



# The Chanticleer

New 159 website - [www.branch159.sirinc2.org](http://www.branch159.sirinc2.org)

Program : **RICK RANSOM, CPA**

Date May 13, 2021

Place Pardini's Restaurant  
2257 W. Shaw Avenue

Social Hour 11:00 AM

Luncheon: 12 Noon

\$16 per person

## Activities Calendar for **MAY**

Date	Event	Contact
MAY TBD	Whitmer's Warriors Golf	Steve Chase
MAY TBD	Model Railroading	Robert Sexton
MAY 6-12-20-27	SIR Golf	Duke Marshall
MAY TBD	Dine Out Night	Howard Zinn
MAY TBD	SIRS Bowling	Duke Marshall
MAY TBD	SIR Bridge	Vic Froehmer
MAY 13	SIRs Luncheon	Pete Openshaw (RSVP)
MAY TBD	History Roundtable	Gary Lemaster
MAY TBD	9 Hole Golf	Charlie Barrett
MAY 14-28	Pinochle	Duke Marshall
MAY TBD	Cornhole	TBD
MAY TBD	Horseshoes	Rich Lewis
MAY TBD	Poker	Vic Froehmer
MAY TBD	Book Exchange	Paul Gabrielson

### 2021 Speakers

**Thursday, MAY 13, 2021**     **RICK RANSOM**

### Sons In Retirement, Inc Branch 159 Financial

	Month:	April 2021
Beginning Balance (Checking + Cash)		\$13,432.64
Expenses	\$	<u>2,830.85</u>
		<b>\$10,601.79</b>
Revenues	\$	<u>286.00</u>
Month Ending Balance (Checking + Cash)		<b>\$10,887.79</b>
	\$	<u>-</u>
TOTAL		<b>\$10,887.79</b>
Checking 10,437.79+ Cash Drawer 450.00=\$10,887.79		
Net Gain / Loss		<b>(\$2,544.85)</b>

Submitted by Brian Nicholson - Treasurer

Hello Roosters and Happy May

Jerry Brady is having surgery soon and could use your prayers and encouragement.

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 May 13 is happening at Padini's.** 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. **Last month we had 15 no shows that we paid for, so again it is important to let your caller, or someone know, if you cannot make it to lunch if you made reservation with your caller. Thanks for helping with this.**

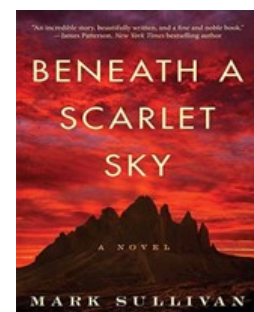
Most of our members have already had both COVID vaccines. This should help us feel more comfortable being able to get together again.

**Plan now to attend our July 8th luncheon to hear Micheal Lella talk about a book regarding his father's life during WWII. This will be a joint luncheon with Branches 175 and 179 so should be a big turnout.**

I think this sums up the book "Beneath a Scarlet Sky" Based on the true story of a forgotten hero, is the triumphant epic tale of one young man's incredible courage and resilience during one of history's darkest hours. Pino Lella (Mike Lella father) wants nothing to do with the war or the Nazis. But when his family home in Milan is destroyed by Allied bombs, Pino joins an underground railroad helping Jews escape over the Alps and falls for Anna a beautiful widow six years his senior. To protect him, Pino's parents force him to enlist as a German soldier — a move they think will keep him out of combat. But after Pino is injured, he is recruited at the tender age of eighteen to become the personal driver for Adolf Hitler's left hand in Italy General Hans Leyersm one of the Third Reich's most mysterious and powerful commanders. Now with the opportunity to spy for the Allies inside the German High Command, Pino endures the horrors of the war and the Nazi occupation by fighting in secret his courage bolstered by his love for Anna and for the life he dreams they will one day share.

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.



## Branch 159 Officers, Directors

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### HUMOR

1. ARBITRATOR  
A cook who leaves Arby's to work at McDonald's.
2. BERNADETTE  
The act of torching a mortgage.

## 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 14 and 28 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. We currently have 4 Sirs members in our group along with 3 guests. More are welcome. Surely there is a Navy or Air Force vet among the new members who learned to play while in service. **Contact me, Duke Marshall @ 447-5388 if you would like to join us.**

# 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**

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### 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

**05-2021 – SIR 159 Anniversaries**

<u>Wife</u>	<u>Nickname</u>	<u>First</u>	<u>Last</u>
Sally	Marty	Martin	Beza Jr
Melissa		James	Branton
Flo		Steven	Deak
Gail		Larry	Henricksen
Ginnie	Ron	Ronald	Herleman
Renee		Roger	McCoy
Diane		Gary	Morgan
Kathryn		Richard	Neilson
Shirley	Bob	Robert	Rathburn
		Dennis	Schlundt
Karen		Mike	Williamson
Lydia		Melvin	Wyatt

**SIR 159 Birthdays May 2021**

<u>Nickname</u>	<u>First</u>	<u>Last</u>
Russ	Russell	Anderson
	Brett	Bayley
Johnny	John	Briceno
	Joe	Cabral
Rich	Richard	Colby
	Steven	Deak
Bob	Robert	DeGeorge
Ron	Ronald	Goering
	Mario	Guidi
Ron	Ronald	Herleman
	Russ	Hewer
	Fred	Lusk
	Stuart	Poytress
	Mike	Robinson
	Bill	Scharbach
Shue	S. Louis	Shuemake
	Neil	Stockton
Ben	Bennett	Tyson
Bill	William	Valk
	Myron	Yoshimura

**MORE HUMOR****7. HEROES**

What a man in a boat does.

**8. PARASITES**

What you see from the Eiffel Tower.

**9. PARADOX**

Two physicians.

**10. PHARMACIST**

A helper on a farm.

**11 RELIEF**

What trees do in the spring.

**12. RUBBERNECK**

What you do to relax your wife.

**13. SELFISH**

What the owner of a seafood store does.

**14. SUDAFED**

Brought litigation against a government official.

I wanted to go on a diet,

But I have too much on my plate right

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

### **Zoom Meeting April 8, 2021**

The meeting opened at 9:45 am at Pardini's Restaurant. BEC members present were Big Sir Bruce Corwin, Little Sir Stuart Poytress, Treasurer Brian Nicholson, Secretary Robert Scott, and Assistant Secretary Vic Froehmer. 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 Treasurer Brett Bayley and Director Thomas Simpson (2022). Robert Scott proclaimed a quorum was present (10 of 12).

Next, a review of the March 11th meeting minutes was conducted. Steve Chase moved that the minutes be approved as presented, and Stuart Poytress seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

It was reported that "callers" had contacted members to determine the number of roosters who were planning to attend our April meeting. Pete Openshaw said he was expecting about 140 members to be at our first luncheon in over a year. He also reported that two volunteers had agreed to replace the two "callers" who were no longer available.

John Crawford then reported about the program for today's luncheon. Because today we are celebrating 30 years of existence, many of our past Big Sirs have agreed to present highlights of their terms in office. It was felt that both old and new members would benefit from this information.

The next item discussed involved the requests for "mike" time during the luncheon. Those requesting time to speak to the attendees were Duke Marshall, Gary Morgan, Stuart Poytress, and Howard Zinn.

Next, Brian Nicholson reviewed the Monthly Cash Report (Form 28). The only financial activities during March was the deposit of \$175.00 for 2021 membership assessments and one disbursement for \$54.28. The cash balance at the end of March was \$13,432.64. Steve Chase moved the report be approved, and Stuart Poytress seconded the motion. The report was approved unanimously.

In regard to membership information, John Crawford reviewed the March 2021 Membership Report. The report indicated we have inducted four new members and terminated one member. Therefore, at the end of March we had 200 active members. He then explained that an additional four new members would be inducted today when his report was approved by the Branch Executive Committee. John also reviewed the

Monthly Branch Membership Report (Form 27). Steve Chase moved that both membership reports be accepted, and Richard Glover seconded the motion. The reports were unanimously approved.

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Old Business was next on the agenda, and the first item for discussion was the golf pace of play. Although corrective practices have been presented in the Chanticleer, BEC members felt that we still need other actions. Some of the suggestions were to teach ready golf, use stroke penalties for slow players, and ask "A" players in each foursome to encourage their playing partners to meet ready golf expectations. The golf committee will continue to pursue other possible ideas. The main concerns of the BEC is the amount of time needed to complete a round of golf and that excessive amount of time possibly causing golf courses to not want us to use their facilities in the future.

The next old business topic involved CPR training for our members. We have found that we have several trained CPR providers, but they are not certified. It was suggested that we have a luncheon program to learn about CPR and promote training and certification for SIR members.

New Business was next of the agenda. It was reported that our luncheon cost would increase to \$17. It was also decided that the 50/50 tickets would be four tickets for \$3.00.

The next new business item involved scheduling speakers for our monthly luncheon. At this time, Rick Ramson a Branch 159 member will be our speaker in May. It was suggested that other branch members would be excellent speakers for our group.

Big Sir Bruce Corwin then presented three items that can help us increase our membership. First, Bruce showed a flyer that presents the SIR program and various advantages of being a SIR member. Second was a card that each member could carry and hand out to people encouraging them to attend one of our luncheon meetings. The third item was another card. This card, however, involved a member promising to personally buy a free lunch for someone if they would attend our luncheon meeting.

Our final new business item involved courtesy to our speakers. BEC members agreed that our personal table discussions can become rather distracting during our speaker presentations. It was indicated that our speakers have taken time to prepare a program and attend our meeting to present their program. It is felt that the speakers need to be shown respect and courtesy.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am. Secretaries Robert Scott and Vic Froehmer

## **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 whole if possible,
15. Mark scorecard at the next tee box.





## NEWS in the Golfing Community

As we finish April we also approach the finals of our Ron Rich Match Play Tournament. Congratulations to our four semi-finalists **Joe Hushek, Brian Nicholson, Dana Hamparzoomian and Rick Ransom**. This past month we started play with an individual flighted round at Madera Muni, where **Gary Morgan** took flight 1 in a tie break with a net 71 and **Roger McEvoy** scored a net 66 to take flight 2. In flight 3 Butch Evanshad the low net of the day with a 65 and in flight 4 **Rich Glover** with a net 71 won the 4 way tie break. Flight 5 was taken by **Rick Ransom** with a net 68 and flight 6 went to **James Noriega** also with a net 68. That right we had 64 golfers out that day but only 2 closest to the pin winners, **Javier Rodriguez, 9'3"** and **Joe Hushek, 11'3"**. The following week in a game of 4-Man2BB was scheduled at Madera CC but we had to move to at Sherwood where the team of **Richard Salles, Jason Rivera, Charlie Amasalian, and Jerry Poochigian** won in a tie break with a net 18 under par net 124 for the win. Closest to the pin winners were **Richard Salles, 10'4"** and **Don Holt @ 4'11"**. In our third week we held a 4-man scramble at Ridge Creek in Dinuba with 64 players and the team of **Mario Guidi, Roy Benavidies, Roy Grijala, and Steve Chase** had a net 51.5. The week's CTP winners were **Ken Mohn and Ken Chancey** at 5'0" and 5'1" respectively. Next we traveled to Pheasant Run where we introduced a new 4Man game called Cha, Cha, Cha. The team of **Dave W. Johnson, Russ Anderson, Russ Conrad and Ken Lindsay** turned in a combined team score of 125, 20 under par. **Bill Royer, 4'10"** and **Russ Conrad, 8'2"** were the two CTP winners. Our final round of the month was the novelty "Four Sticks" or "3Sticks and a Putter" at Lemoore. We played in three flights with Flight 1 going to **Russ Conrad** won in a tie break with a net 72, while in flight 2 also was determined by tie break with **Charlie Amasalian** having a net 71. In flight 3 **Alex Ramirez** finished with the low net of the day with a 70. Closest to the pins went to **Russ Anderson, 20' 4"** and **Russ Manfredo, 10' 4"**.

In the month ahead we will have the branch Team Championship along with the SIR State Team qualifier, at Dragonfly. I am also still looking monthly chair for September and December in 2021. Sir State Golf has dates for the team and individual tournaments now set as well as quafying 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 schedule and monthly chairman for May is **Terry Byrne, 341-8776 or tjbyre952@gmail.com** assisted by Rich Neilsen.

## May's Bowling News

As we approach start May, Fresno County has moved into the orange tier allowing the lanes to re-open. Presently their hours are from 4 PM thru 1 AM. I talked with the GM and when her league manager gets things rolling she expects to have an earlier opening on either Tues or Wed or both. When this is set we can figure what best suits our needs. 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 and to our new members **COME ON DOWN and HAVE SOME FUN!** I have heard there are a few bowlers in our ne members. Statistics our kept and posted to the SIR 159 website on the bowling page. We invite any and all SIR member s 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,

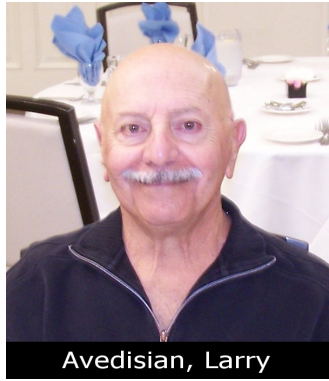
Steve Chase

## MAY GOLF SCHEDULE

6-May	Thurs.	Belmont CC GC 251-5078	08:00 AM SG	Individual	\$45
12-May	Wed	Airways GC 291-6254	08:00 AM SG	2ManBB	\$33.50
20-May	Thurs.	Dragonfly GC 432-3020	08:00 AM SG	Shamble	\$44
27-May	Thurs.	Eagle Springs GC 325-8900	08:00 AM SG	Lone Ranger	\$60



Anderson, Russ



Avedisian, Larry



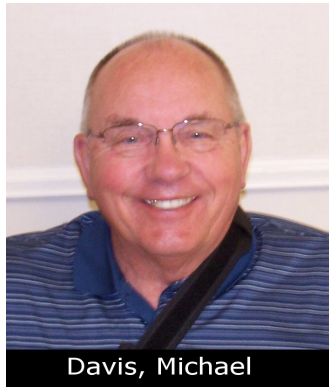
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Brewer, Mel



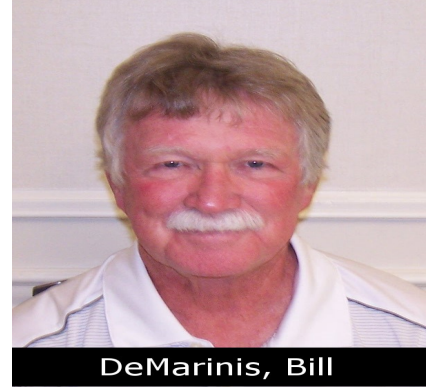
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Davis, Michael



DeGeorge, Bob



DeMarinis, Bill



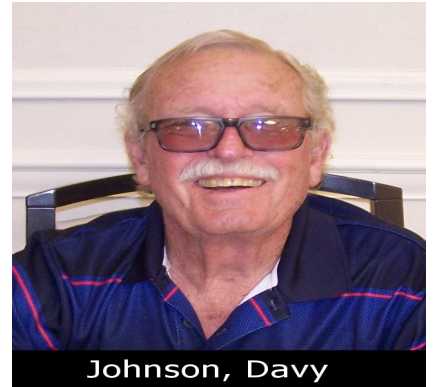
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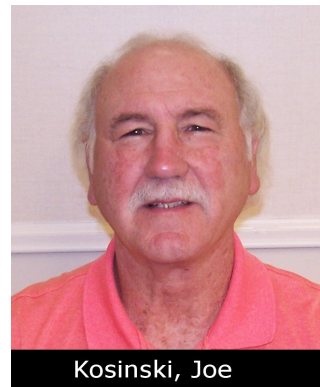
Holt, Don



Johnson, David W



Johnson, Davy



Kosinski, Joe



Manfredo, Russ



Mohn, Ken



Samarco, David

**Welcome to the new members:**

**SIR EVENT WAIVER AND RELEASE OF  
LIABILITY FOR EXPOSURE TO COVID-19**

**Branch Name and Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the general unavailability of insurance to cover liability related to that matter, the SIR branch listed above ("Branch") is requiring members,

guest speakers, guests, and spouses/significant others attending events sponsored by the Branch or by Sons in Retirement, Incorporated ("State Sir") to agree to the following:

1. In attending activities sponsored by the Branch or State SIR, the undersigned agrees to comply with mask, social distancing, and other Covid-19 protocols required by applicable government bodies, the Branch, State SIR, and the applicable venue. Failure to do so will result in the attendee being asked to leave the event.
2. Regardless of adherence to mandated protocols, requirements, recommendations, and vaccinations, the undersigned acknowledges that there is a risk of Covid-19 exposure whenever an individual enters a public space, a building with other people, or a group of other individuals.
3. Knowing the foregoing risk, the undersigned assumes the risk of Covid-19 exposure and accepts sole responsibility for any exposure to Covid-19 and resulting health conditions that may occur attendance at a Branch or State SIR event.
4. The undersigned hereby releases and holds harmless the Branch, State SIR, and their respective officers, directors, and members from any and all responsibility for illness, death, or other losses arising from exposure to Covid-19 at a Branch or State SIR event.

**THE UNDERSIGNED HAS READ AND UNDERSTANDS THE ABOVE WAIVER AND RELEASE, UNDERSTANDS THE RISKS POSED BY COVID-19, AND SIGNS THE WAIVER AND RELEASE VOLUNTARILY.**

Attendee's Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_

Attendee's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_