



The Chanticleer

New 159 website - www.branch159.sirinc2.org

Program : **John Mount with So Cal Edison**

Date Apr 14, 2022

Place Pardini's Restaurant

2257 W. Shaw Avenue

Social Hour 11:00 AM

Luncheon: 12 Noon

\$18 per person

Activities Calendar for APRIL

| Date | Event | Contact |
|------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| APRIL 4-11-18-25 | Whitmer's Warriors Golf | Steve Chase |
| APRIL 7-13-21-28 | SIR Golf | Duke Marshall |
| APRIL 20 | Dine Out Night | Gary Smith |
| APRIL 5-12-19-26 | SIRS Bowling | Duke Marshall |
| APRIL 14 | SIRs Luncheon | Pete Openshaw (RSVP) |
| APRIL 12 | History Roundtable | Gary Lemaster |
| APRIL 4-11-18-25 | 9 Hole Golf | Charlie Barrett |
| | Pinochle | Duke Marshall |
| APRIL 20 | Cigars | Bob Moore |
| APRIL 14 | Book Exchange | Paul Gabrielson |

2022 Speaker

Thursday, April 14 **John Mount with So Cal Edison**

Sons In Retirement, Inc Branch 159 Financial

| | Month: | March 2022 |
|--|--------|--------------------|
| Beginning Balance (Checking + Cash) | | \$13,184.53 |
| Expenses | \$ | 1,690.79 |
| | | \$11,493.74 |
| Revenues | \$ | 1,672.00 |
| Month Ending Balance (Checking + Cash) | | \$13,165.74 |
| | \$ | - |
| TOTAL | | \$13,165.74 |

Checking \$12,715.74+ Cash Drawer \$450.00 = \$13,165.74

Net Gain / Loss

(\$18.79)

Submitted by Brian Nicholson - Treasurer

NOTES FROM THE BIG SIR

Hello Fellow Sir Members,

After a brief day or two of rain the Valley looks refreshed and, hopefully, ready for April showers. Let's hope Mother Nature comes through for us in the weeks ahead.

As most all you know Richard Glover was asked to oversee a special project for PG&E. He will be very busy through August which is the reason why he could no longer serve as our Little Sir. Bruce Corwin, head of the nominating committee, found a new Little Sir for 159. Russ Anderson is taking over for Richard Glover for the remainder of the year. If you look at the SIR159 golf schedule you will see that Russ is the monthly chairman for all the months that have 5 tournaments. He has some new ideas for games under the heading of "Chairman's Pick."

Ron Wilson came up with a great idea last month. He is forming a committee with the purpose of finding quality speakers for our luncheons. Last year, half of the speakers I provided came from ideas and referrals from our members. Ron Wilson's idea is going to make the job of Little Sir a little less stressful.

Speaking of speakers. John Crawford referred me to John Mount with So Cal Edison. He is responsible for the 400 acres of trees around Shaver Lake. I think his presentation will inform us of what's being done this year regarding fire prevention and what we can expect in the upcoming fire season.

I'll see you all April 14th at Pardini's.

Stuart Poytress
Big Sir



Poytress, Stuart

Al McGuire - "The only mystery in life is why the kamikaze pilots wore helmets."

Albert Einstein - "The difference between stupidity and genius is that genius has its limits."

Ambrose Bierce - "War is God's way of teaching Americans geography."

Andy Borowitz - "It would be nice to spend billions on schools and roads, but right now that money is desperately needed for political ads."

SIR Minutes of Branch 159 Executive Committee

March 3, 2022

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

Next, a review of the February 10, 2022 meeting minutes was conducted. Steve Chase moved that the minutes be approved and Jerry Brady 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.

Stuart Poytress announced that today's program will be Captain Sanchez of the Air National Guard based here in Fresno. His program will feature a slide show and will precede the luncheon service due to the captain's tight schedule.

Next, the Monthly Cash Report (Form 28) was reviewed. Treasurer Brian Nicholson reported several activities that were indicated on his report. There was an additional \$250.00 collected in annual assessments. Brian also indicated our February luncheon was "a push." Consequently, we had an ending cash balance of \$13,184.53 for a subsequent gain of approximately \$100. Steve Chase moved the report be approved, and Roger McEvoy seconded the motion. The report was approved unanimously.

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Ann Landers - "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."

Benny Hill - "Have you noticed that all the people in favour of birth control are already born?"

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

Buddy Hackett - "As a child my family's menu consisted of two choices: take it or leave it."

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SIR Minutes of Branch 159 Executive Committee

March 3, 2022

In regard to membership information, John Crawford reviewed the February 2022 Membership Report and noted that today would be our 323rd SIR 159 meeting. John reviewed the Membership Report (Form 27) and indicated we would be inducting three new members today ... Bill Sanders, Loren LeBaron, and Gregg Gephart. After a termination of 17 members (approved at the February BEC meeting), we now have 186 members. John Crawford moved and Jerry Brady seconded the motion that the membership reports be accepted. There was unanimous approval.

Next on the agenda under the heading of New Business was the need to determine microphone time during the meeting. Duke Marshall, Steve Chase, Bob Moore, Bruce Corwin and Fred Martinez would like to address the group.

Some discussion followed concerning two members who had not renewed their membership due to extenuating medical situations. It was moved by Steve Chase and seconded by Jerry Brady that we would keep them on our roster and extend our support for these individuals. It was approved unanimously.

The next new business item was a proposal by Ron Wilson to use some of our strong cash reserves to sponsor another free lunch with an upgraded menu (e.g. prime rib) to boost our attendance at the monthly luncheons. It was also proposed that to further entice our existing membership and new member candidates, we should go after "A list" speakers. The discussion centered on a need to upgrade our speakers. Stuart Poytress suggested a Speaker Committee of 3 to 4 people in order to assist the Little Sir in seeking good speakers. Stuart indicated he would bring this up at today's meeting.

Treasurer Brian Nicholson then confirmed that both the Branch Account and Golf Account were successfully audited as required each fiscal year.

Bruce Corwin, as Chair of the Nominating Committee, nominated Russ Anderson for the vacated Little Sir position. Brian Nicholson moved to approve this nomination, and it was seconded by Steve Chase. The nomination was approved unanimously to be considered and approved at the next BEC meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:02 am.

Secretaries Robert Scott and Brett Bayley



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:

SECRETARY: Robert Scott 559-696-2158

ASST. SECRETARY: Brett Bayley 619-507-0357

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 559-439-8338

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

Caroline Rhea - "My favourite machine at the gym is the vending machine."

Casey Stengel - "All right everyone, line up alphabetically according to your height."

Benjamin Franklin - "Trouble knocked at the door, but, hearing laughter, hurried away."

Emo Philips - "How many people here have telekinetic powers? Raise my hand."

George Burns - "If you live to be one hundred, you've got it made. Very few people die past that age."

NEWS from your Golfing Community

We are approaching the end of March. It was Irish-American Heritage month as well as the month when we pass the Vernal Equinox. Of course we call it the first day of Spring and that is when the amount of daylight time exceeds the amount of night time minutes allowing us more hours for golf. We began the month at Dragonfly, where we began the annual Branch 159 Ron Rich Match Play Tournament in which 32 players begin the competition and at the end of the month we are down to eight. We also played an individual stroke play round that was flighted. A new occurrence in my memory, we had a net 74 winning score in the first 3 flights, Brian Nicholson, flight 1, Russ Manfredo, flight 2 and John Briceno in a tie break over Bob Price. In flight 4 Bid Wallace topped the flight with a net 77 and flight 5 went to Rick Pezzi with a net 76. The two closest to the pin winners were Jeff Shabazian, 0'11" and Russ Conrad, 2'6". The following week we went south to Valley Oaks in Visalia for a game of 4Man2BB where the team of Larry Hodges, Jeff Shabazian, Bob Price and Rick Ransom took the field with a 22 under net 122, while Russ Anderson, 2'8" and Ken Chancey, 0'11" captured the closest to the pin holes. Next up was across town to Belmont for a 4-man shamble w 3 best nets. The team of Jeff Shabazian, Ken Chancey, Martin Beaza and Mike Williamson went 33 under par to top the field. The closest to the pin holes went to Jim Branton, 12' 10" and Dana Hamparzoomian, 5', 4". Next up we traveled east to Sherwood Forest for a game of 2ManBB where the team of Gary Parnell and Roger Anthony captured the day with a 13 under par 58. Closest to the pin holes went to Duke Marshall, 17'7" and Bob Ying, 7'8". For the fifth we again headed south but to Lemoore where the chairman's choice that was either a hybrid scramble or a hybrid shamble. The way we scored it was more shamble, In a tight race the team of Fred Martinez, Dana, Hamparzoomian, Bill Demarinis and Jeff Boatman inched past the field with a 58 under par. Closest to the pins was also expanded to four holes and the winners were, Robert Ying, 4'01", Gary Parnell, 23'03", Richard Neilson, 8' 01" and Brett Bayley, 11'09". The April monthly chairman is Fred Martinez, ajm7pc@hotmail.com or 365-4123. He will be assisted by John Shertenlieb.

Time is getting shorter for choosing a partner for the 2-Man competition in June? I have begun taking sign-ups. 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

APRIL GOLF SCHEDULE

| | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| 7-Apr Rich Rnd 3. | Thurs. | Madera Muni GC | 08:00 AM SG | Individual | \$ 44 Ron |
| 13-Apr | Wed | Madera G&CC | 08:00 AM SG | 4M2BB | \$ 50 |
| 21-Apr | Thurs. | Riverside GC | 08:00 AM SG | 4M Scramble | \$ 38 |
| 28-Apr Rich Rnd 4. | Thurs. | Eagle Springs GC | 08:00 AM SG | 2MBB | \$ 60 Ron |

◆□How does Moses make tea?

Hebrews it!

◆□Venison for dinner again?

Oh deer!

◆□I used to be a banker, but then I lost interest.

◆□Haunted French pancakes give me the crepes.

◆□England has no kidney bank, but it does have a Liverpool.

◆□I tried to catch some fog, but I mist.

◆□I thought I had type-A blood, but it was a Typo.

◆□I changed my iPod's name to Titanic. It's syncing now.

◆□Jokes about German sausages are the wurst.

◆□I know a guy who's addicted to brake fluid, but he says he can stop any time.

◆□I stayed up all night to see where the sun went, and then it dawned on me.

From the Lanes in MARCH

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 March. 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. The State has lifted the indoor requirement for a mask if you are fully vaccinated. 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.

BOWLING SCORES

| <u>DATE</u> | | <u>NAME</u> | <u>SCORE</u> |
|-----------------|----------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 03/01/22 | High Scratch Series | Ed Beier | 604/231 |
| | High Scratch Game | Daryl Derouchey | 200 |
| | High Handicap Series | Duke Marshall | 684 |
| | High Handicap Game | Reg Salsman | 246 |
| 03/08/22 | High Scratch Series | Ed Beier | 592 |
| | High Scratch Game | Duke Marshall | 221 |
| | High Handicap Series | Reg Salsman | 795 |
| | High Handicap Game | Daryl Derouchey | 231 |
| 03/15/22 | High Scratch Series | Ed Beier | 652/225 |
| | High Scratch Game | Daryl Derouchey | 210 |
| | High Handicap Series | Jim Link | 691 |
| | High Handicap Game | Duke Marshall | 242 |
| 03/22/22 | High Scratch Series | Ed Beier | 565/233 |
| | High Scratch Game | Reg Salsman | 233 |
| | High Handicap Series | Jim Link | 732 |
| | High Handicap Game | Duke Marshall | 238 |
| 03/29/22 | High Scratch Series | Ed Beier | 608/233 |
| | High Scratch Game | Reg Salsman | 202 |
| | High Handicap Series | Jim Link | 701 |
| | High Handicap Game | Daryl Derouchey | 244 |

2022 SIR GOLF "Spring Fling"

Members, Lady's, Guests Invited, PLAY ONE OR BOTH DAYS

Tuesday April 19th AND Wednesday April 20th



** Eagle Vines Golf Course, Napa **



** Chardonnay Golf Course, Napa **

DAY 1 EAGLE VINES, 9:00 am Shotgun start, \$ 85

"Men and Women" Four Person Team – 2 Best Ball Net, Select Your Playing Partners

DAY 2 CHARDONNAY, 9:00 am Shotgun start, \$ 65

"Men and Women" Four Person Scramble - A, B, C & D, Team is Selected by Computer

PLAY BOTH DAYS for \$ 150

PRICE per Day Includes Green Fee with cart, range balls, prize fund, closest to the pin contest on both 9's.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THIS TOURNAMENT AND APPLICATION CAN BE FOUND ON THE SIR STATE GOLF WEBSITE AT "WWW.SIRGOLF.ORG"

