



The Chanticleer

New 159 website - www.branch159.sirinc2.org

Program :

Date May 12, 2022

Place Pardini's Restaurant
2257 W. Shaw Avenue

Social Hour 11:00 AM

Luncheon: 12 Noon

\$18 per person

Activities Calendar for **MAY**

Date	Event	Contact
MAY 2-9-16-23-30	Whitmer's Warriors Golf	Steve Chase
MAY 5-11-19-26	SIR Golf	Duke Marshall
MAY 18	Dine Out Night	Gary Smith
MAY 3-10-17-24-31	SIRS Bowling	Duke Marshall
MAY 12	SIRs Luncheon	Pete Openshaw (RSVP)
MAY TBD	History Roundtable	Gary Lemaster
MAY 4-11-18-25	9 Hole Golf	Charlie Barrett
	Pinochle	Duke Marshall
MAY 18	Cigars	Bob Moore
MAY 12	Book Exchange	Paul Gabrielson

2022 Speaker

Thursday, May 12

Sons In Retirement, Inc Branch 159 Financial		Month:	April 2022
Beginning Balance (Checking + Cash)			\$13,165.74
Expenses	\$		2,645.08
			\$10,520.66
Revenues	\$		1,603.00
Month Ending Balance (Checking + Cash)			\$12,123.66
	\$		-
		TOTAL	\$12,123.66
Checking \$11,673.66+ Cash Drawer \$450.00 = \$12,123.66			
Net Gain / Loss			(\$1,042.08)
Submitted by Brian Nicholson - Treasurer			

NOTES FROM THE BIG SIR

Hello Fellow Sir Members,

Most of us have grandchildren and we all try to be good grandparents. My oldest granddaughter turned 11 in April and my wife and I went down to Goleta for her party. As usual about a half a dozen, or so, of her friends attended the party as it was held at the local ice skating arena. Two years ago I went out on the ice and all was well. This year, a different story.

Remember the movie, Magnum Force with Clint Eastwood. One of the more remembered lines from Clint Eastwood in the movie was, "A man's got to know his limitations." Well, after I fell twice on the ice, cracking a rib on the last fall, that line came to mind. So, here we are three weeks later and I'm just getting back to normal.

On another note, I hope everyone is comfortable at our monthly luncheons and can appreciate Pardini's cooperation by only seating six at a table. If any of you have had reservations in attending the monthly luncheons because of the pandemic, I hope to see you soon. To my knowledge we have had no reports of any of our member thinking they may have caught covid, or even a cold after attending a SIR get together.

Also, if any of you have any concerns, suggestions, or subjects that you would like to bring up to the board members please let us know.

With that, I hope you are all happy and healthy and I'm looking forward to seeing you May 12th.

Stuart Poytress
BIG SIR



Poytress, Stuart

**AT MY FUNERAL TAKE
THE BOUQUET OFF MY
COFFIN AND THROW IT
INTO THE CROWD TO
SEE WHO IS NEXT**

I couldn't resist. 😊



***They sing because
they can.***

SIR Minutes of Branch 159 Executive Committee

April 14, 2022

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

Next, a review of the March 3, 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 100 lunches for today's meeting. It was also reported that one of our members, Hal Berg, had died. Stuart Poytress announced that today's program will be John Mount, a forester who is retired from a career at Southern California Edison. His program will feature a slide show about the Creek Fire near Shaver Lake in 2020.

Next, the Monthly Cash Report (Form 28) was reviewed. Treasurer Brian Nicholson reported the financial activities during March 2023 were all routine items. Once again, the difference between our luncheon income and expenses were within an acceptable amount. Consequently, our cash balance at the end of March 2023 was 13,165.74.

In regard to membership information, John Crawford reviewed the February 2022 Membership Report and noted that today would be our 324 rd SIR 159 meeting. He reported that 3 new members were inducted and 4 roster members were terminated during March. In addition, John also indicated that there are 2 members to be terminated and 2 new members to be approved by the BEC today. Next Form 27, The Monthly Branch Membership Report, was examined. Both membership reports indicated we had 185 members at the end of March 2022. John Crawford moved and Brian Nicholson seconded the motion that the membership reports be accepted. There was unanimous approval.

Next on the agenda was the need to determine microphone time during the meeting. Duke Marshall and Fred Martinez would like to address the group.

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An item regarding old business involved the forming of a committee to assist our Little Sir in identifying speakers for our monthly luncheons. This same topic was also discussed at a recent meeting of Branch 159 Honorary Life Members and past Big Sirs. At that meeting, the attendees agreed to actively help find quality speakers and provide their names to the Little Sir.

A second old business item was the possibility of using a portion of our cash balance to fund a special menu luncheon. The BEC decided that the month of October 2022 would be a good month for the event. Bruce Corwin will meet with Pardini's to develop details.

Concerning new business items, Bruce Corwin reported that an ad seeking new members had been placed in the Clovis Roundup. Also, Bruce stated that a new awards system was being considered at the state level of SIRs. His last item involved the list of projected officers and directors of Branch 159 for 2023. At this time, all positions have a candidate.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am.
Secretaries Robert Scott and Brett Bayley

Did You Know This About Leather Dresses?

Do you know that when a woman wears a leather dress, a man's heart beats quicker, his throat gets dry, he gets weak in the knees, and he begins to think irrationally!

Ever wonder why?

It's because she smells like a new Truck.

Branch 159 Officers, Directors

2022 BRANCH OFFICERS

BIG SIR: Stuart Poytress	559-298-4323
LITTLE SIR: Russ Anderson	408-835-5083
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	559-365-4123
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

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



MEMBERSHIP REPORT
Fresno Branch #159, April 14, 2022

ALL DATA AS END OF APR.
New Members Inducted: 3
Terminated: 4
Members: 185

Branch 159
Meeting # 324rd

New Member (4) Net Membership Change (-23) Year Beginning Ref # (208) on 1/1/2022

Members to be Terminated

- #86 - John Lee Walker - Moved to Branch 179
- #128 - Harold Berg - Deceased

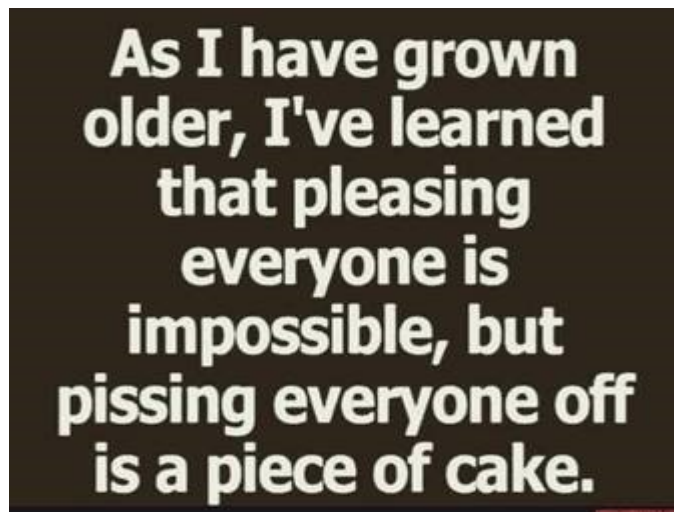
New Members to be Inducted pending BEC Approval

- #90 - Ronald McNary Sponsor #131 - Terry Schneider
- #86 - Christopher Anderson #28 - Reg Salsman

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

Respectfully Submitted by:

John Crawford
Membership Chairman



NEWS from your Golfing Community

April has come and gone. May is upon us.
It's May, the lusty month of May.
That lovely month when everyone goes blissfully astray
It's here, that shocking time of year
When tons of wicked little thoughts merrily appear.

We began the past month at Madera Muni where we played an individual stroke play round that was flighted. Jim Branton took flight 1 with a 5 under net 67 while flight 2 went to Mike Davis with a 4 under net 68, In flight 3 Charlie Amasalian with a 2 under net 70 was a winner and in flight 4 Bid Wallace's 10 under net 62 captured the day. The two closest to the pin winners were Bob Price, 2'8" and Duke Marshall, 3'2".

The following week we were back in Madera but across 99 to Madera G&CC for a game of 4Man2BB, where the team of Javier Rodriguez, Roger McEvoy, Martin Baeza and Roger Anthony took 10 other teams with a net of 128, 16 under par. In the mean time Gregg Gephart, 17'2" and Gary Morgan, 8'0" captured the closest to the pin holes.

Next up was Riverside for a 4Man scramble.. The team of Brian Nicholzen, Stan Scott and Bill DeMarinis narrowly escaped the field with a net 52.1. The closest to the pin holes went to Garry Elliott, 4'3" and Fred Martinez, 5'0".

Our last match of the month was again north to Eagle Springs for a 2ManBB game where the team of Fred Martinez and Bob Mattson shot an 11 under net 61 to top the field. Closest to the pin holes went to Bob Rathburn, 10'3" and Joe Kosinsk, 11'4".

As we start May we will see the completion of our Ron Rich Match play championship with the Finals on tap as Charlie Amasalian, the 24 seed takes on John Volkman the 3 seed. Also in May on the 19th at Dragonfly we will be holding the Branch Team 4 man scramble Championship in conjunction with the Team SIR State qualifer.

The May monthly chairman is **Bruce Corwin at 916-934-6161 or corwinbj@sbcglobal.net He will be assisted by Jerry Brady.**

Time is getting shorter for choosing a partner for the 2-Man competition in June? I have begun taking sign- ups. At the sametime we will still have the Team Championship, scramble, in May.

You need to think about it all. Once again I would like to thank al lof 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

MAY GOLF SCHEDULE

5-May	Thurs.	Ridge Creek GC 591-2254	09:00 AM SG	Individual	\$ 40.
11-May	Wed	Airways GC 291-6254	08:00 AM SG	2MBB	\$ 32
19-May	Thurs.	Dragonfly GC 432-3020	08:00 AM SG	4M Scramble	\$ 49
26-May	Thurs.	Pheasant Run GC 665-3411	08:00 AM SG	Lone Ranger	\$ 45

From the Lanes in MARCH

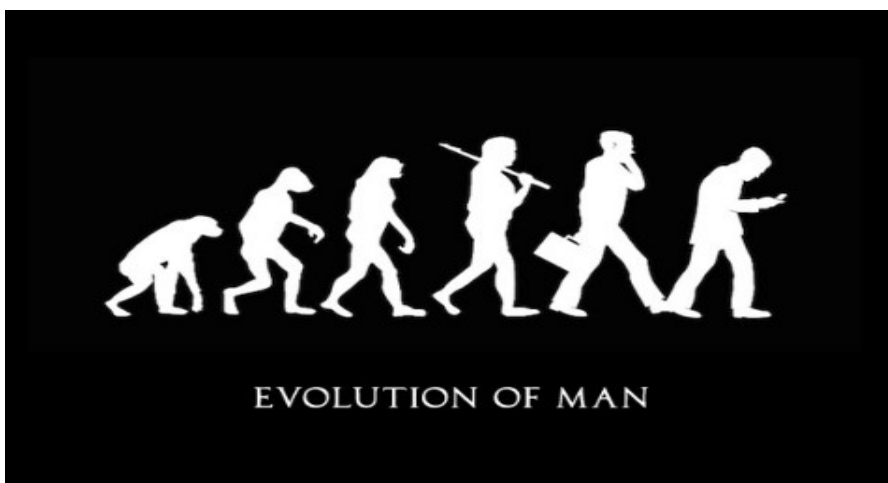
We are now bowling on **Tuesday starting at 1:00 PM. Plan to arrive by 12:45 for warm up time and to get set up.**

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 in March.

DATE	NAME	SCORE
03/01/22	High Scratch Series	Ed Beier 604/231
	High Scratch Game	Daryl Derouchev 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 Derouchev 231
03/15/22	High Scratch Series	Ed Beier 652/225
	High Scratch Game	Daryl Derouchev 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 Derouchev 244

To All Sir Golfers,

The State Golf Committee would like to invite you to our second golfing event of the year to be held in **Reno the week of June 13th**. This four day event includes an option for either playing two or three days of golf. Atlantis Hotel and Casino will again be our host hotel. For much more information on this event see the Tournament Information flyer below. You can also find more information on other future events, golf committee member contact information, golf policies and so much more by clicking on the State Golf website by **entering "www.sirgolf.org"** on your computer, tablet or phone.

Look forward to seeing you all in Reno and our other events throughout the year.

The 2022 SIR State Golf Committee
Mark Stuart, State Golf Chair
916 218-2287



"It keeps me from looking at my phone every two seconds."



**“RENO HERE WE COME, SIR GOLF IS BACK”
 MONDAY JUNE 13TH THRU FRIDAY JUNE 17TH HOSTING AGAIN AT
 THE BEAUTIFUL ATLANTIS RESORT & SPA HOTEL**



THIS YEAR WE ARE EXCITED TO OFFER TWO DIFFERENT GOLFING OPTIONS: Play Either 2 or 3 days of golf as back in 2019 some golfers commented: “I just can’t play 3 days in a row anymore!”



THE BEAUTIFUL ATLANTIS RESORT HAS:

- SIX AWARD WINNING RESTAURANTS
- TWO SWIMMING POOLS (ONE INDOOR & ONE OUTDOOR)
- A SPA THAT HAS BEEN RATED ONE OF THE BEST
- A HEALTH CLUB WE ALL SHOULD BE VISITING
- IMMEDIATE ACCESS TO RENO’S BEST SHOPPING

YOUR 2022 EVENT PACKAGE INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING:

- A FOUR NIGHT STAY IN A DELUXE TOWER ROOM COMPLETE WITH FLAT SCREEN TV AND FREE Wi-Fi
- WELCOME RECEPTION COMPLETE WITH APPETIZERS, NO HOST BAR
- TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY SOCIAL HOUR AT THE “SPORTS BAR & GRILL” (4/5 PM) TO MEET NEW SIR FRIENDS
- THURSDAY BRINGS US OUR FUN NIGHT OF AWARDS AND FINE DINING ON PRIME RIB, PACIFIC SALMON, OR CHICKEN ATLANTIS AND DESSERTS TO DIE FOR (TENTATIVE MENU)
- EITHER TWO OR THREE DAYS OF GOLF AT THREE GREAT COURSES (**LAKERIDGE, TOIYABE & WOLF RUN**) * NOTE: TOIYABE GOLF OUTING NOT INCLUDED IN THE TWO-DAY PACKAGE.
- OVER \$4,000.00 IN PRIZE MONEY (Depending on number of golfers signed up.) SCRAMBLE FORMAT ALL THREE DAYS



AVAILABLE PACKAGES

	3 Days of Great Golf	2 Days of Great Golf
Two Golfers sharing room	\$576 / person	\$505 / person
Golfer / Non Golfer sharing	\$891/ couple	\$819 / couple
Single Golfer not sharing	\$781 / person	\$710/ person
No Room	\$305 / person	\$235 / person

GOLF ELIGIBILITY

FOR MEN GOLFER’S MUST BE A MEMBER OF A SIR BRANCH or a GUEST OF A SIR MEMBER AND HAVE A VERIFIABLE INDEX. LADIES GOLFER’S ARE WELCOME, NO INDEX IT REQUIRED TO PLAY.

To make a reservation please call the Hotel at 800 723-6500

Dine out Night

Bring your sweetie and join us on-----



Wednesday May 18. 2022

Takumi

Teppanyaki & More

3486 W. Shaw Ave., Fresno 93711

(At Valentine Avenue)

Full Bar Available

No Host Happy Hour 3-5:00 p.m.

www.takumifresno.com (preview menu)

We will be ordering from the menu with individual paying and 18% Gratuity is included in final billing

Social 5:30, Dinner 6:00

Hosted by Hector and Karyn Leyva

Reserve with Hector 559-970-3197 or

Karyn 559-970-3198 or



Not that the “Sinko de Mayo” really needs any serious debunking, but for completeness’ sake the final destination of the Titanic was New York, there was no jars of mayonnaise amongst it’s cargo, and Hellman’s brand mayonnaise was not sold nor manufactured in England until 50 years after the ill-fated voyage.

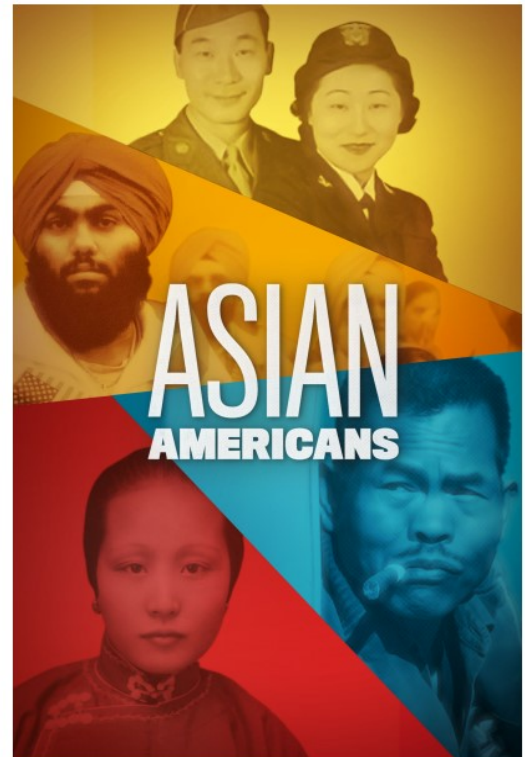
Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month

A period for the duration of the month of May for recognizing the contributions and influence.

The month of May was chosen to commemorate the immigration of the first Japanese to the United States on May 7, 1843, and to mark the anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869. The majority of the workers who laid the tracks were Chinese immigrants.

In 1834 Afong Moy was the first recognized Chinese woman to arrive in America. She introduced Americans to China through her person and the goods she promoted. On the edge of patrician orientalist, the perceived “Orient” was one of exoticism, beauty, dignity, and revered history.

Today there are more than 300,000 living Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander American military veterans.



EVENTS

Mark Your Calendar

Starting Line-up: FSU vs Las Vegas
Men's baseball game slated for **May 13th**,
Friday. BYOB tailgate at 4:30pm; game time:
6pm. Only \$7. Gathering near SIR banner.

Free parking at Biden Field-Cedar/Barstow.



BEYOND *Van Gogh*

The Immersive Experience



Fresno Convention Center, 848 M Street
June 16th-Thursday, noon; \$40 per person.
Group timed entry. *ASAP with your
commitment. Mail \$40 check for reserving
your place. We need 8 SIR members, wife/
guest to get the better price. Carpool from
Lee Moy's, 127 N. Helm Ave., Clovis 93612
(optional); Make check to Lee Moy.*

"Beyond Van Gogh is a rich and unique multimedia experience, taking the viewer on a one-hour journey through over 300 iconic artworks. Guests will leave with a new appreciation of this prolific artist's stunning work."

Years ago we went to the Fresno State baseball game. Some 60 SIR members came to the game. Back then we had a BBQ and downed beers. This year it will be BYOB, and no BBQ as of now. The game tickets can be purchased at the gate for \$7.

Beyond Van Gogh will be an eye-opening adventure. For those who enjoy a most satisfying lunch, we will enjoy *after* "the experience." I've heard it through the grapevine that George's is the best Armenian restaurant downtown.