



The Chanticleer

Date — December 7, 2006

Place — Pardini's
2245 West Shaw Avenue

• PROGRAM •

Holiday Luncheon

Social Hour — 11:00 AM
Luncheon — 12:00 Noon

► Big Sir ... John Metzger

PASSING THE GAVEL TO RON WILSON, Big Sir for 2007, is a great pleasure.

I certainly enjoyed two years as Big Sir and thank all the Board and chairmen without whose assistance and support it would not have been such a pleasure.

As always, there is a need for volunteers to take on some of the responsibilities for the various activities we enjoy. Please support Ron this coming year by saying "yes" when asked to help. I'm going to make this very brief; I hope to see a good turnout at the Holiday Luncheon so that I can wish all of you in person wonderful holidays and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

► Little Sir ... Ron Wilson

LADIES' DAY TIME AGAIN, COME ONE, COME ALL! Remember, the day is December 7th and the place is Pardini's restaurant. We will be having a table for single gentlemen, more than one if we need it, so come and pay at the door if you haven't sent your check in. The Bullard Talent singers are practicing hard and fast as we speak.

On another note: we are in need of a Librarian and someone to head up the Telephone Callers committee. The Librarian needs only to sort out the books; the employees at the Ramada pick them up and put them away, so no heavy lifting is required. The Telephone committee involves someone who can receive and distribute the forms to the callers, and then report the number coming to the Ramada for lunch so they will know how many people to prepare for. Access to a computer makes it much easier. If you'd like to do something to help out the Branch, we can really use your assistance. Call me or Howard Boston.

Sadly, it looks like inflation is catching up with us. We haven't finalized a contract yet, but it looks like our Ramada luncheon will be going up by \$2.00 per person. Be prepared in January to be asked for a little extra. On top of that, we can really use your prepayment of the 2007 Buck Bucket. If you can see your way clear to advance pay \$24.00 for the whole year, it will greatly help in staving off the "bill collectors" that are constantly snapping at our heels. See the coupon on page 2 of this issue. Thank you!

With that, I wish you all a great holiday season. I will be enjoying it with my family and I trust all of my growing circle of friends in SIR will have a good one, too.

Merry Christmas

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Happy New Year

- C Other Fresno SIR Programs**
- Branch #169, December 12** - Pardini's Christmas Luncheon
 - Branch #175, December 14** - Pardini's Christmas Luncheon
 - Branch #179, December 6** - Ramada Phil Walker
Early theater in Fresno
 - ...#179, December 17** - Ft. Washington Christmas Luncheon
- *Area Governor Sir Marvin Arnold*



Welcome, New Member

► *Bill Powers*



Happy Birthday

Don Blosser ... Kent Bowlan
 John Casey ... Joe D'Amico
 Robert Emerzian ... Bruno Ferioli
 Albert Frey ... Cecil Harris
 Bill Harrison ... Frank Kurihara
 Graham Partlett ... Gary Patton
 Charles Royse ... George Rurik
 Ed Smiley ... Fred Stein
 Chet Steinhauer ... Dean Tilly



Happy Anniversary

Betty and Norman Bainter
 Alice and Doran Brechman
 Diane and Bud Burrows
 Lorraine and John Devlin
 Saretta and Jerry Gurs
 Helen and Cecil Harris
 Ruth and Robert Haw
 LaVerne and Harold Horg
 Barbara and Perry Huffman
 Gerri and Douglas Hunter
 Marty and Jerry Jones
 Dorothy and Walter Lake
 Letty and Leo Lueras
 Geneviev and Robert Martin
 Corinne and Jim McCluskey
 Marian and Edward Mosley
 Susie and Fred Osterberg
 Kata and Gary Patton
 Leslie and Jack Whitaker

2007 Directory Reminder

Changes of address, phone, or other personal information must be in to Membership Chair Sir Roger Deal, 297-7022, or roger.deal@comcast.net by December 15.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22, IS THE DEADLINE FOR THE JANUARY CHANTICLEER.

► *Jim Martin, Editor*

In Memoriam
Sir Doc Mincy

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Madera ...

Ron Rich Memorial

► **October 26, 2006**

★★ *Al Black, 2006 Champion*

A R. Segelke/A. Stimmel
Flight R. Slaton/D. Lindauer

B M. Welch/J. Bort
Flight B. Oller/P. Lundeborg

C A. Black/D. Metzger
Flight R. Zanarini/R. Rosander

D J. Hatter/F. Hokr
Flight G. Gruner/T. Forrest

CTP 1st A. Stimmel
Hole 2nd R. Slaton
#6 3rd G. Partlett

CTP 1st V. Rivera
Hole 2nd R. Segelke
#15 3rd G. Partlett

Riverside ...

► **November 16, 2006**

A B. Oller/M. Welch
Flight R. Phillips/B. Powers

B R. Allen/L. Seto
Flight R. Zanarini/B. Young

C S. Morales/G. Patton
Flight T. Forrest/B. Nuttall

D G. Gruner/T. Goodman
Flight J. Hatter/L. Casper

CTP 1st H. Gomar
Hole 2nd L. Clune
#5 3rd D. Metzger

CTP 1st J. Bort
Hole 2nd K. Kerner
#15 3rd V. Rivera

► *Sir Mike Williamson*

Airways ...

► **November 2, 2006**

1st J. D'Amico/A. Insalaco
Place R. Nakaguchi/R. Urushima

2nd T. Forrest/J. Whitaker
Place J. Whitmer/M. Williamson

3rd T. Goodman/J. Metzger
Place B. Oller/A. Wilner

4th P. Creel/N. Lee
Place D. Metzger/M. Welch

CTP 1st B. Oller
Hole 2nd C. Roberson
#7 3rd D. Metzger

CTP 1st D. Metzger
Hole 2nd R. Nakaguchi
#15 3rd A. Insalaco



Attendance

BRANCH #159 HAD 256 active members in November. 182 were present for the luncheon, with 74 absent of whom 54 were excused.

Members are expected to attend meetings or to notify the Attendance Chairman whenever they wish to be excused. Three consecutive absences or six absences in a twelve-month period constitute a jeopardy to membership.

If you are unable to attend a meeting, **PLEASE** let me know, **439-1228**, or by email, **robertm@thegrid.net**.

► *Sir Bob Montgomery*

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Please make your 2007 voluntary contribution in lieu of the "Buck Bucket" — \$24.00 for January through December.

Name: Sir _____ Badge # _____

Check amount: \$ _____, payable to Sir Branch #159
 (PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH)

Mail to: Sir Joe Bencivengo OR Turn in to Treasurer Joe
 6309 Lauren Avenue at the January Luncheon
 Fresno CA 93710-5905



Bowling

HERE ARE THE SIR BOWLING group results (the 80% handicaps are included):

► **November 3**

High Series M. Knapp 663
High Game B. Ripley 250

► **November 10**

High Series M. Knapp 634
High Game B. Dickinson 231

► **November 17**

High Series B. Dickinson 643
High Game B. Ripley 235

New bowlers are always welcome at AMF Sierra Lanes on Fridays at 10:00 AM. For further information, call me at 298-3101.

► *Sir Ed Gavigan*



Sunshine

IAM SORRY TO REPORT that **Sir Doc Mincy** died last month. Also, **Sir Ron Eskender's** granddaughter died in an accident. Our condolences go out to the families of these members.

On the brighter side, it was good to see **Dean Tilly** at the November luncheon. After all of his problems, he is up and about. As far as I can ascertain, **Al Frey** is still in the V.A. Hospital with a broken leg. **Paul Prody** is up and about and is even playing a little bridge. **Dick Waite** is recovering quite well, thank you. An **Ken Shaffer** is doing better, which is good to hear.

Fellows, please keep me in the loop on our members who are feeling poorly. Reach me at 439-2757 or ccooperiva@sbcglobal.net.

► *Sir Bob Cooper*

On Senior Life:

I don't feel old.

I don't feel anything until noon.

Then it's time for my nap.

► Bob Hope



Travel

For members and guests only!

HERE IS THE UPCOMING TRIP INFORMATION. We can no longer include full details in the Chanticleer. Be sure to stop at the travel table in the Ramada lobby to pick up sheets with the details.

► **March 2-12, 2007** — "Guatemala—Mayan Civilizations" (Sir Richard Beers, 431-3728).

► **April 16-21, 2007** — "Branson Musical Getaways" (Sir Ed Dorn, 433-0670).

► **September 24-October 10, 2008** — "Sons in Retirement 50th Anniversary Cruise to Hawaii" (Golden Gate Tours, 800-874-4345).

My email is crdahlll@comcast.net.

► *Sir Carrol Dahl*



Computers

OUR COMPUTER GROUP IS TAKING SOME TIME OFF FOR THE Holidays. We will resume our monthly meetings on **Wednesday, January 17 (note the change in the day of the week!)**. We will have a speaker who is expert on computer security; check this column in the next Chanticleer for further details.

And starting in January, we will have a new Computer Group Chairman, Jerry Gurs. I have enjoyed acting as your chair, but I have other time-consuming duties as the Branch Membership Chair. Jerry is looking forward to being our leader.

Our starting time will remain **1:00 PM** and the meetings will be at the Woodward Park Library, 344 East Perrin Avenue (northwest corner with Champlain). For more information, contact Jerry: jgandsg@comcast.net or 367-1700.

► *Sir Roger Deal*

Some Truisms ...

- Light travels faster than sound; this is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
- If the shoe fits, get another one just like it.
- A fine is a tax for doing wrong. A tax is a fine for doing well.

♠ ♥ **Bridge** ♦ ♣

IN RECENT SINGLES PLAY, the high total score was made by **Jack Leonard** with 5880 points. **Ron Vierra** and **George Rurik** had the high one-table score of 2500 points.

Position	Week #1	Week #3
1	J. Leonard	G. Rurik
2	J. Lund	R. Vierra
3	P. Giragosian	J. Leonard
4	J. Williford	M. Escobar
5	B. Thompson	J. Williford
6	R. Rayburn	J. Collings
7	M. Escobar	-
Consolation	H. Masters	F. Ferry

► *Sir John Williford*