

The Chanticleer

Date Feb. 09, 2023

Place : Piccadilly Hotel

2305 W. Shaw Ave.

Social Hour 11:00 AM

Luncheon: 12 Noon

\$25 per person

New 159 website - www.branch159.sirinc2.org

Program : **Allyson Brooks of Sierra Foothills Conservancy**

Activities Calendar for FEBRUARY

Date	Event	Contact
FEBRUARY 13-20-27	Whitmer's Warriors Golf	Steve Chase
FEBRUARY 2-6-8-16-23	SIR Golf	Brian Nickolson
FEBRUARY 15	Dine Out Night	Bruce Corwin
FEBRUARY 7-14-21-28	SIRS Bowling	Duke Marshall
FEBRUARY 9	SIRs Luncheon	Pete Openshaw (RSVP)
FEBRUARY 1-8-15-22	9 Hole Golf	Charlie Barrett
FEBRUARY 10-24	Pinochle	Duke Marshall
FEBRUARY 15	Cigars	Bob Moore
FEBRUARY 9	Book Exchange	Paul Gabrielson

Sons In Retirement, Inc Branch 159 Financial

	Month:	Jan-23
Beginning Balance (Checking + Cash)		\$12,138.58
Expenses	\$	5,753.84
		\$6,384.74
Revenues	\$	2,848.00
Month Ending Balance (Checking + Cash)		\$9,232.74
	\$	-
TOTAL		\$9,232.74
Checking \$8,782.74+ Cash Drawer \$450.00 = \$9,232.74		
Net Gain / Loss		(\$2,905.84)

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

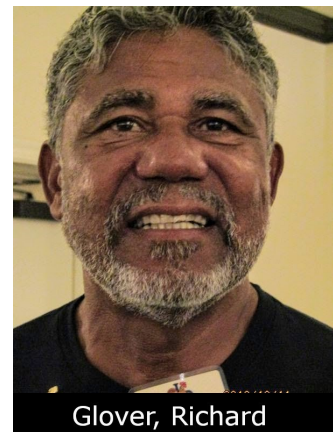
Hello Roosters:

I'm happy that those heavy rains that caused cancellation of our first two 2023 scheduled golf tournaments has passed. I believe that is a first, two consecutive cancelled tournaments.

Well, I recently had my carpet and hard flooring replaced [after 25 years], and going through that ordeal was almost like moving. All of the items on shelving had to be boxed up, and moved out to the garage, you all know how that is. Also, there is a limit to the amount of furniture the installers are obligated to move, so I had to move about half my furniture to the garage as well. Then after all of that moving of boxes and furniture, and after the installation is complete, someone has to move everything back into the house, unpack all the boxes and replace the shelf items. This is a process that I don't want to repeat, **EVER**.

All was good until I discovered that during the cleaning process, and after I clearly instructed my wife that no one was to do any cleaning on or near the home theater system, someone sprayed cleaner into my processor. The result of that was the processor would turn itself off after being turned on for about 10 minutes. Well, I had to remove the processor cover so that I could clean and dry out the circuit boards. What an adventure!

Sincerely,
Richard Glover
Big Sir - Branch 159
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golffdog@comcast.net



Glover, Richard

NOTE FROM THE AREA REPRESENTATIVE
BRUCE CORWIN

Also don't forget we will be meeting at the Hotel Piccadilly Regency Ballroom February through May and cost is \$25.

Beginning Feb 9, we will be having our lunches at the Hotel Picadilly (formerly Picadily Inn) and continue there through May. We will be in the Regency Ballroom and a map is attached which shows parking areas. It is right across the street from Pardinis at 2305 W Shaw Ave.

Our meal will be a sit down lunch with salad, entree and dessert. The cost to you will be \$25 with the Branch picking up any additional costs. There will be a cash bar set up. Please try to arrive no sooner than 10:30 unless you are on the Board of Directors.

We hope you will find it to be a good venue for us and look forward to you attending. If your caller tries to call you, please be courteous and call them back if you miss the call.

Thanks

Anyone who has not paid their assessment needs to pay me \$25 at or before the February lunch. My address is below.

Bruce Corwin

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SIR Minutes of Branch 159 Executive Committee

January 12, 2023

The meeting opened at 10:15 am at Yosemite Falls Cafe. BEC officers present were Big Sir Richard Glover, Treasurer Bruce Corwin, Assistant Treasurer Garry Elliott, Assistant Secretary Brett Bayley, and Secretary Robert Scott. Directors present were Pete Openshaw (2023), Jerry Brady (2024), Mark Isonio (2024), Russ Conrad (2025), and Robert Ying (2025). Richard Glover proclaimed we had a quorum (10 of 12) and opened the meeting.

Next, a review of the December, 2022 meeting minutes was conducted. Bruce Corwin moved that the minutes be approved, and Jerry Brady seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously. Based upon inquiries during the calls to members, we have ordered 85 lunches for today's meeting. In addition, it was reported that Ron Travis has moved to an assisted living facility, and Mark Isonio and Gary Morgan have volunteered to fill the 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 Bruce Corwin reported the financial activities during December 2022 involved only two transactions. In regard to General Accounts, we received \$850 during December from Branch 159 member assessments for 2023. The only other activity involved our luncheon receipts and payment that resulted in a \$51 deficit. Consequently, the cash balance at the end of December was \$12,138.59. Brett Bayley moved that the report be approved and Pete Openshaw seconded the motion. The report was approved unanimously.

In regard to membership information, Bruce Evans presented the December Membership Report. The report showed today will be the 333rd meeting of our branch. The report indicated 4 members were terminated during December, and one new member will be inducted upon approval this report. Consequently, despite adding 15 new members this year, we have 17 fewer members than we had at the beginning of January 2022. Next, Form 27 revealed that 90 members attended our December luncheon. Pete Openshaw moved and Bruce Corwin seconded the motion that both membership reports be approved. There was unanimous approval.

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Under the heading of Old Business, two items were mentioned. The first involved the current renewal of membership for 2023. Presently, 138 (73%) of Branch 159 members have paid their 2023 assessment. It was discussed that any member who had not paid their assessment by February 1, 2023 would be contacted by a BEC member before our next BEC meeting on February 9, 2023.

The 2023 Branch 159 Directory Update was the second old business item. Members are encouraged to review their information currently listed in the directory and contact Bruce Evans before the next luncheon if they want to make any changes to their listing. The Directory will be published when the roster includes all revisions and membership changes.

The first new business item was the 2023 contract with Pardini's. Bruce Corwin reported he had been in contact with Pardini management, and Pardini's was asking for our luncheon price to increase to \$21. Bruce mentioned that BEC could consider setting the price for members at \$20 and having the remaining \$1 paid by the branch. We have several months to decide because Pardini's will not be open to us until approximately June.

The next new business item involved the necessity of appointing an audit committee. The ensuing conversation resulted in Brian Nicholson volunteering to audit the golf committee report, and Brett Bayley agreeing to audit the treasurer report. The audits need to be completed by February 1, 2023. Bruce Corwin then announced that the state SIR organization has made some organizational changes. The Area Governor level has been eliminated. He will now be an Area Representative. There is also the possibility that three other Fresno branches may combine into one large branch.

The final new business topic was the announcement that the branch needs a chairman for the Dine Out events. It was stated that the chairman is only a coordinator because each month a monthly chairman volunteers to coordinate the event for one month. The final action concerned microphone time at today's luncheon. It was determined that Duke Marshall, Brian Nicholson, Bruce Corwin, and Fred Martinez wanted to address the group. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:36 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:

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Fresno, CA 93723
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FEBRUARY GOLF SCHEDULE

02/02/23	Thurs.	Pheasant Run GC	665-3411	9:00 AM SG	\$	Individual
02/06/23	Mon.	Eagle Springs GC	591-2254	9:00 AM SG	\$50.00	Open
02/08/23	Wed.	Airways GC	291-6254	9:00 AM SG	\$32.00	2ManBB
02/16/23	Thurs.	Riverside GC	275-5900	9:00 AM SG	\$40.00	2M Scramble
02/23/23	Thurs.	Madera Muni GC	675-3504	9:00 AM SG	\$48.00	4Man2BB

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

Branch 159 Officers, Directors

2023 BRANCH OFFICERS

BIG SIR: Rich Glover 559-286-6250
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ASST.TREASURER: Garry Elliott 559-349-5783
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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 camaraderie. “I will see you there!”



MEMBERSHIP REPORT Fresno Branch #159, JAN 12, 2023

ALL DATA AS END OF Dec.

New Members Inducted:	0	Branch 159
Terminated:	4	Meeting # 333rd
Members:	186	

New Members (15) Terminated (-22) Year Beginning Ref #, (190) on 1/1/2023
Members to be Terminated

1. Irwin Band No. 149 - Due to health issues
2. Cliff Finch No. 101 - Resigned
3. William Ownes No. 12 - Resigned
4. Ron Shanoian No. 68 - Resigned

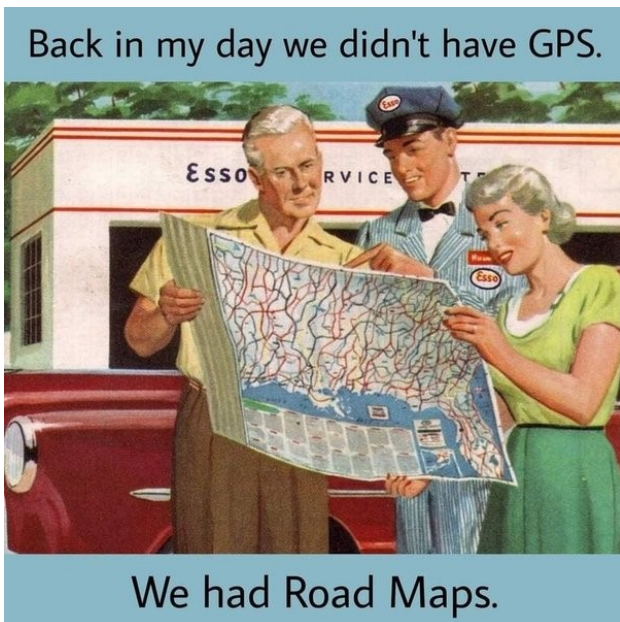
New Members to be Inducted pending BEC Approval

#8 Gary P Clemente Sponsor: #294 Perry Huffman

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

Respectfully Submitted by:

Butch Evans - Membership Chairman
Fred Martinez - Membership Assistant



NEWS from Your Golfing Community

ATTENTION, ATTENTION, ATTENTION -

We have a make-up date at Eagle Springs scheduled on **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH**, with a shotgun start at 9:00 am. It is Open Play and you need to sign-up before 7pm on February 4th to participate by going to the regular Sign-up Board. We will have our regularly schedule event on February 8th at Airways.

January began as soggy month causing us to cancel the January 5th tournament at Ridge Creek due to rain and the chance of thunder storms. We also cancelled our January 11th event at Madera G&CC due to the wetness on the course that would not allow carts out.

Finally, we got a round in with a Scramble at Belmont Country Club on January 19th. There the team of Greg Geis, Brett Bayley, Joe Kosinski, and Bob Rathburn squeaked out a win by .2 stokes at 53.7. In the two closest to the pin competitions on hole number 2 Larry Henricksen won at 2 feet 2" and Ric Wisler took first on hole 13 at 9' even.

Next we moved to the 4Man2BB event at Valley Oaks on what turned out to be a lovely warm day with a view of the snow covered Sierras. The team of Russ Anderson, Reg Rosander, Ric Wisler, and Gary Smith won by one stroke with a team score of 134. In the two closest to the pin competitions on Valley #7 Bid Wallace came in first at 1 foot 6

PINOCHLE NEWS

January was a bust as we tried on the 13th and 27th , but could not sit a full table. We will try again in February on the second and fourth Fridays. Our dates are the 10th and the 24th .

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!!

BOWLING NEWS FOR SIRs

From the Lanes in January

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, Dana Hamparzoomian, Dan Pitta, and Dale Samuelian back out on the lanes with us. Tom Simpson recently found his way home to us.

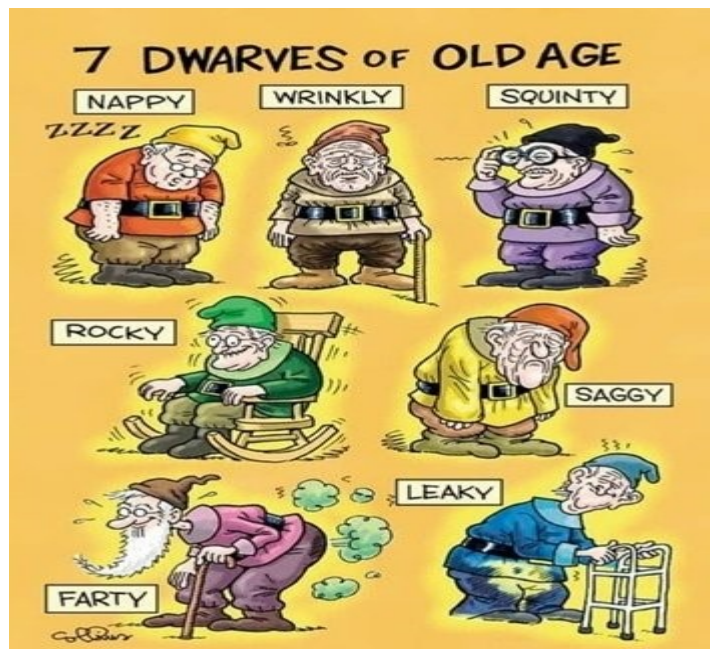
In addition of course all you new SIRs come out and join us in some fun. Several have told me they are interested. Plan to arrive by 12:45 for warm up time and to get set up. This week the house informed me of a rate hike in the Veteran's rate from \$3.45 to \$4.70 per game. I will collect \$15 for the 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 January. 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



JANUARY BOWLING SCORES

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SCORE</u>
01/03/23	High Scratch Series	Reg Salsman 621
	High Scratch Game	Daryl Derouchey 236
	High Handicap Series	Duke Marshall 683
	High Handicap Game	Ed Beier 227
01/10/23	High Scratch Series	Alan Barton 590/210
	High Scratch Game	Ed Beier 207
	High Handicap Series	Duke Marshall 711
	High Handicap Game	Daryl Derouchey 246
01/17/23	High Scratch Series	Jim Link 599/216
	High Scratch Game	Ed Beier 206
	High Handicap Series	Daryl Derouchey 713
	High Handicap Game	Duke Marshall 263
01/24/23	High Scratch Series	Ed Beier 729/257
	High Scratch Game	Jim Link 212
	High Handicap Series	Duke Marshall 765
	High Handicap Game	Daryl Derouchey 255
01/31/23	High Scratch Series	Ed Beier 600/220
	High Scratch Game	Daryl Derouchey 204
	High Handicap Series	Joe Huizar 728
	High Handicap Game	Duke Marshall 247



DATE NIGHT

FEBRUARY 15, 2023

LOCATION: THE LOCAL, 401 CLOVIS AVE.,

TIME: 1730 or 5:30 PM for you non-military types

TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT

CONTACT INFORMATION: **REG SALSMAN**

559-977-6722
