



# The Chanticleer

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

**Program - The Stardusters for Ladies Day  
(Dancing Encouraged)**

Date May 12, 2016

Place Pardini's Restaurant  
2257 W. Shaw Avenue

Social Hour 11:00 AM

Meeting : 12 Noon

\$ 15 and no Buck Bucket

Cocky old Roosters...let us strut in to Pardini's with our fine Feathered Ladies a few days after Mother's Day. You can count on having a Lovely Ladies Day Lunch.

Free Range Roosters can proudly strut in and gather at the Guy's Stag Table. We will see you there too.

Over there in Avenal...in the olden days...our little bandy hen was the only free range chicken we kept. She hatched eggs for us to feed up till they grew to tender fryer size. Yep. Fine fried delicious chicken dinner.

The young chickens were kept in pens to protect them from free range cats that found the little feathered creatures taste just like extremely rare chicken.

Back here in Fresno...as your Big Sir, we are supporting Little Sir, Gary Smith and the SIR RAMP program.

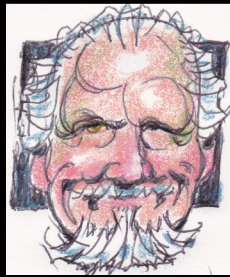
Gary's RAMP teams will continue to focus on finding ways to expand activities and bring in and retain active members.

We want your ideas and suggestions for more opportunities for good fun with fine fellowship and story-telling moments to remember.

**One example** is Jim Whitmer and Bridge Chairman Vic Froehmer are expanding bridge to include cards and board games. Contact Vic or Jim and bring your ladies, guests and games to join them. Have more fun. That's what SIRs is for.

**When you sponsor** a new member, you must turn in the member's application with his \$15 State Assessment check. The board's approval comes at the next meeting. His packet is then prepared. The new member is inducted the next time he attends lunch.

The month following your new member's induction, you will be **(Big SIR continued on Page 2)**



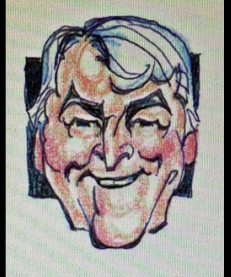
**Big S IR Perry**

Many thanks to Dr. David Zoldoske our speaker at the April luncheon. If you missed it, you missed out on a very informative and interesting talk on the use of water in the San Joaquin Valley. I learned at least two things, first, each almond uses one gallon of water. It's probably true though I have my doubts. I've been watching an almond ever since the luncheon and I haven't seen it take a single drink. Same thing for my i-phone, it looks pretty dry to use all that water. If you weren't at the meeting you probably don't know what I'm talking about, and you would be right, I seldom do.

Wednesday was the monthly Date Night at the High Sierra Grill. Most of you passed on this event. If you did, you missed out on one of the most pleasant evenings there is. There will not be one as May, our Ladies Day lunch is then. But I would very strongly urge you to make the one in June. One night a month we have the opportunity to get together as couples with our beautiful partners over a great meal. The great thing is that our partners have the chance to meet SIR members and their ladies.

RAMP is ramping up. The one thing I've learned as Little Sir is that SIR is like an iceberg. It takes a hell of an effort to make it move, sometimes it takes repeated efforts, and once you start it moving in a certain direction, it takes a hell of an effort to get it to change direction. All of us are used to doing things in a certain way and along comes RAMP. Now we are doing some things a little different and some things a lot different. But one thing is certain, we are beginning to do things, the iceberg is starting to move. And when we find something doesn't work, or could be done better, rest assured, we'll get that iceberg moving in the right direction.

Rich Lewis is planning new activities. An investment group, a gardening group, a history roundtable, and, of course break-dancing **(Little SIR continued on Page 2)**



**Little SIR Gary**

**Be A Friend - Bring a Friend**

(Big SIR continued from page 1) rewarded a well-earned complimentary sponsor's lunch. With a little effort...you can have a free lunch.

Ladies Day Lunch can be followed the next week with Date Night Delight May 18. Can't we spoil that fine Mother by treating her to dine out...twice?

Ladies...you too can earn your husband a complementary SIR lunch when you and your friend recruit her husband.

SIR...when you bring a guest or sponsor a new member, be sure to tell your caller for our food count. Please introduce him to your Big Sir, and an ambassador and help get him to know some new best friends.

(Little SIR continued from page 1) are in the works. Well maybe break-an-ankle dancing, but dancing nevertheless.

John Crawford, is working on getting bios of new members into the Chanticleer, and getting an activities roster of activities to our new and old members.

Rich Colby has volunteered to develop an activities calender. It will be a monthly calender which will have the dates, times and contact information of all Branch 159 activities for the month. It will be published in the Chanticleer each month.

Reg Rosander is the Ambassador Coordinator. He will make sure that all guests will have an Ambassador assigned to them at the luncheon. It will be an informal/ formal welcome to the the guest on behalf of the branch. Each guest will be provided with SIR information. Don't be concerned that your guest will be pressured in any way, though. We are not selling condos here, we are merely welcoming the guests in a more systematic way.

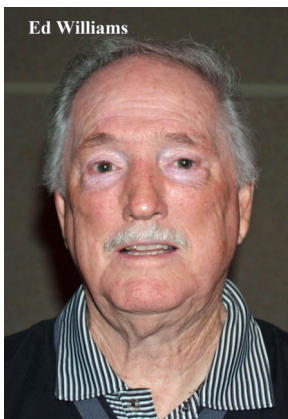
Th, th, that's all folks (a clear allusion to Porky Pig)! It's time to get out my old tap shoes, practice my shuffle, hop, step and get ready for the dancing at next month's ladies day lunch. Wait, Jeanette just informed me that the dancing is not tap but ballroom. Oh well, the tap shoes go back into the closet, and I'll start working on my Tango dips.

## New Members



### **Bill Valk**

Did a lot of global travel for his company. Now golfs, gardens and travels. Married 42 years.  
email [billvalk68@gmail.com](mailto:billvalk68@gmail.com)



### **Ed Williams**

Out of the Fresno County Superior Court system, now golfs, fishes and hunts.  
email [Erle-136@Outlook.com](mailto:Erle-136@Outlook.com)



### **William Ranells**

"Had a career in Dance with Arthur Murray, Fred Astaire Studios. Moved to Fresno in 2015, married 50 years."  
email [FredAstaire@yahoo.com](mailto:FredAstaire@yahoo.com)

## Digital Media/Computer Group

Our Digital Media/Computer Group meets on 5/24/16 1 PM in the "River Room" at Woodward Park Library 944 East Perrin Ave, Fresno. All SIR Branches, Wives and Guests are welcome. This will be the fourth Tuesday instead of the normal third Tuesday since I will be in Yosemite then. We will explore Windows 10, and it's 3D maps of Fresno and Yosemite. Bring your issues.

### *Roger Deal Chairman*

## Sunshine Report

Sunshine is smiling this month. Only one Fallen Rooster to report. Al Gonzales took a tumble and banged himself up enough to require re-hab. He is back home now and we all wish him full recovery and quick return to the barnyard.

On another note, I'm hearing about some new aids to subdue background noise in meeting halls. Some will apply to hearing aids and some will adapt to microphones so they won't be picking up anything but the voice of the one holding them. Both of these systems are close to being available and I will keep you informed of any information I can get. We have several hearing impaired men that have a hard

time getting the message we are delivering, hopefully, help is on the way.

Please let me know of any of your friends that are ill or injured. I'm at ronwilson7777@outlook.com or 960-8294. Thanks, --**Ron Wilson, Sunshine Chairman.**

### Bridge Results

4/5 1<sup>st</sup> Charles Ratliff, 2<sup>nd</sup> Larry Knoll, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vic Froehmer, 4<sup>th</sup> Fred Wrazel, 5<sup>th</sup> Hugh Cox, 6<sup>th</sup> Jack Leonard, 7<sup>th</sup> Bob Cleveland, 8<sup>th</sup> Jim Whitmer, 9<sup>th</sup> Gene Tognazzini, 10<sup>th</sup> Jim Lund

Consultation George Rurik

High score 4,710 Charles Ratliff-  
High table 1,340

Fred Wrazel Larry Knoll

4/19 1<sup>st</sup> Ron Vieira, 2<sup>nd</sup> Gene Tognazzini, 3<sup>rd</sup> Hugh Cox, 4<sup>th</sup> Fred Wrazel, 5<sup>th</sup> Charles Ratliff, 6<sup>th</sup> Vic Froehmer, 7<sup>th</sup> Bob Cleveland, 8<sup>th</sup> Jim Whitmer

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### Anniversaries

Betty & George Culverwell

Flo & Steven Deak

Ginnie & Ron Herleman

Betty & William Laudig

Renee' & Roger McCoy

Diane & Gary Morgan

Kathryn & Richard Neilson

Shirley & Bob Rathburn

Mary & Jim Vaughan

Ruth & Stan Weinstein

Karen & Mike Williamson

Lydia & Melvin Wyatt

### Birthdays

Howard Boston, John Briceno, Joe Cabral, Rich Colby, George Culverwell, Steve Deak, Bob Doig,

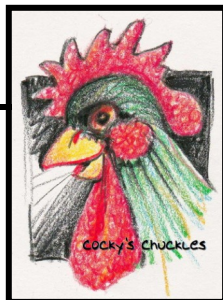
Bill Freeman, George Gong, Ron Herleman, Russ Hewer, Dimitri Kostiw Gordon Lowe, Richard Lulejian, Fred Lusk, Earl Medeiros, Richard Nelson, Warren Nelson, Jack Neugebauer, Manuel Nunez, Stuart Poytress, Art Rice, Mike Robinson, Gus Short, Lou Shuemake, Ben Tyson, Bill Valk, Jim Vaughan, Stan Weinstein, Bob Wiens, Erv Zander

### Attendance Report

In April, 2016, SIR Branch #159 had 221 active members with 140 of those members attending the April 14, 2016 luncheon at Pardini's. This represents 63% of the active membership. Of the 78 members absent, 42 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**



### **Perry's Puns**

The reason the golf pro tells you to keep your head down is so you can't see him laughing.

### Sir's Best Bowling for APRIL

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 for updates on the Sir's 159 Bowling Page. Just click on the bowler icon.

DATE		NAME	SCORE	BRANCH
1-Apr	Hi Hdcp. Series	Don Corley	658	159
	Hi Scratch Series	Don Corley	580	159
	Hi Hdcp. Game	Don Corley	245	159
	Hi Scratch Game	Don Corley	219	159
8-Apr	Hi Hdcp. Series	Merle Knapp	618	175
	Hi Scratch Series	Merle Knapp	516	175
	Hi Hdcp. Game	Merle Knapp	226	175
	Hi Scratch Game	Merle Knapp	192	175
15-Apr	Hi Hdcp. Series	Bill Ripley	680	175
	Hi Scratch Series	Alan Barton	573	159
	Hi Hdcp. Game	Bill Ripley	249	175
	Hi Scratch Game	Alan Barton	214	159
22-Apr	Hi Hdcp. Series	Bill Ripley	617	175
	Hi Scratch Series	Alan Barton	545	159
	Hi Hdcp. Game	Alan Barton	227	159
	Hi Scratch Game	Alan Barton	213	159
29-Apr	Hi Hdcp. Series	Tom Harlan	670	175
	Hi Scratch Series	Tom Harlan	553	175
	Hi Hdcp. Game	Bill Ripley	251	175
	Hi Scratch Game	Bill Ripley	214	175

His finest hour lasted a minute and a half.

My photographs don't do me justice - they just look like me.

There's so little money in my bank account, my scenic checks show a ghetto.

My cooking is so bad my kids thought Thanksgiving was to commemorate Pearl Harbour

Tranquilizers work only if you follow the advice on the bottle - keep away from children.

I asked the waiter, 'Is this milk fresh?' He said, 'Lady, three hours ago it was grass.'

You know you're old if they have discontinued your blood type

**All from Phyllis Diller**



## Golfer's Corner

Our golf scoring chairman, Duke Marshall, scores our weekly golf tournaments. With a field averaging players, the scoring task requires a great deal of attention and time, and its easy to see that any incompletely filled or incorrect score cards will make his task even more time consuming. Whether you are a seasoned SIR golf player or a new member, the following guidelines should be followed by all players.

1. **SCRAMBLE** is a team event (3 to 4 guys playing the best ball), non reportable for handicap purpose, only the team score matters. The A player (i.e. the one with the lowest handicap) is responsible for entering the team gross score on each hole at the bottom of the score card, and for marking with an X on the hole box across the players name, which player's drive was used on this particular hole. For example, if the team took 4 strokes to hole the ball on hole #5 and used John's drive, the score card should show a 5 for the Team score and an X across John's line to show his drive was used on this hole. The team is assigned a team course handicap (average of all players CH), and the team net result is computed by Duke.

2. **SHAMBLE** is another team event, non reportable for handicap purpose. The team gross score is the total of each player's gross score. In this case, each player is assigned a number of drives requirement (par 4s and par 5s only), and its up to the scorer (A player) to mark whose drive was used on each par 4s and par 5s on the player's line for this hole. The scorer should add up the sub totals (front 9 and back 9) for each player as this gives Duke a benchmark for comparison. The team total gross score and final net score after 18 holes will be calculated by Duke.

3. **INDIVIDUAL**. Reportable for

handicap purpose. Each player is responsible for entering his gross score for each hole. The scorer should add up the sub totals (front 9 and back 9) for each player as this gives Duke a benchmark for comparison; the total score is done by Duke. No limit of strokes on each hole; you must enter your total number of strokes. The Equitable Stroke Control (ESC) will automatically kick in when Duke enters the reportable score.

4. **2manBB** (aka Four-Ball Net), is a 2-player team event, reportable for handicap purpose. One player is responsible for entering both players' score for each hole. There is no drive requirement, each player plays his ball from tee to hole. The scorer should add up the sub totals (front 9 and back 9) for each player as this gives Duke a benchmark for comparison. No limit of strokes on each hole; you must enter your total number of strokes, the Equitable Stroke Control (ESC) will automatically kick in when Duke enters the reportable score. Only one player is allowed to not finish a hole and to pick up, then enter an X for this player score for this particular hole.

5. **4man2BB**, is a 4-player team event, reportable for handicap purpose. The A player is responsible for entering each of the 4 players score on the team score card for each hole. There is no drive requirement, as each player plays his ball from tee to hole. The scorer should add up the sub totals (front 9 and back 9) for each player as this gives Duke a benchmark for comparison. No limit of strokes on each hole; you must enter each player total number of strokes from tee to hole, the Equitable Stroke Control (ESC) will automatically kick in when Duke enters the reportable score. No more than 2 players can pick-up on the same hole; then enter an X for the player(s) score for this particular hole.

6. **MISC.**

We advise to keep scores on a second

score card as a back-up, to verify and control the official one, or should the official one be lost.

The A player is the scorer and should always double check the scores, helped with the B player. Scores must be clearly legible. The card needs to be signed by the marker and a player before turning it in; a card without signatures is ground for automatic DQ.

Once turned in, a score card is deemed final.

If a player is No-Show, his name and handicap should be written off the card to avoid any confusion. Conversely would a new last minute player be added on a score card, write his name and his GHIN number if known.

Reportable scores are usually posted with the NCGA within 48 hours.

### Branch 159 May Golf Schedule

*Chairman Duke Marshall 447-5388*

**Thur 5/5 9AM SG Valley Oaks**  
**Wed 5/11 9AM SG Madera CC**  
**Thur 5/19 8AM SG Ridge Creek**  
**Thur 5/26 8AM SG Madera Muni**  
**Thur 6/2 8AM SG Pheasant Run**  
**Wed 6/8 8AM SG Lemoore**  
**Thur 6/16 8AM SG Sherwood**  
**Thur 6/23 8:30 SG Airways**  
**Thur 6/30 8AM SG Riverside**

**Ron Rich 2016  
Single Elimination Match  
play Championship Game:**

Gary Kilgore

defeats

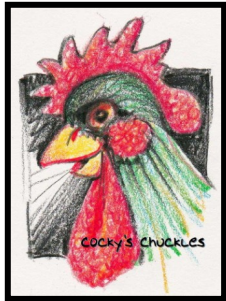
Ben Tyson,

3/2.

**Congratulations Gary !**



**April Speaker Dr. David Zoldoske  
and  
Little SIR Gary Smith**



.....Welfare Check.....

A guy walked into the local welfare office to pick up his check. He marched straight up to the counter and said, "Hi. You know.... I just HATE drawing welfare. I'd really rather have a job."

The social worker behind the counter said, "Your timing is excellent. We just got a job opening from a very wealthy old man who wants a Chauffeur and bodyguard for his beautiful daughter. You'll have to drive around in his 2010 Mercedes-Benz CL, and he will supply all of your clothes.

"Because of the long hours, meals will be provided. You'll also be expected to escort the daughter on her overseas holiday trips. This is rather awkward to say but you will also have as part of your job assignment to satisfy her sexual urges as the daughter is in her mid-20's and has a rather strong sex drive."

The guy, just plain wide-eyed, said, "You're bullshittin' me!"

The social worker said, "Yeah, well ... You started it."

A man on his Harley was riding along a California beach when suddenly the sky clouded above his head and, in a booming voice, God said, 'because you have tried to be faithful to me in all ways, I will grant you one wish.'

The biker pulled over and said, 'Build a bridge to Hawaii so I can ride over anytime I want.'

God replied, 'Your request is materialistic; think of the enormous challenges for that kind of undertaking; the supports required reaching the bottom of the Pacific and the concrete and steel it would take! I can do it, but it is hard for me to justify your desire for worldly things. Take a little more time and think of something that could possibly help mankind.'

The biker thought about it for a long time. Finally, he said, 'God, I wish that I, and all men, could understand women; I want to know how she feels inside, what she's thinking when she gives me the silent treatment, why she cries, what she means when she says nothing's wrong, why she snaps and complains when I try to help, and how I can make a woman truly happy.

God replied: 'You want two lanes or four on that bridge...?'

A couple in their nineties are both having problems remembering things. During a check-up, the doctor tells them that they're physically okay, but they might want to start writing things down to help them remember ..

Later that night, while watching TV, the old man gets up from his chair. *'Want anything while I'm in the kitchen?'* he asks. *'Will you get me a bowl of ice cream?'* *'Sure.'* He answers. *'Don't you think you should write it down so you can remember it?'* she asks. *'No, I can remember it.'* *'Well, I'd like some strawberries on top, too. Maybe you should write it down, so as not to forget it?'* He says, *'I can remember that. You want a bowl of ice cream with strawberries.'* *'I'd also like whipped cream. I'm certain you'll forget that, write it down?'* she asks.

*Irritated, he says, 'I don't need to write it down, I can remember it! Ice cream with strawberries and whipped cream - I got it, for goodness sake!'*

Then he toddles into the kitchen. After about 20 minutes, the old man returns from the kitchen and hands his wife a plate of bacon and eggs. She stares at the plate for a moment.

*'Where's my toast?'*

## Travel News from *Lee Moy*



Top of the morning” It’s early morning. The sun rays are blazing through the curtain gaps. Time to get up; greet a new day. Put on my robe, turn on the coffee maker. Stroll outside to pick-up today’s Fresno Bee.

Once inside the house, I flop down into my favorite of chairs. Must have been a “genius” who thought of the name Lazy Boy. I resemble that remark.

The inside sections of today’s “rag” has the usual compliment of advertisements. “Lord-n-behold!” There’s yet another sale of all the things I want, need, desire. Sleep Train has a clearance sale of comfortable beds. Was thinking about replacing my sagging bed; you know the one that’s too lumpy. Nah, I’ll save my money and postpone it for another day. All that money for air.

He’s another interesting ad that caught my attention. A spanking new big screen television deeply discounted at the nearby brick-n-mortar Best Buy. Who wouldn’t want a new 4K Ultra Wide HD that measures a massive 65” on the

wall? “By Golly” it’s on sale through the end of the month. It can wait. Thumbing through the various sections till I come upon the OB. It sure seems that a lot more familiar names are making the rounds, I ponder. This one I’ll put “on hold”. Thank you very much.

“Alas” the section I seem to gravitate to. Wonder how MY team did last night as I glance at the headlines “What!” My beloved SF Giants have a losing record and they’re neck-to-neck with the cellar dweller LA Dodgers. Wonder who’s leading the National League? Figures. The Chicago Cubs are some 3.5 games head of the pack in the Central. Maybe the “Curse” will be broken.

The American League has been making a lot of noise as of late. You’re not going to believe it even if I told you so. The “Billy Ball” Oakland A’s just trounced the mighty beast from the East...the iconic New York Yankees. That victory and a series of wins has propelled them into first place albeit temporary.

Kind of curious what day the Chicago Cubs versus the Oakland A’s game is. Do you happen to know? Was thinking about going. Perhaps I’ll call “what’s his name who sits across me at the luncheon.” He seemed interested at “catching a game”.

It’s been a very long time since I heard the crack of the bat, the “peanut” hawkers, and the live broadcast booming throughout the stadium. I miss the fist pumpings, screaming, shouting, and yelling at the refs, the close calls, and the opposing team. My friends & I would “high five” and we’d guzzle down another beer. The day would be made cooler by the off-shore breeze.

Well, I’ve read the abbreviated news. Seems as though I just might rather stay home, in my Lazy Boy. Time to watch another day go to sleep.







**OAKLAND A'S  
VS  
CHICAGO CUBS**

**AUGUST 7, SUNDAY, 1PM  
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**SIR BRANCH #159 - -**

# LADIES DAY LUNCHEON



**PARDINI'S**

**THURSDAY, MAY 12, 2016**

**SOCIAL HOUR: 11AM**

**LUNCHEON & PROGRAM: NOON**

## LUNCHEON CHOICES:

- CHICKEN PICCATA W/RICE
- BRAISED PAN ROAST BEEF  
W/MASHED POTATOES  
- SALAD AND ROLLS -  
- DESERT AND BEVERAGE -



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**- DANCING ENCOURAGED -**

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**SONS IN RETIREMENT #159**  
**LADIES DAY LUNCHEON**

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