



# The Chanticleer

New 159 website - [www.branch159.sirinc2.org](http://www.branch159.sirinc2.org)

Program : **Fresno Fire, Captain Robert Castillo**

Date January 9, 2020

Place Pardini's Restaurant  
2257 W. Shaw Avenue

Social Hour 11:00 AM

Luncheon: 12 Noon  
\$16 per person

## Activities Calendar for JANUARY

Date	Event	Contact
JAN 6,13,20,27	Whitmer's Warriors Golf	Steve Chase
JAN TBD	Model Railroading	Robert Sexton
JAN 2,8,16,23,30	SIR Golf	Duke Marshall
JAN 22	Dine Out Night	Gary Smith
JAN 7,14,21,28	SIRS Bowling	Duke Marshall
JAN 7,21	SIR Bridge	Vic Froehmer
JAN 9	SIRs Luncheon	Pete Openshaw (RSVP)
JAN TBD	History Roundtable	Gary Lemaster
JAN 8,15,22,29	9 Hole Golf	Charlie Barrett
JAN 10,24	Pinochle	Duke Marshall
JAN 15	Cigar Aficionado	
JAN 15	Horseshoes	Rich Lewis
JAN TBD	Poker	Vic Froehmer
JAN 9	Book Exchange	Paul Gabrielson

### 2020 Speakers

**Thursday, January 9, 2020** Cpt. Robert Castillo – Fresno Fire - Status and Safety

**Thursday, February 13, 2020** Matthew Grundy – Habitat for Humanity

**Thursday, March 12, 2020** - CORNED BEEF & HASH

Dr. Chelsey Juarez, Assistant Professor of Anthropology, FSU -  
Cold Cases and Forensic Pathology

**Thursday, April 9, 2020** SIR 159 30 year celebration

### You are invited...

Perry Huffman's is being honored through May with a Retrospective Art Show of his art career.

- Third-Thursday evenings 5:00 To 8:00 in The Fresno Armenian Museum in the U.C. Merced building is on 550 E. Shaw Ave. across from Fashion Fair and east of Fresno St.

SEE ATTACHED FLYER FOR MORE INFORMATION.

## MONTHLY MESSAGE

### LITTLE SIR BRUCE CORWIN

Happy New Year Roosters – I hope you all had a great Christmas. As we look toward the new year, we think of the things from the past and ponder the future possibilities. I truly appreciate the guidance and leadership provided in 2019 by Rich Lewis and Dell Kerns. We had a good year with lots of positive things. Our membership is continuing to grow and our newer members are starting to get involved in our club. I want to encourage you to consider volunteering to help SIR 159 in our many activities and committees. This year we will strive to provide quality lunch programs for you and ask that if you have any ideas, please let me know.

I also want to encourage you to read and enjoy the monthly Chanticleer for news and things of interest. You may also want to look over the revised web page for new officers and committee members.

Remember that 2020 Assessments are due by no later than the February luncheon this year.

Also, if you have any thoughts, ideas or concerns: I ask that you let me know so that we can provide the best the club can offer to each of you.



## PINOCHLE NEWS

In December we had one table on the Friday the 13th with Dell Kerns and Duke Marshall taking on Bill Laudig and Steve Chase. Steve & Bill hung on to a closely contested game to win the day. We skipped the 27th as the holidays got in the way. We will meet in January on the 10th and the 24th.

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. When playing double deck partners we manage to get in one game to 500 and if we have three players single deck cut-throat to 100 allows for three games. Just about everyone comes out a winner on the month. As November turns the corner our play dates should be the 8th & 22th. We are now inviting wives and SOs to join in. We currently have 10 Sirs members in our group. More are welcome. Contact me, [Duke Marshall @ 447-5388](tel:447-5388) if you would like to join us.

## Sons In Retirement, Branch 159

### 2020 Membership Assessment

The assessment is \$25.

You should send your \$25 check, made out to SIR 159 to the address below:

Bruce Corwin

7334 W. Portals Avenue

Fresno, California 93723

Or, you may bring your check beginning with the November luncheon on November 14th. Checks are preferred rather than cash.

**If your assessment is not paid by our lunch on February 13th your membership in SIR 159 may be in jeopardy, unless you contact me or another officer with other arrangements.**

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Bruce Corwin

SIR INC, Branch 159 Treasurer

## 9 HOLE GOLF

“Hey! Charlie Barrett here to remind you about how very pleasant (and inexpensive) it is to stroll (or ride) around nine holes of golf at Airways on a fall morning. It is positively charming, satisfying, and wholesomely relaxing (unless you chunk every swing like I do).

“Join us! The boys moved it up to 9:30 each Wednesday morning of the year, to give us a bit more time in the clubhouse. Affordable golf with invaluable wholesomeness, a doable pace, and priceless camaraderie.

“I will see you there!”

## Whitmer's Warriors

We have good news from the IT department. The IT boss says our IT team has finally figured out how the Email List works and that we can Now add players to the weekly mailing list. If that less than competent Steve Chase told you in the past that he would add you and yet you didn't receive our mailing, we now can add you. Please **email Steve at [steve.chase@att.net](mailto:steve.chase@att.net)** and we will get you hooked up. Thanks for your patience.

Down the middle,  
Whitmer's Warriors Team

**Minutes of SIR Branch # 159**  
**Branch Executive Committee (BEC) Thursday November 14, 2019 10 am**  
At Pardini's

Present were: Big Sir Rich Lewis, Little Sir Dell Kerns, Secretary Vic Froehmer, Assistant Secretary Carl Merz, Treasurer Bruce Corwin, Assistant Treasurer Brett Bayley, and Directors: Joseph "Duke" Marshall (2019) (excused), Stuart Poytress (2019), Gary Morgan (2020), Ron Wilson (2020), Pete Openshaw (excused) (2021), Steve Chase (2021), and Roger Deal (Hon Dir) total 11 of 13 for a quorum (at least 7 required). Others present included John Crawford, Fred Martinez, Reg Rosander, Howard Zinn, Mike Moyle, Allen Baxter, Gary Lemasters, and others.

**Big Sir** Rich Lewis at 9:45AM called the meeting to order. Carl Merz confirmed a quorum was present. Rich Lewis turned meeting over to Dell Kerns for Big Sir practice.

**Secretary:** Vic Froehmer and Carl Merz's minutes for October 10, 2019 were approved as presented. Motion made, Seconded, discussed and Passed (MSP)

**Telephones:** Today's luncheon estimate is 124.

**Little Sir:** Dell Kerns announced today's speaker is our own Gary Lemasters.

**Treasurer:** Bruce Corwin reviewed form 28, Monthly Cash Report November 1 balance \$7,885.04 which includes cash on hand with 213 members. MSP with one opposed. Coordinating December ladies luncheon are Gary Becker and Stuart Poytress, 30 have signed up.

**Membership:** John Crawford reported that we have 215 members. He requested BEC approval of 3 new members #111, #155, #175, 3 members for termination #6, #145, #160. MSP

**Old Business:** Celebrating 30 years on April 9 for branch 159.  
Have your \$25 Dues paid by February 13.

**New Business:** Stuart Poytress felt it would be nice to have Branch 159 Golf Bags. Stuart is checking out cost of bags and Branch 159 name tags and towels.

Adjourned at 10:28 AM Secretary Vic Froehmer and Carl Merz

**2020 January Anniversaries**

**Wife First Last**

Sue Alan Barton

Nannette Mark Potter

Judy Rick Ransom

**FOR THE GOLFERS**



golf chat.mp4

**2020 January Birthdays**

**Nickname First Last**

Rich Richard Bailey

Hugh Cox

John Crawford

Mike Fair

Gerry Fields

Bill William Hedman

Mike Horsley

Chris Christopher Kahn

Gary Kilgore

Duke Joseph Marshall

Dan Pitta

John Rackin

Alex Armando Ramirez

Michael Rumley

Jeff Shahbazian

Ron Ronald Travis

It is better to keep your mouth closed and let people think you are a fool than to open it and remove all doubt.

Mark Twain

One advantage of talking to yourself is that you know at least somebody's listening.

Franklin P. Jones

We should not permit prayer to be taken out of the schools; that's the only way most of us got through.

Sam Levenson

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

		<b>Month: November 2019</b>
<b>Beginning Balance (Checking)</b>		\$10,960.34
<b>Expenses</b>	\$	<u>2,661.11</u>
		<b>\$8,299.23</b>
<b>Revenues</b>	\$	<u>1,070.00</u>
<b>Month Ending Balance (Checking)</b>		<b>\$9,369.23</b>
Cash Reserve \$459 Included	\$	-
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$9,369.23</b>
<b>Net Gain / Loss*</b>		<b>(\$1,591.11)</b>

Submitted by Bruce Corwin - Treasurer

\*Includes Christmas Lunch

**December's Best Bowling**

The new year for bowling began September 3. Come and join the fun. We slowed our pace a bit in December and did not bowl Christmas' eve or New Year's eve. We will be starting back on January 7th.

I say to those of you that are not making it **COME ON DOWN and HAVE SOME FUN!** Statistics our kept and posted to the SIR 159 website on the bowling page. 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.

Here are a week by week best scoring of the week.

<b>DATE</b>		<b>NAME</b>	<b>SCORE</b>
Dec 03	Hi Scratch Series	Hector Leyva 159	562/211
	Hi Hdcp. Series	Joe Huizar 159	716
	Hi Scratch Game	Ed Beier 159 194	
	Hi Hdcp. Game	Daryl Derouchey 159	242
Dec 10	Hi Scratch Series	Joe Huizar 159	554/210
	Hi Hdcp. Series	Daryl Derouchey 159	585
	Hi Scratch Game	Duke Marshall 159	199
	Hi Hdcp. Game	Alan Barton 159	229
Dec 17	Hi Scratch Series	Alan Barton 159	588/200
	Hi Hdcp. Series	Daryl Derouchey 159	689
	Hi Scratch Game	Hector Leyva 159	191
	Hi Hdcp. Game	Duke Marshall 159	220

## NEWS in the Golfing Community

In December the days grow shorter as the winter solstice approaches on the 21st. We started the month playing an Individual stroke play at Pheasant Run in Chowchilla. Flight 1 was Ben Tyson with a net 7 under par 66. Flight 2 went to Duke Marshall also with a 7 under 66. Gerald Peloian took flight 3 with a net 64 low net of the day at 9 under par. We then traveled south to Lemoore for a game Scramble where Fred Martinez led the team including Gary Kilgore, , Larry Hendricksen and Jerry Poochigian to a 5 under par performance but only squeaking out a 0.2 net victory . Next up was back north to Madera Muni for a 4Man2 BB match and the first round of our Holiday Cup , where 52 players in 13 teams gave it a run. The team of Bob Davis, Myron Yoshimura, Robert Ying and Pete Openshaw took the field with a 34 under par performance. There were at least ten players in contention for each of the low gross and low net titles. As we moved closer to home at Riverside for 2Man BB and the finishround of the HC, the weather took a turn for the worse and on a cold windy day several of the contenders fell before even starting the final round of the HC and the 2019 calendar year. Dennis Rich and son Kyle took the 2ManBB game with a 13 under par net 60. For the Holiday Cup, Mark Hoffmann claimed the low gross title with a combined 158 score while Dennis Rich claimed low net with a 129 total.

Open renewal period for 2020 NCGA membership & handicap is closed . Renewal for lapsed members and new members is now \$55 check made payable to SIR 159 Golf and given to Roger McCoy our Treasurer. Every year NCGA sends out notices to those who enrolled directly with them noting that they have not renewed. However they do not rectify all the other clubs be they affiliate or otherwise until mid January. If you got one of those notices, not to worry If you paid through us at SIR 159 Golf.

Next year's calendar is posted on our website. Remember events are subject to change. I also still have need of one more monthly chair (October) for 2020 as well as three assistance, May, July, and November. Once again I would like to thank all of you who volunteered in 2019 and 2020. SIR is a volunteer organization and so is our associate golf club. All these weekly tournaments could not run effectively without **YOU**.

January's monthly chairman will be **Mike Williamson @ 251-3103 or mdw93727@yahoo.com , assisted by Jeff Shahbazian.**

2-Jan	Thurs.	Ridge Creek GC 591-2254	10:00 AM	Individual
8-Jan	Wed.	Airways GC 291-6254	10:00 AM	2ManBB
16-Jan	Thurs.	Sherwood Forest GC 787-2611	10:00 AM	Novelty
23-Jan	Thurs.	Belmont CC 251-5078	10:00 AM	4ManScramble
30-Jan	Thurs.	Eagle Springs 325-8900	10:00 AM	4Man2BB

Duke Marshall , Golf Chair.

### THE BILL OF RIGHTS

#### Amendment I

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press, or the right of the people peaceably to assembly, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.



## Branch 159 Officers, Directors

### 2020 BRANCH OFFICERS

BIG SIR: Dell Kerns 559-277-3971  
LITTLE SIR: Bruce Corwin 559-375-1689  
SECRETARY: Vic Froehmer 559-270-4354  
ASST. SECRETARY: Robert Scott  
TREASURER: Brian Nicholson 559-285-8928  
ASST. TREASURER: Brett Bayley 619-507-0357

### 2020 BRANCH DIRECTORS

Roger Deal (HLM) 559-297-7022  
David Barredo (2022) 559-322-7617  
Thomas Simpson (2022) 559-432-2787  
Gary Morgan (2020) 559-277-1249  
Ron Wilson (2020) 559-960-8294  
Steve Chase (2021) 559-252-2600  
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Pete Openshaw (2021) 559-674-7211

### 2020 BRANCH SUPPORT PERSONEL

ATTENDANCE CHAIRMAN: Ken Lindsay 559-284-6486  
CHAPLIN: Charles Barrett 559-439-8388  
HISTORIAN: Gary Becker 559-251-7408  
LIBRARIAN: Paul Gabrielson 559-269-2030  
MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN: John Crawford 559-779-2484  
MEMBER RELATIONS: Bob Moore 559-322-6909  
NEWSLETTER: Fred Martinez 559-432-1864  
ROOSTER: Gary Morgan 559-277-1249  
SUNSHINE: Charles Barrett 559-439-8388  
TELEPHONE CALLERS: Pete Openshaw 559-674-7211  
WEB MASTER: Gary Morgan 559-277-1249



Picture of 2020 SIR 159 officers.

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Wednesday, January 22

5:00

# Shanghai Chinese Restaurant

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Fresno, Ca

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**Gary Smith or Jeanette Faria- 832-9202**

**cptsmith45@gmail.com**





**CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON PICTURES**





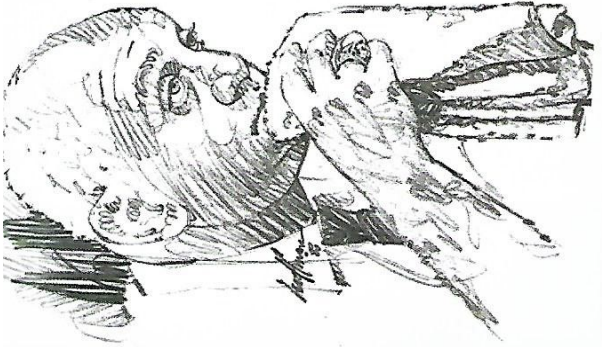
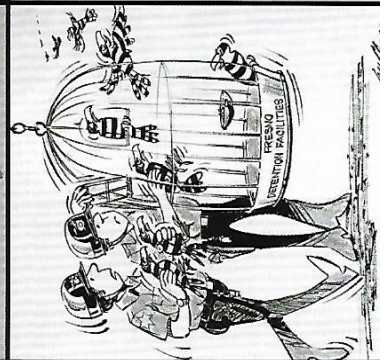
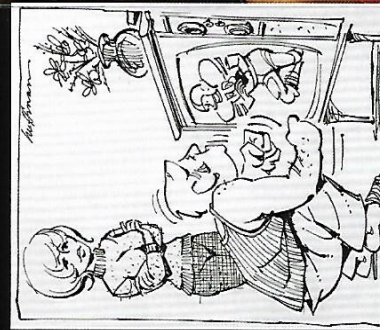
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# THE MAGNIFICENT SEVEN

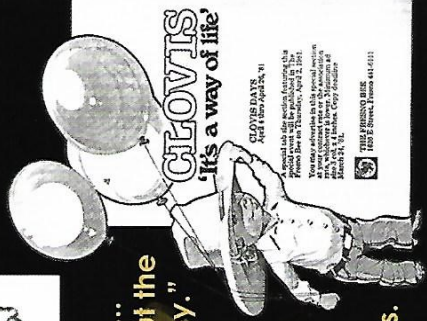


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seasons  
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tours will be  
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for students  
and adults.**



**You heard the saying...  
"Bears love honey, but the  
museum needs money."**

**Your tax deductible  
contribution will help  
sustain the museum  
and carry out  
educational programs.**



**This exhibit  
presents  
valley's  
history and  
the social,  
economic  
and  
political  
make up  
of our  
community.**

## Perry Huffman

contributed whimsical, serious, and satirical illustrations to the Fresno Bee from 1963 - 1995. For over 60 years he provided original art on topics ranging from sports, to global and local politics, from civic and social issues to film, music, entertainment, agriculture, and nature.

He illustrated celebrity and political figures such as Will Rogers, Flip Wilson, Ronald Reagan, James Garner, and the extensive list can go on. Prior to working for the Bee, Huffman submitted covers for the Saturday Evening Post. Nationally recognized and award winning artist, Huffman has made signed prints of his artwork available to the public for fundraising. Various sizes of your choice are available for purchase.





## CRUISE 2020



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Feb. 10, 2020 Final payment

Questions or need help booking--- Hector 559-970-3197

Thanks all, Hector and Karyn Leyva