



# The Chanticleer

Date — May 11, 2006

Place — Pardini's  
2245 West Shaw Avenue

• Ladies' Day •  
Spring Luncheon

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

## Big Sir ... John Metzger

IT IS ALWAYS PLEASANT TO RECEIVE A BULLETIN FROM one of the other branches and to see what they are doing. A couple of our members indicated that the formation of a book reading group would be a good idea since a significant number of Branch #159 members have listed reading among their interests. Branch #175 has a group called "The Book Worms", chaired by Hal Debban, which gets together at Pardini's coffee shop at 9:00 AM on their branch meeting day. I phoned Hal to see if he might share his experience with me, and he said that their meetings and discussions are quite informal. Each member of the group takes his turn at suggesting a book to be read and discussed. Of course, any SIR activity needs a chairman; any volunteers?

SIR Day at the Grizzlies, July 5, was touted at our April meeting by two nice young people, representing the team. I commented afterward that if Branch #159 sold the highest percentage of tickets, your Big Sir would have the honor of representing you by throwing out the first pitch. This announcement elicited some serious groaning from the audience. In spite of that response, the Metzger clan will be make a showing at the game. We've taken this as a great opportunity to have a family reunion, a Fourth of July barbecue, and top it all off with the ball game and fireworks on the fifth of July. We're all looking forward to the time and hope to see a goodly number of Branch #159 members at the game.

## Other Fresno Branch Programs

May 9 - Branch 169 - Pardini's  
*Ladies' Day*

*Duncan Ceramics*

May 10 - Branch #179 - Ramada  
*Ladies' Day*

*Comedian Nick Hammel*

May 25 - Branch #175 - Pardini's  
*Dr. Larry Wilder*

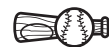
*Vocational Training*

*Courtesy of Area Governor Sir Marv Arnold*

## Little Sir ... Ron Wilson

AH, SPRING! THE TIME OF YEAR WHEN ALL THOUGHTS turn to *Ladies' Day* at Pardini's. Historically, Branch #159 had a Valentine's Day luncheon and a summer evening picnic, but, for several reasons, the attendance dropped to the point where these two events were combined to form a Spring regular meeting day luncheon. We try to make it an affair to show our ladies a good time and an opportunity for them to see more of what Sons in Retirement is all about and the camaraderie we all enjoy. We even had an induction ceremony once at our Ladies' Day luncheon a few years back. Is there a better way of telling and showing our best friends how much we care for them than doing this? I don't know, but we do want to honor our womenfolk and thank them in this special way. Oh, and if you are between Loves, it is a regular meeting day; attend and be part of it.

So, come and have a nice lunch, relax, and listen to Syd Harriet and his song stylings of Frank Sinatra and other artists of the 40s, 50s, and 60s. Maybe he will muster up a fond memory for you. Then we will have some drawings for prizes. Try your luck! Top hat, white tie, and tails are optional.



## Sirs Baseball

A REMINDER ABOUT SIR'S DAY AT THE GRIZZLIES ON July 5, 2006. Marvin Arnold has reserved 200 tickets for this outstanding event, in Section 122 along the first base line. The cost is only \$7.00, and if we exceed 200, the price will drop to \$6.00. At these prices, you can afford to bring family and friends! After the game, there will be a fireworks show just like the one on July 4.

They will be playing the Sacramento River Cats, a great competitor and Oakland A's farm team. Note John Metzger's column, regarding which Fresno Branch sells the most tickets. *This needs your early attention*, so we can complete arrangements with the Grizzlies. Make checks to SIR Branch #159 and *get them to Bruno Ferioli soon!* His address is 6603 N. Marty Avenue, Fresno 93711, "ASAP" but at least before the end of May.



### Happy Birthday

Dean Beeman...Bert Bertelsen  
 Howard Boston...Derome Bratvold  
 Bob Christiansen...Leonard Clune  
 George Culverwell...Bob Dowell  
 Mike Federico...Bill Freeman  
 Frank Garrison...Bill Johnson  
 Dimitri Kostiw...Gordon Lowe  
 Frank Maslowski...Sanford Moose  
 Gerald Nelson...Warren Nelson  
 Fred Osterberg...Murray Pagel  
 Frank Smith...Bart Stockman  
 Jim Vaughan...Erv Zander



### Happy Anniversary

Betty & George Culverwell  
 Patricia & Ed Gavigan  
 Irene & George Gruner  
 Agnes & Barton Hagopian  
 Helen & Ward Lasher  
 Nadine & Gordon Lowe  
 Patty & John Morrill  
 Shirley & Bob Rathburn  
 Eleanor & Carter Roberson  
 Laverne & Ronald Spencer  
 Elva & Arthur Stone  
 Mary & James Vaughan  
 Karen & Mike Williamson  
 Lee & Dick Ziegler

### Directory Update

Enclosed is a Directory update reflecting recent changes. The next update will be in September. Please advise of address or phone number changes.

Contact Sir Roger Deal at 297-7022 or rogerdeal2@comcast.net.

### 18 Golf

#### Madera March 30, 2006

**1st Place** T. Dew/G. Patton  
 B. Oller/F. Hokr  
**2nd Place** J. Whitmer/J. D'Amico  
**3rd Place** J. Munroe/J. Bencivengo  
 V. Rivera/J. Whitaker  
**4th Place** B. Carlson/B. Young  
 P. Baker/R. Rosander  
**CTP Hole #6** 1st R. Rosander  
 2nd N. Lee  
 3rd R. Phillips  
**CTP Hole #15** 1st M. Welch  
 2nd B. Carlson  
 3rd B. Dixon

#### Airways March 16, 2006

**Team 11** V. Rivera/H. Cox  
**1st** T. Dew/L. Cochran  
**Team 2** R. Phillips/J. Metzger  
**2nd-Tie** B. Dickson/T. Forrest  
**Team 12** M. Williamson/B. Boguski  
**2nd-Tie** G. Gruner/J. Hatter  
**Team 5** D. Betts/G. Patton  
**3rd-Tie** J. Sheldon/K. Shaffer  
**Team 7** L. Clune/K. Kerner  
**3rd-Tie** R. Rosander/F. Hokr  
**CT-Hole #7** 1st M. Welch  
 2nd A. Baxter  
 3rd G. Patton  
 4th R. Zanarini  
**CTP Hole #15** 1st R. Major  
 2nd B. Young  
 3rd V. Rivera  
 4th F. Kurihara

#### Fresno West March 23, 2006

**A Flight** R. Segelke/R. Zanarini  
 B. Jones/B. Oller  
**B Flight** R. Merkle/H. Gomar  
 M. Welch/L. Seto  
**C Flight** D. Hunter/A. Black  
 A. Insalaco/C. Roberson  
**D Flight** T. Forrest/L. Knoll  
 R. Rosander/J. Whitaker  
**CTP Hole #8** 1st B. Boguski  
 2nd P. Conway  
 3rd L. Seto  
 4th J. Whitmer  
**CTP Hole #16** 1st M. Williamson  
 2nd L. Rosander  
 3rd K. Kerner  
 4th R. Segelke

...Chair, Sir Mike Williamson



### Attendance

**B**RANCH #159 HAD 261 ACTIVE members in April. There were 177 present, with 84 absent of which only 69 were excused. One member was terminated.

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 May, contact me by phone at 439-1228 or at robertm@thegrid.net.

...Sir Bob Montgomery

The June Chanticleer contributor deadline is WEDNESDAY, May 24.

... Jim Martin, Editor

A Sunday school teacher asked her class, "What was Jesus' mother's name?", and got the correct answer, "Mary".

She then asked about His father's name, and a boy volunteered, "Verge". She asked him, "Where in the world did you get that?"

The boy answered, "Well, I hear everybody always talking about "Verge 'n Mary".

 **Bowling**

**H**ERE ARE THE LATEST RESULTS FOR our SIR bowling group (80% handicaps included):

**March 24**

High Series	R. Zanarini	699
High Game	H. Cox	215

**March 31**

High Series	B. Ripley	661
High Game	J. Whitmer	249

**April 7**

High Series	T. Harlan	631
High Game	R. Zanarini	221

**April 14**

High Series	T. Dew	642
High Game	T. Harlan	243

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



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

 **Travel**

*For members and guests only!*

**H**ERE 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.

**August 9, 2006** — “A Chorus Line” at the Curran Theater, San Francisco (*Sir Richard Beers, 431-3728*).

**October 3-4, 2006** — “California’s Presidential Libraries” (Nixon and Reagan) (*Sir John Levis, 433-1740*).

**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](mailto:crdahlll@comcast.net).

...Sir Carrol Dahl

 **Bridge**

**I**N RECENT PLAY, BOB HAW HAD THE HIGH TOTAL SCORE OF 7000 points. Ron Vierra and Mike Escobar had the high one-table score of 1770 points.

Position	Week #1	Week #3	Week #5
1	B. Haw	P. Fullerton	L. Knoll
2	J. Lund	M. Escobar	G. Rurik
3	B. Rayburn	L. Knoll	B. Cleveland*
4	H. Cox	J. Williford	B. Bertelsen*
5	B. Thompson	B. Thompson	B. Rayburn
6	R. Vierra	D. Livingston	J. Williford
7		B. Kooyumjian	J. Collings
Consolation	B. Bertelsen	J. Collings	F. Hunting

\* = Tie

...Sir John Williford

 **Sunshine**

**O**NE OF LIFE’S REALITIES IS THAT IF YOU STAY ALIVE LONG ENOUGH, YOU will get everything. I was brought up short last week while having lunch with a group of old friends. The conversation turned to pains and pills and, lo and behold, one of the group (all are over 80) takes no pills and sees no doctors. Goes to show you that there is an exception to every rule. Bless his crusty old hide, I hope he keeps it that way! Now, I, on the other hand, have had most everything. And by the time you read this I will have had another joust with Medicare. Thanks for all your good wishes.

*Frank Hokr* had the bug but according to his wife he is getting ornery again so he must be feeling better. *Dean Tilley* had elbow surgery for cancer and is awaiting results. *Paul Creel's* wife died and condolences were sent. *Jim Suddath* had a knee replacement and is in rehab. I haven’t been able to contact *Earl Ness* so I can’t say how he’s doing (well, I hope).

Reach me at [ccooperiva@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ccooperiva@sbcglobal.net) or 439-2757.

...Sir Bob Cooper

 **Computers**

**O**N APRIL 25, WE HAD A GENERAL discussion of member interests and future program topics.

For May 22, Jim Martin will “walk us through” developing a digital presentation using either PowerPoint (PC or Mac) or Keynote (Mac), the steps involved and what to consider.

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](mailto:roger.deal@comcast.net) or 297-7022.

...Sir Roger Deal