



The Chanticleer

New 159 website - www.branch159.sirinc2.org

Date October 8, 2015

Place Pardini's Restaurant
2257 W. Shaw Avenue

Program: Timothy Stearns - FSU Lyles Foundation

Social Hour 11:00 AM

Meeting : 12 Noon
\$ 15 and no Buck Bucket

I write these lines in the lingering sense of euphoria that abides the aftermath of decisive, unquestioned victory. The Fresno Grizzlies of Derek Franks, Chris Cummings, and MVP Chris Devenski crushed the International League champion Columbus (Ohio) Clippers in a shutout victory to claim the Championship of Triple A Baseball, and, therefore, all of Minor League Baseball (MiLB). That, as they say, is a lot of Baseball!



Big SIR Charlie

Fresno fans deserve no less, and these great young players deserve much more.

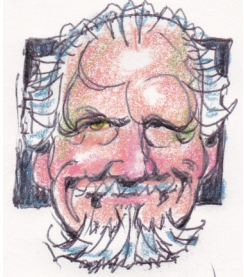
They know how to play. They know how to play as a team. As retired men, we have departed from the corridors of servitude and now ourselves embrace the playing fields and parlors of sporting recreation. What a joy! Let's do it!

If you are a golfer and not yet in the Branch 159 golf group chaired by Gilbert Matossian, then now is the time to sign up! Get out there and have a great time with some great guys. I guarantee that you will love it.

If you are a guy who can knock down the bowling pins as quickly as they can be put up again, then chairman Duke Marshall's bowling guys have room for you at Blackstone Bowl.

By the way, Chaplain Jack Leonard and the Bridge players are praying for some reinforcements as well. If that is your game, a chair at the bridge table awaits. So do the many other groups and activities that you read about in the Chanticleer. (**Big SIR continued on page 2**)

For our October speaker we have Dr. Timothy Stearns who heads up the FSU Lyles foundation and occupies several other chairs out there. Dr. Stearns quest is to nurture ideas, build business to grow valley jobs, lift employment and expand the Valley economy. These things will be needed for our children to thrive.



Little SIR Perry

Guys...let's enjoy the mild Fall weather, our favorite SIR activities and all the free time we have to enjoy and welcome what Fall has to offer and maybe finish October with some spooky Halloween stuff?

Let's fly the coop, strut, cock-a-doodle-and stay colorfully fluffed and gather at the SIR Pardini's feeding pen for another fine lunch with our favorite tough old birds.

We are very pleased to have had Ron Goering as a guest at the September lunch and hear him speak. He did a fine job in informing us about the directions and trends we are seeing in golf. Some of us may have learned a few ball striking pointers. We thank Gilbert Matossian for getting Ron to speak for us.

Halloween in Avenal wasn't much...some trick-or-treating and maybe tipping over a couple of out-houses. Of course there were October Friday night football games at the high school field...I mostly watched from the bench. On Saturday, the picture show had much softer seats, for a price.

Be the Good-Old-Bird and take your lady out for a trick-less-treat on Ladies Date Night, October 14th.

Ladies...expand the number of your favorite dining-friends by continuing to discover new ones. (**Little SIR continued on page 2**)

October Menu

Meatloaf / spicy Ketchup
Chicken Marcella
Herb roasted red potatoes
Green beans Amandine
Waldorf Salad
Garden green salad
Coffee, Tea, & Decaf
Assorted Desserts

Be A Friend - Bring a Friend

(Big SIR continued from page 1) Speaking of reading, Sir Paul Gabrielson and others will soon have the Book Exchange back up and running, as the storage problem seems to have found a solution.

Speaking as well about reinforcements, keep bringing your guests to the luncheons, boys! Your board is cooking up some incentives for new member recruitment, and it will be fun for you to share the fun. Bring in the new guys!

So, here is the Big Sir's October message in a nutshell: Fresno is now where the champions are. Let's imitate them as we imitate the rooster. Let's strut some and crow more, like a champion. Get out and have some fun with the guys. Then we will meet once more at a world-class luncheon to enjoy those same guys while meeting some new, terrific roosters to boot.

What could be better? How do you have more fun than that? We all win and feel that thrill of victory! Let's decide to win!

(Little SIR continued from page 1) Our November speaker...one day after Veterans Day ...will be historian and author, Janice Stephens who has written much about our War Veterans. You are bound to find Janice to be an interesting and engaging wealth of information.

Good SIR...get that buddy of yours to join us for lunch. He will like our speaker...and us too. Remember to tell your caller and count him in for the correct food count.

If you enjoy people...you may want to join the call team who volunteers about a half hour a month. You will get to gab with the guys and sometimes flirt with their wives. You will get to know more of your fellow Sirs and expand your fellowship. Ron Travis heads up our team of callers. You can call him at 322-1898. You will be glad you did.

Golfers Corner

We invited Ron Goering, PGA, Golf Director at Madera Muni GC, at our September luncheon. Ron explained at great length the environmental issues (water, birds, trees) his course is facing, while maintaining quality and affordability. Ron answered many questions and gave us some valuable tips to adjust our swing and to play the best possible golf.



Ron Goering and our own Gilbert Matossian

October, Branch 159 golf, 9AM shotgun start: 10/1 at Dragonfly (4m2BB & Scramble); 10/07 at Valley Oaks (Individual); 10/7 at Riverside (Shamble); 10/22 at Madera Muni (2mBB & Scramble), and 10/29 at Airways

DATE NIGHT

TOLEDO'S RESTAURANT

777 NORTH BLACKSTONE, FRESNO

(Near the Pinedale Post Office)

Wednesday Oct. 14, Happy Hour-5:00/
Dinner-6:00

**THE MARGARITAS ARE CHILLING,
THE HOT PEPPERS ARE HEATING
AND
ALL THE COOL KIDS ARE GETTING
READY TO FIESTA TILL DAWN
(OR 7:30 WHICH EVER COMES
FIRST)**

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OF IT ALL CALL PARTY CENTRAL:**

Gary Smith or Jeanette Faria

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(novelty game). The novelty game will be a flighted individual non recordable round. One free toss of the ball (not counted as a stroke) on each hole. Free toss can be taken anywhere (from rough, fairway, trap, green, etc.).

Hole in One.... Gerald Peloian, a new SIR 159 member, aced hole #6 at Madera Muni GC, from the Gold tees on 9/19. It's Gerry first hole in one. Nice to know that Madera Muni will provide him with a free trophy/plaque for this hole in one

Branch 159 October Golf Schedule

Chairman Mike Moyle Phone 432-8601

Thur 10/1 9AM SG Dragonfly
 Wed 10/7 9AM SG Valley Oaks
Tues 10/13 10AM AWARDS BREAKFAST
(Yosemite Falls Café Granite Park)
 Thur 10/15 9AM SG Riverside
 Thur 10/22 9AM SG Madera Muni
 Thur 10/29 9AM SG Airways
 Thur 11/5 9AM SG Belmont CC
 Wed 11/11 9AM SG Sherwood

ANNUAL BRANCH 159 GOLF AWARDS: Tuesday October 13th, at 10 am, Yosemite Falls Cafe (Granite Park location), 4020 N. Cedar Ave (So of Ashlan). Free breakfast will be served at 10:30am, followed by awards ceremony. Sign-up required

Birthdays

Donald Boline, Ron Branam, Lance Casper, Bill Coyle, Bev Dickinson, Bill Ellsworth, Carlos Fernandez, Boyd Gibson, Gary Haynes, Harlow Hosford, Dell Kerns, Don Lowe, Dick McDonough, Joe Montejano, Larry Psaltis, George Rodriguez, Ben Romo, Dave Scharton, Bob Sexton, Terry Woolf, Bob Zoldoske

Sir's BEST Bowling for September

The Sir's bowling league is active and rolling. Come join in the fun on Friday afternoon at 1:00 pm. Cost is \$8 for 3

games. Check the data on the Sir's 159 Bowling Page. Just click on the bowler icon.

We welcome SIR members from all branches. We are a non-sanctioned league, there for the activity and comradery.

Fall/Winter league began Sept. 11. It is never too late to join in the fun. Hope to see you then.

4-Sep	Hi Hdcp.Series	Vic Froehmer	660	159
	Hi Scratch Series	Vic Froehmer	552	159
	Hi Scratch Series	Tom Harlan	552	175
	Hi Hdcp.Game	James Noriega	248	159
	Hi Scratch Game	James Noriega	218	159
	FALL START			
11-Sep	Hi Hdcp.Series	Duke Marshall	626	159
	Hi Scratch Series	Duke Marshall	557	159
	Hi Hdcp.Game	Tom Harlan	254	175
	Hi Scratch Game	Tom Harlan	220	175
18-Sep	Hi Hdcp. Series	Bill Ripley	733	175
	Hi Scratch Series	Bill Ripley	597	175
	Hi Hdcp. Game	Bill Ripley	257	175
	Hi Scratch Game	Bill Ripley	213	176
25-Sep	Hi Hdcp. Series	Duke Marshall	552	159
	Hi Scratch Series	Don Corley	539	159
	Hi Hdcp. Game	Don Corley	203	159
	Hi Scratch Game	Don Corley	203	159

October Bridge

Sept 1 1st. Bob Cleveland, 2nd. Hugh Cox, 3rd. Fred Wrazel, 4th. Russ Mott, 5th. George Rurik
 6th. Vic Froehmer, 7th. Jim Lund
 Consolation: Allen Bertelsen
 High score: 3290 Bob Cleveland
 High table: 1,110
 Bob Cleveland Jim Lund

Sept 15 1st. Russ Mott , 2nd. Fred Wrazel, 3rd. Jack Leonard,
 4th. Vic Froehmer, 5th. Jim Whitmer
 6th. Hugh Cox 7th. Bob Cleveland
 Consolation: Gene Tognazzini
 High score: 4640 Russ Mott
 High table: 1590
 Russ Mott Fred Wrazel

Sept 29 1st. Jim Whitmer,
 2nd. Vic Froehmer,
 3rd. George Rurik, 4th. Allen Bertelsen, 5th. Hugh Cox,
 6th. Bob Cleveland,
 7th. Fred Wrazel
 Consolation: Jim Lund
 High Score: 5410 Jim Whitmer
 High table: 1570
 Jim Whitmer George Rurik

Anniversaries

Shirley & Hugh Cox
 Debbie & Jeffrey Curtin
 Leslie & Garry Elliott
 Cathy & Butch Evans
 Lydia & Nick Fierro
 Angie & Alex Flores
 Maxine & Jack Leonard
 Mary & Jim Lund
 Diana & Bob Moore
 Rose & Chuck Olono
 Lynn & John Pokorny
 Mary & Don Reitz
 Sharon & Donald Smith
 Sharon & Bob Van Wyk
 Ronnalie & Mel Welch
 Theresa & Ron Wilson

Digital Media/Computer Group

Our Summer break is over and the next meeting will be Tuesday 10/13/15 at 1:00 PM in the Woodward Park Regional Library 944 East Perrin Ave, Fresno, in the River Room. Normally we meet on the third Tuesday but the River Room that day was booked for months, but I was able to reserve the second Tuesday. We will have a lively discussion on Windows 10, New Computers with Intel's new Skylake chip, and user problems.

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November Menu

Sit Down Thanksgiving Dinner

Roasted Turkey / Gravy
Dressing/Gravy
Chef's choice green salad
Mesclun Walnut Salad
Coffee, Tea, & Decaf
Pumpkin Pie

November Speaker

Historian and Author
Janice Stephens



A modern day cowboy has spent many days crossing the Dakota prairie without water.

His horse had already died of thirst. He's crawling along the dusty ground, certain that he has breathed his last breath, when all of a sudden he sees an object sticking out of the ground several yards ahead of him. He crawls to the object, pulls it out of the ground and discovers what looks to be an old briefcase.

He opens it and out pops a genie. But this is no ordinary genie. She is wearing an IRS ID badge and a dull grey dress. There's a calculator in her pocket-book. She has a pencil tucked behind one ear. 'Well, cowboy,' says the genie, 'You know how I work.... You have three wishes.'

'I'm not falling for this,' said the cowboy, 'I'm not going to trust an IRS genie.'

'What do you have to lose? You've got no transportation, and it looks like you're a goner any-

way!'

The cowboy thinks about this for a minute and decides that the genie is right. 'OK! I wish I were along-side a lush spring with plenty of food and drink.'

POOF The cowboy finds himself beside the most beautiful spring he has ever seen, and he's surrounded with jugs of wine and platters of delicacies.

OK, cowpoke, what's your second wish.'

'My second wish is that I was rich beyond my wildest dreams.'

** *POOF*** The cowboy finds himself surrounded by treasure chests filled with rare gold coins and precious gems.

'OK, cowpuncher, you have just one more wish. Better make it a good one!'

After thinking for a few minutes, the cowboy says, 'I wish that no matter where I go, beautiful women will want and need me.'

POOF* He was turned into a tampon.

Moral of the story: BE CAREFUL OF WHAT YOU PRAY FOR-----AND---- If the U.S. government offers to help you, there's going to be a string attached.



9 months later!!! ♦

Jack decided to go skiing with his buddy, Bob. So they loaded up Jack's minivan and headed north. After driving for a few hours, they got caught in a terrible blizzard. So they pulled into a nearby farm with a very lavish home and asked the attractive lady who answered the door if they could spend the night.

"I realize it's terrible weather out there and I have this huge house all to myself, but I'm recently widowed," she explained.

"I'm afraid the neighbors will talk if I let you stay in my house."

"Don't worry," Jack said.. 'We'll be happy to sleep in the barn. And if the weather breaks, we'll be gone at first light.'

The lady agreed, and the two men found their way to the barn and settled in for the night.

Come morning, the weather had cleared, and they got on their way. They enjoyed a great weekend of skiing. But about nine months later, Jack got an unexpected letter from an attorney. It took him a few minutes to figure it out, but he finally determined that it was from the attorney of that attractive widow he had met on the ski weekend

He dropped in on his friend Bob and asked, "Bob, do you remember that good-looking widow from the farm we stayed at on our ski holiday up north about 9 months ago?"

"Yes, I do." Said Bob

"Did you, er, happen to get up in the middle of the night, and go up to the house and pay her a visit?"

"Well, um, yes!," Bob said, a little embarrassed about being found out, I have to admit that I did.."

"And did you happen to give her my name instead of telling her your name?"

Bob's face turned beet red and he said, "Yeah, look, I'm sorry, buddy.. I'm afraid I did.' 'Why do you ask?

"She just died and left me everything."



The 100 MPH GOAT

Two Yankee rednecks are out hunting snipe and as they are walking along they come upon a huge hole in the ground. What they didn't know, of course, was they were looking at a typical Florida sinkhole.

They approach it and are amazed at the size of it. The first hunter says, "Wow, that's some hole; I can't even see the bottom. I wonder how deep it is!"

The second hunter says, "I don't know. Let's throw somethin' down there, listen and see how long it takes to hit bottom."

The first hunter says, "Hey, there's an old automobile transmission over there. Give me a hand, we'll throw it in and see."

So they pick it up and carry it over and count one, two, three and heave it in the hole. They are standing there listening, looking over the edge, when they hear a rustling behind them. As they turn around, they see a goat come crashing through the underbrush, run up to the hole and, without hesitation, jump in headfirst.

While they are standing there staring at each other in amazement, peering into the hole, trying to figure out what that was all about, an old farmer saunters up.

"Say there," says the farmer, "you fellers didn't happen to see my goat around here anywhere, did you?"

The first hunter says, "Funny you should ask, but we were just standing here a minute ago and a goat came running out of the bushes doin' about a hunnert miles an hour and jumped headfirst into this here hole!"

The old farmer said, "Naw, that's impossible! I had him chained to a transmission."



Butch the Rooster

Sarah was in the fertilized egg business. She had several hundred young pullets and ten roosters to fertilize the eggs. She kept records and any rooster not performing went into the soup pot and was replaced.

This took a lot of time, so she bought some tiny bells and attached them to her roosters. Each bell had a different tone, so she could tell from a distance which rooster was performing. Now, she could sit on the porch and fill out an efficiency report by just listening to the bells.

Sarah's favorite rooster, old Butch, was a very fine specimen but, this morning she noticed old Butch's bell hadn't rung at all! When she went to investigate, she saw the other roosters were busy chasing pullets, bells-a-ringing, but the pullets hearing the roosters coming, would run for cover.

To Sarah's amazement, old Butch had his bell in his beak, so it couldn't ring. He'd sneak up on a pullet, do his job, and walk on to the next one.

Sarah was so proud of old Butch, she entered him in a Show and he became an overnight sensation among the judges.

The result was the judges not only awarded old Butch the "No Bell Peace Prize" they also awarded him the "Pulletsurprise" as well.

Clearly old Butch was a politician in the making. Who else but a politician could figure out how to win two of the most coveted awards on our planet by

being the best at sneaking up on the unsuspecting populace and screwing them when they weren't paying attention?

Vote carefully in the next election. You can't always hear the bells.

GHIN Number dues for 2016

Great News ! the NCGA will charge us the same amount for 2016 as they did in 2015. Therefore there is no membership dues increase and your SIR Branch 159 GHIN will remain at \$40 for either new or renewal. Fellows, its probably the best deal in golf to obtain an official handicap index (Riverside GC went up and is charging \$70 for a Renewal, \$80 for New).

If you like competition in addition to our weekly events, your 2016 SIR Branch 159 GHIN will allow you to compete in all SIR State events (Team & Individual) plus all NCGA Associate events.

Please make a check payable to "SIR Branch 159" and bring your payment to Rich Lewis, our Treasurer, or to John Brechmann, our Handicap Chairman, starting with our October events or luncheon. Any payment received after December 15th, the fee goes up to \$50.

Its important that we reach or exceed 100 members again, so our allocation of players for NCGA events remains high.

Gilbert Matossian
159 Golf Chairman



BRANCH #159 ---



Sons in Retirement

★ ★ ★ presents

The Annual Holiday Ladies Day Luncheon



Pardini's:

Thursday, December 10, 2015

11 AM: Social Hour

12 Noon: Lunch & Program



Luncheon Choices-

- Roast Turkey with Herb Dressing
- Baked Ham with Yams
 - Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
 - Salad, Dessert, Beverage



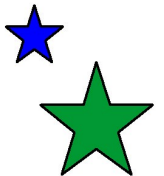
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