



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 JULY

Date	Event	Contact
JULY 4-11-18-25	Whitmer's Warriors Golf	Steve Chase
JULY 7-13-21-28	SIR Golf	Duke Marshall
JULY 13	Dine Out Night	Gary Smith
JULY 5-12-19-26	SIRS Bowling	Duke Marshall
JULY 14	SIRs Luncheon	Pete Openshaw (RSVP)
JULY TBD	History Roundtable	Gary Lemaster
JULY 6-13-20-27	9 Hole Golf	Charlie Barrett
	Pinochle	Duke Marshall
JULY 20	Cigars	Bob Moore
JULY 14	Book Exchange	Paul Gabrielson

2022 Speaker

Thursday, JULY 14

Sons In Retirement, Inc Branch 159 Financial

	Month:	June 2022
Beginning Balance (Checking + Cash)		\$12,160.14
Expenses	\$	1,711.80
		\$10,448.34
Revenues	\$	1,546.00
Month Ending Balance (Checking + Cash)		\$11,994.34
	\$	-
TOTAL		\$11,994.34

Checking \$11,710.14+ Cash Drawer \$450.00 = \$12,160.14

Net Gain / Loss

(\$165.80)

Submitted by Brian Nicholson - Treasurer

NOTES FROM THE BIG SIR

Happy July,

Memories of past July 4th experiences takes me back to my youth and the excitement of hot days running through the sprinklers, barbequed hot dogs, hanging out the Red, White and Blue on the front porch, and (of course) fireworks. This all happened in the 1950s for me, and for most of you, as well. Some remember these youthful times in the 1940's.

If you received the email from Berney Cargle you were taken back to the "Good Ol 'Days" of these two time periods with pictures of products that only we "older" folks could identify. I'll keep that email in my file for a long time.

I was born in 1951 and grew up in a neighborhood with a bunch of kids. Saturday mornings were spent watching Mighty Mouse, Bugs Bunny, Howdy Doody along with Hopalong Cassity and The Lone Ranger. After that it was outside playing with anyone who was out there. We all played with yo-yo's for hours, flew kites in April and March, put dirt on the sidewalk and tried to make a fishtail skid by locking up the rear tire of our bicycle. We Climbed trees, played with mud, lit fires with a magnifying glass (that was science), played "Ring and Run" at dusk, and all this wearing only a pair of shorts, no shoes, no shirt, no brains. So much more, but I digress.

May I suggest at the July Luncheon we share some of the creative stuff we used to do when we were kids. And don't leave out the stupid stuff. Those get the most laughs and bring back great memories.

See you all soon,

Stuart Poytress

Big Sir



Poytress, Stuart



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

Hello Sirs and Happy July;

I'm back, would first like to Thank Big Sir Stuart Poytress for his support during my absence, and also to Russ Anderson for sitting in as Little Sir during my absence.

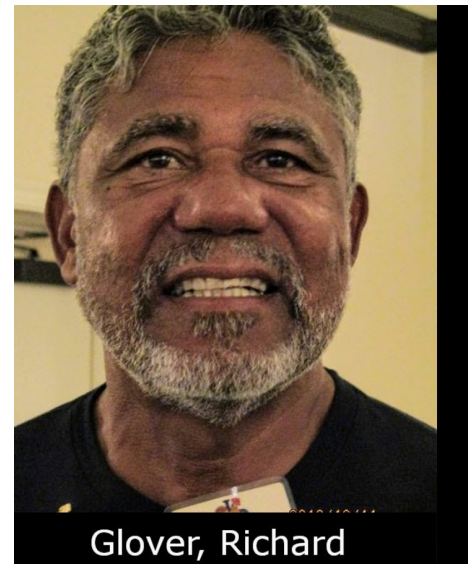
This is my first letter since returning from leave where I took on a temporary special assignment with my former employer PG&E, to fly a Drone over Substation and Hydro facilities to complete photo documenting conditions of Hydro and electric substations and verifying the condition of electric assets. My crew was a three-person team, consisting of a Drone Pilot, the Senso (person operating the Drone's camera equipment) and myself, to which I provided oversight, keys and access cards to enter the facilities.

My travels took me throughout the central valley, central coast, as far South as Santa Maria, up the coast to Carmel, Santa Cruz up to San Rafael and beyond. I also inspected PGE Hydro generation facilities on the San Joaquin River and up beyond Burney to the Pit River Hydro area (I was 50 miles this side of Mt Shasta). All said, I racked up approximately 10, 000 miles in three and a half months, start to finish.

The downside of all this was that I worked 6 day's a week, which left no time to golf, although, I did manage one afternoon a round at Foxtail GC in Santa Rosa. I'm happy to have all that behind me, and I can now get on with returning to my duties as Little Sir, and of course mixing it up with my Sir 159 golfing brothers on the links.

Richard Glover

LITTLE SIR



Glover, Richard

SIR Minutes of Branch 159 Executive Committee

June 9, 2022

The meeting opened at 10:15 am at Pardini's Restaurant. BEC officers present were Big Sir Stuart Poytress, Little Sir Rich Glover, Treasurer Brian Nicholson, Assistant Treasurer Steve Chase, and Assistant Secretary Brett Bayley. Directors present were John Crawford (2022), Javier Rodriguez (2023), Jerry Brady (2024), and Mark Isonio (2024). Stuart Poytress proclaimed a quorum was present (9 of 12).

Next, a review of the May 12, 2022 meeting minutes was conducted. Steve Chase moved that the minutes be approved, and Rich Glover seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

It was reported that "callers" had submitted their reports, and we have ordered 90 lunches for today's meeting.

Reg Rosander announced that today's program will be Derek Frank, President of the Fresno Grizzlies baseball team. He will discuss the latest developments of the Minor League A team and open things up to Q&A. Also in regard to our programs, Little Sir Rich Glover indicated that the July speaker arrangements were "coming together" and that he would prefer we take a "wait and see" approach to the formation of the previously discussed Speaker Committee.

Next, the Monthly Cash Report (Form 28) was reviewed. Treasurer Brian Nicholson reported a "quiet" month of May with regards to financial activities. We had an ending cash balance of \$12,160.14. Steve Chase moved the report be approved, and Jerry Brady seconded the motion. The report was approved unanimously.

In regard to membership information, John Crawford reviewed the May 2022 Membership Report and noted that today would be our 326th SIR 159 meeting. John also reviewed the Membership Report (Form 27) and indicated we would be inducting one new member today. After a termination of 1 member, we had 186 members at the end of May 2022. Brett Bayley moved and Rich Glover seconded the motion that both membership reports be accepted. There was unanimous approval.

Under Old Business, Bruce Corwin indicated that there have been no responses to the Clovis Roundup ad soliciting new potential members.

Additionally, Bruce Corwin followed up on discussions he had with Pardini's concerning the previously discussed and approved special luncheon in October. Given the options and subsequent costs, it was decided unanimously to provide New York Steaks for lunch. The cost per meal, above the base \$18 charge, will be absorbed by the Branch, as previously agreed.

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SIR Minutes of Branch 159 Executive Committee

June 9, 2022

Next on the agenda under the heading of New Business was the report of the Nominating Committee as presented by Bruce Corwin. The SIR Branch 159 Executive Committee slate for 2023 is as follows :

Big Sir Richard Glover

Little Sir Steve Chase

Treasurer Brian Nicholson

Assistant Treasurer Gary Elliott

Secretary Robert Scott

Assistant Secretary Brett Bayley

Membership Chair John Crawford

Directors Pete Openshaw (2023)

John Briceno (2023)

Jerry Brady (2024)

Mark Isonio (2024)

Russ Conrad (2025)

Robert Ying (2025)

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

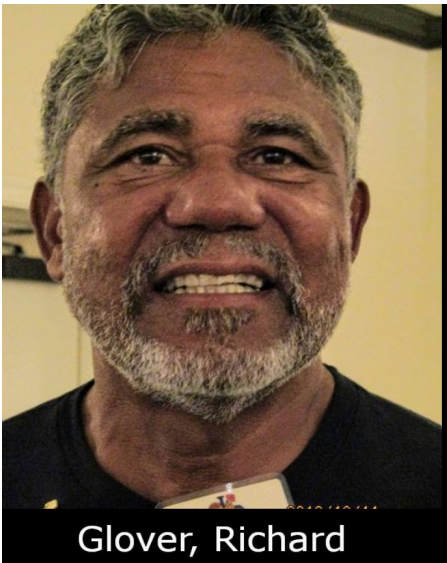
The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 am.

Secretaries Robert Scott and Brett Bayley

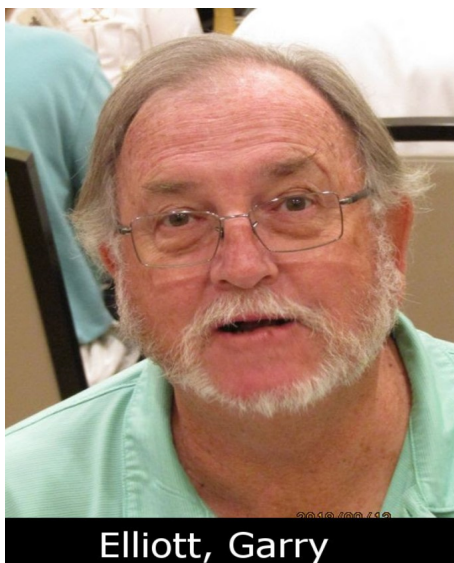
THESE NOMINATIONS WILL BE VOTED ON AT THE AUGUST LUNCHEON.

SIR BOARD NOMINATIONS FOR 2023

TO BE VOTED ON AT THE AUGUST LUNCHEON



Glover, Richard



Elliott, Garry



Crawford, John



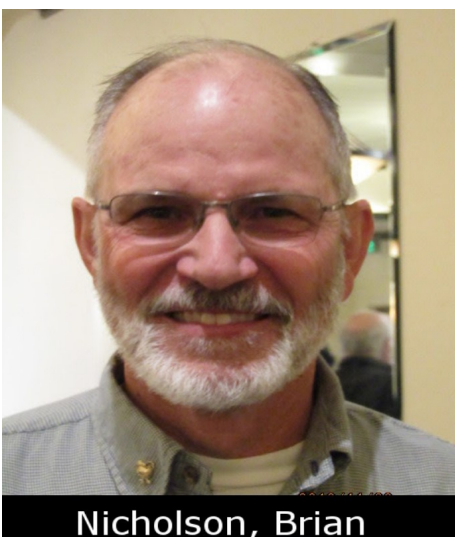
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Scott, Robert



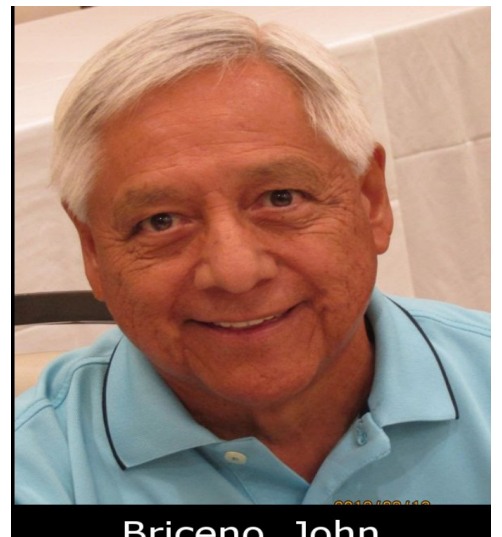
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Nicholson, Brian



Bayley, Brett



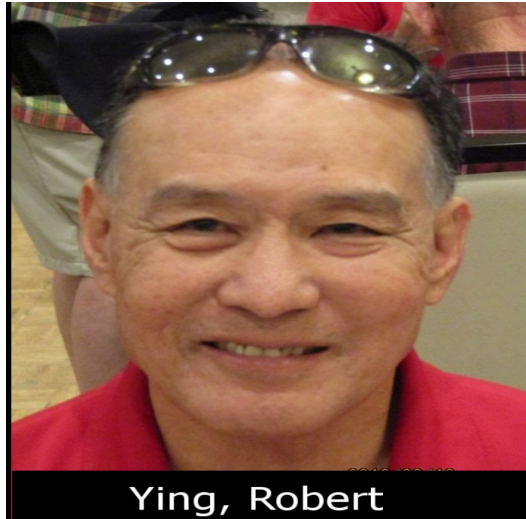
Briceno, John

SIR BOARD NOMINATIONS FOR 2023

TO BE VOTED ON AT THE AUGUST LUNCHEON



Brady, Jerry



Ying, Robert



Isonio, Mark



Conrad, Russ

Branch 159 Officers, Directors

2022 BRANCH OFFICERS

BIG SIR: Stuart Poytress	559-298-4323
LITTLE SIR: Rich Glover	559-286-6250
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

Outside temperatures tell me July is upon us, the longest day of the year has passed and the furthest the earth is from the sun in the yearly orbit occurs on the 3rd of July. This past June we held a three round 2 Man Branch Team Tournament. This years champions in flight 1 was the team of **Bob Mattson and Jim Branton** with a team net of 189 or 28 under par. Runner up went to **Joe Kosinski and Bill deMarinis**. Meanwhile in Flight 2 the Champion team was **Steve Chase and Pete Openshaw** with an 18 under par 199.

The next Branch championship is the individuals starting in August.

We began the past month at Eagle Springs where we played a 2Man Scramble which had two flights. In flight 1 **Bill DeMarinis and Joe Kosinski shot a net 62.1** while in flight 2 **Rick Ransom and Bob Rathburn shot a net 62.6**. The two closest to the pin winners were Russ **Anderson, 3'9"** and **Craig Negero, 5'10"**. The following week we traveled south to Valley Oaks for a game of 2Man Modified Alternate Shot where **Roger McCoy and John Shertenlieb** shot a net 67.8 to take flight 1 while in flight 2 the team of **Rich Neilson and Bill Scharbach** shot a net 67.2. In the mean time **Duke Marshall at 3'1"** and **Jeff Boatman, 10'3"** captured the closest to the pin holes. Next we moved north to Madera Muni for a 4Man shamble. The team of **Stuart Poytress, Stan Scott, Bret Bayley and Bob Rathburn** topped the field with a net 35 under 109. The closest to the pin holes went to **Roger McCoy, 3'2"** and **Jerry Brady 3'1"**. Again we went north to Pheasant Run for a 2Man best ball game where the team of **Jim Branton and Bob Mattson** ran away from flight 1 shooting a 19 under net 54. In flight 2 **Steve Chase and Pete Openshaw** shot a 12 under net 61 to capture the day. Closest to the pin holes went to **Bill Leavitt, 5'9"** and **Stacey Thomas, 8'3"**. For the final event of the month we found ourselves at Riverside for a game of Russ Anderson's modified combo Scram-Sham. It was a wild round as the team of **Stacey Thomas, Ken Chancey, Garry Elliot and Perry Huffman** edged the team of **Gary Morgan, Bill DeMarinis, Brett Bayley and James Noriega in a tie break at 87 under par**. With this round we also had 5 closest to the pin holes going to **Brian Nicholson, 10'3"**, **Gary Morgan, 1'11"**, **Robert Scott, 11'5"**, **Jeff Boatman, 11'9"**, and **Robert Scott again at 16'5"**.

Our list of Branch champions is growing. First we saw Charlie Amasalian win our Ron Rich Champion for 2022. Next we crowned the Branch Scramble Team Champions for 2022 of Brian Nicholzen, Joe Kosinski, Bill DeMarinis and Pete Openshaw. Now we add the 2-Man team winners mentioned at the start of this report

The July monthly chairman is **Gary Morgan, 277-1249, morgangary@att.net. He will be assisted by Bob Moore.**

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

JULY GOLF SCHEDULE

7-JULY	Thurs.	Belmont CC 251-5078	08:00 AM SG	Individual	\$ 60
13-JULY	Wed	Airways GC 291-6254	08:00 AM SG	4M2BB	\$ 32
21-JULY	Thurs.	Ridge Creek GC 591-2254	08:00 AM SG	4M Scramble	\$ 40
28-JULY	Thurs.	Lemoore GC 924-9658	08:00 AM SG	Cha Cha Cha	\$ 38

From the Lanes in JUNE

A little over a year ago the bowling alleys across California reopened and our Sirs bowling group got a restart on a different day & time. A month or so later were able to return to our previous slot. The first 10 weeks or so were rather rough with irregular lane conditions. As the fall approached and Fall leagues restarted things began to stabilize on the lanes. We all started below where we were before Covid. That is why there are huge jumps in average from after 18 games and the end of June 2022. We are currently bowling on Tuesday starting at 1:00 PM. We would love to get Rich Lewis, Dana Hamparzoomian, Joe Huizar, Dan Pitta, Dale Samuelian, James Noriega and Tom Simpson back out on the lanes with us. In addition of course all you new SIRs come out and join us in some fun. 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 June. 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. Nothing like a little friendly competition between friends. 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. June's top scoring week for week.

NEW MEMBER



WILLIAM OWENS

Bowling scores in JUNE

DATE	NAME	SCORE
06/07/22	High Scratch Series	Reg Salsman 678/257
	High Scratch Game	Ed Beier 216
	High Handicap Series	Alan Barton 758
	High Handicap Game	Duke Marshall 245
06/14/22	High Scratch Series	Reg Salsman 607/244
	High Scratch Game	Hector Leyva 202
		Duke Marshall 202
	High Handicap Series	Alan Barton 721
	High Handicap Game	Jim Link 244
06/21/22	High Scratch Series	Reg Salsman 501
	High Scratch Game	Reg Salsman 191
	High Handicap Series	Duke Marshall 686
	High Handicap Game	Duke Marshall 246
06/28/22	High Scratch Series	Reg Salsman 566/214
	High Scratch Game	Steve Beveridge 191
	High Handicap Series	Jim Link 696
	High Handicap Game	Daryl Derouchey 238

BOWLING STATS FOR 2021-2022 BEST AFTER COVID LAY OFF

In the year since covid here is our best for the past year. If you notice one fellow dominate the stats it is rightly so. However half way through a new challenger began making noise and moving into position to make a run at the leader. What does the 2022-2023 year hold. Maybe a "Rocky 5" on the lanes with Sirs

2021-22 Best After Covid lay off

Hi Avg. **Ed Beier** 197

Hi Avg. 2nd **Hector Leyva** 184

Hi Scratch Series **Ed Beier** 727

Hi Scratch Series 2nd **Reg Salsman** 678

Hi Scratch Game **Ed Beier** 300

Hi Scratch Game 2nd **Reg Salsman** 254

Hi Hdcp Series **Ed Beier** 883

Hi Hdcp Series 2nd **Reg Salsman** 843

Hi Hdcp Game **Ed Beier** 352

Hi Hdcp Game 2nd **Duke Marshall** 324

Most improved **Ed Beier** 30 up

Most improved 2nd **Jim Link** 21 up

Most improved 3rd **Alan Barton** 19 up

PINOCHLE NEWS

We are down to only four players, myself, Carl Merz, Dell Kerns and Steve Chase. We were finally able to meet at Carl's house and play a game on June 17th. The team of Steve & Dell won the day topping 500 while Carl & Duke were 100+ points behind. It is great time to be able to get a game going. 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 Carl's place 47 Fairbanks in Sanger. If you would like to join call me at 447-5388 for more information. 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!!

Fellow Golfers,

Attached is the announcement for the final State golf event of the year which will be held at the Blue Rock Springs golf courses in Vallejo. The event will be held on September 14th and 15th. This is a 2 day event but if a golfer wants, they can play either of the days or both. I'd ask that you take a look at the attached flyer for additional information as well as the State golf website at www.sirgolf.org. This event is open to all SIR members, their wives or significant other, and invited guests.

Many Thanks,

Mark Stuart, 2022 SIR State Golf Committee Chair

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."



"I love these senior citizen discounts."



"He couldn't sink that last putt, so now he's trying to drown it."



PLAY ONE DAY OR BOTH,

DAY 1 - \$ 60, DAY 2 - \$60, BOTH DAYS - \$120

2022 SIR Fall Golf Classic

**MEMBER & GUEST TOURNAMENT
LADIES - NO HANDICAP REQUIRED!**

**Blue Rock Springs West
Blue Rock Springs East
Vallejo, CA**

**Wednesday & Thursday
September 14th & 15th**

"PLAY ONE OR BOTH DAYS"

**8:00AM shotgun start both
days**

**Entry fee includes green fee, cart, range
balls & prize fund both days**

Have a non-golfing spouse?

**Check out all the nearby
activities [Click Here!](#)**

Applications at www.sirgolf.org

**Your Hosts: Jim Gurke, John
Harrison, Pete Morelli, Mark Stuart**

**SIR members and men guests must
have an established NCGA index.**

Men's Program

Day 1 – 4 Men's Team - 2
Best Ball (net) Play with a
foursome of your choice
or we place you on a
team

Day 2 – Men's Scramble
Play with a foursome of
your choice or we will
place you on a team

Closest to pin contests on
both days! Front & Back
nines.

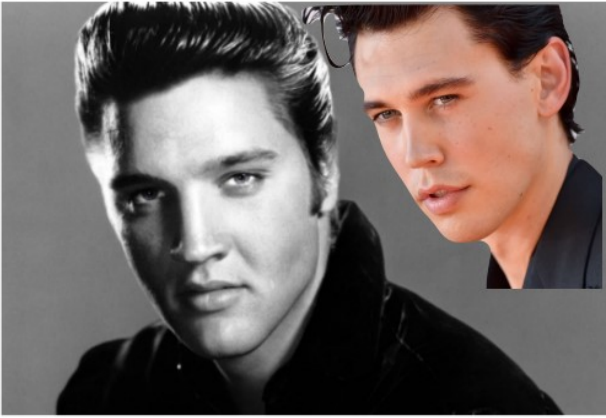
Women's Program

Day 1 – 4 Women Team - 2
Best Ball (net) Play with a
foursome of your choice or
we will place you on a team

Day 2 – Women's Scramble
Play with a foursome of your
choice or we will place you
on a team

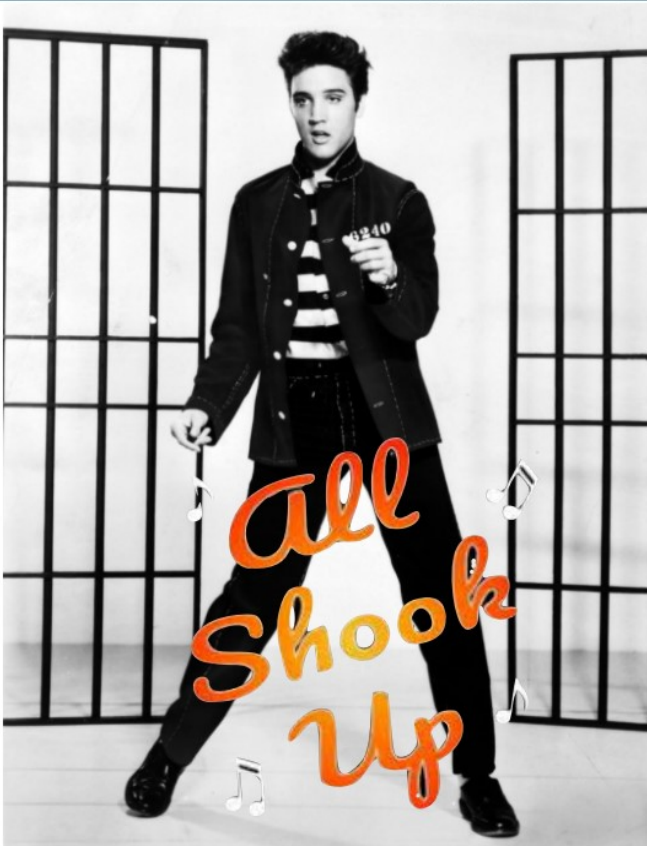
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On a Budget



He recorded his first song at age 18 for \$4, as a gift to his mother.

"Incredibly Average"



Colonel Tom Parker, you were a big stinker!

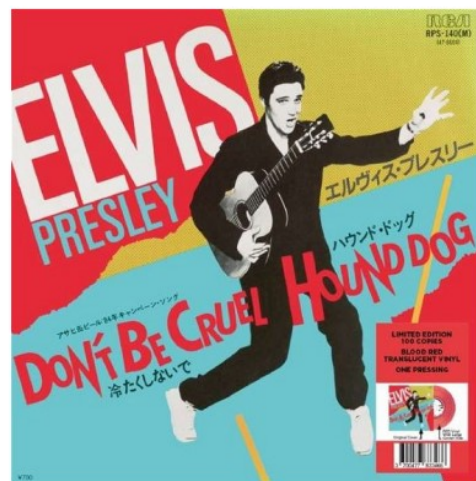
Area 19 Sons in Retirement Branches
Co-ed Event—Lunch & Movie

ELVIS

Wednesday—6 July

1 pm—Lunch—Wayside Noodles
2:15 pm—Movie—Maya Cinema
Campus Pointe

Purchase tickets in advance
in-person, day of, or online.



When recording Hound Dog, he demanded 31 takes to make sure everything sounded perfect on the recording.



SIR Cigar Aficionado
July 20-Wednesday 1pm

Fig Garden Cigar Limited
Support locale business with your cigar purchase.
Drinks are allowed; share if you wish.



What is the SIR Brand?

Why are we talking about the SIR brand? Well, there are two ways we can get new members. First, our members can go out and invite people to join SIR. Second, we can put some “breadcrumbs” out in the public so people will follow them and find us. Marketing folks call that second method “branding.” Branding includes both an image and a message. For example, Target stores are recognized by their logo, the red and white bull’s eye, and their message, “Expect More. Pay Less.” SIR State has hired a marketing consultant several years ago to help develop the SIR brand. The SIR brand includes the new SIR logo and a series of messages about what SIR is and does. Let’s first look at the new logo. The rooster has been modernized and the banner below it propagates the message that SIR is about “Social Activities for Men.” You may have noticed that the phrase, “Sons in Retirement” no longer appears in the logo. In fact, the new brand completely de-emphasizes the corporate name. The reason for this is that many SIR members and potential members are not retired, and even if they are, they don’t like the emphasis on retirement. Today we just call our organization SIR. The brand includes more than just the logo. To create a memorable brand that is consistent throughout the state, the brand includes certain shapes, colors, fonts, and messages that appeal to our target audience of younger (50+) men. You will notice the SIR brand style in our new brochures, golf rack cards, and luncheon invitation cards. An example of using the SIR brand is shown in the following image of a potential poster or lawn sign. This poster uses the new SIR logo, two of the SIR colors (red and blue), font, a triangle, and several SIR messages: Social Activities for Men, Enrich Your Life! Be Socially, Physically and Mentally Active. Although not used in this example, the most important and complete SIR message is embodied in the SIR mission: enrich the lives of its members through fun activities, luncheons and events while making friends for life.



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.



This land was made for you & me

JULY 4TH
INDEPENDENCE DAY

Land of the free
because of the brave

You're a Grand Old Flag

by George M. Cohan

You're a grand old flag,
You're a high flying flag
And forever in peace may you wave.
You're the emblem of
The land I love.
The home of the free and the brave.
Ev'ry heart beats true
'neath the Red, White and Blue,
Where there's never a boast or brag.
Should auld acquaintance be forgot,
Keep your eye on the grand old flag.
You're a grand old flag,
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God Bless America Lyrics by Irving Berlin

God bless America,
Land that I love,
Stand beside her and guide her
Thru the night with a light from above;

From the mountains, to the prairies,
To the oceans white with foam,
God bless America,
My home, sweet home.
God bless America,
My home, sweet home.