



The Chanticleer

New 159 website - www.branch159.sirinc2.org

Program :

Social Hour 11:00 AM

Luncheon: 12 Noon

\$18 per person

Date June 9, 2022

Place Pardini's Restaurant

2257 W. Shaw Avenue

Activities Calendar for JUNE

Date	Event	Contact
JUNE 6-13-20-27	Whitmer's Warriors Golf	Steve Chase
JUNE 2-8-16-23-30	SIR Golf	Duke Marshall
JUNE 15	Dine Out Night	Gary Smith
JUNE 7-14-21-28	SIRS Bowling	Duke Marshall
JUNE 9	SIRs Luncheon	Pete Openshaw (RSVP)
JUNE TBD	History Roundtable	Gary Lemaster
JUNE 1-8-15-22-29	9 Hole Golf	Charlie Barrett
	Pinochle	Duke Marshall
JUNE 15	Cigars	Bob Moore
JUNE 9	Book Exchange	Paul Gabrielson

2022 Speaker

Thursday, JUNE 9

Sons In Retirement, Inc Branch 159 Financial

	Month:	May 2022
Beginning Balance (Checking + Cash)		\$12,123.66
Expenses	\$	1,701.52
		<u>\$10,422.14</u>
Revenues	\$	1,738.00
Month Ending Balance (Checking + Cash)		\$12,160.14
	\$	-
TOTAL		<u>\$12,160.14</u>
Checking \$11,710.14+ Cash Drawer \$450.00 = \$12,160.14		
Net Gain / Loss		\$36.48

Submitted by Brian Nicholson - Treasurer

NOTES FROM THE BIG SIR

Greetings Fellow Sir Members,

Memorial Day always gets me thinking about all the men and women who gave their lives for our country. Hearing taps at the Indianapolis 500 race, seeing the service at the tomb of the unknown soldier, watching history of past wars on the TV, and seeing pictures of recent fallen soldiers on the 10 o'clock news all bring a tear to my eyes.

A few of us were born before, or during WWII. Most of us were born shortly thereafter. I'm happy to have spent my youth in the 50's and my teen age years in the 60's. People sometimes ask the question, "Would you like to go back to high school again." For me, I say yes, but under two circumstances. One, I would want to go back during the same time period, the 60's. Two, I would want my dad to own a successful business where I could work and make good money so I could afford a car and afford to date more often. Oh well! Don't we all have dreams of "If only?"

I would like to announce, and welcome back Richard Glover to the position of Little Sir. As you know, Richard was asked by his former boss at PG&E to manage a very important project which took him all over the State. Richard finished earlier than expected which is great for SIR159 because Russ Anderson informed me two weeks that he really does not have the time to be Little Sir this year. Also, a big thanks to Bruce Corwin for his tireless efforts as head of the nominating committee this year in filling the Little Sir position, as well as other positions on the board.



Poytress, Stuart

So, that's it for now. See you all soon.

Stuart Poytress

Big Sir

SIR Minutes of Branch 159 Executive Committee

May 12, 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, Assistant Secretary Brett Bayley, and Secretary Robert Scott. Directors present were John Crawford (2022), Javier Rodriguez (2023), Jerry Brady (2024), and Mark Isonio (2024). Stuart Poytress proclaimed a quorum was present (10 of 12).

Next, a review of the April 14, 2022 meeting minutes was conducted. Steve Chase moved that the minutes be approved, and Brett Bayley seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

It was reported that "callers" had submitted their reports, and we have ordered 93 lunches for today's meeting.

Russ Anderson, our Little SIR, announced that today's program will be presented by Branch 159 member Bruce Corwin who will present information about his trip to the Soviet Union.

Next, the Monthly Cash Report (Form 28) was reviewed. Treasurer Brian Nicholson reported the financial activities during April 2022 included some significant expenditures. Two disbursements involved advertising costs of \$353 and computer supplies of \$200. In addition, we paid our quarterly assessment of \$355. Also, our luncheon costs exceeded income by \$258. We ordered 100 luncheons and only 82 paying members attended. Consequently, our cash balance at the end of April 2022 was 12,123.66. Steve Chase moved that the report be approved, and Jerry Brady seconded the motion. The report received unanimous approval.

In regard to membership information, John Crawford reviewed the April 2022 Membership Report and noted that today would be our 325th SIR 159 meeting. He reported that 2 new members were inducted, and 2 roster members were terminated during April. In addition, John also indicated that one new member would 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 April 2022. Brett Bayley moved and Jerry Brady seconded the motion that both membership reports be accepted. There was unanimous approval.

Next on the agenda was the need to determine microphone time during the meeting. Duke Marshall, Steve Chase, Lee Moy, Fred Martinez, and Hector Leyva would like to address the group.

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. In addition, Little SIR Russ Anderson is charged with establishing a group of volunteers that will identify quality speakers. Branch 159 members will also be asked during our luncheons to provide the names of possible speakers.

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A second old business item was an update about the special luncheon menu planned for our meeting in October. Bruce Corwin reported he had met with Pardini's, and they were reluctant to provide a prime rib lunch. The BEC members requested he ask Pardini's if a steak lunch was possible. Bruce will report next meeting. Also, it was also suggested that we should charge the regular lunch fees instead of a "free" lunch. Branch 159 would absorb the difference in cost between a regular lunch and the planned special menu.

The final old business item concerned the placing of an ad seeking new members for Branch 159 in the Clovis Roundup. As of today, no potential members have responded to the ad.

Concerning new business items, it has been suggested that a Sergeant of Arms be appointed to help maintain a tranquil atmosphere during our BEC meetings and a serene environment for our luncheon speakers. The BEC felt a sergeant at arms would be beneficial. Fred Martinez accepted these new duties.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:52 am.

THEY WALK AMONG US. I was at the checkout of a local Wally World. The cashier rang up \$46.64 charges. I gave her a fifty dollar bill. She gave me back \$46.64. I gave the money back to her and told her that she had made a mistake in MY favor. She became indignant and informed me she was educated and knew what she was doing, and she returned the money, again. I gave her the money back -- same scenario! I departed the store with the \$46.64. ~They Walk Among Us! I walked into a Starbucks with a buy-one-get-one-free coupon for a Grande Latte. I handed it to the girl and she looked over at a little chalkboard that said 'buy one-get one free.' "They're already buy-one-get-one-free," she said, "so I guess they're both free." She handed me my free lattes, and I walked out the door. ~They Walk Among Us! One day I was walking down the beach with some friends, when one of them shouted, "Look at that dead bird!" Someone looked up at the sky and asked, "Where?" ~They Walk Among Us! While looking at a house, my brother asked the real estate agent which direction was north; because, he explained, he didn't want the sun waking him up every morning. She asked, "Does the sun rise in the north?" When my brother explained that the sun rises in the East, and has for sometime; she shook her head and said, "Oh I don't keep up with all that stuff." ~They Walk Among Us!! I used to work in technical support for a 24/7 call center. One day I got a call from an individual who asked what hours the call center was open. I told him, "The number you dialed is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week." He responded, "Is that Eastern or Pacific time?" Wanting to end the call quickly, I said, "Uh, Pacific." ~They Walk Among Us! My sister has a lifesaving tool in her car designed to cut through a seat belt if she gets trapped. She keeps it in the trunk. ~They Walk Among Us! My friends and I went out to buy beer and noticed that the cases were discounted 10%. Since it was a big party, we bought two cases. The cashier multiplied two times 10% and gave us a 20% discount. ~They Walk Among Us! I couldn't find my luggage at the airport baggage area, so I went to the lost luggage office and told the woman, there, that my bags never showed up. She smiled and told me not to worry, because, she was a trained professional, and I was in good hands. "Now, she asked me, has your plane arrived yet?" So I replied, "No Ma'am, The Pilot told us we're circling the airport, 3rd in line to land." ~They Walk Among Us!

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

NEWS from your Golfing Community

June is upon us and for you SF Giants fans in order not to focus on the infamous "June Swoon", I am giving the golfers something else on which to focus. This June for the first time we are running a three round 2 Man Branch Team Tournament. For months players have been choosing a person with whom to partner. It all starts this coming Thursday at Eagle Springs. Also this month, being a five weeker, we will be playing Russ Anderson's infamous choice of the modified scramble/shamble in which all drives & fairway shots are shared by the team and once on the green everyone puts out to complete their hole score.

We began the past month at Ridge Creek where we played an individual stroke play round that was flighted. **Doug Britton** took flight 1 from the blue tees with a net 75 while moving to the forward tees flight 2 went to **Fred Martinez** with a net 73. In flight 3 with a net 54 **Dave Lowen** was a winner and in flight 4 **Charlie Amasalian's** net 75 captured the day. In flight 5 with the only under par net of the day was **Bill Leavitt** with a net 70. The two closest to the pin winners were **Loren LeBaron, 6' 4"** and **Russ Anderson, 3' 9"**. The following week at Airways the game was 2ManBB, where **Gary Lemaster and Steve Chase** out ran the field with an 11 under par net 58. In the mean time **Gary Lemaster at 2'11"** and **Roger Anthony, 5'2"** captured the closest to the pin holes. Next we moved to Dragonfly for a 4Man scramble. The team of **Brian Nicholzen, Joe Kosinski, Bill DeMarinis and Pete Openshaw** won the automatic qualifying spot in the Sir State Team Championships in August as well as the Branch 159 team title for 2022 in a tiebreak over **Larry Hodges, John Briceno, Rick Ransom and Bob Moore**. The closest to the pin holes went to **Bill DeMarinis, 2'9"** and **Mike Moyle 6'10"**. Our last match of the month at Pheasant Run for a Lone Ranger game where the team of **Mike Moyle, Rick Ransom, Jerry Brady and Rick Pezzi** shot an 19 under net 127 to top the field. Closest to the pin holes went to **Roger McCoy, 3'2"** and **Bruce Corwin, 2'1"**.

As I mentioned at the last luncheon, **Charlie Amasalian**, is our Ron Rich Champion for 2022. As mentioned above our Branch Scramble Team Champions for 2022 are **Brian Nicholzen, Joe Kosinski, Bill DeMarinis and Pete Openshaw**.

The June monthly chairman is **Russ Anderson, 408-835-5083, russell050356@gmail.com**. He will be assisted by **Larry Hodges**.

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

JUNE GOLF SCHEDULE

2-June	Thurs.	Eagle Springs GC 325-8900	08:00 AM SG	2m scramble fltd	\$ 60
8-June	Wed	Valley Oaks GC 651-1441	08:00 AM SG	2M mod alt shot fltd	\$ 43
16-June	Thurs.	Madera Muni GC 675-3504	08:00 AM SG	4M Shamble	\$ 44
23-June	Thurs.	Pheasant Run GC 665-3411	08:00 AM SG	2MBB. fltd	\$ 45
30-June	Thurs.	Riverside GC 275-5900	08:00 AM SG	Chairman's Pick	\$ 38

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 of California has lifted the requirement for a mask. 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 May

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SCORE</u>
05/03/22	High Scratch Series	Ed Beier 559/203
	High Scratch Game	Duke Marshall 203
	High Handicap Series	Reg Salsman 728
	High Handicap Game	Jim Link 229
05/10/22	High Scratch Series	Duke Marshall 593
	High Scratch Game	Ed Beier 215
	High Handicap Series	Reg Salsman 790
	High Handicap Game	Jim Link 272
05/17/22	High Scratch Series	Reg Salsman 641/233
	High Scratch Game	Duke Marshall 190 Jim Link 190
	High Handicap Series	Reg Salsman 815
	High Handicap Game	Jim Link 264

To All Sir Golfers,

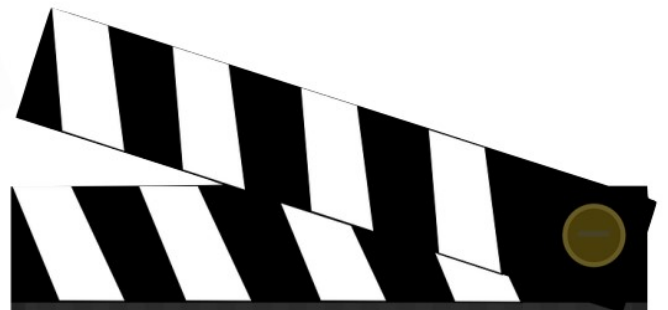
This note is to inform you that our **2022 Reno Golf Event scheduled for the week of June 13th has been officially cancelled** due to not enough of our members signing up for the event. Please advise your membership at your next luncheon or activities and also in your newsletter. Thank your for you cooperation and support. We hope to hold this event next year when more members maybe interested in attending.

The 2022 SIR State Golf Committee
 Mark Stuart, State Golf Chair



Select your seat and purchase Maya Cinema tickets online or in person.

'Top Gun: Maverick' soars to a big opening at the box office



Area SIR Members
Top Gun-Wednesday
June 15th | nearest 1 pm
Maya Cinema Campus Pointe
Lunch-11 am-Bulldoc



'Top Gun: Maverick' jets to new box office record

Dine out Night

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



Wednesday June 15. 2022

DiCicco's

Italian Cuisine

1530 E, Nees Ave., Fresno 93711

(At Nees & Cedar Avenue)

Wine & Beer served Only

Website: diciccos.com/ca/fresno/nees

We will be ordering from the menu with individual paying

Social 5:30, Dinner 6:00

Hosted by Hector and Karyn Leyva

Reserve with Hector 559-970-3197 or

Karyn 559-970-3198 or

hecramsey@sbcglobal.net

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



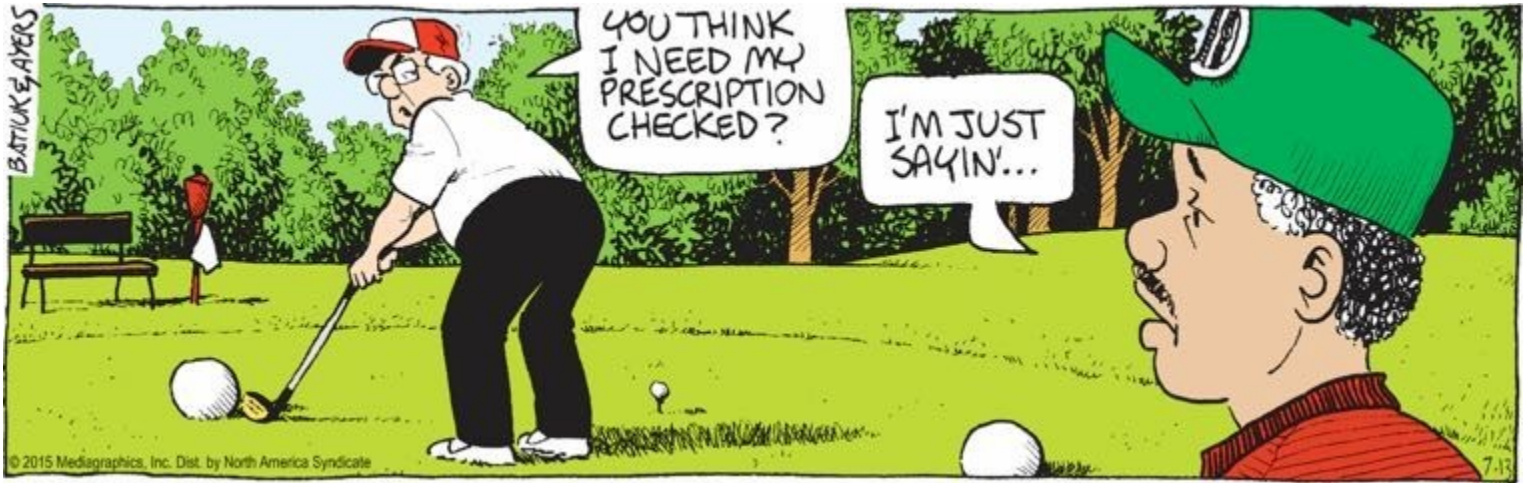
Fresno Convention Center, 848 M Street
June 16th-Thursday, noon; \$40 per person.
Group timed entry. *ASAP with your
commitment. Mail \$40 check for reserving
your place. We need 8 SIR members, wife/
guest to get the better price.* Carpool from
Lee Moy's, 127 N. Helm Ave., Clovis 93612
(optional); Make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

Just as the graveside service finished, there was a distant lightning bolt accompanied by a tremendous burst of rumbling thunder. The little old man looked at the pastor and calmly said, "Well, she's there and it's His problem now."



The medical term is 'Golfer's Elbow'. It's caused by too much time spent hoisting pints of beer after a round.

PICTURES OF THE CRUISE

















SIR Mission Statement

The mission of SIR is to improve the lives of our members through fun activities and events - while making Friends for Life.



When two-term State SIR President Ed Benson was in office, he made several changes in order to change the public perception. The 3rd image became the new logo; the wording below it reflected a change in moving away from “retirement” to “Social Activities for Men.”

An artist designed the new logo; the old “skewered” rooster was designated as the SIR symbol.

President Benson liked the idea of recognizing branch volunteers so he proclaimed May as the “Volunteer Recognition Month.” To that point a new pin was made with the words, “I’m Doing My Part.”

During the early stages of Covid-19, Sir Lee Moy affixed a pandemic mask onto the rooster. Ed liked it so much he sent a memo to branches allowing them to use it if they wish. Several branches placed this modified logo upon their newsletters.

BEC

Branch Executive Committee

All branches are constantly needing staff to conduct business. The BEC is comprised of a Big Sir, Little Sir, Treasurer, Secretary, and Membership. Larger branches also have Assistant Secretary as well as an Assistant Treasurer. Non-voting members include Chairmen.



Cock-a-doodle-doo !

By Mother Goose

Cock-a-doodle-doo!
 My dame has lost her shoe;
 My master's lost his fiddling stick,
 And don't know what to do.

Cock-a-doodle-doo!
 What is my dame to do?
 Till master finds his fiddling stick,
 She'll dance without her shoe.

Cock-a-doodle-doo!
 My dame has found her shoe,
 And master's found his fiddling stick,
 Sing doodle-doodle-doo!

Cock-a-doodle-doo!
 My dame will dance with you,
 While master fiddles his fiddling stick
 For dame and doodle-doo.

