times make us feel a bit foolish. But, we continue to heroically George Gianopulos, and have some fun together!

However, next luncheon let's try a couple of other new things as well. First, it is ungentlemanly to walk out on the speaker, and on your buddies, before the proceedings are adjourned. (Makes us think you don't like us. Makes us feel real bad, too, and I know you don't want that.) Also, every rooster is entitled to his share of the "chicken feed," so every SIR must get a seat at the table. Reserving a chair next to you for your best pal is one thing, but "reserving" half a table is not only bad form, it hurts when our guys leave in disgust -- frustrated that they can't find a seat for all the "reservations" intended to freeze out the SIR we now know less well. Get out of your comfort zone, boys! Meet new SIRs! Make new friends! (After all, that is what we are

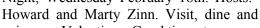
all about.)

So, let's have nothing but fun together in 2015! Let's laugh from the bottom of our bellies as often as we can find cause to, and as loudly as the neighbors can stand! Let us stretch ourselves, and move as much as we can! Enjoy the daytime, and the night! Savor both the friendship and the wine! Holler for the music and the dance! Never stop!

Fun -- with dignity and respect for others. Fun, gentlemen! It is our only defense.

It was good to visit with my friend, Mark Grossi and hear him speak on important issues that affect our quality

Sirs: you've gotten by Ground-Day. May your fantasies materialize to bring you joy and make you happy. Plan to take your Valentine to SIR Ladies Date Night, Wednesday February 18th. Hosts:



kind of exotic mystery.

enjoy our Valentines. Good times to you...and to all of us. As a young boy, over in Avenal, I was shy and too cheap to do much for Valentine's Day and girls were some

Nothing has changed in almost eighty years with me...still befuddled...and cheap. For some of us, what a woman wants can be a situational mystery. Ladies can sometrudge and bumble forward. It is what we do.

It is with warm and fuzzy pride I can tell you we have Marek Warszawski, Bee Sports columnist, to speak on sports issues and share his favorite interactions with high performing talented individuals you have read about. He can easily field any outdoor or indoor sports related questions. We believe you too will enjoy Marek's good company.

That guy you've been thinking of bring as a guest, (the one who is our kind of active old fart) this is the month. Bring him. Don't mention anything about Valentine's Day. We don't want you to scare him. Be cool.

We are seeing more ladies invited to golf with us on Thursdays as our "family or friend." Bowling and tennis may be the next activities to see ladies invited to join in and expand attendance and our fun. See you at lunch.



Reminder: All Meetings will now be held at Pardini's

SIR OF THE MONTH – JOHN POKORNY

John Pokorny is a local boy! He was born in Clovis, educated in Clovis, worked in Clovis and except for his years in the Army and a stint up in the Mt. Shasta area, has lived in Clovis... He is now retired - in Clovis. But his story is a great one.

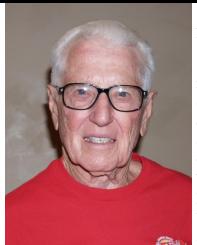
John's parents emigrated from Czechoslovakia back in the '20s. They settled here, worked and raised a family right here in Clovis. John once got a chance to travel to his parent's fatherland and meet family, tour their villages and even visit their 'one-time' homes. But back in

Clovis, our John went through the local schools and graduated Washington D.C. He is still talking about that experience. from high school in 1944. WWII was now closing in on him and he only now of draft age. A recruiter came through the school signing up young graduates into a Reserve program of intense study and fitness. John signed up! This took him to Oregon State University where he completed this special program in about 6 months. But what followed was a transfer to Camp Roberts where he went through Basic Training over a 4-Pokorny transferred to Ft. Ord and from there to San Pedro where he boarded a troop ship and was on his way to the Pacific.

His ship had paused in the Marianas when Hiroshima and Nagasaki were bombed and the war ended. His troop ship went on to Leyte down in the Philippines where he/they entered camp life. He was assigned to work in the Army post office. In due time, he was shifted to Yokohama, Japan where all Pacific post office work was gathered and centralized. He continued to do postal work until he was separated from the Service.

Upon his return to Clovis, he was sought after by the local John Pokorny would serve an over 30 year career. He worked at any number of positions there in the Clovis Postal System. In the last 24 years, he held the position of Post Master. John totals up the number of years he did postal work. Combining his Army days with his civilian days in the post office, he has over 40 years! He retired December 31, 1984.

After retiring, he took on a miscellany of tasks just to keep busy. Among those were working the 1990 Census, and the Fresno Fair Grounds. But it was a fellow Postal worker, the legendary SIR #159 Bob Cooper, who introduced him to Sons in Retirement. That was in 1992. Over the years, John has taken on an array of chairmanships. Among them were Chair of the Fishing Group, Assistant Treasurer and member of the Board of Directors. What followed was the sequence of Little



Sir and then Big Sir in 2001. At one time he handled the Library and is a Telephone Caller.

He is active in his community. He was a member of the Clovis Chamber of Commerce (once held the Presidency of the Chamber), charter member of the Clovis Historical Society, and with Sir Fred Osterberg, founded the Clovis Museum. He was honored in 1992 by being inducted into the Clovis Citizens Hall of Fame. John, along with Jack Leonard and Stan Weinstein were honored as WWII veterans with an Honor Flight visit to the WWII Memorial in

John Pokorny met his wife Laverne (Lynne) at a New Year's Party on December 31, 1949; they were married the following year and have celebrated 64 married years. They are proud parent of one son and one daughter, enjoying one grandchild and two great grand children.

John is a contributor! Evidence his actions in SIR #159! to-5 month period. And from there, in quick succession, Evidence his actions in his community of Clovis. This man gives his time and energy to those around him - his family, his community and SIR #159! John has been and is a real asset to our Branch. He is a fine example of what this organization needs expects and from its members. Pokorny! hank y o u John Written by, George Gianopulos

Attendance Report

In January, 2015, SIR Branch #159 had 255 active members with 166 of those members attending the January 8, 2015 luncheon. This represents 65% of the members in attendance. There were 89 members absent of which 52(58%) were excused. Members are expected to attend the monthly meeting or to notify Post Master and immediately employed. And it was there that 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 <u>DukMarshal@aol.com</u> When you call or email please include your NAME and BADGE NUMBER Duke Marshall, Attendance Chairman

A message from Treasurer, Shane Petersen: To all SIR members;

Our goal is to make your experience at the SIRS luncheons, always a pleasant one. There were some issues at Pardini's that we addressed to their staff. We are going to sit nine at a table instead of ten, so it will be more comfortable. We will have extra tables set up so there will be plenty of seating for everyone. All the desserts will be displayed out on a table so you won't have to wait to get yours. We know that parking is always an issue and there is nothing we can really do about that but to ask if the from the entrance and let the disabled Luncheon; your inputs will be welcomed. members park near the front so that they will not have too far to walk. We thank you for doing this and we thank you for making our SIR branch the third largest in the state of California!

The 2015 assessments are now due.

The assessments pay for; all of the Branch 159 operating expenses for the year. Please make checks for \$15 payable to: SIR Branch #159 Mail to; Shane Petersen 3245 E. Sample Fresno, Ca. 93710 All payments must be made by **March** 12th, or your membership will be in jeopardy.

February Menu (Buffet)

Baked Filet of Sole Chicken Teriyaki Jasmine Rice Waldorf salad Green vegetable **Assorted Desserts**

March Menu (Buffet)

Deli Buffet Sliced Roast Beef, Ham & Sliced Roasted Turkey Breast Assortment of Cheeses & condiments Bread (white and whole wheat) Assortment of Cookies & Brownies

> March Program March12

Pat Ogle

FSU media guy and past TV guy

Group being Considered Branch #159 is considering starting a new group that focuses on the arts. We have Golf, Tennis, Bowling, Poker, Computers, etc. in our Branch. But what about the arts. Under consideration is an 'Arts and Entertainment' group, a group that looks at and explores the world of art in Fresno, peratures (again!) and fog most of the time. the art world that surrounds the Fresno Art On the CTPs, Alex Ramirez was 6" away Museum, Art hop, and more. Also, theater from a hole in one, while Kevin Cameron arts with stage works that show here in Fresno - remember Rodger Rockas for example - and/or in San Francisco. Look

abled bodied members to park further away for an announcement at the next SIR Shamble format, and to Bobby Jones

George Gianopulos

GOLFERS' CORNER

Gentlemen: I'm very honored to take over the Golf Chairman function for our great cold day with no sun. Thumbs up to SIRs Branch 159. The task is challenging Rick Pezzi for a hole-in-one at CTP 15 because our golf membership is very active with weekly events. Many thanks go to Mike Moyle for running and managing so well the golf activities since 2011; Mike will co-chair for a few more months while finishing within 1 stroke of each other I'll acquire his know-how. Gladly, I am part of an excellent seasoned team, including the monthly golf tournament chairmen, providing priceless volunteer work for all the golfers in our branch. I look forward to a great and fun 2015 golf season for all of Lets tee up and go Gilbert Matossian - 159 Golf Chairman

We finished the 2014 golf season at Dragonfly. Those who played will remember a really cold day, a frozen field and a 30'+ time delay. Duke figured out how to score the (6x6x6) novelty format. Congratulations to Charlie Jaurigue and Dell Kerns for a fantastic 2manBB score of 71 gross under such hard climatic conditions.

The following week, we kicked off the 2015 golf season at Madera Golf CC. A great course, filled with fast and difficult greens, and challenging holes from the red tees. The weather was great: sunny, no Our 4th event took place at Madera wind, and the temperature gently raising through the hours. A limited number of golf carts (the new fleet was not yet available) restricted our roster to 38 golfers. It was our first individual net stroke play format of the month. Overall gross scores were not low, yet not surprisingly Joe Hushek walked away with the lowest overall low gross (83), Russ Hewer had the lowest net (66) and a great 88 gross, while John Volkman owned the CTP contest with both wins. It was great to see two "higher Thanks go to Mike Williamson, our handicap" players (Charles Barrett, Stanley Littleworth) placed 2nd and 4th out of 38 players on CTP#6.

Our next tournament took place at Ridge Creek where 43 players faced cold temhad the best combined performance. The lowest net scores were obtained by Larry Psaltis (60) and Steve Chase (62) in the

(68) in the 4man2BB.

Our 3rd event of the month took place at Sherwood Forest where 10 teams played a 4man-scramble. It was another (see photo) that beat Rich Lewis 1'-8"; great combined performance of Shane Petersen at the CTPs. The scramble event was very competitive, four teams (41.25 was the lowest net score) and it seems we all played within 4hrs time.



Rich Pezzi Celebrating his hole-in-one @Sherwood Forest 1/22/15

Muni, one of our most popular courses, where four shamble teams and eleven 2manBB teams faced off in thick fog and poor visibility. Hushek/Litlleworth won the 2mbb (16 under). We saw another excellent performance by Russ Hewer (84 gross/65 net) who, paired with Mike Williamson, took 2nd place (13 under). Congratulations to Sal Morales who scored a net 66.

January Tournament Chairman, for running these events through fog and cold temperatures and making sure no golfers were lost on these treacherous fields.

To the 2014 Most Inspirational Golfer, my friend Dennis: I am sure that you had no problem convincing Saint Peter that Costello is not an Italian name. You're a true leader because you were smart and had the unique ability of making people feel comfortable and welcome. You loved your family, your buddies not going to be able to continue to However, we are mourning the loss of Claude never be forgotten.

Branch 159 February Golf Schedule Chairman Dennis Ensminger Phone 297-0540

Thur 2/5 10AM SG Riverside Wed 2/11 10AM SG Belmont G&CC Thur 2/19 10AM SG Airways Thur 2/26 9AM SG Pheasant Run Thur 3/5 9AM SG Sierra Meadows Wed 3/11 9AM SG Madera CC Thur 3/19 9AM SG Ridge Creek

IMPORTANT NOTICES:

1. Our 2015 Branch 159 golf schedule is up out with no occupant. As usual on our website thanks to Butch. Do not forget to maximize your screen to see our special tournaments (they appear on the far without spouses. The first meetright under "Notes").

2. NEW!! The Inaugural Branch 159 Team (2manBestBall format) Net Championship is scheduled for April 2th at Riverside & April 16th at Airways (continued on page 6) cost?

HLM Photograph

All SIR Branch #159 Honorary Life Members (HLMs) are requested to gather at the next SIR Luncheon for a 2015 'Annual' Picture. Where (ie. where in the dining room) and when will be announced from the dais. Be there. - George Gianopulos

Birthdays

Joe Bencivengo, Bud Burrows, Alan Bynum, Steve Chase, Roger Deal, Ted Feasel, George Gruner, Roy Harris, Joe Hushek, Bob Jones, William Laudig, Roger McCoy, David Metzger, Bob Montgomery, Randy Morris, Lee Moy, Danny Munoz, Abel Parra-Gutierrez

Anniversaries

Alfonso & Mary Ann Baez Boyd & Carolyn Gibson Russ & Britt Hewer Allen & Lois Layne Salvador & Betty Morales James & Betsy Peterson Armando & Patty Ramirez

New Computer Group Chairman:

Our Computer Group Chairman Dale is proving to be a quieter month Reichard has had a return of cancer and is

Deal who originally started the Computer Group in 2004 will now be Chairman. The name will be changed to Digital Media Group, to be more inclusive and include Smartphones, Apps, Smart TV's, editing, GPS, etc. The next meeting will be February 17 at the Woodward Park Library, 944 East Perrin Avenue; 3'rd Tuesday at 1:30-2:30pm, River Room (in front). Normally we met at 1pm Third Tuesdays, but the library room has 12:30-1:30 pm greyed your Guests, other SIR Branches, and woman are welcome with or ing February 17 1:30 PM will cover smartphones.

What is a smartphone and why would I want a smartphone?

What do smartphones do, are they hard to use & what is the real

Some interesting Applications, camera usage, voice input.

Roger. Deal @ Comcast. net (559) 708-2858

Bridge Scores

Jan 6 1st. Gene Tognazzini 2nd. Russ Mott, 3rd. Jim Lund Consolation: George Rurik High score: 4070 High table: 1680 Gene Tognazzini Allen Bertelsen

Jan. 20 1st. Jim Lund, 2nd. Russ Mott, 3rd. Allen Bertelsen, 4th. Larry Knoll 5th. Gene Tognazzini, 6th. Vic Froehmer, 7th. George Rurik Consolation: Hugh Cox High score: 4590 High table: 1720 Russ Mott Larry Knoll

Sunshine Report

Through all these foggy days a little SUN must SHINE. January than December sunshine wise.

at SIRs and golf, and for these reasons you'll chair the Computer Group. Roger Torrez. Claude was a board member and an avid golfer

> Bonnie Gorden, Les Gordons wife has been in the hospital for 30 days of chemo. Whitaker is finding it so difficult to come to lunches now he is considering dropping out. Wi-Fi, Photography, digital photo Cards of encouragement have been sent out.

> > Dale Reichard's cancer has moved into his bones and bone marrow so if you have a spare prayer laying around send it his way he could sure use it. (continued on page 6)

> > > **SIRS 159**

FEBRUARY 18, 2015 "LADIES DATE NIGHT" TEXAS ROAD HOUSE (BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND) **SHAW & MARKS** (TARGET SHOPPING CENTER) WEDNESDAY FEB 18, 2015 HAPPY HOUR 5:30 (\$2 BEER & MARGARITA) ORDER DINNER BEFORE 6:00 FOR SPECIALS

REQUIREMENTS: CONFIRM YOUR ATTENDANCE **BE ON TIME** PAY YOUR OWN BILL PLUS TIPS HAVE FUN - MEET & GREET YOUR HOST FOR FEB

HOWARD & MARTY ZINN 431-6797

(CALL ZINN'S FOR RESERVATIONS) **SPACE IS LIMITED EXPECT NOISE**

November Bowling Scores

The new fall league has started and we invite any SIR member to come join us – Friday afternoons, 1 PM Sierra Lanes. Anyone interested please contact Duke Marshall @ 447-5388 or just show up and we will get you started. We will look for you. Check the Bowling Page from the SIR 159 Home page for updated information.

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7-Nov	Hi Scratch Series	Duke Marshall	540	159
	Hi Handicap Series	Bill Ripley	643	175
	Hi Scratch Game	Bill Ripley	202	175
	Hi Handicap Game	Bill Ripley	239	175
14-Nov	Hi Scratch Series	Merle Knapp	535	175
	Hi Handicap Series	Merle Knapp	634	175
	Hi Scratch Game	Merle Knapp	210	175
	Hi Handicap Game	Merle Knapp	243	175
21-Nov	Hi Scratch Series	Daryl Derouchey	525	159
	Hi Handicap Series	Daryl Derouchey	603	159
	Hi Scratch Game	Don Corley	200	159
	Hi Handicap Game	Jim Whitmer	222	159
28-Nov	Hi Scratch Series	Tom Harlan	544	175
	Hi Handicap Series	Tom Harlan	661	175
	Hi Scratch Game	Tom Harlan	228	175
	Hi Handicap Game	Tom Harlan	267	175



First Board Meeting at Pardini's



First Assembly in Dining Room



First Calling to Order

February Perry Puns: Subject: \$7.00 Sex

An Arizona couple, both well into their 80's, go to a sex therapist's

The doctor asks, 'What can I do for you?'

The man says, 'Will you watch us have sexual intercourse?'

The doctor raises both eyebrows, but he is so amazed that such an elderly couple is asking for sexual advice that he agrees.

When the couple finishes, the doctor says, "There's absolutely nothing wrong with the way you have intercourse.."



Perry - Speaker Mark Grossi - Charlie

He thanks them for coming, he wishes them good luck, he charges them \$50 and he says good bye.

The next week, the same couple returns and asks the sex therapist to watch again. The sex therapist is a bit puzzled, but agrees. This happens several weeks in a row. The couple makes an appointment, has intercourse with no problems, pays the doctor, then leave. Finally, after 3 months of this routine, the doctor says, 'I'm sorry, but I have to ask. Just what are you trying to find out?'

The man says, 'We're not trying to find out anything. She's married; so we can't go to her house. I'm married; and we can't go to my house. The Holiday Inn charges \$98. The Hilton charges \$139. We do it here for \$50, and Medicare pays \$43 of it, leaving my net cost of \$7.

A husband went to the sheriff's department to report that his wife was missing.

Husband: My wife is missing. She went shopping yesterday and has not come home.

Sergeant: What is her height?

Husband: Gee, I'm not sure. A little over five-feet tall.

Sergeant: Weight?

Husband: Don't know. Not slim, not really fat.

Sergeant: Color of eyes? Husband: Never noticed. Sergeant: Color of hair?

Husband: Changes a couple times a year. Maybe dark

Sergeant: What was she wearing?

Husband: Could have been a skirt or shorts. I don't remember exactly.

Sergeant: What kind of car did she go in?

Husband: She went in my truck.

Sergeant: What kind of truck was it?

Husband: Brand new 2015 Ford F150 King Ranch 4X4 with eco-boost 5.0L V8 engine special ordered with manual transmission. It has a custom matching white cover for the bed. Custom leather seats and "Bubba" floor mats. Trailering package with gold hitch. DVD with navigation, 21channel CB radio, six cup holders, and four power outlets. Added special alloy wheels and off-road Michelins. Wife

put a small scratch on the drivers door. At this point the husband started choking up. Sergeant: Don't worry buddy. We'll find your truck.

(Golf from page 4) (free luncheon to follow). More info to follow in next months Chanticleer.

- 3. Reminder. "NCGA Amateur Status Notification", Our club was recently notified by the NCGA that cash prizes are a breach of Rule 3-1 of the Rules of Amateur Status. To quote the NCGA: "Any amateur who plays for cash prizes without waiving his right to the prize money prior to participating in the event will forfeit his amateur status", i.e. will be DO in the NCGA event. Cash prizes include CTPs and any prize formats where cash prizes are awarded. In a nutshell:
- a) If you are a SIRs player who does NOT participate in any NCGA event, then this rule does not apply and nothing changes.
- b) If you are a SIR player who does participate in any NCGA event tournament, programs. then you have two choices: 1. waive the right to a cash prize money before playing; special waiver form to be signed; or, 2. elect to receive merchandise or prize voucher for merchandise redeemable at a capable hands. However...we are still local store (probably at Roger Dunn).

The players who elect category (b) above need to contact our Branch 159 Golf Chairman ASAP for identification and further info.

As of 01/29, Have registered in b2: Matossian, Moyle, Froehmer, Kahler, Price, Morgan, Peterson, McCoy, Evans, Philipps, Brough.

GOLFERS CORNER ADIEU

Last month I wrote that there were changes being made in the powers to be in SIR 159 golf for 2015. Life is full of surprises. A few days after former Big Sir James Noriega said he would assume the responsibility of directing our golf program he was informed by his wife that she was retiring. With time now abundant to visit their young grandchild back in Pennsylvania and freedom to travel to sights before unseen, James was informed he wouldn't have time to run

our program.

Into the picture stepped Gilbert Matossian. Gilbert and I played as partners in several NCGA Associate Club events representing SIR 159 last year. Gilbert was also very active as a club member in tournaments at Riverside (he held dual SIR 159 and Riverside NCGA handicaps). It is with great pleasure that I'll be working with Gilbert this year as he learns the 'ropes' of directing our golf program. He brings some great new ideas to the table, one of which is a new yearly SIR 159 team tournament.

I know Gilbert is going to do a great job. However...one person does not a golf program make. Only with the help of many volunteers fulfilling various leadership roles has our program staved strong. I write this as I was informed just recently that a couple of our other local SIR golf programs are languishing. Seems like those two programs lack golfers who are willing to step to the plate commitment wise to help run their

Certainly not everyone can serve for a wide variety of reasons. Our current leadership positions of director, webmaster, handicap chair, scorer, treasurer, pairings poster and statistician are in very short a few key volunteers to step forward as our integral monthly tournament chairmen for this year. All assistant spots have been filled but we need chairmen for the months of March, May, August and November. Please consider stepping up to fill one of those spots...Gilbert will be thrilled to get your

Last...I'd like to give a special thanks to Butch Evans and John Brechmann for giving me so much help these last few years. Gentlemen you made it a pleas- Q: Where can single men over the age of

Mike Moyle Area 29 Golf Chairman

(Sunshine continued from page 4) If you know of someone in trouble health-wise, let me know. My phone # is; 960-8296, ronwilson7777@sbcglobal.net. Thanks, and the key word for February is When you're done, you will have a "stayhealthy" take more walks, play more golf, you know what to do. --Ron Wilson



Gary Smith Golfer of the Year



Sal Morales Low Net Branch Championship

Callers Corner

We are still looking for another caller. The ranks are getting thin. It should not take more than 30 minutes of your time each month. Thanks Ron Travis

Questions:

- 60 find younger women who are interested in them?
- A: Try a bookstore, under Fiction.
- Q: What can a man do while his wife is going through menopause?
- A: Keep busy. If you're handy with tools, you can finish the basement. place to live.