

The Chanticleer

LUNCH: Date Mar. 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 :

Activities Calendar for MARCH

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Contact</u>
MARCH 6-13-20-27	Whitmer's Warriors Golf	Steve Chase
MARCH 2-8-16-23-30	SIR Golf	Brian Nickolson
MARCH 15	Dine Out Night	Bruce Corwin
MARCH 1-8-15-22-29	SIRS Bowling	Duke Marshall
MARCH 9	SIRs Luncheon	Pete Openshaw
MARCH 1-8-15-22-29	9 Hole Golf	Charlie Barrett
MARCH 10-24	Pinochle	Duke Marshall
MARCH 15	Cigars	Bob Moore
MARCH 9	Book Exchange	Paul Gabrielson

Sons In Retirement, Inc Branch 159 Financial

	Month:	Feb-23
Beginning Balance (Checking + Cash)		\$9,232.74
Expenses	\$	3,226.77
		\$6,005.97
Revenues	\$	2,730.00
Month Ending Balance (Checking + Cash)		\$8,735.97
	\$	-
TOTAL		\$8,735.97
Checking \$8,285.97.97+ Cash Drawer \$450.00 = \$8,735.97		
Net Gain / Loss		(\$496.77)

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

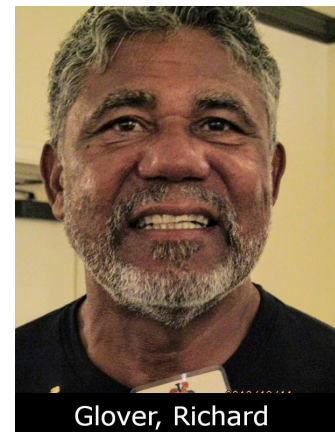
Hello Roosters, March 1, 2023

I hope everyone is enjoying our Winter as much as I am this year (just kidding). I can't recall experiencing conditions as severe as what we're enduring in many year's, maybe even decades. That being said, reservoirs are filling, and snowpack increasing, which are very much needed.

I want to address SIR 159 membership, and in particular a slight decrease that we're experiencing. In January 2022, our membership was at 203. We have seen a reduction in 2023 to 180 members. We need to increase our membership numbers, which means that we all need to be focused on bringing new people into our club. Please, let's all take every opportunity to promote SIR 159 to any potential new members, and in doing so, strengthen our club.

Lastly, as we all have lived with and become somewhat desensitized to the COVID health risk, let's remain aware and vigilant to the risks of the COVID virus. I had to attend the funeral of a close friend last week, who contracted the virus and passed on, and it really hit home. Let's all stay safe, and in doing so, keep one another safe as well!

Sincerely,
Richard Glover
Big Sir - Branch 159
559-286-6250
golffdog@comcast.net



Glover, Richard

NOTES FROM THE LITTLE SIR

SIRS:

My goodness, I never realized how many of my friends in SIR actually were concerned with my welfare. I am filled with gratitude and reassured in my assessment of SIR as a valuable part of my life and how it could be an equally valuable to any retiree's life.

I am feeling good, possibly better than I deserve, but my energy hasn't returned just yet. I get tired very quickly and haven't gotten out of the house much except to make doctor's appointments.

I feel like I'm letting you all down by not fulfilling my responsibilities as Little Sir, but I assure you I'm looking forward to doing much more.

A big thank you to those who have stepped up to help me with speakers for the luncheon, it has been a most appreciated and I'll try to do more as time goes by.

If the weather changes a bit I may try to play a little golf on a Monday, maybe just a few holes.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all at the luncheon.

Steve Chase
Little Sir



Chase, Steve

SIR Minutes of Branch 159 Executive Committee

February 9, 2023

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

Next, a review of the January, 2023 meeting minutes was conducted. Bruce Corwin 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 96 lunches for today's meeting.

It was then announced that Allyson Brooks, the Community Engagement Manager for Sierra Foothill Conservancy, would be our program today. She will be presenting information about the goals of the conservancy and the various programs they offer to the public. It was also proposed that a list of presenters be compiled, so any member could refer to the list and know the dates we need a program.

Next, the Monthly Cash Report (Form 28) was reviewed. Treasurer Bruce Corwin reported the financial activities during January 2023 involved several items. In regard to General Accounts, we received \$700 during January from Branch 159 member assessments for 2023. We also paid \$380 for our state member assessment and some small operation costs. The only other activity involved our luncheon receipts and payments that resulted in a \$3,140 deficit. The large deficit was the result of paying the costs of two luncheons because the Piccadilly Hotel requires their payment 10 days in advance. Consequently, the cash balance at the end of January was \$9,232.74. Steve Chase moved that the report be approved and Brett Bailey seconded the motion. The report was approved unanimously.

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February 9, 2023

In regard to membership information, Bruce Evans presented the January Membership Report. The report showed today will be the 334th meeting of our branch. The report also indicated 6 members were terminated, and one new member was inducted during January. Next, Form 27 revealed that we started 2023 with 183 members. Steve Chase moved and Jerry Brady seconded the motion that both membership reports be approved. There was unanimous approval.

Under the heading of Old Business the first item involved the current renewal of membership for 2023. Presently, 164 (92%) of Branch 159 members have paid their 2023 assessment. It was discussed that any member, who had not paid their assessment by the close of today's luncheon, would be dropped from the list of our active members. Steve Chase moved and Jerry Brady seconded the motion that this course of action be implemented. The proposal was approved unanimously. 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.

We are still in need of a Dine Out chairman. We do have monthly chairmen meeting the needs of the dinner each month, but a chairman for the overall program is still required. Bruce Corwin is filling the vacancy temporarily, but we need a permanent chairman.

The next old business item was the 2023 contract with Pardini's. Bruce Corwin reported he signed a contract with Pardini management, and Pardini's is asking for our luncheon price to increase to \$21. It was decided that we would discuss the cost to members at our next meeting. Some BEC members are suggesting we charge \$20, with the club paying the remaining \$1, and others think \$25 is appropriate. The next item involved our annual audit reports. The reports are completed, and they have been certified.

The one new business item involved the contract we have with the Piccadilly Hotel concerning our meeting costs during our time away from Pardini's. The luncheon cost will be \$32. Members will pay \$25 and Branch 159 will pay the remaining \$7. The lunch will be a sit-down serving and consist of a salad, main course, and dessert. There will also be a "no host" open bar with a minimum requirement of \$500 in purchases. It is anticipated that we will be meeting at the Piccadilly Hotel until our June 2023 meeting.

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

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:42 am.

Secretaries Robert Scott and Brett Bayley

Branch 159 Executive Committee (BEC)

March 9, 2023 BEC MEETING

Piccadilly Hotel at 10:15

AGENDA

Call to Order

Richard Glover

Confirm Quorum

Robert Scott

Review and Approval of Minutes of February Meeting - **ACTION**

Caller Report and Lunch Count

Pete Openshaw

Lunch Program

Steve Chase

February 2023 Form 28 - **ACTION**

Bruce Corwin

February 2023 Membership Report - **ACTION**

Bruce Evans

(includes vote to terminate and add members)

February 2023 Form 27 Report - **ACTION**

Bruce Evans

Old Business

1. Member luncheon cost when we return to Pardini's
2. The 2023 Directory has been published
3. Dine Out Chairman

New Business

1. SIR Inc. COVID Directives

Microphone Time

Adjourn

MARCH GOLF SCHEDULE

03/02/23	Thurs.	Dragonfly GC	432-3020	9:00 AM SG	\$54.00	Individual
03/08/23	Wed.	Valley Oaks GC	651-1441	9:00 AM SG	\$44.00	4Man2BB
03/16/23	Thurs.	Belmont CC	251-5078	8:30 AM SG	\$68.00	4M Shamble
03/23/23	Thurs.	Sherwood Forest GC	787-2611	8:30 AM SG	\$55.00	2MBB
03/30/23	Thurs.	Lemoore GC	924	8:30 AM SG	\$42.00	Chairman's

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.

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!"

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
ASST.TREASURER: Keith Lovgren 559-930-0662

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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



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

We moved into February with pleasant weather at Pheasant Run in Chowchilla for an individual tournament. In flight 1 Bill Eigenman won with a net 72, in Flight 2 Brett Bayley took first with a net 68, in flight 3 Bob Mattson held off the field with a net 66, and finally in Flight 4 Bob Rathburn took first with a net 67. In the two closest to the pin competitions on hole number 4 Richard Glover took first at 7 feet 4" and he also took first on hole 17 at just 8 inches.

On February 6th we were able to fit in a makeup day for a rain out in December at Eagle Springs. There were no prizes or CTP just a pleasant day above the fog.

On February 8th we were back in Fresno at Airways for a 2ManBB competition. Bob Davis and Bob Rathburn bested the field with a net 57. In the two closest to the pin competitions on Hole #7 Gary Morgan came in first at 7 feet 8" and on Hole #15 Roger McCoy was closest at 7 feet 1 inch.

On February 16th we moved to Riverside for a Flighted 2Man Scramble. In Flight 1 the team of Russ Anderson and Bob Davis won with a net 65.5 and in Flight 2 the team of Joe Kosinski and Bob Moore held off the field with a net 69.3. In the two closest to the pin competitions on Hole #5 Fred Martinez was closest at 8 feet 1" and on **Hole #11 GARY PARNELL HAD A HOLE-IN-ONE.**

Between rain storms we moved on to Madera Muni February 23rd for a 4Man2BB tournament. The team of Fred Martinez, John Shertenlieb, Bill Demarinis, and Bob Rathburn were 4 strokes better than the field at a net 128. In the two closest to the pin competitions on Hole #6 Gary Morgan was closest at 3 feet 1" and on Hole #15 Walt Plachta was only slightly longer to be closest on the hole at 3 feet 2 inches.

March 2nd is the scheduled start of our annual Ron Rich Match Play Tournament with field of 32 golfers.

BOWLING NEWS FOR SIRs

From the Lanes in February

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. I will collect \$15 for the 3 games and at the last session of the month the bowlers with the High Scratch, High Game, High handicap Game, & 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 February, which was cut short since I was off to Phoenix for Spring Training Baseball coupled with golf on a few prime courses. We will be back on the lanes on March 7th. 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

BOWLING SCORES FOR FEBRUARY

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SCORE</u>
02/07/23	High Scratch Series	Daryl Derouchey 591
	High Scratch Game	Ed Beier 237
	High Handicap Series	Jim Link 675
	High Handicap Game	James Noriega 240
02/14/23	High Scratch Series	Alan Barton 538/192
	High Scratch Game	Jim Link 178
	High Handicap Series	Duke Marshall 664
	High Handicap Game	Daryl Derouchey 227
02/21/23	High Scratch Series	Alan Barton 573
	High Scratch Game	Ed Beier 233
	High Handicap Series	Duke Marshall 722

DINE OUT NIGHT



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

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