



# The Chanticleer

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

Date	Event	Contact
SEPTEMBER TBD	Whitmer's Warriors Golf	Steve Chase
SEPTEMBER TBD	Model Railroading	Robert Sexton
SEPTEMBER 3-9-17-24	SIR Golf	Duke Marshall
SEPTEMBER TBD	Dine Out Night	Howard Zinn
SEPTEMBER TBD	SIRS Bowling	Duke Marshall
SEPTEMBER TBD	SIR Bridge	Vic Froehmer
<b>CANCELLED</b>	SIRs Luncheon	Pete Openshaw (RSVP)
SEPTEMBER TBD	History Roundtable	Gary Lemaster
SEPTEMBER TBD	9 Hole Golf	Charlie Barrett
SEPTEMBER TBD	Pinochle	Duke Marshall
SEPTEMBER TBD	Cornhole	TBD
SEPTEMBER TBD	Horseshoes	Rich Lewis
SEPTEMBER TBD	Poker	Vic Froehmer
SEPTEMBER TBD	Book Exchange	Paul Gabrielson

### 2020 Speakers

Thursday, Sept. 10, 2020	<b>CANCELLED</b>
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

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Sons In Retirement, Inc Branch 159 Financial	
Month:	August 2020
Beginning Balance (Checking + Cash)	\$9,074.02
Expenses	\$ -
	<b>\$9,074.02</b>
Revenues	\$ -
Month Ending Balance (Checking + Cash)	<b>\$9,074.02</b>
	\$ -
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$9,074.02</b>
Checking 8,624.02 + Cash Drawer 450.00=9074.02	
Net Gain / Loss	<b>\$0.00</b>

Submitted by Brian Nicholson - Treasurer

## LITTLE SIR BRUCE CORWIN'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

### Hello Roosters and Happy September

I will be attending the State meeting on August 19 and will let you know any news in our next issue of the Chanticleer.

If you know or hear of anyone else who is ill or needs our attention, please let me know.

Our lunch for September 10 is **CANCELLED** due to continued COVID-19 concerns. Your Board will meet in September to decide the future for our lunches and activities so stay tuned and stay well. Hopefully, we can meet again for lunch in October, but that is uncertain. In September it will be 6 months since I have seen many of you faces, but the good news is our club still has 202 members as of August.

Recently our club voted on the 2021 slate of officers and both the Board and majority of our members voted their approval. Please help me congratulate our officers for next year:

<b>BRUCE CORWIN</b>	<b>BIG SIR</b>
<b>STUART POYTRESS</b>	<b>LITTLE SIR</b>
<b>VIC FROEHMER</b>	<b>SECRETARY</b>
<b>ROBERT SCOTT</b>	<b>ASSISTANT SECRETARY</b>
<b>BRIAN NICHOLSON</b>	<b>TREASURER</b>
<b>BRETT BAYLEY</b>	<b>ASSISTANT TREASURER</b>
<b>PETE OPENSHAW</b>	<b>DIRECTOR</b>
<b>STEVE CHASE</b>	<b>DIRECTOR</b>
<b>JOHN CRAWFORD</b>	<b>DIRECTOR</b>
<b>TOM SIMPSON</b>	<b>DIRECTOR</b>
<b>JAVIER RODRIQUEZ</b>	<b>DIRECTOR</b>
<b>RICHARD GLOVER</b>	<b>DIRECTOR</b>

Roger Deal has decided to not serve as Honorary Director in 2021 – He will be missed 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 lunch costs.

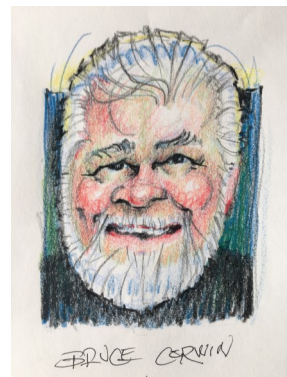
We are looking for volunteers to serve as Webmaster, Publicity Chair and Golf Handicap Chair as Gary Morgan is going to take a well-deserved time off starting in January. Please consider stepping up for one of these roles and let me know if you are interested.

Wishing all our SIR 159 members a Happy September. 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.

Our golf activities are going well and we are observing the safety protocols at each course. Come on out and join us. Many of our newer members this year are coming from golf.

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.



## 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*

**SIR Minutes of Branch 159 Executive Committee  
Zoom Meeting August 13, 2020**

The meeting opened at 9:00 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 (10 of 13).

Next, a review of the July 9th 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 suggested that a new list of members be provided for the callers because the old list does not include any of the new members. It was proposed that members be contacted at the beginning of September to determine their wellbeing and to inform them we will not be having the scheduled September meeting.

Next, Brian Nicholson reviewed the Monthly Cash Report (Form 28). Cash on hand was pronounced to be \$9,074.02. It was stated that there was minimal financial activity during the month because we are not meeting. The only activities were assessments received from new members and a bill for the catalog of our members.

In regard to membership information, John Crawford reviewed the July Membership Report. The report indicated we have 202 members, four new members pending BEC approval, and five new members to be inducted at our next meeting. John Crawford moved that the report and proposed new members be accepted, and Brian Nicholson seconded the motion. The report and new members were accepted unanimously. Membership Form 27 was also discussed. The report indicated we gained four members during the month of July. John Crawford made a motion to accept the report, and Brian Nicholson seconded the motion. The report was unanimously accepted.

Old Business was next on the agenda. Brian Nicholson reported he received 106 votes from members to approve the slate of officers for 2021. Since 106 is the majority of our club membership, the slate of officers was confirmed as elected. The roster of 2021 officers and directors will be published in the next Chanticleer.

Also involving old business, the need to find replacements to assume all of Gary Morgan's duties was discussed. Several members have stated they are interested in taking a portion of Gary's responsibilities. However, no final decisions have been made at this time.

Regarding new business, Bruce Corwin announced that a September regular SIR's luncheon was not possible. Therefore, he requested that Pete Openshaw have the callers notify all of the club members that a meeting will not occur.

The next new business item involved how to install new members when we are not having regular luncheons. These members have been approved by the Branch Executive Committee and have paid their annual assessment. It was decided that the installation of new members would occur at our next regular luncheon meeting so a traditional process could be provided.

The final business item concerned Bruce representing Branch 159 at a state meeting. He requested and received permission to vote on behalf of our branch.

The meeting was then adjourned at 9:35 am.

## NEWS in the Golfing Community

August was hot as blazes. We started the month at Belmont G&CC with a flighted individual round. Russ Anderson took flight 1 with a net 72 while Brian Nicholson handled flight 2 with a 3 under net 69. Rich Neilson won flight 3 with a 2 under net 70 and Joe Cabral handled flight 4 with a net 75. Not to be overlooked in flight 5 Roger Anthony came out on top with a net 74. We next moved to Madera CC for a game of 4Man 2BB where the team of Doug Nowlin, Roger McEvoy, Bill Laudig and Hector Leyva shot 25 under par to take the field by 3 strokes. Moving down the road we found Madera Muni for a nice 4 man scramble. It was an eire round with a small red ball in the smoke filled skies kinda like the alternate system, Endor. The team of Brian Nicholson, Ken Mohn, Robert Ying and Rich Fimbres inched out the competition with a net 51.2. Last we played a 2Man BB at Dragonfly. The weather had cooled enough and the smoke had lifted enough to allow us to enjoy the round. The team of Bob Mattson and Garry Elliott smoked the other 25 teams by 6 strokes with a net 57. Now there have been several sightings of our Big Sir around town. He has even played a round of golf as he continues his recovery. The monthly chairman for September is **Pete Openshaw at 675-7211 or pbacup@aol.com assisted by Perry Huffman**

3-Sep	Thurs.	Pheasant Run GC 655-3411	8:00 AM	Individual
9-Sep	Wed	Lemoore GC 924-9658	8:00 AM	4Man2BB
17-Sep	Thurs.	Sherwood Forest GC 787-2611	8:00 AM	Scramble
24-Sep	Thurs.	Pheasant Run GC 655-3411	9:30 AM	2ManBB

## September's Bowling News

Our branch BEC voted to approve reopening bowling with a month lag time at the end of May. Bowlero at Sierra Lanes opened for one day when the governor ordered them shut again for another 2 to 3 weeks. That was two and a half months ago. We of course have no idea as to when they will reopen. Even with todays announcements indoor activities were not included. Thus we sit and wait. 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. When we get our reboot I will again 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 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.

**The math teacher saw that Harold wasn't paying attention in class. She called on him and said, 'Harold! What are 2 and 4 and 28 and 44?' Harold quickly replied, 'NBC, FOX, ESPN and the Cartoon Network!'**



MEMBERSHIP REPORT  
Fresno Branch #159, AUG 10th, 2020

**ALL DATA AS END OF JUL**

<b>New Members Inducted:</b>	<b>4</b>	Branch 159
<b>Terminated:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Meeting # 304rd</b>
<b>Members:</b>	<b>202</b>	

**YTD New Member (14) YTD Net Membership Change (-13) Ref.215 on 12/31/19**

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

**New Members to be Inducted pending BEC Approval**

#74-Charles Bowen (Todd)	Sponsor -	#315-John Briceno
#76-Russell Manfredo		#55- Charlie Amasalian
#80-Harley Kuskie		#4 – Ken Mohn
#86-Steve Cross		#25- Stanley Scott

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

#106-Douglas Wisener	Sponsor:	#130-John Hayes
#4-Ken Mohn		#315-John Briceno
#26-David Johnson		#315-John Briceno
#44-Michael Davis		#6 – Bob Davis
#57-Michael Garcia		#111-Sal Martinez

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

## 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. That was of course in May. As we start September **Pinochle is 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.

**Harold watched, fascinated, as his mother smoothed cold cream on her face. 'Why do you do that, mommy?' he asked 'To make myself beautiful,' said his mother, who then began removing the cream with a tissue. 'What's the matter, asked Harold 'Giving up?'**

### Anniversaries for September 2020 - Chanticleer

Wife	Nickname	First	Last
Earlene		Rod	Ashley
Diana		David	Barredo
Cindy	Steve	Stephen	Beveridge
Janna		Doug	Britton
Kathleen	Bernie	Bernard	Cargle
Dorothea		George	Gianopulos
Sue		Dana	Kahler
Fran		Harry	Kutumian
Rindy		Gary	Lemaster
Gaila	Jerry	Gerald	Peloian
Debbie		John	Shertenlieb
Mary	Bill	William	Valk

### 9-2020 Birthdays for Chanticleer

Nickname	First	Last
	Charlie	Amasalian
	Philip	Angelillo
	Rod	Ashley
	Gary	Becker
MARTY	Martin	Beza Jr
	Harry	Buchaklian
	Bruce	Corwin
Butch	Bruce	Evans
	Nick	Fierro
Steve	Esteban	Hernandez
	David	Johnson
	Harley	Kuskie
	Gilbert	Matossian
	Carl	Merz
Bob	Robert	Rathburn
	Javier	Rodriguez
	Reg	Salsman
Bob	Robert	Scott
	Gary	Smith
	Lynn	Streit

**Little Harold 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, Harold 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. Harold, looking worried, said, 'Dad, I think the UPS guy wants to buy Mom'.**

**Harold'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. Harold asked, "Why didn't you keep him when you took his picture ? "**