

The Chanticleer

LUNCH: Date January 11, 2024

Place : Pardini's

2257 W. Shaw Ave.

Social Hour 11:00 AM

Luncheon: 12 Noon

\$25 per person

New 159 website - www.branch159.sirinc2.org

Program : DEBRA RUSH, CEO Breaking the Chains

Activities Calendar for JANUARY

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

Sons In Retirement, Inc Branch 159 Financial

	Month:	Dec-23
Beginning Balance (Checking + Cash)		\$8,341.59
Expenses		\$2,049.06
		\$6,292.53
Revenues		\$2,775.02
Month Ending Balance (Checking + Cash)		\$9,067.55
	\$	-
TOTAL		\$9,067.55
Checking \$6617.55 + Petty cash \$450 = \$9067.55		
Net Gain / Loss		\$725.96

Submitted by Bruce Corwin - Treasurer

Notes from the BIG SIR



Greetings my friends,

Here we are at the start of a brand new year. A time to make resolutions and then, of course, try to keep them. I've never been very successful at the latter but I try.

We have a new year to fill with things to do. I must admit that I have become so tied to golf that it is my primary source for social interaction and this year I'm going to make an effort to do more socializing and behave less like a hermit.

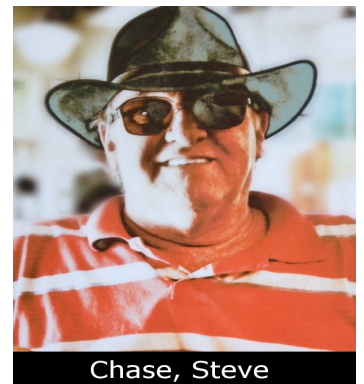
I think most of my health issues are behind me and so I'll be more active this year.

As "Big Sir" I promise to do my best for the benefit of our club and hope to promote it as widely as I possible. As to these things, I'll surely need the help of all of you. If you have ideas, or complaints or just want to talk I'll be available for 2024.

STEVE CHASE

SIR 159 BIG SIR

252-2600



Chase, Steve

INTRODUCING THE LITTLE SIR

Born in the Sacred Heart Hospital in Hanford, CA.

As I sit here today, I will turn 77 tomorrow and feel like 76!

I spent my first 20 years in Corcoran before moving to Lemoore for a couple of years while working for PGand E.

I went to COS and Fresno State night school with a major in agronomy and entomology (no degree).

Met my wife in 77' at a roller rink in Visalia.

There I started teaching her many of my bad habits, especially GOLF.

We celebrated our 45th anniversary last December with a blended family of 6 offspring, hers (3), mine (2), and ours.

We joined Belmont Country Club and with friends that no one else wanted to play with, formed a travel group called the 19th Holers.

Our golf adventures took us to Canada, the Virgin Islands, the East Coast, and of course all over California.

Another wonderful memory for us was volunteering at the Crosby Tournament later called the AT&T, with many great moments and memories from that time.

We have 39 grand and great-grandchildren and counting.

My wife's parents moved to a golf-gated community in Banning, CA called Sun Lakes. We decided to move there to keep an eye on them since they were so (old).

We got in a lot of golf for several years before her parents needed more help.

After they passed we moved back to Clovis to be a pest to our kids here.

I have been in sales (I owned my own business for 40-plus years, in the industry of process water management and biodegradable lubricants.

I thought I had quit golf for a good 15 years or so ago until Bob Price twisted my arm to play in SIRS last spring. I am now hooked and enjoy the banter more than ever.

Being a part of SIRS is my first attempt at belonging to anything outside of work and family and I felt the need to contribute to the best of my ability.

Regards as always,

Michael H Parker

Mobile: 951-665-2951

SIR 159 LITTLE SIR

How is it that the government can't control gasoline prices, but the weather is something they can fix?

Why were we told to lower our AC usage on hot days to prevent overwhelming the electric grid while simultaneously being told to trade in our gas cars for electric vehicles?



Debra Rush is the Founder and CEO of Breaking the Chains. Her insight and experience into this daunting industry are the driving force behind Breaking the Chains' founding. Debra, too, is a survivor of human trafficking, lured out and violently trafficked in 1999 for several months. Following her daring escape she was taken to a confidential location, which isolated her from the region where she had been victimized. Unfortunately, at that time, no avenues or efforts were in place to expose human trafficking, and there were limited resources available to help her cope with the specific trauma she had endured. In 2008, after years of guilt and shame, she found the courage and strength to begin her healing journey. This spurred her quest to help individuals trapped in human trafficking and who may believe there is no way out. Debra, who holds degrees in Human Services and in Business, works closely with the Fresno Police Department's Trafficking Task Force. She is an alcohol and drug counselor and a Certified Trauma Professional. Debra has gained notoriety as a passionate community leader, a proud alumnus of the Fresno Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Fresno Class XXXIII (33). She humbly holds the 2018 title of California State Assembly Woman of the Year and has just become a published author. Although she has accomplished much since her transformation, Debra's most cherished

SIR Minutes of Branch 159 Executive Committee

December 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, Assistant Treasurer Garry Elliott, 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). Robert Scott proclaimed we had a quorum (10 of 12), and Big Sir Richard Glover opened the meeting.

Next, a review of the November 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, 104 members stated that they were planning to attend our luncheon today. Bruce Corwin told Pardini's to plan on serving 94 lunches. Pete Openshaw also reminded the board that he still needed two callers. In addition, we learned that Bruce Corwin had surgery yesterday, and Steven Deak was still experiencing health issues.

Steve Chase then announced that Hank Boochini Jr., owner of Hank's Swank par 3 golf course and driving range, would be our program today. The program is to feature a history of Hank Swank business operations.

Next, the Monthly Cash Report (Form 28) was reviewed. Receipts from General Accounts were \$1,575 in dues and \$90 from our 50/50 drawing. Total receipts were \$1,665. Disbursements from the General Accounts totaled \$42 for officers' expenses. Receipts from our November luncheon was \$1,840, and the disbursement for the luncheon was \$1,848. As a result of these transactions, the balance shown on our November Cash Report was \$8,342. Steve Chase 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 180 active members. However, we expect to swear in 4 members during our luncheon today. We also learned that today will be the 344th meeting of our branch. Steve Chase moved that the Membership Reports be approved, and Jerry Brady seconded the motion. There was unanimous approval.

Gary Morgan, our Webmaster, reported that the committee organized to update our website was continuing to assess the music that was presently included on the site. They will report on their progress at our next meeting.

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

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:28 am.

Secretaries Robert Scott and Brett Bayley

Why is canceling student debt a good idea? Does it make sense to reward people who do not honor their financial commitment by taxing the people who do?

SIR Members

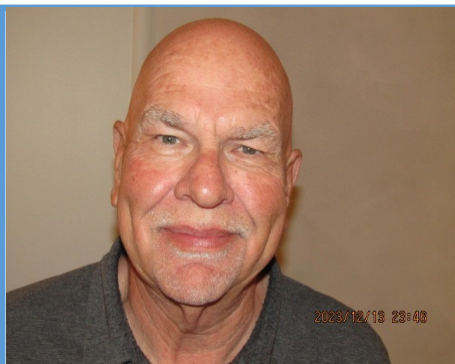
Just a reminder that we need an accurate lunch count so if you have not talked to your caller, you need to contact them or send a message to Pete Openshaw or Bruce Corwin regarding your lunch attendance. Thanks for helping us out.

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.

Also beginning in January our lunch cost goes up to \$25 per member.

Thanks,

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



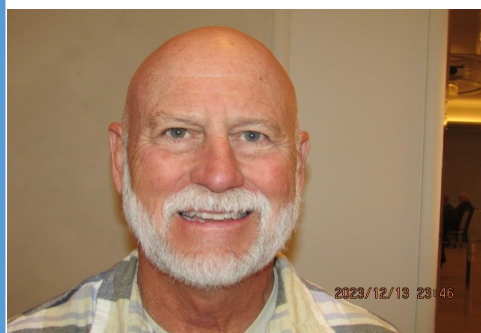
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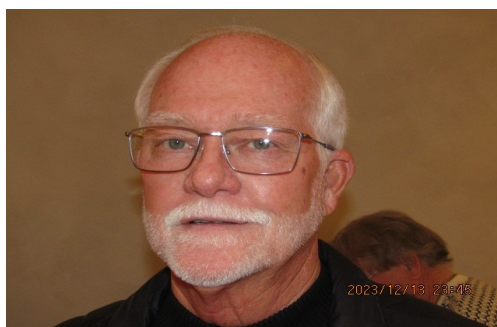
DAN RHODES



DENNIS MARTIN



RUSS ROBERTS



RICHARD MORRISEY

NEW MEMBERS

JANUARY GOLF SCHEDULE

01/04/24	Thurs.	Dragonfly GC 432-3020	9:00 AM SG	\$59.00	Individual
01/10/24	Wed.	Madera CC 674-2682	9:00 AM SG	\$50.00	Cha,Cha,Cha
01/18/24	Thurs.	Riverside GC 275-5900	9:00 AM SG	\$44.00	Scramble
01/25/24	Thurs.	Belmont CC 251-5078	9:00 AM SG	\$ 78.00	2ManBB

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!"

- Does it make sense to cut off oil, domestic oil from allies, and buy it from an enemy who calls for your death?
- Why is talking sexually in the workplace considered sexual harassment to adults... but talking about sexuality to children K-3 at school considered education?

Branch 159 Officers, Directors

2024 BRANCH OFFICERS

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Butch Evans (2026) 559-271-2024
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Jerry Brady [2024] 559-325-3049
Pete Openshaw [2026] 559-674-7211

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MEMBER RELATIONS: Bob Moore 559-322-6909
NEWSLETTER: Fred Martinez 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

Why are we running out of money for Social Security and Medicare but not for welfare, illegals and free college?



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

We want to thank everyone that has already signed up for the Catalina, Ensenada Cruise in April 2024.

If you are still interested in going on this cruise with us, you can still sign up.

Cruise rates and pricing are not guaranteed, but at current pricing or discounts available.

Please Call and **Group Booking # Z6V3W4**.

Questions, please call and Thank-you again for traveling with us.

Hector and Karyn Leyva 559-970-3198

NEWS from Your Golfing Community

* * * * * HOLIDAY CUP RESULTS * * * * *

The Holiday Cup is a two event contest held during the last two rounds of the year with two methods of scoring. There is a GROSS score winner and a NET score winner. **JOE HUSHEK** won the 2 event GROSS contest with a total score of 154 (76 and 78) by 6 strokes over Russ Anderson (87 and 73). JOE HUSHEK also won the NET contest with a net 134 (68 and 66) by one stroke over 91-year-old Bob Mattson (75 and 60).

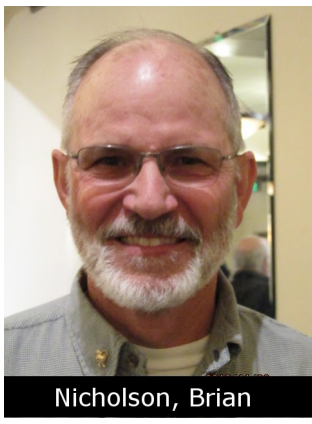
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Thursday, December 7th found us with 38 golfers on pleasant day with a high temperature of 64 at Ridge Creek GC for a Shamble event. The team of **Dennis Martin, Jim Branton, Charlie Amasalian, and Gerard Garoian** won by one stroke with a net 122. The closest to the pin on Hole #3 was **Stuart Poytress** at a kick in distance of 9 inches and on #16 **Dennis Martin** was closest at 1 foot 10 inches. **The low gross for the day of 79 was shot by John Volkman.**

On Wednesday, December 13th, we had 35 golfers at Madera Muni GC for an individual event on another nice day with a high temperature of 63. Flight 1 was won by **Loren Lebaron** in a tie breaker with a net 72, Flight 2 was won by **Bill Scharbach** by 2 strokes with a net 69, and Flight 3 was won by **Alex Ramirez** by 1 stroke with a net 74. The closest to the pin on Hole #6 was **Bid Wallace** at 6 feet 3 inches and on #15 **Bob Mattson** was closest at 3 feet 10 inches. **The low gross for the day of 79 was shot by Javier Rodriguez.**

BRIAN NICHOLSON
SIR 159 GOLF CHAIRMAN

From Daniel Gilbert, a psychologist, "Human beings are works in progress that mistakenly think they're finished."



Nicholson, Brian

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NEWS from Your Golfing Community

On Thursday, December 21st, we played the first round of the Holiday Cup with 33 golfers in a 2manBB event at Riverside GC just after the first significant rain, so we were cart path only. The team of **Martin Beza and Jerry Brady** were first by 3 strokes with a net 60. The closest to the pin on hole # 5 was **Charlie Amasalian** at 6 feet 1 inch and on hole 11 **Bill Scharbach** was closest at 7 feet 2 inches {by three inches). **The low gross for the day was a 76 shot by Joe Hushek who leads the GROSS Holiday Cup field. Martin Beza had the low net of the day of 63 to lead the NET Holiday Cup field.**

On Thursday, December 28th (it is now Winter), we traveled north to Pheasant Run GC in Chowchilla with 34 golfer for the final round of the Holiday Cup playing a 4Man2BB event. The weather cooperated with a high of 68 and an occasional slight breeze. The team of **Joe Hushek, Bill Leavitt, Bob Mattson, and Robert Ying** won by 1 stroke with a net 113. The closest to the pin on Hole #4 was **Fred Martinez** at 5 feet 5 inches and on #17 **Russ Anderson** was closest at 4 feet 6 inches. **The low gross for the day was a 73 shot by Russ**

HOLIDAY CUP

The Holiday CUP is a two round event. There is a GROSS score winner and a NET score winner. The two rounds have been completed and here are the final results

	<u>GROSS CONTEST</u>		<u>NET CONTEST</u>	
1ST	Joe Hushek	154	Joe Hushek	134
2nd	Russ Anderson	160	Bob Mattson	135
3rd	Bob Mattson	173	Ken Chancey	136
4th	Loren Lebaron	174	Bill Scharbach	137
5th	Brian Nicholson	174	Jeff Boatman	137

Congratulations to Joe Hushek with a gross 76 at Riverside and a 78 at Pheasant Run.

Brian Nicholson

DATE NIGHT/ DINE OUT

Now that you've recovered from your New Year's Eve hangover, it's time to get back into the party spirit again.

TAHOE JOES

Wed., January 17



7006 North Cedar, Fresno
299-9740

Dinner @ 5:30 PM

Gary Smith & Jeanette Faria
cptsmith45@gmail.com 832-8202