



The Chanticleer

Date — February 9, 2006

Place — Ramada Inn
324 East Shaw Avenue

PROGRAM

Angie Cates

Social Hour — 11:00 AM

Luncheon — 12:00 Noon

\$12.00 + Buck Bucket

Big Sir...John Metzger

ATTENDING THIS MONTH'S COMPUTER GROUP WAS an enjoyable experience for me. While I was to talk about doing income tax on the personal computer, I believe more benefit was gained by the meaningful questions from the floor. Everyone present participated. The formation of this group, chaired by Roger Deal, is a great example of how shared interests make for interesting, inexpensive, and informative meetings.

As all members should know, Roger is also our membership chairman, meaning that he maintains the database, inducts new members and leads all of us in the "hearty cock-a-doodle-doo to welcome them into the club. In addition to chairing the computer group and his membership duties, Roger furnishes the Board with a variety of statistical information gleaned from the data base. Last month, a spreadsheet was prepared showing our members' average age and a listing of members interested in activities not currently addressed. Any member interested in leading formation of an interest group should feel free to contact Roger for names of people with similar interests.

Last, but not least, kudos to Howard Boston and Jim Lund for expeditiously performing Branch #159's year-end audit. Their comment, "Overall the documentation and record keeping appear to be excellent. Applause for Rich Zanarini and Joe Bencivengo!"

Other Fresno Branch Programs

February 14 - Branch #169 - Pardini's
Kathy Meyer
St. Agnes Volunteers

February 8 - Branch 179 - Ramada Inn
Holland American Line
Cruising

February 23 - Branch #175 - Pardini's
No information
Courtesy of Area Governor Marv Arnold

Little Sir...Ron Wilson

THE JANUARY "DOLDRUMS" ARE ABOUT OVER AND off we go into the bright, sunny days of February.

Having my troubles regarding the May Ladies' Day; I haven't yet found a step-up type of entertainment to draw more attendance. I will keep looking. If all else fails, we can put the Big Sir in a grass skirt and coconut shell bra and have him do a few renditions of "Aloha Holiday". (At least that would make a wonderful video for the Holiday luncheon next December!)

Our scheduled speaker for February is Angie Cates, womens' golf coach for Fresno State. She will be speaking about the Athletic Department, her position in it, and her view of the future of the program. I don't think she will be giving lessons, but we can ask.

Irvin Craig

1921-2006

*"Irv" passed away January 27, 2006.
He was SIR State President in 2002,
and Big Sir of Branch #159 in 1994.
He was an Honorary Life Member.*

Branch #159

Welcomes These New Members

Barton Hagopian ... Valentine Rivera
Larry Rosander

✂ February's Menu

Beef Stroganoff ... Rosemary Chicken
Potato
Fresh Vegetable ... Four Salads
Rolls & Butter
Coffee, Tea, Decaf
Dessert



Happy Birthday!

Bob Cooper...Dick Derpinghaus
 Ron Eskender...Richard Ewell
 Ed Gavigan...George Gruner
 Roy Harris...Mel Means
 David Metzger...Doc Mincy
 Don Soper...Jack Whitaker
 Bob Young



Happy Anniversary!

Laverne & Kent Bowlan
 Donna & Pete Burman
 Carolyn & Boyd Gibson
 Barbara & Ray Lawson
 Lois & Allen Layne
 Joan & Warren Moose
 Betty & Sal Morales
 Betsy & Jim Peterson
 Pat & Horace Spann
 Mary Ell & John Williford

The March Chanticleer contributor deadline is WEDNESDAY, February 22.

... Jim Martin, Editor

In 1981:

1. Prince Charles got married.
2. Liverpool was crowned the soccer champion of Europe.
3. Australia lost the Ashes Tournament.
4. The Pope died.

In 2005:

1. Prince Charles got married.
2. Liverpool was crowned the soccer champion of Europe.
3. Australia lost the Ashes Tournament.
4. The Pope died.

In the future, if Prince Charles decides to marry again, somebody should warn the Pope.



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

18 Golf

*Airways
 January 19, 2006*

1st Place H. Gomar/A. Wilner
 J. Whitaker/T. Forrest

3-Way Tie! R. Zanarini/J. Devlin
 K. Kerner/B. Young
 M Welch/C. Merz
 G. Gruner/R. Phillips

4th Place M. Williamson/R. Rosander
 N. Lee/J. D'Amico

CTP Hole #7 1st R. Phillips
 2nd B. Jones
 3rd J. Whitmer
 4th G. Partlett

CTP Hole #15 Nobody made it!

...Chair, Sir Mike Williamson



Attendance

BRANCH #159 HAD 255 ACTIVE members in January. There were 176 present, with 79 absent of which 66 were excused. We have nine inactive members.

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 a total of six absences in a twelve-month period constitutes a jeopardy to membership.

If you are unable to attend in February, contact me by phone at 439-1228 or at robertm@thegrid.net.

...Sir Bob Montgomery

**A REMINDER FROM
 TREASURER JOE BENCIVENGO**

Please make your 2006 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 Laureen Avenue at the February Luncheon
 Fresno CA 93710-5905

Little Johnny asked his Grandma how old she was. Grandma answered "Thirty-nine and holding".

Johnny thought a moment, and then said, "And how old would you be if you let go?"



Bowling

HERE ARE THE LATEST RESULTS FOR our SIR bowling group:

December 16

High Series E. Gavigan 653
High Game T. Dew 247

December 23

High Series T. Dew 644
High Game C. Dahl 221

December 30

High Series R. Urushima 575
High Game B. Ripley 220

January 6

High Series T. Dew 662
High Game J. Kasner 226

January 13

High Series R. Zanarini 642
High Game T. Dew 231

January 20

High Series B. Ripley 664
High Game R. Zanarini 260

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

KNOW IT'S NOT SPRINGTIME YET because it is 30°+ outside and high heating bills inside. Only a few members are ill so far this season. It gives me high hopes that we, as a group, are getting healthier.

Our sterling leader, *Irv Craig* is hospitalized with pneumonia; *Merle Heetland* is healing very well; *Fred Osterberg* had an ankle fused and is hobbling around; *Bob Christiansen* is making slow progress with his knee replacement; *Bert Bertelsen* is improving since his heart has been regulated; *Don Evans* had a heart operation; and *San Moose* was in the hospital but I don't know what for.

Give these members a call and keep me informed, please. Reach me at ccooperiva@sbcglobal.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.

March 1-4, 2006 — "Two Nights in Death Valley and a Night in Bakersfield with the Buck Owens Dinner Show" (*Sir Carrol Dahl, 439-5874*).

March 20-22, 2006 — "Bobby Vinton Show" in Reno (*Sir Carrol Dahl, 439-5874*).

May 17-24, 2006 — "Exotic Iceland", (*Sir Richard Beers, 431-3728*).

September 30-October 7, 2006 — "New England Back Roads Tour" (*Sir Ed Dorn, 433-0670*).

October 14-22, 2006 — "American Queen, St. Paul to St. Louis" (*Sir John Levis, 433-1740*).

My email is crdahlll@comcast.net.

...Sir Carrol Dahl



Computers

ON JANUARY 24, JOHN METZGER SHOWED US HOW TO DO OUR INCOME TAXES on the computer. Electronic filing and direct deposit are easy and quick. Jim Martin gave us a brief look at Google Earth, which can be addictive!

And on February 28, George Gianopulos will demonstrate Image Processing.

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

For every complex problem, there is an answer that is clear, simple, and wrong. (H. L. Mencken)

Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there. (Will Rogers)

If everyone is thinking alike, then somebody isn't thinking. (George Patton)

♠♥ Bridge ♦♣

IN JANUARY SINGLES PLAY, JOHN WILLIFORD HAD THE HIGH TOTAL SCORE OF 5990 points. John Williford and Larry Knoll had the high one-table score of 2340 points.

Position	Week #1	Week #3	Week #5
1	J. Leonard	J. Williford	J. Lund
2	F. Hunting	B. Cleveland	B. Bertelsen
3	J. Whitmer	H. Buckenberger	B. Vierra
4	B. Bertelsen	J. Lund	F. Hunting
5	P. Giragosian	B. Bertelsen	K. Shaffer
6	B. Rayburn	—	J. Williford
7	—	—	W. Rose
8	—	—	B. Kooyumjian
Consolation	J. Lund	B. Thompson	H. Buckenberger

...Sir John Williford