

The Chanticleer

LUNCH: Date July 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 : Mike Watney, Fresno State Golf Coach

Activities Calendar for JULY

Date	Event	Contact
JULY 1-8-15-22-29	Whitmer's Warriors Golf	Brian Nicholson
JULY 3-10-18-25	SIR Golf	Brian Nicholson
JULY 17	Dine Out Night	Gary Smith
JULY 2-9-16-23-30	SIRS Bowling	Duke Marshall
JULY 11	SIRs Luncheon	Pete Openshaw
JULY 3-10-17-24-31	9 Hole Golf	Charlie Barrett
JULY 17	Cigars	Bob Moore
JUNE 13	Book Exchange	Paul Gabrielson

Sons In Retirement, Inc

Branch 159 Financial

	Month:	Jun-24
Beginning Balance (Checking + Cash)		\$10,056.81
	Expenses	<u>\$2,130.10</u>
		\$7,926.71
	Revenues	<u>\$2,208.04</u>
Month Ending Balance (Checking + Cash)		\$10,134.75
		\$-
	TOTAL	\$10,134.75
Checking \$9,684.75 + Petty Cash \$450 = \$10,134.75		
Net Gain / Loss		\$77.94

Submitted by Garry C. Elliott - Treasurer

NOTES FROM THE BIG SIR

Greeting my friends,

It is the time of year we have to hold our breath as we wait to see if it will be unbearably hot, or if we will have the forest of California ablaze yet again. Then there is the possibility that we get both at the same time.

I'm doing as most of you, early morning activities and then the refuge of air conditioning. A good recliner, cable television and a cold drink. That is my way of surviving summer in Fresno.

I hope to see you at the Luncheon.

Steve Chase

SIR 159 BIG SIR





Fresno Branch #159

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

As of June 30, 2024
July Meeting will be #351th

Membership Status;	JUNE	End of JUNE
New Members Inducted:	2	14
Terminated:	0	22
Members:		170.

Members Terminated

1. NONE

New Members to be Inducted in July meeting.

1. Harry White III – New Member – Sponsor: Hector Leyva #103
2. Jerry Thompson – New Member – Sponsor: Russ Conrad #7
3. John Taylor- New Member – Sponsor: Bob Bacome #65

Candidates approved by board to be “sworn in” when they attend their next Luncheon

1. Doug Cutts - New Member - Sponsor: Javier Rodriguez #69

New Members Inducted at Last Luncheon:

#24 Vincent Hogen; Sponsor - Ron Dunkin #139

#169 Harry Kutumian; Sponsor - Dana Haparzoomian #39

Comments:

Membership Database being updated by Rich Colby.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Russ Conrad - Membership Chairman

Rich Colby - Membership Data Guy

SIR Minutes of Branch 159 Executive Committee

June 13, 2024

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), Russ Conrad (2025), and Pete Openshaw (2026). Robert Scott proclaimed a quorum was present (10 of 12), and Big Sir Steve Chase opened the meeting.

Next, a review of the May 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, Pete Openshaw reported 89 members stated that they were planning to attend our luncheon today. Bruce Corwin told Pardini's to plan on serving 85 lunches.

Little Sir Mike Parker then announced that James Obler, from Fresno Coin Gallery, would be presenting information about the history of United States coins at today's luncheon.

Next, the April Monthly Cash Report (Form 28) was reviewed. Garry Elliott reported a net gain of \$140 in our General Accounts primarily due to our 50/50 drawing. However, we lost \$30 in our custodial accounts because our luncheon costs exceeded our luncheon income. Therefore, our cash balance at the end of May 2024 was \$10,056.81. Mike Parker moved that the report be approved, and Keith Lovgren seconded the motion. The report was approved unanimously.

The following agenda item concerned the membership reports. The Membership Report indicated that today would be the 350 th meeting of SIRs Branch 159. As of the end of May, we had 168 members. To date, we have inducted 12 new members but lost 22. Garry Elliott moved that the Membership Report be approved, and Brett Bayley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The Form 27 report was then reviewed. The report indicated we had one new member but lost 3 members during May. Also of interest, the section of the report involving luncheon attendance was mentioned. During 2024, we are averaging about 49% of our members attending each monthly luncheon. Mike Parker moved that the Form 27 report be approved, and Garry Elliott seconded the motion. There was unanimous approval.

SIR Minutes of Branch 159 Executive Committee

June 13, 2024

Adding a section for an applicant's wedding date to our online application form was the first old business item. Gary Morgan stated that the task had been completed.

The next old business item concerned the consolidation of our Branch 159 historical data. It was reported that we need a volunteer for this work, and also, a space to store all of our records. During our last meeting, the combination of our two membership reports was debated. After some analysis, it was decided that keeping the two reports separate was the best option.

The final old business item concerned the financial audit of the Branch 159 Golf Club. Brett Bayley provided an audit report that indicated all transactions were found to be in order. He also stated that Roger McCoy had done a great job recording the financial activities during the year.

Our Sunshine Committee was the following discussion item. Pete Openshaw stated that as his callers report member issues to him, he is volunteering to temporarily contact members to determine their situations and provide assistance when necessary. He will do these duties until Charlie Barrett is available.

Since our May meeting, State SIRs has requested that we analyze our luncheon attendance. It seems that since COVID, the percentage of members attending monthly luncheons has been declining. Various reasons were offered including an aging membership and COVID. It was reported that our attendance percentage was near 50%.

Bruce Corwin then acknowledged that State SIRs would be holding a townhall Zoom meeting on June 20th. He stated that this meeting will be very important because the items to be discussed involved the future direction of the SIRs organization.

Microphone time at today's luncheon will include Duke Marshall and Gary Morgan.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 am.

Secretaries Robert Scott and Brett Bayley

JULY GOLF SCHEDULE

07/03/24	Wed.	Sherwood Forest GC	8:00 AM SG	\$55.00	Individual
07/10/24	Wed.	Ridge Creek GC	8:00 AM SG	\$50.00	2ManBB
07/18/24	Thurs.	Lemoore GC	8:00 AM SG	\$42.00	Scramble
07/25/24	Thurs.	Valley Oaks GC	8:00 AM SG	\$44.00	Cha,Cha,Cha

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

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: Russ Conrad 559-917-1199
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

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.

NEWS from Your Golfing Community

EXTRA EXTRA EXTRA # # # #

2Man Team Branch Championship Winners

Flight 1 Russ Anderson and Ray Garcia won by 2 strokes with total net 200

Flight 2 Keith Lovgren and Bill Scharbach won by 4 strokes with a total net of 210

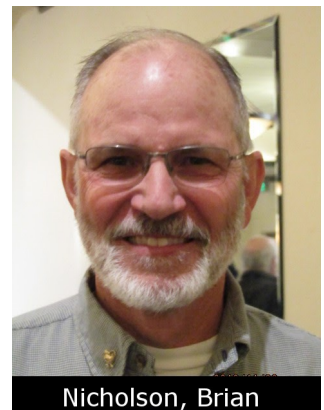
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On Thursday, June 6th (D-Day), with 40 golfers we started the first event of the 2Man Team Branch Championship with a 2-man Scramble at Belmont CC with the temperature reaching 106 degrees and reminding us that Summer is coming, In Flight 1 the team of John Shertenlieb and Russ Manfredo won in a tie breaker with a net 64. In Flight 2 Rick Ransom and Jeff Boatman won by two strokes with a net 68. The closest to the pin on Hole # 2 was Rich Glover at 1 foot 3 inches and on #13 Jerry Brady was closest at 2 feet 6 inches. The low gross for the day of 68 was shot by the team of Russ Anderson and Ray Garcia.

On Wednesday, June 12th, we were at Valley Oaks GC with 40 golfers for the second leg of the 2Man Team Branch Championship playing a 2Man Alternating shot format with another hot day topping out at 103 degrees. In Flight 1 the team of Russ Manfredo and Loren Lebaron won by 1 stroke with a net 67. In Flight 2 the team of Charlie Amasalian and Gary Kirkorian (Charlie's guest) won by 5 strokes with a net 64. The closest to the pin on Valley #5 was Jeff Shahbazian at 5 feet 2 inches and on Lakes #7 Alan Barton was closest at 4 feet 3 inches. The low gross for the day of 75 was shot by the team of Russ Anderson and Ray Garcia.

After two rounds of the 2Man Team Branch Championship the competition is close in both flights. In Flight 1 Anderson/Garcia hold a 1 stroke lead over Eriksen/Barton and in Flight 2 Lovgren/Scharbach hold a 1 stroke lead over Briceno/Hamparzoomian.

On Thursday, June 20th, we were at Madera Muni GC with



Nicholson, Brian

NEWS from Your Golfing Community

On Thursday, June 20th, we were at Madera Muni GC with 44 golfers for a 2ManBB tournament that was also the final leg in the 2Man Team Branch Championship.

It was a great day for golf with the weather topping out at 92 degrees. In Flight 1 the team of Eddie Espinoza and Bob Bacome had a net 62 to win the day by 2 strokes but came up short of overtaking Russ Anderson and Ray Garcia who won Flight 1 of the 2Man Team Branch Championship by 2 strokes with a total net 200.

In Flight 2 the team of Keith Lovgren and Bill Scharbach won the day in a tie breaker with a net 69 and also won Flight 2 of the 2Man Team Branch Championship by 4 strokes with a total net 210.

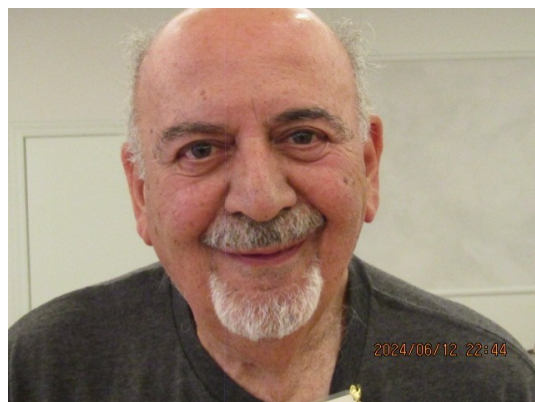
The closest to the pin on Hole #6 was Roger McCoy at 0 feet 6 inches and on Hole #15 Jim Branton was closest at 6 feet 6 inches. The low gross for the day of 70 was shot by Eddie Espinoza.

On Thursday, June 27th, we were at Airway GC with 46 golfers for a 4Man 2BB event on a windy day with the temperature topping out at 97 degrees. The team of Dana Hamparzoomian, Keith Lovgren, Roger McCoy, and Bob Moore won by 1 stroke with a net 113. The closest to the pin on hole # 7 was Dana Hamparzoomian at 7 feet 2 inches and on hole #15 John Arteaga was very, very close at just 2 inches. The low gross for the day of 70 was shot by Jon Eriksen.



VINCENT HOGAN

NEW MEMBERS



HARRY KUTUMIAM

BEFORE WE TEE OFF MAY I JUST SAY

My handicap is _____. I'm not interested in hearing that you aren't playing to your handicap, and until I've seen you play a few holes I'm not interested in playing for more than a dollar nassau.

The score card contains the rules. I'll expect that you apply them as scrupulously as you would if I were watching you - because I might be.

Don't embarrass me by asking that I concede any of your putts. I will volunteer to do so, if in my judgment it is deserved.

Kindly refrain from telling me about your past performances on the course. The only round which interests me is the one we are about to play.

The following imperfections in my swing are well known to me:

Looking up	No follow through
Too fast a backswing	Bending left arm
Standing too far ahead	Stance too open
Standing too far behind	Stance too closed
Lunging at the ball	No pivot
Teeing ball too high	Left foot too far
Teeing ball too low	forward
Too much right hand	Faulty grip
Not enough right hand	Etc., Etc., Etc.

The above mentioned faults have been pointed out to me by a few former friends.

Concerning the 19th hole, allow me to say that I don't mind a friendly drink. If I win your money, I will buy you a drink. If you win, I will expect you to do the same.

If it's agreeable to me to engage in a return match, I will so indicate and if you conduct yourself according to the above suggestions, I feel certain the time will be soon.

Thank you for your forthcoming demonstration of courtesy and consideration.

Signed _____

Golf Flashes From SIR State for Area 19 (NOT Area 51)

The monthly golfing day trip to courses beyond our normal range has begun. I am scheduling these outings on the third Monday of the month. We had a threesome go north to play at Swenson Park Golf Course in Stockton. For a public course I would say it was in very good condition.

In July on the 17th I am going to Tulare Golf Course. Thus far I have 6 confirmed golfers going & 3 GM-discounts. I need to make tee times the week before so the cut-off date is the 9th. Once again we have available Golf Moose 2 for \$74 discount coupons available. If you want to go contact me to get on the go list.

In August I have lined up a central coast outing to play Avilia and Blacklake on back to back days. This would require an overnight stay. Again Golf Moose discounts are available for both courses. Contact me & Mark your calendars.

Sir State has announced the date & time for the SIR State Team Championships. The Event will be at Haggin Oaks Alistair Mackenzie course on August 17 or 18. It will be open enrollment on a first come basis and if you enter a team you must follow the ABCD state handicap splits. Both the flyer and registration forms have been sent out to you. In Branch 159 we had our branch championships, If your team is interested make sure you follow the June 1 index and submit tour application directly to Mark Stuart the SIR Golf Chair.

Also announced at the State level Sir Branch 116, will be hosting what use to be the "Summer in Reno" event from years past. It will be a 2 round event with 3 night stay from September 5 thru September 8, all arranged and managed by Br.116. Again the flier and registration form have been sent to you.

Finally our Region 2 Qualifier for the SIR STATE Individual Championships has been arranged by our region 2 chair Butch Evans and that information has been sent to you also. This year has us going to Micke Grove Golf Coures in Lodi, CA on Aug 2 at 9 AM. At present all 5 regions have light registration and the discussion at state level is to change to an Sir Open at The Reserve at Spanos on Oct 5. As I find out more to follow.

Duke Marshall
Area 19 Chair

BOWLING NEWS

We are currently bowling on Tuesday starting at 1:00 PM. We would love to see more SIRs out on the lanes with us having some fun. When the summer heat is upon us we are indoors where it is cool. Plan to arrive by 12:45 for warm up time and to get set up. 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. We pay at the Veteran's rate from \$5.42 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, and High Scratch & High Handicap Game will split the monthly pot 4 ways.

We are rolling now. It certainly would be nice to see more bowlers on the lanes with us. Anyone can check up on us by visiting the bowling page of Sir 159's website. Follow the Bowler Icon. You will find up to date statistics that are posted, as well as the next bowling date & time. Below is a short table of who had the best scores in April. Once again I invite all SIR members and guests to come join us - Tuesday, afternoons, @1 PM at Bowlero Lanes (formerly Sierra Lanes) at the corner of Blackstone & Sierra. For more info contact Duke Marshall @ 559-304-4439 or just show up and we will get you started. Hope to see you there.

Duke Marshall



Marshall, Duke

BOWLING RESULTS FOR JUNE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SCORE</u>
<u>06/04/24</u>	High Scratch Series	Shane Carroll 711/279
	High Scratch Game	Ed Beier 214
	High Handicap Series	Duke Marshall 728
	High Handicap Game	Alan Barton 260
<u>06/11/24</u>	High Scratch Series	Alan Barton 577/227
	High Scratch Game	Bob Bacome 218
	High Handicap Series	John Taylor 759
	High Handicap Game	Duke Marshall 253
<u>06/18/24</u>	High Scratch Series	Ed Beier 625
	High Scratch Game	John Taylor 237
	High Handicap Series	Jim Link 739
	High Handicap Game	Duke Marshall 253
		Bob Bacome 253
<u>06/25/24</u>	High Scratch Series	Jim Link 607
	High Scratch Game	Ed Beier 254
	High Handicap Series	Duke Marshall 728
	High Handicap Game	Bob Bacome 223



El Pueblito 1437 Tollhouse C/S Sunnyside. Clovis 93612

Will you Join Alex and Patty Ramirez?

Date Night/ Dine Out Night?

Wednesday, July 17, 2024 5:00 – 6:00 Happy Hour

6:00 order dinner. Separate checks

Email Alex Ramirez at losramz@comcast.net

Text Alex (559) 977-3400 Text Patty (559) 978-2136

RSVP by July 14th, we have to confirm our number of attendees on July 15