



# 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 OCTOBER

Date	Event	Contact
OCTOBER TBD	Whitmer's Warriors Golf	Steve Chase
OCTOBER TBD	Model Railroading	Robert Sexton
OCTOBER 1-7-15-22-29	SIR Golf	Duke Marshall
OCTOBER TBD	Dine Out Night	Howard Zinn
OCTOBER TBD	SIRS Bowling	Duke Marshall
OCTOBER TBD	SIR Bridge	Vic Froehmer
<b>CANCELLED</b>	SIRs Luncheon	Pete Openshaw (RSVP)
OCTOBER TBD	History Roundtable	Gary Lemaster
OCTOBER TBD	9 Hole Golf	Charlie Barrett
OCTOBER TBD	Pinochle	Duke Marshall
OCTOBER TBD	Cornhole	TBD
OCTOBER TBD	Horseshoes	Rich Lewis
OCTOBER TBD	Poker	Vic Froehmer
OCTOBER TBD	Book Exchange	Paul Gabrielson

### 2020 Speakers

Thursday, Oct. 8, 2020

**CANCELLED**

Thursday, Nov. 12, 2020

Michael Lella - Beneath the Scarlett Sky

Thursday, Dec. 10, 2020

TBD

### Jokes for the month:

- A cold seat in a public restroom is unpleasant. A warm seat in a public restroom is much worse.
- Apparently RSVP'ing to a wedding invitation "Maybe next time" isn't the really correct response.
- Don't irritate old people. The older we get, the less "Life in prison" is any deterrent.
- Have you ever listened to someone for a minute and thought "Their cornbread ain't quite done in the middle."
- Aliens probably fly by earth and lock their doors and duck down in their seats.

"You will hit every cone on the highway before I let you merge in front of me because you saw that sign 2 miles ago like I did."

## LITTLE SIR BRUCE CORWIN'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

Hello Roosters and Happy October

I attended the State meeting on August 19 and nothing earth shattering took place except that Ed Benson will not be President next year. The other item is that they are looking to do a major advertising campaign, but I voted that we did not need this.

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

**Our lunch for October 8 is CANCELLED due to continued COVID-19 concerns.** Your Board will meet in October to decide the future for our lunches and activities so stay tuned and stay well. Hopefully, we can meet again for lunch before the end of the year, but that is uncertain. In October it will be 7 months since I have seen many of you faces, but the good news is our club still has 202 members as of September.

Roger Deal has left us and he passed away on September 9 – Several of us attended his celebration of life and it was a really nice event. We will miss Roger.

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.

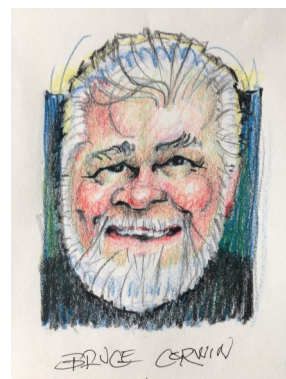
We are looking for volunteers to serve as Webmaster, Publicity Chair and Golf Handicap Chair as Gary Morgan is going to take a well-deserved time off starting in January. Please consider stepping up for one of these roles and let me know if you are interested.

Wishing all our SIR 159 members a Happy Halloween. 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

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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  
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HISTORIAN: Gary Becker 559-251-7408  
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MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN: John Crawford 559-779-2484  
MEMBER RELATIONS: Bob Moore 559-322-6909  
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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 September 10, 2020**

The meeting opened at 9:00 am utilizing the Zoom meeting format. BEC members present were Big Sir Dell Kerns, 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), Ron Wilson (2020), Tom Simpson (2022), and John Crawford (2022). Excused from the meeting were Pete Openshaw and Roger Deal. Secretary Vic Froehmer proclaimed a quorum was present (10 of 13). Next, a review of the August 13th meeting minutes was conducted. Bruce Corwin moved that the minutes be approved as presented, and John Crawford seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

It was reported that members had been contacted by the callers to determine their wellbeing and to inform them no meeting would be held in September. Two members were reported to have issues. First, Doug Britton's wife has had a liver replacement, so he will not be attending any meetings until 2021. Second, Alan Bynum is dealing with a potential surgery to evaluate a growth on his pancreas. 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 no financial activity during the month because we are not meeting. John Crawford moved the report be approved and Bruce Corwin seconded the motion. The report was approved unanimously.

In regard to membership information, John Crawford reviewed the August Membership Report. The report indicated we have 206 members including four new members. We now have nine new members to be inducted at our next meeting. Bruce Corwin moved that the report be accepted, and John Crawford seconded the motion. The report was approved unanimously. Membership Form 27 was also discussed. The report indicated we gained four members during the month of August. Bruce Corwin moved that the report be accepted, and John Crawford seconded the motion. The report was unanimously accepted. Old Business was next on the agenda. We still need volunteers to assume the duties presently being completed by Gary Morgan. So far, nothing official has occurred.

Regarding new business, Bruce Corwin announced that an October regular SIR's luncheon would probably not occur. Therefore, he requested callers notify all of the roosters at the end of September that a meeting will not be held. Also, Roger Deal has been completing the duties of providing speaker certificates and rooster awards. We learned today, Roger has passed away. Richard Colby has volunteered to complete these tasks.

The next business item concerned the potential email hack on Stan Day's computer. The result is that some old SIRs records, including some SIR member's personal records, may have been taken. Therefore, we should all monitor our emails and take action on any unusual email activity. There was also a short discussion about the 2021 assessment. There are several ideas. It was proposed that each BEC member think about this issue and be prepared to make a decision during the October BEC meeting.

The meeting was then adjourned at 9:26 am.

Secretaries Vic Froehmer and Robert Scott

## NEWS in the Golfing Community

September brought us a time shift along with the Autumnal Equinox. Our starts are now at 9 am. We started the month at Pheasant Run for a flighted round of Individual stroke play golf . Flight 1 was taken by **Russ Anderson** with net 70 and flight 2 by **Dave Loewen** with a net 71. In flight 3 found **Steve Cross** with a net 66 (low for the day) while **Rick Pezzi** took flight 4 with a net 67. The following week we were at Lemoore for a game of 4-man 2BB won by the team of **Ken Chancey, Garry Elliott, Charlie Amasalian and Rick Pezzi** with a team net 127 or 17 under par. Back to Pheasant Run for a 4 man Scramble won by **Gary Morgan, Bruce Corwin, Gary Smith and Jerry Brady** with a net 49.7 which included a team 12 under par. We ended the month with a 2 Man BB tournament at Sherwood Forest where **Gary Kilgore and Charlie Amasalian** shot a 16 under performance for a net 55.

This brought our golfing year to an end. October starts the new golf year and a new race. Due to Covid 19 we **will not** have an awards luncheon this year. Though we did not have all championships in this year we did complete the **Ron Rich Match Play** for the Branch . This year's winner was **Bob Davis**. Remember it takes 5 rounds of head to head matches to win the championship. We also had the winner to the **Player of the Year award going to Bill Leavitt**, who accumulated 265 points in 36 rounds over runner up **Bob Mattson** who was 49 points behind him. 36 rounds was also the most rounds completed this shortened year by Bill and two others, **Steve Chase and Jerry Poochigian. Brian Nicholson** was our most improved player with an improvement of 7.9 off his index. Even though it was an abbreviated year it was good for some of us.

Be reminded that points are earned through the year for participation in our weekly events as well place points for you & your teams placement in the standings. Additional Points are awarded for participation in the special tournament, RR(4,8,12,16,20 &25), Team Championship(2X points) , and Individual Club Championships(2X each rd.). If one goes on to a SIR State event from our qualifiers no additional points are awarded. In other words rounds are played with our golf club.

Our new monthly chairman for October is Joe Hushek @ 438-5343 [husheks@comcast.net](mailto:husheks@comcast.net) assisted by Bruce Corwin

## October'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.



**MEMBERSHIP REPORT  
Fresno Branch #159, September 8, 2020**

**ALL DATA AS END OF SEP.**

**New Members Inducted: 4 Branch 159**  
**Terminated: 0 Meeting # 305th**  
**Members: 206**

**YTD New Member (16) YTD Net Membership Change (-9) Ref.215 on 12/31/19**

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

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

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

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 October **Pinchle 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.

## OCTOBER GOLF SCHEDULE

1-Oct	Thurs.	Ridge Creek GC 591-2254	9:00 AM	Individual
7-Oct	Wed	Airways GC 291-6254	9:00 AM	4Man2BB
15-Oct	Thurs.	Riverside GC 275-5900	9:00 AM	Scramble
22-Oct	Thurs.	Belmont CC 251-5078	9:00 AM	2ManBB
29-Oct	Thurs.	Eagle Springs 325-8900	9:00 AM	Novelty or 4Man2BB

## OCTOBER Anniversaries

### Wife Nickname First Last

Debbie	Jeffrey	Curtin
Sue Scott	Scott	Dye
Leslie	Garry	Elliott
Lydia	Nick	Fierro
Angie Alex	Alexander	Flores
Sylvia Rich	Richard	Glover
Connie	Paul	Gonzales,
Chris	Mark	Hoffmann
Janet Don	Donald	Holt
Carol	Dave	Loewen
Edee	Russell	Manfredo
Diana Bob	Robert	Moore
Mary	Don	Reitz
Valerie	Robert	Swindle
Theresa Ron	Ronald	Wilson

## OCTOBER Birthdays

### Nickname First Last

Todd	Charles	Bowen
Ron	Ronald	Branam
	Bob	Davis
	Carlos	Fernandez
Don	Donald	Holt
Dell	Delton	Kerns
	Dave	Loewen
Monte	Joe	Montejano
Pooch	Jerry	Poochigian
Bob	Robert	Price
Ben	Benjamin	Romo
Bob	Robert	Sexton
Terry	Eugene	Wolf
Bob	Robert	Zoldoske

### Hi fellow SIRS:

I'm Pete Openshaw caller coordinator for the monthly luncheons recently one of my callers Reg Rosander after volunteering for 8 years decided he needed to step down. I thank him for his service to SIRS. So now I am in need of someone to step up to the plate to replace him. It only takes about an hour once a month to do it and you would be given training if needed. Please contact me at 559 674 7211 or [pbacup@aol.com](mailto:pbacup@aol.com) if you are able to help thank you Pete.