



The Chanticleer

New 159 website - www.branch159.sirinc2.org
 Program: Central Valley Harness Association will put on a demonstration of horse and carriage driving.

Date May 11 ,2017
 Place Kearney Park
 6725W Kearney Blvd.

Social Hour 11:00 AM
 Luncheon: 12 Noon
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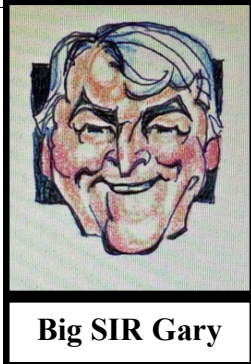
Activities Calendar for May

Date	Event	Contact
May 1,8,15,22,29	Whitmer's Warriors Golf	Steve Chase
May 2	Texas Hold um Poker	Mike Levine
May 4,10,18,25	SIRs Golf	Gilbert Matossian
May 5	Fresno Grizzlies	Terry Byrne
May 5,12,19,26	SIRS Bowling	Duke Marshall
May 2,16,30	SIR Bridge	Vic Froehmer
May 11	SIRs Luncheon	Ron Travis (RSVP)
May 16	History Roundtable	Mike Rumley
May 16	Technology	Roger Deal
May 16	Investments	Rich Colby
May 23	Men's Luncheon Mimi's Cafe	Lee Moy
May ?????	Horseshoes	Rich Lewis

I want my children to have all the things I couldn't afford. Then I want to move in with them.- Phyllis Diller

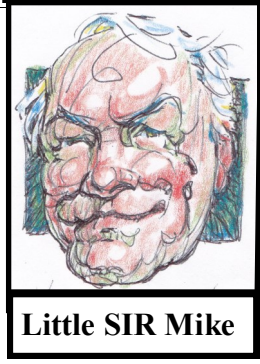
Welcome to new members **Pete Openshaw** and **Bob Price** who were inducted this month. We all look forward to getting to know you at our upcoming events. By the way, we have received the applications for four others for membership who have not been able to get to the luncheon to be inducted. If you know them, get them to the next luncheon.

Speaking of events, this was the busiest week of SIR events of which I have ever been a part. On Monday I played golf with Whitmer's Warriors. Tuesday was the computer group (I had to pass on the History Roundtable, the investor group and the Men's luncheon). Wednesday was Date Night at BJs Brewhouse. We welcomed new Date Nighters **Rich** **(Big SIR continued on page 2)**



Big SIR Gary

I really feel like I just ran a marathon. The week of May 17th will go down in SIR lore as one of the most highly charged activity driven weeks in Branch 159 history. And, I tried to do them all! There was something for everyone: History Roundtable, Men's Luncheon, Technology, Investments, and to top it off a dynamite softball game featuring our Lady Bulldogs. I attended all. My wife was like "When will I ever see you again?" (I will avoid a snide comment here) What was great about the week is that I saw many different people who I have not gotten to know and that is the result of our Branch 159 offering a menu of so many different activities. There is something for everyone. Take a look at our activity calendar and get active!



Little SIR Mike

Why a Picnic? If you show up at Pardini's' on May 11th you will find that you will have to eat lunch someplace else. Why? Because we have made the decision to try something a little **(Little SIR continued on page 2)**

(Big SIR continued from page 1) and Patti Lewis, Ben and Pauline Tyson and Mel and Lydia Wyatt. Thursday was golf, and Friday the HLM/PBS breakfast. Others went bowling and played poker and bridge and watched softball.

If you can't find a good time somewhere in SIR you had better check your pulse. Albert Einstein said that life is like riding a bicycle, if you stop moving you fall off. So keep on moving- don't fall off!

The May meeting will be a picnic at Kearney Park. Once again, our **MAY MEETING WILL BE A PICNIC AT KEARNEY PARK**. If you go to Pardini's as usual, you will find it very quiet. This will be in celebration of Lady's Day. So bring your lady, a reasonable facsimile or come alone and be ready to have a good time.

Speaking of events, Reg Rosander has a fishing/golf trip to Morro Bay planned for May 23. There is a reduced fishing rate for veterans. Reg has offered to clean all the fish you catch. Golfing will follow at Morro Bay. **Terry Byrne** has a trip scheduled for May 5 to see the Grizzlies. Details for both events are in this Chanticleer.

I just heard from **Jim Hiney**, our Area Governor. he attended our last luncheon and was quite impressed with our branch. Thanks, Jim, you are always welcome at 159. He also let me know that SIR has reorganized and we are now in Area 68 (we were in Area 29). We also have a new Regional Director. Our own **Allan Baxter** will now be Regional Director at Large. The Regional Director for Area 68 is **Jerry Morrow**.

I will see you all at the picnic in May. Remember to bring a guest, for every 3 guests we get 2 new members.

Everybody is a genius, but if you ask a fish to climb a tree, it will lead its whole life believing that it's stupid.- Albert Einstein

(Little SIR continued from page 1)different. A good old fashioned family picnic. This will be a chance to get outdoors and socialize in a little different venue. Kearney Park is small and offers us the best chance to basically have the grounds to ourselves. Since the construction and extension of Highway 180, the Park is super easy to get to. There is a \$5.00 per car entrance fee. We are catering the food so the only thing you will need to bring is your table settings, snacks, and beverage of choice. The good folks at Madera Municipal Golf and Restaurant will be providing Tri-Tip and Chicken, plus beans and greens, rice, and rolls. We will have a 50-50 drawing plus a "salami toss" game. For entertainment, the Central Valley Harness Association will put on a demonstration of horse and carriage driving. Bring a lawn chair to be comfortable if you don't want to stand. Please send in your check to Shane Peterson as soon as possible.

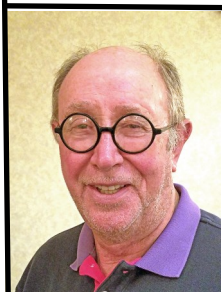
If you have not had a chance to visit our new website do so. Gary Morgan has spent a lot of time organizing the site to make navigation easy. Here you will find just about anything that pertains to SIRs. Some highlights for the coming month include a Fresno Grizzlies game against the Sacramento Rivercats (Giants) for Friday, May 5th. Let Terry Byrne know if you want to attend by May 3rd so we can get a block of seats. Mike Levine is hosting the monthly Texas Hold Um tournament on May 2nd. Contact Mike for time and details. There will be plenty of players who will eagerly greet newcomers to the game. Lee Moy's Men's Luncheon group will visit Mimi's Café on May 23rd. See the flyer in the Chanticleer.

Our branch has added a new activity for this year. Horseshoes. On Saturday, April 28th Branch 159 had its inaugural Tournament at Bicentennial Park in Clovis. Many thanks to Rick Lewis for spearheading what we hope becomes a regular activity.

First SIR Horseshoes Tournament

The first of what we hope will be many Horseshoes events was held Saturday at Sierra Bicentennial Park on Saturday, April 29, 2017. The event was almost cancelled because of a lack of interest. Organizer Rich Lewis and a few others showed up and we would play a Round Robin Tournament. The first item on the "Agenda" was to modify the distance the shoes

New Members



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are thrown. In the spirit of playing from the forward tees in golf, we moved the throwing distance to 30 yards instead of the normal 40. After the sand had settled, our organizer, Rich Lewis emerged victorious with a record of 5 and 1. Two of his wins came with him throwing a "topper" ringer after his opponent had thrown a ringer in front of him on the last throw. Second place went to Mel Wyatt with a 4 and 2 record.

The group, although small, liked the round robin format and playing on a Saturday. We also decided to bring the "shoes" to Kearney Park for the Picnic. There are two pits adjacent to the Oak Grove Picnic area where we will be. Come out and Play!

History Roundtable

The History Roundtable met briefly on Tuesday, April 18th to discuss topics historical. Little SIR Mike Rumley brought some old copies of the Fresno Republican from 1917 to look at and research. It is so interesting to look at the old advertisements and old prices. We will meet again on Tuesday, May 16th at the Yosemite Falls Café at Blackstone and Shaw at 11:00 AM. Mike will bring more of his old newspapers to share and discuss what was going on in Fresno back when.

Computer Group

Park Regional Library "River Room" 944 East Perrin Ave, Fresno CA 93720. All SIR Branches, Wives and Guests are welcome.

Bring your Computer, Smartphone, Digital Media, Windows 10, Photography or other Tech Issues you need help with.

(The The SIR-159 Computer Group meets May 16 on the third Tuesdays at 1:00 PM at the Woodward Investment Group meets at 2pm, in the same room).

Roger Deal

May Investing

The Investing Group will meet following the Computer Grp as usual at 2:00 PM. Those joining in should have a questions and/or comments ready to share.



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Bridge Results

April 4 1st Charles Ratliff, 2nd Fred Wrazel, 3rd Janet Wrazel, 4th George Rurik, 5th Nancy Ratliff, 6th Vic Froehmer, 7th Bob Moore, 8th Bob Amato, 9th Bob

Cleveland, 10th Ron Rayburn, 11th Hugh Cox, 12th Jim Lund, 13th Russ Mott

Consolation Gene Tognazzini

High table 1,530 Charles Ratliff & Nancy Ratliff

High score 4,310 Charles Ratliff

April 18 1st Fred Wrazel 2nd Vic Froehmer 3rd Bob Amato

4th Ron Rayburn 5th Gene Tognazzini 6th Charles Ratliff

7th Bob Cleveland 8th Bob Moore 9th Nancy Ratliff

10th Jim Lund

Consolation Russ Mott

High table 1,580 Fred Wrazel Vic Froehmer

High score 5,470 Fred Wrazel

Anniversaries

Flo & Steve Deak

Gail & Larry Henriksen

Ginnie & Ron Herleman

Betty & William Laudig

Renee' & Roger McCoy

Diane & Gary Morgan

Kathryn & Richard Neilson

Shirley & Bob Rathburn

Carole & Jim Rodgerson

Mary & Jim Vaughan

Ruth & Stan Weinstein

Karen & Mike Williamson

Lydia & Melvin Wyatt

Birthdays

Howard Boston, John Briceno, Joe Cabral, Rich Colby, Steve Deak, Bob Doig, Bill Freeman, Ron Goering, George Gong, Ron Herleman, Russ Hewer, Dimitri Kostiw, Gordon Lowe, Richard Lulejian, Fred Lusk, Earl Medeiros, Warren Nelson, Jack Neugebauer, Manuel Nunez, Stuart Poytress, Art Rice, Mike Robinson, Gus Short, Lou Shuemaker, Ben Tyson, Bill Valk, Jim Vaughan, Stan Weinstein, Bob Wiens, Erv Zander

Bowling Crisis in the wind

We have just been informed that Bowlmor-AMF is again changing the hours of operation at Sierra Lanes and will not open until 3 PM on Fridays. Tom Harlan who has been our acting secretary with the house says he is through. If we are to continue we need your input as to a course of action. We can change houses, move to Rodeo

Lanes or Madera Lanes. We could try to find a new day and time or both. Give me some direction. Email me at DukMarshal@aol.com or call at 447-5388.

Duke Marshall

April Bowling Scores

The fall league continues 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. See you there.

DATE		NAME	SCORE	BRANCH
7-Apr	Hi Hdcp. Series	Rich Lewis	626	159
	Hi Scratch Series	Daryl DeRouchey	535/189	159
	Hi Hdcp. Game	Merle Knapp	219	175
	Hi Scratch Game	Tom Simpson	187	159
14-Apr	Hi Hdcp. Series	Rich Lewis	580	159
	Hi Scratch Series	Daryl DeRouchey	517	159
	Hi Hdcp. Game	Merle Knapp	230	175
	Hi Scratch Game	Tom Harlan	195/517	175
21-Apr	Hi Hdcp. Series	James Noriega	612	159
	Hi Scratch Series	Ed Beier	583	159
	Hi Hdcp. Game	Tom Harlan	219	175
	Hi Scratch Game	Jim Peterson	227/245	169
28-Apr	Hi Hdcp. Series	Rich Lewis	624/237	159
	Hi Scratch Series	Daryl DeRouchey	521	159
	Hi Hdcp. Game	Bill Laudig	212	159
	Hi Scratch Game	Duke Marshall	192	159

Attendance Report

In April, 2017, SIR Branch #159 had 197 active members of which 132 were in attendance at Pardini's for the luncheon on the 9th. This represents 67% of the active membership. Of the 65 members absent, 37 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

Remember our lunch count depends on YOU responding to your caller and if plans change notifying either Ron Travis @322-1898 or myself, number above by **HIGH NOON of the MONDAY before** luncheon or ASAP! Our callers begin making those calls on the Thursday-

Sunday prior to the luncheon. Please do your part.

For Ladies' Day (May & December) contact Shane Petersen @ 916-1821.

Duke Marshall, Attendance

Area 29 Qualifier for the 2017 SIR State Team Championship (4 man scramble)

The 2017 SIR State Team Golf Championship is scheduled for Monday, August 14th, at Rancho Solano GC in Fairfield. Our Area 29 qualifier (which determines who advances to Rancho Solano) is being held this month on May 25th, 9:00 AM at Pheasant Run.

Rules for the Championship can be found on our SIR 159 golf website under the SIR State Golf link. Click on the main page, then on State Golf Manual, pages 13-16. Each of our Area 29 SIR Branches can enter as many 4 man scramble teams that they want for our qualifier using the following guidelines:

- 1) Each player must have a current SIR NCGA handicap.
- 2) Each team will consist of an A-B-C-D player within the following index limits (using the MAY 1st index):
 - 'A' player index limits - 0 to 17.0
 - 'B' " " " - 17.1 to 22.0
 - 'C' " " " - 22.1 to 27.0
 - 'D' " " " - 27.1 to 36.4
- 3) Each team's handicap shall be determined by adding the following indexes: 20% of the A player, 15% of the B player, 10% of the C player and 5% of the D player.
- 4) During the match, a minimum of 3 drives each (tee shots) for the A, B and C players are required. The D player shall have at least 2.

All team entries for our qualifier at Pheasant Run need to be submitted to me by Thursday, May 18th. Each team captain (the A player) needs to send me the names of your 4 players along with their respective GHIN numbers so that the May 1st indexes can be checked for the A,B,C and D player limits. Team captains also need to let their players know that \$3 per player will be collected at the qualifier on the 25th...said money then forwarded to SIR State Golf to help defray costs for the Championship on AUG 14th. There will also be the regular \$5 buy in per player for your team to participate in the regular 159 scramble event that morning (includes payouts for the 2 CTP holes).

If you have any questions concerning our qualifier, please don't hesitate to give me a call.

Mike Moyle, Area 29 Golf Coordinator
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2017 SIR STATE GOLF FALL CLASSIC

159 Golfers, Please mark your calendar that we'll have a SIR State tournament right here in our backyard on Monday September 18th and Tuesday September 19th. The tournament is open to any SIR member and there is no qualifiers to get in. I'll be hosting the tournament, with the help of Butch Evans and Steven Johnson (SIR State golf member). For further details, you may log on our golf website, scroll down to the Fall Classic Flyer and Entry Form.

In a nutshell: Day 1 will start at Fig Garden with a breakfast before the game, then play a 4man2best ball event. After the game, hot & cold appetizers will be provided, free of charge, in the garden near the 18th green. Its important to know that we're getting a shotgun start at Fig !

Then, day 2 will be at Dragonfly GC, to play 4man Scramble (ABCD) from our usual Gold tees.

The cost for the tournament is \$140 per player and include cart, range balls, green fees, scoring, breakfast & appetizers on day 1, and a generous prize fund, where approximately 1/3 of the players will be in the money. No CTPs, but a Hole in One will be paid \$200.

Guests are welcome, they must have an active and valid GHIN. For questions regarding the tournament, please contact Gilbert Matossian.

Branch 159 May Golf Schedule

Chairman Stevc Chase 252-2600

Thur	5/4	9:AM	SG	Valley Oaks
Wed	5/10	9:AM	SG	Madera CC
Thur	5/18	9:AM	SG	Ridge Creek
Thur	5/25	9:AM	SG	Pheasant Run
Thur	6/1	8AM	SG	Madera Muni
Wed	6/7	8:30	SG	Lemoore
Thur	6/15	8:30	SG	Sherwood
Thur	6/22	8:AM	SG	Riverside
Thur	6/29	8:AM	SG	Airways

THANK YOU 3M BOYS

(Matossian, Morgan, Marshall)
SIRS golfing success is no fluke.
Behind the scenes work is the root.

From pairing to scoring,

There is no ignoring

We owe Gilbert, Gary and Duke

May 2016 SIR State Individual Championship

This article is long overdue, and concerns Gilbert Matossian, our SIR 159 Golf Chairman. Last year Gilbert competed in the SIR State Individual Championship and came away with top honors! For those who aren't aware, the SIR State Individual Championship is a net stroke tournament open to all SIR players at all handicap levels. It's a championship much like our SIR Associate NCGA Championships where golfers advance in the tournament by way of qualifiers.

The first qualifier for Gilbert was the Branch 159 qualifier held at Ridge Creek. Most of our golfers who signed up and played made the cut and advanced to the the Division 5 qualifier held at Pheasant Run. At the Division 5 event, SIR golfers from Merced, Turlock, Fresno and Stockton were divided into 7 flights based upon their handicap. Flight 1 (0-13 hdcp), Flight 2 (14-17 hdcp), etc., all the way to Flight 7 (30-36 hdcp). Each flight was made up of 10 players competing for only two spots; the top two players would be invited to play in the Championship in Monterey by State SIR on the State's dollar. Gilbert won flight 2 with a net 67 over Jack Hawes of Area 22.

The SIR Championship was held on October 18, 2016, at Laguna Seca (white tees approx 6,000 yds). Not a long course, but quite hilly, with sloped fairways and plenty of hazards. Weather conditions were good and the course was in good shape. Again there were 10 players competing in each flight. Gilbert had a fantastic day playing in flight 2, firing a gross 79. His net score of 64 was the low net for all the golfers in the tournament. Flight winners at the tournament were awarded a truly beautiful, quality green jacket. Gilbert just recently received his jacket with his name embroidered on the front. What a great award! When you see Gilbert wearing his jacket, be sure to congratulate him. It's been a long time since a Fresno SIR has brought home a jacket, and Gilbert did it on his third try after playing in the 2014 and 2015 tournaments.



submitted by Mike Moyle
Area 29 Golf Coordinator

Mimi's Cafe

Come Enjoy a
Taste of France



MEN'S LUNCHEON

Mimi's Cafe-RiverPark, 7660 N. Blackstone Avenue
May 23, 2017; 11:30 a.m.

RSVP-Lee Moy
LeeHealthStudio@gmail.com
559-709-9851

NEW MEMBER DERBY

START 1 2 3 4 5 6 FINISH



**Alex Ramirez, Jim Morgan, Gerald Peloian, Al Carlson,
John Crawford, Gilbert Matossian, Gary Smith, Russ Conrad**

One-third of the way its neck and neck and neck, and neck..... . Join the pack or break out to **WIN THE FABULOUS PRIZES**

Sunshine

Being Sunshine Chairman ain't easy! Not only do we have to see to people's healing with a get well card, sometimes we loose them all-together. Take Hank Gomer for instance. I can't find him. we were playing golf together, laughing, talking, then he gets renal failure and is sent to hospital. I try to contact him and send him the magical get well card, but no one answers his phone, other SIR members are also in a quandary. He was here and poof, he's gone. And Hank is not alone, I've had similar experiences with other downed Roosters.

Anyway, men on the sick list are as follows; Bill Hedmen has had a shoulder replacement. He is home now. Larry Psaltis and his wife were injured in a car accident. Larry is busy taking care of her at home. Pete Berman is recovering from back surgery.

Finally, I'm saddened to report we lost Rick Knapp#38, he collapsed and died at home in his bathroom. Please hold a kind thought, and/or offer up a prayer for him. May he rest in peace.

Ron Wilson,



Stanley died in a fire and his body was burned badly.

The morgue needed someone to identify the body, so they sent for his two best deer-hunting friends, Cooter and Gomer. The three men had always hunted and fished together and were longtime members of a hunting camp.

Cooter arrived first, and when the mortician pulled back the sheet, Cooter said, "Yup, his face is burned up pretty bad. You better roll him over."

The mortician rolled him over and Cooter said, "Nope, ain't Stanley."

The mortician thought this was rather strange, so he brought Gomer in to confirm the identity of the body. Gomer looked at the body and said, "Yup, he's pretty well burnt up. Roll him over."

The mortician rolled him over and Gomer said, "No, it ain't Stanley."

The mortician asked, "How can you tell?"

Gomer said, "Well, Stanley had two assholes."

"What! Two assholes?" asked the mortician.

"Yup, we never seen 'em, but everybody used to say, there's Stanley with them two assholes"

Several men are in the locker room of a golf club. A cellular phone on a bench rings and a man engages the hands-free speaker function and begins to talk. Everyone else in the room stops to listen.

MAN: "Hello"

WOMAN: "Hi Honey, it's me. Are you at the club?"

MAN: "Yes."

WOMAN: "I'm at the shops now and found this beautiful leather coat. It's only \$2,000; is it OK if I buy it?"

MAN: "Sure, go ahead if you like it that much."

WOMAN: "I also stopped by the Lexus dealership and saw the new models. I saw one I really liked."

MAN: "How much?"

WOMAN: "\$90,000."

MAN: "OK, but for that price I want it with all the options."

WOMAN: "Great! Oh, and one more thing... I was just talking to Janie and found out that the house I wanted last year is back on the market. They're asking \$980,000 for it."

MAN: "Well, then go ahead and make an offer of \$900,000. They'll probably take it. If not, we can go the extra eighty-thousand if it's what you really want."

WOMAN: "OK. I'll see you later! I love you so much!"

MAN: "Bye! I love you, too."

The man hangs up. The other men in the locker room are staring at him in astonishment, mouths wide open. He turns and asks, "Anyone know whose phone this is?"

FUTURE GIANTS

SEE THE SF GIANTS OF THE FUTURE
WHEN THE

FRESNO GRIZZLIES

PLAY THE SACRAMENTO RIVERCATS ON

FRIDAY MAY 5

AT 6:35

DODGER FANS ALSO WELCOME TO ATTEND

If interested, contact Terry Byrne at Tjbyrne952@gmail.com

Before 4/25/17

Some 159 SIR Roosters and Friends Touring the Underground Gardens









SIR 159 FAMILY DAY BBQ AND PICNIC

COME CELEBRATE

“FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND FOOD”

MAY 11, 2017

11:00 AM KEARNEY PARK

ADDRESS: 6725 W KEARNEY BLVD, FRESNO, CA 93706

BBQ CATERED BY ISABEL MORA OF MADERA CLUB HOUSE RESTAURANT

WITH A SPECIAL THANKS TO FELLOW SIR RON GOERING AND THE MADERA MUNICIPAL STAFF

MENU: BBQ TRI TIP ROAST AND/OR BBQ CHICKEN, GRILLIN' BEANS, RICE PILAF, GREEN SALAD, ROLLS, AND LEMONADE.

You Bring: Table Settings, Dishes, Lawn Chairs, your own Beverage of choice, and Hors d'oeuvres. Wine is allowed in Kearney Park

We Provide: Great Food, Fun Games, Prizes, and Entertainment by the Central Valley Harness Association

Please Note that there is a \$5.00 fee to enter the park

Mail RSVP to Shane Peterson, Treasure by Monday, May 8, 2017
3245 E. Sample Ave
Fresno, CA. 93710-5910

SIR _____ Guest(s) _____

Total number of lunches _____ X \$18.00 = _____ Please put check # _____