

## The Chanticleer

**LUNCH: Date April 10, 2025**

**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 : Pam Dyer, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute**

### Activities Calendar for APRIL

Date	Event	Contact
APR. 7-14-21-28	Whitmer's Warriors Golf	Brian Nicholson
APR. 3-9-17-24	SIR Golf	Brian Nicholson
APR. 16	Dine Out Night	Hector Leyva
APR. 2-9-16-23-30	SIRS Bowling	Duke Marshall
APR. 10	SIRs Luncheon	Pete Openshaw
APR. 2-9-16-23-30	Jim Sheldon Memorial Golf	Ron Wilson
APR. 16	Cigars	Bob Moore

### Sons In Retirement, Inc Branch 159 Financial

	Month:	Mar-25
<b>Beginning Balance (Checking + Cash)</b>		\$12,590.53
<b>Expenses</b>	\$	3,038.89
		<u>\$9,551.64</u>
<b>Revenues</b>		<u>\$2,321.00</u>
<b>Month Ending Balance (Checking + Cash)</b>		<b>\$11,872.64</b>
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<u><b>\$11,872.64</b></u>
Checking \$11,422.64 + Petty Cash \$450 = \$11,872.64		
<b>Net Gain / Loss</b>		<b>(\$717.89)</b>

Submitted by Bruce Corwin - Treasurer

Hawking dies (2018).

"If you're having fun, that's  
when the best memories are  
built."

- Simone Biles



### From the desk of your Little Sir

Welcome to April from your little Sir. Of course the month leads off with April Fool's Day, so beware. Aside we enter into this fresh season, having just passed the Vernal Equinox I often recall a verse I first read many years ago.

“ Whan that Aprill with his shoures sote

The droghte of March hath perced to the roote.

And bathed every veyne in swich licour

Of which vertu engendred is the flour; “

These were the opening lines when reading Chaucer's Canterbury Tales. My reaction at that time was WHAT? This of course was written in what is called middle english, sometime in the late 12th century. But here today in the present we simply say, “March winds bring April showers and April showers bring May flowers”. April also holds Passover beginning on the 12th, Easter on the 20 th and Earth Day on the 23rd .

This month I would like to give a shout out to this branches two oldest members, Sir Bob Knebel at 96+ years young and Sir Chico Garcia at at 95 closing in on 96. Sir Bob Knebel is also the longest standing branch member with 32.5 years. Have a great month an I hope to see you at the luncheon on the 10th . This months speaker is Pam Dyer from CSU Fresno informing us about the OLLI program. A special shout out of thanks to Sir John Hays for the reference. If anyone else has a speaker or topic they would like to hear at a future luncheon, I am all ears.

Little Sir,

Duke Marshall



Marshall, Duke

Fellow SIRS my name is Pete Openshaw and I am the coordinator for the callers to contact members for the luncheon one of my callers has resigned so I need another member to step up to the plate to replace him. Its not too hard just a little bit frustrating trying to get hold of your members I will help you out. Anybody interested please call me at **559-871-5816** or email me at **pbacup@aol.com** thank you Pete Openshaw

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

**March 13, 2025**

The meeting opened at 10:15 am at Pardini's Restaurant. BEC officers present were Big Sir Mike Parker, Little Sir Duke Marshall, Senior Treasurer Bruce Corwin, Assistant Secretary Brett Bayley, and Secretary Robert Scott. Directors present were Russ Conrad (2025), Robert Ying (2025), Pete Openshaw (2026), Butch Evans (2026), and Reg Salsman (2027). Robert Scott proclaimed a quorum was present (10 of 13), and Big Sir Mike Parker opened the meeting.

Next, a review of the February 2025 meeting minutes was conducted. Bruce Corwin moved that the minutes be accepted, and Duke Marshall seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Based upon inquiries during the calls to members, we found 99 members who stated that they were planning to attend our luncheon today. Bruce Corwin ordered 90 lunches from Pardini's.

Little Sir Duke Marshall then announced that Paul Dictos, Fresno County Assessor, will be our program for today. The subject of his presentation will be the Property Owners Protection Alert program (POPA) that helps protect property owners from fraudulent seizures of their property.

Next, the February 2025 Monthly Cash Report (Form 28) was reviewed. Bruce Corwin reported the General Account income totaled \$400 and miscellaneous disbursements were \$569. Therefore, the net loss for the General Accounts was \$169. The net custodial amount was a gain of \$91 which resulted from luncheon income exceeding expenses. Brett Bayley moved that the report be accepted, and Duke Marshall seconded the motion. There was unanimous approval.

The following agenda item concerned the membership reports. Russ Conrad explained that today would be the 359 th meeting of SIR Branch 159. He stated during February we gained two new members but lost twelve. Russ said we normally lose members at the beginning of every year because members decide to not renew their memberships. However, we have one potential member that will be eligible for induction when the Membership Report is approved today.

Regarding the Form 27 report, we had 166 members at the end of February. Therefore, we are down 18 members from the beginning of the year. Russ also reported that we had 101 members at our luncheon in February which is 61% of our total membership. Duke Marshall moved that the membership reports be approved, and Russ Conrad seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The first old business item involved the completion of our Golf Club audit. This task has been completed. Brett Bayley, the auditor, praised the record keeping and accounting work that was done to record the Golf Club business.

The second old business topic was the progress in securing the Branch 159 historical records. Efforts to secure the various bins are still in progress.

The next old business item concerned 2025 membership assessment payments. After calls to members, who had not paid their assessments, it was decided that all unpaid members would be dropped from the Branch 159 roster. As of today's meeting, 166 members have paid their annual assessment. Now that membership is decided, we expect to issue a new membership roster report to the Branch 159 members.

The following old business item involved discussing various options of managing our birthday and anniversary tables. After a short discussion about the different concerns and options, it was decided that the Big Sir would remind all of the members at the luncheon that the tables in front of the head table were only for members celebrating birthdays and anniversaries. It was determined that we would continue to follow the present birthday/anniversary seating procedures.

Item five on the old business list was the proposal to utilize KVPR advertising to attract new members. Bob Price presented details about how the advertising program would be used. The basic proposal is 14 fifteen second ads would occur during a one-week period at various times during the week. The cost would be \$150. Russ Conrad and Bruce Corwin volunteered to develop our fifteen second messages. It is estimated that we need to commit to a 4-week period for \$600, and then, evaluate the program's effectiveness. If the program is productive, we would agree to another 4-week period. It was suggested that we wait until Spring to begin the ads.

The last old business topic was the progress involved to update the Branch 159 Standard Operating Procedures. The committee given this assignment reported that the modifications had been completed and emailed to all of the Branch 159 BEC members for review. After a short discussion, Duke Marshall moved and Russ Conrad seconded a motion to accept the revised Standard Operating Procedures. The vote was unanimous. Bruce Corwin said that Gary Morgan can now post the new items on the website.

The first new business listing involved a clarification of information provided in the February edition of the newsletter from the President of the State SIR organization. In that newsletter, it was stated that if SIR members use Medicaid with a supplemental policy, they could monetarily benefit from an association with the Grouper organization. The letter should have stated Medicare instead of Medicaid. However, the State SIR organization is still investigating an involvement with Grouper. More information will be provided when it is available.

The last new business item involved locating our branch equipment. We have branch property held by various members, and it is necessary that we locate and inventory our assets. Bruce Corwin is pursuing this information.

Microphone time at our meeting today will include Hector Leyva and Ron Wilson.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 am.

**WHAT DO YOU CALL A  
MELON THAT'S NOT  
ALLOWED TO GET  
MARRIED?**

**CANTELOPE.**

**THE INVENTION OF THE  
SHOVEL WAS A GROUND  
BREAKING DISCOVERY**

UnKNOWN PUNster @2017

**BUT THE INVENTION OF THE  
BROOM WAS THE ONE THAT  
TRULY SWEPT THE NATION**

**I ASKED MY FRIEND  
TO SPELL WONTON  
BACKWARDS**

UnKNOWN PUNster @2018

**HE SAID NOT NOW**

A husband said to  
his wife.

“The guys at the  
club said that our  
mailman has slept  
with every woman  
on our street excep  
one...”

Wife replies

**I call it a day**





Fresno Branch #159

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

As of March 31, 2025

April 10th Meeting will be #360th

Membership Status;	March	Yearly total
Members Inducted:	1	5
Terminated:	0	22
Members:		167

Members Terminated last month:

10 Members

**New Members Inducted at last luncheon:**

Art Valdez #82

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

Bill Erysian ~ Sponsor ~ Bill Sahatdjian

Joe Sorbo ~ Sponsor ~ Shane Carroll

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

**Comments:Membership Database being updated by Rich Colby.**

**Respectfully Submitted by: Russ Conrad -**



Valdez, Art

New Member

## Branch 159 Officers, Directors

### 2025 BRANCH OFFICERS

**BIG SIR:** Mike Parker 951-665-2951  
**LITTLE SIR:** Duke Marshall 559-447-5388  
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  
SENIOR TREASURE: Bruce Corwin 916-934-6161

### 2023 BRANCH DIRECTORS

Russ Conrad [2025] 559-917-1199  
Robert Ying (2025) 559-289-4548  
Butch Evans (2026) 559-271-2024  
Reg Salsman [2027] 559-977-6722  
Pete Openshaw [2026] 559-871-5816

### 2025 BRANCH SUPPORT PERSONEL

ATTENDANCE : Robert Ying 559-289-4548  
CHAPLIN:  
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  
Photographer: Steve Chase 559-252-2600  
Travel: Hector Leyva 559-970-3197

## 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  
916-934-6161



## Message from SIR AREA 19 GOLF CHAIRMAN

Good morning to all of you Sirs out there. This is Duke Marshall your Area 19 golf chairman For the Area 19 monthly golf outing I have selected Tulare GC on the 21st. There are no Golf Moose discounts available however the rates are reasonable and if your a vet or first responder there is a discounted rate which was less than our two fors. If you are interested there is still time so please call 559-304-4439 or email me at DukMarshal@aol.com before the 14th since I will be booking tee times at that point.

Once again call, email me, or tell me at the luncheon in April because April 14th would be when I can get tee times. We had a great trip to lone and Castle Oaks GC last week. For May I am looking at Poppy Ridge on the 19th .

Duke Marshall

### April Birthdays

Nickname	First	Last
Steve	Stephen	Beveridge
	Armen	Dervishian
	Paul	Gabrielson
	Chico	Garcia
	Gregg	Gephart
	Steve	Kelly
	Hector	Leyva
Fred	Alfred	Martinez
	Kenny	Melkonian
Rich	Richard	Morrissey
	Brian	Nicholson
	James	Noriega
	Shane	Petersen
Reg	Reginald	Rosander

### April Anniversaries

Wife	Nickname	First	Last
Karen		Gerry	Fields
Carol		Mike	Horsley
Vera		John	Leal
Wendy	Rich	Richard	Morrissey
Janet		Tom	Ryska
Christine		Bill	Sahatdjian
Marilyn		Bill	Sanders
Sharon	Bob	Robert	Scott
Susan		Robert	Ying

## 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**

**gikisben@yahoo.com**

### **APRIL GOLF SCHEDULE**

04/03/25	Thurs.	Eagle Springs GC	9:00 AM TT	\$70.00	4MaBB
04/09/25	<b>WED.</b>	Valley Oaks GC	9:00 AM SG	\$44.00	Individual
04/17/25	Thurs.	Lemoore GC	8:30 AM SG	\$42.00	Scramble
04/24/25	Thurs.	Ridge Creek GC	8:00 AM SG	\$50.00	2ManBB

### **WHITMER'S WARRIORS**

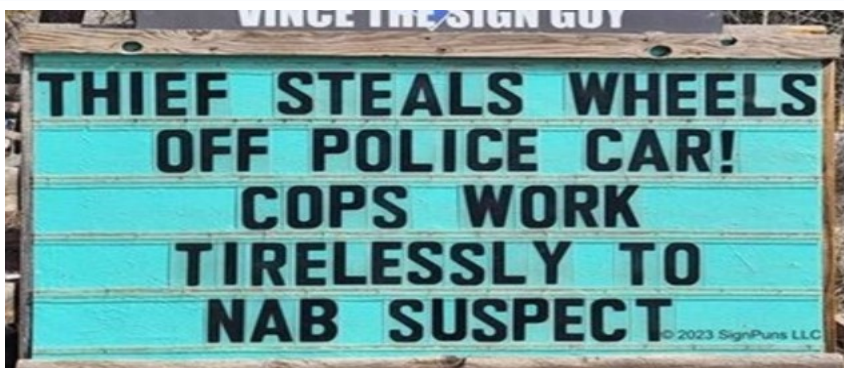
Whitmer's Warriors is a group of people that play golf on Monday. Although it is officially a SIR event, it is open to anyone that wants to join us. On any given Monday we will have twenty or so players, and there is always room for more. I send out an email telling everyone where we will play and what our tee time is. If you would like to be added to my email list just email me and it will be done.

Brian Nicholson

### **JIM SHELDON MEMORIAL NINE HOLE GOLF**

We play nine-hole golf every other Wednesday at Airways GC at 10 am. Come out and join your pals for a good time. Get a cart and half a round for \$12. Have relaxed golf in your own way, at your own speed, and with your old friends. Good activity, good company, some good jokes and some good shots. Laugh, putt, and get some fresh air in the green grass. Start at 10 and finish by noon. Too good to pass up.

Direct questions to Ron Wilson at 559-960-8294



## NEWS from Your Golfing Community

On Thursday, March 6th, at the end of the first real storm of the month we were at Ridge Creek GC with 25 golfers for a 4Man2BB event. The team of Russ Conrad and Larry Henriksen along with their two blind draws won in a tie breaker with a net 130. The closest to the pin on Hole # 3 was Gerard Garoian at 7 feet 7 inches and on Hole #16 John Shertenlieb was closest at 8 feet 3 inches. The low gross for the day of 84 was shot by Ray Garcia.

On Wednesday, March 12th, we headed north to Madera G & CC with 30 golfers playing a 2Man for an Individual Flighted event. Flight A was won by Russ Anderson by five strokes with a net 71. Flight B was won by Richard Neilson by one stroke with a net 75. Flight C was won by Robert Ying by four strokes with a net 70. The closest to the pin on #8 was Mike Parker at 3 feet 10 inches and on #16 Mike Parker was also closest at 10 feet 3 inches. The low gross for the day of 81 was shot by Russ Anderson.

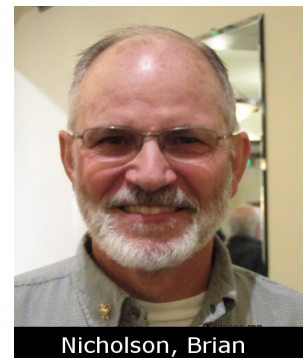
On Thursday, March 20th, we moved to the foothills and were at Sherwood Forest GC with 46 golfers for a Four-man Scramble event. The team of Charlie Amasalian, Bob Bacom, Jeff Boatman, and Gerard Garoian won in a tie breaker with a net score of 54. The closest to the pin on # 4 was Mike Parker at 6 feet 0 inches and on Hole #15 Bill Scharbach was closest at just 10 inches.

On Thursday, March 27th, we are at Belmont CC for a 2ManBB event played simultaneously with the second round of this year's Ron Rich Tournament with 47 golfers. The team of Jon Eriksen and Daniel Cowherd won by 1 stroke with a net 62. The closest to the pin on #2 was Jim Branton at 7 feet 8 inches and on #15 Javier Rodriguez was closest at 5 feet 11 inches. The low gross for the day was a 78 shot by Jon Eriksen.

Players continuing into the third round of the Ron Rich Tournament are **John Briceno** who will be playing **Bill Demarinis**, **Bob Rathburn** who will be playing **Jeff Shahbazian**, **Gregg Gephart** who will be playing **Loren LeBaron**, and **Mike Davis** who will be playing **Brian Nicholson**. The third round will be played at Valley Oaks on Wednesday, April 9th.

**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](mailto:ajm7pc@hotmail.com)

**mobile 559-365-4123**

### **Dine Out Chairman**

**Hector Leyva**

[hecramsey@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hecramsey@sbcglobal.net)

**mobile or text 559-970-3197**

**HAVE YOU EVER TRIED  
EATING A CLOCK?  
IT'S REALLY TIME CONSUMING,  
ESPECIALLY IF YOU  
GO FOR SECONDS.**

**WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE  
BETWEEN A POORLY-DRESSED  
MAN ON A TRICYCLE  
AND A WELL-DRESSED MAN  
ON A BICYCLE?  
ATTIRE.**

### From the Lanes in March

We are bowling on Wednesday starting at 1:00 PM. We would love to see more SIRs out on the lanes with us having some fun. After all for us it is a social gathering for a couple hours, a way to get out of the house and escape the honey dos. 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 230. We use 230 because that is what the Sir State Bowling organization is using. Nothing like a little friendly competition between friends. We run a little poker draw on the side and might even have a drink. 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 Series, High Scratch Game, High Handicap Series, and High Handicap Game will split the monthly pot 4 ways. We are rolling now. September began the new scoring year. 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. Follow the Bowler Icon or go to <https://www.branch159.sirinc2.org/Results/Bowling.html>. 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 March. Once again I invite all SIR members and guests to come join us - Wednesday, 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.

Below are the weekly best scores in each category.

Duke Marshall

**WHAT DO YOU CALL  
A BELT MADE OUT OF  
HUNDRED-DOLLAR BILLS?  
  
A WAIST OF MONEY.**

**MY FRIEND KEEPS SAYING  
"CHEER UP MAN IT COULD  
BE WORSE, YOU COULD BE  
STUCK UNDERGROUND IN A  
HOLE FULL OF WATER."  
  
I KNOW HE MEANS WELL.**



### March Bowling Scoring

<b>03/04/25</b>	High Series Scratch	Reg Salsman 559
	High Game Scratch	Ed Beier 202
	High Series Handicap	Duke Marshall 642
	High Game Handicap	Reg Salsman 244
<b>03/18/25</b>	High Series Scratch	Reg Salsman 503
	High Game Scratch	Duke Marshall 191
	High Series Handicap	Duke Marshall 668
	High Game Handicap	Duke Marshall 235
<b>03/25/25</b>	High Series Scratch	Alan Barton 503
	High Game Scratch	Harry White 191
	High Series Handicap	Duke Marshall 659
	High Game Handicap	Reg Salsman 232

**YESTERDAY I SAW AN  
AD THAT SAID 'RADIO  
FOR SALE, \$1, VOLUME  
STUCK ON FULL'**

**I THOUGHT, 'I CAN'T  
TURN THAT DOWN'**

**I ONCE DATED A GIRL  
WITH A LAZY EYE**

UnKNOWN PUNster ©2017

**I ALWAYS THOUGHT  
SHE WAS SEEING  
SOMEONE ON THE SIDE**

## **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



*Cigar Aficionado*  
*Wed April 16*  
*Fig Garden 1pm*

DATE NIGHT  
**Blue Oak Grille**  
**Table Mountain Casino**

UP ON THE HILL

559-822-7777

Wed., April 16

dinner @ 5:30 PM



**Play**



**Eat**



**Sing**

**Play:** Fill your pockets with the easy money you will make at the tables.

**Eat:** Fill your stomachs with fine food!

**Sing:** Fill your hearts with love from the songs your honey sings to you at karaoke after dinner.

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