



# 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 **FEBRUARY**

Date	Event	Contact
FEBRUARY TBD	Whitmer's Warriors Golf	Steve Chase
FEBRUARY TBD	Model Railroading	Robert Sexton
FEBRUARY 4-10-18-25	SIR Golf	Duke Marshall
FEBRUARY TBD	Dine Out Night	Howard Zinn
FEBRUARY TBD	SIRS Bowling	Duke Marshall
FEBRUARY TBD	SIR Bridge	Vic Froehmer
<b>CANCELLED</b>	SIRs Luncheon	Pete Openshaw (RSVP)
FEBRUARY TBD	History Roundtable	Gary Lemaster
FEBRUARY TBD	9 Hole Golf	Charlie Barrett
FEBRUARY TBD	Pinochle	Duke Marshall
FEBRUARY TBD	Cornhole	TBD
FEBRUARY TBD	Horseshoes	Rich Lewis
FEBRUARY TBD	Poker	Vic Froehmer
FEBRUARY TBD	Book Exchange	Paul Gabrielson

### 2021 Speakers

Thursday, Feb 11, 2021 **CANCELLED**

### Sons In Retirement, Inc Branch 159 Financial

	Month:	January 2021
<b>Beginning Balance (Checking + Cash)</b>		\$12,118.53
<b>Expenses</b>	\$	-
		<b>\$12,118.53</b>
<b>Revenues</b>	\$	850.00
<b>Month Ending Balance (Checking + Cash)</b>		<b>\$12,968.53</b>
	\$	-
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$12,968.53</b>

Checking 12,518.53 + Cash Drawer 450.00=\$12,968.53

**Net Gain / Loss** **\$850.00**

Submitted by Brian Nicholson - Treasurer

## BIR SIR BRUCE CORWIN'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

Hello Roosters and Happy February

I am hopeful for healing in America on many fronts. First to get rid of COVID so we can meet again. Next for the hate in America to subside. We can all have our political beliefs, but we need to remember that we have friends on both sides and we don't need to hate each other based on those beliefs.

If you know or hear of anyone else who is ill or needs our attention, please let me know. We lost two more SIR's in January – **Jack Neugehauer and Alan Bynum**. Our sympathy is with their families.

**Our lunch for February 11 is CANCELLED due to continued COVID-19 concerns.** Your Board will meet in February to decide the future for our lunches and activities so stay tuned and stay well. Hopefully, we can meet again for lunch this year, but that is uncertain. Your BEC voted to keep the assessment for 2021 at \$25 and Brian Nicholson is collecting now. All assessments must be paid by February 1, 2021 **THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT THE BEC ALSO VOTED TO PROVIDE ALL OUR MEMBERS WITH A FREE LUNCH WHEN WE MEET AGAIN.**

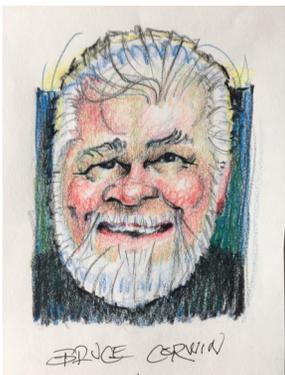
Last year we had a contest for bringing in the most new members. Please help me congratulate **John Briceno** as our 2020 winner. We will continue the contest in 2021 and perhaps you can also win the award this year. John will receive a SIR polo shirt as his prize.

Wishing all our SIR 159 members a Happy Valentine's Day.

In 2021 we will look forward to getting vaccines to protect us so we can all have lunch again. Fresno County has a website where you can sign up to get your vaccination. 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.

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

## 2021 BRANCH SUPPORT PERSONEL

ATTENDANCE CHAIRMAN: Robert Ying 559-289-4548  
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

### 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

# MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Fresno Branch #159, Jan 14, 2021



**ALL DATA AS END OF DEC.**

New Members Inducted: 5  
Terminated: 0  
Members: 211

Branch 159  
Meeting # 309th

**YEnding New Member (24) YEnding Net Membership Change (-4) YBegin Ref# (215) Ref.YEnd (211) on 12/31/20**

### Members to be Terminated

#22 – Jack Neugebaur - 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
#123 -Jason Rivera		#55- Charles Amasalian
#162-William Wallace	Sponsor:	#23-John Crawford
#160-Roy Benavidez		#69-Javier Rodriguez
#156-Kris Zingarelli		#159-Stuart Poytress
#154-Edward Antenucci		#159-Stuart Poytress
#137-Larry Avedisian		#169-Harry Kutumian

### Note

**Respectfully Submitted by  
John Crawford**

Membership Chairman

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

### **Zoom Meeting January 14, 2021**

The meeting opened at 9:00 am utilizing the Zoom meeting format. BEC members present were Big Sir Bruce Corwin, Little Sir Stuart Poytress, Treasurer Brian Nicholson, Assistant Treasurer Brett Bayley, and Secretary Robert Scott. Directors present were Steve Chase (2021), Pete Openshaw (2021), John Crawford (2022), Richard Glover (2023), and Javier Rodriguez (2023). Excused from the meeting were Assistant Secretary Vic Froehmer and Director Thomas Simpson (2022). Past Big Sir Del Kerns also joined the meeting. Robert Scott proclaimed a quorum was present (10 of 12).

Next, a review of the December 10th meeting minutes was conducted. John Crawford moved that the minutes be approved as presented, and Brett Bayley 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 January luncheon would not be held. More BEC members reported receiving a call. The callers reported that only significant news regarding the branch members was the death of Jack Neugebauer.

Next, Brian Nicholson reviewed the Monthly Cash Report (Form 28). The only financial activity during December was the deposit of \$825 for 2021 membership assessments. The cash balance at the end of December was \$12,118.53. 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 December Membership Report. The report indicated we have 211 members. In addition, we have no new members to be inducted at today’s BEC meeting and fifteen new members to be sworn in at our next luncheon meeting. Membership Form 27 was also discussed. The report also indicated we have 211 members. Brett Bayley moved both the Membership Report and the Form 27 report be accepted, and Brian Nicholson seconded the motion. The reports were unanimously approved.

Old Business was next on the agenda, and the first item for discussion involved the 2021 membership assessment. Brian Nicholson reported that 67 members have not submitted their 2021 membership payment. It was decided that BEC members would contact each of the 67 members to remind them that the membership payment is due by February first, and it should be sent to Brian Nicholson. The members are to be reminded that our first luncheon meeting would be free.

The first new business item was a review of the branch activities and the chairman of each activity for 2021. Steve Chase moved that the activities and chairmen be approved as presented, and John Crawford seconded the motion. The report was approved unanimously.

The second new business item was an announcement that Brian Nicholson would be submitting our annual audit to the state organization by February 10, 2021.

The next agenda item involved our branch roster which will be completed by John Crawford. The roster will be prepared and presented to the state organization during February after the member assessment process is completed. **(Continue on Page 6)**

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Our branch Membership Directory was the next item of conversation. After much discussion, it was decided that the 2021 directory would only be available on-line. This will save printing and mailing expenses. It was noted that there are still copies of the 2020 Membership Directory available on request. Steve Chase moved that we approve the suggestion, and Javier Rodrigues seconded the motion. The idea of having the 2021 roster available only on-line was approved unanimously.

The ensuing topic was the announcement that Dale Decker will be both our Area Governor and Regional Director until a new Area Governor is found.

Bruce Corwin then reminded BEC members that today was the final session of the leadership training that has been occurring this week. It was stated that all of the training will be posted on the state website at a later date.

The final new business item involved Del Kerns installing the 2021 officers for Branch 159.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 am.

Secretaries Robert Scott and Vic Froehmer

## **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 February **Pinhole 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 vaccine becomes more readily available. I have heard of several of our branch who have had the first round shot. When we resume, 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.

## **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. As I write this newsletter the SIR State Golf Committee is meeting to figure how to officially restart the state wide golf program. Evidently the State board has given the golf committee the go ahead. 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 at 32 participants. I am also still looking monthly chair and assistants for September and December in 2021.

Our new monthly chairman for February **John Briceno, at jabriceno72@gmail.com or 395-4330, assisted by Rick Pezzi.**

Also from my desk, Bowling and Pinchole are still in limbo as indoor facilities remain unavailable. Hope to see all of you with my own eyes sometime this year.

Duke, BGP chairmen

## **February'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 almost 11 months ago. We of course have no idea as to when they will reopen. Even with yesterday's announcements indoor activities were not included. Thus we sit and wait. I am watching closely as events happen. Rumors of openings have come and gone. I guess we have to move into the next tier, out of red before the lanes can reopen. Now that the vaccine is being given I am hoping for soon. I've heard from several of our members who have taken the first shot. 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.

During this period of pandemic Whitmer's Warriors has been a safe outlet all our golf urges. If you find yourself overwhelmed by golf urges, just come out and join us on any given Monday

Down the middle,  
Whitmer's Warriors Team  
STEVE CHASE

## FEBRUARY GOLF SCHEDULE

4-Feb	Thurs.	Ridge Creek GC 591-2254	09:30 AM SG	Individual	\$40
10-Feb	Wed	Airways GC 291-6254	09:30 AM SG	2ManBB	\$33.50
18-Feb	Thurs.	Pheasant Run GC 665-3411	09:00 AM SG	Scramble	
25-Feb	Thurs.	Eagle Springs GC 325-8900	09:00 AM SG	4Man2BB	\$60