



The Chanticleer

<p>Date — May 10, 2007 Place — Love & Garlic 5351 North Diana Street</p>	<p>• PROGRAM • Spring Ladies' Day</p>	<p>Social Hour — 11:00 AM Luncheon — 12:00 Noon</p>
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► **Big Sir ... Ron Wilson**

SIT HERE LOOKING OUT THE WINDOW at a gray and gloomy sky. A rare day in Fresno, so the only thing to do to cheer myself up is start thinking about Sons in Retirement. Up next for us is our Spring Ladies' Day. We do love our ladies and want to show them that we appreciate how they forgive us our many sins. Mine include going fishing and pickup trucks. Can't seem to get Theresa to actually go out and buy me the new boat which I sorely need. Maybe a day at "Love & Garlic" will help. If it works for me, maybe it will work for you, too. So send your checks in to Treasurer Joe Bencivengo and let's all get new boats this spring!

Don't forget that our June luncheon will be "Button Day". What that means is dust off that old bolo tie from SIR, put on four or five of those rooster pins, grab your new SIR shirt, and let's see if we can add a new dimension to kick off the summer season.

July 6th is "Grizzlies Day"! I'm going to be there! The Grizzlies are winning some games this year and I want to see that and also help cheer them along. Fireworks will be included. BUT...again, Bruno Ferioli needs to get a head count and the money, so give him a call. And bring a guest.

Did I mention that there will be door prizes at the Ladies' Day luncheon? Also, there will be a bachelor table in case any of the ladies would like to "trade up".

Note—no Little Sir column was received in time to be published in this issue of the Chanticleer.

Welcome, New Members

- Mike Fair*
- Elton Holland*
- Richard McDonough*
- Tim Robertson*
- Carl Smith*

STATE SIR WEB SITE

THE STATE WEB SITE HAS A BRIGHT new appearance which those of you with internet connection should check out.

Available through the home pages are a number of interesting pages, such as SIR Happenings, Branch Web Sites, How SIR Started, and locations of SIR branches. There is a section called "Documents" which requires a secure login; this section has a variety of SIR data and forms and, more important, includes the state roster. If you'd like to visit this section, contact a Branch officer for the user ID and password.

Our Branch #159 is posted on the state site early each month; it will be found in the Branch Web Site section

Credit for the sparkling new home page goes to Webmaster Bill Ripley.

Take a look!

In Memoriam
Sir Russell Piccirilli



Happy Birthday

Freddie Anderson ... Bert Bertelsen
 Howard Boston ... Derome Bratvold
 Bob Christiansen ... Len Clune
 George Culverwell ... Bob Dowell
 Mike Federico ... Bill Freeman
 Frank Garrison ... Terry Goodman
 Bill Johnson ... Dimitri Kostiw
 Gordon Lowe ... Frank Maslowski
 Gerald Nelson ... Warren Nelson
 Fred Osterberg ... Murray Pagel
 Frank Smith Jr. ... Bart Stockman
 Jim Vaughn ... Stan Weinstein
 Steve Wray ... Erv Zander



Happy Anniversary

Paula and Freddie Anderson
 Jan and Byron Carlson
 Betty and George Culverwell
 Patricia and Ed Gavigan
 Irene and George Gruner
 Nadine and Gordon Lowe
 Patty and Jack Morrill
 Shirley and Robbie Roberson
 Laverne and Bob Spencer
 Mary and Jim Vaughn
 Karen and Mike Williamson
 Lee and Dick Ziegler



Attendance

BRANCH #159 HAD 253 ACTIVE members in April. 175 members attended the luncheon and 78 members were absent, of whom 65 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*

**THE JUNE
 CHANTICLEER DEADLINE IS
 THURSDAY, MAY 24**

► *Jim Martin, Editor*



Golf

PHEASANT RUN ...

► April 5, 2007

Flight A E. Bowman/R. Jones
 D. Scharton/G. Rodriguez

Flight B G. Kazarian/D. Betts
 R. Allen/M. Williamson

Flight C B. Carlson/B. Evans
 S. Morales/G. Patton

Flight D K. Kerner/T. Forrest
 T. Goodman/P. Huffman

CTP 1st G. Rodriguez

Hole 2nd D. Scharton

#3 3rd A. Insalaco

CTP 1st T. Schab

Hole 2nd G. Patton

#17 3rd P. Baker

AIRWAYS

► April 19, 2007

1st R. Brisendine/T. Forrest

2nd B. Powers/T. Feasal
Tie R. Zanarini/J. Sheldon

3rd A. Baxter/P. Conway
Tie M. Williamson/J. D'Amico

4th E. Bowman/B. Montgomery
Tie B. Boguski/S. Hatter
Tie J. Deming/B. Young

CTP 1st D. Metzger

Hole 2nd B. Young

#7 3rd H. Gomar

CTP 1st D. Scharton

Hole 2nd B. Oller

#15 3rd A. Baxter

► *Sir Mike Williamson*

DIRECTORY UPDATE

WITH THIS CHANTICLEER you will find an update to the Branch # 159 Directory issued in January. Another update will be issued in September.

Please help us keep your date current by promptly advising *Roger Deal* of changes.

Reach Roger at 297-7022, or roger.deal@comcast.net.

VALLEY OAKS ...

► April 11, 2007

1st D. Moore/R. Allen
 R. Dickson/S. Hatter

2nd J. Munroe/H. Gomar
 J. Doherty/T. Forrest

3rd E. Bowman/J. Whitmer
 J. Bencivengo/R. Rosander

4th D. Whitlow/D. Metzger
 B. Carlson/B. Evans

CTP 1st D. Moore

Hole 2nd E. Bowman

#7 3rd —

CTP 1st P. Baker

Hole 2nd E. Black

#15 3rd R. Rosander



Sirs Baseball

A REMINDER ABOUT THE SIRs "Day at the Grizzlies". The date is **Friday, July 6, 2007.**

Marvin Arnold is again arranging this outstanding event. They will be playing the Sacramento River Cats, a great competitor and Oakland A's farm team. After the game, there will be a fireworks show just like the one on July 4.

The cost is only \$7.00 per seat. At this price, you can afford to bring family and friends!

This needs your early attention, so Marvin can complete arrangements with the Grizzlies. Make checks to "Sons in Retirement" and **get them to Bruno Ferioli soon!** His address is 6603 North Marty Avenue, Fresno 93711, "ASAP" but at least before the end of May.

**MY LIFE ...
 BROKEN DOWN IN SEGMENTS**





Bowling

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

► **March 30**

High Series	M. Knapp	642
High Game	B. Ripley	214

► **April 6**

High Series	R. Urushima	628
High Game	C. Dahl	238

► **April 13**

High Series	T. Harlan	643
High Game	M. Knapp	225

► **April 20**

High Series	R. Spencer	618
High Game	H. Cox	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*



Sunshine

I WANT TO CALL YOUR ATTENTION to something you really should know. It is called self-administered CPR, Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation. Here is the scene: you are alone and you feel a heart attack coming on. Nobody else is there—what should you do? Start coughing *really hard* and keep it up until you can get some help. Check with your doctor to make sure you have the correct procedure so you can save your own life.

I'm sorry to inform you of the death of **Russ Piccirilli** on April 20. Cards and condolences have been sent to the family. **Carl Nichols** is doing much better. **Gus Zernial** had trouble with his meds but is back on track. And **Jack Leonard** is walking without a cane but still has pain.

Stay healthy and keep me in the loop. You can reach me at **439-2757** or **ccooperiva@sbcglobal.net**.

► *Sir Bob Cooper*

"If life were fair, Elvis would be alive and all the impersonators would be dead."

► *Johnny Carson*



Travel

For members and guests only!

HERE IS THE UPCOMING TRAVEL INFORMATION. Not much at the moment. We no longer include full details in the Chanticleer. Be sure to stop at the travel table in the lobby to pick up sheets with more information.

► **October 28-29, 2007** — "Kingston Trio". Grand Sierra Resort in Reno (Sir Carrol Dahl, 439-5874).

► **April 3-15, 2008** — "The Islands of Hawaii". For the 50th Anniversary of SIR travel, fly to Hawaii and then visit the islands and return to San Francisco aboard the "Pride of America". (Golden Gate Tours, 800-874-4345).

You can reach me at **crdahlll@comcast.net** or **439-5874**.

► *Sir Carrol Dahl*



Computers

AT OUR APRIL MEETING, ROGER DEAL TOLD US HOW GPS WORKS AND why we shouldn't ever get lost again (or at least not as often, since road signs will probably never be obsolete).

For May, Jim Martin is going to demonstrate the latest version of Google Earth, that amazing software with which you can view anywhere in the world through satellite photographs—amazing and fun. He will also show us a selection of historic, unusual, and humorous road signs (both ladies and gentlemen have appreciated this presentation).

Because of a scheduling conflict at the Library, our May meeting is **moved back one hour to 2:00 PM**. Please mark this on your calendar.

Our meetings are at the **Woodward Park Library**, 344 East Perrin Avenue (on the northwest corner at Champlain). For further details, please contact me at **jgandsg@comcast.net** or **367-1700**.

► *Sir Jerry Gurs*

How Old Are We?

Membership Chairman Roger Deal has analyzed the age range of our Branch #159 membership. Here are the numbers:

50-60 years	8	3%	70-75 years	43	17%	85-90 years	36	14%
60-65 years	15	6%	75-80 years	61	24%	90-95 years	5	2%
65-70 years	29	11%	80-85 years	58	23%			

♠♥ Bridge ♦♣

IN RECENT SINGLES PLAY, THE HIGH TOTAL SCORE WAS MADE BY **B. Thompson** with 5830 points. **B. Thompson** and **P. Fullerton** had the high one-table score of 1730 points.

Position	Week #1	Week #3	Week #5
1	M. Escobar	G. Rurik	B. Thompson
2	J. Whitmer	J. Whitmer	J. Lund
3	B. Cleveland	B. Rayburn	B. Kooyumjian
4	F. Ferry	J. Lund	F. Ferry
5	B. Hare	B. Kooyumjian	P. Fullerton
6	J. Williford	B. Thompson	B. Rayburn
7	G. Rurik	—	J. Leonard
Consolation	Thompson/Giragosian	P. Giragosian	J. Collings

► *Sir John Williford*