



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 NOVEMBER

Date	Event	Contact
NOVEMBER TBD	Whitmer's Warriors Golf	Steve Chase
NOVEMBER TBD	Model Railroading	Robert Sexton
NOVEMBER 6-11-19-25	SIR Golf	Duke Marshall
NOVEMBER TBD	Dine Out Night	Howard Zinn
NOVEMBER TBD	SIRS Bowling	Duke Marshall
NOVEMBER TBD	SIR Bridge	Vic Froehmer
CANCELLED	SIRs Luncheon	Pete Openshaw (RSVP)
NOVEMBER TBD	History Roundtable	Gary Lemaster
NOVEMBER TBD	9 Hole Golf	Charlie Barrett
NOVEMBER TBD	Pinochle	Duke Marshall
NOVEMBER TBD	Cornhole	TBD
NOVEMBER TBD	Horseshoes	Rich Lewis
NOVEMBER TBD	Poker	Vic Froehmer
NOVEMBER TBD	Book Exchange	Paul Gabrielson

2020 Speakers

Thursday, Nov. 12, 2020 **CANCELLED**
 Thursday, Dec. 10, 2020 TBD

Sons In Retirement, Inc Branch 159 Financial

	Month:	October 2020
Beginning Balance (Checking + Cash)		\$8,643.53
Expenses	\$	-
		\$8,643.53
Revenues	\$	-
Month Ending Balance (Checking + Cash)		\$8,643.53
	\$	-
TOTAL		\$8,643.53
Checking 8,193.53 + Cash Drawer 450.00=\$8,643.53		
Net Gain / Loss		\$0.00

Submitted by Brian Nicholson - Treasurer

LITTLE SIR BRUCE CORWIN'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

Hello Roosters and Happy November

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

Our lunch for November 12 is CANCELLED due to continued COVID-19 concerns. Your Board will meet in November 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. Your BEC voted to keep the assessment for 2021 at \$25 and Brian Nicholson will be collecting beginning now. **THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT THE BEC ALSO VOTED TO PROVIDE ALL OUR MEMBERS WITH A FREE LUNCH WHEN WE MEET AGAIN.**

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

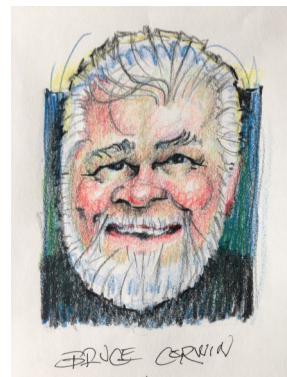
Wishing all our SIR 159 members a Happy Thanksgiving. It is a time to be thankful for what we have. Sending you my warm wishes from home to home and from heart to heart to wish you a very Happy Thanksgiving! May this day be a beautiful reminder of the wonderful things in life.

November is the time to be thankful, a time to remember and to embrace those who enrich our lives. I'm thankful for a lot of things, but I'm most thankful for You!

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.



Sons In Retirement, Branch 159

2021 Membership Assessment

The assessment is \$25.

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

Brian Nicholson
6530 N Pleasant Ave
Fresno, California 93711

Checks are preferred rather than cash.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Brian Nicholson

SIR INC, Branch 159 Treasurer

PS-As a bonus for your continued membership the board has elected to provide all active members a "free" lunch the next time we are able to meet as a group at Pardini's, whenever that might be.

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

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.

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]

"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 October 8, 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), Pete Openshaw (2021), and John Crawford (2022). Excused from the meeting were Big Sir Dell Kerns and Directors Ron Wilson (2020), Steve Chase (2021), and Tom Simpson (2022). Vic Froehmer proclaimed a quorum was present (8 of 12). Incoming Director for 2021, Richard Glover also joined the call.

Next, a review of the September 10th meeting minutes was conducted. John Crawford moved that the minutes be approved as presented, and Brian Nicholson 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 October. Several BEC members indicated they had not received a call. A new call list will be provided for future calls.

Next, Brian Nicholson reviewed the Monthly Cash Report (Form 28). Cash on hand was pronounced to be \$8,643.53. It was stated that the only financial transactions during the month were our annual third quarter assessment fees and some supply costs. John Crawford moved the report be approved, and Gary Morgan seconded the motion. The report was approved unanimously.

In regard to membership information, John Crawford reviewed the September Membership Report. The report indicated we have 206 members. However, we still have nine new members to be inducted at our next meeting. Robert Scott moved that the report be accepted as amended, and Brett Bayley seconded the motion. The report was approved unanimously. Membership Form 27 was also discussed. The report also indicated we remain at 206 members. Brian Nicholson moved that the report be accepted, and Brett Bayley seconded the motion. The report was unanimously accepted.

Old Business was next on the agenda. We again discussed finding members to assume the duties presently being completed by Gary Morgan. The search continues. Bruce Corwin said he will begin completing the duties required of the Webmaster and Publicity Chairman until replacements are found. However, we still need volunteers to take these two positions and someone to be Golf Chairman.

Next under old business was a discussion about the 2021 membership assessment. After several alternatives were considered, it was decided that we would continue to assess each member \$25. However, when we again have a luncheon meeting, each member will receive a free lunch. Robert Scott moved that the recommendation be accepted and Brett Bayley seconded the motion. The measure passed unanimously. In addition, Brian Nicholson was authorized to notify each member that his 2021 assessment will be coming due.

Regarding new business, Bruce Corwin asked Pete Openshaw to have our callers notify members near the end of October that a **November regular SIR's luncheon will not occur.**

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The next new business item involved the necessity to complete new bank signature cards. Bruce Corwin and Brian Nicholson will make arrangements to complete this requirement.

The next item under new business involved a discussion about Honorary Membership. John Crawford informed the BEC members that each branch can distinguish one honorary membership for each 50 branch members. We presently have four honorary members and, consequently, are at our limit.

We learned that a form 20 is due to SIR leadership. Bruce Corwin and Robert Scott will complete the form and submit it to SIRs.

Vic Froehmer announced that he asked Robert Scott to exchange BEC positions with him. Therefore, Vic will become Assistant Secretary and Robert will be Secretary.

Richard Glover a new BEC director beginning in 2021 was welcomed to the meeting.

John Crawford moved that the meeting be adjourned and Brett Bayley seconded the motion. The meeting was then adjourned at 9:32 am.

Secretaries Vic Froehmer and Robert Scott

HUMOR AND SAYINGS:

TOILET OUT OF ORDER. PLEASE USE FLOOR BELOW

In a Laundromat:

AUTOMATIC WASHING MACHINES: PLEASE REMOVE ALL YOUR CLOTHES WHEN THE LIGHT GOES OUT

In an office:

WOULD THE PERSON WHO TOOK THE STEP LADDER YESTERDAY PLEASE BRING IT BACK OR FURTHER STEPS WILL BE TAKEN

Outside a secondhand shop:

WE EXCHANGE ANYTHING - BICYCLES, WASHING MACHINES, ETC. WHY NOT BRING YOUR WIFE ALONG AND GET A WONDERFUL BARGAIN?

NEWS in the Golfing Community

October rewarded us with some cooler weather. Our starts are now at 9 am but the days do get shorter. We started the month at Ridge creek with a flighted round of Individual stroke play golf. Flight 1 saw [Gary Morgan](#) out front by scoring a net 71 and flight 2 by [Ken Mohn](#) with a net 69. In flight 3 [Alex Ramirez](#) scored the day's low net at 68 while [Rick Pezzi](#) took flight 4 with a net 72. The following week found us at Airways for a game of 4-man 2BB won by the team of [Russ Manfredo](#), [Rich Neilson](#), [Bill Laudig](#) and [Steve Chase](#) in a tie break over the team [Brian Nicholson](#), [John Shertenlieb](#), [Robert Ying](#) and [Jerry Poochigian](#) as both teams came in with a net 119, 19 under par. We then moved to Riverside for a 4 man Scramble won by [Doug Nowlin](#), [Ken Mohn](#), [Dana Hamparzoomain](#), and [Davy Johnson](#) with an eight under par net 51.2. We next went to Belmont G & CC for a 2Man 1BB a competition, where [Garry Elliott](#) and [Ken Melkonian](#) pulled away from the field with a 10 Under net 62. Our last tournament was at Eagle Springs with a novelty, never scored this way before, 4Man 1BB. The team of [Gary Morgan](#), [Russ Anderson](#), [Bob Price](#) and [Gary Smith](#) finished 17 under par performance. [Bob Price](#) must have carried the team with his net 64, 8 under. 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.

We still need someone to step into [Gary Morgan's](#) position as Handicap Chair. Our situation right now has [Gary Morgan](#), myself & [Gary Lemaster](#) on board w. GM stepping out at the end of the year. Besides Gary L, I would like TWO volunteers to learn and golf genius and do the setups and scoring who would share that equally and the HC chair and I would be backups for them. Gary Morgan has been doing almost all of that since the Coved shutdown as Gary Lemaster has been gone (OOT).

I still have four open slots for the [2021 Ron Rich Match Play](#). I am also still looking for monthly chair and assistants for 2021. Note that November has two Wednesday plays due to Thanksgiving. Our new monthly chairman for November [Bill Leavitt @917-0025 or blueyeu@att.net assisted by Rich Neilson.](#)

November'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 three 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, October 8, 2020

ALL DATA AS END OF SEP.

New Members Inducted: 0 Branch 159
Terminated: 0 Meeting # 306th
Members: 206

YTD New Member (16) YTD Net Membership Change (-11) Ref.215 on 12/31/19

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

#162—Roger Deal—Deceased

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.

NOVEMBER GOLF SCHEDULE

6-Nov	Thurs.	Madera Muni GC 675-3504	9:00 AM	Individual
11-Nov	Wed	Valley Oaks GC 651-1441	9:00 AM	4Man2BB
19-Nov	Thurs.	Dragonfly GC GC 432-3020	9:00 AM	Scramble
25-Nov	Thurs.	Madera CC 674-2682	9:00 AM	2ManBB

NOVEMBER Anniversaries

<u>Wife</u>	<u>First</u>	<u>Last</u>
Midge	Charles	Barrett
Michele	Joseph	Bencivengo
Felicia	Kenneth	Chancey
Ida	Bruce	Corwin
Diane	Bill	McCallum
Catherine	Paul	McGeary
Josie	Joe	Montejano
Anita	Randy	Morris
Gail	Danny	Munoz
Dolores	Raymond	Porter
Jody	Stuart	Poytress
Chris	Terry	Schneider
Denise	Neil	Stockton
Pam	Jim	Wilson II
Marty	Howard	Zinn

NOVEMBER Birthdays

<u>Nickname</u>	<u>First</u>	<u>Last</u>
Chuck	Charles	Barrett
Alan		Barton
Bernie	Bernard	Cargle
Coggy	Kevin	Coughlon
Carl		Freeman
Paul		Gonzales,
Dana		Hamparzoomian
John		Hayes
Rich		Lewis
Jim	Harold	Link
Bill		McCallum
Roger		McEvoy
Paul		McGeary
Rick	Richard	Pezzi
Bill		Sahatdjian
Terry		Schneider
John		Shertenlieb
Steve		Whitehead
Melvin		Wyatt
Rich	Richard	Zanarini
Howard		Zinn

