



# 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 **DECEMBER**

Date	Event	Contact
DECEMBER TBD	Whitmer's Warriors Golf	Steve Chase
DECEMBER TBD	Model Railroading	Robert Sexton
DECEMBER 3-9-17-23-30	SIR Golf	Duke Marshall
DECEMBER TBD	Dine Out Night	Howard Zinn
DECEMBER TBD	SIRS Bowling	Duke Marshall
DECEMBER TBD	SIR Bridge	Vic Froehmer
<b>CANCELLED</b>	SIRs Luncheon	Pete Openshaw (RSVP)
DECEMBER TBD	History Roundtable	Gary Lemaster
DECEMBER TBD	9 Hole Golf	Charlie Barrett
DECEMBER TBD	Pinochle	Duke Marshall
DECEMBER TBD	Cornhole	TBD
DECEMBER TBD	Horseshoes	Rich Lewis
DECEMBER TBD	Poker	Vic Froehmer
DECEMBER TBD	Book Exchange	Paul Gabrielson

### 2020 Speakers

Thursday, Dec. 10, 2020 **CANCELLED**

### Sons In Retirement, Inc Branch 159 Financial

	Month:	November 2020
<b>Beginning Balance (Checking + Cash)</b>		\$8,643.53
<b>Expenses</b>	\$	-
		<b>\$8,643.53</b>
<b>Revenues</b>	\$	2,650.00
<b>Month Ending Balance (Checking + Cash)</b>		<b>\$11,293.53</b>
	\$	-
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$11,293.53</b>
Checking 10,843.53 + Cash Drawer 450.00=\$11,293.53		
<b>Net Gain / Loss</b>		<b>\$2,650.00</b>

Submitted by Brian Nicholson - Treasurer

## LITTLE SIR BRUCE CORWIN'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

Hello Roosters and Happy December

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

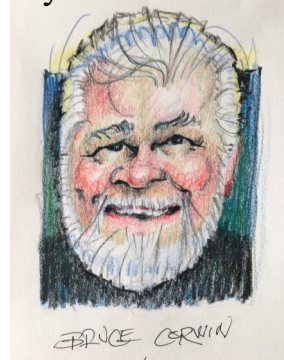
**Our lunch for December 10 is CANCELLED due to continued COVID-19 concerns.** Your Board will meet in December to decide the future for our lunches and activities so stay tuned and stay well. Hopefully, we can meet again for lunch next year, but that is uncertain. Your BEC voted to keep the assessment for 2021 at \$25 and Brian Nicholson is collecting now. **THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT THE BEC ALSO VOTED TO PROVIDE ALL OUR MEMBERS WITH A FREE LUNCH WHEN WE MEET AGAIN.**

Wishing all our SIR 159 members a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. It can't get worse than 2020.



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

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.

"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 November 12, 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, Treasurer Brian Nicholson, Assistant Treasurer Brett Bayley, and Secretary Robert Scott. Directors present were Ron Wilson (2020), Pete Openshaw (2021), John Crawford (2022), and Tom Simpson (2022). Excused from the meeting were Assistant Secretary Vic Froehmer and Directors Gary Morgan (2020) and Steve Chase (2021). Robert Scott proclaimed a quorum was present (9 of 12). Incoming Director for 2021, Richard Glover also joined the meeting.

Next, a review of the October 8th 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 “callers” had been contacted to inform the members on their lists that a November luncheon would not be held. There is some evidence that the “callers” are not making their calls. Pete should follow up with the callers to be sure they are calling their people in December.

Next, Brian Nicholson reviewed the Monthly Cash Report (Form 28). There were no financial activities during the month, so cash on hand remained at \$8,643.53. John Crawford moved the report be approved, and Ron Wilson seconded the motion. The report was approved unanimously.

In regard to membership information, John Crawford reviewed the October Membership Report. The report indicated we have 205 members. However, we have one new member to be inducted at today’s BEC meeting and nine new members to be sworn in at our next luncheon meeting. Membership Form 27 was also discussed. The report also indicated we have 205 members. John Crawford moved both the Membership Report and the Form 27 report be accepted, and Bruce Corwin seconded the motion. The reports were unanimously approved.

Old Business was next on the agenda. We again discussed finding members to assume the duties presently being completed by Gary Morgan. Gary Lemaster has agreed to assume some of the duties involving the golf activities. More help is still needed to complete the needs of the golf group. Bruce Corwin said he will begin completing the duties required of the Webmaster and Publicity Chairman until replacements are found.

Next under old business was a discussion about the 2021 membership assessment. Brian Nicholson reported that State SIRs has canceled the branch’s 2021 first quarter assessment. Brian estimated that not having to pay the assessment would save us approximately \$350. He also said he has received about 35% of 2021 assessments due from branch members.

The third item under old business involved Form 20. It was noted that our Form 20 outlining administrative Branch 150 personnel has been submitted. It was also mentioned that Form 20 needs to be updated regularly when changes occur.

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**SIR Minutes of Branch 159 Executive Committee**

The first new business item was a reminder that our Branch Roster needs to be submitted during February of 2021.

The second new business item involved the necessity to complete new bank signature cards. The signatures will be provided at the bank tomorrow.

The next item under new business concerned guidance we have received from State SIRs regarding SIR sponsored luncheons, activities, and events. The notice informs SIR branches that all non-essential gatherings should be postponed or cancelled until further notice. However, it was decided that since various local golf courses are following State and Local guidelines and are still allowed to operate, golf chairmen should notify golfers that they may participate as individuals in non-SIR sponsored golf activities. Golf chairmen should inform the golfers that there is no insurance coverage and they may choose to ask each golfer to sign a disclaimer stating that the golf activities are not SIR sanctioned events and their play is totally voluntary.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 am.

Secretaries Robert Scott and Vic Froehmer

Gentlemen:

It is sad for our many members to have to shudder our doors.

Insurance, liability, and the well-being of our membership are all very serious concerns & issues.

Still we must at best keep the connectivity live. Encourage using the phone tree, email/text, and continue with your newsletter publication.

Folks have birthdays, anniversaries, and some unfortunately pass. All the announcements, updates, and jokes are all a necessary part to keep our membership abreast.

Stay safe

AG Lee

## **NEWS in the Golfing Community**

Friends of golf continue to play so as to fill up as much as possible of our pre-arranged calendar for 2020 which was set pre covid 19 in 2019. As far as 2021 there is a new posting for that year on line.

I still have one open slots for the 2021 Ron Rich Match Play. I am also still looking for monthly chair and assistants for 2021.

Our new monthly chairman for December is **Gary Smith @ 832-9202 or cptsmith45@gmail.com assisted by Butch Evans.**

## **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

3-Dec	Thurs.	Pheasant Run GC 665-3411	09:00 AM	Individual
9-Dec	Wed	Sherwood Forest GC 787-2611	10:00 AM	Novelty
17-Dec	Thurs.	Dragonfly GC GC 432-3020	10:00 AM	Scramble
23-Dec	Thurs.	Riverside GC 275-5900	9:30 AM	4Man2BB Holiday Cup Rd 1
30-Dec	Thurs.	Madera Muni GC 675-3504	9:00 AM	4Man2BB Holiday Cup Rd 2

## JOKES AND QUOTES FROM PERRY AND TERRY

I've always wondered if chickens communicated using foul language. Maybe only when they're egg cited.

An invisible man married an invisible woman. The kids were nothing to look at either.

I didn't think the chiropractor would improve my posture. But I stand corrected.

I took my new girlfriend out on our first date to the ice rink, and entry was half price. She called me a cheap skate.

Studies show cows produce more milk when the farmer talks to them. It's a case of in one ear and out the udder.

I used to date a girl with one leg who worked at a brewery. She was in charge of the hops.

My cross-eyed wife and I just got a divorce. I found out she was seeing someone on the side.

My wife claims I'm the cheapest person she's ever met. I'm not buying it. That's a matter of a pinion.

I told my carpenter I didn't want carpeted steps. He gave me a blank stair.

What did the surgeon say to the patient who insisted on closing up his own incision? Suture self.

**Most of our generation of 60+ were - HOME  
SCHOOLED in many ways**

1. **My mother taught me TO APPRECIATE A JOB WELL DONE.**

"If you're going to kill each other, do it outside. I just finished cleaning."

2. **My mother taught me RELIGION.**

"You better pray that will come out of the carpet."

3. **My father taught me about TIME TRAVEL**

"If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week!"

4. **My father taught me LOGIC.**

"Because I said so, that's why ."

5. **My mother taught me MORE LOGIC .**

"If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, you're not going to the store with me."

6. **My mother taught me FORESIGHT.**

"Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident."

7. **My father taught me IRONY.**

"Keep crying, and I'll give you something to cry about."

8. **My mother taught me about the science of OSMOSIS.**

"Shut your mouth and eat your supper."

9. **My mother taught me about CONTORTIONISM.**

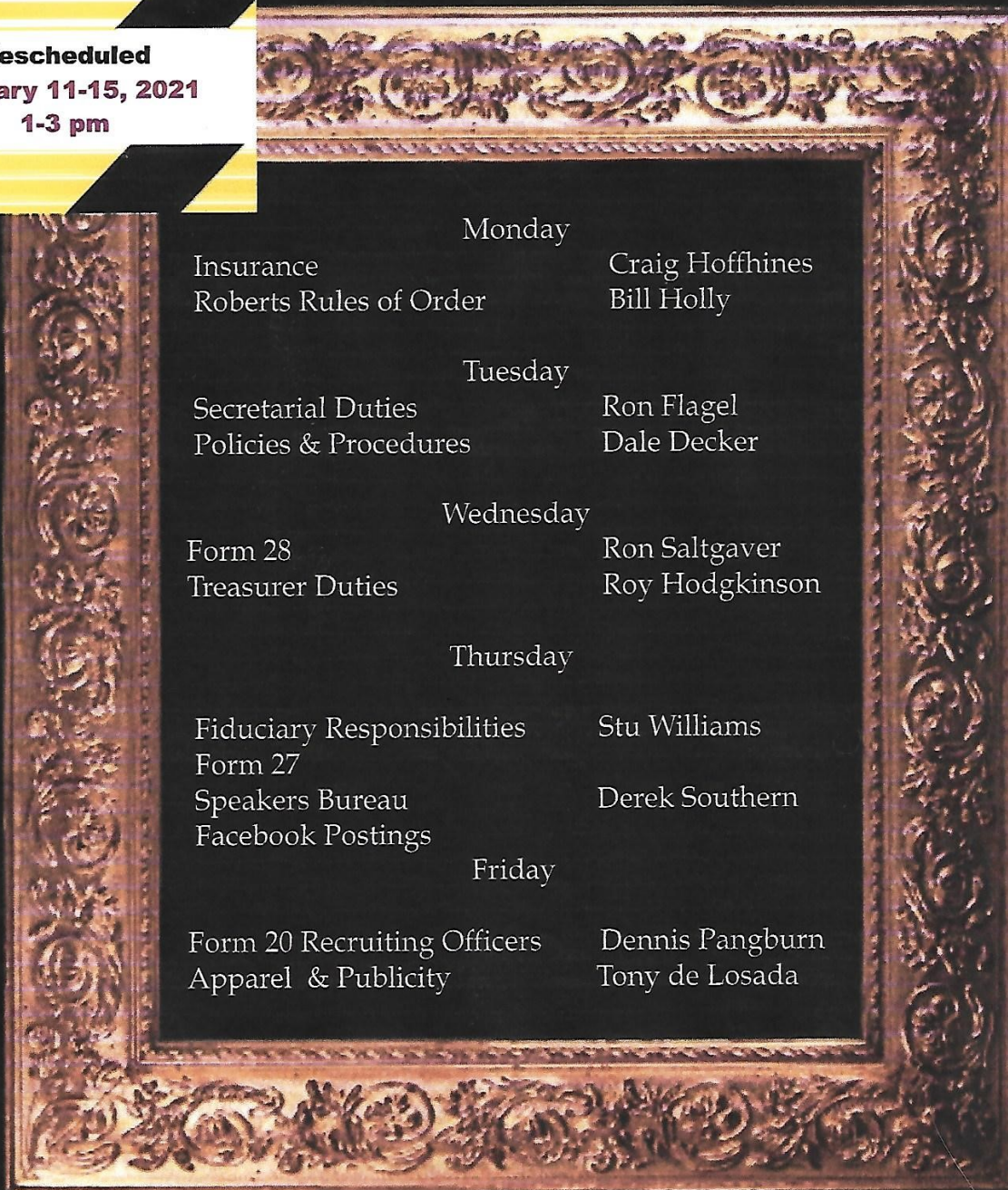
"Just you look at that dirt on the back of your neck!"



# State SIR Leadership Summit

Please include this announcement in your December Branch newsletter.

**Rescheduled**  
**January 11-15, 2021**  
**1-3 pm**



Monday	
Insurance	Craig Hoffhines
Roberts Rules of Order	Bill Holly
Tuesday	
Secretarial Duties	Ron Flagel
Policies & Procedures	Dale Decker
Wednesday	
Form 28	Ron Saltgaver
Treasurer Duties	Roy Hodgkinson
Thursday	
Fiduciary Responsibilities	Stu Williams
Form 27	
Speakers Bureau	Derek Southern
Facebook Postings	
Friday	
Form 20 Recruiting Officers	Dennis Pangburn
Apparel & Publicity	Tony de Losada

Who	All 2021 BEC Officers	What	Leadership Seminar
When	January 11-15, 2021	Why	Broader Understanding
Where	Zoom 1300-1500 hours	How	30-minute presentations

Each in-depth presentation is 30 minutes with 1/2 hour Q/A thereafter. Increase your SIR knowledge & acquaintances firsthand. RD, AG, Little & Big SIRs requested to attend daily.

AG Lee Moy  
State SIR Trainer