



The Chanticleer

New 159 website - www.branch159.sirinc2.org

Date November 8, 2018

Place Pardini's Restaurant
2257 W. Shaw Avenue

Social Hour 11:00 AM

Luncheon: 12 Noon
\$15 and no Buck Bucket

Program : Colonel Sam Vandiver.

Activities Calendar for November

Date	Event	Contact
November 5, 12, 19, 26	Whitmer's Warriors Golf	Steve Chase
November 13	Poker	Michael Levine
November 1, 7, 15, 21, 29	SIR Golf	Duke Marshall
November 14	Dine out Night Logan's Roadhouse	Stan Day
November 6, 13, 20, 27	SIRS Bowling	Duke Marshall
November 6, 20	SIR Bridge	Vic Froehmer
November 8	Luncheon	Ron Travis (RSVP)
November 13	History Roundtable	Mike Rumley
	Men's Luncheon	Lee Moy
November 7, 21	Horseshoes	Rich Lewis
November 9, 23	Pinochle	Duke Marshall

As you have probably heard on TV and Radio there is an election coming on November 6th. It is often called the "Mid Term" election because it comes mid-way through a President's term in office. It is not usually well attended. That can be a mistake. Please exercise your civic responsibility as a citizen of this great country and get out and vote. Then, curl up in an easy chair and watch the election results come in. If you made out a scorecard of how you were going to vote before hand and then watch the results, it is like watching NFL or NBA on TV you can cheer and boo as the results come in. Most Mid-term elections are bland and (Big SIR continued on pag 2)

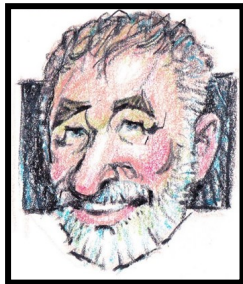


Big SIR Mike

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



Can you believe it—2018 is almost at an end.



Little SIR Rich



"Life is like a roll of toilet paper—the closer you get to the end, the faster it goes."
Andy Rooney

Our last speaker for the year will be Colonel Sam Vandiver. (Little SIR continued on page 2)

(Big SIR continued from page 1) dull. I have a feeling that this time will be different!

DO NOT TRY AND PET A RHODE ISLAND RED ROOSTER! My oldest son did when he was little and still has a scar between his eyes. This month has been consumed with a debate over the fate of our Rooster. On October 30th I attended the State Board Meeting in Manteca where the proposal to change the SIR logo was to be voted on. The proposal was tabled. Roosters can be very aggressive and with their sharp spurs can cause some serious damage. I mention this because in the preceding debate many of our own Roosters rose to show their spurs to the State BEC in opposition to some of the proposed changes. One such letter penned by a former Big SIR is included as just one example. DO NOT MESS WITH BRANCH 159! This farmer IS in forever gratitude. In the December Chanticleer I will go over the Rules changes that effect our Branch.

I am really looking forward to our November meeting. It will be my last time in front of you all. I was lucky to have a front row seat as a BEC member, Little SIR, and Big SIR. You will have to humor me a little at the luncheon as I have some presentations to make and some words to say. I promise not to go too long.

(Editor's Note; The decision to change our logo was tabled due in part to letters from concerned members. This is one example)

Thoughts from former Big SIR Gary Smith

PROPOSED RULE CHANGES BY THE STATE BOARD

For the last month there has been discussion about proposed changes to the nature of Sons in Retirement and was I recently informed that several changes are a fait accompli. I have been con,
(Gary Smith continued on page 3)

(Little SIR continued from page 1) The Colonel is the Senior Aerospace Science Instructor for Air Force Junior ROTC's CA-862 unit aka Stallion Squadron.

Even though November 11th is officially Veterans Day and is set aside to honor all veterans, the banner, above, says it best—NOT JUST TODAY—BUT EVERY SINGLE DAY—SAY thank YOU VETERANS.

VETERANS TODAY

The military men and women who serve and protect the U.S. come from all walks of life; they are parents, children, grandparents, friends, neighbors and coworkers, and are an important part of their communities. Here are some facts about the veteran population of the United States:

16.1 million living veterans served during at least one war.

5.2 million veterans served in peacetime.

2 million veterans are women.

7 million veterans served during the **Vietnam War.**

5.5 million veterans served during the **Persian Gulf War.**

Of the 16 million Americans who served during World War II, about 558,000 are still alive.

2 million veterans served during the **Korean War.**

6 million veterans served in peacetime.

As of 2014, 2.9 million veterans received compensation for service-connected disabilities.

As of 2014, 3 states have more than 1 million veterans among their population: California (1.8 million), Florida (1.6 million) and Texas (1.7 million).

The VA health care system had 54 hospitals in 1930, since then it has expanded to include 171 medical centers; more than 350 outpatient, community, and outreach clinics; 126 nursing home care units; and 35
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(Gary Smith continued from page 2) cerned about these changes for several reasons.

The State Board (SB) has limited power to make fundamental changes to the nature and mission of SIR without a vote of the membership in toto, and I believe that many of the proposed changes go beyond the power of the board.

The SB “ ... shall have and exercise the powers set forth in this Article” (State Manual Article 7, Division 2 Rule 200)

“They may adopt such Standing Rules, not inconsistent with the Articles of Incorporation.” (Section 201).

So the SB is limited to making or amending changes in the existing Rules. It is not empowered to do anything else insofar as changing the mission and statement of purpose of SIRS. Those are not addressed in the Rules. It cannot change the name of the organization as that is a matter of the Articles of Incorporation. Any attempt to alter the organization by adding new rules not contemplated in the manual and claiming that the SB can add new Rules at their pleasure would negate the purpose of limiting SB power in the existing Rules.

I am not implying that there is any nefarious purpose to any change or that the changes would not benefit the organization. My complaint is to the process. I believe that any change, of any kind, which changes the nature of SIR to any degree, should, and must, be thoroughly vetted by the membership as a body before it is implemented. The SB should be merely ministerial. It should not oversee the nature of SIR, merely the business.

This is not to say that the SB has no right to propose changes notwithstanding their limitations under the Rules. In other words, propose away, but pass nothing without the overt consent of the body of members. My complaint is that to implement changes, any changes, outside their func-

(Little SIR continued from page 2) live-in care facilities for injured or disabled vets.

SOURCE—Veterans Day Facts - HISTORY

In closing—THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE, today and everyday

BE A FRIEND AND BRING A FRIEND TO LUNCH

tionary/ ministerial capacity is overreach and must be curtailed. The SB exists solely for the benefit of the branches and the membership, not vice versa. Anything effecting members should, and must, never be put in place without the authority and consent of them as a body.

Any attempt to do so without such consent must be vigorously rejected.

P.S. I have just learned of the proposed change to the logo. How ridiculous! Any change must satisfy two tests. First is there a need for the change? Second, does the change address and remedy the problem. In the case of the logo neither test is met. The trademarked logo has been a positive symbol of SIR for the entire time I have been a member. Is is colorful, distinctive and carries no negative connotation. Quite the contrary.

Making a change for the sake of making changes seems to me to be an act of vanity and nothing else. Under no circumstance should the logo be changed.

Branch 159 Horseshoe Results for October 2018

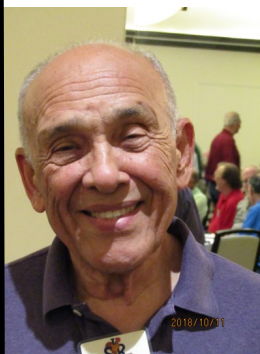
THE BIG BOYS:

Dennis Rich—52 points—5 games—WIN
Robert Rathburn—43 points—5 games—WIN
Dell Kerns—43 points—5 games—PLACE
Ed Beier—39 points—4 games—PLACE

(Horseshoes continued on page 4)

New Members

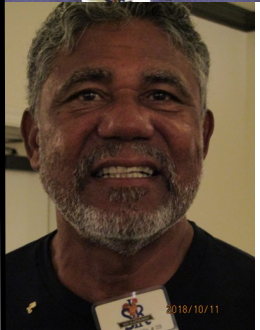
Each month when we induct new members we will ask them to give us a little info about themselves and we will put that in the Chanticleer along with their picture. In a group with over 200 members it can be easy to get lost in the shuffle. So please, get to know the newest members, introduce yourselves 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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(Horseshoes continued from page 3) The championship round pitted Dennis Rich and Robert Rathburn against Ed Beier and Dell Kerns—with Dennis Rich and Robert Rathburn winning 11 to 7

THE ALSO RANS:

Gerry Fields—36 points—4 games—SHOW

Rich Lewis—31 points—4 games—OUT OF THE MONEY

Rich Fimbres—19 points—2 games—OUT OF THE MONEY

Steve Chase—12 points—2 games—HE WAS OUR COOK

Lee Moy—10 points—2 games—REALLY OUT OF THE MONEY

Mike Rumley—10 points—2 games—TIES MOY FOR REALLY OUT OF THE MONEY.

After showing our prowess at the PITS, we had a great time at the home of Dennis Rich—Beer, Brats, Potato salad and horsey durves. Thank you Mr. Rich for your hospitality; Mr. Chase for the Bar-b-que; Mrs. Beier for the horsey durves and Mr. Kerns for the beer. AND a special thanks to the rest of us for providing the appetites—NOTHING went to waist—I mean waste.

November will see the ALSO RANS gunning to upset THE BIG BOYS.

Come out on the first and third Wednesdays for the thrill (or laugh) of a lifetime. 9:00 AM at Bi Centennial Park—84 No Sunnyside—Clovis.

October's Best Bowling

We will begin a new bowling year (2018-19) on September 4. That means all statistics begin anew. 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.

DATE	NAME	SCORE	
2-Oct	Hi Scratch Series	Steve Beveridge 159	561
	Hi Scratch Game	Duke Marshall 159	215
	Hi Hdcp Series	Dan Pitta 159	558
	Hi Hdcp. Game	Tom Simpson 159	220
9-Oct	Hi Scratch Series	Steve Beveridge 159	555/202
	Hi Hdcp. Series	Terry Schneider 159	652
	Hi Scratch Game	Alan Barton 159	191
	Hi Hdcp. Game	Daryl Derouchey 159	202
16-Oct	Hi Scratch Series	Alan Barton 159	645/248
	Hi Hdcp. Series	Steve Beveridge 159	535
	Hi Scratch Game	Ed Beier 159	235
	Hi Hdcp. Game	Dan Pitta 159	219
23-Oct	Hi Scratch Series	Dan Pitta 159	576/244
	Hi Hdcp. Series	Duke Marshall 159	577
	Hi Scratch Game	Ed Beier 159	186
	Hi Hdcp. Game	Daryl Derouchey	195

As I look back over the past year, I would like to recognize the accomplishments of our TOPS.

2017/18	BEST	
Hi Avg	Ed Beier	196
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
Hi Hdcp Game 2nd	Duke Marshall	261
Most improved	Alan Barton	18
Most improved 2nd	Joe Huizar	5
Most improved 3rd	Ed Beier	4

Attendance

In Oct. Sir Branch #159 had 200 active members with 121 of those members attending the Oct. luncheon at Pardini's. This represents 60% of the active membership. Of the 79 members absent 53% were excused. Members are expected to attend monthly meetings or to notify the attendance chairman or callers with the wish to be excused. If you are unable to attend a future meeting please call 277-3971 or send an email to Fresnosenior@aol.com. When calling or emailing please include your name and badge number.

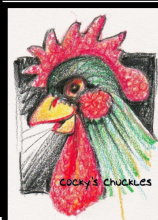
Dell Kerns attendance chairman

Poker

Our next SIRs poker tournament is Tuesday November 13 at noon. The game will be at the home of Michael Levine, 877 East Woodhaven Lane, Fresno Ca 93720. Please text, call or email to let me know if you can make it. Look forward to seeing you for a fun afternoon. If you have any questions please call. We are looking for someone to host December's game.

History Round Table

One of the things that SIR espouses is that we take no "political position and "We don't have a political agenda." In discussing historical issues, it is sometimes difficult to avoid party politics and key elections in the past have often been a turning point in our country's past. By the time our History Round Table meets on Tuesday, November 13, 2018 at 11:00 AM the Midterm elections will have been held. Please come and join a civic and civil discussion on the results and consequences for our nation. Yosemite Falls Café on Blackstone just north of Shaw. Hope to see you there.



The day after his wife disappeared in a kayaking accident, a Claddaghduff, Ireland man answered his door to find a grim-faced (continued on page 6)

NEWS in the Golfing Community

No, Bob did not shoot his age again, yet. October seemed rather normal. Our first round at Dragonfly was the final round for our 2017-18 season. It was an individual flighted round and the last 18 of 54 holes to determine our annual champions. In the normal weekly tournament Flight one was won by Roger McCoy with a net 66 in a tie break over Gary Morgan and Mike Moyle. Flight 2 went to Brett Bailey with a net 64. In flight 3 the low net of the day was shot by Rick Ransom at 60, and flight 4 winner was Steve Chase at net 63. Our branch champion on low gross was again Joe Hushek and our low net champion was Mark Hofmann, both out of flight 1. In Flight 2 we had Gerald Peloian(LG) and John Brecino(LN), flight 3 Rick Pezzi(LG) and Ric Ransom(LN) and Flight 4 Jerry Brady

1-Nov Thurs.	Sunnyside CC	255-6871	9AM	Individual
7-Nov Wed.	Fig Garden	439-2928	11AM	4Man2BB
15-Nov Thurs.	Airways	291-6254	10AM	2manScmbl
22-Nov Wed.	Sherwood	787-2611	9AM	Novelty
29-Nov Thurs.	Valley Oaks	651-1441	9AM	2ManBB
6-Dec Thurs.	Pheasant Run	665-3411	9AM	Individual
12-Dec Wed.	Madera Muni	675-3504	9AM	Scramble

(LG). Our Monthly chairman for November will be Gary Smith assisted by Gary Lemaster. Contact Gary at 916-8677 or jeanettefarria@yahoo.com.

and Bob Rathburn(LN). All winners in their own right. Our annual awards banquet is Oct. 30 @10:30 am at the Yosemite Falls Café on Blackstone near Shaw. We then moved to Madera Golf and Country Club for a 2Man competition of Best Ball which was taken by Gerald Peloian and Robert Ying who shot a 57, 11 under par to take a field of 23 teams. At Riverside we played

(continued from page 5) Constable & one other waiting in the front yard. "We're sorry, Mr. O' Flynn, but we have some information about your dear wife, Maureen" said one of the officers.

"Tell me! Did you find her?" Michael Patrick O'Flynn asked.

The constables looked at each other and one said, "We have some bad news, some good news, and some really great news. Which would you like to hear first?"

Fearing the worst, Mr. O' Flynn said, "Give me the bad news first." The constable said, "I'm sorry to tell you, sir, but early this morning we found your poor wife's body in the bay." "Lord sufferin' Jesus and Holy Mother of God!" exclaimed O' Flynn. Swallowing hard, he asked, "What could possibly be the good news?"

The constable continued, "When we pulled the late, departed poor Maureen up, she had 12 of the best-looking Atlantic lobsters that you have ever seen clinging to her. Haven't seen lobsters like that since the 1960's, and we feel you are entitled to a share in the catch."

Stunned, Mr. O' Flynn demanded, "Glory be to God, if that's the good news, then what's the really great news?" **The constable replied, "We're gonna pull her up again tomorrow."**

a 4 person scramble which was taken by the team of Steve Herz, Bob Mattson, Gut Tulp and Joe Montejano with a 7 under par 66 to capture the day. At the end of the month we visited Madera Muni for a game of 4Man-2Best Ball where the team of Mark Hofmann, Bruce Corwin, Stan Scott and Steve Chase left the field in a cloud of dust with a 36 under par performance. **Duke Marshall , Golf Chair.**

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)

Anniversaries

Midge & Charlie Barrett
Michele & Joe Bencivengo
Ida & Bruce Corwin
Marla & Stan Day
Shirley & Bob Kayajanian
Josie & Joe Montejano
Anita & Randy Morris
Gail & Danny Munoz
Dolores & Raymond Porter
Jody & Stuart Poytress
Dawn & Gino Roberti
Chris & Terry Schneider
Erlene & Ed Williams
Pam & Jim Wilson
Marty & Howard Zinn

Birthdays

Charlie Barrett, Alan Barton,
Bernie Cargle, Stanley
Cusak, Paul Gonzales, Dana
Hamparzoomian, John
Hayes, Rich Lewis, Rick
Pezzi, John Pokorny, Terry

Schneider, John Shertenlieb, Allen
Teixeira, Steve Whitehead,
Melvin Wyatt, Rich Zanarini,
Howard Zinn

Dine out Night **Wed. November 14**

Logan's Roadhouse
7507 N Blackstone—Fresno
Riverpark

Social 5:30, Dinner: 6:00

(We will be ordering from a
the menu with
individual paying.)

Hosted by
Stan & Marla Day

Reserve at 299-1853 or
stanleyday@comcast.net

PINOCHLE NEWS

The Pinochle group meets every 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 once this past month as I was away to the Missouri & Illinois On the 26th we had 8 players so we had two tables of double deck partners. Our next meeting dates are Nov. 9th and 23rd. Starting on Sept.14 we are inviting wives and SOs to join in. We currently have 9 Sirs members in our group. More are welcome. Contact me, Duke Marshall @ 447-5388 if you would like to join us.

Bridge Results

October 2 1st Gene Tognazzini
2nd Fred Wetzel, 3rd Russ Mott
4th Jim Lund , 5th George Rurik
6th Hugh Cox, 7th Chuck Elkins,
8th Robert Moore , 9th Bob Amato,
10th Vic Froehmer

Consolation—Ron Rayburn

High table 1,540
Fred Wetzel Gene Tognazzini
High Individual 6,300
Gene Tognazzini

October 16 1st Jim Lund,
2nd Jim Stefanich, 3rd Fred Wetzel
4th George Rurik, 5th Chuck Elkins,
6th Gene Tognazzini , 7th Ron Ray-
burn, 8th Vic Froehmer ,
9th Russ Mott 10th Robert Moore

Consolation - Janet Wetzel

High table 1,790
Jim Lund Chuck Elkins

High Individual 4,180 Jim Lund

October 30 1st Hugh Cox ,
2nd Jim Stefanich , 3rd Ron Ray-
burn, 4th Fred Wetzel, 5th Bob
Cleveland , 6th Vic Froehmer ,
7th Russ Mott, 8th Bob Amato,
9th Jim Lund, 10th Gene Tognazzini

Consolation Chuck Elkins

High table 2,090
Hugh Cox Jim Stefanich

High Individual 5,480 Hugh Cox

Next Games Nov 6 20

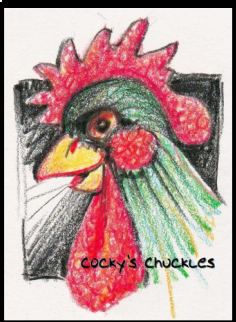
**Sons In Retirement, Inc
Branch 159 Financial**

Month: OCTOBER

Beginning Balance (Checking)	\$5,152.62
	\$
Expenses	<u>2,495.10</u>
	\$2,657.52
	\$
Revenues	<u>2,465.00</u>
Month Ending Balance (Checking)	\$5,122.52
Cash Reserve (Luncheon Change Fund)	\$ 500.00
TOTAL	\$5,622.52

** Includes \$500 ticket sales for X-mas party.

Net Gain / Loss **(\$30.10)**



PECANS IN THE CEMETERY

On the outskirts of a small town, there was a big old pecan tree just inside the cemetery fence. One day, two boys filled up a bucketful of nuts and sat down by the tree, out of sight, and began dividing the nuts. 'One for you, one for me, one for you, one for me,' said one boy. Several dropped and rolled down toward the fence. Another boy came riding along the road on his bicycle. As he passed, he thought he heard voices from inside the cemetery, so he slowed down to investigate. Sure enough, he heard, 'One for you, one for me, one for you, one for me..'He just knew what it was. He jumped back on his bike and rode off. Just around the bend he met an old man with a cane, hobbling along. 'Come here quick,' said the boy, 'you won't believe what I heard! Satan and the Lord are down at the cemetery dividing up the souls!'The man said, 'Beat it kid, can't you see it's hard for me to walk. When the boy insisted though, the man hobbled slowly to the cemetery. Standing by the fence

they heard, 'One for you, one for me. One for you, one for me.'The old man whispered, 'Boy, you've been tellin' me the truth. Let's see if we can see the Lord! Shaking with fear, they peered through the fence, yet were still unable to see anything. The old man and the boy gripped the wrought iron bars of the fence tighter and tighter as they tried to get a glimpse of the Lord. At last they heard, 'One for you, one for me. That's all. Now let's go get those nuts by the fence and we'll be done..'They say the old man had the lead for a good half-mile before the kid on the bike passed him.

Bambi, a blonde in her fourth year as a UCLA Freshman, sat in her US government class. The professor asked Bambi if she knew what Roe vs. Wade was about. Bambi pondered the question; then, finally, said, 'That was the decision George Washington had to make before he crossed the Delaware.'

EMBARRASSING MEDICAL EXAMS

1. A man comes into the ER and yells . . . ' My wife is going to have her baby in the cab.'

I grabbed my stuff, rushed out to the cab, lifted the lady's dress and began to take off her underwear.

Suddenly I noticed that there were several cabs - - and I was in the wrong one.

2. At the beginning of my shift I placed a stethoscope on an elderly and slightly deaf female patient's anterior chest wall. 'Big breaths,' . . . I instructed.

'Yes, they used to be,' . . . replied the patient.



**October 23rd-Tuesday: 10 am–Barnes & Noble/Starbucks
11 am–Sierra Nut House–“Last” Men’s Luncheon
12:30 pm–Total Wine Tour; 1-2 pm Movie**



**SIR Lee Moy
Men’s Luncheon
Fresno Branch #159**



TIM MANNIX

COMEDY MAGIC & MENTALISM

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON — DECEMBER 13, 2018

SOCIAL 11:30 AM LUNCH 12:00 NOON

ALL MEMBERS, WIFES, AND OTHER GUESTS ARE WELCOME

Pardini's, 2257 W Shaw Ave, Fresno, CA 93711

"You were wonderful. I loved every
minute of it!" - Roseanne Cash

FOR RESERVATIONS PLEASE COMPLETE THE INFORMATION BELOW AND MAIL WITH CHECK MADE OUT TO SIR 159 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20 PER PERSON TO: BRUCE CORWIN, 7334 W. PORTALS AVE., FRESNO, CA 93723

RESERVATIONS ARE DUE BY 12/3/2018

NAME: _____ HAM/TURKEY _____ GUEST: _____ HAM/TURKEY _____

EMAIL: _____ PHONE: _____