



The Chanticleer

New 159 website - www.branch159.sirinc2.org

Program :

Date Dec 9, 2021
Place Pardini's Restaurant
2257 W. Shaw Avenue

Social Hour 11:00 AM
Luncheon: 12 Noon
\$17 per person

Activities Calendar for **DECEMBER**

Date	Event	Contact
DECEMBER 6-13-20-27	Whitmer's Warriors Golf	Steve Chase
	Model Railroading	Robert Sexton
DECEMBER 2-8-16-23-30	SIR Golf	Duke Marshall
DECEMBER TBD	Dine Out Night	GARY SMITH
DECEMBER 7-14-21-28	SIRS Bowling	Duke Marshall
	SIR Bridge	TBD
DECEMBER 9	SIRs Luncheon	Pete Openshaw (RSVP)
	History Roundtable	Gary Lemaster
DECEMBER 1-8-15-22-29	9 Hole Golf	Charlie Barrett
	Pinochle	Duke Marshall
	Cornhole	TBD
	Horseshoes	TBD
	Poker	TBD
DECEMBER 9	Book Exchange	Paul Gabrielson

2021 Speaker

Thursday, December 9

Sons In Retirement, Inc Branch 159 Financial

	Month:	Nov-21
Beginning Balance (Checking + Cash)		\$9,185.45
Expenses	\$	1,590.08
		<u>\$7,595.37</u>
Revenues	\$	2,536.00
Month Ending Balance (Checking + Cash)		<u>\$10,131.37</u>
	\$	-
TOTAL		<u>\$10,131.37</u>
Checking \$9,681.37+ Cash Drawer 450.00=\$10,131.37		
Net Gain / Loss		\$945.92

Submitted by Brian Nicholson - Treasurer

NOTES FROM THE LITTLE SIR

Hello SIR 159,

I hope and trust you all had a Happy Thanksgiving shared with loved ones and friends. No one gained a pound, right? For those of you who traveled by car, bus, train or plane.... how was it? My wife and I always feel a sense of relief as we pull into the driveway after traveling South for Thanksgiving.

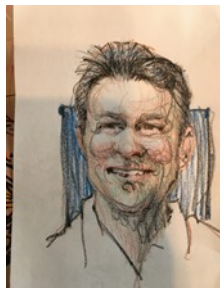
Is it just me or has this year gone by faster than ever? Every day the news reminds us of Covid19, political turmoil, inflation, rising energy costs, and the one that still puzzles me....How did Fresno State lose to Boise? I hope 2022 goes by slower.

I hope to see as many of you at the December Luncheon. The person who I had planned to speak at the luncheon has not confirmed, yet. I may have to go to plan B. Either way, I can not tell you who will be speaking at the luncheon.

Finally, be sure to thank Bruce Corwin for being BIG SIR for these last 20 months. When Dell Kerns was unable to complete his year of BIG SIR because of illness, Bruce stepped in and I can tell you first hand, he did a great job!

Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah,

Stuart Poytress
Lil' SIR



Every box of raisins is a tragic tale of grapes that could have been wine.

They say we can have gatherings with up to eight people without issues. I don't even *know* eight people without issues.

Theme parks can snap a crystal-clear picture of you on a roller coaster going 70 mph, but bank cameras can't get a clear shot of a robber standing still.

The more I get to know people, the more I realize why Noah only allowed animals on the boat.



2022 SIR 159 OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Hi fellow SIRS my name is Pete Openshaw I am in charge of the callers calling the members to see if they are going to attend the luncheon. one of my members has decided he can no longer volunteer as a caller so I am in need of one more person to call members. Its not too hard you have to call about 14 people and report the numbers to me once a month. You can contact me at 559 674 7211 or cell phone 559 871 5816 call or text or you can e mail me at pbacup@aol.com thank you Pete Openshaw

Covid-19 Fact: 87% of gym members don't even know their gym is closed.

I never make the same mistake twice. I do it like, five or six times, you know, just to make sure.

My train of thought derailed. There were no survivors.

If you see someone buying candy, popcorn and a soda at the movies, they are a drug dealer. There's no other explanation for that type of income.

Dr. Oz says rubbing coffee grounds on your naked body will get rid of cellulite. Apparently Starbucks doesn't allow you to do that. Now I am just waiting for the cops to arrive...



MEMBERSHIP REPORT
Fresno Branch #159, November 11,, 2021

ALL DATA AS END OF OCT.

New Members Inducted: 1 Branch 159
Terminated: 2 Meeting # 319th
Members: 206

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

#4-Ken Mohan - Deceased

New Members to be Inducted pending BEC Approval
#139-Ron Dunkin Sponsor - #72-Carlos Fernandez

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

#15-Mark Anderson Sponsor - #31-Shane Petersen

Note Respectfully Submitted by,

John Crawford
Membership Chairman

FRIEND WE LOST



Johnson, Davy

NEWS in the Golfing Community

We started the month of November with beautiful golfing weather with an Individual Stroke play tournament at Sherwood Forest where 44 golfers in four flights started took to the course. In flight 1 Brian Nicholson shot a three under 68 to win in a tie break over Roger McCoy and John Shertenlieb, while on flight 2 Bruce Corwin shot a 6 under net 65. Both flight 3 and flight 4 saw the low net of the day at the top as Bob Ying and Bob Moore took their respective flights with 9 under net 62s. Meanwhile the two closest to the pin winners were Jeff Brown, @ 1 inch and Gary Lemaster , 6' 7". The following week we we traveled to Madera Golf & Country Club for a game of 2ManBB where the team of Russ Conrad & Brett Bayley won in a tie break over Fred Martinez & Jeff Boatman with a ten under net 62, while closest to the pin holes were both captured by Russ Conrad, 3' 10" & 5' 5". Next we moved to Belmont Country Club where we played a 4 man scramble. The team of Javier Rodriguez, Paul Gabrielson, Dana Hamparzoomian and Ed Antenucci beat the runner up team by 0.1 point while shooting a net 58.5. The closest to the pin holes went to Gary McCrea, 1' 6" and Bruce Corwin, 5' 8". We finished the month at Ridge Creek for a game of 4Man 2BB, where the team led by Russ Anderson with Brett Bayley, Myron Yoshimura and Bid Wallace combined for a 13 under par 131 to top the field. CTP,s went to Bob Mattson, 5' 2" and Roger McEvoy, 15' 7". As we begin the month of December remember the last two rounds of the month constitute our annual Holiday Cup at Little Muni and Big Muni.

The December monthly chairman is **Bruce Corwin, corwinbj@sbcglobal.net or 916-934-6161** . He will be assisted by Bob Price.

Once again I would like to thank all of you that have volunteered to serve our golf club as monthly chairmen and assistants. With out your help this club could not function as smoothly as it does. We have openings for MC in January, September, November & December. Also looking for assistants in January, March, August thru December. Check your calendar to see when you might help the club in 2022.

Also our open enrollment period to renew our NCGA/GHIN for 2022 is coming to an end. Let us get all renewals done by the Branch Luncheon on the 9th. After that renewals go up to \$55, while new and lapsed remain at \$55. Last time I asked Roger I believe he said 73 or so had renewed. There were 108 paid members in 2021

DECEMBER GOLF SCHEDULE

2-Dec	Thurs.	Pheasant Run GC 665-3411	09:00 AM SG	Individual	\$ 45
8-Dec	Wed	Dragonfly GC 432-3020	09:00 AM SG	2ManBB	\$ 44
16-Dec	Thurs.	Madera Muni GC 675-3504	09:00 AM SG	Scramble	\$ 34+1.02
23-Dec	Thurs.	Airways GC 291-6254	09:00 AM SG	4Man2BB	\$ 33.50
30-Dec	Thurs.	Riverside GC 275-5900	09:00 AM SG	4Man2BB	\$ 37.00

Bowling News

From the Lanes in November

If you are not aware we are now bowling on **Tuesday starting at 1:00 PM. Plan to arrive by 12:45 for warm up time and to get set up.** We are charged the veteran's rate which keeps the cost at \$10.50 for the 3 games. We are rolling now. It certainly would be nice to see more bowlers on the lanes with us. Everyone 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 November. 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. On Friday November 5 a team of Ed Beier, Hector Leyva, Steve Beveridge and Duke Marshall represent Sir 159 in the State Bowling Tournament held at Modesto's McHenry Bowl. The doubles team of Hector and Steve finished in 3rd place in the doubles competition in the A division while Ed and Duke were in 8th. Our 4 man team finished 4th in the A division. Once again for those of you that are not making it to the lanes, 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. Hope to see you there

One day a farmer's donkey fell down into a well. The animal cried piteously for hours as the farmer tried to figure out what to do. Finally, he decided the animal was old, and the well needed to be covered up anyway; it just wasn't worth it to retrieve the donkey. He invited all his neighbors to come over and help him. They all grabbed a shovel and began to shovel dirt into the well. At first, the donkey realized what was happening and cried horribly. Then, to everyone's amazement he quieted down. A few shovel loads later, the farmer finally looked down the well. He was astonished at what he saw. With each shovel of dirt that hit his back, the donkey was doing something amazing. He would shake it off and take a step up. As the farmer's neighbors continued to shovel dirt on top of the animal, he would shake it off and take a step up. Pretty soon, everyone was amazed as the donkey stepped up over the edge of the well and happily trotted off! Life is going to shovel dirt on you, all kinds of dirt. The trick to getting out of the well is to shake it off and take a step up. Each of our troubles is a steppingstone. We can get out of the deepest wells just by not stopping, never giving up! Shake it off and take a step up.

Remember the five simple rules to be happy:

Free your heart from hatred - Forgive.

Free your mind from worries - Most never happen.

Live simply and appreciate what you have.

**Give more.
Expect less.**

BOWLING SCORES

DATE	NAME	SCORE
Nov 02	Hi Scratch Series	Ed Beier 649/246
	Hi Scratch Game	Daryl Derouchy 196
	Hi Hdcp. Series	Reg Salsman (NH) 542
	Hi Hdcp. Game	Jim Link 269
Nov 09	Hi Scratch Series	Ed Beier 654/233
	Hi Scratch Game	Reg Salsman 204
	Hi Hdcp. Series	Jim Link 760
	Hi Hdcp. Game	Daryl Derouchey 252
Nov 16	Hi Scratch Series	Ed Beier 586/237
	Hi Scratch Game	Dana Hamparzoomian 193
	Hi Hdcp. Series	Daryl Derouchey 727
	Hi Hdcp. Game	Jim Link 268
Nov 23	Hi Scratch Series	Ed Beier 646/237
	Hi Scratch Game	Jim Link 233
	Hi Hdcp. Series	Daryl Derouchey 701
	Hi Hdcp. Game	Duke Marshall 230
Nov 30	High Scratch Series	Duke Marshall 593/254
	High Scratch Game	Ed Beier 246
	High Handicap Series	Jim Link 693
	High Handicap Game	Daryl Derouchey 251

SIR 159 MEMBER ASSESSMENT
FOR 2022 >>>>> \$25.00

Make Check Payable to
“SIR 159” , Due By Dec 31st

Please Bring Check to Next
Meeting or Mail to:

Brian Nicholson

6530 N Pleasant Ave

Fresno CA 93711

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:
Cabo San Lucas, Mazatlán, and Puerto Vallarta
Only \$25 pp will hold spot
7 days on new ship Carnival Panorama--133,500 tons.
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