

The Chanticleer

New 159 website - www.branch159.sirinc2.org

Date August 9, 2018
Place Pardini's Restraurant
2257 W. Shaw Avenue

Program: Ralph Kachdourian with the high speed rail.

Social Hour11:00 AM

Luncheon: 12 Noon
\$15 and no Buck Bucket

Activities Calendar for August

Date	Event	Contact
August 6, 13, 20, 27	Whitmer's Warriors Golf	Steve Chase
August 7	Poker	Michael Levine
August 2, 8, 16, 23, 30	SIR Golf	Duke Marshall
August 15	Dine out Night Mimi's Cafe	Danny Munoz
August 7, 14, 21, 28	SIRS Bowling	Duke Marshall
August 7, 21	SIR Bridge	Vic Froehmer
August 9	Luncheon	Ron Travis (RSVP)
August 14	History Roundtable	Mike Rumley
None this month	Men's Luncheon	Lee Moy
August 1, 15	Horseshoes	Rich Lewis
August 10, 24	Pinochole	Duke Marshall

Summer School served a purpose that had nothing to do with education in our household while growing up. I believe that my parents loved my brother and I unconditionally. And yet, every summer they packaged us up and got us out of the house. After



Big SIR Mike

Summer School we were given 50 cents and told to swim at the community pool until 4:00 PM. Then there was Baseball practice and games that ran until 7:00 or dark. The central trend to this story is that either my parents didn't really want me around much or they were afraid that I would get easily bored and thus get into trouble. After retirement I was faced with the same boredom / "Summer (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

HOT! HOT! HOT. Did I mention HOT? No worries, relief is on the

way. Outlook is for the temperature to drop to the LOW 100's in August. Drink lots of water—whether you are inside or outside—water is your friend. Speaking of friends, a buddy of mine living in Phoenix (117 degrees) says he will be coming to Fresno—TO COOL OFF.

Even with the hot weather, SIR 159 has plenty of activities that are either inside or early morning—bowling, (Little SIR continued on page 2)

(Big SIR continued from page 1) School" issue. (Little SIR continued from page 1) dine out night, To keep me out of trouble my loving wife has en- men's lunch, cards, early morning horseshoes, couraged me to "play out of the house." SIR gives just to name a few. Golf starts early and if you me a chance to keep busy while having fun and don't want to play 18, play with Whitmers warrimaking new friends. I can be "out of the house" ors on Monday and play 9 holes, or play on pretty much every day. doesn't want me to be bored and nothing else.

August is a busy time for SIRs locally and at the publication to help keep you busy. State level. I will be traveling to Roseville, CA to FINALLY—football is back, may only be exhibirepresent our branch at the Annual State meeting tion in August, but it is starting and September is on August 6-7. I will have a full report for the just around the bend. We have one member say-Branch in September. I know the issue of declin- ing the Browns are moving up—sounds like we ing membership and Budget issues will be a hot could get a bet with him (this is easy money). topic. The election of State Officers will also take place. The candidates and their statements are on the SIR State Web site.

Our branch will also be having its election for officers for 2019 at the August luncheon. I think the Nomination Committee, headed up by SIR Reg Rosander, has done an outstanding job of putting together a group who will continue to lead us higher and higher next year. It seems rather early to start thinking about 2019 in August but, a lot of Our speaker for this month will be Ralph Kaplanning needs to be done. As of this date our chdourian with the high speed rail. He is brought nominee is Little Sir Del Kearns. Del would serve to us by 159 Member, Mike Kilijian. This should with Big SIR Elect Rich Lewis. We say good-bye be informative and bring us up to date on proand thank you to Gary Becker and Dell Kerns for gress made to date as well as give you an opportheir service to the BEC as Directors. Our nomi- tunity to have your questions addressed. nees for new Directors are Steve Chase and Pete Openshaw. The other officers who serve in a nonterm capacity will also be voted on.

Nominations can also be taken from the floor. In order to nominate someone for a Officer position you have to have the person's consent to do so. This would force a general election of the membership. If you are considering nominating a person for an officer's position please contact me ahead of time so ballots can be printed.

The Budget (Big SIR continued on page

I just hope that she Wednesday with the 9 hole group at Airways. There is a complete list on the front page of this

Speaking of easy money—how has the stock market been treating you?

Don't forget to sign up for the Fresno Grizzlies vs the Salt Lake Bees AAA baseball game on August 24. Deadline is Friday August 10. Cost is only \$ 15.00 and you can send a check w/ stamped return envelope to our treasurer—Stan Day—9592 N. Ann Avenue, Fresno CA 93720.

BE A FRIEND AND BRING A FRIEND TO **LUNCH**

Poker

Our next Poker Tournament is Tuesday, August 7 at noon at my home. My home address is 877 East Woodhaven Lane, Fresno CA 93720. Please let me know if you can make it. Either text, call or email me! Last game we had a full table creating an exciting game.

Hope to see you for the game. *Mike Levine*

(Big SIR continued from page 2) and Planning Committee headed up by Treasurer Stan Day has met in late August. Stan and Assistant Treasurer Bruce Corwin have started negations with Pardini's for 2019. As soon as we have a contract finalized we will give out our recommendations regarding changes in lunch costs and assessments.

Stay cool and have fun in the sun!

SIR Branch 159 Officers and Directors 2019

The Nominating Committee headed up by Reg Rosander selected Del Kerns for Little SIR and for new Directors they chose Steve Chase and Pete Openshaw. The following individuals have consented to serve as your Board Executive Committee for 2019

Big SIR Rich Lewis
Little SIR (nominee) Dell Kerns
Treasurer Stan DayBruce CorwinVic FroemierSecretary Carl Merz

Directors

Roger Deal (Hon. Dir.)
Duke Marshall (2019)
Stuart Poytress (2019)
Gary Morgan (2020)
Ron Wilson (2020)
Steve Chase (nominee) (2021)
Pete Openshaw (nominee) (2021)

Attendance

At the July luncheon sir branch #159 had 201 active members with 120 of those members attending the July luncheon at Pardini's. Total attendance was 123 with members and guests. of the 83 members absent 38% were excused. Members are expected to attend monthly meetings or notify the attendance chairman or callers with the wish to be excused. If you are unable to attend a Net Gain / Loss

future meeting please call 277-3971 or send a email to <u>fresnosenior@aol.com</u>. When calling or emailing please include your name and badge number.

Dell Kerns Attendance Chairman

History Roundtable

The History Roundtable met July 17th for a spirited discussion on the American Revolution. Some interesting facets include the proposition that if Independence has been put to a popular vote, it most likely would not have passed; and, sources of the 2nd Amendment and what the founding fathers intended. We had a good turnout with some new SIRs joining us for the first time. Our next Roundtable will be on Tuesday, August 14, 2018 at 11:00 AM at the Yosemite Falls Café on Blackstone just north of Shaw. I think it only fitting that we honor Augustus Caesar since the month is named for him. What ever happened to the Roman Empire? Is there any lesson for us today about what happened? Hope to see you.

Sons In Retirement, Inc	
Branch 159 Financial	
Month:	07/01/2018
Beginning Balance (Checking)	\$5,970.74
Expenses	\$ 2,423.92
	\$3,546.82
Revenues	\$ 1,825.00
Month Ending Balance (Checking)	\$5,386.82
Cash Reserve (Luncheon Change	
Fund)	\$ 500.00
TOTAL	\$5,886.82
Net Gain / Loss	(\$583.92)

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)

Birthdays

Jim John Bowman, Dwaine Brechmann, Chambers, Doug Duke, Dennis Ensminger, Perry Kahler. Huffman. Dana Mike Kilijian, Bob Knebel, Bill Neal, Pete Openshaw, Jim Peterson, Tom Simpson, Bob Stenberg, John Volkman, Ron Wilson, Jim Wilson, Russ Wyatt

Anniversaries

Deborah & Brett Bayley
Berdie &Ed Beier
Lillian & Harry Buchaklian
Linda & Alan Bynum
Dorothy & Carrol Dahl
Mary & Paul Gabrielson
Monica & Dana Hamparzoomian
Sue & Bill Hedman
Patty & Joe Huizar
Louise & Bob Jones
Sue & Mike Kilijian
Nancy & Bill Leavitt

Ann & Fred Lusk
Janis & Duke Marshall
Karen & Jack Neugebauer
Carol & Lynn Streit
Jodi & John Volkman
Denise & Steve Whitehead
Joan & Bob Zoldoske

Dine out Night Wed. August 15

Mimi's Cafe In Riverpark , Fresno , Ca. Social 5:30, Dinner: 6:00

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

Hosted by Danny and Gail Munoz

Reserve at 905-7656 or dmunoz1680@yahoo.com By August 9

Bridge Results

July 3 1st Fred Wrazel,3rd Jim Lund , 4th Robert Moore,5th Janet Wrazel, 6th Vic Froehmer,7th Bob Cleveland

Consolation—Hugh Cox

High table 1,200 Fred Wrazel

High Individual 5,390 Fred Wrazel

July 31 1st Janet Wrazel, 2nd Vic Froehmer, 4th Fred Wrazel, 6th John Houlihan, 8th Ron Rayburn, 9th Donna Rayburn, 10th Hugh Cox, 11th Jim Lund 12th Bob Amato, 13th Robert Moore,

Consolation Bob Cleveland

High table 1,270 Janet Wrazel

High Individual 3,880 Janet Wrazel

Next Games Aug 7, 21

Horseshoes

Results for horseshoes,
Wednesday July 18
Robert Rathburn—45 points
Steve Beveridge—39 points
Ed Beier—33 points
Gerry Fields—32 points
Dell Kerns—28 points
Rich Lewis—21 points
Steve Chase—17 points
Rathburn and Beveridge
were on fire

Fresno Grizzlies 24 August—\$15

Join fellow SIR members & guests at Chukchansi Park for our annual trek to watch the league-leading Grizzlies.

While we are experiencing a record heat wave, the evenings aren't really too bad. Most nights have a nice breeze to make it rather pleasant. For those interested, give your \$15 monies to our Branch Treasurer Stan Day for your ticket to the August 24 (Friday, 7pm) game. With a self-stamped return addressed envelope you will be receiving your ticket to a great outing once again.

(Grizzlies continued on page 5)

(Grizzlies continued from page 4) On July 22 several members joined 40+ SIRs from Northern California and watched a most entertaining game between the victorious Oakland A's and the crossrival San Francisco Giants. Our local membership had a leisurely ride on Amtrak that dropped us off at the Coliseum. Being early we received a free bobblehead. The featured first pitch of the game was tossed by Rickey Henderson.

Prior to the game we saw the teams warm-up. I was able to get an autograph from SF Giants relief pitcher Sam Dyson.

Newly acquired Jeurys Familia (Mets All-Star 2016) got the win as the A's beat the Giants 6-5 in 10 innings. Marcus Semien scored from second base on Matt

Chapman's infield chopper that was mishandled by All-Star shortstop Brandon Crawford. "Khris Davis and Matt Olsen each homered twice to help the A's win the inaugural Bay Bridge series trophy before a third consecutive sellout crowd at the Coliseum." We were seating in a section where prices jumped up \$30!Andrew McCutchen homered for SF. Pable Sandoval had a pinch-hit that started a rally mid-game.

Two years ago we were entertained by an Oakland game vs the Chicago Cubs who went on to win the World Series. Join us as we watch yet another spectacular game. Tioga-Sequoia beer beforehand; fireworks thereafter.

Nine-hole Golf

It is NOT TOO HOT to play nine holes! We have proved it the last too weeks (though the situation forced us to consume some liquids of various kinds after coming off nine.) Thus every Wednesday at 10AM - rain, shine, storm or tempest - Charlie Barrett will be there...wait...wait...(but don't let that stop you;) come on out anyway!

Nine holes at Airways Golf Cours always takes two hours, and what could be a better use of that time than to visit and joke with your pals, move your carcass, and have some fun? See you there!

By the way, if you learn of any Rooster who could use some emotional support, comfort, solis or condolence, please call Charlie Barrett at 436-8338.

PINOCHOLE NEWS

The Pinochole group will commenced playing their game on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month, 1 to 3:30 pm and meet at my place for now at 3434 W Menlo, just off of Sierra & Valentine. We met twice this past month. At the first meeting we had 6 players. However since most of us had not played in years we played several hands with varing rules as we iron out how we want to proceed. The second meeting saw only three of us but we played three-handed cut throatand actually kept score. We currently have 7 Sirs who showed interest. More are welcome. Contact me, Duke Marshall @ 447-5388 if you would like to join us.

NEWS in the Golfing Community

As July started we had great weather then it got HOT. Luckily with an 8 am start we can beat the extreme heat of the day. We started our play with a flighted individual stroke play at Belmont G & CC. In flight 1 Leland Grigsby edged Mark Hofmann, both with net 68, in a tiebreak, and flight 2 went to Russ Conrad with a net 69. Flight 3 saw Don Avakian with a net 70, Flight 4 Ed Beier a net 71 and flight 5 was Pete Openshaw at net 70 were all outright winners. . The following week at Riverside s in a 2ManBB competition Gerald Peloian (Golf continued on page 9)

Triple A affiliate

Houston Astros vs LA Angels (Fresno vs Salt Lake City)





Special Group Rate—block of 7 tickets

Sons in Retirement—Fresno Area SIRs Chukchansi Park Friday—August 24, 2018—7 pm Deadline: August 10th

Let's support our local championship team !!!

Write a check to: SIRS 159

Send • 15 check w/stamped return envelope to:

SIR Stan Day, Branch 159 Treasurer 9592 N. Ann Avenue Fresno, CA 93720 Batting Order—Optional

5 pm Clovis carpool from Lee's—127 N. Helm Ave

> 5:30 pm Tioga-Sequoia Brewery

6 pm pre-game warm-up

SIR Lee Mov

Perry Huffman, Carl Mertz, Joe Bencivengo, Rich Zanarini, Reg Rosander, Lee Moy, Mike Rumley, Del Kerns, Rich Lewis, Duke Marshal, Terry Byrne, Mr./s Larry Calvert, Mr./s Allan Baxter and Mike Williamson were in attendance.



Take Me Out to the Ballgame August 24, 2018-Friday-7pm

Last year the Houston Astros won the World Series. Several teammates spent part of their season here in good ole Fresno. The Fresno Grizzlies won their own AAA championship, too. This year both teams lead their respective conferences again.

Branch 159 SIR members have been strong supporters of our locale MLB team each year.

Take me out to the ballgame is more than a song. It's an American way of life. As kids we probably played on some organized baseball team.

By 7 pm the sun is setting at Chukchansi Park. Most of park is shaded, and a breeze through the corridor brings instant relief. Impressive views of the Fresno skyscrapers provides the perfect back drop setting to a vibrant downtown.

Thanks to our Branch Treasurer Stan Day, please send him your \$15 checks made to SIRS 159. Enclose a self-stamped return envelope for delivery of your game ticket. Last minute monies can be paid to him at our next monthly luncheon. Deadline: Aug 10.

Come join the fun. Come enjoy the fellowship. Come and enjoy the game. And take me (and yourself) to the ball game.

> SIR Lee Moy State SIR Sports LeeHealthStudio@gmail.com

Join us at Chukehansi Park August 24 th—7 pm—\$ 15 pp







SIR Branch 159
Fresno Members traveling
to the Oakland Coliseum.
SIR Lee Moy, State SIR Sports





(Golf continued from page 5) and Robert Ying needed a tie break to edge Carl Merz and Rick Pezzi. In a team scramble, which was our team championship, at Ridge Creek Gary Morgan, Brett Bayley, Rich Lewis and Mike Williamson earned bragging rights till next year. Our last event was at Dragonfly where we had a 4Man2BB tournament. The heat was on but the team of Mark Hofmann, Bob Jones, Richard Neilson and Bob Moore pulled away from the field.

Our Monthly chairman for August will be **Gary Morgan** @ 277-1249, also at morgan-

Branch 159 August Golf Schedule						
Chairman Gary Morgan 277-1249						
Thur	8/2	8AM	SG	Madera Muni		
Wed	8/8	9AM	SG	Madera CC		
Thur	8/16	8:30	SG	Airways		
Thur	8/23	8AM	SG	Pheasant Run		
Thur	8/30	8AM	SG	Sherwood		
Thur	9/6	8AM	SG	Riverside		
Wed	9/12	11AM	SG	Fig Garden		
Thur	9/20	8AM	SG	Belmont		
Thur	9/27	9AM	SG	Pheasant Run		

gary@att.net to be assisted by Rich Neilson. In August we have the first round in which your individual score will count towards an individual branch champion, Aug 23rd at Phesant Run. The second round will be in September and the third round is at the start of Oct. Also in August we have a team (McCoy, Evans, Petersen & Marshall) in the NCGA 4Man2BB on Aug.2 at Dragonfly on Aug. 8, followed by a 2 man team (Matossian & Martinez) in the NCGA Senior BB and finally a team (Morgan, Marshall, Leavitt & Chase) in the SIR Team State Scramble on Aug. 13.

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. We now have 20 rounds under the new scoring system. Just hit 'em down the middle!



The pastor asked if anyone in the congregation would like to express praise for answered prayers.

Suzie Smith stood and walked to the podium. She said, "I have a praise. Two months

ago, my husband, Tom, had a terrible motorcycle wreck and his scrotum was completely crushed. The pain was excruciating and the doctors didn't know if they could help him."

You could hear a muffled gasp from the men in the congregation as they imagine the pain that poor Tom must have experienced.

"Tom was unable to hold me or the children," she went on, "and every move caused him terrible pain." We prayed as the doctors performed a delicate operation, and it turned out they were able to piece together the crushed remnants of Tom's scrotum, and wrap wire around it to hold it in place."

Again, the (Humor continued on page 10)

July's Best Bowling

The Fall-Summer league is headed to an end.. We will begin counting again in September. 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
3-Jul Hi Scratch Series	Steve Beveridge 159	569/203
Hi Hdcp. Series	Duke Marshall 159	619
Hi Scratch Game	Hector Leyva 159	203
Hi Hdcp. Game	Rich Lewis 159	230
10-Jul Hi Scratch Series	Duke Marshall 159	512/205
Hi Hdcp. Series	Terry Schneider 159	614
Hi Scratch Game	James Noriega 159	203
Hi Hdcp. Game	Rich Lewis 159	211
17-Jul Hi Scratch Series	Steve Beveridge 159	669/239
Hi Hdcp. Series	Merle Knapp 175	624
Hi Scratch Game	Ed Beier 159	236
Hi Hdcp. Game	Duke Marshall 159	218
24-Jul Hi Scratch Series	Duke Marshall 159	567/203
Hi Hdcp. Series	James Noriega 159	538
Hi Scratch Game	Dan Pitta 159	180
Hi Hdcp. Game	Terry Schneider 159	191
31-Jul Hi Scratch Series	Dan Pitta 159	492
Hi Hdcp. Series	Rich Lewis 159	576
Hi Scratch Game	Daryl DeRouchey 159	182
Hi Hdcp. Game	Duke Marshall 159	206
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As I look back over the past year, I would like to recognize the accomplishments of our TOPS.

Ed Beier

Duke Marshall

Alan Barton

Joe Huizar

Ed Beier

196

261

18

5

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2017/2018 BEST

Hi Hdcp Game 2nd

Most improved 2nd

Most improved 3rd

Most improved

Hi Avg

Hi Avg 2nd	Hector Leyva	195
Hi Scratch Series	Hector Leyva	707
Hi Scratch Series 2nd	Alan Barton	625
Hi Scratch Game	Hector Leyva	289
Hi Scratch Game 2nd	Ed Beier	248
Hi Hdcp Series	Hector Leyva	713
Hi Hdcp Series 2nd	Duke Marshall	697
Hi Hdcp Game	Hector Leyva	293

(Humor continued from page 9) men in the congregation cringed and squirmed uncomfortably as they imagined the horrible surgery performed on Tom.

"Now," she announced in a quivering voice, "thank the Lord, Tom is out of the hospital and the doctors say that with time, his scrotum should recover completely."

All the men sighed with unified relief. The pastor rose and tentatively asked if anyone else had something to say.

A man stood up and walked slowly to the podium. He said, "I'm Tom Smith." The entire congregation held its breath. "I just want to tell my wife the word is sternum."

Larry's kindergarten class was on a field trip to their local police station where they saw pictures tacked to a bulletin board of the 10 most wanted criminals.

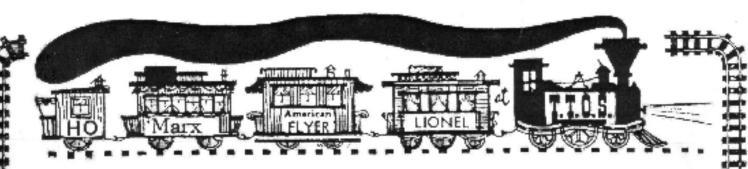
One of the youngsters pointed to a picture and asked if it really was the photo of a wanted person. 'Yes,' said the policeman. 'The detectives want very badly to capture him.

Larry asked, "Why didn't you keep him when you took his picture?"

Little Larry attended a horse auction with his father. He watched as his father moved from horse to horse, running his hands up and down the horse's legs and rump, and chest.

After a few minutes, Larry asked, 'Dad, why are you doing that?' His father replied, 'Because when I'm buying horses, I have to make sure that they are healthy and in good shape before I buy.

Larry, looking worried, said, 'Dad, I think the UPS guy wants to buy Mom'





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