

The Chanticleer

LUNCH: Date March 14, 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 : Dave Bower, Bricks for Kids

Activities Calendar for MARCH

Date	Event	Contact
MAR. 4-11-18-25	Whitmer's Warriors Golf	Brian Nickolson
MAR. 7-13-21-28	SIR Golf	Brian Nickolson
MAR. 20	Dine Out Night	Gary Smith
MAR. 5-12-19-26	SIRS Bowling	Duke Marshall
MAR. 14	SIRs Luncheon	Pete Openshaw
MAR. 6-13-20-27	9 Hole Golf	Charlie Barrett
MAR. 20	Cigars	Bob Moore
MAR. 14	Book Exchange	Paul Gabrielson

Sons In Retirement, Inc Branch 159 Financial

	Month:	Jan-24
Beginning Balance (Checking + Cash)		\$9,726.11
Expenses		<u>\$2,795.95</u>
		\$6,930.16
Revenues		<u>\$2,847.04</u>
Month Ending Balance (Checking + Cash)		\$9,777.20
	\$	-
TOTAL		\$9,777.20

checking \$937.20 + Petty Cash \$450 = 9777.20

Net Gain / Loss

\$51.09

Submitted by Garry C. Elliott - Treasurer

SIR Minutes of Branch 159 Executive Committee

February 8, 2023

The meeting opened at 10:15 am at Pardini's Restaurant. BEC officers present were Big Sir Steve Chase, Little Sir Mike Parker, 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 (11 of 12), and Big Sir Steve Chase opened the meeting.

Next, a review of the January 2024 meeting minutes was conducted. Garry Elliott 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, 102 members stated that they were planning to attend our luncheon today. Bruce Corwin told Pardini's to plan serving 92 lunches.

Pete Openshaw also reminded the board that he still needed two callers. Garry Elliott and Jerry Brady volunteered to fill the two empty positions.

Mike Parker then announced that Diane Phakmekpan, of the Big Brothers and Sisters organization, would be presenting information about the various programs it offers. She is also expected to indicate the backlog number of youngsters awaiting to enter the program, and the necessity of finding adult mentors and participants.

Next, the Monthly Cash Report (Form 28) was reviewed. Garry Elliott reported that luncheon receipts actually exceeded luncheon costs by \$59 in January. The total balance shown on the January Cash Report was \$9,726.11. Brett Bayley moved that the report be approved, and Robert Ying seconded the motion. The report was approved unanimously.

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In regard to membership information, it was stated we had 176 active members at the end of January despite terminating 5 members. However, we expect to swear in 5 new members during our luncheon today. In addition, we also learned that today will be the 346th meeting of our branch. Brett Bayley moved that the Membership Reports be approved, and Garry Elliott seconded the motion. There was unanimous approval. At the end of his report, Fred Martinez, our membership chairman, announced that he was resigning from his position. Therefore, it will be necessary to quickly find another member who can do these important duties.

Gary Morgan, our Webmaster, reported that the committee organized to update our website has essentially completed its work. The meeting with our travel chairman has been held and any additional modifications will be minimal.

A short report was then given regarding the collection of 2024 membership assessments. It was announced that 125 of our members had paid their 2024 assessment (71%). We expected to receive more payments at today's luncheon. Members who have not paid their annual assessment at the end of our luncheon today will be contacted by telephone before our next BEC meeting.

Next, a quick discussion about gratuities for our guest speakers was conducted to clarify our policy. It was decided we would continue to grant an allocation of up to \$200 to be awarded at the discretion of our Little Sir. Following this topic, the BEC considered the question of including an information portion on our Branch 159 webpage.

This led to the idea of possibly publishing an application form on our webpage that can be utilized by potential members that find us on the Internet. Gary Morgan was requested to investigate the cost of software that would enable us to accomplish this task. He stated that Adobe Acrobat provides this function, but he will determine if other options are available.

The last new business item involved a request to extend our speaker's time limit for our May luncheon. This request resulted in a discussion about how much time we want our program presenters to speak. Many thoughts were expressed regarding a 20 to 30 minute limit and the general program expectations of our membership. It was suggested that the question be presented to the entire membership at our next luncheon.

Microphone time at today's luncheon will involve Brian Nicholson and Butch Evans.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 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.

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

Thanks,

Bruce Corwin
7334 W. Portals Ave.
Fresno, CA 93723

NEW MEMBERS



James, Carey



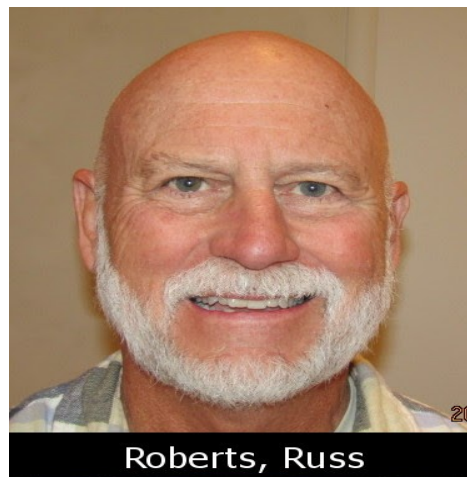
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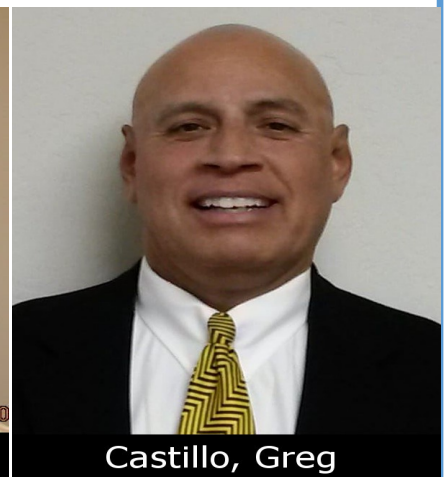
Bacome, Bob



Romel, Joseph



Roberts, Russ



Castillo, Greg

March GOLF SCHEDULE

03/07/24	Thurs.	Dragonfly GC 432-3020	8:30 AM SG	\$59.00	4Man2BB
03/13/24	Wed.	Madera CC 674-2682	8:30 AM SG	\$50.00	Individual
03/21/24	Thurs.	Lemoore GC 924-9658	8:30 AM SG	\$42.00	2ManBB
03/28/24	Thurs.	Madera Muni GC 675-3504	8:30 AM SG	\$48.00	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.

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

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





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

We were scheduled to be at Madera Muni on Thursday, February 1st, for an individual flighted tournament, but Mother Nature began her onslaught of rain with 0.7 inches that day, so the event was cancelled.

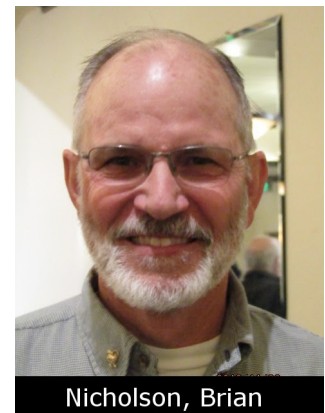
On Wednesday, February 7th, working around rainstorms, we were at Airways GC with 43 golfers for 2ManBB tournament. The team of **Bruce Peters and Garry Elliott** won in a tie breaker with a net 61 over two other teams. The closest to the pin on Hole #7 was **Ben Martinez** at 7 feet 7 inches and on #15 **Roger McCoy** was closest at 8 feet 8 inches. The low gross for the day of 78 was shot by **Javier Rodriguez**.

On Thursday, February 15th, we moved to Sunnyside CC with 47 golfers still dodging rain, but with the weather warming to the low 60's for a 4Man2BB tournament. The team of **Gerard Garoian, Greg Geis, Don Holt, and Bob Mattson** won by 2 strokes with a net 129. The closest to the pin on Hole #6 was **Ray Garcia** at 11 feet 8 inches and on #13 **John Shertenlieb** was closest at 1 foot 6 inches by ONE INCH. The low gross for the day of 82 was shot by **Javier Rodriguez**.

On Thursday, February 22nd (Washington's birthday-did you send him a card), we were at Ridge Creek GC with 42 golfers for a Flighted 2Man Scramble and the temperature topping out at 67 degrees. In flight A the team of **John Volkman and Jeff Shahbazian** won by 1 stroke with a net 65. In Flight B the team of **Joe Kosinski and Richard Neilson** won by one stroke with a net 67. The closest to the pin on hole # 3 was **Fred Martinez** at 7 feet 1 inch and on hole 16 **Brett Bayley** was closest at 7 feet 2 inches.

To end the month on a day that only comes every four years, February 29th, we were at Sherwood Forest GC with 39 golfers for a Flighted Novelty using 3 Clubs and Putter plus some other wrinkles like a toss on every hole not counting towards strokes and a tee up in the fairway on par 5's. In flight 1 **Jon Eriksen** won by 2 strokes with a net 54. In flight 2 **Bob Mattson** won by 2 strokes with a net 54. In flight 3 **Walt Plachta** won in a tie breaker with a net 55. In flight 4 **Duke Marshall** won by 4 strokes with a net 49. The closest to the pin on Hole #4 was **Terry Franson** at 15 feet 3 inches and on #15 **Fred Martinez** was closest at 4 feet 6 inches. The low gross for the day was a 64 shot by **Jon Eriksen**

BRIAN NICHOLSON
SIR 159 GOLF CHAIRMAN



BOWLING NEWS

From the Lanes in February

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, 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 us 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 February. 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.

Dear Fellow SIRs of area 19,

This is Duke Marshall from Sir Branch 159. I have assumed the position of Sir Area 19 chairman. After a few months of recovery I will be resuming my duties as Area chair. First of all is the announcement of the new SIR State Golf Chairman, Ben Gikis. The dates have been set for Springtime in Napa for this year. Attached is a flier with the info.

Next I resume the monthly golf outings. The monthly day trip to courses a bit farther than what we travel to for our weekly events. In April on Monday the 15th we will plan on visiting **Teleli GC outside of Sonora CA** a bit over 2 hour drive. I see through Golf Moose a two for coupon including cart Teleli GC. Right now 2 for \$79 with cart. I will need a sign up prior to the outing in order to get enough tee times. On these outings we did car pool by meeting at a given location and time and of course each chipping in for the drivers gas. If you want to go email me at DukMarshal@aol.com or call 559-304-4439.

BOWLING RESULTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SCORE</u>
<u>02/06/24</u>	High Scratch Series	Ed Beier 634/248
	High Scratch Game	Jim Link 179
	High Handicap Series	Duke Marshall 724/254
	High Handicap Game	Daryl Derouchy 234
<u>02/13/24</u>	High Scratch Series	Ed Beier 685/253
	High Scratch Game	Duke Marshall 177
	High Handicap Series	Tom Simpson 656
	High Handicap Game	Tom Simpson 230
<u>02/27/24</u>	High Scratch Series	Ed Beier 567/220
	High Scratch Game	Duke Marshall 177
	High Handicap Series	Tom Simpson 702
	High Handicap Game	Duke Marshall 254

Good Afternoon Fellow Sir Golfers:

This note is to provide you with information about the 2024 Napa Golf Tournament sponsored by Branch's 35, 149 and SIR State Golf. The links below provide the announcement and registration form for our first State Golf tournament of the year to be held in late April.

Additional information on other SIR golfing events can be found on the SIR State Golf website at www.sirgolf.org.

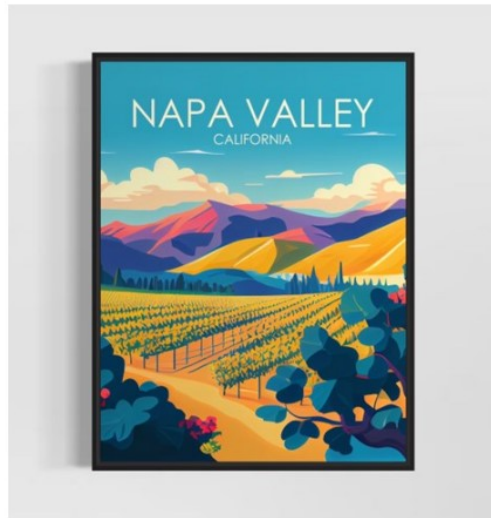
Hope to see you in Napa.

Ben Gikis, 2024 SIR State Golf Committee Chair

State SIR Golf Presents

In Concert with Branches 35 & 149

A 2 Day Golf Event



2024 Spring Fling in Napa

Wednesday, April 24 at *Chardonney Golf Club*, a Four Man, 2-Best Ball Tournament with consecutive tee times.

Thursday, April 25 at *Eagle Vines Vineyard & Golf Club*, a Four Man Scramble with a Shotgun Start.

Ladies Welcome. Cash Prizes will be awarded for top teams and Closest-to-Pin. Entries can be for one or both days. Further details and Entry Forms will be posted later on SIR State Golf Website at <https://www.sirgolf.org>. For more information contact **Ben Gikis** (408) 802-0794, gikisben@yahoo.com.

Reserve the Dates Today!

2024 SPRING FLING IN NAPA

EAGLE VINES & CHARDONNAY GOLF COURSES

Wednesday April 24th (Chardonnay) & Thursday April 25th (Eagle Vines)

- Men Day 1 4-man team of your choice –2 BEST BALL (net) – 8:00am Sequential Tee Times
 - Men Day 2 4-person team SCRAMBLE– 9:00am Shotgun Start
 - Ladies Day 1 4-person team of your choice – 2 BEST BALL (net) – 8:30am Sequential Tee Times
 - Ladies Day 2 4-person team, SCRAMBLE, computer selected – 9am Shotgun Start
- Ladies may play in men’s competition or in ladies only.
Closest to Pin Contests on each Day (Both Front & Back nines)

To enter, complete the application below for you and any other playing partners and send it in with check(s) made payable to “SIR STATE GOLF” for the full amount of the Entry Fee for each player. Fees are: **Both days is \$170, only playing Day 1 is \$85 or only playing Day 2 is \$85.** Cost includes green fees, cart, range balls & prizes.

Have questions, contact Ben Gikis at either (408) 802-0794 or at gikisben@yahoo.com

ONLY THE APPLICATIONS RECEIVED WITH FULL PAYMENT WILL BE CONFIRMED AND ACCEPTED (Cut here)

APPLICATION AND ENTRY FORM

Entry **Deadline** is Monday **April 15th** or **when Tournament is full**

Make check(s) out to “SIR State Golf”, send to *Ben Gikis, 12415 Hilltop Dr., Los Altos Hills, CA 94024*

NAME _____ NCGA # _____ BRANCH _____ TEL _____
STREET _____ CITY _____ ZIP _____
EMAIL ADDRESS _____ (for confirming receipt of entry)
Play Both Days Play Only Wed Play Only Thursday

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Preferred Tee Time: Early Mid-Morning Late

ELIGIBILITY: For **men**, SIR member or guests must have a **verifiable NCGA INDEX** with any NCGA golf club. **Women** guests **competing in the men’s flight must provide a verifiable NCGA INDEX.** There is **no requirement if competing in the women’s flight.** If they do have a verifiable index, please provide it.

SIR Branch 159-Fresno



*Smoke out
Wed, 20 March 2024, 1pm
Cigar Aficionado
Cigar Ltd, Fig Garden*

Lee Moy