



The Chanticleer

New 159 website - www.branch159.sirinc2.org

Program : **PROGRAM CANCELLED**

Date May 14, 2020

Place Pardini's Restaurant
2257 W. Shaw Avenue

Social Hour 11:00 AM

Luncheon: 12 Noon

\$16 per person

Activities Calendar for MAY

Date	Event	Contact
MAY TBD	Whitmer's Warriors Golf	Steve Chase
MAY TBD	Model Railroading	Robert Sexton
MAY TBD	SIR Golf	Duke Marshall
MAY TBD	Dine Out Night	Howard Zinn
MAY TBD	SIRS Bowling	Duke Marshall
MAY TBD	SIR Bridge	Vic Froehmer
MAY TBD	SIRs Luncheon	Pete Openshaw (RSVP)
MAY TBD	History Roundtable	Gary Lemaster
MAY TBD	9 Hole Golf	Charlie Barrett
MAY TBD	Pinochle	Duke Marshall
MAY TBD	Kornhole	Dell Kerns
MAY TBD	Horseshoes	Rich Lewis
MAY TBD	Poker	Vic Froehmer
MAY TBD	Book Exchange	Paul Gabrielson

2020 Speakers

Thursday, May 14, 2020	CANCELLED
Thursday, June 11, 2020	30 Year Celebration
Thursday, July 9, 2020	Michael Carbajal, City of Fresno Utilities Director
Thursday, August 13, 2020	David Rodriguez – Pinedale Historian
Thursday, Sept. 10, 2020	Fresno Mayor Lee Brand
Thursday, Oct. 8, 2020	Steve Menchenella former pro at Sunnyside CC
Thursday, Nov. 12, 2020	Michael Lella - Beneath the Scarlett Sky
Thursday, Dec. 10, 2020	TBD

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.

LITTLE SIR BRUCE CORWIN'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

Hello Roosters and Happy May.

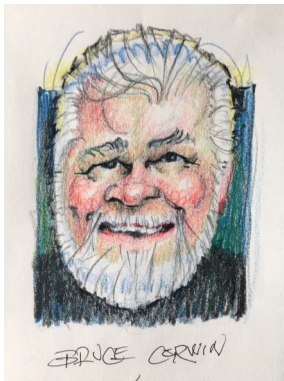
Our Big Sir Dell is still in the hospital as I write this note and we are hoping for his full recovery. Keep him in your thoughts. Also, if you know or hear of anyone else who is ill or needs our attention, please let me know.

Our lunch for May 14 is CANCELLED due to continued COVID-19 concerns. So, for now, we are all to stay home as much as possible. Your Board will meet in May to decide the future for our lunches and activities so stay tuned and stay well. Hopefully, we can meet again for lunch in June, but that is uncertain.

Our June meeting speaker was to be a representative of the Alzheimer's Association. Unfortunately, they had to cancel. We know some of members and their families must deal with this illness and with dementia. So, we will look to book this again another date.

Pardini's is suffering as well due to the closure, but they are offering you the opportunity to make a direct donation via the Pardini's catering site. Let us show them our appreciation by at least donating our individual May lunch costs. They are also offering curbside meal pickup for Mother's Day if you have any interest.

Wishing all our SIR 159 ladies a Happy Mothers Day. Hope you can get out on that day.



We are always looking for new volunteers and, if you are interested, please seek out members of our nominating committee Rich Lewis, Brett Bayley and Richard Glover.

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 March we had Cancel the game scheduled for the 10th & 24th due to the coronavirus. In a virtual game the team of Vic and Dell had a quadruple pinchole , and Bill and Hector had a double run. As usual Vic and Dell with too few trump and little power were unable to save. We are wishing our teammate, Big Sir Dell Kerns a speedy recovery. We will meet in SIR state recommends we resume normal activities.

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 if you would like to join us.

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 559-696-2158
TREASURER: Brian Nicholson 559-285-8928
ASST. TREASURER: Brett Bayley 619-507-0357

2020 BRANCH DIRECTORS

Roger Deal (HLM) 559-297-7022
John Crawford [2020] 559-779-2484
Thomas Simpson (2022) 559-432-2787
Gary Morgan (2020) 559-277-1249
Ron Wilson (2020) 559-960-8294
Steve Chase (2021) 559-252-2600 :
Pete Openshaw (2021) 559-674-7211

2020 BRANCH SUPPORT PERSONEL

ATTENDANCE CHAIRMAN: Rich Lewis 559-392-9950
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

The Golden Rule

Therefore, all things whatever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them; for this is the law and the prophets. [Mt.7-12]



Picture of 2020 SIR 159 officers.

APRIL'S Best Bowling

Just like all of our SIR's sponsored events our bowling has been at a standstill, frozen in time with no known resumption date. Until further notice we are on hold and we will resume asap.

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.

Ed- high series with 900

Hector – high game with 300

Duke – high handicap series with 1074

Bill – high handicap game with 363

Runner ups:

Alan – series 800

Joe – game 299

Daryl – h series 999

James – h game 333

NEWS in the Golfing Community

Like all of our activities, golf is at a standstill with a hope of starting soon. I am hoping and praying every one of you are well and avoiding this Covid 19 virus. We also need special prayers for our Big Sir Dell Kerns who has a few complications. Get back to us soon, Dell. Here at the beginning of May we should have been completing the Ron Rich Championship. However we have only completed the first round. May is also the month where we have the qualifier for the SIR State Team and our branch team championship. When we get a better Idea of when things will open up I will look to see how we can reschedule these championships. Remember events are subject to change. 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. The May monthly chairman Is Robert Scott, 696-2158 or ben_anna@comcast.net. He will be assisted by Brett Bayley.

7-May	Thurs.	Pheasant Run GC 655-3411	9:00 AM	Individual
13-May	Wed	Madera G&CC 674-2682	9:00 AM	4Man2BB
21-May	Thurs.	Riverside GC 275-5900	8:00 AM	Scramble
28-May	Thurs.	Dragonfly GC 432-3020	8:00 AM	2ManALT Shot,Fltd

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

Sons In Retirement, Inc Branch 159 Financial		
	Month:	April 2020
Beginning Balance (Checking + Cash)		\$9,585.65
Expenses	\$	-
		\$9,585.65
	Revenues	\$ 25.00
Month Ending Balance (Checking + Cash)		\$9,610.65
	\$	-
	TOTAL	\$9,610.65
Checking 9160.65 + Cash Drawer 450.00=9,610.65		
Net Gain / Loss		\$25.00

Submitted by Brian Nicholson - Treasurer

SIR Minutes of Branch 159 Executive Committee April 14, 2020

On April 14, 2020, acting Big SIR, Bruce Corwin, held an email SIRs 159 BEC to conduct branch business during the virus meeting restrictions. The BEC members who participated in the meeting were Little Sir Bruce Corwin, Secretary Vic Froehmer, Assistant Secretary Robert Scott, Treasurer Brian Nicholson, and Assistant Treasurer Brett Bayley. Directors involved were Roger Deal (Honorary Director), Gary Morgan (2020), Ron Wilson (2020), Steve Chase (2021), Pete Openshaw (2021), John Crawford (2022), and Thomas Simpson (2022). Excused from the meeting was Big Sir Dell Kerns. Therefore, a quorum was represented.

The emails for the meeting involved three items.

The first proposal stated our members should not send emails through gmail to all members or direct our officers to do things without first getting approval of the Big and/or Little SIR to do so. The motion was made by Bruce Corwin and seconded by Brett Bayley. The proposal passed unanimously.

Bruce also proposed a second item. He said it appeared we needed to officially cancel our May luncheon and asked for approval to cancel the lunch, notify Pardini's Restaurant, and contact the scheduled speaker. The motion was seconded by Brett Bayley and passed unanimously.

The results of the nominating committee was the third business item. The committee, headed by Rich Lewis, has contacted and confirmed six members that have agreed to serve as directors if elected. Also, an additional ten members have been identified to be contacted for various positions. In regard to the Little SIR position, four members have been identified as potential candidates.

Secretary Vic Froehmer Assistant Secretary Robert Scott

HUMOR

As the pandemic plays through, it is giving us a glimpse into our inevitable future where all meals are delivered, all entertainment comes through the tv screen, and all human interaction is through our cell phone. Where schooling is online at home, exercise is on a stationary bike in our basement, medical testing is done at drive thru windows, and colonoscopies are performed at Jiffy Lube. The world is changing. It is becoming less interpersonal as technology consumes us. So now that we have time on our hands, everyone should take a moment to cherish this fading era, when friends still get together to hit a little ball around an open field for no good reason other than to enjoy the companionship of their fellow man.

QUOTES

"Sometimes, when I reflect on all the beer I drink, I feel ashamed. Then I look into the glass and think about the workers in the brewery and all of their hopes and dreams. If I did not drink this beer, they might be out of work and their dreams would be shattered. I think, it is better to drink this beer & let dreams come true, than be self-ish & worry about my liver." [BABE RUTH](#)

"When I read about the evils of drinking, I gave up reading." [PAUL HORNING](#)

"When we drink, we get drunk When we get drunk, we fall asleep. When we fall asleep, we commit no sin. When we commit no sin, we go to heaven. So, let's all get drunk and go to heaven." [GEORGE BERNARD SHAW](#)

"Beer is proof that God loves us and wants us to be happy." [BENJAMIN FRANKLIN](#)

From the Desk of our Area Governor LEE MOY

These are trying times. It seems like a re-run of an era long ago when many victims fell ill at the hands of an unknown disease.

Thanks for the many updates of Dell's condition. Let's continue to pray for his speedy recovery.

State SIR Board have had discussions on many important topics. Amongst those is the re-start of SIR. Your BEC members received Ed Benson's document. Please go to the sirinc.orgwebsite, and view & understand the video: "BEC Fiduciary Responsibilities." A checklist of all BEC members having viewed the video must be sent to your AG before any branch can be approved for any restart plan.

Additionally, "AG shall create a group of Sir leaders in each county who are responsible to ensure the regulations are communicated and understood by all Branches within each county.

"On a lighter note, the rooster with surgical mask is something I designed. It's on the latest bulletins. The idea of marketing a PJ with a SIR logo is also gaining traction. The ancient prophet holding an oath tablet was to highlight the Board's latest oath option version emphasizing volunteerism albeit slightly modified. Most found a little levity in these trying times a good thing.

We are all in this together. We will get through this...together.

AG Lee Moy

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 assemble, an to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

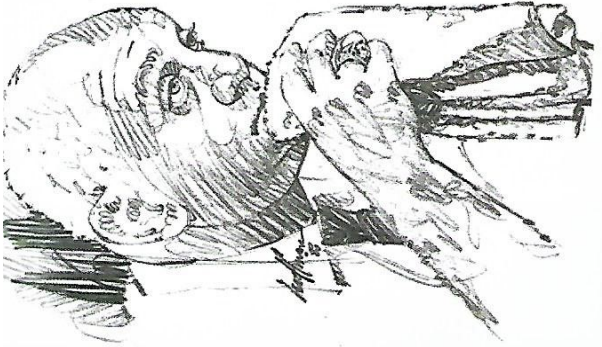
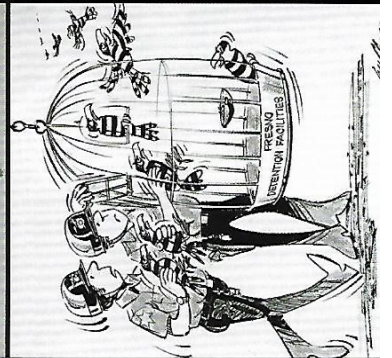
It has been a month since we were ordered to shut down activities and three weeks since the governor ordered us to shelter in place. Thursday will be our 4th cancelled tournament. Daily walks, reading and movies fill the days in place of a round of golf or 3 hours of bowling or a round of pinhole. When will it end? when will we resume play? No one knows. If you have not talked to anyone pick up your phone and call some of the guys. Let them know you are alive and well. Bruce has done a great job of keeping us informed about Dell's progress. He does still need you prayers.



THE MAGNIFICENT SEVEN

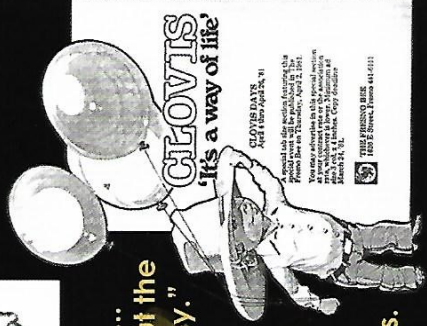


Educational seasons and group tours will be available for students and adults.



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.



Join the Slugfest

State SIR Annual Bay Bridge Series



SIR Day at the Ballpark

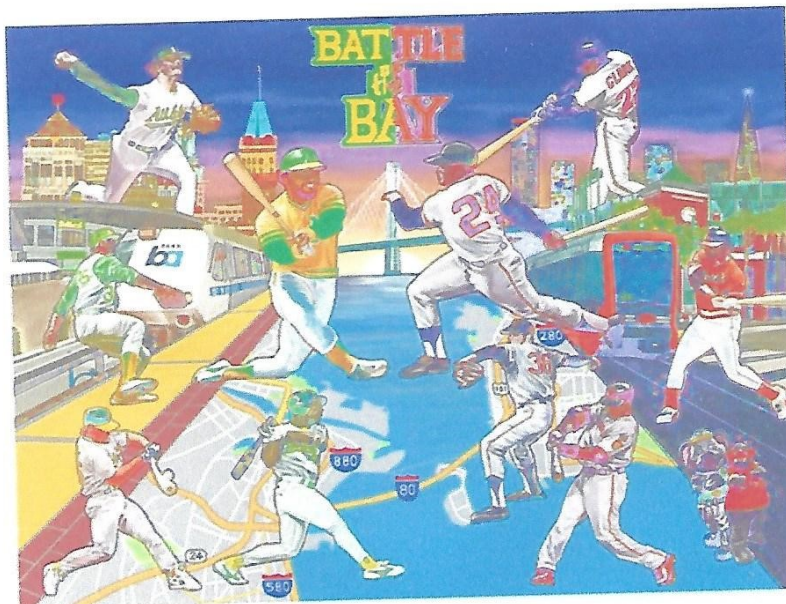
June 7, 2020, Sunday, 1pm

Oakland Coliseum, Section 106 (shaded)

Cost: \$55/ticket

FRESNO Members:

Transportation is on your own; consider carpooling. We have taken Amtrak to the Coliseum each year.



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