

## The Chanticleer

**LUNCH: Date November 09, 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 : John Mount, Chemistry of Wild Fire**

### Activities Calendar for NOVEMBER

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Contact</b>
NOV. 6-13-20-27	Whitmer's Warriors Golf	Brian Nickolson
NOV. 2-8-16-22-30	SIR Golf	Brian Nickolson
NOV. 15	Dine Out Night	Bruce Corwin
NOV. 7-14-21-28	SIRS Bowling	Duke Marshall
NOV. 9	SIRs Luncheon	Pete Openshaw
NOV. 1-8-15-22-29	9 Hole Golf	Charlie Barrett
NOV. 15	Cigars	Bob Moore
NOV. 9	Book Exchange	Paul Gabrielson

### Sons In Retirement, Inc Branch 159 Financial

	<b>Month:</b>	<b>Oct-23</b>
<b>Beginning Balance (Checking + Cash)</b>		\$7,105.45
<b>Expenses</b>		<u>\$2,508.54</u>
		<b>\$4,596.91</b>
<b>Revenues</b>		<u>\$2,130.04</u>
<b>Month Ending Balance (Checking + Cash)</b>		<b>\$6,726.95</b>
	\$	-
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$6,726.95</b>

Checking \$6276.95+ Cash Drawer \$450.00 = \$6726.95

**Net Gain / Loss**

**(\$378.50)**

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 November:**

As we come into the holiday season, it is time to reflect on all the blessings we've enjoyed this year. I want to express my gratitude to the Veterans who have sacrificed while serving our great nation. Let's all make it a point to greet one of our veterans at our Nov 9th luncheon.

Thanksgiving is Nov 23rd this year and again, provides us all an opportunity to reflect on and acknowledge the people who have made a difference in our lives. I'm thankful for many things in my life, one of those things is being a member of Branch 159. So, Happy Thanksgiving to you all!

The BEC inducted three new members in October. Thanks to all members who are engaged in increasing our numbers. Let's keep it going! We have had a few members contract Covid recently, so take every precaution to protect yourself and those who you come in contact with. Covid is here to stay. If you know of anyone who is ill or in need of assistance, let me know so that I can get the information forwarded to the membership.

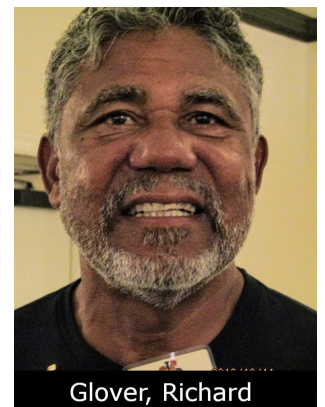
If you have any thoughts or idea's to improve SIR 159, let me know so the BEC can address and provide consideration.

Be well

Richard Glover-Big Sir - Branch 159

559-286-6250

Richglover72@gmail.com



Glover, Richard

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

**October 12, 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. Directors present were Pete Openshaw (2023), John Briceno (2023), Jerry Brady (2024), Russ Conrad (2025), and Robert Ying (2025). Brett Bayley proclaimed we had a quorum (10 of 12) and Big Sir Richard Glover opened the meeting.

Next, a review of the September, 2023 meeting minutes was conducted. Bruce Corwin 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 82 attendees at our luncheon today. Bruce Corwin turned in 75 to Pardini's.

Steve Chase then announced that a representative of the Public Relations Office of Region 6 Caltrans would be at our program today. They will be providing updates on ongoing projects as well as reviewing upcoming projects in the greater Fresno area.

Next, the Monthly Cash Report (Form 28) was reviewed. Treasurer Bruce Corwin reported the financial activities during September 2023 involved several items. Brett Bayley moved that the report be approved as submitted and Jerry Brady seconded the motion. The report was approved unanimously.

In regard to membership information, it was stated we now have 175 active members. In addition, the BEC unanimously approved the memberships of Gerrard Garoian, Richard Manuel and Joe Contreras who are to be sworn in at today's luncheon. We also learned that today will be the 343rd meeting of our branch. Steve Chase moved that the Membership Reports be approved, and Jerry Brady seconded the motion. There was unanimous approval.

Treasurer Bruce Corwin discussed our annual assessment for members and it was unanimously agreed that we would maintain the \$25 assessment for 2024.

Gary Morgan, our Webmaster, indicated there would be a carryover to our next meeting for any proposed changes to our website. The committee that is reviewing the site for any proposed changes will be meeting again before the next BEC meeting.

Fred Martinez has done some research and determined that his computer is not presently capable of meeting the membership software program requirements. It was determined he would need a new "Access" software program and it was unanimously agreed to reimburse Fred for the cost of this software upgrade.

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Microphone time at today's luncheon will involve Fred Martinez, Brian Nicholson and Bruce Corwin.

The final action involved an online review of updated SIR Inc forms and State Sir manual updates. All forms are now using alpha descriptors in place of just numbers(eg Form 27, 28). Additionally, a review of available "recipe cards" for branch recruiting was shown to the BEC.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:52 am.

Secretaries Robert Scott and Brett Bayley

**SIR Members**

Just a reminder that we need an accurate lunch count so if you have not talked to your caller, you need to contact them or send a message to Pete Openshaw or Bruce Corwin regarding your lunch attendance. Thanks for helping us out.

2024 Member Assessments in the amount of \$25 are due and can be paid at lunch or mailed to the address below. Checks should be made out to SIR 159. Thanks.

Bruce Corwin  
7334 W. Portals Ave.  
Fresno, CA 93723  
916-934-6161

**SIR 159 Monthly Birthday  
List Report for: NOV**

**Nickname FIRST LAST**

Chuck Charles Barrett

Alan Barton

Bernie Bernard Cargle

Bill Louis Eigenman

Paul Gonzales,

Dana Hamparzoomia

John Hayes

Rich Lewis

Jim Harold Link

Kieth Lovgren

Rick Richard Pezzi

Bill Sahatdjian

Terry Schneider

John Shertenlieb

Steve Whitehead

Melvin Wyatt

Rich Richard Zanarini

Howard Zinn

**SIR 159 Monthly Anniversary List  
Report for the Month of : NOV**

**Nickname FIRST Wife LAST**

Chuck Charles and Midge Barrett

Roy and Betzy Benavidez

Jim James and Karen Bowman

Ken Kenneth and Felicia Chancey

Bruce and Ida Corwin

Raymond and Dolores Porter

Stuart and Jody Poytress

Terry and Chris Schneider

Neil and Denise Stockton

Jim and Pam Wilson II

Howard and Marty Zinn

**On our way to  
church, we asked  
our grandchild why  
is it important to be  
quiet in church.  
She said "Because  
there are people  
sleeping!"**

## NOVEMBER GOLF SCHEDULE

11/02/23	Thurs.	Ridge Creek GC 591-2254	9:00 AM SG	\$40.00	Individual
11/08/23	<b>Wed.</b>	Airways GC 291-6254	9:00 AM SG	\$32.00	Cha Cha Cha
11/16/23	Thurs.	Belmont CC 251-5078	9:00 AM SG	\$78.00	4Man2BB
11/22/23	Thurs.	Lemoore GC 924-9658	9:00 AM SG	\$ 42.00	Scramble
11/30/23	Thurs.	Dragonfly GC 432-3020	9:00 AM SG	\$54.00	Open

## 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

**My kids and grandkids  
keep laughing about  
me losing my memory.**

**They won't be laughing at  
Christmas when there's no  
eggs under the tree!**



## CRUISE 2024



4 day Baja Mexico: Catalina, Ensenada  
Only \$25 pp will hold spot  
4 days on Carnival Radiance—101,509 tons.  
April 22-April 26, 2024  
Group name----SIRGOLF  
Booking #Z6V3W4  
phone # 1-866-721-3225 EXT. 70229

**Inside cabin** 4F MID Deck 7 = Single occupancy Total \$640.65  
=Double occupancy Total \$763.30

Totals include port taxes and fees  
Gratuities \$64.00/pp  
Travel Protection \$49.00/pp (optional)

Dec. 11, 2023, Deposit \$25.00pp----will hold spot  
Dec. 24, 2023 Due \$150.00 pp including deposit----**CAN  
DECLARE CABIN LOCATION ONCE \$150 pp PAID**  
Feb. 7, 2024 Final payment

Questions or need help booking--- Hector 559-970-3197  
Karyn 559-970-3198

Thanks all, Hector, and Karyn Leyva



**NEWS from Your Golfing Community**

##### EXTRA EXTRA EXTRA #####

**Jim Branton** had a Hole-In-One on 129 Yard Hole 4 at Valley Oaks Lakes Course.

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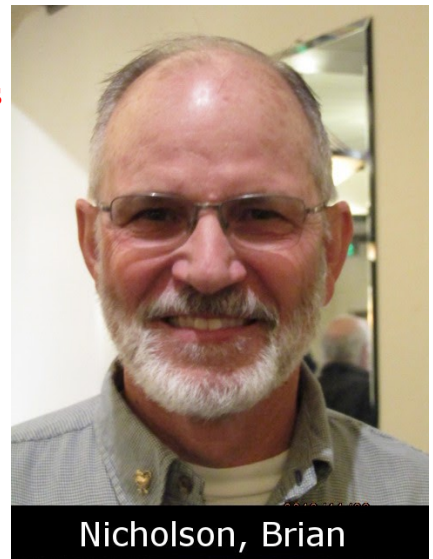
**Russ Anderson and Rick Ransom** each took FIRST PLACE in their flights at the state SIRs individual championships.

##### EXTRA EXTRA EXTRA #####

On Thursday, October 5th, we played an individual event at Riverside GC with 30 golfers. Summer was still reminding us it wasn't long ago with the high temperature of the day at 93 degrees. Flight 1 was won by **Mike Moyle** in a tie breaker with a net 72, Flight 2 was won by **Ben Martinez** by 1 stroke with a net 70, and Flight 3 was won by **Bob Moore** in a tie breaker with a net 71. The closest to the pin on Hole #5 was **Gary Parnell** at 4 feet 7 inches and on #11 **Ben Martinez** was closest at 9 feet 3 inches. The low gross for the day of 79 was shot by **Mike Moyle**

On Wednesday, October 11th, with fall temperatures of 75, we played a 4Man2BB event at Airways GC with 37 players. The team of **John Shertenlieb, Bob Davis, Robert Ying, and Steve Chase** won by 2 strokes with a net 128. The closest to the pin on hole # 8 was **Bid Wallace** at 6 feet 11 inches and on hole 16 **Ben Tyson** was closest at 13 feet 1 inch. The low gross for the day was an 87 shot by **Ben Tyson**.

On Thursday, October 19th, with the weather moving back up into the 90's, we played a 2ManBB format at Madera Muni GC with 41 golfers. The team of **Bruce Peters** (a new member to be inducted at the November meeting) and **Brian Nicholson** won in a tie breaker with a net 59. The closest to the pin on Hole #6 was Garard Garoian at 6 feet 3 inches and on #15 **Mike Parker** was closest at 7 feet 3 inches. The low gross for the day was 75 shot by **Anthony Leyva**, a guest of Hector Leyva.



Nicholson, Brian

## NEWS from Your Golfing Community

##### EXTRA EXTRA EXTRA #####

Highlights of the awards luncheon was the **MOST IMPROVED GOLFER** over the last year going to **Bob Rathburn** who improved his handicap by 4.3 strokes. The **MOST INSPIRATIONAL** award went to **Garry Elliott. MUY BUENO**

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On Thursday, October 26th, with the temperatures feeling like fall with a high of 70 degrees, we had 34 golfers enjoying a four-man Scramble event at Valley Oaks GC. The team of **Jim Branton, Garry Elliott, Walt Plachta, and Jeff Boatman** won by 0.5 strokes with a net 49.1 The closest to the pin on Lakes Hole #7 was **Joe Kosinski** at 9 feet 1 inch and on Valley Hole #5 **Ben Martinez** was closest at 6 feet even. The team low gross for the day was a 62.



2023 Player of the Year:

Fred Martinez

Club Champions:

Russell Anderson

Jeff Boatman

Rick Ransom

Do women ever sit back and think "my man sure does know a lot, maybe I should just be quiet and listen to him"



## NEW MEMBERS



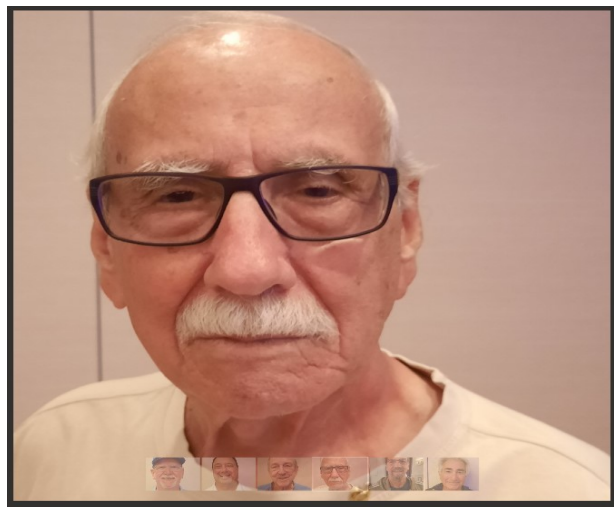
SHANNON CARROLL



RON GARCIA



RICHARD C . MANUEL



JOE G. CONTRERAS

**Last year I joined a support group for antisocial people. We haven't met yet.**



GARARD K. GAROIAN



JIMMY ELY

## NEW MEMBERS



TOM RYSKA

**I'm so out of shape that if somebody yells, Run for your life!, I'll be like, You guys go on ahead. I'm going to meet Jesus.**