

The Chanticleer

LUNCH: Date December 12, 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 : Paul Loeffler, Voice of the Bulldogs

Activities Calendar for DECEMBER

Date	Event	Contact
DEC. 2-9-16-23-30	Whitmer's Warriors Golf	Brian Nicholson
DEC. 5-11-19-26	SIR Golf	Brian Nicholson
DEC. 18	Dine Out Night	Hector Leyva
DEC.	SIRS Bowling	Duke Marshall
DEC. 12	SIRs Luncheon	Pete Openshaw
DEC. 4-11-18	9 Hole Golf	Charlie Barrett
DEC. 18	Cigars	Bob Moore

Sons In Retirement, Inc Branch 159 Financial

	Month:	Nov-24
Beginning Balance (Checking + Cash)		\$9,202.20
Expenses		<u>\$2,329.53</u>
		\$6,872.67
Revenues		<u>\$5,395.04</u>
Month Ending Balance (Checking + Cash)		\$12,267.71
	TOTAL	\$12,267.71
Checking \$11,817.71 + Petty Cash \$450 = \$12,267.71		
Net Gain / Loss		\$3,065.51

Submitted by Garry C. Elliott - Treasurer

MESSAGE FROM THE LITTLE SIR

Slow play is an issue that players are taking the time to share with their teammates why they hit a poor shot or missed a putt; therefore we are listing excuses numerically so all the player has to do is yell out a number and everyone in the group will know what excuse he is using for that shot. It will take some time to remember excuses and the corresponding number and it is suggested you print the list and take it with you for a reference guide.

Here's a lighthearted list of excuses you can use when hitting a bad shot on the golf course:

For Driving:

1. **"The wind just picked up!"**
2. **"I think I hit that bump where the fairway needs some maintenance."**
3. **"My alignment was off; I was aiming for the next hole!"**
4. **"Must be the new driver; still breaking it in!"**
5. **"I got distracted by a bird flying overhead."**

For Second or Third Shots:

1. **"That lie was not very inviting; it should come with a warning!"**
2. **"I swear the grass laughed at my swing."**
3. **"I was just trying to play it safe and didn't want to go too aggressive."**
4. **"I miscalculated the slope; that hill played tricks on me!"**
5. **"I was still thinking about my last shot; need to clear my head!"**

For Missing a Putt:

1. **"Did you see that sudden gust? It moved the ball!"**
2. **"That's the Bermuda Triangle of putting greens..."**
3. **"I misread the break; I should've trusted my gut!"**
4. **"I think I need new contact lenses or maybe a magnifying glass!"**
5. **"Let's be honest, that hole was a bit off-center!"**

ADD to the list as needed for further enhancement of the speed of play.

Remember, while these excuses can add a bit of humor to the game, it's all part of enjoying golf's challenges!

MIKE PARKER

SIR 159 LITTLE SIR





Fresno Branch #159

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

As of November 30, 2024
November Meeting will be #356th

Membership Status;	November	End of November
New Members Inducted:	6	31
Terminated:	0	25
Members:		182

Members Terminated last month:

None

New Members Inducted at last luncheon:

#120 Richard Lundy ~ Sponsor ~ Shane Carroll

#92 Steve Kelly ~ Sponsor Russ Conrad

#83 Bob Souza ~ Sponsor ~ Joe Kosinski

#123 Randal Hernandez ~ Sponsor ~ Shane Carroll

#54 Edward Phillips ~ Sponsor ~ Steve Kelly

129 Daniel Cowherd ~ Sponsor ~ Jon Eriksen

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

None

New Applications for membership to be voted on by the board and inducted if present at the luncheon;

Ted Michel ~ Sponsor ~ Walt Plachta

Cliff Klein ~ Sponsor ~ Bob Souza

Comments: Membership Data-base being updated by Rich Colby.

**Respectfully Submitted by:
Russ Conrad - Membership
Chairman**

SIR Minutes of Branch 159 Executive Committee

November 14, 2024

The meeting opened at 10:15 am at Pardini's Restaurant. BEC officers present were Big Sir Steve Chase, Little Sir Mike Parker, Assistant Treasurer Keith Lovgren, and Secretary Robert Scott. Directors present were Jerry Brady (2024), Mark Isonio (2024), Russ Conrad (2025), and Robert Ying (2025). Robert Scott proclaimed a quorum was present (8 of 12), and Big Sir Steve Chase opened the meeting.

Next, a review of the October 2024 meeting minutes was conducted. Jerry Brady moved that the minutes be accepted, and Mark Isonio seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Based upon inquiries during the calls to members, we found 90 members who stated that they were planning to attend our luncheon today. Bruce Corwin ordered 90 lunches from Pardini's. Little Sir Mike Parker then announced that John Creaney, Golf Operations Manager at Eagle Springs Golf and Country Club, would be presenting his experiences as he has pursued a career as a professional golfer.

Next, the October Monthly Cash Report (Form 28) was reviewed. Bruce Corwin reported the General Account income of \$200 was from dues and our 50/50 drawing. The disbursements of \$1,116 involved officer expenses, a state board payment, and a newspaper advertisement. In regard to our custodial accounts, our luncheon income exceeded our luncheon expense by \$84. Therefore, our cash balance at the end of October 2024 was \$9,202.20. Mike Parker moved that the report be approved, and Jerry Brady 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 355th meeting of SIRs Branch 159. As of the end of October, we had 178 members. To date during 2024, we have inducted 25 new members but also lost 25.

At today's luncheon, we have an additional six members that are eligible to be inducted upon approval of this report. Mike Parker moved that the Membership Report be approved, and Keith Lovgren seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The Form 27 report was then reviewed. At our October luncheon, 51% of our membership was in attendance. Jerry Brady moved that the Form 27 report be approved, and Mark Isonio seconded the motion. There was unanimous approval.

SIR Minutes of Branch 159 Executive Committee

November 14, 2024

The first old business item involved securing officer signatures on our bank accounts. This task is not yet completed, but meetings will be arranged soon.

The next old business item concerned our historical records. Arrangements are still being made to secure the bins and evaluate the documents.

The final old business item was a report on our attempt to find new prospects for membership in SIRs 159 through newspaper advertisements. Recently, we ran our approved ad two times in Sunday editions of the Fresno Bee. At this point, we have not received any public responses.

The only new business item involved our Christmas luncheon. The board discussed the idea of inviting nonmembers to our December luncheon. The idea was to include wives, significant others, friends, and guests. After some discussion about past Christmas luncheon experiences, it was decided that we would present the idea to the attendees of today's luncheon.

Microphone time at our meeting today will include Hector Leyva, Brian Nicholson, and Mike Parker

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:32 am.

Secretaries Robert Scott and Brett Bayley

DECEMBER GOLF SCHEDULE

12/05/24	Thurs.	Belmont CC	9:00 AM SG	\$78.00	Cha, Cha, Cha
12/11/24	Wed.	Dragonfly GC	8:00 AM SG	\$59.00	Individual
12/19/24	Thurs.	Riverside GC	9:00 AM SG	\$44.00	2ManBB
12/26/24	Thurs.	Madera Muni GC	9:00 AM SG	\$48.00	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.

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!"

DINE OUT NIGHT..DECEMBER 18

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] 559-871-5816

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 559-871-5816
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.

SIR 159 MEMBER ASSESSMENT
FOR 2025 >>>>> **\$25.00**

Make Check Payable to
“SIR 159” , Due By Dec 31st

Please Bring Check to Next
Meeting or Mail to:

Garry Elliott

5474 E. Washington

Fresno CA 93727-3365

NEWS from Your Golfing Community

GOLF DUES ARE DUE- \$55 PAYABLE TO "SIR 159 GOLF". Bring your check to the next golf event or to the December meeting or mail it to Roger McCoy at 1514 W Tenaya Way Fresno CA 93711

On Thursday, November 7th, with the temperature a delightful 72 degrees, we started the month at Pheasant Run GC with 34 golfers for a flighted individual event. In Flight A (from the white tees) Roger McCoy won by 1 stroke with a net 65. In Flight B Ben Tyson won by 2 strokes with a net 69. In Flight C Dana Hamparzoomian won by 1 stroke with a net 67. In Flight D Jeff Boatman won in a tie breaker with a net 67. The closest to the pin on Hole # 4 was Rich Morrissey at 5 feet 0 inches and on #17 Don Holt was closest at 9 feet 6 inches. The low gross for the day of 84 was shot by Russ Anderson.

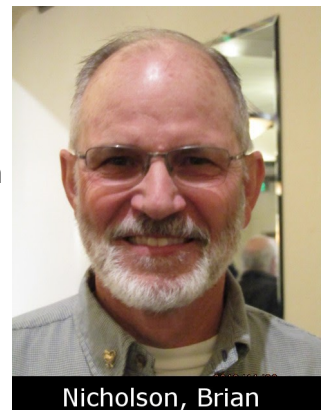
On Wednesday, November 13th, we were at Valley Oaks GC with 31 golfers playing a 4Man2BB event with a slightly cooler day with a high of 67 degrees. The team of Jon Eriksen, Fred Martinez, Mike Parker, and Bruce Peters won by 3 strokes with a net 124. The closest to the pin on Hole Lakes #7 was Loren LeBaron at 5 feet 0 inches and on Valley Hole #5 Bob Price was closest at 6 feet 10 inches. The low gross for the day of 81 was shot by both Russ Anderson and Gary Morgan.

On Thursday, November 21st, we were at Airways GC with 48 golfers for a 2ManBB tournament with the temperature maxing out at 77 degrees that would be the last very pleasant day for a while. The team of Loren LeBaron and Walt Plachta won by 2 strokes with a net score of 60. The closest to the pin on Hole # 7 was Bob Bacome at 6 feet 8 inches and on Hole #15 Martin Beza was closest at just 3 feet 10 inches. The low gross for the day of 77 was shot by Jon Eriksen.

On the day before Thanksgiving, Wednesday, November 27th, we were at Riverside GC with 37 golfers for a Four-man Scramble event. The temperature cooled to a high of 58 degrees after an "Atmospheric River" rain storm dropped over an inch of rain the day before. The team of Jim Ely, Loren LeBaron, Rick Ransom, and Harry White won by 3 strokes with a net 51. The closest to the pin on #5 was Loren LeBaron at 2 feet 4 inches and on #11 John Volkman was closest at 6 feet 11 inches.

Brian Nicholson

SIR 159 Golf Chairman



Nicholson, Brian

Dine Out Night

Hector Leyva is chair for Dine Out Night for 2025. Help make it a success. This is an opportunity to involve fellow members and include your sweetie or significant other.

Dine out is monthly between January and November of the year. We need a chair for each month and duties are as follows:

1. Sign up for desired month
2. Find a restaurant
3. Third Wednesday of the month
4. Monthly attendance has been between 30-40 people
5. Ask for individual checks (singles or couples) with gratuities included
6. Social hour is 5:00 pm with Dinner at 5:30 pm
7. Prefer a venue with full bar or option for Beer & Wine
8. Sign-up sheet to be brought to monthly luncheon
9. Flyer or information of Dine Out venue to be emailed to Fred Martinez between the 23-27th of the month to be put in the monthly Chanticleer Newsletter.

Fred Martinez ajm7pc@hotmail.com

mobile 559-365-4123

Dine Out Chairman

Hector Leyva

hecramsey@sbcglobal.net

mobile or text 559-970-3197

The 2025 golf dues are now payable. The amount due is \$55 and your check should be made payable to "SIR 159 GOLF". You can mail the check to Roger McCoy. His address is: 1514 W Tenaya

Fresno CA 93711

Or give your check to me or Roger at the next golf outing or at the SIR luncheon in November.

Thank you,

Brian Nicholson

We would like to thank EVERYONE who attended the October Dine Out dinner at Black Bear Diner. We had a small crowd, but the food and company were great. Join us next month at Buffalo Wild Wings. More information in November Chanticleer and at luncheon.

The only way that we can keep the Dine Out going and make it a success, is if we have group participation.

Help is needed with monthly Host sign ups in 2025. Pick a month, pick your restaurant and pick your location. Right now we have January, February and July months covered for Dine Out.

See attached flyer for monthly sign-up and Host Responsibilities and Terry Schneider has supplied a listing of possible Dine Out restaurants to help with your selection.

Thank-you,

Dine Out Chairman,

Hector Leyva

Questions, Call or Text

559-97-3197

DATE NIGHT RESTAURANT POSSIBILITIES

YOSEMITE FALLS	BLACKSTONE	225-6800
SHANGHI	BLACKSTONE & GRIFFITH	221-0227
OLD SPAGHETTI FACTORY	EAST SHAW	222-1066
ANDIAMO'S	SHAW IN CLOVIS	298-3196
SANTA FE BASQUE	MAROA	226-7499
RED LOBSTER	EAST SHAW	221-9495
MARIE CALENDARS	SHAW	271-0148
COLTON'S	SHAW IN CLOVIS	721-6655
JAVIER'S	EAST KINGS CANYON	252-4511
SEQUOIA BREWING	OLIVE IN TOWER	264-5521
DICICCO'S	ANYWHERE	
ELBOW ROOM	WEST SHAW	221-1747
COSMOPOLITAN	VENTURA- CONVENTION CTR.	266-8662
CATTLEMAN'S	WEST SHAW	896-8450
TAHOE JOE'S	CEDAR	299-9740
TEXAS ROADHOUSE	WEST SHAW	274-1100
OVIDIO'S	WEST BULLARD	435-1396
TOLEDO'S	SHAW IN CLOVIS	298-0290
SHEPHERDS INN	SANTA FE -FRESNO	266-2228
DOG HOUSE GRILL	EAST SHAW	294-9920
YARD HOUSE	EL CAMINO AVE	261-2165
HUNAN CHINESE	CEDAR	297-0336
YOSHINO	BLACKSTONE	431-2205
PHOENICIAN GARDEN	HERNDON	261-2747
ARK MEDITERRANIAN	CHAMPLAIN DR.	840-0018
FLEMING'S	SHAW	222-5823

Lazy DOG
EAT. DRINK.



SIR 159 Dine Out—January 15, 2025—

Arrive 5:30 pm—HOSTED BY BRUCE & IDA CORWIN

**—Reservations call 916-934-6161 or email us at
corwinbj@sbcglobal.net**

Villaggio Shopping Center

**Lazy Dog Restaurant & Bar
7965 N. Blackstone Ave.**

Name email Phone

CRUISE 2025 INFORMATION

4-day Baja Mexico: Catalina, Ensenada

Only \$50 pp will hold spot

4 days on Carnival Firenze—135,156 tons.

April 27-May 1, 2025

Group name----SIR159 Cruise

Group Booking #R2JN99

phone # 1-866-721-3225 EXT. 70229

Inside cabin 4E Deck 6/7 = \$384.00pp

Deck 6 mid = Double occupancy Total \$ 768.00

Deck 7 Forward & AFT = Single occupancy Total \$728.19

Oceanview 6L Deck 1/2 = \$469.00pp

= Double occupancy Total \$938.00

Balcony 8B = \$552.00pp

Deck 6 mid = Double occupancy Total \$1104.00

Deck 7 Forward & AFT = Single Total \$1064.19

***Prices may vary depending on location picked

Totals include port taxes and fees

Gratuities \$ 64.00/pp

Travel Protection \$49.00 avg./pp (optional)

Nov. 15, 2024, Deposit \$50.00pp----will hold spot

Dec. 28, 2024, Due \$150.00 pp including deposit----**CAN DECLARE CABIN LOCATION ONCE \$150 pp PAID**

Feb. 11, 2025, Final payment

Early Dining

Questions or need help booking--- Hector 559-970-3197

Karyn 559-970-3198

Thanks all, Hector and Karyn Leyva

Message from SIR AREA 19 GOLF CHAIRMAN

The Sir State Team & Individual Championships are again of the open nature, so for the team anyone in the branch may form an ABCD team and enter and for the individual event a slight modification, dropping from 7 flights down to 4 using the same ABCD splits. All of the other events are open all sir members, as the Sir State tries to set up piggy back events with local branches, some of which are still a work in progress. Check periodically at the Sir State Golf home page, <https://www.sirinc2.org/golf2018/> for more information.

Duke Marshall

Sir Area 19 Chair

December Birthdays

Nickname	First	Last
John		Arteaga
Jeff		Boatman
Jerry		Brady
Larry		Childers
Russ		Conrad
Daniel		Cowherd
Doug		Cutts
Mike	Michael	Davis
Larry		Henricksen
Joe		Kosinski
Bob	Robert	Mattson
Francisco		Pineda
Keith		Rudolph
Bid	William	Wallace

December Anniversaries

Wife	Nickname	First	Last
Joellen		Roger	Anthony
Penny		Larry	Childers
Rhonda		Bob	Davis
Sylvia		Gerard	Garioian
Barbara		Perry	Huffman
Becky		Scott	Lang
Judi		Rich	Lewis
Debbie	Rick	Richard	Pezzi
Wendy		Jerry	Thompson

2025 STATE GOLF SCHEDULE

(TENTATIVE)

April 24-25. "Spring Fling" -Napa-- Chardonnay (Scramble)and Eagle Vines (4 man/2 BB). Cost \$80 each, \$160 total.

May 29-30 "Fun in Fairfield"—Rancho Solano and Paradise Valley. Both are 4 man/ 2 Best Ball. @ day total and prizes for winners each day. \$150 for both days, \$75 each day.

June 23-26-- RENO 2 or 3 Day (TBD)

July—Possible tournament in East Bay (Wente and 1 other)

August 6-7—Team Championship at Hiddenbrooke (ABCD Scramble). July 1 Index to qualify, current index for Team handicap. \$75/player (\$300 for the Team). Tee times on both days. Limit of 60 Teams.

September 8-12—Possibly Carson City with the "Ozzies" group.

September 24-25—"Fresno!"—details to follow.

October 3 Individual Championship-The Reserve at Spanos Park. First 112 players to register. 7 flights. September 1 Index will be used. \$75/player.

November 4-8—Monterey/Carmel Week (play 2,3 or 4 days)

Primary tournament Tues/Weds Nov 5-6 at Blackhorse and Bayonet, a 2 day event (4man, 2 Best Ball) with prizes also for winners each day. \$195 for 2 days or \$100 each day.

Monday and Thursday—optional informal outing—Pacific Grove/Crazy Horse/Poppy Hills or Monterey Pines. Further Details to follow.

Ben Gikis, State Golf Chairman 408-802-0794

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