

The Chanticleer

LUNCH: Date December 14, 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

Program : **Hank Boochini Jr, Hank's Swank**

Activities Calendar for DECEMBER

Date	Event	Contact
DEC. 4-11-18-	Whitmer's Warriors Golf	Brian Nickolson
DEC. 7-13-21-28	SIR Golf	Brian Nickolson
DEC. 20	Dine Out Night	Bruce Corwin
DEC. 5-12-19-26	SIRS Bowling	Duke Marshall
DEC. 14	SIRs Luncheon	Pete Openshaw
DEC. 6-13-20-27	9 Hole Golf	Charlie Barrett
DEC. 20	Cigars	Bob Moore
DEC. 14	Book Exchange	Paul Gabrielson

Sons In Retirement, Inc Branch 159 Financial

	Month:	Nov-23
Beginning Balance (Checking + Cash)		\$6,726.95
Expenses		<u>\$1,890.38</u>
		\$4,836.57
Revenues		<u>\$3,505.02</u>
Month Ending Balance (Checking + Cash)		\$8,341.59
		\$-
TOTAL		\$8,341.59
Checking \$7,891.59+ Cash Drawer \$450.00 = \$8,341.59		
Net Gain / Loss		\$1,614.64

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 December;

I hope everyone had a nice Thanksgiving. As 2023 comes to a close, I'm reflecting on my time as Big Sir. It has been a very enlightening and rewarding experience.

I want to thank the BEC for their support and hard work this year. For those of you who are interested in a leadership role, or just becoming a part of our governing body, look into becoming a member of the BEC. You will not be disappointed, and you will also be helping the club.

Please continue to be mindful of our need to increase our membership numbers, as this is an ongoing issue. Look for any opportunity to bring a potential new member to a monthly luncheon.

I haven't played much golf lately due to an injured left knee. I've been resting the knee and have x-ray's scheduled that will hopefully reveal what the problem is. In the meantime I may try to sneak in a tournament.

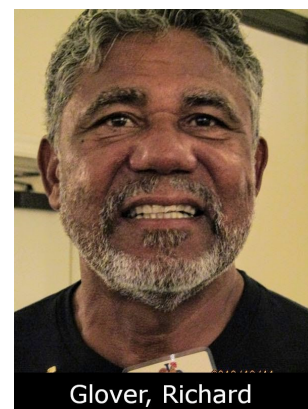
Here's wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, and the hope that we all begin 2024 positive and in good health.

Be well,

Richard Glover-Big Sir

Branch 159

559-286-6250



Glover, Richard

Notes from the Little Sir

SIR 159 Golfers,

Dana put us in touch with a new company here in town that offers indoor golf. It is call Studio Golf and uses full sized golf simulators to provide an unique golfing experience. I'm trying to put together a field trip to let everyone know what is available.

At Studio Golf you hit off of carpet into a large screen which has a video depiction of a golf course, or many other possibilities like games and things. The feel is very realistic and from what I could tell quite accurate. There are all the numbers to analyze ball spin, etc.

There isn't a membership fee, although there is membership as a means to identify those using the facility.

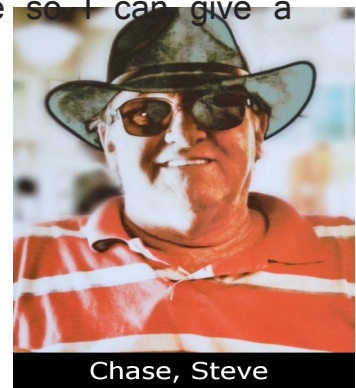
There is a web site where you can check for availability and/or book a session. The charges are by the hour and for seniors it is \$20/hour. I'm told that a person can play 18 holes in an hour. There are many golf courses available to play.

I have set up a field trip for us. It is on December 12 between 10 am and 2 pm. A group presentation could be done at 1 pm. This is a free introduction to Studio Golf.

If you want to attend this field trip please email me so I can give a head count to Golf Studio.

Steve Chase

steve.chase@currently.com



Chase, Steve

SIR Minutes of Branch 159 Executive Committee

November 9, 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, Secretary Robert Scott, and Assistant Secretary Brett Bayley. Directors present were Pete Openshaw (2023), John Briceno (2023), Jerry Brady (2024), Mark Isonio (2024), and Robert Ying (2025). Robert Scott proclaimed we had a quorum (11 of 12) and Big Sir Richard Glover opened the meeting.

Next, a review of the October, 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, 95 members stated that they were planning to attend our luncheon today. Bruce Corwin told Pardini's to plan on serving 90 lunches.

Pete Openshaw also reported that two members who were callers had stated they were relinquishing their duties at the end of this year. Pete Openshaw also reported that Steven Deak was experiencing health issues.

Steve Chase then announced that John Mount, a former forester for Southern California Edison and an author of forestry books, would be our program today. He will be presenting his ideas about forest management.

Next, the Monthly Cash Report (Form 28) was reviewed. Receipts from General Accounts were \$250 in dues and \$80 from our 50/50 drawing. Total receipts were \$330. Disbursements from the General Accounts totaled \$619 for officers' expenses. Receipts from our October luncheon was \$1,800, and the disbursement for the luncheon was \$1,889. As a result of these transactions, the balance shown on our October Cash Report was \$6,726.95. Brett Bayley moved that the report be approved, and Robert Ying seconded the motion. The report was approved unanimously.

In regard to membership information, it was stated we now have 176 active members. During this month, we terminated one member, and proposed the addition of 4 new members that will be ready for induction upon the approval of this report. We also learned that today will be the 343rd meeting of our branch. Steve Chase moved that the Membership Reports be approved, and Mark Isonio seconded the motion. There was unanimous approval.

Gary Morgan, our Webmaster, reported that the committee organized to update our website had met and determined that we would continue to utilize our current website format. The committee also felt that the references to COVID 19 should be removed. In addition, the wording on various activity items was revised to accurately represent our present involvement in those activities. The proposed changes were approved unanimously.

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The next order of business involved the contract with Pardini's for our monthly luncheon. The price to our club for each lunch served during 2024 will be \$23.30. The BEC felt that \$25 would be the price that each member pays for lunch. Also, it was agreed that we would continue to meet the second Thursday of each month. Steve Chase moved that the proposal be approved and Jerry Brady seconded the motion.

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

A discussion about a possible field trip to Studio Golfer that would be of interest to our golfing members then occurred. Steve Chase will gather information about facility and report at our next BEC meeting.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 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

DECEMBER GOLF SCHEDULE

12/07/23	Thurs.	Ridge Creek GC	591-2254	9:00 AM	SG	\$50.00	4mShamble
12/13/23	Wed.	Madera Muni GC	675-3504	9:00 AM	SG	\$48.00	Individual
12/21/23	Thurs.	Riverside GC	275-5900	9:00 AM	SG	\$40.00	2ManBB
12/28/23	Thurs.	Pheasant Run GC	665-3411	9:00 AM	SG	\$ 53.00	4Man2BB

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

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John Briceno (2023) 559-395-4330
Mark Isonio [2024] 559-916-1540
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Pete Openshaw [2023] 559-674-7211

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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 name is Pete Openshaw I'm the caller coordinator for the callers for the Sirs luncheon. Just recently, I have had two callers resign so I am in need of two more people to volunteer to help us out. It takes about an hour of your time once a month and I will be there to assist you with any help you need. My phone numbers are 559 674 7211 or 559 871 5816 you can leave a message if im not around. My email is pbacup@aol.com so you can also email me. Hope to hear from someone.

Pete

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

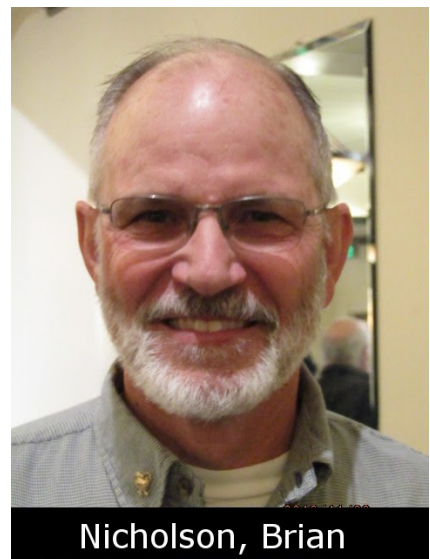
On Thursday, November 2nd, we played an individual event at Ridge Creek with 45 golfers. Flight 1 was won by **Russ Manfredo** by 2 strokes with a net 73, Flight 2 was won by John **Shertenlieb** in a tie breaker with a net 73, Flight 3 was won by **Bid Wallace** by 1 stroke with a net 71, and Flight 4 was won by **Jeff Boatman** by 5 strokes with a net 71. The closest to the pin on Hole #3 was **Larry Henricksen** at 7 feet 4 inches and on #16 **Bob Hudson** was closest at 2 feet 9 inches. The low gross for the day of 80 was shot by Russ Anderson.

On Wednesday, November 8th, with a fall temperature high of 68, we played a Cha Cha Cha event at Airways GC with 33 players. The team of **Brian Nicholson, James Branton, Gary Lemaster, and Bob Moore** won by 5 strokes with a net 119. The closest to the pin on hole # 7 was **Gary Lemaster** at 5 feet 11 inches and on hole 16 **Hector Leyva** was closest at 2 feet 6 inches. The low gross for the day was a 73 shot by Russ Anderson.

On Thursday, November 16th, with the weather warming slightly to a high of 75, we played a 4Man2BB format at Belmont CC with 33 golfers. The team of **Jeff Shahbazian, Garry Elliott, Robert Ying, and Charlie Amasalian** won by 7 strokes with a net 123. The closest to the pin on Hole #2 was **Neil Stockton** at 7 feet 2 inches and on #13 **Bob Price** was closest at 5 feet 10 inches. The low gross for the day was 81 shot by Gary Morgan.

On Wednesday, November 22, prior to stuffing ourselves with turkey and with a pleasant high temperature of 70 degrees, we had 26 golfers enjoying a four-man Scramble event at Lemoore GC. The team of **Alfred Martinez, Brett Bayley, Mike Parker, and Jeff Boatman** won by 3 strokes with a net 49. The closest to the pin on Hole #7 was **Russ Anderson** at 6 feet 11 inches and on Hole #11 **Jeff Boatman** was closest at 2 feet 8 inches.

On Thursday, November 30th, with fall here and the hand warmers out, we played a 2ManBB format at Dragonfly GC with 41 golfers. The team of **Jim Branton and Loren LeBaron** won by 1 stroke with a net 65. The closest to the pin on Hole #3 was **Brian Nicholson** at 7 feet 9 inches and on #12 **Javier Rodriguez** was closest at 10 feet 1 inch. The low gross for the day was 84 shot by Gary Morgan and John Volkman



Nicholson, Brian