



The Chanticleer

New 159 website - www.branch159.sirinc2.org

Program : **PROGRAM CANCELLED**

Date **CANCELLED**

Place Pardini's Restaurant
2257 W. Shaw Avenue

Social Hour 11:00 AM

Luncheon: 12 Noon

\$16 per person

Activities Calendar for AUGUST

Date	Event	Contact
AUGUST TBD	Whitmer's Warriors Golf	Steve Chase
AUGUST TBD	Model Railroading	Robert Sexton
AUGUST 6-12-20-27	SIR Golf	Duke Marshall
AUGUST TBD	Dine Out Night	Howard Zinn
AUGUST TBD	SIRS Bowling	Duke Marshall
AUGUST TBD	SIR Bridge	Vic Froehmer
CANCELLED	SIRs Luncheon	Pete Openshaw (RSVP)
AUGUST TBD	History Roundtable	Gary Lemaster
AUGUST TBD	9 Hole Golf	Charlie Barrett
AUGUST TBD	Pinochle	Duke Marshall
AUGUST TBD	Cornhole	TBD
AUGUST TBD	Horseshoes	Rich Lewis
AUGUST TBD	Poker	Vic Froehmer
AUGUST TBD	Book Exchange	Paul Gabrielson

2020 Speakers

- Thursday, August 13, 2020 **CANCELLED**
- 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



LITTLE SIR BRUCE CORWIN'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

Notes from Little SIR

Hello Roosters and Happy August

Our Big Sir Dell is out and about, and you may have seen him at the golf course. We are all so happy to be seeing hm. Also, if you know or hear of anyone else who is ill or needs our attention, please let me know.

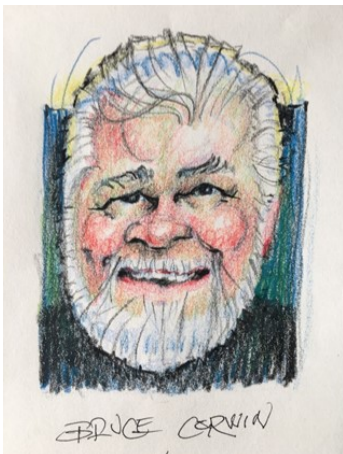
Our lunch for August 13 is **CANCELLED** due to continued COVID-19 concerns. Your Board will meet in August to decide the future for our lunches and activities so stay tuned and stay well. Hopefully, we can meet again for lunch in September, but that is uncertain.

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 August lunch costs. They are also offering some take out meal services if you have any interest.

We are looking for volunteers to serve as Webmaster, Publicity Chair and Golf Handicap Chair as Gary Morgan is going to take a well-deserved time off starting in January. Please consider stepping up for one of these roles and let me know if you are interested.

Wishing all our SIR 159 members a Happy HOT AUGUST NIGHTS. Our country is experiencing times like never before, but we can at least celebrate and be thankful to live in a free country.

Looking forward to seeing you all when we can meet again.



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 State Officers

Director, Region 2 Rick Kindle
Area Governor Lee Moy

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



Picture of 2020 SIR 159 officers.

"We don't stop playing because we grow old; we grow old because we stop playing"
George Bernard Shaw

Our Nominating Committee has established a list of proposed officers for 2021. The Board has approved this slate at their June meeting. Please review and be ready to vote for the slate in August:

**Big SIR - Bruce Corwin
Little SIR - Stuart Poytress
Secretary - Vic Froehmer
Asst. Secretary - Robert Scott
Treasurer - Brian Nicholson
Asst. Treasurer - Brett Bayley
Director - Pete Openshaw
Director - Steve Chase
Director - John Crawford
Director - Tom Simpson
Director - Richard Glover
Director - Javier Rodriguez
Honorary Director - Roger Deal**

**Thanks
Bruce Corwin**

SIR Birthday's August 2020

Nickname First Last

Jim James Bowman
Dwaine Chambers
Doug Duke KUPCHEK
Steven Herz
Bob Robert Hudson
Perry Huffman
Mark Isonio
Dana Kahler
Mike Kilijian
Bob Robert Knebel
Peter Openshaw
Tom Thomas Simpson
Bob Robert Stenberg
John Volkman
Ron Ronald Wilson
Jim Wilson II

SPORTS QUOTES YOU MAY HAVE NOT HEARD

"Last year we couldn't win at home and we were losing on the road. My failure as a coach was that I couldn't think of anyplace else to play.

- Harry Neale, professional hockey coach

"I'm working as hard as I can to get my life and my cash to run out at the same time. If I can just die after lunch Tuesday, everything will be perfect."

- Doug Sanders, professional golfer

"All the fat guys watch me and say to their wives, 'See, there's a fat guy doing okay. Bring me another beer.'"

- Mickey Lolich, DetroitTigers Pitcher

"I found out that it's not good to talk about my troubles.

Eighty

percent of the people who hear them don't care and the other twenty percent are glad you're having them."

- Tommy LaSorda , LA Dodgers manager

"My theory is that if you buy an ice-cream cone and make it hit your mouth, you can learn to play tennis. If you stick it on your forehead, your chances aren't as good."

- Vic Braden, tennis instructor

"Because if it didn't work out, I didn't want to blow the whole day."

- Paul Horning, Green Bay Packers running back on why his

NEWS in the Golfing Community

As July began we had broken out the golf clubs and tried to shake the cobwebs off. On July 2 we played an individual tournament at Madera Muni. In flight one, Gary Morgan won with a net 65, while in flight 2 Bob Davis took Ken Mohn and Scott Dye in a tie break with a net 71. Flight 3 went to Bob Mattson with a net 67 and flight 4 in another tie break with a net 72 went to Garry Elliott over Charlie Amasalian and Gary Smith. Finally flight 5 went to Mike Williamson with a net 73. The following week at Airways we played a game of 2-man best ball and the team of Shane Petersen with a blind draw took the field with a 10 under par performance. The following week at Dinuba's Ridge Creek we played a 4 man scramble where the team of Stuart Poytress, Roger McEvoy, Bill Laudig and Hector Leyva ran away with a net 51.6 by 1 tenth of a point. Next up was back to Riverside for a 4-man 2best ball game. The team of Mark Hofmann, Gary Kilgore, Richard Neilson and Anthony Rogers finished ahead of the pack with a 25 under par score of 121. Last we traveled north to Pheasant Run for a game of Florida Scramble. Here after the drive whoevers shot is choosen sits out on the next shot , etc through the hole. The team of Roger McEvoy, Bruce Corwin, Garry Elliott, and Perry Huffman claimed the prize with a net 55.1.

With regards to our Big Sir, there have been Dell sightings about Fresno and Madera but will need to be verified by me when I see him swing a club. Thank you all for the prayers.

The monthly chairman for August is Gary Morgan, 277-1249 or morgangary@att.net assisted by Stan Scott.

6-Aug	Thurs.	Belmont CC 251-5078	8:00 AM	Individual
12-Aug	Wed.	Madera G&CC 674-2682	8:00 AM	4M2BB
20-Aug	Thurs.	Madera Muni GC 675-3504	8:00 AM	2 Man Scramble FLTD
27-Aug	Thurs.	Dragonfly GC 432-3020	8:00 AM	2 ManBB

PINOCHLE NEWS

You've probably already read our BEC adopted the protocols presented to them by the chairmen to reopen activities after a month delay. **Pincholeis on hold for now unless we can find another place to play. In door gatherings have been curtailed by the state and Jan is not comfortable with opening the home.** So we are in a holding pattern. Hopefully the valley cases settle down soon. 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.



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Fresno Branch #159, July 10th, 2020

ALL DATA AS END OF JUN.
New Members Inducted: 0 Branch 159
Terminated: 0 Meeting # 303rd
Members: 198

YTD New Member (10) YTD Net Membership Change (-17) Ref.215 on 12/31/19

Members to be Terminated (Transferred, Resigned, Deceased) Pending BEC Approval

New Members to be Inducted pending BEC Approval

#4-Ken Mohn Sponsor: #315-John Briceno
#26-David Johnson #315-John Briceno
#44-Michael Davis #6 – Bob Davis
#57-Michael Garcia #111-Sal Martinez

Candidates approved by board to be “sworn in” when they attend their next Luncheon

#106-Douglas Wisener #130-John Hayes

Note

Respectfully Submitted by, John Crawford
Membership Chairman

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

July's Bowling News

Our branch BEC voted to approve reopening bowling with a month lag time. As of today Bowlero at Sierra Lanes had just opened for one day when the governor ordered them shut again. We of course have no idea as to when they will reopen. I am watching closely as events happen. When they are open I will get their protocols and plan from there. I will send an email to the present bowlers , so watch for it! Even though Dell is home and on the road to recovery and as of now made a couple of appearances outside the home. Thank you for your prayers as I believe it took everyone of our prayers to pull him through. When we get our reboot I will again say to those of you that are not making it **COME ON DOWN and HAVESOME FUN!** Statistics our kept and posted to the SIR 159 website on the bowling page. 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.

2020-Anniversaries - Chanticleer

Wife Nickname First Last

Deborah Brett Bayley

Berdie Ed Beier

Lillian Harry Buchaklian

Linda Alan Bynum

Mary Paul Gabrielson

Monica Dana Hamparzoomian

Sue Bill William Hedman

Patty Joe Joseph Huizar

Sue Mike Kilijian

Nancy Bill Leavitt

Ann Fred Lusk

Janis Duke Joseph Marshall

Lisa Kenny Melkonian

Karen Jack Neugebauer

Jean Brian Nicholson

Charlene Dale Samuelian

Carol Lynn Streit

Jodi John Volkman

Denise Steve Whitehead

Joan Bob Robert Zoldoske

Smile for today

These fit so well they should be in a dictionary.

ADULT:

A person who has stopped growing at both ends and is now growing in the middle.

BEAUTY

PARLOR:

A place where women curl up and dy

CHICKENS:

The only animals you eat before they are born and after they are dead.

COMMITTEE:

A body that keeps minutes and wastes hours.

DUST:

Mud with the juice squeezed out.

SIR Minutes of Branch 159 Executive Committee

Zoom Meeting July 9, 2020

The meeting opened at 9:02 am utilizing the Zoom meeting format. BEC members present were Little Sir Bruce Corwin, Secretary Vic Froehmer, Assistant Secretary Robert Scott, Treasurer Brian Nicholson, and Assistant Treasurer Brett Bayley. Directors present were Gary Morgan (2020), Steve Chase (2021), Pete Openshaw (2021), Tom Simpson (2022), and John Crawford (2022). Excused from the meeting were Big Sir Dell Kerns, Roger Deal, and Ron Wilson. Assistant Secretary Robert Scott announced that a quorum was present (9 of 13).

Next, a review of the June 10th meeting minutes was conducted. Steve Chase moved that the minutes be approved as presented, and John Crawford seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Pete Openshaw reported that callers had contacted members to determine how they were feeling, and how they were dealing with the coronavirus isolation. The calls were also used to announce there would not be a luncheon in July. We also learned that Reg Rosander has requested he be relieved of his caller duties. Reg has been a caller for eight years. Pete also announced that two members may not be attending meetings because of medical issues. It was also mentioned that Dwaine Chambers has had back surgery and will not be able to attend any functions until the end of the year.

Next, Brian Nicholson reviewed the Monthly Cash Report (Form 28). Cash on hand was pronounced to be \$9,264.15. It was stated that there was minimal financial activity during the month because we are not meeting. The only activity was our state board assessment. John Crawford moved that we accept the report as submitted, Brett Bayley seconded the motion, and the vote to accept the Monthly Cash Report was unanimous.

In regard to membership information, John Crawford reviewed the June Membership Report. The report indicated we have 198 members, four new members pending BEC approval, and one new member to be inducted at our next meeting. Steve Chase moved that the report and proposed new members be accepted, and Brett Bayley seconded the motion. The report and new members were accepted unanimously. Membership Form 27 was also discussed. Again, there was not any change in the membership total during the month of June. Steve Chase made a motion to accept the report, and Brett Bayley seconded the motion. The report was unanimously accepted.

Old Business was next on the agenda. Since we have not been able to meet to conduct our 2021 election of officers, several ideas were presented regarding possible voting procedures. It was proposed the ballot be sent to each member in an email message, and

the ballots be returned by email to Brian Nicholson for tabulation. John Crawford moved that we utilize this procedure, and Brett Bayley seconded the motion. The BEC unanimously approved the motion.

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Regarding new business, Bruce Corwin announced we were still unsure about when we would be able to have our monthly luncheon. He suggested we continue to monitor our situation and decide later in July if we will have an August meeting.

Gary Morgan then announced he needed to surrender all of his SIR duties at the end of this year. Therefore, the club needs to find members to be handicap chairman for golf, manager of our webpage, reporter of rooster items, member of the RAMP committee, and publisher of club pictures and Google photos. Gary has announced his decision now to give us five months to find replacements. The BEC expressed their appreciation for all of his hard work and dedication to his duties.

Bruce Corwin then stated that Big Sir Del Kerns is feeling much better and receiving messages while he is staying at home.

The meeting was then adjourned at 9:35 am.

Secretaries Vic Froehmer and Robert Scott

EGOTIST:

Someone who is usually me-deep in conversation.

HANDKERCHIEF:

Cold Storage.

INFLATION:

Cutting money in half without damaging the paper.