



The Chanticleer

New 159 website - www.branch159.sirinc2.org

Date June 14, 2018

Place Pardini's Restaurant
2257 W. Shaw Avenue

Program : Dan Kimball, a member of the San Joaquin Valley Town Hall Board.

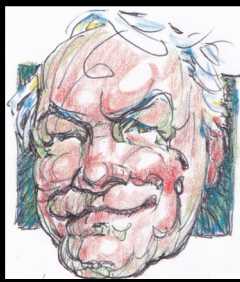
Social Hour 11:00 AM

Luncheon: 12 Noon
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Activities Calendar for June

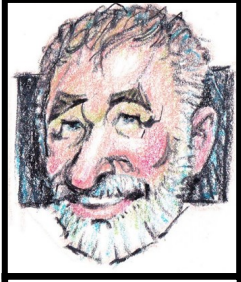
Date	Event	Contact
June 4, 11, 18, 25	Whitmer's Warriors Golf	Steve Chase
June 5	Poker	Michael Levine
June 7, 13, 21, 28	SIR Golf	Duke Marshall
	Dine out Night	Howard Zinn
June 5, 12, 19, 26	SIRS Bowling	Duke Marshall
June 5, 19	SIR Bridge	Vic Froehmer
June 14	Luncheon	Ron Travis (RSVP)
June 19	History Roundtable	Mike Rumley
June 20	Men's Luncheon - Westwood BBQ & Spice	Lee Moy
June 6, 20	Horseshoes	Rich Lewis

One of the "perks" of being in a leadership position of any group is seeing people have fun in an activity that you helped plan and organize. It was really fun to see all our SIR's family and friends enjoying themselves at the May BBQ and Picnic. By all accounts it was a fun day. The weather cooperated, the food was outstanding, the beer cold, and the entertainment informative. I could never figure out why the Scots tossed a 19-foot caber that weighs 175 pounds. Now I know. A big thanks to John Crawford who arranged the Highland Games demonstration, Del Kerns for manning the beverage booth, and Stan Day and Bruce Corwin for organizing the ticket sales. Joe Bencivengo (Big SIR continued on page 2)



Big SIR Mike

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

Hope everyone enjoyed family on Mother's day and can do the same on Father's day this month. The "Family BBQ & Picnic was a bit disappointing with only 30 Members (15% of Member turnout) and 22 guests attending. The weather was great and if anyone wanted shade, there was with plenty available to keep us cool. The horse and carriage show was a hit, once again, and a special treat was the Highland Games demonstration (don't mess with those big boys) arranged by John Crawford. Food was provided by Outlaw BBQ, and there was plenty available (Little SIR continued on page 2)

(Big SIR continued from page 1) ran the 100/100 raffle and Rich Lewis provided the candy and wine that was raffled off. Whether or not the Picnic will be held next year will be up to the general membership to decide in a survey later on in the year. I for one will vote a strong YES!

At the BEC meeting on June 14th I will be presenting a motion to certify our Branch's current activities. In putting together the list I came across several activities that we used to offer but that have become dormant because no one has stepped up to assume the chairmanship. We currently offer 15 activities that are readily known as they appear on the calendar and meet on a regular basis. We only do a few once a month but there is such a thing as too much fun. Besides I do have to eat and can't feed the kitty at the Poker table all the time. But, we have 3 more dormant activities that I feel would be fun for some of us to revive and get involved with. Tennis used to be a fairly large group that played regularly at Roding Park, Bocce Ball can be played just about anywhere there is grass, and Pickle Ball was once an up and coming sport. Anyone know if the Pickle is kosher or not? If you are interested in reviving these activities see me or any Director/Officer.

And finally, I thought I would share with you some new things I learned this past month. It is along the line of the old expression "You can't teach an old dog new tricks." I beg to differ as I learned some new ones. I learned that you can't squeeze a Ram 3500 long bed pickup through the narrow opening of a drive through car wash without causing \$2,868.00 worth of body damage. I also learned that if you use one of our insurance in-house repair shops that they will knock off \$50.00 from my \$1,000-dollar deductible while causing my collision coverage to only go up \$100.00 (Big SIR continued on page 3)

(Little SIR continued from page 1) for big appetites. Beer, wine and lemonade was also provided. Special thanks to Mike and Phyllis Rumley, Stan Day, Bruce Corwin, Dell Kerns, Joe Bencivengo and John Crawford for all their efforts to make this a special fun day.

Speaking of special fun days, our branch has a variety of fun events for you to attend and participate in. If you have not participated lately, try to attend and you will see the fun and interaction of our members at the many events.

*Elections are coming up and if you would like to serve as an officer **OR** on any of the various committees **OR** know of another member who would like to serve, contact Reg Rosander or one of his committee members.*

Our speaker for the June 14th lunch will be Dan Kimball, a member of the San Joaquin Valley Town Hall Board. Be sure to attend the luncheon to find out the lineup of future speakers at the Town Hall, who present interesting programs for all to enjoy.

Town Hall headline speaker for 2018— Kareem Abdul-Jabbar

An NBA legend on the court, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar is also a "Renaissance Man" for our time. His most widely admired accomplishments are his six NBA championships and his still unmatched record as the all-time leading NBA scorer.

However, since retiring in 1989, Abdul-Jabbar has moved off the court to become a cultural icon in many fields. He has acted in movies and television shows. As a television commentator and as a columnist for *The Washington Post* and *Time Magazine*, he has spoken out about issues of race and religion in America as well as just compensation for college athletes. His books telling of his basketball career and his relationship with legendary UCLA Coach John Wooden have been

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(Big SIR continued from page 2) per year. I also learned that trying to potty train a 4-month-old puppy is really time consuming and that you have to have patience. I learned that the best carpet stain remover is a mixture of water, white vinegar, Dawn detergent, and a dash of Windex. You have to get down on your knees and scrub, scrub, scrub.

Have fun and keep a smile on your face. See you at the luncheon.

May'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
1-May	Hi Scratch Series Steve Beveridge 159	554/221
	Hi Hdcp. Series Merle Knapp 175	580
	Hi Scratch Game Duke Marshall 159	183
	Hi Hdcp. Game Tom Simpson 159	199
8-May	Hi Scratch Series Duke Marshall 159	613
	Hi Hdcp. Series Alan Barton 159	614
	Hi Scratch Game Ed Beier 159	246
	Hi Hdcp. Game Hector Leyva 159	218
22-May	Hi Scratch Series Hector Leyva 159	518
	Hi Hdcp. Series Duke Marshall 159	567
	Hi Scratch Game Duke Marshall 159	201
	Hi Hdcp. Game Merle Knapp 175	199
29-May	Hi Scratch Series Merle Knapp 175	443
	Hi Hdcp. Series Duke Marshall 159	550
	Hi Scratch Game Rich Lewis 159	179
	Hi Hdcp. Game Steve Beveridge 159	171

Bowling News Flash

SIR 159 Shows Well In State On May 15th a team of bowlers from SIR Branch 159 traveled north to Citrus Heights, Ca to participate in the SIR State Annual Bowling Tournament. Your team was Alan Barton, Ed Beier, Hector Leyva and Duke Marshall. There we competed in the

(Little SIR continued from page 2) best-sellers. His fictional writing includes the *Mycroft Holmes* mystery in novel and comic book form. He also writes young adult novels; his most recent is the inspirational *Becoming Kareem: Growing Up On and Off the Court*.

Currently Abdul-Jabbar serves as the chairman of his Skyhook Foundation, bringing educational STEM opportunities to students in under-served communities. “In 2012 he was named a Global Cultural Ambassador and in 2016 he was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom.”

Kareem Abdul Jabbar, joins us in conversation to share stories of leadership in his career and his life. *October 9, 2018 | 7:30pm | William Saroyan Theatre*

Evening event ticket orders can not be processed by mail. Please purchase your reserved seats through the Ticketmaster links below (Ticketmaster fees apply). No additional fees will be charged if purchased in person at the Fresno Convention Center Box Office: 700 "M" Street, Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. VIP reception beginning at 5:30PM.

Price: Lecture only ticket \$40, VIP reception & lecture \$130.

[Lecture ONLY Tickets](#)[VIP Reception + Lecture Tickets](#)

BE A FRIEND AND BRING A FRIEND TO LUNCH

“The truth is you don't know what is going to happen tomorrow. Life is a crazy ride, and nothing is guaranteed.” “Eminem”

team event as well as the doubles event. In the morning session we struggled to adapt to our foreign surroundings. The pair of Ed and Duke finished 19th while Hector and Alan were 24th in the A Division. The afternoon session was the 4 man team event. There we finished 2nd in the A Division. To clarify there were two divisions for both events based on team or pair averages.



available board positions to be filled

LITTLE SIR & 2 DIRECTORS

Directors: conduit between BEC & membership

Little SIR: arrange for monthly speakers; asst BS

E-mail Nominating Committee Members

Reg Rosander: homerandchris@sbcglobal.net

Rich Colby: rcolby@comcast.net

Gary Morgan: morgangary@att.net

Lee Moy: LeeHealthStudio@gmail.com

Steve Whitehead: swhitehead@sbcglobal.net

Join

us!

Lee Moy

VOLUNTEER

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)

May Birthdays

John Briceno, Joe Cabral, Rich Colby, Steven Deak, Bill Freeman, Ron Goering, George Gong, Mario Guidi, Bill Hadcock, Ron Herleman, Russ Hewer, Dimitri Kostiw, Gordon Lowe, Fred Lusk, Earl Medeiros, Jack Neugebauer, Manuel Nunez, Stuart Poytress, Art Rice, Mike Robinson, Gus Short, Lou Shuemaker, Ben Tyson, Bill Valk, Jim Vaughan, Bob Wiens

June Birthdays

Pete Berman, Edward Castanon, Daryl DeRouchey, Richard Fimbres, Rick Flores, Ron Jones, Allen Layne, John Leal, Mike Moyle, Stan Silva, Bernie Stepanek, Mike Williamson, Jim Witherow, Fred Wrazel, John Wright

Poker

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

May Anniversaries

Sally & Marty Beza
Flo & Steven Deak
Gail & Larry Henricksen
Ginnie & Ron Herleman
Betty & William Laudig
Renee' & Roger McCoy
Diane & Gary Morgan
Kathryn & Richard Neilson
Shirley & Bob Rathburn
Carole & Jim Rodgeron
Mary & Jim Vaughan
Karen & Mike Williamson
Lydia & Melvin Wyatt

June Anniversaries

Angela & John Briceno
Jane & Michael Cunningham
Martha & Roger Deal
Meg & Bill Hadcock
Hope & Steve Hernandez
Hilda & Charles Jaurigue
Betty & Bob Knebel
LuAnn Joy & Michael Levine
Kaeyn & Hector Leyva
Mi & Lee Moy

Stephanie & Shane Petersen
Bernice & Gus Short
Sharon & Bernie Stepanek
Paulette & Ben Tyson
Nancy & John Wright
Marjorie & Jim Wulf
Mary & Rich Zanarini

Bridge Results

May 1 1st Fred Wrazel, 2nd Charles Ratcliff, 5th Vic Froehmer, 6th Chuck Elkins, 7th Janet Wrazel, 8th Ron Rayburn, 9th Robert Moore, 10th Nancy Ratcliff, 11th Bob Amato, 13th Russ Mott

Consolation Jim Lund

High table 1,450
Fred Wrazel Ron Rayburn

High score 5,890 Fred Wrazel

May 15 2nd Fred Wrazel, 3rd Charles Ratcliff, 4th Vic Froehmer, 5th Russ Mott, 6th Chuck Elkins, 7th Janet Wrazel, 8th Robert Moore, 9th Hugh Cox, 10th Ron Rayburn, 11th Bob Cleveland, 12th Jim Lund

Consolation Bob Amato

High table 1,230
Vic Froehmer Fred Wrazel

May 29 1st Robert Moore, 2nd Nancy Ratcliff, 3rd Charles Ratcliff, 4th Vic Froehmer, 6th Fred Wrazel, 7th Janet Wrazel, 8th Jim Lund

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Consolation Bob Amato

High table 1,240

Vic

Froehmer Robert Moore

High Score 3,640 Robert Moore

Next Games June 5 19

HORSESHOES

Come out and enjoy the fun on the first and third Wednesday of the month at BiCentennial Park—84 No Sunnyside Ave.—Clovis, CA 93611. With the warmer weather, we are starting at 8:30 AM. Contact Rich Lewis—richlewis918@gmail.com—and I will add your name to our list of players. You will receive a gentle reminder via email a couple of days prior to the match.

History Roundtable

The History Roundtable will convene again on Tuesday, June 19, at 11:00 AM at the Yosemite Falls Café on Blackstone just north of Shaw Avenue. Please come on by and enjoy a good lunch and fun conversation. Everybody learns something new each time.

Area 29 Golf News:

The Area 29 qualifier for the 2018 SIR State Team Championship (4man scramble) was held at Ridge Creek on May 17. The qualifier was a very close competition that was decided by just 1stroke. Congratulations go to the winning team of Gary Morgan,

Duke Marshall, Bill Leavitt and Steve Chase. These four golfers will be representing our Area in the State Championship to be played at Rancho Solano Golf Course in Fairfield on August 13th.

Kudos should also go to the other 2 competing teams. Placing in 2nd was the team of Butch Evans, Shane Petersen, Richard Nielson and Richard Fimbres. Taking 3rd was the team of Gilbert Matossian, Bobby Jones, Rick Pezzi and Lynn Streit.

A big thanks to all of our participants who made the qualifier a great competition.

NCGA Associate Golf Club News

Due to the revised fee structure by the NCGA, only one Branch 159 team submitted an entry to play in the 36th Annual Associate Club 2018 Championship. Testing their skills at the Sectional Qualifier to be held



Showing his competitive spirit in an NCGA Associate Club Sectional at Spanos Reserve last year, 159 golfer Shane Petersen will be a force for his 4man2 team playing at Dragonfly 7/26.

the no expense Championship to be held at Spyglass and Poppy Hills on August 27-28. Wow!

Mike Moyle, Area 29 Golf Chairman

Early Bird

Story has it that the early bird got the worm. If you come to the monthly branch luncheon before 9:45 am, then chances are you will be rewarded with a parking spot closer to Pardini's entrance. You'll be on-time to observe the goings-on of your dutifully elected Board Executive Committee.

Future leadership is the guiding concern in keeping our branch alive. Branch 159 is always open to refreshing ideas and encourage newly activated members to "come on board".

Presently several positions need to be filled by capable folks like you. Little SIR and two Director positions will term out. Also, Golf Chairman Duke Marshall could use a few more monthly assistant/chairmen; Telephone caller Chairman Ron Travis is seeking a few good men, too.

This year's Nominating Committee is comprised of SIR Gary Morgan, SIR Steve Whitehead, (Early Bird continued on page 7)

Best of luck to this team...as should they qualify at Dragonfly, they will move on to

(Early Bird continued from page 6) SIR Lee Moy, SIR Rich Colby, Asst. Chairman, and Chairman Reg Rosander. If you express an interest to help out, then by all means please see one of the aforementioned.

Come early. Find good parking. Learn the inner workings of the BEC. Feel welcomed to participate and/or observe. Together we will get it done!

Group 159 Nominating Committee

Attendance Report

In May, 2017, SIR Branch #159 had 195 active members. We had our second May Picnic on the 10th at Kearney Park on a beautiful day in the park. There were 30 SIR members and 22 guests in attendance. 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 277-3971 or send an email to fresnosenior@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.

Dell Kerns, Attendance Chairman

NEWS in the Golfing Community

Ron Rich update: In our annual Ron Rich match play tournament 32 players begin the single elimi-

nation tournament. This year's final matched up Bobby Jones and Rick Pezzi. The round went to the final hole all square and Bobby won the hole to secure the victory. Congratulations Sir Bob Jones on the victory and to Sir Rick Pezzi for his go down fighting round.

May had great weather all month long. In our first outing was an individual stroke play that was flighted. In flight 1 Joe Hushek edged out Mike Rumley, both with net 70, on the tie breaking rule. Flight 2 went to Rich Lewis with a net 67. Flight 3 Carl Merz had a low net of the day at 62, while right behind him in flight 4 Lynn Streit netted a 63. The next outing at Madera G&CC we played a game of 4Man2BB. Again the tie breaking rule was needed to give the team of Gary Morgan, Bob Mattson, Gerry Fields and Stan Nappe the win over the team of Dennis Rich, Don Laines, Earl Mederios and Terry Woolf. We then moved to Ridge Creek for a scramble where once again a tie breaker was needed. Bob Mattson, Larry Henricksen, and Jerry Poochigian edged out Russ Conrad, Gerald Peloian, Hector Leyva and Bob Moore. In the next to last week of the month we played 2ManBB(Fourball) at DragonFly in two flights. Would you believe NO tiebreaker was needed. Gary Morgan and Rich Lewis took flight 1 with a net 59 and flight 2 went to Gary Smith and Lynn Streit with a net 58. Our final event will be determined too late for the press run. We will be playing a novelty form of a scramble at Madera Muni on the 31st.

Also of note, our point system for the first half of the year does not blend with the way TM handles points and no longer generate the (spreadsheet needed by John Volkman to continue the old method. Thus we will all be surprised at the Oct. Awards celebration.

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(Golfing News continued from page 7) 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

Branch 159 June Golf Schedule

Chairman Terry Byrne 341-8776

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
Thur	7/5	8AM	SG	Belmont CC
Wed	7/11	8AM	SG	Riverside
Thur	7/19	8AM	SG	Ridge Creek
Thur	7/26	8AM	SG	Dragonfly.

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. **TEN WEEKS AND COUNTING.** Just hit ‘em down the middle!

Duke Marshall , Golf Chair.



George Phillips, an elderly man from Walled Lake, Michigan, was going up to bed, when his wife told him that he'd left the light on in the garden shed, which she could see from the bedroom window.

George opened the back door to go turn off the light, but saw that there were people in the shed stealing things. He phoned the police, who asked "Is someone in your house?"

He said "No," but some people are breaking into my garden shed and stealing from me

Then the police dispatcher said "All patrols are busy, you should lock your doors and an officer will be along when one is available"

George said, "Okay." He hung up the phone and counted to 30. Then he phoned the police again.

"Hello, I just called you a few seconds ago because there were people stealing things from my shed. Well, you don't have to worry about them now because I just shot and killed them both; the dogs are eating them right now," and he hung up.

Within five minutes, six ‘Police Cars’, a SWAT Team, a Helicopter, two Fire Trucks, a Paramedic and an Ambulance showed up at the Phillips' residence, and caught the burglars red-handed.

One of the ‘Policemen’ said to George, "I thought you said that you'd shot them!"

Ralph and Edna were both patients in a mental hospital. One day while they were walking past the hospital swimming pool, Ralph suddenly jumped into the deep end. He sank to the bottom of the pool and stayed there.

Edna promptly jumped in to save him. She swam to the bottom and pulled him out. When the Head Nurse Director became aware of Edna's heroic act she immediately ordered her to be discharged from the hospital, as she now considered her to be mentally stable.

When she went to tell Edna the news she said, 'Edna, I have good news and bad news.

The good news is you're being discharged, since you were able to rationally respond to a crisis by jumping in and saving the life of the person you love... I have concluded that your act displays sound mindedness.

The bad news is, Ralph hung himself in the bathroom with his bathrobe belt right after you saved him. I am so sorry, but he's dead.

Edna replied, 'He didn't hang himself, I put him there to dry.

How soon can I go home?'

I thought I saw an eye-doctor on an Alaskan island, but it turned out to be an optical Aleutian.

A dog gave birth to puppies near the road and was cited for littering.

Family Picnic







Rainy Day in Clovis
House of Juju
Clovis Museum w/Peg
1st female Clovis mayor



**Branch 159-SIR-Members
enjoying a wonderful lunch
at AJ's Armenian Cuisine,
and guest speakers from the
Fresno Armenian Art Museum.**

**We had some twenty (20) hungry "friends-for-life"
join in the festivities at AJ's and the Gallery.**

**Mr. & Mrs. Michael Rumley, Mr. & Mrs. Lee Moy,
Mr. & Mrs. Jim Wulf, Bernie Cargle, Ron Travis,
Doug Duke, Ted & John Feasel, Gilbert Matossian,
Bob Price, Dana Hamparzoontian, Bob Kayajantian,
Jerry Polotian, Bob Moore, Reg Rosander, Stan Silva
and guests: Mark Arslan & Varoujan Der
Simonian.**



**Lee Moy
Men's Luncheon**



Special Men's Luncheon

Westwood BBQ & Spice Co.

8042 N. Blackstone Ave

20 June 2018—11 am—Wednesday

A treat for you this...

**FATHER'S
Day**

Any man
can be a father
but it takes
someone special
to be a Dad.

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