

The Chanticleer

LUNCH: Date April 13, 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 : Mark Standriff of Beautify Fresno

Activities Calendar for APRIL

Date	Event	Contact
APRIL 3-10-17-24	Whitmer's Warriors Golf	Brian Nickolson
APRIL 6-12-20-27	SIR Golf	Brian Nickolson
APRIL 19	Dine Out Night	Bruce Corwin
APRIL 4-11-18-25	SIRS Bowling	Duke Marshall
APRIL 13	SIRs Luncheon	Pete Openshaw
APRIL 5-12-19-26	9 Hole Golf	Charlie Barrett
APRIL 7-21	Pinochle	Duke Marshall
APRIL 19	Cigars	Bob Moore
APRIL 13	Book Exchange	Paul Gabrielson

Sons In Retirement, Inc Branch 159 Financial

	Month:	Mar-23
Beginning Balance (Checking + Cash)		\$8,735.97
Expenses	\$	3,600.25
		\$5,135.72
Revenues	\$	2,100.00
Month Ending Balance (Checking + Cash)		\$7,235.72
	\$	-
TOTAL		\$7,235.72
Checking \$6,785.72+ Cash Drawer \$450.00 = \$7,235.72		
Net Gain / Loss		(\$1,500.25)

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

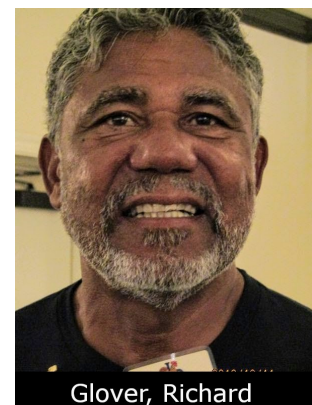
Hello Roosters, and Happy April;

It seems to me that time is just flying by this year, as it is already April. I want to remind us all to let me know of anyone who may be under the weather, and possibly in need of some sort of assistance, so that we can assist as needed. If you have any issues or concerns for the club, forward them to me and I will bring them to the BEC to be addressed. Once again, our luncheon for April will be held at the Piccadilly Hotel, West Shaw Ave. The food there is good, as well as the meeting facilities. The BEC would like feedback, so let us know how you feel about the Piccadilly facilities.

We have had some good speakers to the start of the year, but we're always in need of help, so if you know of a possible speaker, let Little Sir Steve Chase know and we'll get them on the schedule. That being said, the April guest speaker is Mark Standriff of Beautify Fresno, sponsored by Brett Bayley.

Remember that we need accurate numbers to provide Piccadilly's for the lunch count, so if you have not been contacted by a caller for lunch, contact Pete Openshaw and provide changes/additions. On a personal note, many of you golfers had a chance to play with my son Jason during covid. Well, he was one of the featured dancers during this year's Oscars award show, and the family is so proud of him.

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



Glover, Richard

SIR Minutes of Branch 159 Executive Committee

March 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 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 (11 of 12) and opened the meeting.

Next, a review of the February, 2023 meeting minutes was conducted. Steve Chase 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 expect 81 attendees at our luncheon today. It was then announced that Kent Karsevar from the Ronald McDonald House Charities would be our program today. He will be presenting information about the Ronald McDonald House at Valley Children's Hospital and the services provided by his organization.

Next, the Monthly Cash Report (Form 28) was reviewed. Treasurer Bruce Corwin reported the financial activities during February 2023 involved several items. In regard to General Accounts, we received \$400 during February from Branch 159 member assessments for 2023. The general disbursements totaled \$70 for supplies and officer expenses. The receipts for our February luncheon was \$2,330 and the total expense for our February and March luncheons was \$3,157. The cost for the March luncheon was paid during February because the Piccadilly Hotel requires payment 10 days in advance. Consequently, the cash balance at the end of February was \$8,735.97. Steve Chase moved that the report be approved and Brett Bayley seconded the motion. The report was approved unanimously.

In regard to membership information, Bruce Evans presented the February Membership Report. The report showed today will be the 335th meeting of our branch. The report also indicated 11 members will be terminated and two new members will be inducted upon BEC approval of this Membership Report. Bruce Evans noted that the Form 27 would be presented at the next BEC meeting after he had concluded all of the modifications to our Branch 159 roster. Steve Chase moved and John Briceno seconded the motion that the Membership Report be approved. There was unanimous approval. It was then stressed that we are experiencing a declining membership. To help find new members, we were all encouraged to bring guests to our luncheons.

The first old business item involved the member cost for our luncheons when we return to Pardini's in June. Pardini's will charge us \$21 per person for lunch. The BEC discussed different payment options, and then, unanimously voted to charge our membership \$20 for lunch until the end of 2023. The remaining \$1 will be absorbed by Branch 159. To offset the deficit to our organization, it was approved that we will reinstitute the 50/50 cash drawing.

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The 2023 Branch 159 Directory Update has been completed and published by email message. Members are encouraged to review their information currently listed in the directory and contact Bruce Evans before the end of March if they want to make any changes to their listing. The Directory will be published again when the roster includes all revisions and membership changes. Then, the directory will be published quarterly.

We are still in need of a Dine Out chairman. Bruce Corwin has volunteered to do this task until the end of this year. However, it would be great if a new chairman would agree to relieve Bruce of these duties. We do have monthly chairmen meeting the needs of the dinner each month, but a chairman for the overall program is still required.

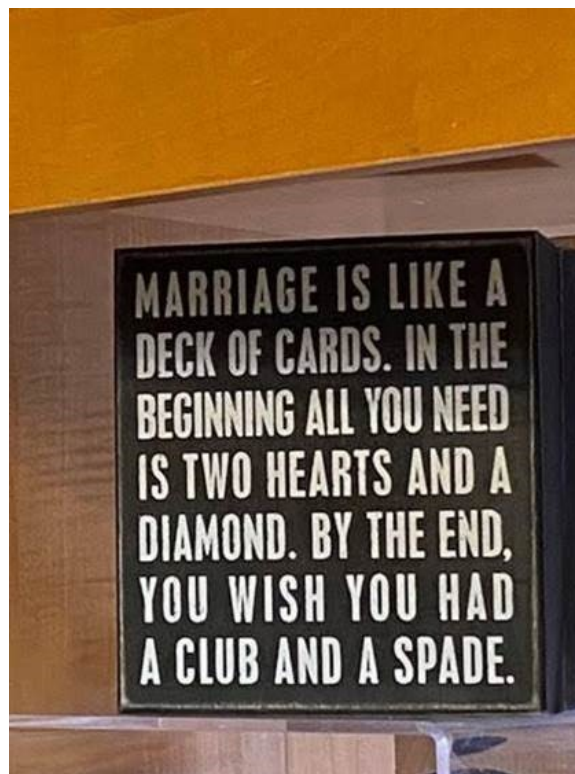
The next item on the agenda involved SIR Inc. COVID Directives. Big Sir Richard Glover asked that this topic be discussed at our next meeting.

The final action concerned microphone time at today's luncheon. It was determined that Bruce Corwin, Bruce Evans, Brian Nicholson, and Ron Wilson wanted to address the group.

Before adjournment, Brett Bayley asked if the BEC members would consider giving a speaker's fee of \$200 to Allyson Brooks the speaker at our February luncheon. The idea of a speaker's fee was approved during our October 2022 BEC meeting with the hope that the payment might encourage improved programs. After a short discussion, Steve Chase moved and John Briceno seconded the motion to present Ms. Brooks with a \$200 check. The motion was unanimously approved.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:43 am.

Secretaries Robert Scott and Brett Bayley



APRIL GOLF SCHEDULE

04/06/23	Thurs.	Valley Oaks GC	651-1441	8:30 AM SG	\$44.00	Individual
04/12/23	Wed.	Madera G&CC	674-2682	8:00 AM SG	\$50.00	4Man2BB
04/20/23	Thurs.	Madera Muni GC	675-3504	8:00 AM SG	\$48.00	Scramble
04/27/23	Thurs.	Ridge Creek GC	591-2254	8:00 AM SG	\$55.00	2MBB

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.

Brian Nicholson

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!"

5 by 5 rule

If it's not gonna matter
in 5 years, don't spend
more than 5 minutes
being upset by it.



Branch 159 Officers, Directors

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Pete Openshaw [2023] 559-674-7211

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**DOES ANYONE KNOW
WHICH PAGE OF THE
BIBLE EXPLAINS HOW TO
TURN WATER INTO WINE?
ASKING FOR A FRIEND.**

**I'VE BEEN "SOCIAL DISTANCING"
ALL MY LIFE...**



IT'S CALLED GOLF

NEWS from Your Golfing Community

On Thursday, March 2nd, we were at Dragonfly GC for a Flighted/Individual tournament and also the first round of the Ron Rich tournament. It was a mostly sunny day with a great view of the snow-covered Sierras. In Flight 1 James Branton won by 1 stroke with a net 74. In flight 2 Dave Loewen won with a net 78 by virtue of a tie breaker, in Flight 3 Bob Mattson won by 5 strokes with a net 69, and in Flight 4 Jeff Boatman also won by virtue of the tie breaker rule with a net 79. In the two closest to the pin competitions on hole number 3 Richard Glover took first at 16 feet 11" and hole 12 Fred Martinez was closest at 5 feet 1 inch. The low gross for the day was shot by Russ Anderson with a 78.

The sixteen Ron Rich winners were Russ Anderson, Russ Conrad, James Branton, Garry Elliott, Walt Plachta, Charlie Amasalian, Robert Price (at Valley Oaks), Robert Mattson, Robert Ying, Ken Chancey, Mike Davis, Jeff Boatman, Richard Glover, Bid Wallace, Dave Loewen, and John Briceno.

On Wednesday, March 8th, we traveled to Valley Oaks for a 4ManBB tournament. The team of Fred Martinez, Russ Conrad, Bid Wallace, and Bob Moore won by 2 strokes with a net 129. In the two closest to the pin competitions on Valley Number 5 Dana Hamperzoomian took first at 9 feet 9" and on Lakes Number 7 Bid Wallace was closest at 2 feet 7 inches. The low gross for the day was shot by Russ Anderson with an 80.

On Thursday, March 16th, the weather abated enough to let carts out at Belmont CC for another Flighted Individual event. Flight 1 was won by Loren LeBaron by 1 stroke with a net 71, Flight 2 was won by Larry Henricksen by 3 strokes with a net 73, and Joe Kosinski took Flight 3 by 4 strokes with a net 73. In the two closest to the pin competitions on Hole #2 again Dana Hamperzoomian came in first at 2 feet 5" and on Hole #13 Brian Nicholson was closest at 7 feet 4 inches. The low gross for the day was shot by Javier Rodrigues with an 84.

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On Thursday, March 23rd, on a day the weather was threatening and we did have a few sprinkles of rain, we were at Sherwood Forest GC for a 2ManBB event and the second round of the Ron Rich tournament. The team of Javier Rodriguez and Bob Rathburn won by 3 strokes with a net 58. In the two closest to the pin competitions on Hole #4 Gary Parnell came in first at 13 feet 4" and on Hole #15 Gary Morgan was closest at 9 feet 5 inches. The low gross round of the day was an 80 by Javier Rodriguez.

The Ron Rich tournament players moving on are Russ Conrad, Garry Elliott, Walt Plachta, Bob Matson, Robert Ying, Richard Glover, John Briceno, and Jeff Boatman (who played his match in Lemoore).

On Thursday, March 30th, on a day that had a steady breeze keeping it chilly, we were at Lemoore GC for a Novelty Scramble with 4 non counting tosses per side requiring some strategy. The foursome of James Branton, Bob Davis, Duke Marshall, and Bill Scharbach bested the field with a net 48.9 (gross 63). In the two closest to the pin competitions on Hole #7 Gary Morgan came in first at 18 feet 1" and on Hole #11 Jeff Boatman was closest at 12 feet 6 inches.

PINOCHLE NEWS

March was a bust as we tried on the 10th and 24th, but could not sit a full table. We will try again in April on the second and fourth Fridays. Our dates are the 14th and the 28th . 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

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 as did Joe Huizar. We also had a newbie to the group show up. Although he has been golfing with us for some time we welcomed Russ Anderson to the lanes. He did bowl well as you can see in the charts below and managed to take all of our quarters. But perhaps two weeks was too much for this senior who did not make 3 weeks in a row.

Of course, all you new SIRs are welcome to 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.** The cost is \$15 for the 3 games which I collect and pay the house. There is some loose change which goes into a small pot and at the last session of the month the bowlers with the High Scratch(HSS) & High Handicap Series(HHS) and High game(HSG) and high handicap game (HHG) will split the monthly pot.

We are rolling now. 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 March. 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



"You have fits of rage, followed by temporary spells of euphoria, all within several hours. Are you, by chance, a golfer?"

BOWLING SCORES FOR MARCH

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SCORE</u>
03/07/23	High Scratch Series	Ed Beier 578
	High Scratch Game	Ed Beier 213
	High Handicap Series	Tom Simpson 731
	High Handicap Game	Tom Simpson 254
03/14/23	High Scratch Series	Alan Barton 597/225
	High Scratch Game	Russ Anderson 215
	High Handicap Series	Tom Simpson 775
	High Handicap Game	Duke Marshall 246
03/21/2023	High Scratch Series	Duke Marshall 529/188
	High Scratch Game	Russ Anderson 182
	High Handicap Series	Duke Marshall 730/255
	High Handicap Game	Alan Barton 225
03/28/23	High Scratch Series	Jim Link 577
	High Scratch Game	Alan Barton 215
	High Handicap Series	Joe Huizar 718
	High Handicap Game	Duke Marshall 248

DINE OUT NIGHT



Dine out Night.

Bring your sweetie and join us on-----

Wednesday April 19, 2023

George's Bar and Grill

Mediterranean Cuisine

6680 N. Blackstone Ave.

(Near Blackstone and Herndon Avenues)

Full Bar

Set menu of Beef & Chicken, pilaf, vegetable, and salad for \$36.00 per person with individual paying

(Price includes dinner, Tax and Gratuities)

Social 5:00, Dinner 6:00

Hosted by Hector and Karyn Leyva

Reserve with Hector 559-970-3197 or

Karyn 559-970-3198 or

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