

Bulletin #373

Fresno Branch No. 159

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# The Chanticleer

**LUNCH: Date** October 12, 2023

**Place :** Pardini's

**2257 W. Shaw Ave.**

Social Hour 11:00 AM

Luncheon: 12 Noon

**\$20 per person**

New 159 website - [www.branch159.sirinc2.org](http://www.branch159.sirinc2.org)

Program : **Elizabeth Yelton, CALTRANS**

## Activities Calendar for OCTOBER

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Contact</b>
OCT. 2-9-16-23-30	Whitmer's Warriors Golf	Brian Nickolson
OCT. 5-11-19-26-	SIR Golf	Brian Nickolson
OCT. 18	Dine Out Night	Bruce Corwin
OCT. 3-10-17-24-31	SIRS Bowling	Duke Marshall
OCT. 12	SIRs Luncheon	Pete Openshaw
OCT. 4-11-18-25	9 Hole Golf	Charlie Barrett
OCT. 18	Cigars	Bob Moore
OCT. 12	Book Exchange	Paul Gabrielson

### Sons In Retirement, Inc Branch 159 Financial

	<b>Month:</b>	<b>Sep-23</b>
<b>Beginning Balance (Checking + Cash)</b>		\$7017.34
	<b>Expenses</b>	\$ <u>1606.91</u>
		<b>\$5,410.13</b>
	<b>Revenues</b>	\$ <u>1695.02</u>
<b>Month Ending Balance (Checking + Cash)</b>		<b>\$7,105.45</b>
	\$	-
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,105.45</b>
Checking \$6655.45+ Cash Drawer \$450.00 = \$7,105.45		
<b>Net Gain / Loss</b>		<b>\$88.11</b>

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 October

I hope October finds you all in good health and doing well. The heat of summer seems to be behind us and the forecast calls for cooler temps (it's about time!). Just a reminder to let your caller know if you will be attending lunch on Oct 12, as we need to provide Pardinis with an accurate head count. You can also contact Pete Openshaw. Please bring someone with you!.

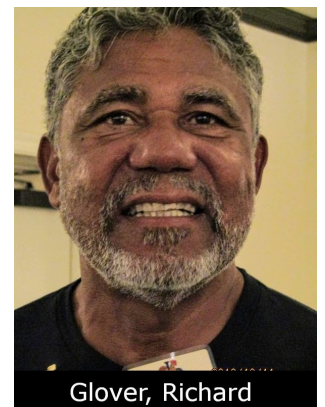
Also, if you're aware of anyone under the weather or in need of help, let me know so that help or assistance can be arranged. If you have someone who can deliver a presentation during one of our luncheons, let Little Sir Steve Chase know, so Steve can place them on the schedule.

Halloween is quickly approaching, so take caution and be vigilant while driving, do to the little ones who will be on the streets that evening.

The SIR State golf tournament will happen on Oct 5th, so I want to wish branch 159 golfers good luck!

State elections were held via zoom 8/31/23. The following SIR's were elected to: President-Dale Decker, VP-Stu Williams, Secretary-Rich Carlston, Treasurer-Carl Mason and Area Rep for Area's 14, 15, 16 & 19 **BRUCE CORWIN**. Congrats Bruce! Lastly, please keep in mind that we need to increase our membership, so do your best to promote SIR 159 whenever and wherever you can!

Richard Glover-Big Sir - Branch 159  
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Glover, Richard

## NOTES FROM THE LITTLE SIR



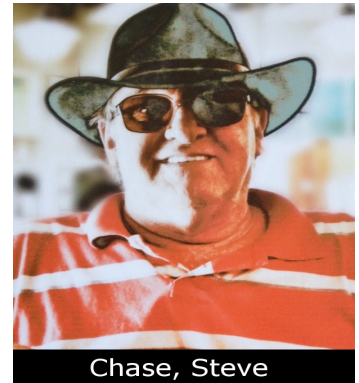
Greetings to the SIR 159 clan,

October, and the days are getting shorter and cooler, and I for one, am grateful.

Once again, to remove the need to ask me at the luncheon, I'm feeling great. I've been playing golf twice a week for a couple weeks and although eighteen holes exhausts me, I wouldn't want to be any other place but on a golf course with friends.

Hector and Karen Lava have agreed to go on the Ensenada cruise again. For anyone that wants to join us, it will be on Carnival Cruise Lines on April 22nd, 2024. It includes a stop at Catalina island. We usually play golf there, then in Ensenada at Baja Mar, which is a beautiful golf course. If interested contact one of us for more info. Hope to see you at the luncheon.

Steve Chase  
SIR 159 Little SIR



Chase, Steve

## **SIR Minutes of Branch 159 Executive Committee**

**September 14, 2023**

The meeting opened at 10:15 am at Pardini's Restaurant. 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 August, 2023 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 expect 80 attendees at our luncheon today.

Steve Chase then announced that there would be no outside program today. Instead, he wanted to grow a sense of community by having individual members tell humorous stories. Also, Steve confirmed we will have outside programs for the remainder of 2023.

Next, the Monthly Cash Report (Form 28) was reviewed. Treasurer Bruce Corwin reported the financial activities during August 2023 involved several items. In regard to General Accounts, we received \$80 from the 50/50 funds, and disbursed \$21 for officer related expenses. The Custodial Accounts showed the receipts for our August luncheon were \$1,900, and the luncheon expense was \$2,053. Consequently, the cash balance at the end of August was \$7,017.34. Steve Chase moved that the report be approved, and Brett Bayley seconded the motion. The report was approved unanimously.

In regard to membership information, it was stated we now have 174 active members. In addition, we have three candidates to be sworn in when they next attend, and one new member to be inducted upon approval of this report. We also learned that today will be the 342nd meeting of our branch. We also were informed that we had 93 attendees at our August luncheon, but we had zero guests for the first time this year. Steve Chase moved that the Membership Reports be approved, and Jerry Brady seconded the motion. There was unanimous approval.

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Because we were limited by the unavailability of video equipment, the program prepared by Big Sir Richard Glover regarding the agenda items listed under new business was postponed until the October meeting.

Gary Morgan, our Webmaster, proposed that we massage our website to accurately reflect what Branch 159 activities we actually do and eliminate things we are not engaged in at this time. Brett Bayley and Russ Conrad volunteered to assist Gary with this work.

The next discussion item involved the notification from Butch Evans that at the beginning of 2024, he will have completed his one year of promised service as manager of our membership data base. Fred Martinez has been our Member Relations Chairman and working closely with Butch to complete membership activity duties. Fred said he would do some research and determine if his computer is capable of meeting the membership software program requirements. He will report next month.

It was then announced that the membership Form 27 report will now be available on the SIRINC website. The membership chairman will only have to enter the information on the form provided and then save and print a Form 27 report for distribution within the BEC each month.

Training sessions for all new branch officers will be held on two Saturdays in October. Dates to be announced.

A discussion then took place regarding how potential new members would be introduced to SIRs and our activities. There seems to be no problem with new members that are introduced to the club by active SIR sponsors. The sponsors help the new members integrate into our group. The sponsors help the new members integrate into our group. A problem seems to occur when a potential new member finds us on our website and completes all of the required paperwork on the website. It was decided that potential new members from the website would be assigned a sponsor. Therefore, before a potential member can be discussed by the BEC, a sponsor needs to meet with the candidate and brief him on SIR meetings, activities, and functions. The assigned sponsor can then recommend the candidate for membership.

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It was also mentioned that we should consider having an active member present at the door to greet guests and potential new members. We need to develop a small information package to handout to these guests. Rich Colby volunteered to be a greeter.

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

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:51 am.

Secretaries Robert Scott and Brett Bayley

The 2023 Golf Awards luncheon is on Wednesday, October 25th, at Yosemite Falls. Their address is 4020 North Cedar between Ashlan & Dakota. Indicate that you will be attending by putting a "Y" in the row with your name on the golf signup board. If you will not be attending leave it blank.

The 2024 golf fees for our club are \$55 for the year. Please make checks payable to "**SIR 159 Golf**". I will be available to collect you check at the October meeting, the awards luncheon, or at any of our tournaments. b Alternatively, you can mail your check to Roger McCoy. His address is 1514 W Tenaya Way, Fresno CA 93711. Please make your payment as soon as possible.

Thank you, Brian Nicholson

## SEPTEMBER GOLF SCHEDULE

10/05/23	Thurs.	Riverside GC	275-5900	8:30 AM	SG	\$40.00	Individual
10/11/23	<b>Wed.</b>	Madera G&CC	674-2682	8:30 AM	SG	\$50.00	4M2BB
10/19/23	Thurs.	Madera Muni GC	675-3504	8:30 AM	SG	\$48.00	2MBB
10/26/23	Thurs.	Valley Oaks GC	651-1441	9:00 AM	TT	\$ 44.00	Scramble

## 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**

**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 559-349-5783  
ASST.TREASURER: Keith Lovgren 559-930-0662

**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



**NEW MEMBERS:**  
  
**JOHN ARTEAGA**  
**BENJAMIN MARTINEZ**





**MEMBERSHIP REPORT**  
Fresno Branch #159, July, 2023

<u>ALL DATA AS END OF</u>	<u>June</u>	
New Members Inducted:	0	Branch 159
Terminated:	0	Meeting # 339th
Members:	174	

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**New Members (9)      Terminated (-22)      Year Beginning Ref #, (190) on 1/1/2023**

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**Members to be Terminated**

1. Carlos Fernandez      #72
2. David Johnson      #109
3. Don Reitz      #10

**New Members to be Inducted pending BEC Approval**

1. Tim J McGuinn      Sponsor: Michael Parker      #111
2. Dennis Martin      Sponsor: Bob Price      #121

**Candidates approved by board to be “sworn in” when they attend their next Luncheon**

1. NONE

**New Members Inducted at May Luncheon:**

1. NONE

**Comments:**

**Respectfully Submitted by:**

**Fred Martinez - Membership Chairman**  
**Butch Evans - Membership Data Manager**

**NEWS from Your Golfing Community**

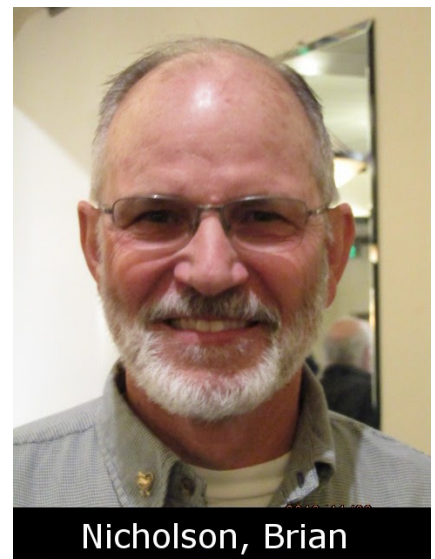
**##### EXTRA EXTRA EXTRA #####**

**Fred Martinez** is the new **PLAYER OF THE YEAR** winning by two points over **Bob Mattson**.

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On Thursday, September 7th , we played an individual event at Madera Muni GC with 40 golfers. Flight 1 was won by **Mike Moyle** by 5 strokes with a net 66, Flight 2 was won by **John Shertenlieb** by 4 strokes with a net 69, Flight 3 was won by **Bill Scharbach** by 8 strokes with a net 66, and Flight 4 was won by **Jeff Boatman** in a tie breaker over Jerry Brady with a net 74. The closest to the pin on Hole #6 was **Bob Mattson** at 4 feet even and on #15 **Bid Wallace** was closest at 7 feet 5 inches. The low gross for the day shot from the White Tees was a tie between **Mike Moyle** and **Javier Rodriguez** at **78**. The low gross for the day shot from the Gold Tees was **John Shertenlieb's 82**.

On Wednesday, September 13th, with temperatures still holding in the mid 90's, we played a 2ManBB event at Airways GC with 32 players. The team of **John Volkman and Mike Parker** won by 2 strokes with a net 56. The closest to the pin on hole # 7 was **Gary Morgan** at 2 feet inches and on hole 15 Brett Bayley was closest at 8 feet 7 inches. **The low gross for the day was a 72 shot by John Volkman, ONE STROKE BELOW HIS AGE.**



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**NEWS from Your Golfing Community**

On Thursday, September 21st, with the weather moderating into the low 80's, we played a Scramble format at Dragonfly GC with 48 golfers. Ther team of **John Volkman, Jim Branton, Keith Lovgren, and Bill Scharbach** won by 0.3 strokes with a net 52.3. The closest to the pin on Hole #3 was **John Volkman** at 9 feet 8 inches and on #12 **Russ Anderson** was closest at 10 feet 2 inches.

On Thursday, September 28th, with the temperatures still moderating in the mid 80's we had 40 golfers enjoying a 4Man2BB event at Eagle Springs Golf & Country Club. The team of **Russ Anderson, Garry Elliott, Alan Barton, and Steve Chase** won in a tie breaker with a net 125. The closest to the pin on Hole #7 was **Brian Nicholson** at 1 foot 2 inches and on #17 **Jeff Boatman** was closest at 7 feet 1 inch. **The low gross for the day was a 76 shot by Russ Anderson.**

**Golf Flashes From SIR State for Area 19 (NOT Area 51)**

SIR STATE Individual Championships is taking place at The Reserve at Spanos on Oct 5. The registration is now closed. I believe we have 7 players entered into the event. Good luck to all our players from SIR Branch 159, may all of you have a grand round and speak well for 159.

I have suspended our monthly outings until I am up and going again. In the middle of October I will be undergoing a surgery which will sideline me for 2-3 months. I will resume my planning as I recover.

Duke Marshall  
Area 19 Chair



Marshall, Duke

## From the Lanes in September

We are currently bowling on Tuesday starting at 1:00 PM. Of course, all you new SIRs are welcome to come out and join us in some fun. As September began we began a fresh start on all statistics, so now is a good time to jump in and join us.

Plan to arrive by 12:45 for warm up time and to get set up. The cost is \$17 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 September. 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. Here are the past month's top results for each week.

Starting on September 1 a new year of statistics will begin to rebuild. Everyone starts from zero or 300. For the past 55 weeks of bowling since August 1, 2022 here are some accomplishments over the past year. It seems this years top achievers are the same guys over and over.

Starting October 10 **Jim Link** will be stepping in for me to keep the bowling rolling as I will be undergoing surgery and will be laid up for a several weeks.

Duke Marshall

**Here are the past month's top Bowling results for each week.**

DATE	NAME	SCORE
09/05/23	High Scratch Series	Ed Beier 603
	2nd High Scratch Series	Jim Link 541
	High Scratch Game	Jim Link 225
	2nd High Scratch Game	Ed Beier 215
09/12/23	High Scratch Series	Ed Beier 629/226
	2nd High Scratch Series	Jim Link 600/226
	High Scratch Game	Duke Marshall 194
	2nd High Scratch Game	Alan Barton 169
09/19/23	High Scratch Series	Ed Beier 565
	2nd High Scratch Series	Alan Barton 558
	High Scratch Game	Jim Link 225
	2nd High Scratch Game	Daryl Derouchy 193
09/26/23	High Scratch Series	Daryl Derouchey 605/235
	High Scratch Game	Alan Barton 201
	High Handicap Series	Duke Marshall 773
	High Handicap Game	Ed Beier 234

**2022-23 Best**

Hi Avg. Ed Beier 202

Hi Avg. 2nd Reg Salsman 183

Hi Scratch Series Ed Beier 769

Hi Scratch Series 2nd Jim Link 660

Hi Scratch Game Ed Beier 289

Hi Scratch Game 2nd Reg Salsman 267

Hi Hdcp Series Ed Beier 880

Hi Hdcp Series 2nd Jim Link 834

Hi Hdcp Game t Ed Beier 326

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Most improved Jim Link 17 up

Most improved 2nd Alan Barton 14 up

Most improved 3rd Ed Beier 4 up





**DINE OUT PICTURES AT THE OUT-  
BACK BY SIR 159**



