



The Chanticleer

New 159 website - www.branch159.sirinc2.org

Program : **Fresno Deputy Mayor, Matthew Gundry**

Date Oct 7, 2021

Place Pardini's Restaurant
2257 W. Shaw Avenue

Social Hour 11:00 AM

Luncheon: 12 Noon
\$17 per person

Activities Calendar for **OCTOBER**

Date	Event	Contact
OCTOBER 4-11-18-25	Whitmer's Warriors Golf	Steve Chase
OCTOBER TBD	Model Railroading	Robert Sexton
OCTOBER 6-13-21-28	SIR Golf	Duke Marshall
OCTOBER 20	Dine Out Night	Gary Smith
OCTOBER 5-12-19-26	SIRS Bowling	Duke Marshall
OCTOBER TBD	SIR Bridge	TBD
OCTOBER 7	SIRs Luncheon	Pete Openshaw (RSVP)
OCTOBER TBD	History Roundtable	Gary Lemaster
OCTOBER TBD	9 Hole Golf	Charlie Barrett
OCTOBER 8-22	Pinochle	Duke Marshall
OCTOBER TBD	Cornhole	TBD
OCTOBER TBD	Horseshoes	TBD
OCTOBER TBD	Poker	TBD
OCTOBER 7	Book Exchange	Paul Gabrielson

2021 Speaker
Thursday, OCTOBER 7, 2021 **Fresno Deputy Mayor, Matthew Gundry**

Sons In Retirement, Inc Branch 159 Financial

	Month:	Sept 2021
Beginning Balance (Checking + Cash)		\$9,920.05
Expenses	\$	1,615.49
		\$8,304.56
Revenues	\$	1,375.00
Month Ending Balance (Checking + Cash)		\$9,679.56
	\$	-
TOTAL		\$9,679.56

Checking 9,229.56+ Cash Drawer 450.00=\$9,679.56

Net Gain / Loss

(\$240.49)

Submitted by Brian Nicholson - Treasurer

Notes from the BIG SIR

Hello Roosters and Happy October

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 October 7 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.**

Did you know our club is 98.5% vaccinated? This means we are just about 100% safe at our functions. We started "Dine Out" up again in September and so happy to get to be around some great couples for dinner. Please plan to join us next month.

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.



Happy Halloween



NOTES FROM THE LITTLE SIR

Hello Fellow SIR Members,

As we all know 2021 set a record that dates back to the 1880's. To date, Fresno County has had 67 (or is it 68?) days of 100 plus degree weather. Our normal is 36 days of 100 degree weather. Add to that the smoke from all the forest fires and I'd say we've had an ugly summer. I hope this is not the new normal. In the coming months I won't be too disappointed if some of our golf tournaments get cancelled due to rain.

I found myself staying indoors more these last few months because of the poor air quality. If that has been the case for some of you as well, I have a question. If you have been watching more TV than you normally would, like I have, is it my imagination or has TV gotten worse? I was amused, however, when I saw a Fed Ex commercial where Willie Nelson, after watching a robotic delivery cart whiz by on the sidewalk, says, "I thought I'd seen it all." My moment of "I thought I'd seen it all" was when Bruce Jenner became Caitlyn Jenner. Unfortunately, with this ever changing environment we live in, I think I haven't seen anything yet.

Anyway, with the world getting more crazy with each passing minute I am thankful that SIR 159 is healthy, and I think I can say "normal" with a bunch of great guys who enjoy sharing activities and comradery. It seems each month I get to meet more of you and share a laugh, or two.

Our guest speaker for the October Luncheon is Fresno Deputy Mayor, Matthew Gundry. Mr. Gundry is responsible for implementing Mayor Dyer's vision and initiatives. He is quite the interesting fellow all by himself and I think you will all enjoy what he has to share with us.

Finally, if you would like to read an interesting, common sense column on the 545 people who run this country from a completely neutral viewpoint, look up Charlie Reese's Final Column.

See you all soon,

Stuart Poytress
Little Sir



- 1. My first job was working in an Orange Juice factory, but I got canned. Couldn't concentrate.**
- 2. Then I worked in the woods as a Lumberjack, but just couldn't hack it, so they gave me the axe.**
- 3. After that, I tried being a Tailor, but wasn't suited for it -- mainly because it was a sew-sew job.**
- 4. Next, I tried working in a Muffler Factory, but that was too exhausting.**



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 OUT. 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.

89 year old Ron Chester was stopped by the police around 2 a.m. and was asked where he was going at that time of night.

Ron replied, "I'm on my way to a lecture about alcohol abuse and the effects it has on the human body, as well as smoking and staying out late."

The officer asked, "Really? Who's giving that lecture at this time of night?"

Ron replied, "That would be my wife"

SIR Minutes of Branch 159 Executive Committee

September 9, 2021

The meeting opened at 10:15 am at Pardini's Restaurant. BEC officers present were Big Sir Bruce Corwin, Little Sir Stuart Poytress, Assistant Treasurer Brett Bayley, and Secretary Robert Scott. Directors present were Steve Chase (2021), John Crawford (2022), Javier Rodrigues (2023), and Richard Glover (2023). Excused from the meeting were Assistant Secretary Vic Froehmer, Treasurer Brian Nickerson, Director Pete Openshaw (2021), and Director Thomas Simpson (2022). Bruce Corwin proclaimed a quorum was present (8 of 12).

Next, a review of the August 12, 2021 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 90 Branch 159 members to attend today's luncheon. At our August luncheon, we actually had more members attend than we expected.

Stuart Poytress announced that Edward Antenucci, one of our new members, would be presenting information at our luncheon about the real estate market in Fresno. Ed is a real estate investor in Fresno. Then, a short discussion developed regarding speaker programs and the time allotment for each speaker. Next, Stuart Poytress announced that he had a tentative agreement with Alan Autry, former actor and mayor of Fresno, to speak at our luncheon on October 14th.

Big Sir Bruce Corwin asked who would need time at the microphone during the luncheon meeting. Duke Marshall and Steve Chase said they wanted to speak to the members.

Next, the Monthly Cash Report (Form 28) was reviewed. Brett Bailey reported we only had minor income and expense activities during the month. In addition, we realized a small profit from our luncheon on August 12th. The end result is we increased our ending cash balance by \$11.86 during August, and the cash on hand is now \$9,920.05. Steve Chase moved the report be approved, and John Crawford seconded the motion. The report was approved unanimously.

In regard to membership information, John Crawford reviewed the August 2021 Membership Report. The report indicated we inducted two new members during August and they brought our total membership to 208 members. John then reported that we have two existing members that need to be removed, during September, from our active membership roster. One member, Jerry Poochigian, is now deceased and the other member, George Gianopulos, has submitted a letter of resignation. It is important to note that George Gianopulos is one of our Honorary Life Members.

John then presented a potential candidate, Charles Brough, who would be confirmed by approval of this report. Steve Chase moved that the Membership Report be approved, and Brett Bayley seconded the motion. The report was unanimously approved. John also reviewed the Monthly Branch Membership Report (Form 27). Referring to Form 27, John reminded us that we have gained 16 members this year but lost 19. Stuart Poytress moved that Form 27 be approved, and Rich Glover seconded the motion. The report was unanimously approved.

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SIR Minutes of Branch 159 Executive Committee

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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 can provide training at their offices when we want to proceed. Stuart suggested that we wait another month to take advantage of the training opportunity. Currently, we have 9 members who are interested.

Under new business, a discussion developed regarding changing the amount each member pays for their monthly luncheon. Various ideas were presented. It was suggested that before we proceed with any changes, we should contact Pardini's to determine if they will be increasing the amount they charge us for each meal. Bruce Corwin stated he would contact the restaurant before our next meeting. At that point, we will have a better idea of an appropriate luncheon cost for each member. Therefore, the BEC decided to postpone making a decision regarding the matter until next month.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:46 am. Secretaries Robert Scott and Vic Froehmer

HUMOR from Perry

You don't have to be Catholic to appreciate this one.

A man suffered a serious heart attack while shopping in a store. The store clerks called 911 when they saw him collapse to the floor. The paramedics rushed the man to the nearest hospital where he had emergency open heart bypass surgery...

He awakened from the surgery to find himself in the care of nuns at the Catholic Hospital. A nun was seated next to his bed holding a clipboard loaded with several forms, and a pen.

She asked him how he was going to pay for his treatment. "Do you have health insurance?" she asked. He replied in a raspy voice, "No health insurance." The nun asked, "Do you have money in the bank?" He replied, "No money in the bank."

"Do you have a relative who could help you with the payments?" asked the irritated nun. He said, "I only have a spinster sister, and she is a nun"

The nun became agitated and announced loudly, "Nuns are not spinsters! Nuns are married to God."

The patient replied, "Perfect. Send the bill to my brother-in-law."



MEMBERSHIP REPORT
Fresno Branch #159, October 14, 2021

ALL DATA AS END OF SEP.

New Members Inducted:	1	Branch 159
Terminated:	0	Meeting # 318th
Members:	209	

New Member (17) Net Membership Change (-2) Year Beginning Ref# (211) on 1/1/2021

Members to be Terminated

- #138 James Wulf—Deceased
- #100— Mike Schwamb –Never paid dues and wishes to not be a member.

New Members to be Inducted pending BEC Approval

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| #89 –Gary McCrea | Sponson | #102 – Gerald Peloian |
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Candidates approved by board to be “sworn in” when they attend their next Luncheon

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

Note Respectfully Submitted by,

John Crawford



BID WALLACE



Charles Brough

NEW MEMBERS

NEWS in the Golfing Community

We started the month of September hoping for a cool down in the weather at Pheasant Run where 51 golfers in five flights competed in individual stroke play. James Branton shot a net 73 to take flight 1 while in flight 2 Mark Anderson's net 70 was tops. In flight 3 Joe Kosinski won with a net 72 and in flight 4 Hector Leyva with the lowest net of the day, 65, needed a tie breaker over Bill DeMarinas to secure the win. In flight 5 Rick Pezzi won with a net 68. The two closest to the pin winners were Rick Ranson, 9'10" and Stacey Thomas 5'6". The following week we were off to a newly opened Lemoore where the team of Russ Conrad, Rich Glover, Joe Kosinski and Davy Johnson scrambled better than the rest of the field with a net 53.4, while closest to the pin holes were captured by Gary Morgan, 6'2" and Hector Leyva, 2'10". We next matched up at Belmont where in a game of 4man2BB the team of John Shertenlib, Myron Yoshimura, Robert Ying and Mike Williamson went 14 under par to win in a tie break. The closest to the pin holes went to Mike Moyle, 1'4" and Ed Antenucci, 2;9". Next was back to Dragonfly for a game of 2manBB. Russ Manfredo teamed with Dana Hamparzoomian to take the field with an eleven under par net 62. Closest to the pins went to Mike Davis, 7'3" and Roger Anthony, 2'8". Finally we went to Sherwood Forest for a novelty Stand Aside Scramble. The team of Russ Conrad, Joe Kosinski, Richard Neilson and Bob Rathburn took the field finishing the day with a net 51.2. Closest to the pin went to Stacey Thomas, 2'2" and James Branton, 11'3". Special thanks to John Briceno for stepping in for Mike Davis for most of September monthly chair. The October monthly chairman is **Joe Hushek, husheks@comcast.net or 438-5343**. He will be assisted by Bill Leavitt.

Do not forget to sign-up for the Awards Luncheon on October 20 at Yosemite Falls Café in the Granite Park on Cedar between Dakota and Ashlan with an affirmative only response.

OCTOBER GOLF SCHEDULE

6-Oct	Wed.	Madera Muni GC 675-3504	08:00 AM SG	Individual	\$ 34
13-Oct	Wed	Valley Oaks GC 651-1441	09:00 AM SG	4Man2BB	\$ 39
20-Oct	Wed	SIR 159 Golf Awards Lunch	Yosemite Falls - Granite Park		
21-Oct	Thurs.	Riverside GC 275-5900	09:00 AM SG	Shamble 4M2	\$ 37
28-Oct	Thurs.	Eagle Springs GC 325-8900	09:00 AM SG	Cha Cha Cha	\$ 55

Golf Awards Lunch

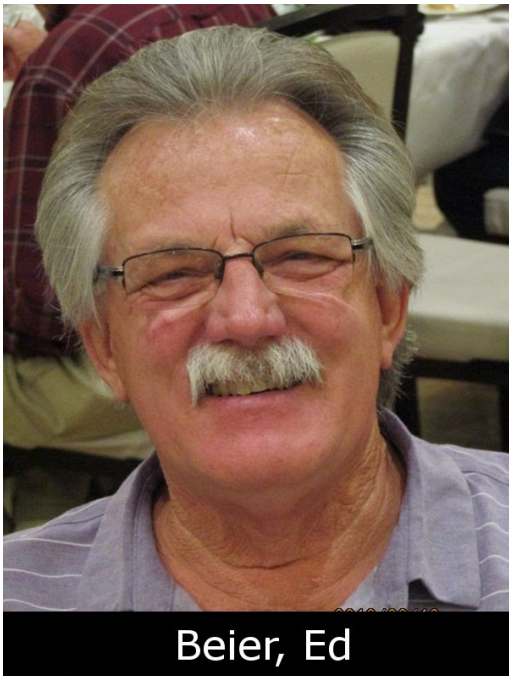
Are you a member of SIR 159 Golf? Have you marked your calendar for the October awards lunch? Yes We are having an awards luncheon on **Wednesday Oct. 20 at Yosemite Falls Café in Granite Park**, on Cedar between Ashland & Dakota arriving 11:30 serving at 12:00 pm. Confirm by placing a "Y" before your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

SIR 159 Golf Chairman

Bowling News

From the Lanes in September

After we finally got restarted on the bowling lanes at Sierra Lanes Bowlero, and having to move to Wednesday @ 1:00 PM, we were able to go home and moved back to Tuesday avoiding the conflict with the Wednesday before luncheon golf day. We are 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. Today while bowling, on the 28th of September, **Ed Beier rolled 12 consecutive strikes in the same game for a perfect 300 game.** Below is a short table of who had the best scores in September. When bowling we roll 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. Masking when moving around inside is encouraged but it is ok to take it off while on your lanes and bowling. 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 – 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.



Beier, Ed

CONGRATULATIONS TO ED BEIER FOR BOWLING A PERFECT GAME OF 300. NOW WE KNOW THAT ED HAS SOME SKILLS.

BOWLING SCORES

DATE	NAME	SCORE
Sep 01	Hi Scratch Series	Ed Beier 693(267)
	Hi Scratch Game	Alan Barton 233
	Hi Hdcp. Series	Steve Beveridge 805
	Hi Hdcp. Game	Jim Link 253
Sep 07	Hi Scratch Series	Ed Beier 620(235)
	Hi Scratch Game	Hector Leyva 204
	Hi Hdcp. Series	Steve Beveridge 743
	Hi Hdcp. Game	Dan Pitta 268
Sep 14	Hi Scratch Series	Ed Beier 538
	Hi Scratch Game	Dana Hamparzoomian 220
	Hi Hdcp. Series	Dan Pita 710
	Hi Hdcp. Game	Jim Link 247
Sep 21	Hi Scratch Series	Ed Beier 625
	Hi Scratch Game	Daryl Derouchy 214
	Hi Hdcp. Series	Dana Hamparzoomian 747
	Hi Hdcp. Game	Steve Beveridge 294
Sep 28	Hi Scratch Series	Ed Beier 727
	Hi Scratch Game	Ed Beier 300
	Hi Hdcp. Series	Duke Marshall 779
	Hi Hdcp. Game	Duke Marshall 298

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



CRUISE 2022



7 day Mexican Riviera:

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Only \$25 pp will hold spot

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April 23-April 30, 2022

Group name----SIR4232022

Password-----SIR

Booking #K55HM0

phone # 1-800-227-6482 EXT. 70232

Inside cabin 4D Aft Deck 6 ==Total \$668.74pp

Balcony 8A Deck 6 Aft ==Total \$973.74pp

Totals include port taxes and fees

Travel Protection \$109.00/pp

Gratuities \$97.93/pp

Jan 16, 2021 Deposit \$25.00pp----will hold spot

Nov. 24, 2021 Due \$250.00 pp including deposit----**CAN**

DECLARE CABIN LOCATION ONCE \$250 pp PAID

Jan. 24, 2022 Final payment

Questions or need help booking--- Hector 559-970-3197

Karyn 559-970-3198

Thanks all, Hector, and Karyn Leyva