



The Chanticleer

New 159 website - www.branch159.sirinc2.org

Program : [GEORGE VEATER, Financial Planner](#)

Date Aug 12, 2021

Place Pardini's Restaurant
2257 W. Shaw Avenue

Social Hour 11:00 AM

Luncheon: 12 Noon
\$17 per person

Activities Calendar for AUGUST

Date	Event	Contact
AUGUST 2-9-16-23-30	Whitmer's Warriors Golf	Steve Chase
AUGUST TBD	Model Railroading	Robert Sexton
AUGUST 5-11-19-26	SIR Golf	Duke Marshall
AUGUST TBD	Dine Out Night	Howard Zinn
AUGUST 4-11-18-25	SIRS Bowling	Duke Marshall
AUGUST TBD	SIR Bridge	Vic Froehmer
AUGUST 12	SIRs Luncheon	Pete Openshaw (RSVP)
AUGUST TBD	History Roundtable	Gary Lemaster
AUGUST 4-18-25	9 Hole Golf	Charlie Barrett
AUGUST 13-27	Pinochle	Duke Marshall
AUGUST TBD	Cornhole	TBD
AUGUST TBD	Horseshoes	Rich Lewis
AUGUST TBD	Poker	Vic Froehmer
AUGUST TBD	Book Exchange	Paul Gabrielson

2021 Speakers

Thursday, AUGUST 12, 2021 **GEORGE VEATER**

Sons In Retirement, Inc Branch 159 Financial

	Month:	July 2021
Beginning Balance (Checking + Cash)		\$10,632.62
Expenses	\$	2,887.43
		\$7,745.19
Revenues	\$	2,163.00
Month Ending Balance (Checking + Cash)		\$9,908.19
	\$	-
TOTAL		\$9,908.19

Checking 9,458.19+ Cash Drawer 450.00=\$9,908.19

Net Gain / Loss (\$724.43)

Submitted by Brian Nicholson - Treasurer

Notes from the BIG SIR

Hello Roosters and Happy August

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 August 12 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 8-10 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.

At our lunch on August 12 we will also elect our new officers for the coming year. They are as follows:

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

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.



Notes from the LITTLE SIR

Hello Fellow Sir Members,

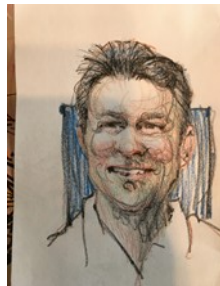
Hot, Hot, Hot. I can not remember a longer, hotter summer than what we are experiencing this year. My guess is that historical records can find a hotter summer in the Valley than this one, but it sure feels like it is not going to let up any time soon. If my lawn doesn't get mowed by 9 AM, it will have to wait until tomorrow. Thank God for Air conditioning. I hope none of you are experiencing power outages.

Are most of you watching the Olympics this Summer? My heart goes out to some of these dedicated athletes who practically put their lives on hold for years at a time to be the best they can possibly be for this one moment in time. So we see a person we never heard of from a country we can find on a map in a race we never saw before. Their time has come, the race is here, they are on the blocks, the starting pistol sounds for the race to begin and.....they trip and fall, they miss a hurdle and crash, or they do not qualify for the finals. Heartbreaking! On the other side, a woman wins the first gold "ever" for her country. A man who should not have even made the cut in a swim wins a silver in the final race. Or how happy an athlete gets for receiving a bronze when they thought they had no chance at any medal.

Speaking of Medals, the Sir 159 team of Steve Chase, Bruce Evans, Reg Rosander and myself will represent our Branch in the Sir State Scramble Golf Tournament in Fairfield, CA on August 9th. And thanks to Gary Smith for helping our team win the qualifier. Unfortunately, Gary played a couple of good rounds after the qualifier and his handicap went down a stroke which disqualified him from the tournament, (unfair in my opinion). Anyway, wish us luck as we try to bring back the gold.

Keep Cool,

Stuart Poytress
Little Sir



Those who are too smart to engage in politics are punished by being governed by those who are dumber. PLATO

When I was a boy I was told that anybody could become President; I'm beginning to believe it. CLARENCE DARROW

Politics is the gentle art of getting votes from the poor and campaign funds from the rich, by promising to protect each from the other. OSCAR AMERINGER

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

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 13th and the 27rd of August 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.

A politician is a fellow who will lay down your life for his country.

SIR Minutes of Branch 159 Executive Committee

July 8, 2021

The meeting opened at 10:15 am at Pardini's Restaurant. BEC officers 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), Thomas Simpson (2022), and Richard Glover (2023). Excused from the meeting were Assistant Secretary Vic Froehmer and Director Javier Rodriguez (2023). Bruce Corwin proclaimed a quorum was present (10 of 12).

Next, a review of the June 10th 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 submitted their reports, and we expect 123 Branch 159 members and 18 members from other branches to attend today's luncheon.

Stuart Poytress announced that Mike Lella will be our program, and he will be presenting his father's WWII story that is the basis of the book "Beneath a Scarlet Sky." Stuart also mentioned that he had contacted several activity chairmen, and they are beginning to organize events.

Next, the Monthly Cash Report (Form 28) was reviewed. The report reflected that we are once again meeting as a group, so restaurant receipts and disbursements are indicated. The cash balance at the end of June was \$10,632.62. Steve Chase moved the report be approved, and Brett Bayley 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 June we had 206 active members. He then presented the potential candidates that would be confirmed by approval of his report. John also reviewed the Monthly Branch Membership Report (Form 27). Steve Chase moved that both membership reports be accepted, and Brett Bayley 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 have a 6 hour class that they present at their offices. The cost for each participant is \$105. Members will be provided with this information, and interested members will be accommodated.

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**I have come to the conclusion that one useless man is a shame,
two are lawyers and three or more are the government.**

JOHN ADAMS

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July 8, 2021

The topic of election of officers was next on the agenda. Bruce announced that the list of officers and directors has been published in the Chanticleer. During our August meeting, a vote will be taken to finalize the election process. The proposed list of officers is: 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.

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, Fred Martinez, and Stuart Poytress.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 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

CIGAR CLUB

The cigar club will renew meeting on Tuesday 7/13/21 at 2:00 at Cigars LTD at Fig Garden Village. You may bring a bottle that will be kept in the back room while you're there. If you bring a flask I'm sure that will be OK. Bella Vino, which is next door, will pour wine or selected beer by the glass which you can take to the cigar shop. See you there.

Also, as CIGARS LTD. is supplying the venue as well as the seating and the air conditioning it is expected you will buy a cigar at their shop.

Robert Moore



MEMBERSHIP REPORT
Fresno Branch #159, Jun 10, 2021

ALL DATA AS END OF MAY.

New Members Inducted: 2
Terminated: 0
Members: 204

Branch 159
Meeting # 314th

New Member (12) Net Membership Change (-7) Year Beginning Ref# (211) on 1/1/2021

Members to be Terminated

New Members to be Inducted pending BEC Approval

#86 – John Walker Sponson #23 – John Crawford
#100 – Mike Schwamb #107 – Rick Ramson

Candidates approved by board to be “sworn in” when they attend their next Luncheon

#106-Douglas Wisener Sponsor: #130-John Hayes
#123 -Jason Rivera #55- Charles Amasalian
#154-Edward Antenucci #159-Stuart Poytress
#15-Mark Anderson #31-Shane Petersen
#19-James Branton #61-Jeff Shabazian
#65 – Rod Coburn Sponsor #108 – Denver Butler

Note Respectfully Submitted by,

John Crawford
Membership Chairman

NEW SIRS MEMBERS



JASON RIVERIA



JAMES BRANTON

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.



Golf Awards Lunch

Are you a member of SIR 159 Golf? Have you marked your calendar for the October awards lunch? Yes We are having an awards luncheon on **Wednesday Oct. 20 at Yosemite Falls Café in Granite Park**, on Cedar between Ashland & Dakota arriving 11:30 serving at 12:00 pm. Confirm by placing a “Y” before your name on the sign up board. No need to mark no’s.

SIR 159 Golf Chairman

Duke Marshall

I don't make jokes. I just watch the Government and report the facts! WILL ROGERS.

I don't like political jokes, but a lot of them get elected!

NEWS in the Golfing Community

We started the month of July with an individual flighted round where 54 golfers took on the course at Pheasant Run. Javier Rodriguez took flight 1 with a 2 under net 70, while in flight 2 Brian Nicholson won in a tie break over roger McCoy with an even par net 73. In flight 3 Ken Mohn won with a net 70 and in flight 4 with the low net of 67 by Gary Smith was enough to win. While in flight 5 Ken Lindsay had the low net of the day with a 7 under 66. The two closest to the pin winners were Bill DeMarinis @ 7' 7" and Bill Scharbach @ 8' 8". The following week in a game of 4-Man2BB at Madera G&CC the team of Mike Moyle, Ken Mohn, Dana Hamparzoomian and Robert Ying took the field with a 20 under net 118, while closest to the pin holes were captured by Larry Hodges and Fred Martinez each with a 3' 4" shot. We next came back to Belmont CC where we played a 4 man Shamble using 3 best scores. The team of Brian Nicholson, Keith Lovgren, John Briceno, and Bob Moore shot a net 182, 34 under. The closest to the pin holes went to Bill Royer @ 4' 1" and Ken Mohn @ 6' 8". We hit the road for Ridge Creek in Dinuba for a game called Cha Cha Cha, not the dance. On hole 1 the team uses the best net score and on hole 2 the best 2 nets and on hole 3 the three best net scores and then repeat this pattern on 4,5,6 ...thru 18. The Team of Bob DeGeorge, Bruce Corwin, Duke Marshall and Bill DeMarinis took the field with a 17 under par performance and the CTPs going to Javier Rodriguez @ 2' 11". While the other went begging. Last was a traveled to Eagle Springs for a novelty individual flighted with an added twist of a non counted toss per hole, In flight one Gary Morgan had a net 65 and flight 2 saw John Shertinlieb with a net 57 for a win, Flight 3 Dana Hamparzoomian had a net 56 while in flight 4 Jeff Boatman displayed a Cy Young arm with a whopping 25 under net 47. Closest to the pins went to Larry Henricksen @ 8' 6" and Duke Marshall @ 9' 6".

The August monthly chairman will be Sir Bruce Corwin at corwinbj@sbcglobal.net or 916-934-6161. He will be assisted by Pete Openshaw.

In August we will be competing in the first 2 of 3 rounds for The individual branch championship at Dragonfly and then at Madera Muni.

AUGUST GOLF SCHEDULE

5-Aug	Thurs.	Dragonfly GC 432-3020	08:00 AM SG	Individual	\$44
11-Aug	Wed	Airways GC 291-6254	08:00 AM SG	Lone Ranger	\$33.50
19-Aug	Thurs.	Riverside GC 275-5900	08:00 AM SG	Scramble	\$37
26-Aug	Thurs.	Madera Muni GC 675-3504	08:00 AM SG	4Man2BB	\$34+\$1.02

July's Bowling News

We finally got restarted on the bowling lanes at Sierra Lanes Bowlero. We have had to move to Wednesday @ 1:00 PM. We will be charged the veteran's rate which keeps the cost at \$10 for the 3 games. We are rolling now. It certainly would be nice to see more bowlers on the lanes with us. All of you can check up on us by visiting the bowling page of Sir 159's website. Below is a short table of who had the best scores in July. When bowling we have scratch games and series, 3 games total. We also have handicapping for each of us. This is the difference between one's average and 240. We use 240 because that is what the Sir State Bowling organization is using. Right now the house asks us to wear masks when moving around the building. It is ok to take it off while bowling. That can change as what is requires by state & county health. Once again for 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 members 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.

DATE		NAME	SCORE
Jul 14	Hi Scratch Series	Duke Marshall	415
	Hi Scratch Game	Ed Beier	156
Jul 21	Hi Scratch Series	Ed Beier	559/210
	Hi Hdcp. Series	Dana Hamparzoomian	685
	Hi Scratch Game	Duke Marshall	201
	Hi Hdcp. Game	Jim Link	275
Jul 28	Hi Scratch Series	Ed Beier	583/201
	Hi Hdcp. Series	Jim Link	760
	Hi Scratch Game	Alan Barton	190
	Hi Hdcp. Game	Tom Simpson	258

DECIDE WHOM TO MARRY? (written by kids)

1 . You got to find somebody who likes the same stuff. Like, if you like sports, she should like it that you like sports, and she should keep the chips and dip coming. -- Alan, age 10

4 . WHAT DO YOU THINK YOUR MOM AND DAD HAVE IN COMMON?

Both don't want any more kids. -- Lori, age 8

6 . WHEN IS IT OKAY TO KISS SOMEONE?

-When they're rich. -- Pam, age 7 (Love her)

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

Whitmer’s Warriors is a group of people that play golf on Monday. Although it is officially a SIR event, it is open to anyone that wants to join us. On any given Monday we will have twenty or so players, and there is always room for more. I send out an email telling everyone where we will play and what our tee time is. If you would like to be added to my email list just email me and it will be done.

Steve Chase



Stuart Poytress and
Micheal Lella