



The Chanticleer

New 159 website - www.branch159.sirinc2.org

Program : [Edward Antenucci—Real Estate Market](#)

Date Sept 9, 2021

Place Pardini's Restaurant
2257 W. Shaw Avenue

Social Hour 11:00 AM

Luncheon: 12 Noon

\$17 per person

Activities Calendar for **SEPTEMBER**

Date	Event	Contact
SEPTEMBER 6-13-20-27	Whitmer's Warriors Golf	Steve Chase
SEPTEMBER TBD	Model Railroading	Robert Sexton
SEPTEMBER 2-8-16-23-30	SIR Golf	Duke Marshall
SEPTEMBER TBD	Dine Out Night	Howard Zinn
SEPTEMBER 1-15-22-29	SIRS Bowling	Duke Marshall
SEPTEMBER TBD	SIR Bridge	Vic Froehmer
SEPTEMBER 9	SIRs Luncheon	Pete Openshaw (RSVP)
SEPTEMBER TBD	History Roundtable	Gary Lemaster
SEPTEMBER 1-15-22-29	9 Hole Golf	Charlie Barrett
SEPTEMBER 24	Pinochle	Duke Marshall
SEPTEMBER TBD	Cornhole	TBD
SEPTEMBER TBD	Horseshoes	Rich Lewis
SEPTEMBER TBD	Poker	Vic Froehmer
SEPTEMBER TBD	Book Exchange	Paul Gabrielson

2021 Speakers

Thursday, SEPTEMBER 9, 2021 [Edward Antenucci—Real Estate Market](#)

Sons In Retirement, Inc Branch 159 Financial

	Month:	August 2021
Beginning Balance (Checking + Cash)		\$9,908.19
Expenses	\$	2,063.14
		\$7,845.05
Revenues	\$	2,075.00
Month Ending Balance (Checking + Cash)		\$9,920.05
	\$	-
	TOTAL	\$9,920.05
Checking 9,470.05+ Cash Drawer 450.00=\$9,920.05		
Net Gain / Loss		\$11.86

Submitted by Brian Nicholson - Treasurer

Notes from the BIG SIR

Hello Roosters and Happy September

If you know or hear of anyone 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 September 9 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 elected our new officers for the coming year. Please congratulate them and thank them for stepping up. 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 for the rest of the 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.



Magnificence of Wisdom

“The only mystery in life is why the kamikaze pilots wore helmets.” – Al McGuire

The difference between stupidity and genius is that genius has its limits.” – Albert Einstein

“War is God’s way of teaching Americans geography.” – Ambrose Bierce

“At every party there are two kinds of people – those who want to go home and those who don’t. The trouble is, they are usually married to each other.” – Ann Landers

“My opinions may have changed, but not the fact that I’m right.” – Ashleigh Brilliant

“The surest sign that intelligent life exists elsewhere in the universe is that it has never tried to contact us.” – Bill Watterson

“As a child my family’s menu consisted of two choices: take it or leave it.” – Buddy Hackett

“My favorite machine at the gym is the vending machine.” – Caroline Rhea

“All right everyone, line up alphabetically according to your height.” – Casey Stengel

“Never under any circumstances take a sleeping pill and a laxative on the same night.” – Dave Barry

“How many people here have telekinetic powers? Raise my hand.” – Emo Philips and my favorite... “If you live to be one hundred, you’ve got it made. Very few people die past that age.” – George BURNS

Contributed by Terry Byrne

My doctor asked if anyone in my family suffered from mental illness. I said, "No, we all seem to enjoy it."

My bucket list: keep breathing.

Camping: where you spend a small fortune to live like a homeless person.

Just once, I want a username and password prompt to say: "close enough."

Being an adult is the dumbest thing I have ever done.

I'm a multitasker. I can listen, ignore and forget all at the same time!

Retirement to do list: Wake up. Nailed it!

Went to an antique show and people were bidding on me. Thanks, Perry.



2022 SIR 159 OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

PINOCHLE NEWS

We need more pinochle players!! We are down to only four players, myself, Hector Leyva, Dell Kerns and Steve Chase, in the group and what with rehab and traveling have not been able to sit down for a game I will keep the 24th of September on the calendar but the 10th I will be OOT. 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

August 12, 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), Javier Rodrigues (2023), and Richard Glover (2023). Excused from the meeting was Assistant Secretary Vic Froehmer. Also attending the meeting was Dale Decker our Regional Director. Bruce Corwin proclaimed a quorum was present (11 of 12).

Next, a review of the July 8, 2021 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 expect 105 Branch 159 members to attend today's luncheon. It was also announced by Bruce Corwin that our fellow rooster Jerry Poochigian had passed last night.

Stuart Poytress announced George Veater, a cattle rancher and financial planner, will be our program speaker today. Next month, our speaker will be Edward Antenucci who will present information about the real estate market. We also learned that Alan Autry, actor and former mayor of Fresno will be our speaker at our October luncheon.

Big Sir Bruce Corwin asked who would need time at the microphone during the luncheon meeting. Duke Marshall and Regional Director Dale Decker said they wanted to speak during the luncheon.

Regional Director Dale Decker then was invited to address the BEC. He stated that he wanted to present information about three points. First, he stated he was concerned about the required number of branch officers and directors in small branches. He thought small branches needed more flexibility in determining the number of officers and directors they really needed. Second, he indicated that SIR volunteers needed more recognition. He informed us that he wanted to title 2022 the Year-of-the-Branch. When he learned of the various awards we already had in place to recognize our volunteers, he stated we were doing a good job in this area. Third, he believes we need to reconsider the various limitations, regarding term limits for officers and directors, that are currently in place. He hoped that many of these ideas would be reflected in changes of the SIRs manual he anticipated next year.

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I won't say I'm worn out, but I don't get near the curb on trash day.

Be the kind of woman who when your feet hit the floor first thing in the morning, the devil says: "Oh, oh, here she comes."

When you can't find the sunshine..be the sunshine.

I don't have grey hair. I have wisdom highlights. Thanks, Perry.

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SIR Minutes of Branch 159 Executive Committee

July 8, 2021

Next, the Monthly Cash Report (Form 28) was reviewed. Brian Nicholson said the primary causes of the reduction of ending cash balance was payment of the State Board Assessment, and the loss of over \$400 for our July luncheon. The cash balance at the end of July was \$9,908.19. Steve Chase 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 July 2021 Membership Report. The report indicated we did not induct or terminate any members during the month. Therefore, at the end of July our membership total remained at 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). Referring to Form 27, John reminded us that we have gained 14 members this year but lost 19. Steve Chase moved that both membership reports be accepted, and Brett Bayley seconded the motion. The reports were unanimously approved. After the vote, it was stressed that we have been losing members because they are moving out of the area.

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. There are currently 8 Branch 159 members who have indicated they would like to receive the training. The cost for each participant is \$105. The BEC felt that having trained CPR members available at events and activities is desirable. John Crawford moved that Branch 159 pay \$50 of the program costs for the 8 members and Javier Rodriguez seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

The topic of election of officers was next on the agenda. Bruce announced that the group of proposed officers and directors would be introduced during the luncheon. Following the introduction, a vote would be taken. 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.

Bruce Corwin then asked if the BEC members felt there could be interest in helping form an unassociated women's group for our wives, significant others, and friends. A flyer will be sent to all members to determine if the idea is feasible.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:48 am. Secretaries Robert Scott and Vic Froehmer

8 . HOW WOULD THE WORLD BE DIFFERENT IF PEOPLE DIDN'T GET MARRIED?

There sure would be a lot of kids to explain, wouldn't there? -- Kelvin, age 8

And the #1 Favorite is.....

9 . HOW WOULD YOU MAKE A MARRIAGE WORK?

Tell your wife that she looks pretty, even if she looks like a dump truck. -- Ricky, age 9



MEMBERSHIP REPORT
Fresno Branch #159, August 12, 2021

ALL DATA AS END OF JULY

New Members Inducted:	0	Branch 159
Terminated:	0	Meeting # 316th
Members:	206	

New Member (14) Net Membership Change (-5) Year Beginning Ref# (211) on 1/1/2021

Members to be Terminated

New Members to be Inducted pending BEC Approval

#164 – Keith Lovgren	Sponsor	#97 – Fred Martinez
#170 – Richard Wisler		#78 – Richard Glover

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

#15- Mark Anderson	Sponsor:	#31-Shane Peterson
#100 –Mike Schwamb		#107– Rick Ransom

Note Respectfully Submitted by,

John Crawford
Membership Chairman

Sometimes it takes me all day to get nothing done.

I don't trip, I do random gravity checks.

My heart says chocolate and wine, but my jeans say, please, please, please, eat a salad!

Hold on while I overthink this.

Losing weight doesn't seem to be working for me, so from now I'm going to concentrate on getting taller.

Day 12 without chocolate...lost hearing in my left eye.

Some people are like clouds, once they disappear it's a beautiful day.

Some people you're glad to see coming; some people you're glad to see going

My body is a temple, ancient and crumbling, perhaps cursed or haunted.

Common sense is not a gift. It's a punishment because you have to deal with everyone who doesn't have it.

I came. I saw. I forgot what I was doing. Retraced my steps. Got lost on the way back. Now I have no idea what's going on. Thanks, Perry.



KEITH LOVGREN



RICK WISLER

NEW MEMBERS

I think, I'm going to lose my drivers license...

and all just because of a stupid police officer...

The conversation went like this, when I got pulled over in my car:

Officer: "License and registration, please, I think you are drunk!"

Me: "I assure you, I did not drink anything."

Officer: "Ok, let's do a little test! Imagine driving in the dark on a highway at night, when you see two lights in the distance. What is this?"

Me: "A car."

Officer: "Of course! But which one? A Mercedes, an Audi or a Ford?"

Me: "I have no idea!"

Officer: "So, you're drunk."

Me: "But I didn't drink anything."

Officer: "Okay, one more test -- Imagine, you drive in the dark on a highway at night, and there is one light coming at you. What is it?"

Me: "A motorcycle."

Officer: "Of course! But which one? A Honda, a Kawasaki or a Harley?"

Me: "I have no idea!"

Officer: "As I suspected, you're drunk!"

Then I started to get annoyed and asked a counter question.

Me: "So..., counter question -- You're driving in the dark on a highway at night and see a woman on the roadside. She wears a mini skirt, fishnet stockings, high heeled shoes and only a bra as a top. What is this?"

Officer: "A pros*titute of course."

Me: "Yes, but which one? Your daughter, your wife or your mother?"

Things went downhill from there and now I have a court date to attend...

NEWS in the Golfing Community

We started the month of August with 56 golfers in five flights competed in individual stroke play on the course at Dragonfly. **Gary Parnell**, a guest and former member took flight 1 with a 4 under net 69, while in flight 2 **Fred Martinez** won with a 3 under par net 70. In flight 3 **Dana Hamparzoomian** also won with a 3 under net 70 and in flight 4 **Rick Pezzi** took honors with a net 72. In flight 5 **Pete Openshaw** won in a tie break with **Mike Williamson** and **Bob Rathburn**. The two closest to the pin winners were **Martin Beza**, 5'8" and **Ken Chancey**, 11'5". The following week Airways hosted in a game called The Lone Ranger with the team of **Dave W. Johnson**, **Karl Dewazien**, **Bill DeMarinis**, and **Steve Chase** held off the field with an 11 under par performance, while closest to the pin holes were captured by **Bob Moore**, 0'11" and **Russ Manfredo**, 4'10". We headed back west where we played a 4 man Scramble at Riverside. The team of **Roger McCoy**, **Ken Chancey**, **Bill Demarinis** and **Bob Rathburn** shot a net 57.6 to win in a tie break. The closest to the pin holes went to **Ben Tyson**, 0'8" and **Gary Kilgore**, 3'5". Next up was north to Madera Muni where we played a four man 2 best ball game. The team with **Mike Moyle**, **Larry Henrickson**, **Alan Barton** and **Bob Rathburn** won in a tie break with a 23 under score. Closest to the pins went to **John Shertinlieb**, 1'2" and **Joe Hushek**, 2'3". The September monthly chairman is Bob Davis, **BDDPinghacker@gmail.com** or 472-8197. He will be assisted by Dana Hamparzoomian. **In September we will be compete the individual branch championship at Pheasant Run**

SEPTEMBER GOLF SCHEDULE

2-Sept	Thurs.	Pheasant Run GC 665-3411	08:00 AM SG	Individual	\$45
8-Sept	Wed	Lemoore GC 924-9658	08:00 AM SG	Scramble	\$34
16-Sept	Thurs.	Belmont CC 251-5078	08:00 AM SG	4Man2BB	\$45
23-Sept	Thurs.	Dragonfly GC 432-3020	08:00 AM SG	2ManBB	\$44
30-Sept	Thurs.	Sherwood Forest GC 787-2611	09:00 AM TT	Novelty	\$35

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

Bowling News

From the Lanes in August

We finally got restarted on the bowling lanes at Sierra Lanes Bowlero. We have had to move to Wednesday @ 1:00 PM. **Hopefully in the next few weeks we will be able to move back to Tuesday and avoid the conflict with the Wednesday before luncheon golf conflict.** 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. It is ok to take it off while bowling. We had a strange occurrence this past month as the pro that has run the ProShop passed from covid and the entire staff was placed in quarantine. They brought in people from all over the country to handle the house. This was all happening on a Wednesday and the place was a mad house! At the same time we, SIRs, had our largest turnout of bowlers and could not get lanes. Tom Simpson stepped in for me as I traveled to a golf event. Special thanks to Tom. Right now the house asks us to wear masks when moving around the building. That can change as what is required 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
Aug 11	Hi Scratch Series	Ed Beier	455
	Hi Hdcp. Series	Merle Knapp	712
	Hi Scratch Game	Dan Pita	176
	Hi Hdcp. Game	Tom Simpson	226
Aug 25	Hi Scratch Series	Ed Beier	519
	Hi Hdcp. Series	Jim Link	700
	Hi Scratch Game	Duke Marshall	194
	Hi Hdcp. Game	Alan Barton	244

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

SIR 4 Day Golf Cruise

There has been some interest in setting up the Ensenada golf cruise again. I have arranged for a cruise on April 4th, 2022 aboard the Carnival ship Radiance.

I have tried to keep things similar to what Mike and Howard did as possible. I choose a later date hoping to get nice golf weather.

Our Booking Number is Q05VD2 and the phone number is 866-721-3225, or visit their web site, carnival.com

First deposit is due by the 26th of October of this year.

I have reserved 16 cabins and I’m sure more will be available.

Steve Chase

