

The Chanticleer

Date Dec 8, 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 :

Activities Calendar for DECEMBER

Date	Event	Contact
DECEMBER 5-12-19-26	Whitmer's Warriors Golf	Steve Chase
DECEMBER 1-7-48-22-29	SIR Golf	Brian Nickolson
DECEMBER 21	Dine Out Night	Gary Smith
DECEMBER 6-13-20-27	SIRS Bowling	Duke Marshall
DECEMBER 8	SIRs Luncheon	Pete Openshaw (RSVP)
DECEMBER TBD	History Roundtable	Gary Lemaster
DECEMBER 7-14-21-28	9 Hole Golf	Charlie Barrett
DECEMBER 9-23	Pinochle	Duke Marshall
DECEMBER 21	Cigars	Bob Moore
DECEMBER 8	Book Exchange	Paul Gabrielson

**Sons In Retirement, Inc
Branch 159 Financial**

	Month:	November 2022
Beginning Balance (Checking + Cash)		\$9,984.46
Expenses	\$	<u>1,647.71</u>
		\$8,336.75
Revenues	\$	<u>3,003.00</u>
Month Ending Balance (Checking + Cash)		\$11,339.75
	\$	<u>-</u>
	TOTAL	\$11,339.75
Checking \$10,889.75+ Cash Drawer \$450.00 = \$11,339.75		
Net Gain / Loss		\$1,355.29

Submitted by Brian Nicholson - Treasurer

NOTES FROM THE BIG SIR

Tis The Season,

On New Year's Eve 2021 I remember my wife asking me if I was ready to be BIG SIR for 2022. To her it seemed like a big deal and maybe a bit of a headache, to boot. She said I was brave, (or in wife terms....stupid) because it was something she could never do. I told her that in my seven, (or is it eight?), years with SIR 159 I've had great examples of previous BIG SIRs and I can lean on any one of them for help at any time. And besides, I bet 2022 goes by really fast. Well, here we are in December and it has gone by really fast.

When I was invited to attend my first luncheon Perry Huffman was BIG SIR. I've seen Gary Smith, Mike Williams, Rich Lewis, Dell Kerns, and for almost two years Bruce Corwin, unselfishly took the top spot. Did I miss one? Except for Mike, who now lives in So. Carolina, all of these past BIG SIRs have been helpful to me this year. And, I had a great LITTLE SIR in Richard Glover.

Being BIG SIR this last year has been a privilege, a little humbling, and fun, all at the same time. I've learned more about the inner workings of our branch, worked with very responsible office holders and volunteers, along with a great group of guys in the BEC. I have learned that we are all, every member, unique and individual people with different life stories and experiences to share.

I would recommend, especially to our newer members, to not be hesitant to volunteer for a position when it opens. Being a member of a committee, volunteering to call a few of our members each month to get an accurate lunch count, or being asked to be on the board are just a few examples of getting more out of SIR than you put in.

So, as I pass the gavel to Richard at the end of this month I would like to say, "Thank you SIR 159" for giving me this opportunity. You have all been very gracious this year and although no one person knows everyone in our group, I hope someday I will.

God Bless, and Merry Christmas,

Stuart Poytress
BIG SIR 2022



Poytress, Stuart

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

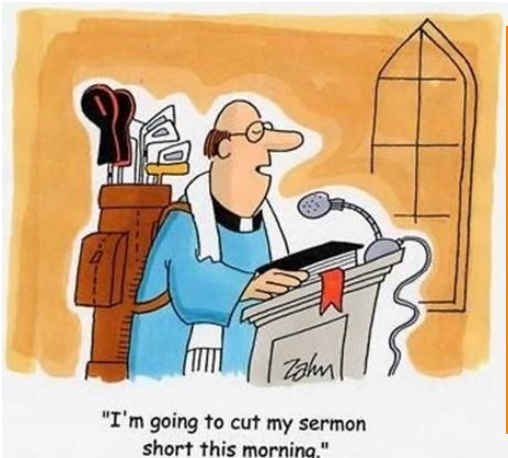
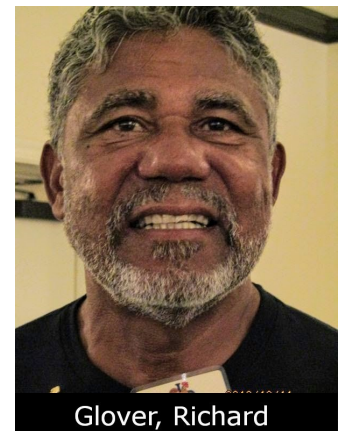
Greetings SIR 159 Roosters:

As 2022 draws to a close, I'm reflecting on some of the experiences I've had and the new friends I've made being involved with SIR 159. As a rooster for the past five year's I have met a lot great guy's, although I don't believe I've met everyone yet. The good thing is there is plenty of time left, and I look forward to eventually meeting ALL SIR 159 members.

I hope everyone had as nice a Thanksgiving as I did. It was very relaxing. At our home, we had a small dinner, which I cooked the Turkey on my Traeger for the second straight year. Cooking with the Traeger, you just can't go wrong! The kids were here, and I was able to get out with my son Jason and play a couple rounds of golf. I won't be at the December luncheon, as I will be in LA at the Raider/Ram football game, so enjoy lunch, and I'll see you golfers on the links.

For all of you non golfers, I'll see you at our January luncheon. Merry Christmas to all!

Rich Glover
Little SIR 159



I said I was good at making decisions. I didn't say the decisions I made were good.

SIR Minutes of Branch 159 Executive Committee

November 10, 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, Assistant Secretary Brett Bayley, and Secretary Robert Scott. Directors present were John Crawford (2022), Tom Simpson (2022), Javier Rodriguez (2023), Pete Openshaw (2023), and Jerry Brady (2024). Stuart Poytress proclaimed we had a quorum (11 of 12) and opened the meeting.

Next, a review of the October 13, 2022 meeting minutes was conducted. Brett Bayley moved that the minutes be approved, and Rich Glover seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Based upon inquiries during the calls to members, we have ordered 102 lunches for today's meeting. In addition, Pete Openshaw reported he is still in need of a member willing to fill a caller position.

Rich Glover, our Little SIR, announced that today's program will be presented by Sara Mirhadi, who is the Chief Programs Officer at Poverello House in Fresno. She will present information about the programs that are offered to recipients of their work.

Next, the Monthly Cash Report (Form 28) was reviewed. Treasurer Brian Nicholson reported the financial activities during October 2022 involved several significant transactions. In regard to General Accounts, we received \$850 from Branch 159 member assessments for 2023 and disbursed \$330 to State SIRs for our State Board Assessment. The report also stated we paid \$4,247 for the special October luncheon and receipts amounted to \$1,900. Consequently, the cash balance at the end of October was \$9,984.46. Brett Bayley moved that the report be approved and Javier Rodriguez seconded the motion. The report was approved unanimously.

[Continue on Page 5]

CONTINUE ON PAGE 5

SIR Minutes of Branch 159 Executive Committee

November 10, 2022

In regard to membership information, John Crawford first reviewed the October Membership Report. The report shows today will be the 331th meeting of our branch. Also, we had to terminate one member during October to bring our total membership to 190 members. John reminded us that a new member would be sworn in at today's meeting. Consequently, despite adding 14 new members this year, we have 19 fewer members than we had at the beginning of January 2022. Next, John reviewed Form 27 that supported the Membership Report. He highlighted our September luncheon attendance of 108 members. Brian Nicholson moved and Rich Glover seconded the motion that both membership reports be approved. There was unanimous approval.

Under the heading of Old Business, several items were mentioned. First, the menus for our November and December luncheons were confirmed. Next, we were reminded that our Branch 159 member assessments were due prior to the beginning of 2023, and the SIRs Town Hall meeting in January was also brought to the attention of the group.

At this point, the BEC wanted to acknowledge the veterans in Branch 159 during today's luncheon. Stuart Poytress said he would ask all veterans to stand at one point during the luncheon.

The final action concerned microphone time at today's luncheon. It was determined that Duke Marshall and Brian Nicholson wanted to address the group. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:42 am.

Secretaries Robert Scott and Brett Bayley

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

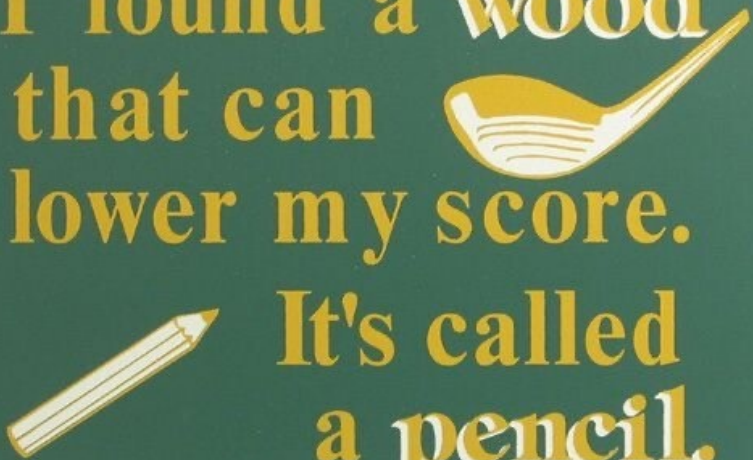
Make Check Payable to
"SIR 159" , Due By Dec 31st

Please Bring Check to Next Meeting or Mail to:

Brian Nicholson
6530 N Pleasant Ave
Fresno CA 93711

Being a little older, I am very fortunate to have someone call and check on me everyday. He is from India and is very concerned about my car warranty.

I found a wood
that can
lower my score.
It's called
a pencil.



DECEMBER GOLF SCHEDULE

12/01/22	Thurs.	Eagle Springs GC	325-8900	9:00 AM SG	\$60.00	<u>CANCELLED</u>
12/07/22	Wed.	Madera Muni GC	675-3504	9:00 AM SG	\$44.00	4M Shamble
12/15/22	Thurs.	Dragonfly GC	432-3020	9:00 AM SG	\$49.00	Chairman pick
12/22/22	Thurs.	Riverside GC	275-5900	9:00 AM SG	\$38.00	2ManBB
12/29/22	Thurs.	Pheasant Run GC	665-3411	9:00 AM SG	\$45.00	4M2BB

December 2022 Birthdays

<u>Nickname</u>	<u>First</u>	<u>Last</u>
	Irwin,	Band
	Jeff	Boatman
	Jerry	Brady
	Russ	Conrad
	Jeffrey	Curtin
Mike	Michael	Davis
sen	Larry	Henrick-
	Joe	Kosinskil
Bob	Robert	Mattson
Willie	William	Owens

2022-12 -Anniversaries

<u>Wife</u>	<u>Nickname</u>	<u>First</u>	<u>Last</u>
Joellen		Roger	Anthony
Rhonda		Bob	Davis
Barbara		Perry	Huffman
Ginny		David	Johnson
Becky		Scott	Lang
Judi		Rich	Lewis



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



MEMBERSHIP REPORT
Fresno Branch #159, DEC 8, 2022

ALL DATA AS END OF Nov,
New Members Inducted: **1**
Terminated: **0**
Members: **190**

Branch 159
Meeting # 332nd

New Member (15) Net Membership Change (-17) Year Beginning Ref #, (208) on 1/1/2022
Members to be Terminated

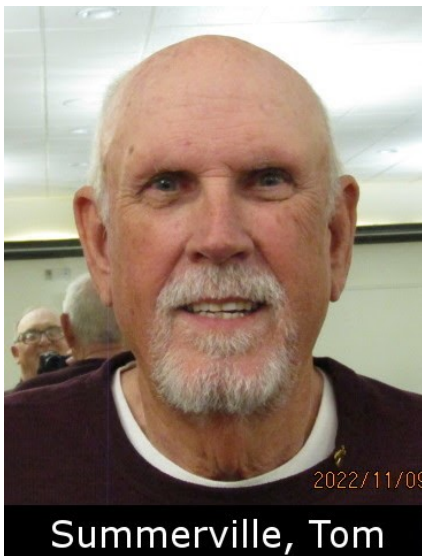
- #38 – Mel Brewer = Family issues
- #111 – Sal Martinez – Requested Resignation
- #8 – Ron Quickel – Requested Resignation

New Members to be Inducted pending BEC Approval
None

Candidates approved by board to be “sworn in” when they attend their next Luncheon
None Sponsor:

Respectfully Submitted by:

John Crawford
Membership Chairman



Summerville, Tom

NEW MEMBER



SO THIS IS SIRS

NEWS from Your Golfing Community

NCGA GOLF DUES ARE DUE

If you have not paid your \$45.00 2023 dues they are due by the meeting on December 8th at Pardini's. After that date the dues will **increase to \$55**. If you cannot make the meeting then send a check to Roger McCoy payable to "SIR 159 Golf". His address is 1514 N Tenaya Way, Fresno CA 93711

We began the past month on cold and slightly breezy day at Pheasant Run where we played an individual flighted stroke play match. In Flight 1 Russ Anderson won by 3 strokes with a net 70, in Flight 2 Bill Eigenman won by 3 strokes with a net 70, in Flight 3 Richard Glover won by 2 strokes with a net 71, and in Flight 4 Bob Rathburn won in a tie breaker with a net 68. In the two closest to the pin competitions Bill Leavitt 5' 7" and Bob Price 7' 2" came away as the winners.

The next stop was nearer to home on a much more pleasant day at Airways where we danced the ChaChaCha event and the team of Stuart Poytress, Fred Martinez, Brett Bayley, and Jeff Boatman won in a tie breaker with a net 120. In the two closest to the pin competitions Gary Parnell at 5' 7" and Russ Anderson at 9' 6" came away as the winners.

Now moving on to Belmont Country Club for the 4man Scramble event the team of Loren LeBaron, Richard Glover, Joe Kosinski, and Bill Leavitt took the field by 0.8 strokes with a net total of 53.2. In the two closest to the pin competitions on Hole 2 Richard Glover inched out a win at 2' 9" over Stuart Poytress' 2' 10" and John Volkman won on Hole 13 at 3' 7" inches.

We then drove south to Lemoore GC for our pre-Turkey Day 4man2BB event where the team of John Volkman, Duke Marshall, Dana Hamperzoomian, and Bill Scharbach won a three-way tie breaker with a net 132. In the two closest to the pin competitions Robert Ying at 8' 4" and Javier Rodriguez at 7' 2" came away as the winners

PINOCHLE NEWS

To lead off, I must apologise for missing the November deadline, so I am combining Oct. with November. On October 14 we had a successful table with Roger Robb joining us for the first time. Steve & Carl were drawing the cards to best Duke & Roger/Dell. Then on the 28th we managed to get a few rounds in where Steve & Carl took on Duke & Jeff Shahbazian who is still in the process of getting his feet wet. Once again Steve & Carl were drawing cards in a runaway. It was a great time to be able to get a game going.

In November we sat down on the 11th with Rob & Duke taking on Steve & Carl. This round saw the cards fall in Duke & Rob's favor as they easily won. Due to complications we had to call off the planned meeting for the day after Thanksgiving, the 25th.

In December we will definite plan to meet on the 9th and should discuss the 23rd or moving that date to the 16th . 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!!

SLEEP TIGHT

Early beds were made with a wooden frame. Ropes were tied across the frame in a crisscross pattern.

A straw mattress was then put on top of the ropes. Over time the ropes stretched, causing the bed to sag. The owner would then tighten the ropes to get a better night's sleep.

BOWLING NEWS FOR SIRs

From the Lanes in October & November We are currently bowling on Tuesday starting at 1:00 PM. We would love to see a few of our past bowlers like, Rich Lewis, Tom Simpson, Dana Hamparzoomian, Dan Pitta, and Dale Samuelian back out on the lanes with us. In addition of course all you new SIRs come out and join us in some fun. Several have told me they are interested. Plan to arrive by 12:45 for warm up time and to get set up.

This week the house informed me of a rate hike in the Veteran's rate from \$3.45 to \$4.70 per game. I will collect \$15 for the 3 games and at the last session of the month the bowlers with the High Scratch & High Handicap Series will split the monthly pot. 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 October and November. When bowling we roll scratch games and a series, 3 games total. There is also a handicapping category for each of us. We use 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. This past month Rich Colby has joined us after a 40 year hiatus from bowling and James Noriega found his way down from the hills surrounding Eagle Springs. Here are October's top scores week for week.

SHIP STATE ROOMS

Travelling by steamboat was considered the height of comfort. Passenger cabins on the boats were not numbered. Instead they were named after states.

To this day cabins on ships are called staterooms.

BOWLING SCORES FOR SIR 159

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SCORE</u>
10/04/22	High Scratch Series	Ed Beier 588/236
	High Scratch Game	Reg Salsman 202
	High Handicap Series	Jim Link 725
	High Handicap Game	Daryl Derouchey 242
10/11/22	High Scratch Series	Jim Link 614/265
	High Scratch Game	Duke Marshall 222
	High Handicap Series	Ed Beier 679
	High Handicap Game	Reg Salsman 238
10/18/22	High Scratch Series	Reg Salsman 567
	High Scratch Game	Jim Link 219
	High Handicap Series	Duke Marshall 671
	High Handicap Game	Jim Link 277
10/25/22	High Scratch Series	Ed Beier 769/289
	High Scratch Game	Reg Salsman 226
	High Handicap Series	Alan Barton 725
	High Handicap Game	Duke Marshall 250

I am sorry I sent the October info to Fred a bit late. Now I am combining November's top scoring with that of October. Duke Marshall

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SCORE</u>
11/01/22	High Scratch Series	Ed Beier 718/258
	High Scratch Game	Reg Salsman 224
	High Handicap Series	Alan Barton 726
	High Handicap Game	Joe Huizar 264
11/08/22	High Scratch Series	Ed Beier 606/233
	High Scratch Game	Joe Huizar 195
	High Handicap Series	Alan Barton 656
	High Handicap Game	Duke Marshall 225
11/15/22	High Scratch Series	Ed Beier 668/247
	High Scratch Game	Joe Huizar 246
	High Handicap Series	Alan Barton 739
	High Handicap Game	Reg Salsman 253

BOWLING SCORES FOR SIR 159 [CONTINUED FROM PAGE 13]

	<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SCORE</u>
11/22/22	High Scratch Series	Alan Barton	611/225
	High Scratch Game	Jim Link	213
	High Handicap Series	Duke Marshall	701
	High Handicap Game	James Noriega	235
11/29/22	High Scratch Series	Ed Beier	654/237
	High Scratch Game	Alan Barton	214
	High Handicap Series	Duke Marshall	754/280
	High Handicap Game	Joe Huizar	256

A SHOT OF WHISKEY

In the old west a .45 cartridge for a six-gun cost 12 cents, so did a glass of whiskey. If a cowhand was low on cash he would often give the bartender a cartridge in exchange for a drink.

This became known as a "shot" of whiskey.

BUYING THE FARM

This is synonymous with dying. During WW1 soldiers were given life insurance policies worth \$5,000.

This was about the price of an average farm so if you died you "bought the farm" for your survivors.

IRON CLAD CONTRACT

This came about from the ironclad ships of the Civil War.

It meant something so strong it could not be broken.

RIFF RAFF

The Mississippi River was the main way of travelling from north to south. Riverboats carried passengers and freight, but they were expensive so most people used rafts. Everything had the right of way over rafts which were considered cheap.

The steering oar on the rafts was called a "riff" and this transposed into riff-raff, meaning low class.

COBWEB

The Old English word for "spider" was "cob".