



The Chanticleer

New 159 website - www.branch159.sirinc2.org

Program : **CHUCK BROUGH**

Date Feb 10, 2022

Place Pardini's Restaurant
2257 W. Shaw Avenue

Social Hour 11:00 AM

Luncheon: 12 Noon
\$18 per person

Activities Calendar for **FEBRUARY**

Date	Event	Contact
FEBRUARY 7-14-21-28	Whitmer's Warriors Golf	Steve Chase
	Model Railroading	Robert Sexton
FEBRUARY 3-9-17-24	SIR Golf	Duke Marshall
FEBRUARY 16	Dine Out Night	Gary Smith
FEBRUARY 1-8-15-22	SIRS Bowling	Duke Marshall
	SIR Bridge	TBD
FEBRUARY 10	SIRs Luncheon	Pete Openshaw (RSVP)
	History Roundtable	Gary Lemaster
FEBRUARY 2-9-16-23	9 Hole Golf	Charlie Barrett
	Pinochle	Duke Marshall
	Cornhole	TBD
	Horseshoes	TBD
FEBRUARY 16	Cigars	Bob Moore
FEBRUARY 10	Book Exchange	Paul Gabrielson

2022 Speaker

Thursday, February 10 **CHUCK BROUGH**

Sons In Retirement, Inc Branch 159 Financial

	Month:	Jan. 2022
Beginning Balance (Checking + Cash)		\$12,338.62
Expenses	\$	<u>2,069.63</u>
		\$10,268.99
Revenues	\$	<u>2,826.00</u>
Month Ending Balance (Checking + Cash)		\$13,094.99
	\$	<u>-</u>
TOTAL		\$13,094.99
Checking \$12,644.99 + Cash Drawer \$450.00 = \$13,094.99		
Net Gain / Loss		\$756.37

Submitted by Brian Nicholson - Treasurer

NOTES FROM THE BIG SIR

Happy February,

Last year the NFL seemed to go political, so I boycotted every game. This year I didn't get caught up in the regular season but I did watch most of the playoffs. I can't remember so many close, exciting games regardless of who I was rooting for. The Rams and Bengals should set the stage for another good season ending game. I think most, or rather all of us have been around long enough to remember the very first Super Bowl. It's been a while....

At the board meeting last month we approved 5 activities that are still available to all of us. Tournament Golf, 9 hole Golf, Whitmers Warriors Golf, Cigars Night Out and Date Night Out. All other activities which we have enjoyed in the past are on hold right now due to Covid. As the pandemic winds down, hopefully soon, card games, computer club, history club and more will resume. We'll keep our members posted.

If any of you are still interested in taking the Red Cross CPR training let me know and I'll walk you through the sign up. Javier Rodriquez and I took the 3 hour training two weeks ago. The class goes by fast, is very informational and fun. The cost is \$80 of which \$50 will be reimbursed to you.

Our Area Governor, Bruce Corwin, spoke with the people at Pardini's about setting up tables with six chairs instead of eight for those who are not comfortable sitting that close to each other in these times. Pardini's agreed to set up two tables with six chairs. So, if you would like to sit at a six chair table please come early and claim your seat. I'll ask for suggestions at this month's board meeting on how we can make this work each month.

See you all soon,

Stuart Poytress
BIG SIR



Poytress, Stuart

**Something Went Wrong in Jet Crash, Expert Says
Really? Ya' think?**

**Police Begin Campaign to Run Down Jaywalkers
Now that's taking things a bit far!**

**Panda Mating Fails; Veterinarian Takes Over
What a guy!**

**Miners Refuse to Work after Death
No-good-for-nothing' lazy so-and-so's!**

**Juvenile Court to Try Shooting Defendant
See if that works better than a fair trial!**

NOTES FROM THE LITTLE SIR

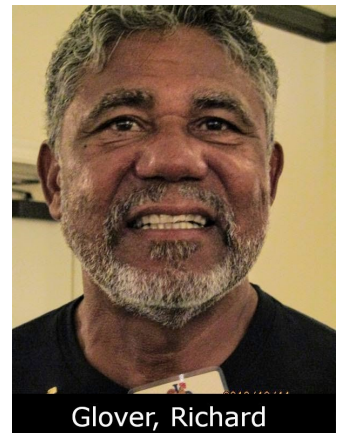


Dedicated to enriching the lives of our members through fun activities, luncheons and events while making Friends for Life

Hello Sirs and Happy February;

I feel we had a good kick-off meeting, thanks to Big Sir Stuart Poytress, and I would welcome any comments or critique that anyone might consider contributing. Last year ended with the weather providing some very cold temperatures, really happy that it's over. I think the new year got off to a great start, considering the obstacles we had to overcome due to the Covid-19 Omicron Variant. With a bit of patience, we'll have this issue in our rear view and we won't need to consider it anymore. We've made it through January, and we can look forward to a warming up outdoors, which is good for the golf. The weather for February seems to be a bit more agreeable for golfing. The Farmers Almanac states that the weather will be a mixed bag, with rain periodically, which we need, but nothing intense. Our speaker for the February luncheon will be one of our own, Sir 159 member Chuck Brough, who is an expert on the Economy and will provide some insight to help us navigate these economic uncertainties. On a personal note, I pulled a muscle in my back last week and had to seek physical therapy to help me get through it. The down side of that is I've had to miss playing two of my favorite courses, Belmont and Eagle Springs, but I should be ok to play Pheasant Run.

Richard Glover
Little Sir - Branch 159
559-286-6250



Glover, Richard

Message on a leaflet:

IF YOU CANNOT READ, THIS LEAFLET WILL TELL YOU HOW TO GET LESSONS.

On a repair shop door:

WE CAN REPAIR ANYTHING. (PLEASE KNOCK HARD ON THE DOOR - THE BELL DOESN'T WORK.)

Proofreading is a dying art, wouldn't you say?

SIR Minutes of Branch 159 Executive Committee

January 13, 2022

The meeting opened at 10:15 am at Pardini's Restaurant. BEC officers present were Big Sir Stuart Poytress, Little Sir Richard Glover, Treasurer Brian Nicholson, Assistant Treasurer Steve Chase, Assistant Secretary Brett Bayley, and Secretary Robert Scott. Directors present were John Crawford (2022), Thomas Simpson (2022), Javier Rodriguez (2023), and Roger McEvoy (2023). Excused from the meeting were Directors Mark Isonio (2024) and Jerry Brady (2024). Stuart Poytress proclaimed a quorum was present (10 of 12).

Next, a review of the revised December 9, 2021 meeting minutes was conducted. Steve Chase moved that the revised minutes be approved as presented, and Brett Bayley seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

It was reported that "callers" had submitted their reports, and we have ordered 92 lunches for today's meeting.

Richard Glover announced that today's program will be Nicholas Moreno from the California Highway Patrol who will be presenting information about changes to California law regarding motor vehicles. He is also expected to leave time to answer questions about CHP practices and procedures.

Next, the Monthly Cash Report (Form 28) was reviewed. Treasurer Brian Nicholson reported approximately 150 of our 208 members have paid their 2022 assessments. Consequently, the report indicated assessment receipts of \$2,325 during December. Brian also reported our December luncheon expenses exceed luncheon income by \$94.76. Consequently, we had an ending cash balance of \$12,338.62 at the end of December. Brett Bayley moved the report be approved, and Steve Chase seconded the motion. The report was approved unanimously. After the vote, Brian reminded the BEC that an annual audit of the Treasurer's operations was required at this time. The auditors will be contacting Brian to arrange a meeting date and time.

In regard to membership information, John Crawford reviewed the December 2021 Membership Report and noted today would be our 321th SIRs 159 meeting. The report also indicated we inducted three new members and terminated 1 member during December, so our total membership is currently 208. The Membership Report also listed an additional six members who will be terminated for various reasons when his report is approved. On the plus side, one new member will be inducted during our meeting today. John also reviewed the Monthly Branch Membership Report (Form 27). Referring to Form 27, John reminded us that we have gained 22 members this year but lost 25, and we had 98 members and 2 guests at the December luncheon. Steve Chase moved and Richard Glover seconded the motion that both membership reports be accepted. The reports were unanimously approved.

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January 13, 2022

Regarding Old Business, Stuart Poytress reported two members will be attending a class for CPR certification on January 19, 2022. Other members who signed up for the class will each schedule the date of their training. The club will also continue to provide a \$50 reimbursement for costs associated with the training for the 8 members who have expressed an interest in being CPR certified.

Next on the agenda under the heading of New Business was the need to determine microphone time during the meeting. Duke Marshal and Ron Wilson indicated they would like to address the group.

A second new business item involved a review of our club activities and the chairmen of each activity. The discussion led to a conclusion that Covid was hampering the resumption of many activities, especially indoor activities. Stuart Poytress will be submitting an Activity Report to the state.

The next new business item involved the Covid comfort level for luncheon attendees. It was suggested that we meet with Pardini's to determine if we can seat six members instead of eight at our luncheon tables.

Short discussions were also held about SIRs 179 and improving our Facebook page.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 am.
Secretaries Robert Scott and Brett Bayley

**Outside a second-hand shop:
WE EXCHANGE ANYTHING - BICYCLES, WASHING MACHINES, ETC. WHY NOT
BRING YOUR WIFE ALONG AND GET A WONDERFUL BARGAIN?**

**Notice in health food shop window:
CLOSED DUE TO ILLNESS...**

**Spotted in a safari park:
(I sure hope so.)
ELEPHANTS, PLEASE STAY IN YOUR CAR.**

**Seen during a conference:
FOR ANYONE WHO HAS CHILDREN AND DOESN'T KNOW IT, THERE IS A DAY
CARE ON THE 1ST FLOOR.**

**Notice in a farmer's field:
THE FARMER ALLOWS WALKERS TO CROSS THE FIELD FOR FREE, BUT THE BULL CHARGES.**



2022 SIR 159 OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

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

Branch 159 Officers, Directors

2022 BRANCH OFFICERS

BIG SIR: Stuart Poytress	559-298-4323
LITTLE SIR: Richard Glover	559-286-6250
ASST. SECRETARY: Brett Bayley	619-507-0357
SECRETARY: Robert Scott	559-696-2158
TREASURER: Brian Nicholson	559-285-8928
ASST. TREASURER: Steve Chase	559-252-2600

2022 BRANCH DIRECTORS

John Crawford [2022]	559-779-2484
Thomas Simpson (2022)	559-432-2787
Javier Rodriquez (2023)	559-706-1989
Roger McEvoy [2023]	559-905-7362
Mark Isonio [2024]	559-916-1540
Jerry Brady [2024]	559-325-3049

2022 BRANCH SUPPORT PERSONEL

ATTENDANCE : Robert Ying	559-289-4548
CHAPLIN: Charles Barrett	559-439-8388
HISTORIAN: Gary Becker	559-251-7408
LIBRARIAN: Paul Gabrielson	559-269-2030
MEMBERSHIP : 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 are down to only four players, myself, Hector Leyva, Dell Kerns and Steve Chase. As this mutation of covid begins to let up we might consider restarting Pinochle in the near future. If anyone would like to make any changes to when, day time etc. speak up so we can modify while we are idle. It is a great game. If you would like to learn we can teach you. If you or your significant other would like to join drop me an email @ DukMarshal@aol.com. The pinochle group has met on 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. 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. We need more pinochle players!!

In an office:

AFTER TEA BREAK, STAFF SHOULD EMPTY THE TEAPOT AND STAND UPSIDE DOWN ON THE DRAINING BOARD.



MEMBERSHIP REPORT
Fresno Branch #159, December 10, 2021

ALL DATA AS END OF NOV.

New Members Inducted: 1
Terminated: 1
Members: 206

Branch 159
Meeting # 320th

New Member (15) Net Membership Change (-5) Year Beginning Ref # (211) on 1/1/2021
Members to be Terminated

#109-David W. Johnson - Deceased

New Members to be Inducted pending BEC Approval

#100-Dexter Hayward Sponsor - #16-Stacy Thomas
#149-Irwin Band #38-Bruce Corwin
#4-Edward Stacy #38-Bruce Corwin

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

#139-Ron Dunkin Sponsor - #72-Carlos Fernandez

Note Respectfully Submitted by,

John Crawford
Membership Chairman

FRIEND WE'VE LOST



McCallum, Bill

NEW MEMBER



GARY PARNELL

NEWS in the Golfing Community

We started the month of January on a cold foggy morning not the best golfing weather and an Individual Stroke play tournament at where 37 golfers in four flights took on mother nature their fellow golfers. In flight 1 Mike Castle from Sir 179 shot a net 75 to win in a tie break over Mike Davis while in flight 2 Bob Mattson won with a 2 under net 70. In flight 3 Charlie Amasalian took honors with a 3 under net 69 and flight 4 saw Bob Rathburn topped the flight with a net 72. The two closest to the pin winners were Jim Branton, 2'0" and Dana Hamparzoomian, 5'10". The following week we we traveled to Madera CC for a game of Cha Cha Cha where the team of Javier Rodriguez, Stuart Poytress, Duke Marshall and Mike Williamson won in a tie break over the team of Jim Branton, Russ Manfredo, Rick Whistler and Bob Rathburn with a net 137, while Stuart, Poytress, 4'1" and Fred Martinez, 7'5" captured the closest to the pin holes. Next we moved to Belmont CC for a 4 man scramble. The team of Greg Geis, Joe Kosinski, Bob Hudson and Jeff Boatman cut through the field with a nine under par and total net 55.5. The closest to the pin holes went to Mike Cunningham, 4' 11" and Russ Manfredo, 11', 2". We finished the month going up the hill to Eagle Springs for a game of 4Man2BB. The weather had changed to be more spring like and we had a beautiful sunny day on a tough course. The team of Russ Anderson, Brett Bayley and Gary Smith with a blind draw took the field with a 15 under par performance. The closest to the pins went to Bob Moore, 4'5" and Roger Anthony, 8'1".

The Feburary monthly chairman is **John Briceno**, jabriceno72@gmail.com or 395-4330 . He will be assisted by **Rick Pezzi**.

Have you begun to think about choosing a partner for the 2-Man competition in June? I will begin signing up teams about the start of March after I have finished the set-up for the Ron Rich. At the same time we will still have the Team Championship, scramble, in May. You need to think about it all. Once again I would like to thank all of you that have volunteered to serve our golf club as monthly chairmen and assistants. Without your help this club could not function as smoothly as it does.

Duke Marshall
Sir 159 GC Chairman

FEBRUARY GOLF SCHEDULE

3-Feb	Thurs.	Pheasant Run GC 665-3411	09:00 AM SG	Individual	\$ 45
9-Feb	Wed	Airways GC 291-6254	09:00 AM SG	2MBB	\$ 32
17-Feb	Thurs.	Riverside GC 275-5900	09:00 AM SG	2M Scramble	\$ 38
24-Feb	Thurs.	Madera Muni GC 675-3504	09:00 AM SG	4Man2BB	\$ 44

Bowling News

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 thru January. When bowling we roll scratch games and a 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 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 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.

DATE	NAME	SCORE
01/04/22	High Scratch Series	Ed Beier 665/236
	High Scratch Game	Jim Link 198
	High Handicap Series	Daryl Derouchey 728
	High Handicap Game	Duke Marshall 247
01/11/22	High Scratch Series	Ed Beier 644/236
	High Scratch Game	Duke Marshall 203
	High Handicap Series	Jim Link 752
	High Handicap Game	Daryl Derouchey 213
01/18/22	High Scratch Series	Ed Beier 698/290
	High Scratch Game	Reg Salsman 198
	High Handicap Series	Tom Simpson 711
	High Handicap Game	Duke Marshall 263
01/25/22	High Scratch Series	Ed Beier 611/241
	High Scratch Game	Reg Salsman 194
	High Handicap Series	Tom Simpson 769
	High Handicap Game	Duke Marshall 230

Did I read that sign right?

"TOILET OUT OF ORDER. PLEASE USE FLOOR BELOW."

In a Laundromat:

AUTOMATIC WASHING MACHINES: PLEASE REMOVE ALL YOUR CLOTHES WHEN THE LIGHT GOES OUT.

In a London department store:

BARGAIN BASEMENT UPSTAIRS...

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