

Bulletin #362

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The Chanticleer

Date Nov. 10, 2022

Place Pardini's Restaurant

2257 W. Shaw Avenue

Social Hour 11:00 AM

Luncheon: 12 Noon

\$18 per person

New 159 website - www.branch159.sirinc2.org

Program : **Poverello House Representative**

Activities Calendar for NOVEMBER

Date	Event	Contact
NOVEMBER 17-14-21-28	Whitmer's Warriors Golf	Steve Chase
NOVEMBER 3-9-17-23	SIR Golf	Duke Marshall
NOVEMBER 16	Dine Out Night	Gary Smith
NOVEMBER 1-8-15-22-29	SIRS Bowling	Duke Marshall
NOVEMBER 10	SIRs Luncheon	Pete Openshaw (RSVP)
NOVEMBER TBD	History Roundtable	Gary Lemaster
NOVEMBER 2-9-16-23-30	9 Hole Golf	Charlie Barrett
NOVEMBER 11-25	Pinochle	Duke Marshall
NOVEMBER 16	Cigars	Bob Moore
NOVEMBER 10	Book Exchange	Paul Gabrielson

NOTES FROM THE BIG SIR

Finally, Fall is here....

As Thanksgiving Day rolls around
It brings up some facts, quite profound,
We may think that we're poor,
 Feel like a bum, insecure,
But in truth, our riches astound.

We have friends and family we love,
We have guidance from heaven above,
 We have so much more,
 Than they sell in a store,
We are wealthy, when push comes to shove.

So add up your blessings, I say;
Make Thanksgiving more than a day,
 Enjoy what you've got,
 Realize it's a lot,
And you'll make all your cares go away.

Hope to see you all soon,

Stuart Poytress
Big SIR



Poytress, Stuart

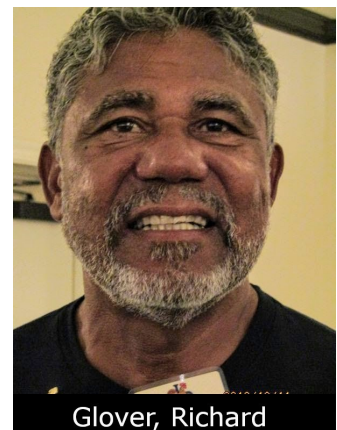


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GREETINGS SIR 159 ROOSTERS

I'm writing this message in my hotel room in Las Vegas while my wife and I celebrate 43 years of marriage. I really like visiting this area, and get back here every chance that I can. We enjoyed a dinner at what is billed as the oldest (1950's) steakhouse in Las Vegas, "The Golden Steer Steakhouse", which was described as serving the best steaks in town. Well, I can say without reservation, that I had the best Filet Mignon of my life! In addition, the staff provided some very colorful stories from the past as this was the hang out of mobsters as well as folks like Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Sammie Davis Jr, Peter Lawford, Angie Dickinson and Joey Bishop AKA "The Rat Pack". Great food, staff, service and atmosphere. I would highly recommend this establishment to anyone visiting Las Vegas, and in need of a good steak dinner. Well, we are nearing the holiday season, with Thanksgiving quickly approaching, and Christmas not far behind. I would encourage us all to consider being charitable during this, the "giving" season. That being said, it's a good time to segway into who will be our November luncheon speaker. I have a representative of the Poverello House coming in to provide some history and information about that organization. See you there!

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



Glover, Richard

SIR Minutes of Branch 159 Executive Committee

October 13, 2022

The meeting opened at 10:15 am at Pardini's Restaurant. BEC officers present were Little Sir Rich Glover, Treasurer Brian Nicholson, Assistant Treasurer Steve Chase, Assistant Secretary Brett Bayley, and Secretary Robert Scott. Directors present were John Crawford (2022), Javier Rodriguez (2023), Pete Openshaw (2023), Mark Isonio (2024), and Jerry Brady (2024). Richard Glover proclaimed we had a quorum and opened the meeting.

Next, a review of the September 8, 2022 meeting minutes was conducted. Steve Chase moved that the minutes be approved, and Brett Bayley seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously. Based upon inquiries during the calls to members in September and subsequent contacts, we have ordered 112 lunches for today's meeting. Rich Glover, our Little SIR, announced that today's program will be presented by Bernie Cargle, one of our members. The topic of the presentation involves the history of cotton picking.

Next, the Monthly Cash Report (Form 28) was reviewed. Treasurer Brian Nicholson reported the financial activities during September 2022 were minimal. Our 50/50 drawing contributed \$107, while supplies cost \$228. He also noted that our luncheon income actually exceeded our luncheon expenses. Consequently, our cash balance at the end of September 2022 was \$11,900.42. 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 first reviewed the September Membership Report. The report shows today will be the 330th meeting of our branch. Also, we inducted one new member during September to bring our total membership to 190 members. However, we need to terminate member Randy Morris. Consequently, despite adding 14 new members this year, we have 18 fewer members than we had at the beginning of January 2022. Next, John reviewed Form 27 that supported the Membership Report. He highlighted our branch average age of 74.9 years and the September luncheon attendance of 96 members. Steve Chase moved and Brian Nicholson seconded the motion that both membership reports be approved. There was unanimous approval.

The first old business item involved our meeting location for February, March, and April of 2023. It is confirmed that we will meet during this three month period at Yosemite Falls Restaurant located at Blackstone and Shaw. The cost for each lunch will be \$28, but our branch will pay \$3 of that amount, so each member will pay \$25 for these three months. It was also mentioned that we will be renegotiating our existing agreement with Pardini's during March or April of 2023. New business discussions began with a notice from the SIR State Board that each branch would need to increase the assessment of branch members by \$0.25 per member per quarter. After some discussion, the BEC members decided that

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Minutes of Branch 159 Executive Committee

October 13, 2022

New business discussions began with a notice from the SIR State Board that each branch would need to increase the assessment of branch members by \$0.25 per member per quarter. After some discussion, the BEC members decided that our branch would absorb the increase and the Branch 159 annual assessment will remain at \$25.

A second new business item involved plans for our December luncheon. Bruce Corwin stated we have in the past included our wives for a special luncheon in December. BEC members stated that when we had included wives in the past, attendance was lower than normal. It was then decided that we would have a special member's only holiday luncheon with ham and turkey. Some in attendance stated the Pardini's normally provided that luncheon menu. Bruce Corwin will meet with Pardini's to confirm the menu.

The next new business topic reverted to the 2023 membership assessment. Brian Nicholson reminded BEC members that the 2023 member assessment will be due before the end of this year. Although the State SIR branch assessment is increasing, the assessment for each Branch 159 member will remain at \$25. We also discussed the scheduling of programs for our luncheons during 2023. It was suggested that the Little Sir have available to him \$200 each month to help support various groups who will present the monthly programs at our meetings. It is believed that some non-profit organizations will be more willing to present programs if they are promised a contribution. It was stressed that the \$200 will be used only as necessary. Steve Chase moved that the recommendation be approved, and Brian Nicholson seconded the motion. The recommendation received unanimous approval.

The final new business item concerned upcoming State SIR branch forums and town hall meetings. BEC members were provided a list of the dates and times of the forum meetings during November and December. The town hall meeting in January 2023 was also emphasized.

Next on the agenda was the need to determine microphone time during the meeting. Duke Marshall, Brian Nicholson, and Fred Martinez would like to address the group. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:48 am.

Secretaries Robert Scott and Brett Bayley

SIR 159 MEMBER ASSESSMENT FOR 2023 >>>>> \$25.00

Make Check Payable to
"SIR 159" , Due By Dec 31st

Please Bring Check to Next Meeting or Mail to:
Brian Nicholson
6530 N Pleasant Ave

Hello fellow SIRS my name is Pete Openshaw and I am the coordinator for the callers looking for the people attending the luncheon one of my callers had to resign so I am looking for another volunteer to replace him. It doesn't take to long I recommend my callers to call the people twice and if possible email them if they do not respond put them down as a no we do not have time to spend time on members that can't respond with a 1 minute call to say yes or no. To contact me you can call 559 674 7211 or cell # 559 871 5816 text or call or you can email me at pbacup@aol.com

Thanks Pete Openshaw

NOVEMBER GOLF SCHEDULE

11/3/22	Thurs.	Pheasant Run GC	665-3411	9:00 AM SG	\$45.00	Individual,
11/9/22	Wed.	Airways GC	291-6254	9:00 AM SG	\$32.00	Cha,Cha,Cha
11/17/22	Thurs.	Belmont CC	251-5078	9:00 AM SG	\$68.00	4Man Scramble
11/23/22	Wed.	Lemoore GC	924-9658	9:00 AM SG	\$38.00	2ManBB

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Fresno Branch #159, Oct 13, 2022

ALL DATA AS END OF Oct,

New Members Inducted: 1

Branch 159

Terminated: 0

Meeting # 330th

Members: 190

New Member (14) Net Membership Change (-18)

Year Beginning Ref #, (208) on 1/1/2022

Members to be Terminated

#218 – Randy Morris – Deceased

New Members to be Inducted pending BEC Approval

Sponsor:

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

Sponsor:

Respectfully Submitted by:

John Crawford

NEW MEMBERS



Plachta, Walt



Anderson, Christofer

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
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

Chanticleer Birthdays for November 2022

Nickname	First	Last
Chris	Christopher	Anderson
Chuck	Charles	Barrett
Alan		Barton
Bernie	Bernard	Cargle
Bill	Louis	Eigenman
Paul		Gonzales,
Dana		Hamparzoomian
John		Hayes
Boots	Dexter	Hayward
Rich		Lewis
Jim	Harold	Link
Keith		Lovgren
Paul		McGeary
Rick	Richard	Pezzi
Bill		Sahatdjian
Terry		Schneider
John		Shertenlieb
Steve		Whitehead
Melvin		Wyatt
Rich	Richard	Zanarini
Howard		Zinn

11-2022 Chanticleer Anniversaries

Wife	Nickname	First	Last
Midge	Chuck	Charles	Barrett
Betzy		Roy	Benavidez
Karen	Jim	James	Bowman
Felicia	Ken	Kenneth	Chancey
Ida		Bruce	Corwin
Frances	Boots	Dexter	Hayward
Catherine		Paul	McGeary
Dolores		Raymond	Porter
Jody		Stuart	Poytress
Chris		Terry	Schneider
Denise		Neil	Stockton
Pam		Jim	Wilson II
Marty		Howard	Zinn

Sons In Retirement, Inc Branch 159 Financial

	Month: October 2022
Beginning Balance (Checking + Cash)	\$11,900.42
Expenses	\$ 4,660.96
	\$7,239.46
Revenues	\$ 2,745.00
Month Ending Balance (Checking + Cash)	\$9,984.46
	\$ -
TOTAL	\$9,984.46
Checking \$9,534.46+ Cash Drawer \$450.00 = \$9,984.46	
Net Gain / Loss	(\$1,915.96)

Submitted by Brian Nicholson - Treasurer

NEWS from Your Golfing Community

Our renewal period for our 2023 year NCGA/GHIN membership is still open. The price remains the same at \$45 to renew for active GHIN members. If you are new or reactivating a lapsed membership the cost is \$55. Make your checks payable to "SIR 159 GOLF" and get it to Roger McCoy. If you are new without a GHIN number and paying now Nov-Dec 2022 will be included in your 2023 renewal.

We began the past month at Riverside where we played an individual flighted stroke play match. In Flight 1 Roger McCoy won by 4 strokes with a net 69, in Flight 2 Fred Martinez won by 1 stroke with a net 72, in Flight 3 Charlie Amasalian won by 3 strokes with a net 72, in Flight 4 Dale Samuelian won in a tie breaker over 3 other golfers with a net 72, and in Flight 5 Gerald Peloian won by 3 strokes with a net 70. In the two closest to the pin competitions John Briceno 3' 3" and Brian Nicholson 9' 6" came away as the winners.

The next stop was at Madera Golf & CC where in a 4man2BB event the team of Stuart Poytress, Brett Bayley, Bill Scharbach, and Bill Leavitt won by 5 strokes with a net 127. In the two closest to the pin competitions Fred Martinez at 2' 7" and Russ Anderson at 2' 9" came away as the winners.

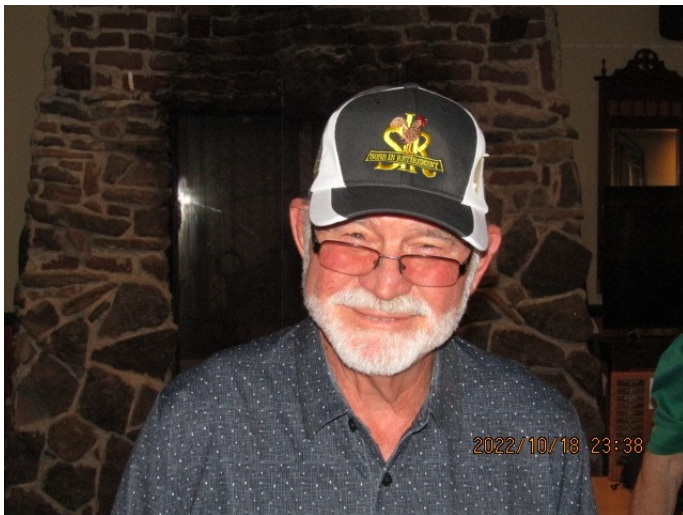
Now moving on to Madera Muni for the 4man Scramble event the team of Gary Morgan, Keith Lovgren, Gary Smith, and Bill Leavitt took the field by 1.2 strokes with a total of 48.1. In the two closest to the pin competitions Jim Branton at 5' 8" and Javier Rodriguez at just 7 inches came away as the winners.

We then headed way down south to Valley Oaks in Visalia for our final stop of the month for a 2manBB event where one of our newer members, Walt Plachta, playing alone combined with his Blind Draw won by 2 strokes shooting a net 62. In the two closest to the pin competitions Robert Ying at 17feet 7" and John Shertenlieb at 9' 3" came away as the winners.

Brian Nicholson
SIR 159 Golf Chairman

PINOCHLE NEWS

September 9 did not work out for the group, but on the 23rd we were able to sit around the table where Steve & Carl took on Duke & Dell. Duke and Dell were able to prevail in a game to 500. It was a 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



GOLF AWARDS LUNCHEON PICTURES





