

The Chanticleer

Date JAN 12, 2023

Place Yosemite Fall Cafe,

5123 N. Blackstone Ave.

Social Hour 11:00 AM

Luncheon: 12 Noon

\$25 per person

New 159 website - www.branch159.sirinc2.org

Program :

Activities Calendar for JANUARY

Date	Event	Contact
JANUARY 2-9-16-23-30	Whitmer's Warriors Golf	Steve Chase
JANUARY 5-11-19-26	SIR Golf	Brian Nickolson
JANUARY 18	Dine Out Night	Gary Smith
JANUARY 3-10-17-24-31	SIRS Bowling	Duke Marshall
JANUARY 12	SIRs Luncheon	Pete Openshaw (RSVP)
JANUARY 4-11-18-25	9 Hole Golf	Charlie Barrett
JANUARY 13-27	Pinochle	Duke Marshall
JANUARY 18	Cigars	Bob Moore
JANUARY 12	Book Exchange	Paul Gabrielson

Sons In Retirement, Inc Branch 159 Financial

	Month:	November 2022
Beginning Balance (Checking + Cash)		\$11,339.75
Expenses	\$	1,563.17
		\$9,776.58
Revenues	\$	2,362.00
Month Ending Balance (Checking + Cash)		\$12,138.58
	\$	-
TOTAL		\$12,138.58
Checking \$11,688.58+ Cash Drawer \$450.00 = \$12,138.58		
Net Gain / Loss		\$798.83

Submitted by Bruce Corwin - Treasurer

NOTES FROM THE BIG SIR

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

Hello Sir's and Happy New Year;

As we reflect on and put 2022 behind us, I'm thankful that most friends and family members made it through without much of a negative impact on our lives. Although we've experienced some cases of Covid this year, none seemed to be very serious.

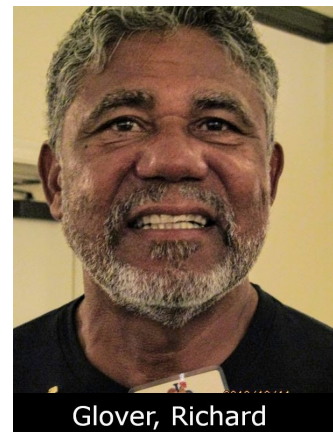
I hope you all have a great start to the new year. Looking forward to 2023, I expect that we'll move toward a more Covid free environment, which should free things up for 2023 even more.

I'm looking back on my year as Little Sir and what I gained from this experience, the contacts I've made and furthering my experience as a Board Executive Committee member. It has been a very gratifying experience for me.

I want to express my appreciation to the BEC for a job well done this year, with special thanks to Big Sir Stuart Poytress for guiding the BEC this year. Again, I encourage everyone to become involved in some aspect of SIR 159. I promise it will be a rewarding experience for you. So, that being said, I'm looking forward to 2023, as Big Sir, and how I'll be able to help SIR 159 move forward.

Wishing you all the Happiest New Year.

Richard Glover
Big Sir - Branch 159
559-286-6250



Glover, Richard

NOTE FROM THE AREA GOVERNOR, BRUCE CORWIN

As you should know by now, Pardinis is remodeling so we are moving to Yosemite Falls Cafe Blackstone near Shaw starting on January 12th. Unfortunately we thought we would still be at Pardinis in January, but they will only have one room for service and someone already booked the other room.

So on January 12th we will meet for lunch at Yosemite Fall Cafe, 5123 N. Blackstone Ave.

Also so there are no surprises we will need to pay \$25 per person for our lunch. The actual cost to the Branch will be \$28, but the branch is picking up the extra cost to help keep your cost down.

We may be meeting at YFC from January through May or June depending on when Pardinis can reopen.

Thanks for your understanding in this time of change and Happy Holidays to you all.



"I love these senior citizen discounts."

SIR Minutes of Branch 159 Executive Committee

December 8, 2022

The meeting opened at 10:15 am at Pardini's Restaurant. BEC officers present were Big Sir Stuart Poytress, Treasurer Brian Nicholson, Assistant Treasurer Steve Chase, Assistant Secretary Brett Bayley, and Secretary Robert Scott. Directors present were John Crawford (2022), Javier Rodriguez (2023), and Mark Isonio (2024). Stuart Poytress proclaimed we had a quorum (8 of 12) and opened the meeting.

Next, a review of the November 10, 2022 meeting minutes was conducted. Brett Bayley moved that the minutes be approved, and Steve Chase seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Based upon inquiries during the calls to members, we have ordered 89 lunches for today's meeting. In addition, it was reported we still need members willing to fill two vacant caller positions.

It was then announced that there would not be a program for today's meeting.

Next, the Monthly Cash Report (Form 28) was reviewed. Treasurer Brian Nicholson reported the financial activities during November 2022 involved several significant transactions. In regard to General Accounts, we received \$1,375 during November from Branch 159 member assessments for 2023 and disbursed \$115 for wine and candy we distribute to members at each luncheon. The report also stated we actually received a net gain for luncheon costs because of a credit from Pardini's for the October luncheon. Consequently, the cash balance at the end of November was \$11,339.75. Brett Bayley moved that the report be approved and Steve Chase seconded the motion. The report was approved unanimously.

In regard to membership information, John Crawford first reviewed the November Membership Report. The report shows today will be the 332 th meeting of our branch. The report shows we inducted one new during November to bring our total membership to 190 members. However, John indicated that the BEC will approve the termination of 4 members when they accept the November Membership Report. Consequently, despite adding 15 new members this year, we have 17 fewer members than we had at the beginning of January 2022. Next, John reviewed Form 27 that supported the Membership Report.

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He mentioned our November luncheon attendance of only 87 members. Steve Chase moved and Brett Bayley seconded the motion that both membership reports be approved. There was unanimous approval. At this point, the BEC acknowledged John Crawford for all of his years of work maintaining our membership records and other administrative activities..

Under the heading of Old Business, two items were mentioned. First, the office of Treasurer will be filled by Bruce Corwin until Garry Elliott and Keith Lovgren become familiar with the duties of the position. Second, Treasurer Brian Nicholson reported that 95 members have paid their 2023 membership assessment leaving 93 remaining to be collected.

New Business discussions also concerned two topics. The BEC felt it might be beneficial to remind the members during our luncheon that a new roster/directory would be published in March of 2023, and now would be the time to review individual entries to determine if their current entry is accurate. The second item involved an idea to revise the distribution of our luncheon drawing. Brian Nicholson moved and Brett Bayley seconded the motion that the total amount collected would be distributed each month. The motion passed unanimously.

The final action concerned microphone time at today's luncheon. It was determined that Duke Marshall, Brian Nicholson, and Fred Martinez wanted to address the group.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:38 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

JANUARY GOLF SCHEDULE

01/05/23	Thurs.	Ridge Creek GC	591-2254	9:00 AM SG	\$50.00	Individual
01/11/23	Wed.	Madera G&CC	674-2682	9:00 AM SG	\$50.00	Cha,Cha,Cha
01/19/23	Thurs.	Belmont CC	251-5078	9:00 AM SG	\$49.00	Scramble
01/26/23	Thurs.	Valley Oaks GC	651-1441	9:00 AM SG	\$44.00	4Man2BB

I told my wife she should embrace her mistakes... so she hugged me.

My wife says I only have 2 faults. I don't listen and something else....

At my funeral, take the bouquet off my coffin and throw it into the crowd to see who is next.

I thought growing old would take longer.



**New Year's greetings
from your 2023 SIR President,
Dave Gonzales**



We are planning a New Era for State SIR

In 2023 Your State Board will:

- Listen more to Branches
- Serve Branch needs as Branches define them and
- Be a Good Friend to Branches

How will we do this?

- We will act as a consulting resource to Branches, not an authority figure
- We will no longer place compliance above service
- We will actively seek out Branch needs and offer solutions that make sense to Branches
- We have changed the position descriptions of State leaders to reduce interference in Branches, and to emphasize service to Branches.

I am looking forward to working with all of you. In subsequent messages I will describe the specifics of the reorganization required to make all this happen.

Let's have a great 'Come back from Covid' year!

Dave

yogonzo@yahoo.com

Branch 159 Officers, Directors

2023 BRANCH OFFICERS

BIG SIR: Rich Glover 559-286-6250
LITTLE SIR: Steve Chase 559-252-2600
SECRETARY: Robert Scott 559-696-2158
ASST. SECRETARY: Brett Bayley 619-507-0357
TREASURER: Bruce Corwin 916-934-6161
ASST.TREASURER: Garry Elliott 559-456-8431

2023 BRANCH DIRECTORS

Russ Conrad [2023] 559-917-1199
Robert Ying (2023) 559-289-4548
John Briceno (2023) 559-395-4330
Mark Isonio [2024] 559-916-1540
Jerry Brady [2024] 559-325-3049
Pete Openshaw [2023] 559-674-7211

2023 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 : Bruce Evans 559-271-2024
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

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.



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

I came, I saw, I forgot what I was doing. Retraced my steps, got lost on the way back, now I have no idea what's going on.

The officer said, "You drinking?" I said, "You buying?" We just laughed and laughed... I need bail money.

Day 12 without chocolate. Lost hearing in my left eye.

Scientists say the universe is made up of protons, neutrons and electrons. They forgot to mention morons.

The adult version of "head, shoulders, knees and toes" is "wallet, glasses, keys and phone."

A dog accepts you as the boss... a cat wants to see your resume.

Oops... did I roll my eyes out loud?

Life is too short to waste time matching socks.

Wi-fi went down for five minutes, so I had to talk to my family. They seem like nice people.

If you see me talking to myself, just move along. I'm self-employed; we're having a staff meeting.

I won't be impressed with technology until I can download food.

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 with a cancellation at Eagle Springs due to weather. The next stop was a Shamble at Madera Muni and the team of Russ Anderson, John Shertenlieb, Brett Bayley, and Bob Rathburn won by 7 strokes at 112. In the two closest to the pin competitions on hole number 6 Brett Bayley won by an inch at 3' 4" over Bill Eigenman and Bob Mattson took first on hole 15 at 4' 10". Now moving on to Dragonfly for the final 4man Novelty event of the year the team of Jeff Shahbazian, Garry Elliott, John Briceno, and Jeff Boatman took the field at 218 by 6 strokes. In the four closest to the pin competitions on Hole 3 Robert Ying placed first at 2' 1", on Hole 5 Charlie Amasalian took first at 6' even, on Hole 12 Loren LaBaron won at 9' 6", and on Hole 16 Russ Anderson placed first at 7' 3". In the single round Gross competition Flight 1 was won by Russ Anderson with a 71, Flight 2 was won by Duke Marshall at 70, Flight 3 was won by Rick Ransom with a 71, and Flight 4 was won by Jeff Boatman with a 71. In the best 3 out of 4 Gross rounds over all four Novelty tournaments the winner in Flight 1 was Russ Anderson at 200, in flight 2 the winner was Brett Bayley at 205, the winner in Flight 3 was Gary Smith at 215, and the winner in Flight 4 was Jeff Boatman at 214.

Now moving on to Riverside we began the first round of the Holiday Classic with a 2Man Best Ball tournament on cold day. The team of Larry Hodges and Jeff Boatman won by one stroke with a 66. In the two closest to the pin competitions Keiith Lovgren at 8' 1" and Mike Castle at 11' even came away as the winners. Our final outing in a rainy December was at Pheasant Run where 22 golfers braved the elements for a 4man 2 Best Ball outing. The team of Fred Martinez, Duke Marshall, Rick Ransom, and Ken Chancey won in a three-way tie at 147. In the two closest to the pin competitions Bob Mattson at 4' 5" and guest Chris McCoy at 26' even came away as the winners. The HOLIDAY CLASSIC WINNERS were Roger McCoy with a two round GROSS score of 173 (86, 87) and Jeff Boatman with a two round NET total of 152 (69, 83).

BOWLING NEWS FOR SIRs

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.

Duke Marshall

SIR BOWLING SCORES

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SCORE</u>
12/06/22	High Scratch Series	Jim Link 660
	High Scratch Game	Ed Beier 235
12/13/22	High Scratch Series	Reg Salsman 568
	High Scratch Game	Jim Link 224
	High Handicap Series	Daryl Derouchey 692
	High Handicap Game	Duke Marshall 229
12/20/22	High Scratch Series	Reg Salsman 630/244
	High Scratch Game	Ed Beier 204
	High Handicap Series	James Noriega 701
	High Handicap Game	Alan Barton 234

Lazy DOG
EAT. DRINK.



**SIR 159 Dine Out—January 18, 2023—Arrive 5:15—
5:30 pm—HOSTED BY BRUCE & IDA CORWIN—
Reservations call 916-934-6161 or email us at
corwinbj@sbcglobal.net**

Villaggio Shopping Center

**Lazy Dog Restaurant & Bar
7965 N. Blackstone Ave.**

Name

email

Phone

PINOCHLE NEWS

On December 16 we were able to play a game with Roger Robb and Duke Marshall taking on Steve Chase & Carl Merz. Duke & Roger were drawing the cards and ran out to a substantial lead before Steve & Carl made a closing run only to come up short. Looking to January and the new year we plan on meeting on the 13th and 27th. May the cards fall your way.

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!!

1. POLICIES GENERAL-Continued
Policy 10. SIR AWARDS/CERTIFICATES - Continued

3. “I’m Doing My Part” Award- This lapel pin award is for Branches to provide special recognition for their members that have not earned the level that a DSA or HLM award requires but have been contributing to the success of the Branch. Branches shall establish their own individual criteria for candidate selection and approval but keeping in mind the need to recognize all members that volunteer as it’s these members that a Branch cannot survive without.

There is no limit to the number of these awards presented within a Branch. State initially supplied 1,000 of these award pins across all the Branches and with the announcement of this new award program will supply another 500. Additional award pins may be ordered by Branches using Form 21.

4. Presidential Awards - Senior Sir, Super Senior Sir, and Century Sir Certificates are milestone-related awards for members who have reached the ages of 90, 95, and 100 respectively. A Branch may offer these awards, using instructions found under Forms (Forms 6A, 6B and 6C) to print their own certificates without having to involve State as previously required.

5. President’s Appreciation Certificate - The President's Appreciation certificate has been discontinued and replaced with the Distinguished Service Award.

6. Certificate of Appreciation- A Branch Executive Committee or a State Officer may obtain a Certificate of Appreciation (Form 7) and issue it to guest speakers and other members under the signature of the Big Sir.



The Distinguished Service Award Silver Lapel Pin

2. Distinguished Service Award (DSA) This “Silver Lapel Pin” award is the 2nd highest award in SIR, to recognize exceptional/extraordinary service at the Branch and/or State levels. This award is to provide a level of recognition for their members that have not earned that which an HLM award requires but have been highly contributing to the success of the Branch an have:

- been a member for a period of 3 years or more.
- clearly earned it through exceptional and extraordinary service.
- steps forward whenever the need arises
- would be recognized by his peers to have earned it

New California Traffic laws effective January 1, 2023

The laws include:

SB 1472 expands the criteria for "gross negligence" to include drivers involved in sideshow activity, exhibition of speed or speeding over 100 mph resulting in a fatality.

AB 2000 includes parking lots and off-street parking facilities as locations where it is a crime to engage in speed contests, exhibitions of speed or sideshow activities.

AB 2147 prohibits police officers from stopping pedestrians for certain pedestrian-specific violations such as crossing the road outside of a crosswalk, unless there is an immediate danger of a crash.

AB 1946 requires the CHP to work with other traffic safety stakeholders to develop statewide safety and training programs for electric bicycles.

AB 1909 provides increased protections for bicyclists by requiring vehicles passing or overtaking them in the same direction to move over to an adjacent traffic lane if one is available, or slow down and only pass the bicyclist when it is safe to do so.

SB 1087 intends to help reduce catalytic converter theft by requiring recyclers to keep documentation such as the year, make, model and copy of the vehicle title from which the catalytic converter was removed.

SB 960 removes the requirement that peace officers, including trainees, must be citizens or permanent residents of the United States.

AB 1732 authorizes law enforcement agencies to request the CHP to activate a "Yellow Alert" for fatal hit-and-run crashes. The law also encourages local media to disseminate the information contained in a Yellow Alert.

Thanks to Jerry Brady for this important information.