



The Chanticleer

New 159 website - www.branch159.sirinc2.org

Program : **30 year celebration**

Date April 8, 2021

Place Pardini's Restaurant
2257 W. Shaw Avenue

Social Hour 11:00 AM

Luncheon: 12 Noon

\$16 per person

Activities Calendar for **APRIL**

Date	Event	Contact
APRIL TBD	Whitmer's Warriors Golf	Steve Chase
APRIL TBD	Model Railroading	Robert Sexton
MARCH 1-7-15-22-29	SIR Golf	Duke Marshall
APRIL TBD	Dine Out Night	Howard Zinn
APRIL TBD	SIRS Bowling	Duke Marshall
APRIL TBD	SIR Bridge	Vic Froehmer
APRIL 8	SIRs Luncheon	Pete Openshaw (RSVP)
APRIL TBD	History Roundtable	Gary Lemaster
APRIL TBD	9 Hole Golf	Charlie Barrett
APRIL 9-23	Pinochle	Duke Marshall
APRIL TBD	Cornhole	TBD
APRIL TBD	Horseshoes	Rich Lewis
APRIL TBD	Poker	Vic Froehmer
APRIL TBD	Book Exchange	Paul Gabrielson

2021 Speakers

Thursday, APR 08, 2021 **30 YEAR CELEBRATION**

Sons In Retirement, Inc Branch 159 Financial

	Month:	March 2021
Beginning Balance (Checking + Cash)		\$13,311.92
Expenses	\$	54.28
		\$13,257.64
Revenues	\$	175.00
Month Ending Balance (Checking + Cash)		\$13,432.64
	\$	-
TOTAL		\$13,432.64
Checking 12,982.92 + Cash Drawer 450.00=\$13,432.64		
Net Gain / Loss		\$120.72

Submitted by Brian Nicholson - Treasurer

BIR SIR BRUCE CORWIN'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

Hello Roosters and Happy April

It is always hard to lose friends and it is with sorrow that we lost Bill Laudig to cancer on Tuesday March 16, 2021.

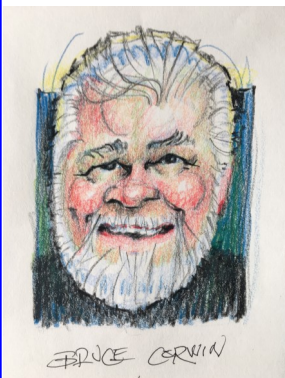
If you know or hear of anyone else who is ill or needs our attention, please let me know. You should also check out our Webpage at <https://branch159.sirinc2.org/>. There is lots of good information there and there are links to the State website as well.

Our lunch for April 8 is happening at Padini's. One year ago, we were supposed to have our 30-year celebration, but we had to cancel. So, this lunch program will be a celebration of 30 years of our Branch when we have now been around for 31 years. This lunch is also free to all members and guests as your Branch is covering the cost. So, plan to be there and bring someone with you. Be sure to tell your caller if you are bringing a guest. If you did not get a call, please contact Pete Openshaw to get your RSVP in for lunch. Lunch will be a sit down meal (no buffet) and there will be table with 6 each rather than our usual 9 per table. You will also need to wear a mask until seated at your table.

Many of our members have already had their first COVID vaccine and a lot of them have also had their second vaccine including yours truly. This should help us feel more comfortable being able to get together again.

Also, if you have any other 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 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.



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Old, but still fun...

One Sunday morning, a mother went in to wake her son and tell him it was time to get ready for church, to which he replied, "I'm not going."

"Why not?" she asked.

"I'll give you two good reasons," he said. "(1), they don't like me, and (2), I don't like them."

His mother replied, "I'll give you two good reasons why you SHOULD go to church: (1) You're 59 years old, and (2) you're the pastor!"

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, Apr. 8, 2021



ALL DATA AS END OF MAR.

New Members Inducted: 4
Terminated: 1
Members: 200

Branch 159
Meeting # 312th

New Member (5) Net Membership Change (-11) Year Begin Ref# (211) on 11/1/2021

Members to be Terminated

#80-Harley Kuskie—Health #65-Bill Laudig—Deceased

New Members to be Inducted pending BEC Approval

#92-David Samarco Sponsor - #38 – Bruce Corwin
#109 – David Johnson #73 – Robert Rathburn
#115 – Maximo Franco #72 – Carols Fernandez
#155 – Bob Milton #72 – Carlos Fernandez

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
#86-Steve Cross		#25- Stanley Scott
#123 -Jason Rivera		#55- Charles Amasalian
#162-William Wallace	Sponsor:	#23-John Crawford
#160-Roy Benavidez		#69-Javier Rodriquez
#154-Edward Antenucci		#159-Stuart Poytress
#137-Larry Avedisian		#169-Harry Kutumian
#152-Joe Kosinski Sponsor		#23-John Crawford
#15-Mark Anderson		#31-Shane Petersen
#19-James Branton		#61-Jeff Shabazian
#45-Bill DeMarinis		#152-Joe Kosinski
#85-Russell Anderson		Transferred from Branch 179

Note

Respectfully Submitted by
John Crawford

Membership Chairman

SIR Minutes of Branch 159 Executive Committee

Zoom Meeting March 11, 2021

The meeting opened at 11:30 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), Steve Chase (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). Robert Scott proclaimed a quorum was present (10 of 12).

Next, a review of the February 11th meeting minutes was conducted. Steve Chase 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 March luncheon would not be held. Pete Openshaw the chairman of the “callers” reported that he had received news that the wife of Ron Branam had died as the result of COVID. He also reported that two “callers” were no longer available to him, and he is seeking new members to replace them.

Next, Brian Nicholson reviewed the Monthly Cash Report (Form 28). The only financial activities during February was the deposit of \$425 for 2021 membership assessments and one disbursement for \$81.61. The cash balance at the end of February was \$13,311.92. John Crawford moved the report be approved, and Richard Glover seconded the motion. The report was approved unanimously.

In regard to membership information, John Crawford reviewed the February 2021 Membership Report. The report indicated we have inducted one new member and terminated 14 members. Therefore, at the end of February we had 197 active members. He then explained that he wanted to modify the form he had submitted by deleting or adding names. John also reviewed the Monthly Branch Membership Report (Form 27). Steve Chase moved that both membership reports be accepted as amended, and Robert Scott seconded the motion. The reports were unanimously approved.

Old Business was next on the agenda, and the first item for discussion is the SIR Branch 159 Directory for 2021. The directory has been issued on-line to BEC members for review. A question was asked about the “interests” portion of each member’s information. It was indicated that the interests for some members were not published. John Crawford will work with Richard Colby to review this issue.

The first new business item involved a SIR COVID Survey. The state SIR officials issued a survey to determine the status of SIR members in regard to COVID. The results of the survey are to be used to help determine who might need assistance in getting a vaccine. Bruce reported he had contacted two people who needed help and they have not responded yet.

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The second new business entry was a discussion about the state SIR's Outdoor Activity Resolution and Protocols. The guidelines were issued to help SIR branches restart golf and other outside activities. Branch 159 used these guidelines to develop local proposals. Big Sir Bruce Corwin issued, with BEC approval, SIR Branch 159 Resolution 21-1 to be used for local outdoor activities.

Before the meeting adjourned, Javier Rodriguez stated that several golfers were concerned about "slow play" during our weekly tournaments. Other BEC members agreed that slow play was an issue that could cause local golf courses to not accept our tournaments. It was decided that Brian Nicholson would work with Duke Marshall to convene a meeting of the golf committee if needed to develop suggestions for addressing this issue. There are published guidelines on our webpage under rules for golf which address this issue so additional guidance may not be needed.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:12 pm.

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 a year ago. As we start April I have talked with most of the Pinochle players and we have all had our second vaccine and the additional two weeks so it is time to kick start **Pinochle!!** **In door gatherings for those with both vaccines and past two weeks the second may meet in small groups without masks according to CDC.** So we are going to meet on the 9 and 23 of April. Please let me know so I will know what to set up and for how many. Prior to COvid 19 the pinochle group met 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. We will continue with that schedule. 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 Winter passed with the Vernal Equinox so must the year of covid. turns the corner our play dates should be the 8th & 22th. We are now inviting wives and SOs to join in. As you might be aware, we lost a pinochle player, a golfer and a bowler when we lost our friend Sir Bill Ludig. We currently have 9 Sirs members in our group. More are welcome. **Contact me, Duke Marshall @ 447-5388 if you would like to join us.**

A note from Hector Leyva:

Fred a few of the golfers had asked about Bill and I thought it would nice if we could put something in the monthly letter for April .

Just on a note to let our members know my friend [Bill Laudig](#) passed away on March 16 . Bill was my sponsor to the club and were I have met a lot of new friends along the way. Bill liked to Travel ,Fish, Play cards, Baseball, Football, and of course GOLF. He was an Air Force Veteran and he will be missed by all. Some day I'll see again my friend.

A note to golfers on Pace of Play.

There are many things you can do to speed up play, most importantly is **play ready golf**. Here are some others:

1. Play Ready golf at all times,
2. Be ready on the Tee with short hitters first,
3. Plan your shot before you get to the ball,
4. When sharing a cart use the buddy system,
5. Keep pre shot routines quick,
6. Play within 20 to 30 seconds from club selection to hitting the shot,
7. Watch where poor shots go, don't turn away as these will be the hardest to find,
8. Hit a provisional ball when in doubt,
9. Lost ball search is limited to 3 minutes,
10. Apply stroke and distance rule for lost ball,
11. Have a second ball in your pocket in case you cannot find your ball,
12. When leaving the cart take all of the clubs you may need,
13. Mark and line up your putts while others are putting obviously without disturbing them,
14. Park carts at the closest point to the next hole if possible,
15. Mark scorecard at the next tee box.



The Usher

An elderly woman walked into the local country church. The friendly usher greeted her at the door and helped her up the flight of steps.

"Where would you like to sit?" he asked politely. "The front row, please," she answered. "You really don't want to do that," the usher said. "The pastor is really boring."

"Do you happen to know who I am?" the woman inquired.

"No," he said. "I'm the pastor's mother," she replied indignantly.

"Do you know who I am?" he asked.

"No," she said.

"Good," he answered.

NEWS in the Golfing Community

This past month we started play with an individual flighted round at Belmont, where [Neil Stockton](#) took flight 1 with a net 71 and [Jim Branton](#) scored a net 72 to take flight 2. In flight 3 [Bob Mattson](#) netted a 76 and in flight 4 [Charlie Amasalian](#) won with a net 73. Flight 5 was taken by [Mark Anderson](#) with a net 72 and flight 6 went to [Ken Lindsay](#) with a net 73. Closest to the pin winners were [Garry Elliott](#), 3'3" and [Bob Davis](#), 5'4". The following week in a game of 4-Man2BB at Sherwood with the team of [Jeff Shahbazian](#), [Rich Glover](#), [Jason Glover](#) and a blind draw overwhelmed the field with a 17 under net 125 for the win. Closest to the pin winners were [Jason Glover](#), 13'1" and [Mike Davis @ 0'9"](#). In our third week we held a 4-man shamble at Valley Oaks where the team of [Fred Martinez](#), [John Shertenlieb](#), [Jerry Poochigian](#) and a blind draw blew away the others with a 31 under performance. The week's CTP winners were [Rich Neilsen](#) and [Ken Chancey](#) at 9'4" and 7'4" respectively. In our last round of the month we came home to Riverside and a game of 2Man BB. The team of [Russ Anderson](#) and [Bob Price](#) took a strong field with a 12 under performance, net 61. [Russ Anderson](#), 1'8" and [Ken Mohn](#), 5'9" were the two CTP winners.

The 2021 Ron Rich Match Play tournament field of 32 participants has been trimmed to 16 and we started the second round at Riverside to be concluded at Madera Muni. As you read this newsletter we will be preparing to start the elite eight. As we start the month of April, I am also still looking monthly chair for September and December in 2021. Sir State Golf has dates for the team and individual tournaments are now set as well as qualifying dates. You can follow the links from our golf home page to the Sir State Golf home page. Hope to see you at the luncheon.

Our new monthly chairman for April is **Gary Morgan, 277-1249 or morgangary@att.net assisted by Alex Ramirez.**

Duke Marshall

Chairman Sir 159 Golf

April's Bowling News

As we approach start April, Fresno County is hoping to move to the red tier. I believe then Sierra Lanes will be allowed to reopen. I am watching closely as events happen. I've heard from several of our members who have taken the first and second vaccine. 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

I’m not sure if anyone noticed, but the golf courses, and even the driving ranges, have seen incredible business during the pandemic. This is of course because they are about the only activity open. The malls are closed, the movies and so much more. This fact has made my job a bit more difficult as pro shops hate to lose even one customer.

By the nature of how Whitmer’s Warriors is set up, I can’t tell the pro shop how many of us will show up on any given Monday and the golf courses are reluctant to give me four time slots without a guarantee that sixteen people will show up.

As more people get vaccinated and life starts to get back to normal I think the demand on the golf courses will easy up a bit, and now that the rainy season is coming to a close we’ll get to play Riverside more often. It has been a challenging year but we have gotten through it.

Down the mucking fiddle,

Steve Chase

APRIL GOLF SCHEDULE

1-Apr	Thurs.	Madera Muni GC 675-3504	09:00 AM SG	Individual	\$34+1.02
7-Apr	Wed	Madera G&CC 674-2682	09:00 AM SG	4Man2BB	\$40
15-Apr	Thurs.	Ridge Creek GC 591-2254	09:00 AM SG	Shamble	\$40
22-Apr	Thurs.	Pheasant Run GC 665- 3411	09:00 AM SG	Cha Cha Cha	\$45
29-Apr	Thurs.	Lemoore GC 924-9658	09:00 AM SG	Novelty	\$34

Lord, keep Your arm around my shoulder and Your hand over my mouth!

May God Bless YOU and YOURS!