



The Chanticleer

New 159 website - www.branch159.sirinc2.org

Program : [Detective Evan Roehl](#) Clovis Police Department

Date June 10, 2021

Place Pardini's Restaurant
2257 W. Shaw Avenue

Social Hour 11:00 AM

Luncheon: 12 Noon

\$17 per person

Activities Calendar for JUNE

Date	Event	Contact
JUNE 7-14-21-28	Whitmer's Warriors Golf	Steve Chase
JUNE TBD	Model Railroading	Robert Sexton
JUNE 3-9-17-24	SIR Golf	Duke Marshall
JUNE TBD	Dine Out Night	Howard Zinn
JUNE TBD	SIRS Bowling	Duke Marshall
JUNE TBD	SIR Bridge	Vic Froehmer
JUNE 10	SIRs Luncheon	Pete Openshaw (RSVP)
JUNE TBD	History Roundtable	Gary Lemaster
JUNE TBD	9 Hole Golf	Charlie Barrett
JUNE 11-25	Pinochle	Duke Marshall
JUNE TBD	Cornhole	TBD
JUNE TBD	Horseshoes	Rich Lewis
JUNE TBD	Poker	Vic Froehmer
JUNE TBD	Book Exchange	Paul Gabrielson

2021 Speakers

Thursday, JUNE 10, 2021 [Detective Evan Roehl](#) Clovis Police Department

Sons In Retirement, Inc Branch 159 Financial

	Month:	May 2021
Beginning Balance (Checking + Cash)		\$10,887.79
Expenses	\$	1,913.52
		<u>\$8,974.27</u>
Revenues	\$	1,659.00
Month Ending Balance (Checking + Cash)		\$10,633.27
	\$	-
TOTAL		<u>\$10,633.27</u>

Checking 10,437.79+ Cash Drawer 450.00=\$10,887.79

Net Gain / Loss

(\$254.52)

Submitted by Brian Nicholson - Treasurer

Notes from the BIG SIR

Hello Roosters and Happy June

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 June 10 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. **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 all Fresno Branches 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.

Please help me congratulate **Russ Hewer and Ron Travis** for receiving their Senior Certificates for turning 90 years old. We also need to congratulate **Perry Huffman** for being selected to receive the Honorary Life Member award.

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.



know.

Notes from the LITTLE SIR

Hello Fellow Sir Members,

Two weeks ago Bruce Evans called me and asked me if I would be the A Player for his scramble team. My game was getting back to normal so I was confident I could contribute, and I was honored that he asked me. Dragonfly golf course is wide open and strong wind made every shot a challenge. What club do I use? Do I hit this one high, or low? How far left, or right is the wind going to take my ball? The wind even came into play while putting.

On our first hole I hit a low drive against the wind and a six iron to the green which gave our team it's first par. Gary Smith was concerned that his driver was not going to produce enough distance to put us in a good position. Then on hole 7 he hits his longest drive right down the middle and the team records another par. On hole 4 Bruce Evans steps up and hits a high bullet over the trees like he was Bryson DeChambeau, and we again scored a par. On hole number nine Reg Rosander chips one in from 40 yards for a birdie. We all jumped up and down like we had just won the lottery. Strategy and teamwork won the day. Everyone contributed to our respectful 5 under par round with no bogies, thanks to Reg's par saving put on the last hole.

With our Sir group it doesn't matter if you are bowling, playing Pinochle or Bridge, tossing horseshoes or playing golf. We get have fun with a great group of guys and sometimes... we get to laugh like little children.

To Bruce, Reg and Gary.....Thanks for a great day!

See you all at the June Luncheon.

Stuart Poytress



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PINOCHLE NEWS

We need more pinochle players!! **In door gatherings for those with both vaccines and past two weeks the second may meet in small groups without masks according to CDC.** We got started on the 14th of May with a couple games of three handed cut throat. Dell Kerns, Steve Chase and myself sat around the table for the first time in a 14 months. Lucky me won both games. Please let me know so I will know what to set up and for how many. 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. If you are interested in learning the game we will be very lenient as you begin. 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. For the month of June our dates are the 11th and the 25th. Wives and SOs are invited 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 amongst all the new members who learned to play while in service. Contact me, Duke Marshall @ 447-5388 if you would like to join us.

SIR Minutes of Branch 159 Executive Committee

May 13, 2021

The meeting was opened at 9:45 am by Bruce Corwin at Pardini's Restaurant. BEC members present were Big Sir Bruce Corwin, Little Sir Stuart Poytress, and Treasurer Brian Nicholson. Directors present were Pete Openshaw (2021), Steve Chase (2021), John Crawford (2022), Richard Glover (2023), and Javier Rodriguez (2023). Excused from the meeting were Secretary Robert Scott, Assistant Secretary Vic Froehmer, Assistant Treasurer Brett Bayley and Director Thomas Simpson (2022). Bruce Corwin proclaimed a quorum was present (8 of 12).

Next, a review of the April 8th 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 May meeting. Pete Openshaw said he was expecting about 105 members to be at our luncheon.

Stuart Poytress then reported about the program for today's luncheon. Rick Ransom of 159 will discuss Reverse Mortgages. Stuart also reported that the program for July should be a great meeting and the speaker will be the son of a WWII hero talking about a book about his father.

The next item discussed involved the requests for "mike" time during the luncheon. Those requesting time to speak to the attendees were Duke Marshall, Fred Martinez, Pete Openshaw, and Terry Byrne.

Next, Brian Nicholson reviewed the Monthly Cash Report (Form 28). The cash balance at the end of April was \$10,887.79. 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 April 2021 Membership Report. At the end of April we had 202 active members. He then explained that additional 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 Stuart Poytress seconded the motion. The reports were unanimously approved.

Old Business was next on the agenda, and the first item for discussion was the golf pace of play. The golf committee met and decided that there would be no more walkers and the pace of play has improved since this matter was discussed.

The next old business topic involved CPR training for our members. It was suggested that we have a luncheon program to learn about CPR and provide a voluntary training and certification for SIR members. Stuart Poytress will address this.

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New Business was next of the agenda. Bruce Corwin recommended the BEC approve Perry Huffman as a new HLM. Steve Chase moved that both membership reports be accepted, and Stuart Poytress seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

Big Sir Bruce Corwin then discussed our COVID protocols passed down from the State and he will record people who signed waivers and have been vaccinated for COVID. He will also verify anyone who has not been vaccinated is not ill with the virus.

Our July meeting will be a joint meeting with other Fresno branches and we should expect a big crowd for the event. The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am.

Acting Secretary Perry Huffman.

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.



How does an attorney sleep? First, he lies on one side, then he lies on the other side.

I have a few jokes about unemployed people, but none of them work.

How do you make holy water? You boil the hell out of it.

Will glass coffins be a success? Remains to be seen.

What's the difference between a hippo and a zippo? One is really heavy and the other is a little lighter.

Two windmills are standing in a wind farm. One asks, "What's your favorite kind of music?" The other says, "I'm a big metal fan."

Hear about the new restaurant called Karma? There's no menu - you get what you deserve.

I tried to sue the airline for losing my luggage. I lost my case.

NEWS in the Golfing Community

This past month we concluded the Ron Rich Match play tournament with **Dana Hamparzoomian** defeating Rick Ransom, 3 & 1. Later in the month We held the Team Championship which was won by the team of Larry Hodges, Ken Mohn, John Briceno, and Gerald Peloian. Along with that the team from branch 179 became the automatic qualifier for the State Team Championship in August.

We started play with an individual flighted round where 63 players took to the course at Belmont G&CC. Tim Huber beat Gary Morgan in a tie break to take flight 1 with a net 68, while in flight 2 Bruce Corwin won with a net 73. In flight 3 Roy Benavidez won with a net 69 and in flight 4 with the low net of the day saw Garry Elliott win with a net 67. Hector Leyva shot a nice 2 under net 70 to take flight and flight 6 went to Bob Rathburn with a net 74. The two closest to the pin winners were Anthony Leyva, 0' 7" and Russ Anderson, 4' 1". The following week in a game of 2-ManBB at Airways the team Fred Martinez and Steve Chase took the field with a 9 under par net 60 while closest to the pin holes were captured by Bob Davis, 4' 5" and Alan Barton, 7' 2". Next up we crossed the San Joaquin River to scramble at Dragonfly GC where the team of Tim Huber jr, Dennis Soliday, Roy Grijalva and Bo Boehringer bested the field with the CTP going to Stacey Thomas, 2' 7" and Gary Smith, 4' 7". The month concluded at Eagle Springs GC where we played a new format similar to 4Man2BB. The winner was the team of Stewart Poytress, Roy Benavidez. Alex Ramirez and Bob Rathburn. The CPTs went to Larry Hodges, 2' 4" and John Austin, 5' 9".

I am also still looking one more volunteer for monthly chair in December 2021. Our schedule and monthly chairman for June is Stewart Poytress, 298-4823 or scpoytress@aol.com assisted by Bob Moore. **Please note Riverside & Valley Oaks will now be shotgun starts.**

JUNE'S Bowling News

As we start June, I am waiting word from the management at Sierra Bowlero. Presently their hours are from 4 PM thru 1 AM except on Wednesday 12 PM to 1 AM. The same is true at Rodeo Bowlero. So our only option is to move to Wednesday @ 1:00 PM. The complication is that we, some of us play golf on the Wednesday before the luncheon. 2 options, 1) bowl all Wed. except the week of the Branch 159 luncheon or 2) find one of us non golfers to take over on the luncheon week. I talked with the GM and am hoping to lock in the veterans rate, which would keep it around \$10 for the 3 games. No word on that yet. Right now they are requiring masks when moving around the building. Ok to take off while bowling. I believe that may change on the 15th of June as the state lets up on restrictions. Let's plan on restarting the week after the luncheon on the 16th of June. I will confirm by 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 new members. 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

JUNE GOLF SCHEDULE

3-June	Thurs.	Madera Muni GC	08:00 AM SG	Individual
9-June	Wed	Sherwood Forest GC	08:00 AM TT	4Man2BB
17-June	Thurs.	Riverside GC	08:00 AM SG	Scramble
24-June	Thurs.	Valley Oaks GC	08:00 AM SG	2ManBB

HUSBAND AND WIFE TALK

Water in the carburetor

WIFE: "There is trouble with the car. It has water in the carburetor."

HUSBAND: "Water in the carburetor? That's ridiculous"

WIFE: "I tell you the car has water in the carburetor."

HUSBAND: "You don't even know what a carburetor is. I'll check it out. Where's the car?"

WIFE: "In the pool"

THIS IS A FRIGHTENING STATISTIC, PROBABLY ONE OF THE MOST WORRYSOME IN RECENT YEARS.

25% of the women in this country are on medication for mental illness.

That's scary.

It means 75% are running around untreated.

HE MUST PAY

Husband and wife, had a tiff. Wife called up her mom and said, "He fought with me again, I am coming to live with you."

Mom said, "No darling, he must pay for his mistake. I am coming to live with you."

Today's Short Reading from the Bible...

From Genesis: "And God promised men that good and obedient wives would be found in all corners of the earth."

Then He made the earth round ...and He laughed and laughed and laughed!

A husband and wife are shopping in their local supermarket. The husband picks up a case of Budweiser and puts it in their cart. "What do you think you're doing?" asks the wife. "They're on sale, only \$10 for 24 cans" he replies.

"Put them back, we can't afford them" demands the wife. They carry on shopping. A few aisles farther on, the woman picks up a \$20 jar of face cream and puts it in the basket. "What do you think you're doing?" asks the husband. "It's my face cream. It makes me look beautiful," replies the wife. Her husband retorts: "So does 24 cans of Budweiser and it's half the price."

That's him on Aisle 5