



The Chanticleer

New 159 website - www.branch159.sirinc2.org

Program: Mr. Rick Kindle, & Retired Admiral Mike Seward

Date Nov 10, 2017

Place Pardini's Restaurant
2257 W. Shaw Avenue

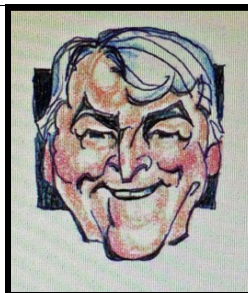
Social Hour 11:00 AM

Luncheon: 12 Noon
\$15 and no Buck Bucket

Activities Calendar for November

Date	Event	Contact
Nov 6,13,20,27	Whitmer's Warriors Golf	Steve Chase
?	Poker	Michael Levine
Nov 2, 8, 16, 22, 30	SIRs Golf	Gilbert Matossian
Nov 15	Ladies Date Night George's Bar & Grill	Stan Day
Nov 7, 14, 21, 28	SIRS Bowling	Duke Marshall
Nov 7, 21	SIR Bridge	Vic Froehmer
Nov 10 (Fri)	SIRs Luncheon	Ron Travis (RSVP)
Nov 14	History Roundtable	Mike Rumley
Nov 14	Technology	Roger Deal
Nov 14	Investments	Rich Colby
	Men's Luncheon -	Lee Moy
Nov 1, 15	Horseshoes	Rich Lewis

As I sit here watching the neighborhood getting ready for Halloween, my bermuda lawn turning brown and seeing clouds in the sky for the first time in four months, I have to reflect on how fast this year has gone.

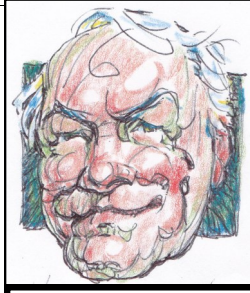


Big SIR Gary

I remember when I as 15 years old, as I watched the calender. It crept along like a snail. I was sure that time would get weary and stop before my sixteenth birthday. I would never get my driver's license and be able to drive- legally. And then when I was 20 and I could taste the 7.2 percent beer that I could in the open with my real ID. Same thing, the clock actually stopped.

But now, 50 (Big SIR continued on page 3)

Fading light dims the sight,
And a star gems the sky,
gleaming bright.
From afar drawing nigh --
Falls the night.
Day is done, gone the sun,
From the lake, from the hills,
from the sky;
All is well, safely rest,
God is nigh.



Little SIR Mike

Then good night, peaceful night,
Till the light of the dawn shineth bright;
God is near, do not fear -- Friend, good night.
"And they are off and running. . . . And its Bay Area pulling away from Percy Fawcett and Small Town Cop to win the first annual California SIRs Classic by 5 lengths." Wow! What a race and what a great day at the Fair. The horse I bet on is still running. (Little SIR continued on page 3)

SIR Day at the Races



BAY AREA

FRESNO, CA 10/9/2017
 PERCY LAWRETT.....SECOND
 SMALL TOWN COP.....THIRD
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1.15 MILES 15.85 PURSE \$13,000
 CALIFORNIA SIRS CLASSIC

DAVID COBB OR
 DUANE MADDEN..... OWNERS
 JONATHAN WONG..... TRAINER
 CATALINO MARTINEZ..... UP
 DANIEL VILLALOBOS..... ASST TR



(Big SIR continued from page 1) years later, time no longer creeps but races. I blink and its summer, I yawn and its time to get ready for Christmas. I sneeze and it's time for a new Big Sir.

I think all has gone well for the last ten months, I look forward because I know that Branch 159 will be having a banner 2018. And I can look back at some of the things that have happened.

Our membership has remained stable. In today's day and age that is an accomplishment because most groups like ours have suffered membership losses. We need to keep up the effort. We had a great spring highlighted by the Ladies Day picnic, which, in my opinion, was an overwhelming success. I hope it will be continued next year.

Summer brought the Whitmer bench at Riverside Golf Course. I passed by it again today and, like every time I do, it brought a feeling of intense pride, pride not for myself but pride in Branch 159, in our members who worked so hard to see that it was made a fitting tribute to the branch and to one of our members who has passed (Big SIR continued on page 6)

(Little SIR continued from page 1) His name is being changed to Alpo or Elmer's Glue. A big thanks to all who attended and worked on promoting our "Organization." We had fun and that's what it's all about.

November is a special month that makes me think of the great Sinatra song, "It was a very good year" In the song's final verse, Sinatra reflects that he is older, and in the autumn of his years, and he thinks back on his entire life "as [vintage](#) wine from a very good year. What better way to spend my time that I have left than to drink as much wine as I can. Maybe I am missing the point! November is the beginning of our holiday season which cumulates on January 1, 2018. Kicking it off is "Turkey Day." Americans will have consumed over 6 billion pounds of Turkey according to the US Department of Agriculture this year. (I looked it up) That is about 16 pounds of Turkey per person. More than half of that is consumed in the months of November and December. I plan on eating enough to force the Turkeys to have to work over-time.

November also is when we set aside time to honor our Veterans. Because of a prior conflict with Pardini's we are moving our luncheon to Friday, November 10th. Across the United States many communities will be honoring their Vets on that Friday with parades and ceremonies. And, SIRs Branch 159 will be no (Little SIR continued on page 4)

New Members

Each month when we induct new members we will ask them to give us a little info about themselves and we will put that in the Chanticleer along with their picture. In a group with over 200 members it can be easy to get lost in the shuffle. So please, get to know the newest members, introduce yourselves to them at the next luncheon and help get them involved. Let them know that we consider it a privilege that they have chosen to spend some time with us.



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(Little SIR continued from page 3) different. The Washington D.C. Commemoration Committee has set aside 2017 as the 50th Anniversary of the Viet Nam War. To that end, our guest speaker Mr. Rick Kindle, who is a part of this Commemoration Committee, will be presenting a special “award” to our branch’s Viet Nam era Vets. He is also planning on bringing Retired Admiral Mike Seward to say a few words.



Cemetary @ Normandy

In case you did not recognize the poem at the beginning of my article they are the words to “Taps.” The poem’s author is unknown but has been widely accredited to several members of the Union Army during the Civil War.

History Roundtable

The History Roundtable group met on October 17th for a discussion on the historical origins of Halloween. Wouldn’t you know it? it’s an old Irish festival day. Duke Marshall was very proud to fill us all in on his heritages’ contribution to civilization. This month’s discussion topic will center around the festival of Thanksgiving. Whether you are a history buff or not, I am sure you will find the discussion interesting and entertaining. We meet for lunch at the Yosemite Falls Café on Blackstone just north of Shaw Ave at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, November 14, 2017.

October’s Best Bowling

The Fall-Spring league has begun.. We invite any and all SIR member s to come join us – Tuesday afternoons, 1 PM at Bowlero Lanes (formerly Sierra Lanes) at the corner of Blackstone & Sierra. Anyone interested, please contact Duke Marshall @ 447-5388 or just show up and we will get you started. See you there. NOTE THE NEW DAY BUT OLD TIME.

DATE		NAME	SCORE	BRANCH
3-Oct	Hi Scratch Series	Hector Leyva	522	159
	Hi Hdcp. Series	Duke Marshall	584/204	159
	Hi Scratch Game	Hector Leyva	206	159
	Hi Hdcp. Game	Merle Knapp	200	175
10-Oct	Hi Scratch Series	Hector Leyva	595/225	159
	Hi Hdcp. Series	Hugh Cox	613	159
	Hi Scratch Game	Alan Barton	208	159
	Hi Hdcp. Game	Merle Knapp	204	175
17-Oct	Hi Scratch Series	Hector Leyva	662/248	159
	Hi Hdcp. Series	Duke Marshall	673/240	159
	Hi Scratch Game	Alan Barton	211	159
	Hi Hdcp. Game	James Noriega	196	159
24-Oct	Hi Scratch Series	Hector Leyva	586	159
	Hi Hdcp. Series	Duke Marshall	644	159
	Hi Scratch Game	Alan Barton	237	159
	Hi Hdcp. Game	Daryl DeRouchy	246	159

Attendance Report

In October, 2017, SIR Branch #159 had 194 active members of which 118 were in attendance at Pardini’s for the luncheon on the 12th. This represents 61% of the active membership. Of the 76 members absent, 48 were excused. Members are expected to attend the monthly meeting or to notify the Attendance Chairman when the wish to be excused. (attendance continued on page 5)

(attendance continued from page 4) 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 Chairman

Procedures for inactive status or return to active status.

Fellow SIRs please read the following message.

If you should find yourself in the position where you will be unable to attend the luncheons for several months, You must act! ex. My spouse is seriously ill and I am now the full time caretaker. What should I do about SIR?

You have some options. We have procedures in place to help. You could resign and know that you would be missed. Or you could request inactive status. There are several ways this can be accomplished. The simplest is to tell the caller who reminds us of the upcoming luncheon, that you need inactive status. Another option is to call the membership chairman, currently John Crawford, or the attendance chair, currently Duke Marshall. Both are listed inside the front cover of our directory. Of course over time those names will change but all chairmen are listed inside the directory cover. Once your request has been received



**Little SIR Mike and
October Speaker Herman Barretto**

we take it to the board. While on inactive status you will not be receiving calls about the lunch and are not eligible to participate in events, but you are always welcome as a guest for the luncheon. When ready to return to active status, you will need to call the membership chairman or the attendance chairman and request a change in status.

Duke Marshall

Horseshoes

Join the fun. Horseshoes is the first and third Wednesday of each month. Join us at the Bi Centennial Park, 84 north Sunnyside avenue, Clovis. Horseshoes are provided and there are plenty of pits to accommodate our group of "skilled" participants

Next game is Wednesday, November 1.

(Big SIR continued from page 3) on, and pride on all the others whose contributions in both time and money accomplished the feat.

Fall and the Day at the Races. Those of you who did not attend have no idea how much fun it was (even though I didn't win the prize). It was a project that took several months to pull off, accomplished its goals of putting the SIR brand out to the public and creating a new activity for more SIR fun. Your participation and donations made it financially possible. And congratulations to Mike and Perry on winning first prizes for their entries at the fair.

And what can I say about Christmas and our upcoming holiday party except "Elvis has definately NOT left the building. He's "Ready Teddy", "Ready, ready , ready to - rock and roll." and I'm "All Shook Up.", but, "That's All Right, Mama."

Thank you, thank you very much.



A clearly inebriated woman, stark naked, jumped into a taxi in New York City and sat down on the back seat.

The cab driver, an old Jewish gentleman, opened his eyes wide and stared at the woman. He made no attempt to start the cab. The woman glared back at him and said,

"What's wrong with you, honey? Haven't you ever seen a naked woman before?"

The old Jewish driver answered, "Let me tell you sumsing, lady. I wasn't staring at you like you tink; dat would not be proper."

The drunk woman giggled and responded, "Well, if you're not staring at my boobs or my butt, sweetie, what are you doing then?"

He paused a moment, then told her... "Vell, M'am, I am looking and I am looking, and I am tinking to myself, vair in da hell is dis lady keeping de money to pay for dis ride?"

Now, that's a businessman!

An Honest Golfer?

An older golfer was hitting his ball from near a water hazard and his club fell into the water. When he cried out, the Lord appeared and asked, *Why are you crying?*

The golfer replied that his club had fallen into the water and he needed the club to have a chance to win the tournament and supplement his meager pension.

The Lord went down into the water and reappeared with a golden club.

"Is this your club?" the Lord asked.

The golfer replied, "No."

The Lord again went down and came up with a silver club.

"Is this your club?" the Lord asked.

Again, the golfer replied, "No."

The Lord went down again and came up with an iron club.

"Is this your club?" the Lord asked.

The golfer replied, "Yes!"

The Lord was pleased with the golfer's honesty and gave him all three clubs to keep, and the golfer went home happy.

Sometime later, the golfer was walking with his wife along the water hazard, and she fell into the river.

When he cried out, the Lord again appeared and asked him, "Why are you crying?"

"Oh Lord, my woman has fallen into the water!"

The Lord went down into the water and came up with Kate Upton.

"Is this your woman?" the Lord asked?

"Yes," cried the golfer.

The Lord was furious. "You lied! That is an untruth!"

The golfer replied, "Oh, forgive me Lord. It is a misunderstanding. You see, if I had said 'No' to Kate Upton, you would have come up with Jennifer Anniston. Then if I said 'No' to her, you would have come up with my woman. Had I then said 'Yes,' you would have given me all three. And Lord, I am an old man not able to take care of all three women in a way that they deserve ... that's why I said 'Yes' to Kate Upton."

And God was pleased!

The moral of this story is: If a golfer ever tells a lie, it is for a good and honorable reason and only out of consideration for others!

Golfers Corner

Branch 159 Golf Awards is **Monday November 20th, 8:30am**, at Yosemite Falls Café, 5123 N Blackstone, Fresno (just behind the NW corner of Shaw & Blackstone). This event is reserved to golfers members of SIR branch 159, who play regularly in our events. A complimentary breakfast will be served at 9 am, to be followed by the awards.

The restaurant wants a head count, therefore sign-up is required. John Briceno will have the sign up sheet at our next golf events and at the November luncheon, or you can email John JABriceno72@gmail.com

Play by the rules!

Branch 159 GC follows all USGA rules of golf, except for the “preferred lie” (aka 6 inch bump). One of the forgotten or misinterpreted rule, is the Out of Bounds/ Lost ball. Although the rule change took effect in January

159 Officers

Big SIR – Gary Smith
Little SIR – Mike Rumley
Secretary – Vic Froehmer
Secretary – Carl Merz
Treasurer –Shane Petersen
Treasurer – Roger McCoy

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Roger Deal (Hon. Dir.)
Mike Williamson (2017)
Mike Moyle (2017)
Dell Kerns (2018)
Rich Lewis (2018)
Duke Marshall (2019)
Stuart Poytress (2019)

Branch 159 November Golf Schedule

Chairman Perry Huffman 323-8478

Thur 11/2 9AM SG Sunnyside CC
Wed 11/8 9AM SG Ridge Creek
Thur 11/16 9AM SG Pheasant Run
Wed 11/22 9AM SG Dragonfly
Thur 11/30 9AM SG Belmont
Thur 12/7 9AM SG Sherwood
Wed 12/13 9AM SG Madera CC
Thu 12/21 9AM SG Dragonfly
Thu 12/28 9AM SG Riverside

2016, some players incorrectly follow the old SIR rule by dropping a ball in the general area where they believe their ball landed and adding a 2 stroke penalty.

Since 01/01/2016, if you believe your ball is in “trouble”, you should immediately announce and play a provisional ball (with different markings). If you find your first ball is in play, then you must pick up the provisional, no penalty stroke. However, if you do not find the “lost/ob” ball, then you must play the provisional; count the stroke for playing the “lost” ball + 1 stroke penalty + 1 stroke for the provisional.

Now, this is where the SIR rule has changed: if you cannot find your first ball or if this ball is OB, and you did not play a provisional ball, then you must go back to the spot from where you hit the ball that went OB or was lost, and play a new ball; count the stroke for the “lost/OB” ball + 1 stroke penalty + 1 stroke for playing a new ball.

Nine Hole Golf

Hey! Turns out relaxed 9 hole golf (which can serve as either “rehab golf” or “just fun golf” is a blast! President Trump said, “Nobody knew how much fun nine holes really is, believe me.”

Why should he enjoy all the fun?

Join Bob Knebal, Ron Wilson, and yours truly each and every Wednesday of the year. Tee time is at 10 AM, at Airways Golf Course. Your choice to walk or ride - it’s all good fun and good to be out with the guys. I will see you there!

Charlie Barrett

Computer Group

The SIR-159 Computer Group meets November 21 on the third (if available) Tuesdays at 1:00 PM at the Woodward 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.

There will be no meeting in December due to Christmas.

(The Investment Group meets at 2pm, in the same room).

Roger Deal

2017 AREA 29 ALL BRANCH GOLF TOURNAMENT

The results are in for this year's Area 29 All Branch Golf Tournament. The Championship was played at Madera Muni on a beautiful fall morning, Thursday, October 26. Turnout for the event was 57 golfers

representing SIR Branches 159, 169 and 179. This annual competition is for yearly bragging rights as to which SIR Branch can field a team of 6 players that produces the lowest combined net score (best 5 out of 6) and also, new this year, the team with the lowest combined gross score (same parameter).

Happily we can report that SIR 159 walked away as winners of both events. In the team gross competition Ron Goering, Ben Tyson, Stan Day, Joe Marshall, Bob Moore and John Shertenlieb blew the field away with a 419 stroke total. The closest competing team (also from Branch 159) was 14 strokes back. In the team net competition results were much tighter. In that a team is allowed to win only one of the two formats (the Goering group was low with a 348 total), the SIR 159 group of Gilbert Matossian, Al Martinez, Bob Mattson, John Briceno, Gerry Fields and Bob Rathburn walked away as winners with a 352 stroke total. This was a very close competition as two other 159 teams headed by Gary Morgan and Joe Hushek were only one stroke off the pace at 353.

The tournament's field of players were also divided into 5 flights based on players' handicaps. Individual trophies were awarded to the low gross and low net of each flight. Out of the 10 trophies up for grabs, SIR 159 golfers walked away with 8. In the 5th flight, Mike Williamson won low gross at 89 while Dana Hamparzoomian took low net at 69. In flight 4 Rick Ransom shot a 92 for low gross. The 3rd flight saw Joe Marshall fire an 85 for a low net of 67. In flight 2 Dennis Ensminger had low gross at 81 while Steve Whitehead took low net at 67. In the 1st flight

Gary Morgan shot a very nice 77 for low gross and Mario Guidi took low net with a 68.

Special recognition should go to resident Madera Muni golf pro Ron Goering who fired a gross 73 in the tournament and Mike Williamson who had the lowest net of the day with 59.

All told...it turned out to be a great tournament on a beautiful day on a well groomed golf course (kudos Ron). If there is room in this month's Chanticleer you'll see pictures of the 159 golfers who participated in teams along with an Area 29 photo of many golfing SIR from Branches 159, 169 and 179 .

Mike Moyle
Area 29 Golf Coordinator





I ran out of room to put the names at each picture so you will have to pick out your own group. We also had groups from 169 and 179 but we didn't print them



This is the Golfers for our Area Tournament at Madera Muni 69 Golfers Entered

Birthdays

Charlie Barrett, Alan Barton, Bernie Cargle, Stan Cusak, Al Escola, Andy Evanko, Dana Hamparzoomian John Hayes, Paul Kalpakoff, Rich Lewis, Rick Pezzi, John Pokorny, Terry Schneider, Jim Sheldon, John Shertenlieb, Allen Teixeira, Steve Whitehead, Melvin Wyatt, Rich Zanarini, Howard Zinn

Bridge Results

October 3 1st Vic Froehmer 2nd Fred Wrazel 3rd Gene Tognazzini 4th Nancy Ratliff 5th Hugh Cox 6th Robert Moore 7th Jim Lund 8th Charles Ratliff 9th Chuck Elkins 10th Janet Wrazel 11th John Houlihan 12th Russ Mott 13th Jim Stefanich

Consolation Bob Amato

High table 1,910

Vic Froehmer Fred Wrazel

High score 3,890 Vic Froehmer

Games October 3, 17, 31

October 17

1st Russ Mott 2nd Jim Stefanich 3rd George Rurik 4th Jim Lund 5th Bob Cleveland 6th Gene Tognazzini 7th Ron Rayburn 8th Bob Amato 9th Hugh Cox 10th Fred Wrazel 11th John Houlihan

Consolation Robert Moore

High table 1,670

Jim Stefanich George Rurik

High score 4,280 Russ Mott

Games October 31 November 7, 21

October 31 results will be in December newsletter

Ladies Date Night Out

Wed. November 15

Social 5:30, Dinner: 6:00

George's Bar & Grille

6680 N. Blackstone Avenue

Fresno, Ca.

(We will be ordering from the menu and individually paying.)

Hosted by

Stan & Marla Day

Reserve

at

Phone # 299-1853 Email
- stanleyday@comcast.net

By November 13

Back-up Chanticleer Editor

At last month's luncheon, Big SIR, Gary, mentioned that we need a SIR with some computer skills to step forward to train for publishing and distributing the Chanticleer. I intend to continue doing the Chanticleer until I am no longer able to do it, but Group 159 needs someone who knows how to take over this responsibility when I can't.

The programs that are used are Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, and Microsoft Publisher, with the biggest emphasis on Publisher; it is mostly copy and paste. It will require about 8 to 12 hours of

your time each month for the preparation and you are expected to attend the BEC meeting each month before the luncheon.

The Group bought Office 365 for 4 computers which you can download to your computer and you will need a computer, desktop, laptop, or tablet that handles Microsoft programs. I have Windows 7 on mine but the newer systems will work also.

If you are interested contact me, Mike Williamson, and we can talk in more detail about the training and the transition.

Anniversaries

Midge & Charlie Barrett

Michele & Joe Bencivengo

Patti O'Neill & Rich Colby

Ida & Bruce Corwin

Marla & Stan Day

Charlene & Bob Doig

Shirley & Bob Kayajanian

Josie & Joe Montejano

Anita & Randy Morris

Gail & Danny Munoz

Jone & Ray Phillips

Dolores & Raymond Porter

Jody & Stuart Poytress

Dawn & Gino Roberti

Chris & Terry Schneider

Erlene & Ed Williams

Pam & Jim Wilson

Marty & Howard Zinn



Old Fresno
Water Tower

Young SIR-159
members & guests

Men's Luncheon
enjoying
downtown

historical
arts & eatery

fellowship



Pictured

Mrs. Mi Moy
Ted Feasel/son
Reg Rosander
Randy Morris
Mel Wyatt
Richard Keck
Gary Becker
Pete Openshaw



SIR Lee Moy, former Area 29 Governor