

## The Chanticleer

**LUNCH: Date February 08, 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](http://www.branch159.sirinc2.org)**

**Program : Diane Phakmekpan, Big Brothers and Sisters**

### Activities Calendar for FEBRUARY

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Contact</b>
FEB. 5-12-19-26	Whitmer's Warriors Golf	Brian Nickolson
FEB. 1-7-15-22-29	SIR Golf	Brian Nickolson
FEB. 14	Dine Out Night	Gary Smith
FEB. 6-13-20-27	SIRS Bowling	Duke Marshall
FEB. 8	SIRs Luncheon	Pete Openshaw
FEB. 7-14-21-28	9 Hole Golf	Charlie Barrett
FEB. 14	Cigars	Bob Moore
FEB. 8	Book Exchange	Paul Gabrielson

### Sons In Retirement, Inc Branch 159 Financial

	<b>Month:</b>	<b>Jan-24</b>
<b>Beginning Balance (Checking + Cash)</b>		\$9,067.55
<b>Expenses</b>		<u>\$2,166.46</u>
		<b>\$6,901.09</b>
<b>Revenues</b>		<u>\$2,225.00</u>
<b>Month Ending Balance (Checking + Cash)</b>		<b>\$9,126.09</b>
	\$	-
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$9,126.09</b>
Checking \$8676.09 + Petty cash \$450 = \$9126.09		
<b>Net Gain / Loss</b>		<b>\$58.54</b>

Submitted by Garry C. Elliott - Treasurer

## Notes from the BIG SIR



Here we are entering February, the days are getting longer and it seems to be getting a bit warmer. I hope everyone is enjoying the new year.

I always have trouble writing these pieces, I feel like I should be able to write something important or profound, but what? Can I write something to put a smile on everyone's face, or maybe something to improve everyone's life, of course not. Do I have information that needs to be passed on? Again, I think not.

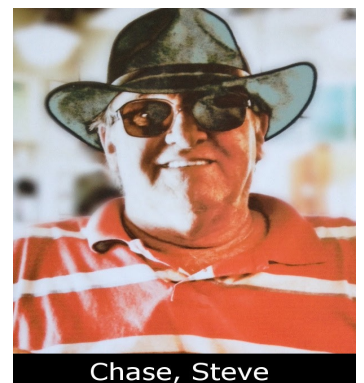
I think the best I can do is try to not injury the club. That is my job this year, to make an effort to leave the club in as good or better shape than I found it. In the past I learned that the clubs I have been a part of have rules, and those rules are there to protect the club. If I am able to insure that the rules of our club are followed then we should be okay. So that is what I intend to do.

Hope to see you all at the luncheon.

Steve Chase

BIG SIR

SIR 159



Chase, Steve

**NOTE FROM THE LITTLE SIR**

I have noticed to my chagrin on several occasions what I call lack of respect and improper etiquette on the golf course.

I think and hope we can all agree that when we leave a divot or ball mark, we have just put our name out there that we don't care about the golf course (especially private courses that charge their members lots of money to belong).

It only takes a few seconds for people to notice (good or bad) how SIRS treats other people's property.

Let's be heroes!

*Regards as always,*

*Michael H Parker*

*Mobile: 951-665-2951*

**Just a reminder that the membership assessment for 2024 is due and payable by no later than our lunch meeting in February. If you have not paid, you can bring a check or cash to lunch February 8, 2024. You can also send by mail to the address below to arrive no later than February 8. Any questions, please call the number below.**

Thanks

**Bruce Corwin**

**7334 W. Portals Ave.**

**Fresno, CA 93723**

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

**January 11, 2023**

The meeting opened at 10:15 am at Pardini's Restaurant. BEC officers present were Big Sir Steve Chase, Treasurer Garry Elliott, Assistant Treasurer Keith Lovgren, Assistant Secretary Brett Bayley, and Secretary Robert Scott. Directors present were Jerry Brady (2024), Mark Isonio (2024), Robert Ying (2025), Pete Openshaw (2026), and Butch Evans (2026). Robert Scott proclaimed we had a quorum (10 of 12), and Big Sir Steve Chase opened the meeting.

Next, a review of the December 2023 meeting minutes was conducted. Brett Bayley moved that the minutes be approved, and Pete Openshaw seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously. Based upon inquiries during the calls to members, 103 members stated that they were planning to attend our luncheon today. Bruce Corwin told Pardini's to plan on serving 93 lunches.

Pete Openshaw also reminded the board that he still needs two callers. In addition, we learned that Steven Deak had passed away. Steve Chase then announced that Debra Rush, CEO of Breaking the Chains, would be presenting information about her organization's mission of "providing hope, healing, and restoration to lives impacted by human trafficking."

Next, the Monthly Cash Report (Form 28) was reviewed. Total receipts were \$2,775.02 and total expenses were \$2,049.06. The total balance shown on our December Cash Report was \$9,067.55. 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 178 active members. However, we expect to swear in a new member during our luncheon today. We also learned that today will be the 345th meeting of our branch. Garry Elliott moved that the Membership Reports be approved, and Keith Lovgren seconded the motion. There was unanimous approval.

The first old business item involved an update on the progress of finding two additional "callers." Pete Openshaw, chairman of the callers, will make an appeal for help at our luncheon today. A short discussion then followed about other possible systems for determining who will attend each lunch. However, it was agreed that direct calls to each member was the simplest process.

Gary Morgan, our Webmaster, reported that the committee organized to update our website has made many modifications and needs only to discuss the travel section with the travel chairman. They will report on their progress at our next meeting.

A short report was given regarding the collection of 2024 membership assessments. It was announced that 107 of our members had paid their 2024 assessment (60%). We expected to receive more payments at today's luncheon. At the BEC meeting in February, the board will discuss procedures to contact those members who have not paid their 2024 assessment.

Bruce Corwin then announced that the 2024 Branch Executive Committee would be inducted at today's luncheon.

Next, a short discussion occurred regarding our golfers volunteering to monetarily reward their golf chairman. It was decided that the BEC members would examine the issue and be prepared to discuss the question at our February BEC meeting. Microphone time at today's luncheon will involve Fred Martinez, Pete Openshaw, and Brian Nicholson. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:34 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.

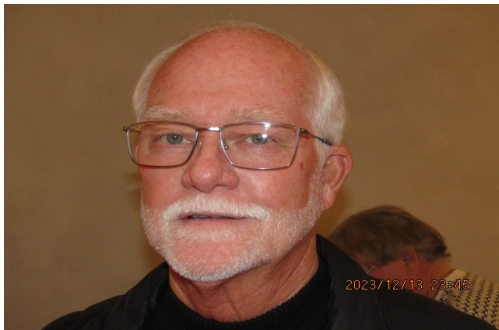
2024 Member Assessments in the amount of \$25 are due and can be paid at lunch or mailed to the address below. Checks should be made out to SIR 159.

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

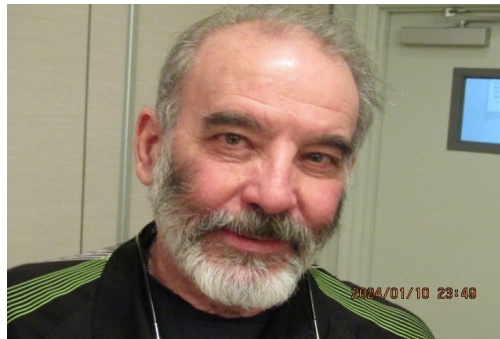
Thanks,

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

## NEW MEMBERS



Larry Childers



Stephen Fenster

## **JANUARY GOLF SCHEDULE**

02/01/24	Thurs.	Madera Muni GC 675-3504	9:00 AM SG	\$48.00	Individual
02/07/24	<b>Wed.</b>	Airways GC 291-6254	9:00 AM SG	\$32.00	2ManBB
02/15/24	Thurs.	Sunnyside CC 255-6871	8:30 AM SG	\$88.00	4Man2BB
02/22/24	Thurs.	Ridge Creek GC 591-225	9:00 AM SG	\$ 50.00	2ManScr
02/29/24	Thurs.	Sherwood Forest GC 787-2611	8:30 AM SG	\$ 55.00	??

## **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**

**2024 BRANCH OFFICERS**

**BIG SIR:** Steve Chaser 559-252-6250

**LITTLE SIR:** Mike Parker 951-665-2951

SECRETARY: Robert Scott 559-696-2158

ASST.SECRETARY: Brett Bayley 619-507-0357

TREASURER: Garry Elliott 559-349-5783

ASST.TREASURER: Keith Lovgren 559-930-0662

**2023 BRANCH DIRECTORS**

Russ Conrad [2025] 559-917-1199

Robert Ying (2025) 559-289-4548

Butch Evans (2026) 559-271-2024

Mark Isonio [2024] 559-916-1540

Jerry Brady [2024] 559-325-3049

Pete Openshaw [2026] 559-674-7211

**2024 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 : Fred Martinez 365-4123

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**





## 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

Thursday, January 4th, found us with 42 golfers on a foggy winter day with a high temperature of 52 at Dragonfly GC for an Individual event. Flight 1 was won by **Russ Conrad** by 7 strokes with a net 70, Flight 2 was won by **Ben Martinez** by 1 stroke with a net 72, Flight 3 was won by **Richard Neilson** by 2 strokes with a net 74, and Flight 4 was won by **Bill Leavitt** by 4 strokes with a net 75. **The closest to the pin on Hole #3 was Russ Anderson at 2 feet 1 inch and on #12 Charlie Amasalian was closest at 6 feet 5 inches. The low gross for the day of 81 was shot by Russ Conrad.**

On Wednesday, January 10th, we had 29 golfers at Madera Golf & CC on another typical winter day with a high temperature of 56 for a Cha Cha Cha event. Hand warmers were in use. The team of **John Volkman, Fred Martinez, and Ken Chancey (and their blind draw, Larry Henricksen)** shot a net 138 and won by 3 strokes. **The closest to the pin on Hole #8 was Brett Bayley at 9 feet 1 inch and on #16 Dennis Martin was closest at 8 feet 11 inches. The low gross for the day of 86 was shot by Russ Anderson.**

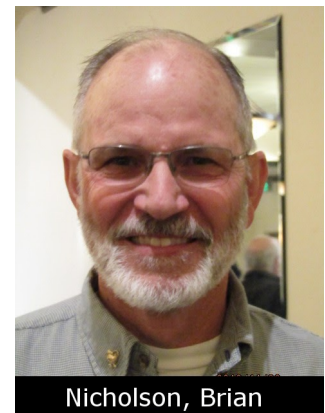
On Thursday, January 18th, we had 45 golfers at Riverside GC on another typical winter day with a high temperature of 58 for a Scramble event. The team of **Brett Bayley, Gary Lemaster, and Jeff Boatman** won in a tie breaker with a net 55. **The closest to the pin on hole # 5 was Brett Bayley at 3 feet 11 inches and on hole 11 Brian Nicholson was closest at 5 feet 11 inches.**

On Thursday, January 25th, after some more rainy days we had 47 golfers at Belmont CC for a 2ManBB event. The weather cooperated with a high of 66 and some sunshine. The team of **Bob Mattson and Ken Chancey** won in a tie breaker with a net 113. **The closest to the pin on Hole #2 was Hector Leyva at 4 feet 7 inches and on #13 Jon Eriksen was closest at 1 foot 9 inches. The low gross for the day was an 82 shot by Ray Garcia.**

This event also had a **Skins** competition for an additional \$5 buy in to be split evenly between Gross skins and Net skins. There were 34 players that signed up. **Joe Kosinski** won 3 skins: 2 skins on hole# 6 with a gross 4 and net 2 and on hole 16 with a gross 3. **Greg Geis** won a gross skin on #12 with a 4. **Richard Neilson** won a net skin with a on hole 13. And lastly **Keith Lovgren** won a net skin on hole 17 with a 3. There were 3 skins not won because players did not enter the pool.

BRIAN NICHOLSON

SIR 159 GOLF CHAIRMAN





**SIR STATE GOLF CHAMPIONS: RUSS ANDERSON and RICK RANSOM**

## BOWLING NEWS

From the Lanes in January

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, Tom Simpson, Dana Hamparzoomian, Dan Pitta, and Dale Samuelian back out on the lanes with us. In addition of course all you new SIRs come out and join 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. This week the house informed me of a rate hike in the Veteran's rate from \$5.33 per game. I will collect \$17 for the 3 games and at the last session of the month the bowlers with the High Scratch & High Handicap Series will split the monthly pot.

We are rolling now. It certainly would be nice to see more bowlers on the lanes with us. 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 January.

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. I have heard there are a few bowlers in our new members. Check the up to date statistics that are posted to the SIR 159 website on the bowling page, as well as the next bowling date. 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 RESULTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SCORE</u>
<u>01/09/24</u>	High Scratch Series	Ed Beier 586
	High Scratch Game	Ed Beier 235
	High Handicap Series	Jim Link 733
	High Handicap Game	Jim Link 272
<u>01/16/24</u>	High Scratch Series	Daryl Derouchey 530
	High Scratch Game	Ed Beier 214
	High Handicap Series	Daryl Derouchy 725
	High Handicap Game	Daryl Derouchy 255
<u>01/30/24</u>	High Scratch Series	Ed Beier 629/227
	High Scratch Game	Jim Link 213
	High Handicap Series	Duke Marshall 731
	High Handicap Game	Hector Leyva 246