



August 2020

The Gateway Chapter

Issue #8

A Non-Profit Organization for Men Devoted to the Promotion of Independence and Dignity in Retirement

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

- * Big SIR Message
- * Secretary Notes
- * Branch Officers
- * Anniversaries
- * Birthdays
- * New Members
- * Activities:
 - Couples Night Out
 - Golf Tournaments
 - Travel
 - Poker
 - Lawn Bowling
- * Board Minutes
- * Info from Other Sir Chapters
- * State SIR Info
- * Sunshine Report
- * Photos

LUNCHEON:
BOARD MEETING: 10:30 SOCIAL HOUR: 11:00 LUNCH: 12:00
 Paid Members/ Guests: \$15, \$18 for members who pay monthly
 SPEAKER: - MENU: -



BIG SIR Jackie Lovato

Greetings Fellow Sirs

As we enter the latter part of our hot summer, I hope everyone is staying safe and well. Your Executive Board Committee is meeting monthly trying to determine when we can safely restart the rest of our activities. Golf is the only activity that has been restarted based on state and local guidelines. Your BEC is looking into how and when to safely restart our luncheons. Based on the current COVID-19 state and local government guidelines we must maintain social distancing and wear face masks (except when eating) in order to have our function. We are thinking of holding a luncheon/meeting in September in an outdoor setting. If you are interested in attending, please let me, any of our BEC members or your caller know so we can get an idea of how many would attend. We may have to limit our number to the first 50. I want to thank you all for your patience and understanding, we are in times of uncertainty but together we will persevere.

**Big Sir
Jackie Lovato**

LITTLE SIR Scott Barcus

The theme of this August, 2020 Little Sirs article will communicate that withdrawals can occur in some really strange ways. Recent information says that the 2020 College Football season will be cancelled or moved to the spring of 2021. Our local high school football appears headed in the same direction. Consequently, we have Golf and baseball as a substitute. I know that many of you who read this will think..."So what...!!! Does anyone really care?" "Yes, I do." I admit I am a traditionalist and it will be a difficult fall season without high school football on Friday nights and college football all day on Saturdays. Just think... No Michigan versus Ohio State. No Army versus Navy. No Appalachian State versus North Dakota. It is going to be very challenging. However, with the present caliber of Professional Golf, maybe the loss of football will not be so tragic. For example: the 2020 PGA Championship final round this last Sunday was an outstanding sports event and a very adequate substitute for any other sport including baseball. Lastly...those Sir Branch 169 members who are playing golf, realize how important our friendships have become. Therefore, we are striving and discussing ways we might be able to meet while we are waiting for the present circumstances to change. If any of you have some ideas or suggestions, we would appreciate your thought.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS THIS MONTH	
Tom Blowers	Stan Busch
Jim Hiney	Bernie Hollenbeck
Tom McFerson	Dale Messer
Ron Wagoner	Patrick O'Sullivan

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES THIS MONTH	
Gregory/Betty Merrill	Les/Danita Bittle
Eric/Beverly Miller	Tom/Bobbie Blowers
Bill/Connie Prince	James/Judie Knapp
Tony/Sandra Williams	Dan/Barbie Lindstrom
Jack/Diane Lovato	Tom/Judy McFerson

Sponsors of prospective new members are requested to review the applications completed by their guests to make sure that the information provided is both complete and legible. Thank you for helping with this.

**SIR CHAPTER 169
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES Date July 6, 2020**

Big SIR, Jackie Lovato called the meeting to order at 9:00 am

Attending: Scott Barcus; Duane Evans; Jim Forden;
Ted Fox; Bernie Hollenbeck; Jackie Lovato; Ed Dorn; Luis Rodriguez

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: MSC to approve as submitted

TREASURE'S REPORT: MSC to approve as submitted

MEMBERSHIP: Jim Hiney not in attendance. Reaffirm Michael Panella and Joe Salazar for induction

TODAYS LUNCHEON ATTENDANCE: No Luncheon this month

PROGRAM OR SPEAKER TODAY: Nothing to report

OLD BUSINESS:

Additional donation checks were received after the original contribution was made to the Pardini staff. These funds will be given to the staff at our next luncheon. Bernie met with Pardini regarding the resumption of our meetings and the measures that will be required to meet the State and local Covid-19 guidelines. The caterer and staff are suffering from loss of business. No assembly greater than 10 persons permitted by state and local guidelines. Consensus of Board members that we wait with caution regarding resumption of luncheons.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ed Dorn reported that a new Poker group had been formed, but only 3 members attended the second of two sessions. Next golf outing will be held next Tuesday at Ridge Creek, to be followed by Madera CC on July 21st.

Jackie announced that the statewide meeting will be held of August 19 this year using the ZOOM teleconferencing system.

Bernie was requested to instruct the callers this month to not only check on the well being of each member, but also to find out who might not be receiving the Newsletter

Next Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 11th.

SUNSHINE REPORT: Tony Anello is at home in Manteca recovering from surgery.

Meeting adjourned at 10:52 am

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Jim Forden, Secretary

HELP US KEEP BRANCH 169 VIABLE AND STRONG. Attending the monthly luncheon is important, it helps us maintain our venue, plus you get a really good meal and fellowship with friends. Hope to see you all there!

SIR 169 Executive Board and Committee Chairmen



CALLERS

Mike Torigian - 439-2300 Dave Hoffman - 3745622 Gary Gregory - 674-5820
Bob Lung - 252-1483 Ted Fox - 298-3179 Bob Large - 227-7136 Anthony Noia - 492-1848
Ray Smith - 294-7696 John Kascht - 674-5123 Jim Peterson - 897-5595

TREASURER REPORT Ben Hager

Balance as of 4-1-20: \$3,800.29
Income during 4-1-20 - 6-1-20: 0
Expenses during 4-1-20 - 6-1-20: 0
Balance as of 6-6-20: \$3,800.29

MEMBERSHIP



Our branch website: sir169.org

The state organization's website: sirinc.org (everything you'd want to know and more!)

SIR HAPPENINGS is the organization's newsletter you can read if you click the icon that's on the website.

You can also get to any other branch's website from there.

State President: Ed Benson - ebensonwa@aol.com

Regional Director: Rick Kindle - rick@kindleandassoc.com

Area Governor: Lee Moy - leehealthstudio@gmail.com

ACTIVITIES



COUPLES NIGHT OUT

Nothing scheduled due to restaurant restrictions from COVID 19

Dinner is usually at 6:30

Sign up at the luncheons or contact Ed Dorn at 433-0670



BOWLING

A small number of avid bowlers venture out every Tuesday afternoon and hit the lanes. Currently there are no active 169 members participating. This event is open to all SIR and is an excellent way to have some fun and get some exercise. Contact Ted Fox @ 559-298-3179 for additional information.



COMPUTER GROUP

NO INFO



TRAVEL

ON HOLD DUE TO COVID 19



POOL

Join the weekly Pool outing (no not swimming). Breakfast at 10:00 am at Yosemite Falls Restaurant then play starts at 11:00 am at "The Rack" just south of Shaw on Blackstone Ave. Currently there are 8 active members of SIR participating but we are looking for new members. Contact Ted Fox at (559) 298-3179



On July 21st we played a Cha Cha Cha format at Madera Golf CC.

- 1st Place: Steve Herz, Russell Anderson, Dale Zanovich, Duane Oberquell
- 2nd Place: Jackie Lovato, Joe Salazar, Doug Nowlin, Ben Hager
- 3rd Place: Leonard Lovato, Richard Lara, Dave Dinsdale, BD



Closest to Pin:

- Hole #3: Brian Ohde 7'5" Mike Carrera 15'4"
- Hole #7: Jim Peterson 8' Bob Lung 9'3"
- Hole#13: Chick Threlfall 2'3" Tom Lean 8'2" Brian Ohde 8'2"
- Hole# 16: Mike Carrera 9'0" Jackie Lovato 11'7"

On July 28th we played a 2man bb format at Airways with the following results:

- 1st Place: Mike Carrera, Bob Lung
- 2nd Place: Les Bittle, Brian Ohde
- 3rd Place: Jackie Lovato, Dave Dinsdale



Closest to Pin:

- Hole #5: Duane Oberquell 16'7" Les Bittle 29'1"
- Hole #7: Ray Montag 11'1" Bob Lung 17'10"
- Hole #11: Ray Montag 10' Nick Lopez 14'8"
- Hole #15: Mick Carrera 5'11" Russell Anderson 6'7"

On July 7th we played a Lone Ranger format at Ridge Creek

- 1st Place: Dan Lindstom, Mike Panella, Dave Dinsdale, Jim Hiney
- 2nd Place: Mike Carrera, Tony Cardoza, Bob Boguski, Ken Myers
- 3rd Place: Ray Montag, Jim Peterson, Les Bittle, Ron Miller

Closest to Pin:

- Hole # 3: Doug Nowlin 4'1" Bob Large 7'4"
- Hole # 7: Jackie Lovato 7" Ray Montag 14'7"
- Hole # 13: Russell Anderson 24'2" Scott Barcus 30'2"
- Hole # 16: Dan Lindstrom 12' Ray Montag 12'4"



On July 14th we played a 4man2bb format at Madera Muni

- 1st Place: Russell Anderson, Lee Nichols, Joe Russo, Ben Hager
- 2nd Place: Dan Lindstrom, Jackie Lovato, Jim Peterson, Richard Lara
- 3rd Place: Steve Strid, Don Laines, Les Bittle, Chick Threlfall

Closest to Pin:

- Hole #3: Lee Nichols 7'5" Duane Oberquell 29'5"
- Hole #6: Lee Nichols 5'2" Russell Anderson 11"
- Hole #11: Bo Boehringer 12'4" Richard Lara 13'11"
- Hole #15: Bob Large 2'5" Lee Nichols 5'6"



2020 GOLF SCHEDULE



Date	Time	Course	Format	Chairman/Phone	E-Mail Address
JANUARY					
Jan 9, Thurs	10:00	Belmont CC	4 Man 2bb	Ernie Sopp 209-986-5271	ernie.sopp@gmail.com
Jan 21, Tues	10:00	Airways	Flighted	Ernie Sopp	
Jan 28, Tues	10:00	Ridge Creek	Cha Cha Cha	Ernie Sopp	
FEBRUARY					
Feb 4, Tues	10:00	Madera CC	Scrambles	Mike Castle 936-275-6189	m61castle@att.net
Feb 13, Thurs	9:00	Eagle Springs	Cha Cha Cha	Don Laines	lainesf@comcast.net
Feb 18, Tues	9:00	Madera Muni	4 Man 2bb	Mike and Don	
Feb 25, Tues	9:00	Dragon Fly	Lone Ranger	Mike and Don	
MARCH					
Mar 3, Tues	9:00	Airways	2 Man bb	Fred Bates 779-6921	fjr7652@sbcglobal.net
Mar 19, Thurs	9:00	Belmont CC	Scrambles	Fred Bates	
Mar 24, Tues	9:00	Madera CC	4man 2bb	Fred Bates	
Mar 31, Tues	9:00	Madera Muni	Cha Cha Cha	Fred Bates	
APRIL					
Apr 7, Tues	9:00	Ridge Creek	4man 2bb	Steve Strid 393-1798	strid9266@att.net
Apr 21, Tues	8:00	Riverside	Cha Cha Cha	Steve Strid	
Apr 28, Tues	9:00	Pheasant Run	Arizona shuffle	Steve Strid	
MAY					
May 5, Tues	8:00	Dragon Fly	4man 2bb	Ron Miller: 456-1918	carronmir@aol.com
May 14, Thurs	9:00	Eagle Springs	Flighted		
May 20, Wed	9:00	Sherwood	Lone Ranger	Ron Miller	
May 26, Tues	9:00	Valley Oaks	Shambles	Ron Miller	
JUNE					
June 2, Tues	8:00	Madera Muni	Cha Cha Cha	Brian Ohde	ohdefamily@hotmail.com
June 16, Tues	8:00	Pheasant Run	9/9/	Ken Myers	
June 23, Tues	9:00	River Creek-Oakhurst	Scrambles	Brian and Ken	
June 30, Tues	8:00	Dragon Fly	4man 2bb	Brian and Ken	
JULY					
July 7, Tues	9:00	Ridge Creek	Lone Ranger	Jackie Lovato 307-9032	jl_lovato@yahoo.com
July 21, Tues	9:00	Madera CC	Scrambles	Jackie Lovato	
July 28, Tues	8:00	Airways	2man bb	Jackie Lovato	
AUGUST					
Aug 4, Tues	8:00	Riverside	4man 2bb	Jim Peterson 897-5595	jimargpeterson@yahoo.com
Aug 13, Thurs	8:00	Eagle Springs	Scrambles	Jim Peterson	
Aug 19, Wed	8:00	Sherwood	Lone Ranger	Jim Peterson	
Aug 25, Tues	8:00	Madera Muni	Cha Cha Cha	Jim Peterson	
SEPTEMBER					
Sep 1, Tues	8:00	Dragon Fly	Scrambles	Ron Elder: 299-9667	rkelder47@gmail.com
Sep 15, Tues	9:00	Ridge Creek	Cha Cha Cha	Ron Elder	
Sep 22, Tues	9:00	Riverside	4man 2bb	Ron Elder	
OCTOBER					
Oct. 1, Thurs	9:00	Belmont CC	Scrambles	Ben Hager 519-4610	bhager1948@gmail.com
Oct 6, Tues	9:00	Airways	Cha Cha Cha	Ben Hager	
Oct 20, Tues	10:00	Rivercreek-Oakhurst	4man 2bb	Ben Hager	
Oct 27, Tues	9:00	Madera CC	Shambles	Ben Hager	
NOVEMBER					
Nov 5, Thurs	9:00	Belmont CC	4man 2bb	Scott Barcus: 855-8877	ruthless2@netptc.net
Nov 17, Tues	9:00	Madera Muni	Flighted	Scott Barcus	
Nov 25, Wed	9:00	Sherwood	Scrambles	Scott Barcus	
DECEMBER					
Dec 1, Tues	9:00	Dragon Fly	Cha Cha Cha	Dave Dinsdale 301-4477	getover50@comcast.net
Dec 15, Tues	9:00	Riverside	Lone Ranger	Dave Dinsdale	
Dec 29, Tues	10:00	Airways	4man 2bb	Dave Dinsdale	
Branch Championship Best 3 out of 4 events					
Please be considerate of the monthly Chair and sign in 30 minutes prior to tee time.					



Photo Gallery



WINE RAFFLE WINNERS

50/50 WINNERS



Member of the Month



Luncheon Photos



EDITOR NOTES

Since we don't have luncheon photos, I've been using some of my own. I would appreciate it if some of you would send me your sheltering photos and stories. The photos this month are a possum on Gallo's front gate, a couple of turkeys from Pine Mountain Lake G.C., a few paper mache scarecrows from Cambria, my spot on Moonstone Beach, a pumpkin patch in Avila and two photos of an Apollo capsule displayed on the Hornet in Oakland.