



The Chanticleer

New 159 website - www.branch159.sirinc2.org

Date May 10, 2018

Place Kearney Park
6725 W Kearney Blvd.

Program : Family Picnic, Highland Games & Activities

Social Hour 11:00 AM

Luncheon: 12 Noon
\$18 and no Buck Bucket

Activities Calendar for May

Date	Event	Contact
May 7, 14, 21, 28	Whitmer's Warriors Golf	Steve Chase
May 1	Poker	Michael Levine
May 3, 9, 17, 24, 31	SIR Golf	Duke Marshall
None this Month	Dine out Night	Howard Zinn
May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	SIRS Bowling	Duke Marshall
May 1, 15, 29	SIR Bridge	Vic Froehmer
May 10	Family Picnic	Ron Travis (RSVP)
May 15	History Roundtable	Mike Rumley
May 15	Technology	Roger Deal
May 15	Investments	Rich Colby
May 23	Men's Luncheon - Wahoo's Fish Taco	Lee Moy
May 9, 23	Horseshoes	Rich Lewis

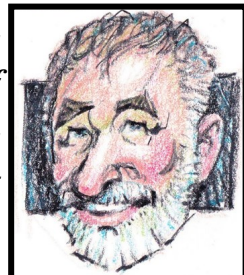
It is now official! "Spring has sprung." April showers led to more weeds around my home than "May flowers." May means that it is picnic month. Last year as Little Sir, along with our Membership Chairman John Crawford, we revived an old SIR



Big SIR Mike

event-The family picnic. By all accounts it was a success. The weather cooperated, no one was hit by a stray horseshoe-thrown by either Rich Lewis or my wife's horse, and the food was delicious. We will again return to Kearney Park for this year's festivities. Entertainment will be provided by Highland (Big SIR continued on page 2)

The Mission of Sons In Retirement is to improve the lives of our Members through fun activities and events while creating friends for life.



Little SIR Rich

Bette Davis said it well—Old age is no place for sissies.

The activities offered by our branch can quickly fill the days of your month keeping one as busy as one wants to be. For **golf enthusiasts** Steve "down the mucking fiddle" Chase heads up "**Whitmer Warriors**" every Monday at Madera Muni or Riverside; on Wednesday you can join **Charlie** (Little SIR continued on page 2)

(Big SIR continued from page 1) Game's competitors who will demonstrate the various events that comprise their competition. Central Valley Harness Association will be driving the grounds practicing different horse and carriage events. We will have some wine and candy to raffle off. And, a 50/50 drawing. This year we are fortunate to land Eric Wagner of Branch 169 as our caterer. He owns and operates "Outlaw BBQ" which is the premier traveling BBQ show on the road.

I need you to make sure and note that this event is open to all of our Branch 159 family. Some people brought their grandkids and guests. Some came by themselves. Oh, and by the way, alcohol is allowed in the park. Make sure and get your check into Stan Day by May 7th. There is a form attached to the flyer in the Chanticleer.

One of the neat things about our group is how flexible we are. When someone comes up with an idea for an activity they have the freedom to come to the BEC and initiate the steps to make that activity a SIR approved activity. Kudos to SIR Bob Sexton who put together a Model Railroading group. At the April BEC meeting we formally (Big SIR continued on page 3)

(Little SIR continued from page 1) Barrett's hard charging troops for 9 holes at Airways, and on Thursdays we have the branch tournament-headed by the Irish terror-Duke Marshall and his monthly band of merry Chairmen and assistants at various courses. On the first and third Wednesdays there is horseshoes—where we challenge Dell Kerns and Mel Wyatt for winners honor. For our members who prefer to be indoors, every Tuesday we offer bowling—with Duke Marshall making this event available; Poker, on the first Tuesday of the month, is arranged by Mike Levine-Rumor has it he goes to the bank on the first Wednesday of the month following the poker games. Bridge on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Tuesday of the month—run by the "infamous" Vic Froehmer. Men's luncheon on the last Tuesday of the month, put together by Lee-Cuisine King-Moy—to make available a variety of delicious meals and usually an interesting program after lunch. Dine Out Night—generally on the 3rd Wednesday evening of the month—Howard—Mr. Social—Zinn arranges for different Members who will pick an interesting restaurant for our taste treat. History Roundtable—on the 2nd Tuesday of the month, presented by our own Big SIR—Mike Rumley, covering an interesting array of topics as only (Little SIR continued on page 3)

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.



Name : Harry Kutumian

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**Returning
from
Voluntary
Termination**

Name : Stan Silva

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(Big SIR continued from page 2) adopted Model Railroading as an “official” SIRs activity.

In a somewhat bitter sweet action I have accepted the resignation of Manual Nunez as a Director to the BEC. Manual’s health has created a situation where his attendance at SIR functions has become problematic. Using the power of appointment when a vacancy on the BEC opens up, I have appointed SIR Gary Morgan to fill Manual’s term. Gary, like many of us, wears many hats for our Branch. He is heavily invested in our golf program and is our current Web Master. When you have strong horse you don’t let it waste away in the pasture. You saddle him up and ride! Welcome Gary.

Attendance

In April, sir branch #159 had 195 active members with 113 of those members attending the April luncheon. This represents 58 %of the active membership. Of the 82 members absent only 46% were excused. Members are expected to attend the monthly meeting or to notify the attendance chairman when you 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 277-3971 or send a email to fresnosenior@aol.com. When you call or email please include your name and badge number.

Dell Kerns, attendance chairman

Computer Group

The next SIR-159 Computer Group meeting is Tuesday May 15, 1PM 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 Tech Issues you need help with. (The Investment Group meets at 2pm, in the same room).

This will be our last meeting before the Summer Break because the library is heavily used by Summer Children’s Programs.

(Little SIR continued from page 2) an ex-teacher can do. He promises a passing grade on history topics, if you attend regularly. Terry—Mr. Activity—Byrne makes available a **variety of activities**—Fresno State Girls softball, basketball and Mens baseball so far this year and he is always looking for other activities to keep us busy. A new activity—**Model Railroader Interest Group**—was just added and is being headed up by SIR Bob Sexton. You can contact him at 559-325-7528 for more information. Last, but not least, our **monthly SIR lunch** on the 2nd Thursday of each month, where we gather to meet, eat and enjoy the company of our fellow SIR members. For the **readers** in our branch, SIR Paul Gabrielson, makes available books for Members to select for their reading enjoyment at the lunch.

The contacts and dates for the events listed, above, are available in the **Chanticleer** at the top of page 1—A special thanks to our editor—Mike Williamson and assistant editor—Fred Martinez for a job well done. We certainly do not lack for a variety of things to do, but if you have any ideas on something new, let our **Activity Chairman**—Terry Byrne know.

Don’t forget to sign up for our SIR 159 Family Day BBQ and Picnic Lunch being held at Kearney Park on Thursday, May 10th. Sign up with our treasurer Stan Day by May 7th.

Let your friends know about the activities offered by our branch and bring them to lunch so they can get to know us because: **TO KNOW US IS TO LOVE US**

I have decided to retire (for the second time) as leader of the Computer Group.

I started the Computer Group (after a previous Computer group failed) 6/15/2004, but since I was Membership Chairman for 10 years (Computer Group continued on page 4)

(Computer Group continued from page 3)

12/16/03 to 12/2013 it was too hard to do both groups and I got other people to lead the computer Group. Just before Dale Reichard (leader at that time) died, I took leadership of the Computer Group back on 1/08/2015.

However attendance has dwindled down to four or so people, and it is not worth all the time to prepare a program, pre-load my laptop with material, reserve the library, set up the library and conduct the meeting. You can still email me questions at Roger.Deal@Comcast.net or phone me at 297-7022. **If someone else would like to volunteer to lead the group, I will be happy to get them started.**

Roger Deal

History Roundtable

The History Roundtable will convene again on Tuesday, May 15 at 11:00 AM at the Yosemite Falls Café on Blackstone just north of Shaw Avenue. We had a great meeting in April where we discussed the origins of April Fools Day. It seems that it is tied up in Roman celebrations of the Vernal Equinox and the date change of the Gregorian Calendar. The true April Fools day is March 24th. Please come on by and enjoy a good lunch and fun conversation. Everybody learns something new each time.

Redneck Vasectomy...This is priceless



Making Sense

A Tennessee couple -- Dave and Rebecca Kosmitis both bona fide rednecks, had 9 children.

They went to the doctor to see about getting Dave 'fixed.' The doctor gladly started the required procedure and asked them what finally made them make the decision. Why, after 9 children, would they choose to do this?

Dave replied that they had read in a recent article that 1 out of every 10 children being born in the United States was Mexican, and they didn't want to take a chance on having a Mexican Baby because neither of them could speak Spanish.

April's Best Bowling

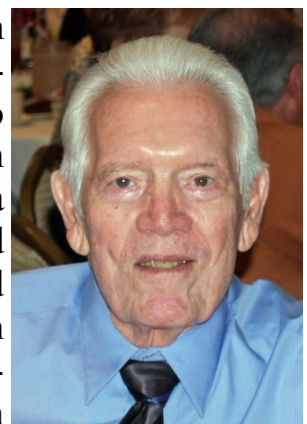
The Fall-Spring league has begun.. We invite any and all SIR members to come join us – Tuesday afternoons, 1 PM at Bowlero Lanes (formerly Sierra Lanes) at the corner of Blackstone & Sierra. Anyone interested, please contact Duke Marshall @ 447-5388 or just show up and we will get you started. See you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

Today Tom Simpson rolled his yearly high game and series. Several months back Tom smashed his knee and leg in a trailer hitch mishap. After a layoff on his 5 week back he showed he has still got it. If you see him at the luncheon give him a thumbs up!

DATE	NAME	SCORE
3-Apr	Hi Scratch Series	Hector Leyva 159 628/ 257
	Hi Hdep. Series	Merle Knapp 175 611
	Hi Scratch Game	Duke Marshall 159 232
10-Apr	Hi Hdep. Game	Rich Lewis 159 213
	Hi Scratch Series	Alan Barton 159 554
	Hi Hdep. Series	Merle Knapp 175 613
17-Apr	Hi Scratch Game	Duke Marshall 159 213
	Hi Hdep. Game	Duke Marshall 159 240
	Hi Scratch Series	Ed Beier 159 611/248
	Hi Hdep. Series	Duke Marshall 159 579
24-Apr	Hi Scratch Game	Hector Leyva 159 223
	Hi Hdep. Game	Merle Knapp 175 195
	Hi Scratch Series	Alan Barton 159 521/193
	Hi Hdep. Series	Tom Simpson 159 629/229
	Hi Scratch Game	Hector Leyva 159 181
	Hi Hdep. Game	Duke Marshall 196

Ray Allan Obit

Ray was a big man. Big in size, tall and broad shouldered. The guy knew how to fill a doorway. He was big in athletic prowess, could hit a drive shot 250-300 yards and excelled in basketball and other sports when still in school, which ended up costing him his knees. Big in "strength of will" he had both knees **(Ray Allen continued on page 5)**



(Ray Allen continued from page 4) replaced one of which developed an infection and had had to be opened up, removed, and kept open through a cross country trip and a solid year after that. Yet he did it and came back upright and still participating in SIR activities.

Ray had a big heart, a fact Birdie would be better qualified to talk about than I. But I do know he was kind to Sonny Hatter which had to be a trying experience. And he was kind to me. I followed him into the secretaries job, even though I was dumb as mud yet he got me onto it and I managed to keep it for 4 years where I saw him through Little Sir and Big Sir.

Ray Charles Allen was 84 years old and died March 27, 2018. He was a supervisor for the City of Fresno.

Rest well my big friend, there will never be another like you. *Ron Wilson*

Sunshine & 9 Hole Golf

From sunshine: the unconquerable Hank Gomar is back in town and saying “cock-a-doodle-do” to his fellow roosters of branch 159 from his new roost at the Armenian Home of California on East Kings Canyon. He is getting some physical therapy now, and if he can recover his ability to walk intends to get back out on the golf course. Go Hank!

From nine-hole golf: Each and every Wednesday, some. Sir roosters from Branch 159 tee off at ten AM at Airways. Some walk, and some ride - but if you aren't there, you missed a bet! You also missed a good time. We play nine (or more) and then tell stories (while not under oath). By the way, Steve Chase showed us a pare-golf product called “Angry Orchard.” Some of us like it (but once again, I digress). If you don't join us, you lose! See you then.

A's & Giants Baseball Trip

State SIR Sports is promoting the yearly “SIR Day at the Ball Park”. At the Oakland Coliseum the cross-town rivalry continues with the A's host-

ing the San Francisco Giants. This is the 50th anniversary for the storied A's team here in Oakland. The game is slated for Sunday, 1 pm. on July 22, 2018. It'll be much cooler in the Bay Area mid-summer.

Local SIR Branches within the Valley are encouraged to take Amtrak. The train departs the Fresno terminal located off Tulare Street downtown at 6 a.m. There is free parking next to the train depot.

On the train you can bring anything to eat and/or drink. There are restrictions at the ball park, however. We will debark the train in Richmond , and board BART. On the train just sit back and enjoy the relaxing journey. Some guys played card games last year. Come join us for the leisure fun of it all. Cost? \$55 for the game ticket; \$50 for the train ride. Your train ticket will be in your name only; no substitution.

Please send a check in the amount of \$105 to Lee Moy, 127 N. Helm Ave, Clovis, CA 93612. Alfred Martinez is my able assistant treasurer.

NEWS in the Golfing Community

Ron Rich update: Advancing to the semi-finals Fred Martinez, Bruch Corwin and Rich Pezzi with one more spot TBD.

Once again April weather had it's ups and downs and at the same time we had four different start times. Perhaps May will be a bit more settled. Special thanks goes to our monthly chair, Chris Kahn, in taking on the job for the first time. Speaking of monthly chairmen, our Aug thru Dec chairs are still in need of an assistant. Step up and let Gary Morgan, Mike Rumley, Stu Poytress, Gary Smith or Alfred Martinez know that you will assist them. Without volunteers you jeprodize the smooth functioning of this activity. The first week in April we were at Sunnyside CC and (Golf continued on page 6)

(Golf continued from page 5) had two formats running. In individual flighted stroke play Roger McCoy, Bob Price, John Brecino and Pete Barboza took first place in their respective flights while the team of Joe Russo, Tom Yin, Rich Neilson and Terry Bryne tied with the team of Duke Marshall, Don Avakian, Jerry Brady and Bob Rathburn. Yes a tie even after applying the USGA tie breaker rule. The Following week we were at Fig Garden for a 4Man 2BB competition was was a horse race to the wire but won by the team of Mark Hoffmann, Rich Lewis, Rick Ransom and Dana Hamparzoomian. At Madera Muni We had an interesting round for a flighted 2Man Scramble. Flight 1 was won by Dennis Ensminger and Mike Rumley, while Earl Mederios and Bill Leavitt emerged from flight 2 on top. Last week at Airways we played our standard 4man Scramble where Shane Petersen, Rich Lewis, Rich Neilson and Vic Froehmer came out on top.

to line up your 4man scramble team.

The new interactive sign-up on our web page seems to be going fairly smooth with a few problems. Notice the two tone page White and Peach. It is the column in **front** of the event (**SAME COLOR**) where the “x or 2 or 4 or s” is marked. It should be noted that the sign-ups are locked down (no more changes on the web page allowed) at 7 pm on Sunday. After this time call or email the monthly chairman.

Also of note we finally received our access to USGA Tournament Management program powered by Golf Genius. As we speak changes are in the wind. Our pairings page is now just a link to our Portal Page at USGA TM. The results Page will also take you to our Portal page. FIVE WEEKS AND COUNTING. Just hit ‘em down the middle!

Duke Marshall , Golf Chair.

Branch 159 May Golf Schedule

Chairman Steve Chase 252-2600

Thur	5/3	9:AM	SG	Riverside
Wed	5/9	9:AM	SG	Madera CC
Thur	5/17	9:AM	SG	Ridge Creek
Thur	5/24	8AM	SG	Dragonfly
Thur	5/31	8AM	SG	Madera Muni
Thur	6/7	8AM	SG	Pheasant Run
Wed	6/13	9:30	SG	Valley Oaks
Thur	6/21	8AM	SG	Sherwood
Thur	6/28	9AM	SG	Sunnyside CC

Our Monthly chairman for May will be Steve Chase 252-2600 and Steve.Chase@att.net assisted by Fred Martinez .

Coming up in May we have a NCGA Associate Club Qualifer for 4Man2BB and Sir State Team Area 29 Qualifer at Ridge Creek. Now is the time



159 Officers

Big SIR – Mike Rumley
Little SIR – Rich Lewis
Secretary – Vic Froehmer
Secretary – Carl Merz
Treasurer – Stan Day
Treasurer – Bruce Corwin

Directors

Roger Deal (Hon. Dir.)
Dell Kerns (2018)
Gary Becker (2018)
Duke Marshall (2019)
Stuart Poytress (2019)
Gary Morgan (2020)
Ron Wilson (2020)

Bridge Results

April 3

1st Russ Mott , 2nd Vic
Froehmer , 3rd Hugh Cox
4th George Rurik , 5th Gene
Tognazzini , 6th Charles
Ratcliff, 7th Ron Rayburn
8th Fred Wrazel, 9th Bob
Amato , 10th Nancy Ratcliff
11th Jim Lund

Consolation Bob Cleveland

High table 1,280

Vic Froehmer George Rurik

High score 3,970 Russ Mott

April 17

1st Gene Tognazzini, 2nd Ron
Rayburn, 3rd George Rurik,
4th Nancy Ratcliff, 5th Jim
Lund, 6th Chuck Elkins,
7th Donna Rayburn, 8th Fred
Wrazel, 9th Vic Froehmer,
10th Robert Moore, 11th Janet
Wrazel, 12th Charles Ratcliff

Consolation Bob Amato

High table 1,280

Nancy Ratcliff Jim Lund
Included bid & made Slam

High score 3,980 Gene Tognazzini

Next Games May 1 15 29

SAVE THE DATE

MAY 23, 2018

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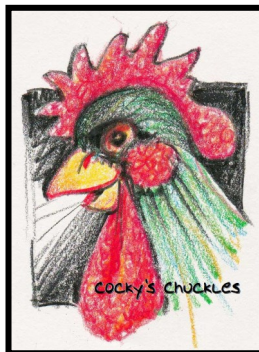
FRESNO GRIZZLIES

Investments

Fellow Roosters : The Investment
group will be discontinued due to
lack of participation.

Poker

The May players have been noti-
fied and the June game will be
Tuesday, June 5. Place of game to
be sent by email. Contact Michael
Levine to get on
list, rmikelev1@comcast.net



Note on the refrigerator

My Dear Wife,

You will surely understand that I have certain needs that you, being 57 years old, can no longer satisfy. I am very happy with you and I value you as a good wife. There-

fore, after reading this letter, I hope that you will not wrongly interpret the fact that I will be spending the evening with my 18 year old secretary at the Holiday Inn. Please don't be upset - I shall be home before midnight.

When the man came home late that night, he found the following letter on the dining room table:

My Dear Husband,

I received your letter and thank you for your honesty about my being 57 years old. I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that you are also 57 years old. As you know, I am a math teacher at our local college. I would like to inform you that while you read this, I will be at the Premier Inn with Michael, one of my students, who is also the assistant tennis coach. He is young, virile, and like your secretary, is 18 years old. As a successful businessman, who has an excellent knowledge of math, you will understand that we are in the same situation, although with one small difference - 18 goes into 57 a lot more times than 57 goes into 18! Therefore, I will not be home until sometime tomorrow.

(Oh my, What a math thith will be!)

Nineteen guys go to the cinema. The ticket lady asks "Why so many of you?"

They reply, "The film said 18 or over."

My girlfriend thinks that I'm a stalker. Well, she's not exactly my girlfriend yet.



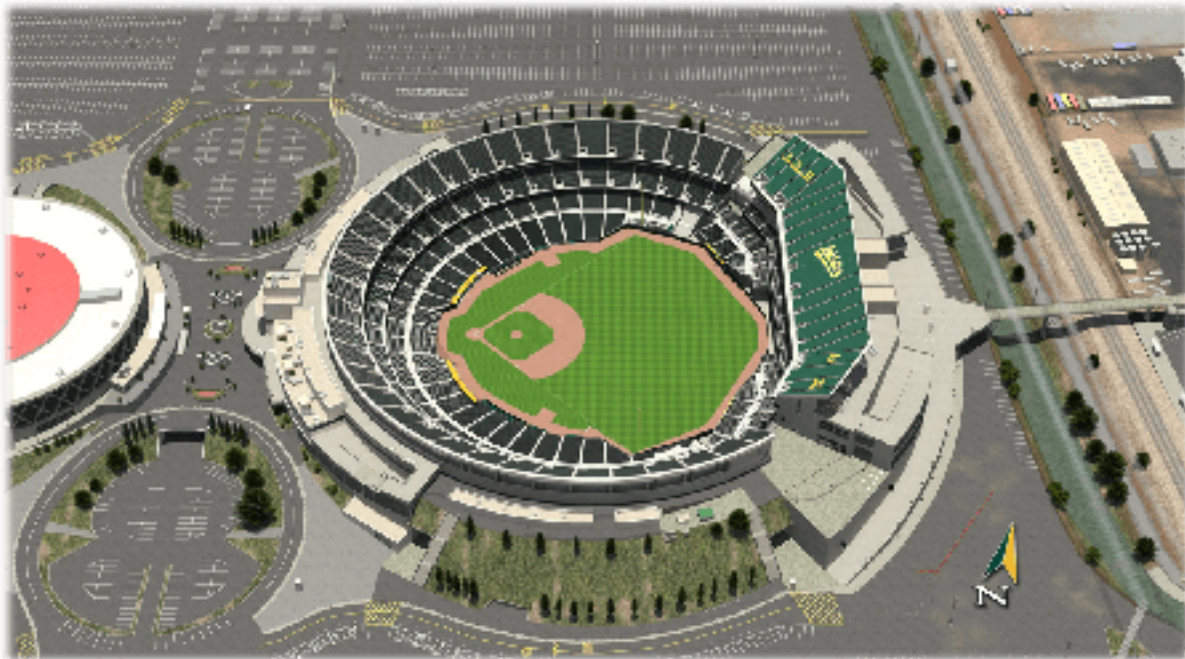
Let's Celebrate Mexican Heritage & a Movie
May 23, 2018—Campus Pointe—Wahoo Fish Tacos—11 am
Movie: TBA, either "RBG", "Tully", or "Pope Francis"



SIR Lee Moy
709-9851
LeeHealthStudio@gmail.com



Rainy Day in Clovis
Men's Luncheon
a monthly regular



Sons in Retirement
"SIR Day at the Ball Park"

Oakland A's vs San Francisco Giants

July 22, 2018—1 P.M.—Sunday—Oakland Coliseum

\$55 per person—Section 104-105

Deadline—May 15, 2018

Mail \$55 check to:

Lee Moy
127 N. Helm Ave.
Clovis, Ca 93612

Q/A:

contact:
559-709-9851
LeeHealthStudio@gmail.com

tickets will be mailed
to you



Please provide:

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envelope

your branch number

your phone number
with area code

Lee Moy
State SIR Sports

**WE NEED
YOU!**



A Few Good Men

Duties

Little SIR:

- Arrange for monthly speakers-10 months
- Participates in BEC monthly meetings
- Acts as assistant to Big SIR in meetings and Luncheons

Director: 3 year term

- Participates in monthly BEC meetings
- Acts as a conduit between the BEC & the general membership

VOLUNTEER

SIR Branch 159

**Available Board Positions
Needed to be Filled**

***Little SIR*
*Directors (2)***



**For more Information
contact any member of the
Nominating Committee**

**Reg Rosander, Chairman
897-7394**

**Rick Colby, Assistant Chair
260-5887**

**Gary Morgan, WebMaster
277-1249**

**Lee Moy, Men's Luncheon
709-9851**

**Steve Whitehead, former Big SIR
307-6830**



SIR 159 FAMILY DAY BBQ AND PICNIC

COME CELEBRATE

“FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND FOOD”

MAY 10, 2018

11:00 AM KEARNEY PARK

ADDRESS: 6725 W KEARNEY BLVD, FRESNO, CA 93706

BBQ CATERED BY OUTLAW BBQ OWNED BY BRANCH 169'S ERIC WAGNER

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, Beer, Prizes, and Entertainment

Demonstrations of Carriage Driving and Highland Games

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

Mail RSVP to Stan Day, Treasure by Monday, May 7, 2018

9592 N Ann Avenue

Fresno, CA 93720

SIR _____ Guest(s) _____

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