



The Chanticleer

Date — August 10, 2006

Place — Ramada Inn
324 East Shaw Avenue

• PROGRAM •
Jim Boren

Social Hour — 11:00 AM

Luncheon — 12:00 Noon
\$12.00 + Buck Bucket

◆ Big Sir ... John Metzger

ACCORDING TO THE BRANCH BYLAWS, August is the month when the membership elects its officers and board members for the coming year. Nominations will be accepted from the floor, but if none are made, the slate listed in the July Chanticleer and again below will be voted on.

It is difficult for me to believe that this activity year has gone by so quickly. What has made the position of Big Sir such an easy chore has been the support of the entire board and the chairmen of the Branch activities. Our board meetings have been well attended and all have had a chance to comment on the various topics which are broached during the meeting. A heartfelt thanks to all of you who have made my job a pleasure. I'm confident that next year's board will receive the same support.

I can't let the opportunity go by without commenting on our "wonderful" July weather. My grandson served fifteen months in Iraq and doesn't really know why we are complaining. He suggests that we try donning the gear he was obliged to wear in Iraq's 120° weather and then decide that maybe Fresno is not really too bad!

☑ Branch Election

THIS IS THE TIME OF YEAR to elect the Branch #159 2007 leadership. The Nominating Committee under Chairman Bill Cross recommends the following slate for your consideration:

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| Big Sir | <i>Ron Wilson</i> |
| Little Sir | <i>Howard Boston</i> |
| Secretary | <i>Al Black</i> |
| Assistant | <i>George Gianopulos</i> |
| Treasurer | <i>Joe Bencivengo</i> |
| Assistant | <i>Allan Baxter</i> |
| Board (2007) | <i>Bruno Ferioli</i>
<i>Jim Martin</i> |
| (2008) | <i>Jim Bort</i>
<i>Rich Zanarini</i> |
| (2009) | <i>Ron Eskender</i>
<i>Jack Leonard</i> |

◆ Little Sir ... Ron Wilson

AHH, THE DOG DAYS OF SUMMER, time for the little ones to start back to school and the big ones to keep on working in the heat. But there will be a little less strain because they know the mornings will be a little cooler and the evening breeze will waft softly over the bbq, giving way to the most beautiful night times there are anywhere. That's Fresno. Forgotten are the blistering days of July and off we go into the glorious colors of autumn. At least that's the way I try to play it in my head. Got your Christmas shopping done yet? Only 137 days left! Grandma and I are doing fine, tucked in under six ceiling fans and an air conditioner that's pumping its heart out. There is food in the 'fridge, and a SIRs library book in hand — life is good.

Our speaker for August is *Jim Boren, Fresno Bee* editorial page editor. I know nearly all of you read the paper, including the editorial page...and I also know there are lots of differing opinions about what is printed. So let's not forget that this man is our guest and see that he is treated as such. Also, others at your table may also have differing views, *so no hitting!* (Gentlemen don't do that.) See you at the luncheon.



August Luncheon

- Lamb Shanks ... Fried Chicken
- Wild Rice
- Fresh Vegetable ... Four Salads
- Rolls & Butter ... Dessert
- Coffee, Tea, Decaf



Other Fresno SIR Programs

- August 8 - Branch 169 - Pardini's
T. J. Cox
Habitat for Humanity
 - August 9 - Branch #179 - Ramada
Doug Greenwald
Grizzlies Announcer
 - August 24 - Branch #175 - Pardini's
Ned and Joanne Polenz
Red Cross Volunteers after Katrina
- Courtesy of Area Governor Sir Marvin Arnold*



Happy Birthday

Fred Arras...Bob Asche
 Dave Betts...John Brechman
 Tom Dew...Mike Ekizian
 Mike Escobar...Al Gonzalez
 Bob Green...Merle Heetland
 Frank Hokr...Perry Huffman
 Bob Knebel...Tony Maslowski
 Bill Neal...Jim Peterson
 Alan Stimmel...Ron Wilson



Happy Anniversary

Birdie & Ray Allen
 Millie & Charlie Barnett
 Gloriann & Bert Bertelsen
 Virginia & Howard Boston
 Lillian & Harry Buchaklian
 Dorothy & Carrol Dahl
 Kay & Ed Dill
 Mary & Frank Garrison
 Vera & Sonny Hatter
 Lillian & Frank Hokr
 Joan & Lee Kerr
 Frances & Dick Knipper
 Evelyn & Paul McConnell
 Melissa & Bob Merkle
 Dona & Doc Mincy
 Ruth & Don Neer
 Sharon & Warren Nelson
 Patricia & Bert Nuttall
 Mary Anne & Paul Prody
 Jeanne & Bill Reinhardt
 Pat & Larry Rosander
 Betty & Chuck Royse
 Shirley & Graham Ruff
 Barbara & Jim Ruhl
 Marilu & Ken Shaffer
 Kay & Jim Suddath
 Naomi & Ed Wiens
 Joan & Bob Zoldoski

**The deadline for the
 September Chanticleer
 is Friday, August 25.**

... Jim Martin, Editor

In Memoriam

Sir Robert Torgerson

18 Golf

Madera ...

► June 22, 2006

Group 8 F. Arras/L. Clune
1st T. Forrest/H. Huffin
 J. Metzger

Group 2 K. Kerner/C. Roberson
2nd B. Robinson/R. Rosander

Group 7 B. Dickson/J. Doherty
3rd N. Lee/D. Scharton

Group 5 R. Allen/P. Creel
4th J. Sheldon/J. Whitmer

CTP 1st A. Insalaco
Hole 2nd R. Zonarini
#6 3rd T. Forrest

CTP 1st L. Streit
Hole 2nd F. Hokr
#11 3rd D. Metzger

Airways ...

► July 6, 2006

1st R. Allen/H. Boston
Place L. Knoll/J. Whitmer

2nd J. Bencivengo/D. Betts
Place B. Dickson/L. Streit

3rd A. Baxter/J. D'Amico
Place B. Jones/D. Reynolds

4th T. Daugherty/J. Devlin
Place B. Oller/B. Young

CTP 1st A. Baxter
Hole 2nd T. Forrest
#7 3rd B. Oller
 4th P. Huffman

CTP 1st R. Nakaguchi
Hole 2nd J. Whitmer
#15 3rd None

Pheasant Run ...

► June 29, 2006

A J. Bort/H. Gomar
Flight D. Scharton/J. Whitmer

B R. Allen/R. Nakaguchi
Flight C. Roberson/R. Rosander

C J. Bencivengo/P. Huffman
Flight R. Rosander/J. Sheldon

CTP 1st B. Jones
Hole 2nd F. Hokr
#8 3rd J. Bencivengo

CTP 1st L. Rosander
Hole 2nd L. Clune
#17 3rd R. Phillips

...Sir Mike Williamson



Attendance

BRANCH #159 HAD 264 active members in July. There were 148 present for the luncheon, and 116 absent of whom 91 were excused.

According to our bylaws, members are expected to attend 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 in June, contact me by phone at 439-1228 or at robertm@thegrid.net.

...Sir Bob Montgomery



Welcome to Our New Members

- ★ Freddie Anderson
- ★ Robert Green
- ★ Frank Kurihara



Directory Update

An update to the 2006 Branch Directory will be issued with the September Chanticleer. Please advise Membership Chairman Roger Deal of any change in your address, phone, etc., as soon as possible. 297-7022 or roger.deal@comcast.net.



**I WANT YOU
 TO BRING A NEW MEMBER
 TO SIR BRANCH #159**



Bowling

SIRS BOWLING is on summer vacation. We will resume on September 8. 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

WE ALL SEEM TO BE SURVIVING the heat of July and August this year, and in fine style I might add. It proves that we either have the good sense to avoid the extremes of temperatures or are from good DNA stock. Either title would suit me..

I talked to *Mrs. Dean Tilly*, and to quote him, "the damn kemo hurts!". I can believe that. *Bob Button* is doing a tad better but it is a long way from "getting out of the woods". *Bill Meyers* is going through a rough time and is in need of our prayers. *Jim Whitmer* has gone in for some orthoscopic surgery.

Since you are stuck in the house, how about giving these members a call and adding a little cheer to their day? Please let me know if you hear of any members on the "feeling poorly" list. Reach me at *ccooperv@sbglobal.net* or 439-2757.

...Sir Bob Cooper



Travel

For members and guests only!

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

► **October 3-4, 2006** — "California's Presidential Libraries" (Nixon and Reagan) (*Sir John Levis, 433-1740*).

► **October 24-31, 2006** — "Great American Cities Tour" (*Sir Richard Beers, 431-3728*).

► **October 31-November 8, 2006** — "Mississippi Queen, St. Paul to St. Louis" (*Sir John Levis, 433-1740*).

► **December 1-12, 2006** — "2006 SIR State Golf Tournament" aboard Princess Cruises' "The Dawn Princess to Mexico" (*Sir John Gisler, 208-585-3700*).

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

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

My email is *crdahlll@comcast.net*.

...Sir Carrol Dahl

THE LAWS OF THE NATURAL UNIVERSE—These are always true!

Law of the Telephone—When you dial a wrong number, you will never get a busy signal.

Law of Close Encounters—You will meet someone you know when you are with someone you don't want to be seen with.

Law of the Result—When you try to prove to someone that a machine won't work, it will.

Law of Mechanical Repair—After your hands become coated with grease, your nose will begin to itch and you'll have to pee.

Law of Logical Argument—Anything is possible if you don't know what you are talking about.

Law of Biomechanics—The severity of the itch is inversely proportional to your reach.

Theater Rule—At any event. the people whose seats are furthest from the aisle arrive last.

Law of Favorite Products—As soon as you find a product that you really like, they will stop making it.



Computers

ON JULY 25, Jerry Gurs presented an interesting discussion on video on the computer, including cameras, editing, and saving. This area of computer use is constantly growing, so Jerry's program was certainly timely.

On August 22, Jim Martin will cover how our Branch publications are put together, including the Chanticleer, the Directory, and the mailing labels. This involves Adobe InDesign, a professional page layout program.

Note that our starting time is **1:00 PM**. We meet at the Woodward Park Library, 344 East Perrin Avenue (at its northwest corner with Champlain). For more information, contact me: *roger.deal@comcast.net* or 297-7022.

...Sir Roger Deal

♠♥ Bridge ♦♣

IN RECENT SINGLES PLAY, *Jack Leonard* had the high total score of 5850 points. *Hugh Cox* and *Pete Giragosian* had the high one-table score of 1880 points.

Position	Week #1	Week #3
1	P. Fullerton	J. Leonard
2	L. Knoll	P. Giragosian
3	P. Giragosian	G. Rurik
4	R. Vierra	J. Lund
5	G. Rurik	H. Cox
6	J. Leonard	J. Whitmer
7	B. Thompson	F. Hunting
8	H. Masters	
Consolation	J. Peterson	M. Escobar

...Sir John Williford