



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 MARCH

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

2021 Speakers

Thursday, Mar 11, 2021 **CANCELLED**

Sons In Retirement, Inc Branch 159 Financial

Month: February 2021	
Beginning Balance (Checking + Cash)	\$12,968.53
Expenses	\$ 81.61
	\$12,886.92
Revenues	\$ 425.00
Month Ending Balance (Checking + Cash)	\$13,311.92
	\$ -
TOTAL	\$13,311.92
Checking 12,861.92 + Cash Drawer 450.00=\$13,311.92	
Net Gain / Loss	\$343.39

Submitted by Brian Nicholson - Treasurer

BIR SIR BRUCE CORWIN'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

Hello Roosters and Happy March

It has now been officially one year since we had our last lunch. Wow I miss seeing everyone. We are hopeful as more people are vaccinated and the State releases us from prison, we can have lunch. My prediction is that we may be able to meet after July, but we will see. Padini's cannot wait to see us again either.

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

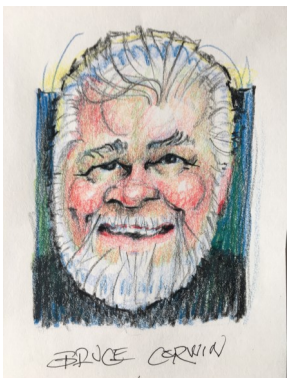
Our lunch for March 11 is **CANCELLED** due to continued COVID-19 concerns. Your Board will meet in March to decide the future for our lunches and activities so stay tuned and stay well. Hopefully, we can meet again for lunch this year, but that is uncertain.

In 2021 we will look forward to us all 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. If you need any help getting signed up, let me know. The State SIR has created a survey that has been sent to you all to assess how many of our members have at least had their first shot. We will probably see a second survey regarding the second shot.

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.

We are trying to put a listing together of folks in our club who are **CPR** certified. If you are certified please let Bruce Corwin know. As a separate component, if you are trained, but not certified please let us know as well.



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: Gary Morgan 559-277-1249

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

1. Eighteen holes of match play will teach you more about your foe than 18 years of dealing with him across a desk.
-- Grantland Rice
2. Golf appeals to the idiot in us and the child. Just how childlike golf players become. This is proven by their frequent inability to count past five.
-- John Updike
3. It is almost impossible to remember how tragic a place the world is when one is playing golf.
-- Robert Lynd
4. If profanity had any influence on the flight of the ball, the game of golf would be played far better than it is.

Hi fellow SIRS my name is **Pete Openshaw** and im the caller coordinator for the SIRS callers who check on the health and welfare of the SIRS members and hope fully check on luncheon attendance some day. This month I have lost 2 of my callers 1 resigned from SIRS and the other 1 has health issues that prohibit him from carrying on so im hoping that I can get a couple of volunteers to step up to the plate and help out it only takes about an hour once a month so its not a big deal. anyone interested in helping can contact me at 559 674 7211 or my e-mail is pbacup@aol.com Pete

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Fresno Branch #159, Feb 11, 2021



ALL DATA AS END OF JAN.
New Members Inducted: 0
Terminated: 1
Members: 210

Branch 159
Meeting # 310th

New Member (0) Net Membership Change (-1) Year Begin Ref# (211) on 11/1/2021

Members to be Terminated

#85-Alan Bynum – Deceased	#194- Henry Aranjó Sr – Not Paid –no contact
#115-Jerry Najarian – By request	#217- Alan Baxter – Resigned
#19- Kevin Coughlin – Not Pd –no contact	#266-James Vaughn-Resigned
#109-Carl Freeman – Resign	#310-George Gong- Resign
#100-Steven Herz- Moved to Idaho	#82-Joseph Smith-Resigned Health Reason
#45-Michael Lambert-Moved to Texas	#115-Jerry Najarian – Resigning
#207-Manuel Nunez- No Paid	#155-Mark Potter-Resign, Medical
#15-Dennis Rich- Moved to Florida	

New Members to be Inducted pending BEC Approval

#152-Joe Kosinski Sponsor #23-John Crawford

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

SIR Minutes of Branch 159 Executive Committee

Zoom Meeting February 11, 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 Pete Openshaw (2021), John Crawford (2022), Thomas Simpson (2022), Richard Glover (2023), and Javier Rodriguez (2023). Excused from the meeting were Assistant Secretary Vic Froehmer and Director Steve Chase (2021). Robert Scott proclaimed a quorum was present (10 of 12).

Next, a review of the January 14th meeting minutes was conducted. John Crawford moved that the minutes be approved as presented, and Tom Simpson 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 **February luncheon would not be held**. Pete Openshaw the chairman of the “callers” reported that he had not received any unfavorable information about members this month.

Next, Brian Nicholson reviewed the Monthly Cash Report (Form 28). The only financial activity during January was the deposit of \$850 for 2021 membership assessments. The cash balance at the end of January was \$12,968.53. Brett Bayley moved the report be approved, and John Crawford seconded the motion. The report was approved unanimously.

In regard to membership information, John Crawford reviewed the January 2021 Membership Report. The report indicated we have 210 members. The report also specified 12 members have requested leaving our group, and two members have passed away. On the positive side, we have one new member to be inducted at today’s BEC meeting and fifteen new members to be sworn in at our next luncheon. Brett Bayley moved that the Membership Report be accepted, and Pete Openshaw seconded the motion. The report was unanimously approved.

Old Business was next on the agenda, and the first item for discussion involved the 2021 membership assessment. It was reported that all members who had not paid their 2021 assessment as of January 14, 2021 had been contacted to determine their intentions to maintain their membership. For various reasons, Branch 159 will have 14 fewer members as of February 1, 2021.

The first new business item concerned our Branch Roster. Each year the roster needs to be submitted to our state organization after the 2021 assessments have been collected. John Crawford will complete this requirement. In addition, Rich Colby will be finalizing our 2021 roster. For the first time, the roster will only be published online.

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The second new business entry was an announcement that Gary Morgan would be taking over the duties of Branch Webmaster.

The next topic of discussion involved the birthday and anniversary gifts that are presented at our monthly meetings. After a short discussion, it was decided that no awards would be necessary for the meetings we have missed. We will simply resume the practice when we begin our luncheon meetings.

Before the meeting adjourned, Javier Rodriguez suggested that we should consider identifying branch members who are willing to be acknowledged as CPR certified. This information would be invaluable at all branch activities. It was decided that an email message would be sent to all members requesting information about their CPR skills and their willingness to be identified as CPR trained. The possibility of CPR training classes was also discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 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 **Pinchhole 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.

23. Golf is a game invented by the same people who think music comes out of a bagpipe.
—Lee Trevino

24. Reason they call it golf is cuz all the other four-letter words were taken.—Woody Woodbury

25. The No. 1 Golf rule you MUST follow: take the car keys and cell phone out of your golf bag before you throw it into the creek.—Anon

NEWS in the Golfing Community

As the Covid pandemic saga continues. Last month SIR State board voted to allow the resumption of golf through the state; so insurance is back in force. Sir State Golf Committee has met and set many parameters to micro manage the golfing community. We will continue to follow all st protocols for every course we play. Just yesterday I was playing with a fellow Sir and since we had to share a cart, new course requirement we both did our best to use our mask when in the cart. We all can adapt and display enough respect for our fellow members. If you haven't seen it the 2021 calendar is published on our web site.

This past month we started play with an individual flighted round at Ridge Creek. Flight 1 went to [Joe Hushek](#) with a net 72 while [Steve Crossalso](#) scored a net 72 to take flight 2. In flight 3 [Richard Glover](#) netted a 70 and in flight 4 [Jerry Brady](#) won with a net 73. Closest to the pin winners were [Dave Loewen](#) and [Russ Manfredo](#). The following week in a game of 2-Man best ball at Airways the team of [Garry Elliott](#) and [Davy Johnson](#) pulled away from the field with a net 55 for the win. Closest to the pin winners were [Tim Huber](#) and [Bruce Corwin](#). In our third week we held a 4-man scramble at Pheasant Run where we had a wild finish, where five of the teams all came in with gross 64 or lower and the team of [Tim Huber](#), [Garry Elliot](#) and [Bob Rathburn](#) edged the others with a net 48.2. The week's CTP winners were [Shane Petersen](#) and [Fred Martinez](#). In our last round of the month we went up into the foothills to Eagle Springs where we played a 4-man/Best ball tournament. The team of [Javier Rodriguez](#), [Bob Price](#), [Gary Lemaster](#) and [Mike Williamson](#) ran away from the field to finish with a 23 under par net 121. [Ken Chancey](#) and [John Shertenlieb](#) were the two CTP winners.

The 2021 Ron Rich Match Play tournament field is full at 32 participants. As we start the month of March so we begin our annual match play tournament, named for our fellow Sir. I am also still looking for a monthly chair for September and December in 2021.

Our new monthly chairman for March is [Rich Glover, 286-6250 or \[golffdog@comcast.net\]\(mailto:golffdog@comcast.net\)](#) assisted by [Robert Ying](#).

Also from my desk, Bowling and Pinhole 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](#)

5. They say golf is like life, but don't believe them.
Golf is more complicated than that.

-- Gardner Dickinson

6. If a lot of people gripped a knife and fork as poorly as they do a golf club, they'd starve to death.

-- Sam Snead

7. Golf is a day spent in a round of strenuous idleness.

-- William Wordsworth

8. If you drink, don't drive. Don't even putt.
-- Dean Martin

9. If you are going to throw a club, it is important to throw it ahead of you, down the fairway, so you don't have to waste energy going back to pick it up.-- Tommy Bolt

10. Man blames fate for all other accidents but feels personally responsible when he makes a hole-in-one. Bishop Sheen

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

March GOLF SCHEDULE

4-Mar	Thurs.	Belmont CC 251-5078	09:00 AM SG	Individual	\$30
10-Mar	Wed	Sherwood Forest GC 787-2611	09:00 AM SG	4Man2BB	\$30
18-Mar	Thurs.	Valley Oaks GC 651-1441	09:00 AM SG	Shamble/4m2	\$39
25-Mar	Thurs.	Riverside GC 275-5900	09:00 AM SG	2manBB	\$37

11. I don't say my golf game is bad, but if I grew tomatoes they'd come up sliced.

-- Arnold Palmer

12. My handicap? Woods and irons. -- Chris Codioli

13. The ardent golfer would play Mount Everest if somebody would put a flag stick on top.—Pete Dye.

14. I'm hitting the woods just great; but having a terrible time getting out of them! —Buddy Hackett

15. The only time my prayers are never answered is playing golf.—Billy Graham

16. If you think it's hard to meet new people, try picking up the wrong golf ball.—Jack Lemon