



# 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 **JANUARY**

Date	Event	Contact
JANUARY TBD	Whitmer's Warriors Golf	Steve Chase
JANUARY TBD	Model Railroading	Robert Sexton
JANUARY 7-13-21-28	SIR Golf	Duke Marshall
JANUARY TBD	Dine Out Night	Howard Zinn
JANUARY TBD	SIRS Bowling	Duke Marshall
JANUARY TBD	SIR Bridge	Vic Froehmer
<b>CANCELLED</b>	SIRs Luncheon	Pete Openshaw (RSVP)
JANUARY TBD	History Roundtable	Gary Lemaster
JANUARY TBD	9 Hole Golf	Charlie Barrett
JANUARY TBD	Pinochle	Duke Marshall
JANUARY TBD	Cornhole	TBD
JANUARY TBD	Horseshoes	Rich Lewis
JANUARY TBD	Poker	Vic Froehmer
JANUARY TBD	Book Exchange	Paul Gabrielson

### 2021 Speakers

Thursday, Jan 14, 2021 **CANCELLED**

### Sons In Retirement, Inc Branch 159 Financial

Month: December 2020	
Beginning Balance (Checking + Cash)	\$11,293.53
Expenses	\$ -
	<b>\$11,293.53</b>
Revenues	\$ 825.00
Month Ending Balance (Checking + Cash)	<b>\$12,118.53</b>
	\$ -
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$12,118.53</b>

Checking 11,668.53 + Cash Drawer 450.00=\$12,118.53

Net Gain / Loss **\$825.00**

Submitted by Brian Nicholson - Treasurer

## BIR SIR BRUCE CORWIN'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

Hello Roosters and Happy New Year

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

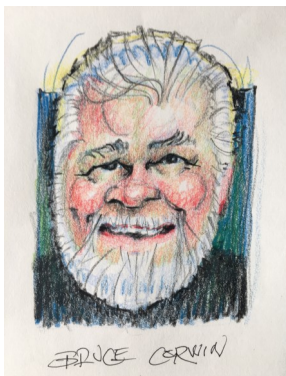
**Our lunch for January 10 is CANCELLED** due to continued COVID-19 concerns. Your Board will meet in January to decide the future for our lunches and activities so stay tuned and stay well. Hopefully, we can meet again for lunch in this new year, but that is uncertain. Your BEC voted to keep the assessment 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 Happy New Year. It can't get worse than 2020.

In 2021 we will look forward to getting vaccines to protect us so we can all have lunch again. I know Pardini's will be happy for our return. 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. Also, if you have ideas for speakers in the coming year, please get with Stuart Poytress your new Little SIR.

I am now the Webmaster for our branch and have updated many aspects of our website. Please take a look, especially at our new officers and committee folk. I will be updating the photo directory with our new members as soon as I get their pictures. If you want to update your picture with anything new please let me know. You can get my contact data off the website under contacts.



# 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

### 2021 BRANCH OFFICERS

BIG SIR: Bruce Corwin 559-375-1689  
LITTLE SIR: Stuart Poytress 559-298-4323  
ASST. SECRETARY: Vic Froehmer  
559-270-4354  
SECRETARY: Robert Scott 559-696-2158  
TREASURER: Brian Nicholson 559-285-8928  
ASST. TREASURER: Brett Bayley 619-507-0357

### 2021 BRANCH DIRECTORS

John Crawford [2022] 559-779-2484  
Thomas Simpson (2022) 559-432-2787  
Richard Glover (2023) 559-286-6250  
Javier Rodriques (2023) 559-706-1989  
Steve Chase (2021) 559-252-2600  
Pete Openshaw (2021) 559-674-7211

### 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

## 2021 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: Bruce Corwin 559-375-1689

A woman awakes in the middle of the night to find her husband not in bed. She puts on her robe and goes downstairs to look for him. She finds him sitting at the kitchen table with a cup of coffee in front of him. He appears to be in deep thought, just staring at the wall. She watches as he wipes away a tear from his eye. "What's the matter, dear?" she whispers as she steps into the room.... "Why are you down here at this time of night!?" The husband looks up from his drink, "It's the 20th Anniversary of the day we met." She can't believe he has remembered and starts to tear up. The husband continues, "Do you remember 20 years ago when we started dating? I was 18 and you were only 15," he said solemnly. Once again, the wife is touched to tears thinking that her husband is so caring and sensitive. "Yes, I do" she replies. The husband pauses..... The words were not coming easily. "Do you remember when your father caught us in the back seat of my car?" "Yes, I remember" said the wife, lowering herself into a chair beside him. The husband continued. "Do you remember when he shoved the shotgun in my face and said, Either you marry my daughter or I will make sure you spend the next 20 years in prison?" "I remember that, too" she replied softly... He sighed as he wiped another tear away from his cheek and said, "I would have gotten out

## **SIR Minutes of Branch 159 Executive Committee**

**Zoom Meeting December 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, Treasurer Brian Nicholson, Assistant Treasurer Brett Bayley, and Secretary Robert Scott. Directors present were Gary Morgan (2020), Steve Chase (2021), Pete Openshaw (2021), John Crawford (2022), and Tom Simpson (2022). Excused from the meeting were Assistant Secretary Vic Froehmer and Director Ron Wilson (2020) Robert Scott proclaimed a quorum was present (10 of 12). Incoming Little Sir for 2021, Stuart Poytress also joined the meeting.

Next, a review of the November 12th 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 December luncheon would not be held. However, some members are reporting that they did not receive a call. It was noted that these calls are important because callers are able to determine the wellbeing of the members on their lists and notify branch leadership if a member needs assistance. As a result of these calls, we learned that three members had contacted Covid 19.

Next, Brian Nicholson reviewed the Monthly Cash Report (Form 28). The only financial activity during November was the deposit of \$2,650 for 2021 membership assessments. The cash balance at the end of November was \$11,293.53. 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 November Membership Report. The report indicated we have 206 members. In addition, we have five new members to be inducted at today’s BEC meeting and ten new members to be sworn in at our next luncheon meeting. Membership Form 27 was also discussed. The report also indicated we have 206 members. Robert Scott 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 the duties of handicap chairman, and Brian Nicholson will be the weekly tournament chairman. Bruce Corwin said he will begin completing the duties required of the Webmaster and Publicity Chairman until replacements are found. Gary will continue to assist members in procuring rooster items. The BEC again thanked Gary for all of his work and dedication.

Next under old business was a discussion about the 2021 membership assessment. Brian Nicholson reported that 121 members have submitted their 2021 membership assessment. An email message will soon be sent to members who have not responded to the original assessment request.

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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 was a notification that Lee Moy is stepping down as Area Governor of Area 19. Therefore, branches in our area will need to find a replacement. Dell Kerns and Rich Lewis will conduct this search for our branch.

The next agenda item involved leadership training for BEC members. The zoom conference will be conducted January 11 through 15, 2021 and is available to any member wanting to know more about SIR operations.

The final new business item involved Bruce Corwin notifying the BEC members that our website will soon be revised to indicate the BEC members for 2021, and the annual induction of new BEC members will be conducted using the zoom meeting format.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 am.

Secretaries Robert Scott and Vic Froehmer

**JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

<b><u>Nickname</u></b>	<b><u>First</u></b>	<b><u>Last</u></b>
	<b>Roy</b>	<b>Benavidez</b>
	<b>John</b>	<b>Crawford</b>
	<b>Gerry</b>	<b>Fields</b>
<b>Bill</b>	<b>William</b>	<b>Hedman</b>
	<b>Mike</b>	<b>Horsley</b>
	<b>Gary</b>	<b>Kilgore</b>
<b>Duke</b>	<b>Joseph</b>	<b>Marshall</b>
	<b>John</b>	<b>Rackin</b>
<b>Alex</b>	<b>Armando Ramirez</b>	
	<b>Jason</b>	<b>Rivera</b>
	<b>Bill</b>	<b>Royer</b>
	<b>Michael</b>	<b>Rumley</b>
	<b>Jeff</b>	<b>Shahbazian</b>
<b>Ron</b>	<b>Ronald</b>	<b>Travis</b>

**JANUARY ANNIVERSIERS**

<b><u>Wife</u></b>	<b><u>Nickname</u></b>	<b><u>First</u></b>	<b><u>Last</u></b>
<b>Sue</b>		<b>Alan</b>	<b>Barton</b>
	<b>Bob</b>	<b>Robert</b>	<b>Hudson</b>
<b>Nannette</b>		<b>Mark</b>	<b>Potter</b>
<b>Judy</b>	<b>Rick</b>	<b>Richard</b>	<b>Ransom</b>

## NEWS in the Golfing Community

As the Covid pandemic saga continues Friends of SIRs golf continue to play so as to fill up as much as possible of our pre-arranged calendar for 2021. Someday soon we will resume our normal events. If you haven't seen it the 2021 calendar is published on our web site.

The 2021 Ron Rich Match Play tournament field is full. I am also still looking for monthly chair and assistants for 2021.

Our new monthly chairman for January is Mike Williamson at 251-3103 or mdw93727@yahoo.com assisted by Bob Davis.

Hope to see all of you with my own eyes sometime this year.

Duke, BGP chairmen

## NEW MEMBERS

<u>BA</u>	<u>LAST</u>	<u>FIRST</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>MI</u>	<u>NICK</u>
137	Avedisian	Larry	AVEDISIAN, LARRY	D.	
154	Antenucci	Edward	ANTENUCCI, EDWARD	R.	Rocco
156	Zingarelli	Kris	ZINGARELLI, KRIS	A.	Zing
160	Benavidez	Roy	BENAVIDEZ, ROY	A.	
162	Wallace	William	WALLACE, WILLIAM	H	Bid

## January'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 today's 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 are 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.

## 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.

Whitmer's Warriors is going strong during the pandemic. Let's face it, there not much else to do. We have had great turnouts and will continue to offer a chance to get some exercise, fresh air and friendship every Monday. As always, everyone is welcome.

Down the middle,  
Whitmer's Warriors Team  
STEVE CHASE

Knowledge is knowing that a **tomato** is a fruit; **wisdom** is not putting it in a fruit salad.

## JANUARY GOLF SCHEDULE

7-Jan	Thurs.	Dragonfly GC 432-3020	09:00 AM SG	Individual	\$40
13-Jan	Wed	Madera G&CC 7674-2682	09:30 AM SG	4Man2BB	\$40
1-Jan	Thurs.	Madera Muni GC 675-3504	09:00 AM SG	Scramble	\$34
28-Jan	Thurs.	Riverside GC 275-5900	09:00 AM SG	2ManBB	\$37



## JOKES AND QUOTES FROM PERRY AND TERRY

### Subject: Old People!

This old lady handed her bank card to the teller and said "I would like to withdraw \$10". The teller told her "for withdrawals less than \$100, please use the ATM.

The old lady wanted to know why... The teller returned her bank card and irritably told her "these are the rules, please leave if there is no further matter. There is a line of customers behind you".

The old lady remained silent for a few seconds and handed her card back to the teller and said "please help me withdraw all the money I have." The teller was astonished when she checked the account balance. She nodded her head, leaned down and respectfully told her "you have \$1,300,000 in your account but the bank doesn't have that much cash currently. Could you make an appointment and come back again tomorrow?"

The old lady then asked how much she could withdraw immediately. The teller told her any amount up to \$3000. "Well please let me have \$3000 now." The teller kindly handed \$3000 very friendly and with a smile to her.

The old lady put \$10 in her purse and asked the teller to deposit \$2,990 back into her account.

The moral of this story is....

Don't be difficult with old people, they spent a lifetime learning the skill.

ATTORNEY: What was the first thing your husband said to you that morning?

WITNESS: He said, 'Where am I, Cathy?'

ATTORNEY: And why did that upset you?

WITNESS: My name is Susan!

ATTORNEY: Are you sexually active?

WITNESS: No, I just lie there.

ATTORNEY: What is your date of birth?

WITNESS: July 18th.

ATTORNEY: What year?

WITNESS: Every year.

ATTORNEY: How old is your son, the one living with you?

WITNESS: Thirty-eight or thirty-five, I can't remember which.

ATTORNEY: How long has he lived with you?

WITNESS: Forty-five years.

ATTORNEY: Now doctor, isn't it true that when a person dies in his sleep, he doesn't know about it until the next morning?

WITNESS: Did you actually pass the bar exam?

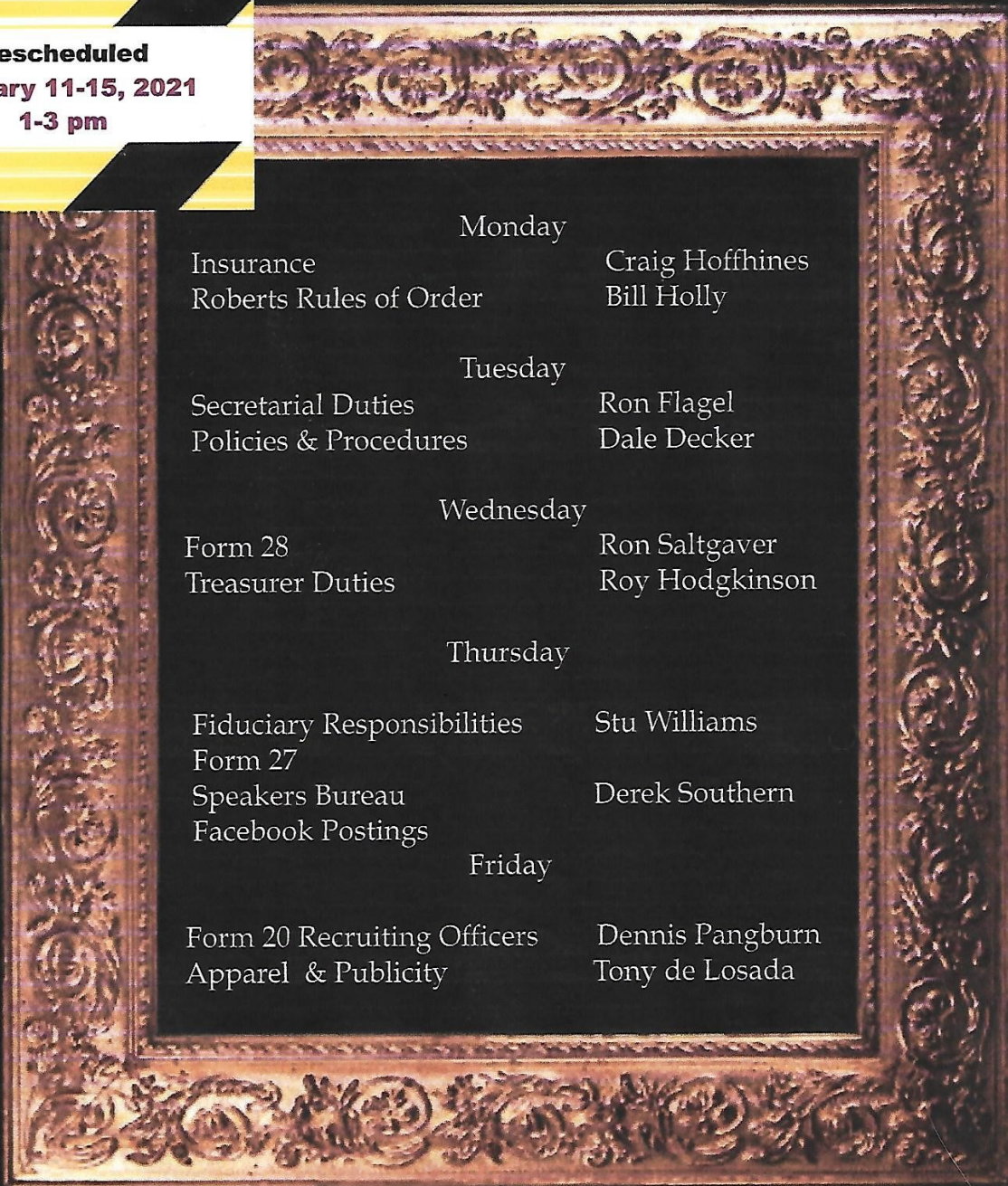
ATTORNEY: The youngest son, the 20-year-old, how old is he?

WITNESS: He's 20, much like your IQ.

# 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