



The Chanticleer

Date — March 9, 2006

Place — Ramada Inn
324 East Shaw Avenue

• PROGRAM •

Terence McArthur

Social Hour — 11:00 AM

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

Big Sir ... John Metzger

RUMMAGING THROUGH SOME OLD FILES, I CAME across the January, 2004, Chanticleer, which contained my first column for that year, about members reserving entire tables which was creating a seating availability problem. My plea to stop this practice fell on deaf ears, because the problem still exists today.

The Board has been receiving complaints, including demands for refund of the luncheon payment when members had to leave because there were no open seats. After serious discussion, your Board has acted to create a rule to be effective with the March—this—meeting.

Any reserved seats not occupied *by 11:45 A.M.*, either by a person or placement of the member's badge, are available to any member needing a seat.

This does not preclude saving seats for our friends as long *as long they arrive in a timely fashion*. This rule was announced at the February luncheon, and is repeated here for the benefit of those who weren't at that meeting.

Remember that we meet "... once a month, just for the fun of it, to enjoy old friends and form new ones ...". I think you'll find that it is fun to circulate once in a while and learn that we have many interesting people as members.

Other Fresno Branch Programs

March 8 - Branch 179 - Ramada Inn

Dr. Stephen White

Downing Planetarium

March 14 - Branch #169 - Pardini's

Bill McEwen

Fresno Bee Columnist

March 23 - Branch #175 - Pardini's

Craig Scharton

"One by One Leadership"

Courtesy of Area Governor Sir Marv Arnold

Little Sir ... Ron Wilson

BRAVO TO OUR BIG SIR FOR FINALLY TAKING A STAND on a common problem caused by saving seats. As he notes, part of our Bylaws states our goal of enjoying old friends and making new ones. We don't want to "mess" with that, and saving seats in a reasonable manner is alright, but every member is entitled to a seat when he comes to a meeting. Be there by 11:45 and advise your buddies of the deadline, and you'll have no problems. We really hate to hear of people getting dressed up, coming to the meeting, and not having a place to sit. Put yourself in their shoes, and you can see the problem!

Past Big Sir Ray Allen did say he could seat to regular-size men by himself—one on each knee.

Our scheduled speaker for March is Terence McArthur, of the Fresno County Library System. He has an interesting program planned, and we all look forward to hearing him.

Branch #159

Welcomes These New Members

Robert Asche ... Leonard Clune

Thomas Dougherty ... Jerry Gurs

Perry Huffman ... Ronald Jones

Carl Merz ... Al Willner

Our March Menu

Baked Fish ... Beef Tri-Tip Roast

Rice Pilaf

Fresh Vegetable ... Four Salads

Rolls & Butter

Coffee, Tea, Decaf

Dessert



Happy Birthday

Wayne Adams...Eric Anderson
 Mel Bisgaard...Bill Burgstaller
 Bob Dutton...Axel Christiansen
 Carrol Dahl...Ed Dill
 Nolon Doss...Tom Dougherty
 Don Evans...Mike Farley
 George Gianopulos...Bill Hare
 Doug Hunter...Wilfred Jensen
 Art Jing...Ken Kerner
 Bob Kooyumjian...Bill Larkin
 Jack Leonard...Jim Lund
 Guy Mathys...Al Mills
 Ed Moseley...Larry Rosander
 Howard Smith...Art Stone



Happy Anniversary

Tina & Wayne Adams
 Kathy & Fred Arras
 Carolyn & Alan Baxter
 Connie & Al Black
 Barbara & Derome Bratvold
 Betty & Robert Button
 Joan & Ronald DeBaets
 Beverle & Richard Derpinghaus
 Carol & Bill Ellsworth
 Dorothy & Robert Emerzian
 Margaret & Philip Fullerton
 Phyllis & Henry Gomar
 Carla & Ronald Jones
 Helen & Howard Latta
 Barbara & Robert Osmanson
 Patt & Leroy Pandukht
 Shirley & Graham Partlett
 Kittie & Roger Pirie
 Dorothy & Albert Rhodes
 Jeanne & Roger Segelke
 Virginia & Leland Virag

18 Golf

*Madera
 January 26, 2006*

1st Place B. Jones/P. Lundeberg
 G. Partlett/J. Whitaker
2nd Place B. Oller/C. Smith
 J. Metzger/B. Young
3rd Place J. Whitmer/R. Zanarini
 K. Kerner/J. Williford
4th Place J. Bort/H. Gomar
 R. Rosander/L. Rosander
CTP Hole #6 1st J. Whitmer
 2nd J. Metzger
 3rd P. Lundeberg
 4th P. Conway
CTP Hole #15 1st D. Major
 2nd L. Rosander
 3rd K. Kerner
 4th V. Rivera

*Fig Garden
 February 2, 2006*

1st Place D. Lindauer/R. Allen
 L. Seto/B. Young
2nd Place A. Stimmel/E. Nagai
 J. Sheldon/P. Conway
3rd Place D. Scharton/V. Rivera
 C. Roberson/L. Cochran
4th Place D. Betts/C. Smith
 S. Morales/S. Hatter
5th Place B. Jones/M. Williamson
 K. Kerner/L. Casper
CTP Hole #3 1st T. Schab
 2nd C. Roberson
 3rd D. Lindauer
CTP Hole #11 1st S. Morales
 2nd J. Sheldon
 3rd B. Oller

...Chair, Sir Mike Williamson



Giants Sirs Day

IT'S AGAIN TIME FOR THE STATE SIRs to attend a Giants game, "SIRs Day at the Giants". The date is June 21, 2006.

The prices are: Box \$34.00, View \$20.00, and Bleacher \$18.00.

If you are interested, you must contact **Sir Bruno Ferioli** at **435-6603** as soon as possible.

Depending on the response from Branch #159, Bruno may be able to arrange a bus to take our group to the game.

An elderly Floridian called 911 on a cell phone to report that his car had been broken into. He hysterically explained to the dispatcher, "They've stolen the stereo, the steering wheel, the brake pedal, and the accelerator!"

The dispatcher said, "Stay calm, an officer is on the way."

A few minutes later, the officer radioed in. "Disregard", he says, "he got in the back seat by mistake."



Attendance

BRANCH #159 HAD 254 ACTIVE members in February. There were 173 present, with 81 absent of which only 64 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 March, contact me by phone at **439-1228** or at **robertm@thegrid.net**.

...Sir Bob Montgomery

The March Chanticleer contributor deadline is FRIDAY, March 24.

... Jim Martin, Editor



Bowling

HERE ARE THE LATEST RESULTS FOR our SIR bowling group:

January 27

High Series	J. Whitmer	618
High Game	R. Spencer	224

February 3

High Series	B. Ripley	663
High Game	J. Whitmer	240

February 10

High Series	J. Kasner	652
High Game	B. Ripley	251

February 17

High Series	R. Zanarini	707
High Game	M. Knapp	229

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



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

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*).

October 17-26, 2006 — “Great American Cities Tour” (*Sir Richard Beers, 431-3728*).

March 2007 — “Guatemala—Mayan Civilizations” (*Sir Richard Beers, 431-3728*).

My email is crdahlll@comcast.net.

...Sir Carrol Dahl

Nominations Time: Nominating Committee Chair, Sir Bill Cross, 224-3109, would like to hear from members interested in running for 2007 Little Sir and service on the Branch Board.



Computers

On February 28, George Gianopulos presented digital image processing, of particular interest to those with digital cameras or wishing to make changes in film slides or negatives.

The March 28 program is not yet firm, but come anyway since there’s always helpful information in the discussions.

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



Sunshine

IDIDN’T WANT TO BE A STATISTIC IN my own column, but there seems to be no way to get around it. Iva, my wife of 67 years, passed away last month. Now, I have to face major surgery. They say if you live long enough, you get everything! I have experienced many things and events in my lifetime, so this operation is just another bump in the road.

Ken Shaffer is doing fine and getting lots of exercise. **Don Evans** is OK after his second operation. **Bert Bertelsen** is healing up nicely. **Merle Heetland** has a bad infection in his ears, and this after a broken collar bone. **Fred Osterberg** still has the cast on his ankle but hopefully it will come off soon.

I am not getting around much lately, so please call if you hear of any members on the “feeling poorly” list. Reach me at coperiva@sbcglobal.net or 439-2757.

...Sir Bob Cooper

♠♥ Bridge ♦♣

IN JANUARY SINGLES PLAY, JOHN WILLIFORD HAD THE HIGH TOTAL SCORE OF 5990 points. John Williford and Jack Leonard had the high one-table score of 2840 points.

Position	Week #1	Week #3
1	J. Williford	M. Escobar
2	B. Cleveland	K. Shaffer
3	H. Buchenberger	J. Leonard
4	J. Lund	B. Cleveland
5	A. Bertelsen	B. Kooyumjian
6	P. Fullerton	F. Hunting
7	F. Ferry	P. Giragosian
Consolation	B. Thompson	W. Rose

...Sir John Williford



THE SIR BRANCH #159

SPRING LADIES' DAY LUNCHEON

When ... May 11, 2005

Where ... Pardini's

(2245 West Shaw at Van Ness Extension)

Bar Open ... 11:00 AM

Luncheon Served ... 12:00 Noon



• Menu •

Entrée Choice...Chicken Marsala or Pan Roast Beef

Tossed Garden Salad

Chef's Selection of Potato

Vegetable of the Season

Baguettes...Butter...Coffee...Tea...Water

Dessert, Chef's Choice

Entertainment by Dr. Syd Harriet

Songs from the 40s, 50s, and 60s

and ... LOTS of door prizes!



FROM: Sir _____ Badge # _____

Enclosed: ___ \$26.00 per Couple or ___ \$13.00 Single

Entree Choices(s): ___ Chicken ___ Roast Beef.

Make checks payable to SIR BRANCH #159

Mail or give to Treasurer Joe Bencivengo ... BY MAY 6th

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