



# The Chanticleer

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

Program : [Micheal Lella](#)

Date July 8, 2021

Place Pardini's Restaurant

2257 W. Shaw Avenue

Social Hour 11:00 AM

Luncheon: 12 Noon

\$17 per person

## Activities Calendar for JULY

Date	Event	Contact
JULY 5-12-19-26	Whitmer's Warriors Golf	Steve Chase
JULY TBD	Model Railroading	Robert Sexton
JULY 1-7-15-22-29	SIR Golf	Duke Marshall
JULY TBD	Dine Out Night	Howard Zinn
JULY TBD	SIRS Bowling	Duke Marshall
JULY TBD	SIR Bridge	Vic Froehmer
JULY 8	SIRs Luncheon	Pete Openshaw (RSVP)
JULY TBD	History Roundtable	Gary Lemaster
JULY TBD	9 Hole Golf	Charlie Barrett
JULY 9-23	Pinochle	Duke Marshall
JULY TBD	Cornhole	TBD
JULY TBD	Horseshoes	Rich Lewis
JULY TBD	Poker	Vic Froehmer
JULY TBD	Book Exchange	Paul Gabrielson

### 2021 Speakers

Thursday, JULY 8, 2021 [Micheal Lella](#)

Sons In Retirement, Inc Branch 159 Financial	
Month:	June 2021
Beginning Balance (Checking + Cash)	\$10,633.27
Expenses	\$ 1,618.65
	<b>\$9,014.62</b>
Revenues	\$ 1,618.00
Month Ending Balance (Checking + Cash)	<b>\$10,632.62</b>
	\$ -
TOTAL	<b>\$10,632.62</b>
Checking 10,182.62+ Cash Drawer 450.00=\$10,632.62	
Net Gain / Loss	<b>(\$0.65)</b>

Submitted by Brian Nicholson - Treasurer

## Notes from the BIG SIR

Hello Roosters and Happy July

We hope each and every one of you have a safe a happy 4th of July.

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.

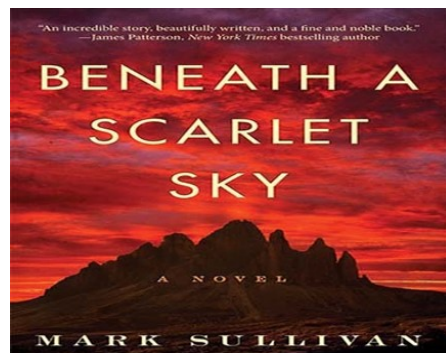
**Our lunch for July 8 is happening at Padini's.** So, plan to be there and bring someone with you. Be sure to tell your caller if you are bringing a guest. If you did not get a call, please contact Pete Openshaw to get your RSVP in for lunch. Lunch will be a buffet and there will be table with 8 each. Vaccinated members will not need a mask. **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.**

**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 Com-mand, 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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## PINOCHLE NEWS

We need more pinochle players!! June rather dried up and blew past our players with the gods conspiring against us. We could not put together a table. We will set the 9th and the 23rd of July as game days. As always I will try to get an email reminder out and look for a response to see if we can fill the table. 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. 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**

**June 10, 2021**

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

Next, a review of the May 13th 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 submitted their reports, and we expected 95 members to attend today's luncheon.

Stuart Poytress announced that a member of the Clovis Police Department would present the program at the luncheon. The topics of the presentation would involve fraud and scams that are so prevalent today.

The next item discussed involved the requests for microphone time during the luncheon. Those requesting time to speak to the luncheon attendees were Duke Marshall and Stuart Poytress.

Next, the Monthly Cash Report (Form 28) was reviewed. Only minor financial activity occurred during May. The cash balance at the end of May was \$10,633.27. 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 June 2021 Membership Report. The report indicated we inducted two new members during the month. Therefore, at the end of May we had 204 active members. He then presented two potential candidates that would be confirmed by approval of his report. In addition, John stated that six members who had been approved by the BEC at previous meetings would be inducted when they attended their next meeting. John also reviewed the Monthly Branch Membership Report (Form 27). Steve Chase moved that both membership reports be accepted, and Thomas Simpson seconded the motion. The reports were unanimously approved.

Old Business was next on the agenda. The idea of pursuing CPR training for SIR members has been discussed during past BEC meetings. Stuart Poytress reported he had contacted the Red Cross, and they are willing to come to a location of our choosing if we have eight or more members desiring training. Stuart stated he would present the idea to members during the luncheon and ask that anyone interested sign a signup sheet.

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**June 10, 2021**

New Business was next of the agenda, and the first topic involved the election of officers and the report from the nomination committee. At this time, the proposed candidates are Big Sir Stuart Poytress, Little Sir Richard Glover, Treasurer Brian Nicholson, Assistant Treasurer Steve Chase, Secretary Robert Scott, and Assistant Secretary Brett Bayley. Because Richard Glover is vacating a Director position to perform the duties of the Little Sir, three new directors are required. The three members proposed are Mark Isonio, Jerry Brady, and Roger McEvoy. This slate of officers will be presented to the membership, and a vote will be taken during the August 2021 meeting.

The next new business item involved new Honorary Lifetime Members (HLM). It was announced that Perry Huffman would be getting his award at lunch today. Ron Wilson has been HLM for over 10 years so we needed one more HLM and next Steve Chase made a motion which Richard Glover seconded that Bruce Corwin receive the HLM award. The motion passed unanimously.

Everyone was reminded that our July meeting would involve all four of the SIR branches in Fresno. The program is of special interest because it involves the unusual experiences of an Italian man during World War II. A book has been written about the experiences, and the program will be presented by the man's son.

Next, it was indicated by Gary Morgan that we need to determine the activity chairmen for 2022 because the webpage needs to begin publishing activity dates. Stuart Poytress will begin contacting existing activity chairmen.

Bruce Corwin suggested we consider beginning the BEC meetings at 10:15 am instead of 9:45 am. The BEC members agreed with this suggestion.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 am.

Secretaries Robert Scott and Vic Froehmer

**Here is the proposed slate of officers for 2022 - We will vote to approve them at the August lunch.**

**Big SIR - Stuart Poytress**  
**Little SIR - Rich Glover**  
**Secretary - Robert Scott**  
**Asst. Secretary - Brett Bayley**  
**Treasurer - Brian Nicholson**  
**Asst. Treasurer - Steve Chase**  
**Director - John Crawford 2022**  
**Director - Tom Simpson 2022**  
**Director - Roger McEvoy 2023**  
**Director - Javier Rodriguez 2023**  
**Director - Jerry Brady 2024**  
**Director - Mark Isonio 2024**



## **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.



**2021 RON RICH CHAMPION.**

**Dana Hamparzoomian**

## NEWS in the Golfing Community

We started the month with an individual flighted round where 51 golfers took on the course at Madera muni. Gary Morgan took flight 1 with a red hot 10 under par net 62, while in flight 2 John Shertenlieb won with a net 71. In flight 3 Rich Glover won with a net 68 and in flight 4 with the low net of 69 by Bill De Marinis was enough to win. Robert Ying, with a net 72 took flight 5. The two closest to the pin winners were Stan Scott @ 3'04" and Alex Ramirez @ 4'07". The following week in a game of 4-Man2BB at Sherwood where the team of Jell Shahbazian, Duke Marshall, Bob Mattson Jerry Brady took the field with a 20 under net 122, while closest to the pin holes were captured by Bob Moore, 2'4" and Stacey Thomas, 12'3". We next came back to the friendly confines of Riverside where our scramble was for 2-man teams with the added challenge of the AB flight hitting from the White tees while the CD flight moved up to the red tees. In the AB flight the team of Russ Conrad & Ken Mohn took the other teams with a net 66.5. Never have I heard so many men crying those white tees are just too long. In the CD flight Bob DeGeorge & Alan Barton took the flight with a net 63.1, with no complaints from this flight. The closest to the pin holes went to Joe Cabral, 1'10" and Alan Barton, 1'08". We hit the road for Visalia's Valley Oaks and a game of 2-manBB. Russ Manfredo & Bill Scharbach teamed up to win the day with a 10 under par net 62 and the CTPs going to Brian Nicholson, 2'01" and Bruce Corwin, 4'00".

Note a future change of venue, since I cannot get a return call from Sunnyside, we will be playing Dragonfly on Aug 5. **July's monthly chairman is Mike Moyle, [mikemoyle@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mikemoyle@sbcglobal.net) or 244-9872, assisted by Ken Mohn.**

## JULY'S Bowling News

We finally got restarted on the bowling lanes at Sierra Lanes Bowlero. We have moved to **Wednesday @ 1:00 PM**. We will be charged the veteran's rate which keeps the cost at \$10 for the 3 games. We started on the 16th with four bowlers; Tom Simpson, Alan Barton, Dana Hamparzoomian and myself. Tom got off to a good start rolling a first game of 174 while Dana finished with a third game of 192. However, Alan was the most consistent rolling a 3-game total series of 523. The second week we improved our numbers to five bowlers. This week Ed Beier, Hector Leyva and Dan Pita joined Dana and me. Hector jumped out of the blocks rolling a 214 first game and a series of 550. Duke finished with a strong 3rd game of 183. On the 30th, our third week Alan was back joining Dana, Duke, Hector, Ed and Jim Link. Hector once again took top honors by rolling 589 in his three games but Duke snuck in with the highest game with a 217. We are not applying handicaps yet since it takes 9 games to establish a present handicap and only Duke & Dana now have 9 games in. Right now the house is requiring masks when moving around the building. It is ok to take it off while bowling. Once again it is time for me to say, 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. Check the up to date statistics that are posted to the SIR 159 website on the bowling page, as well as the next bowling date. We will not bowl the week of the luncheon unless a non golfer steps forward to act in my behalf. We invite any and all SIR member s to come join us – Wednesday 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.

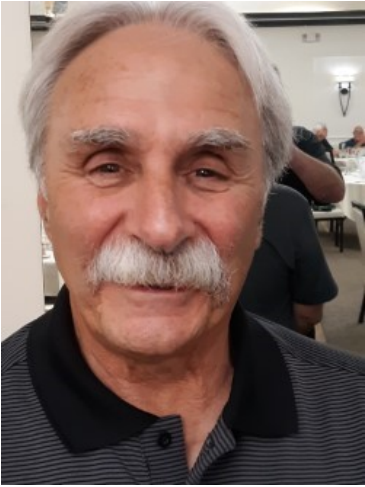
Down the mucking fiddle,

Steve Chase

## JULY GOLF SCHEDULE

1-July	Thurs.	Madera Muni GC 665-3411	08:00 AM SG	Individual	\$45
7-July	Wed	Madera CC 674-2682	08:00 AM SG	4Man2BB	\$40
15-July	Thurs.	Belmont CC 251-5078	08:00 AM SG	Shamble4M2	\$45
22-July	Thurs.	Ridge Creek GC 591-2254	08:00 AM SG	2ManBB	\$40+\$10SC
29-July	Thurs.	Eagle Springs GC 325-8900	08:00 AM SG	Novelty	\$55





**Edward Antenucci**



**Rod Coburn**



**John Walker**



**Douglas Wisener**

**New SIR 159 Members**