

The Chanticleer

LUNCH: Date May 11, 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 : Ike Purcell, Activities Coach

Activities Calendar for MAY

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Contact</u>
MAY 1-8-15-22-29	Whitmer's Warriors Golf	Brian Nickolson
MAY 4-10-18-25	SIR Golf	Brian Nickolson
MAY 17	Dine Out Night	Bruce Corwin
MAY 2-9-16-23-30	SIRS Bowling	Duke Marshall
MAY 11	SIRs Luncheon	Pete Openshaw
MAY 3-10-17-24-31	9 Hole Golf	Charlie Barrett
MAY 12-26	Pinochle	Duke Marshall
MAY 17	Cigars	Bob Moore
MAY 11	Book Exchange	Paul Gabrielson

Sons In Retirement, Inc Branch 159 Financial

	Month:	Apr-23
Beginning Balance (Checking + Cash)		\$7,235.72
Expenses	\$	592.81
		<u>\$6,642.91</u>
Revenues	\$	2,000.00
Month Ending Balance (Checking + Cash)		<u>\$8,642.91</u>
	\$	-
TOTAL		<u>\$8,642.91</u>
Checking \$8,192.91+ Cash Drawer \$450.00 = \$8,642.91		
Net Gain / Loss		\$1,407.19

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 May;

I do hope that everyone is doing well physically, mentally & spiritually. I want to pass along a message from Caller Chairman Pete Openshaw, who needs help from all of us. Callers are not receiving adequate response in regard to lunch counts. The numbers are very crucial in determining the number of lunches ordered and amount of money we will be charged for lunch each month. Please respond to and provide your callers with a yes or no for lunch.

Membership continues to be an ongoing issue, so please invite anyone to a 159 luncheon. They will receive a free lunch, but more importantly, possibly make new friends for life.

The extreme winter weather has subsided and we finally have been blessed with mild temperatures. Let's enjoy it while we can, because we know the high heat is coming sooner than later. I want to encourage you all to remain vigilant to the health and wellness of our membership. Please forward any information that you learn about in regards to any member experiencing health issues.

During a recent trip to view the NHRA Pomona Drag races, I strained my neck, I suspect throwing luggage in & out of my truck bed (if your wife packs like mine does, be very careful).

Our May guest speaker will be: Ike Purcell, who is an Activities Coach, and is sponsored by Perry Huffman.

Be well,

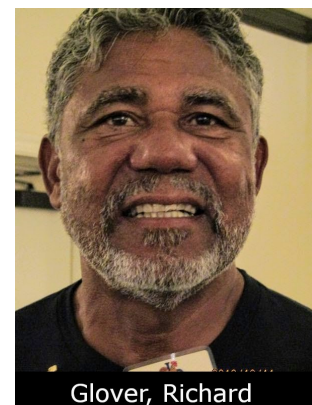
Sincerely,

Richard Glover

Big Sir - Branch 159

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Glover, Richard

NOTES FROM THE LITTLE SIR



From Little Sir,

Oh my, it's May already. Nothing but better things to come, I'm sure. Warmer weather means more fun playing golf, and at our age fun is the only thing on the agenda.

I'm doing my best to recover from this health issue I've been dealing with so that I can join you all in upcoming tournaments. I can happen to soon for me. I regret not being able to spend more time with my good friends but life does that at times and I've learned to just carry on and with a bit of luck better times are ahead.

I'll see you at the luncheon.

Steve



Chase, Steve

**So a burglar
broke into the
house...I put
the red dot on
his chest and
the cat did the
rest...**

**I WENT TO AN ALCOHOLICS
ANONYMOUS MEETING.

ANONYMOUS MY ASS,
I KNEW EVERYONE THERE!**

SIR Minutes of Branch 159 Executive Committee

APRIL 13, 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), 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 March, 2023 meeting minutes was conducted. Steve Chase moved that the minutes be approved, and Brett Bayley seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Based upon inquiries during the calls to members, we expect 77 attendees at our luncheon today. It was then announced that Mark Standriff from the Beautify Fresno Program would be our program today. He will be presenting information about the different services and activities provided by his organization.

Next, the Monthly Cash Report (Form 28) was reviewed. Treasurer Bruce Corwin reported the financial activities during March 2023 involved several items. In regard to General Accounts, we received \$100 for excess lunches. The general disbursements totaled \$443 for expenses and guest costs. The receipts for our March luncheon was \$2,000, and the total expense for our March and April luncheons was \$3,155. The cost for the April luncheon was paid during March because the Piccadilly Hotel requires payment 10 days in advance. Consequently, the cash balance at the end of March was \$7,235.72. Steve Chase moved that the report be approved and Robert Ying seconded the motion. The report was approved unanimously.

In regard to membership information, Bruce Evans presented the March Membership Report. The report showed today will be the 336th meeting of our branch. The report also listed two new members will be inducted upon BEC approval of this Membership Report. Robert Scott moved that the Membership Report be approved with the modification of adding Ron Garcia to the list of candidates to be sworn in at the next luncheon. Steve Chase seconded the motion. There was unanimous approval.

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The Membership Form 27 was also briefly discussed. The report stated Branch 159 had 171 members at the end of March 2023, and only 40% of our membership attended the March 2023 luncheon. Brett Bayley moved that the report be accepted, and Bruce Corwin seconded the motion. The report was approved unanimously.

We are still in need of a Dine Out chairman. Bruce Corwin has volunteered to do this task until the end of this year. Bruce requested that this item be removed from future agendas. We will continue to search for a Dine Out chairman for 2024.

The next item on the agenda involved SIR Inc. COVID Directives. Big Sir Richard Glover asked that this topic be deleted from the agenda.

The first new business item concerned a request from state SIRs to seek a vote of the Branch 159 BEC regarding women being allowed full membership in the SIRs organization. Our BEC voted 6 to 4 in favor of admitting women to our branch. The BEC then unanimously approved other SIR branches being allowed to admit women if they desire to do so. It was then suggested that these questions be posed at today's luncheon.

The next new business item was a discussion regarding the criteria for disbursement of funds to speakers. The suggestions were (1) we shouldn't offer the payment, (2) we should only consider a payment after the presentation is complete, and (3) we should consider speaker expenses such as mileage.

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

Before adjournment, Brett Bayley suggested that we review an article in Golf Digest that addresses slow play on golf courses and use the suggestions to decrease the time to play a round of golf in our tournaments.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 am.

Secretaries Robert Scott and Brett Bayley

MAY GOLF SCHEDULE

05/04/23	Thurs.	Riverside GC	275-5900	8:00 AM SG	\$40.00	Individual
05/10/23	Wed.	Airways GC	291-6254	8:00 AM SG	\$32.00	2ManBB
05/18/23	Thurs.	Dragonfly GC	432-3020	8:00 AM SG	\$54.00	Scramble
04/25/23	Thurs.	Pheasant Run GC	665-3411	8:00 AM SG	\$53.00	Lone Ranger

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!"

Branch 159 Officers, Directors

2023 BRANCH OFFICERS

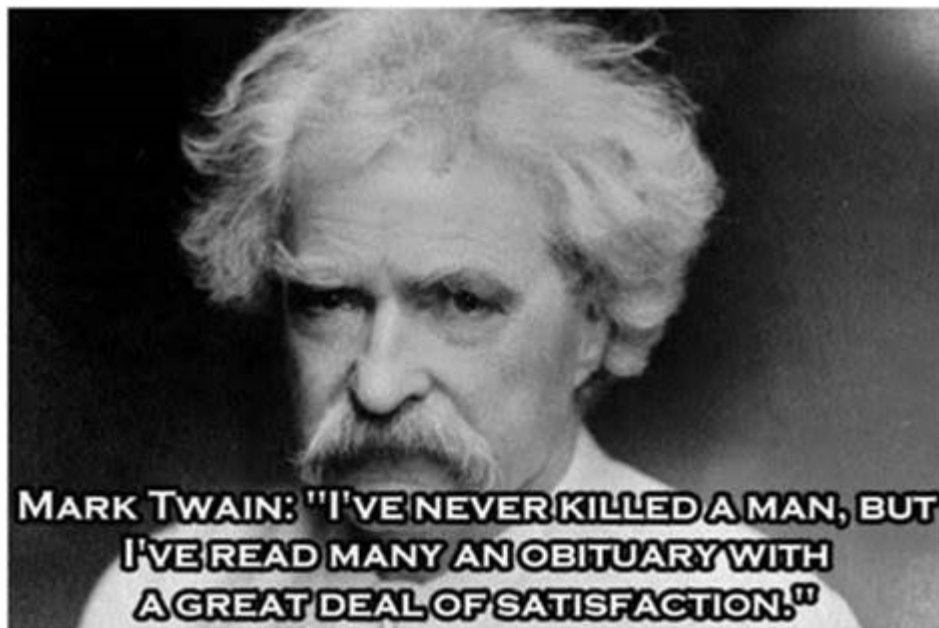
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NEWS from Your Golfing Community

On Thursday, April 6th we were at Valley Oaks for a pre-Easter Individual event. Flight 1 was won by **Fred Martinez** by 4 strokes with a net 70. Flight 2 was won by **Bob Mattson** also by 4 strokes with a net 68. Flight 3 was won by **Jimmy Ely**, one of our newer members, by 1 stroke with a net 70. The closest to the pin on hole # 7 was **Loren LeBaron** at 4 feet 3 inches and on hole 15 **Brett Bayley** was closest at 23 feet 4 inches. The low gross score for the day was 81 by **Fred Martinez**.

Next on April 12th we were at Madera Golf and CC for a 4Man2BB event. The rains had taken their toll on the course and the rough on some holes was over ankle deep making it an adventure to find errant tee shots. The team of **John Volkman, Brian Nicholson, Bob Mattson, and Walt Plachta** won by 3 strokes with a net 131. The closest to the pin on hole # 8 was **John Volkman** at 10 feet 2 inches and on hole 16 new member **Mike Parker** was closest at 7 feet 9 inches. The low gross score for the day was 76 by **Ron Garcia**.

On April 20th we were at Madera Muni for a 4Man Scramble event. The team of **Gary Morgan, Fred Martinez, Gary Lemaster, and Jeff Boatman** won by 1.7 strokes with a net score of 48.8. The closest to the pin on hole # 6 was **Fred Martinez** at 9 feet 10 inches and on hole 11 **Roger McCoy** was closest at 4 feet even.

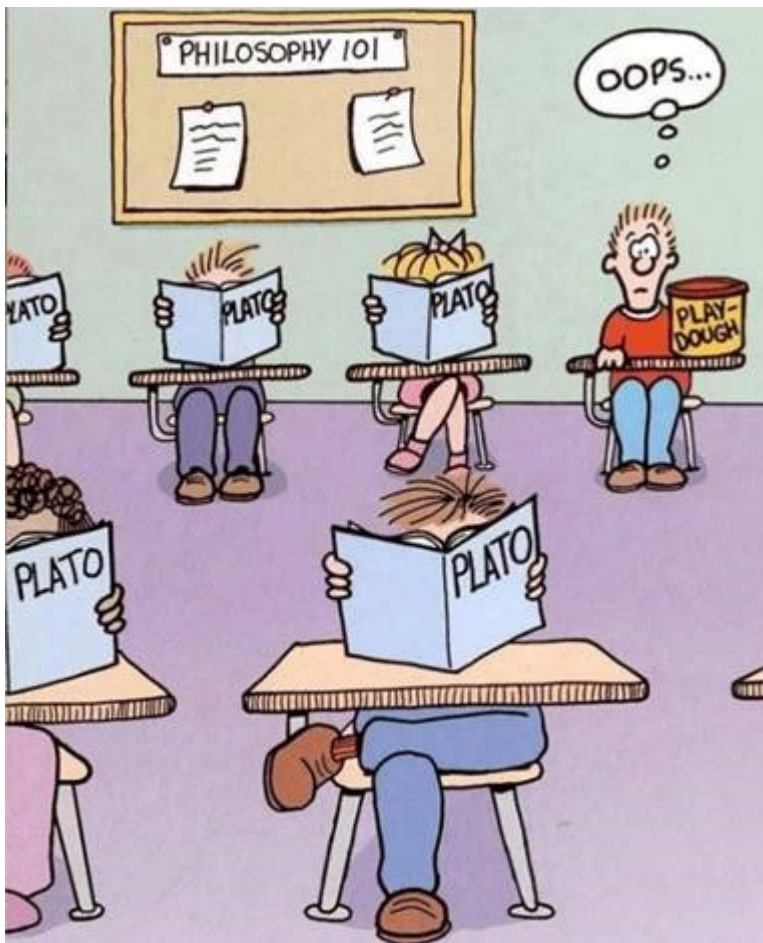
Finally we had a "hot" weather tournament at Ridge Creek in Dinuba where the format was 2ManBB. The team of **John Volkman and Bruce Corwin** won in a tie breaker with a net 65. The closest to the pin on hole # 3 was **Mike Moyle** at 1 foot 5 inches and on hole 16 **Bob Hudson** was closest at 3 feet 11 inches. The low gross score for the day was 75 by **Javier Rodriguez**.

The Ron Rich finals will have **Bob Mattson** playing the winner of the match between **Robert Ying and Richard Glover** to be decided on May 1st. The finals will be played at Riverside on May 4th.

PINOCHLE NEWS

April was as bad as March. I have had to put pinchle on hold as family matters has diverted my attention. We will try again in May on the second and fourth Fridays. Our dates are the 12th and the 26th.

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](mailto:DukeMarshall@447-5388) if you would like to join us. We need more pinochle players!!



My teacher pointed me with his ruler and said: "At the end of this ruler there's an idiot!"

I got detention after asking *which* end.

BOWLING NEWS FOR SIRS

From the Lanes in April.

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. 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 April. 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. 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 APRIL

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SCORE</u>
04/04/23	High Scratch Series	Alan Barton 577
	High Scratch Game	Ed Beier 216
	High Handicap Series	Tom Simpson 753
	High Handicap Game	Duke Marshall 260
04/11/23	High Scratch Series	Daryl Derouchev 516
	High Scratch Game	Jim Link 187
	High Handicap Series	Tom Simpson 695
	High Handicap Game	Duke Marshall 219
04/18/23	High Scratch Series	Ed Beier 579/211
	High Scratch Game	Daryl Derouchev 185
	High Handicap Series	James Noriega 664
	High Handicap Game	Jim Link 236
04/25/23	High Scratch Series	Duke Marshall 515/178
	High Scratch Game	Jim Link 160
	High Handicap Series	Tom Simpson 659
	High Handicap Game	Daryl Derouchev 216

Local boy Debut

CalHiSports, "Since last summer, baseball scouts...have been going nuts over local upstart Turlock High hitting/catching MLB draft prospect **Tyler Soderstrom**

In 1993, Tyler's dad, Steve, was a flame-throwing pitcher at Fresno State; sixth pick in the first-round of that draft (Giants).

Brother Tate currently plays at the University of Arizona.

In their Stanislaus County community, the Soderstroms have been known for their almond orchards." They even carved out a baseball diamond on their property, a.k.a. "Field of Dreams."



Of note, former SIR President Rick Kindle is a personal friend of Tyler. He is asking for our area support of this MLB talent.

Las Vegas Aviators vs River Cats



June 11, 2023
1pm game
Sunday



SIR Day at the Park

Mobile Tix - Buy your own individual tickets
OR

Have your branch activities/event chairman collect monies from each person and send in a check for a group rate.

20 people constitutes a group
Group rate price is \$24; individual tickets \$29

For group sales contact: Henry Weiss
(916) 376-4998; hwiss@rivercats.com

Parking is \$15/car; encourage carpooling

For SIR grouping, we are suggesting section 106
Further up the rows the more likely shaded area.

