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OCTOBER LUNCHEON

- WHEN:** Tuesday, October 10, 2023
- WHERE:** PARDINIS CATERING, Shaw and Van Ness Ave
- TIME:** BEC Meeting 1000, Social Hour 1130-1200, Lunch 1200
- COST:** Members/Guests: \$20.00 , Annual Dues (169 MEMBERS not previously paid, \$20.00,)
- SPEAKER:** Bernie Hollembeck, Service at Arlington National Cemetery
- MENU:** Pasta, Chicken or Chef Salad

BIG SIR ARTICLE—October 2023



Our Branch continues to improve. The enthusiasm at our luncheon is very high and it is showing with the number of new members joining. Last month we approved our 2024 slate of officers and board members and with that task complete we are ready to install those individuals in December. I want to thank all the incoming Executive Board members for their willingness to take a position of leadership in our Branch. Let's continue to recruit new members and keep the enthusiasm high, see everyone at the next luncheon.

Jim Hiney. BIG SIR



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The speaker for October is non-other than Mr. Sunshine himself, our own Bernie Hollenbeck. I'm sure he will keep us riveted with his wit and savvy regarding his time in the Air Force. As a former pilot I am sure he has many stories. Also, because we were in between venues due to the Pardini remodel, next February, we are going to have a wives day to make up for the loss this past Mother's Day. So, bring your favorite sweet heart to next February's meeting. I will remind the club in January. See you at the meeting in October.

Ernie Sopp

Little SIR






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TREASURERS REPORT

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Treasures Report: September 2023



Beginning CB Balance:	\$ 8,782.93
Income:	\$ 2,334.00
Expenses:	\$ 2,284.41
Ending CB Balance	\$ 8,732.82
Petty Cash:	\$ 100.00
Total Balance:	\$ 8,832.82

Treasurers report subject to final approval
At next BEC meeting.



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SECRETARY REPORT

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SIRS BRANCH 169 E-BOARD MEETING

Date: September 12, 2023, at Pardini's. Time: Social Hour 11:30-12:00. Lunch 12:00

BIG SIR: Jim Hiney called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

ATTENDING: Paul Dehn, Duane Evans, Jim Hiney, Bernie Hollenbeck, Luis Rodriquez, Ed Dorn, Bob Large, Ted Fox, Nick Lopez, Doug Nowlin, Ernie Sopp, John Eleazarian, Frank Bravo

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: MSC.

GUESTS TODAY: None

TREASURER REPORT: Nick Lopez reported that for August 2023 there was a total income of \$5,384,54 and \$2,39609 of expenses. Ending CB Balance of \$8,782.93. Petty Cash \$100.00.

TOTAL CASH AVAILABLE of \$8882.93. (Income includes transfer of SIRs Branch 175's treasury) MSC. Approved with a new correction.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: MSC- Assistant Secretary Recorder Luis Rodriquez submitted a copy of August BEC Minutes showing the slate of Officers for 2024.

BIG SIR: Jim Hiney reported that he had an Annual Zoom Meeting with the State where they reported on how to generate revenue and bring in new members.

LITTLE SIR REPORT: Little Sir Ernie Sopp read off the SIRs Officers for next year. He also reported about the possibility of having a Ladies Day in February for Valentines Day.

MEMBERSHIP: Jim Hiney reported that he had Mert Mock, Jeffery Myer and Victor Collins for approval vote today. MSC.

TODAY'S LUNCHEON ATTENDANCE: Reported to Pardini's 102 expected with a 106 actual attending.

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP: 160

PROGRAM OR SPEAKER TODAY: Christina Estrada from the Big Fresno Fair with October 4th opening and Senior Day on Monday October 9th.



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OLD BUSINESS: None today

NEW BUSINESS: At the August 31st annual meeting it was brought up to ways increase membership. Have one SIRs member bring in a new possible member.

SUNSHINE REPORT: Olen Gray died, Randy Linqvist had back issues, Earl Threlfell had a unknown medical issue, Steve Arceneau had an Appendix issue.

ACTIVITIES: Ed Dorn on Golf, say that the State stopped doing the "Hole in One" it is now up to the Club to do it.

Couple Night Out: Couple's Night Out Sept. 13th Bobby Salazars Restaurant on Champlian and Parrin at 6:00.

Date-Nite 3rd Wednesday contact Manny Contino.

Sirs Diners Sept 13th at Los Amigos Restaurant, contact Don Laines

MEETING ADJOURNED AT: 11:08 AM

RESPECTLY SUBMITTED: For vacationing, Jim Forden Secretary,

Luis Rodriquez,

Assistant Secretary Recorder

Minutes of the Board meeting are not finalized until approved at the following Board Meeting. Corrections and Changes to the newsletter should be forwarded to Jim Forden prior to the August meeting.



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SIR 169 Executive Board and Committee Chairman



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CALLERS



Dave Hoffman 374-5622, Bob Lung 252-1483, Ted Fox 298-3179,
 Bob Large 227-7136, Anthony Noia 492-1848, Jim Peterson 897-5595
 David Williams 275-9378

Branch Website: SIR169.org

State Website: SIRINC.org



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IMPORTANT OCTOBER EVENTS

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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

STEPHEN ARCENEAU

SAM BENGEL

DANIEL BROWN

THOMAS LEAN

LARRY LEFFLER

RON MCCLURE

GREGORY MERRILL

ALFRED MOLLO

RUSSELL MOTT



ROBERT SAULSBURY

KEN SEMRICK

ROGER STEWART

WILLIAM WALSH

DAVID WILLIAMS

HIROSHI YAGURA

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

MARVIN AND SUNNY CARRERA

FRANK AND SUNNY GONZALES

ADAM AND GRACE RODRIQUEZ

WILLIAM AND IVANA WALSH

HIROSHI AND PENNY YAGURA





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VETERAN/ MEDICARE NEWS

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Medicare.gov

The 2024 E Handbook, "Medicare and You 2024" is available at Medicare .gov

Medicare Fraud

Follow these 3 tips to protect yourself from scammers:

1. **If you get a call, text or email asking for your Medicare Number, don't respond.** Don't give your Medicare card or Medicare Number to anyone except your doctor or people you know should have it. Remember, **Medicare will never call you unprompted and ask you for your personal information.**
2. **Check your Medicare Summary Notices (MSNs) or claims statements carefully.** If you see a charge for a service you didn't get or a product you didn't order (like a COVID-19 over-the-counter test), it may be fraud.

If you suspect fraud, report it at 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). Visit [Medicare.gov](https://www.Medicare.gov), the official source for Medicare information, to learn more about preventing Medicare fraud.



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ACTIVITIES

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Golf:

Complete results and the current schedule can be found on the golf web page:

<https://sirgcare29br169.memberplanet.com>

October Schedule:

Richard Lara is the host for October

October 3rd 9:00 Airways Cha Cha Cha

October 19th 9:00 Belmont CC Scrambles

October 24th 10:00 Rivercreek-Oakhurst 4man 2bb

October 31st 9:00 Dragon Fly Shambles

Thank you to Duane Oberquell for hosting in September



Couples Nite Out

The next Couple's Nite Out dinner will be a Sunday brunch at Table Mountain on October 15th at 10:30 in the morning. Contact Ed Dorn or sign up at the October luncheon for this fun event.

Date-Nite: 3rd Wednesday

Contact Manny Contino for more information

Sirs Diners: 2nd Wednesday

Contact Marshall Goodwin for more information



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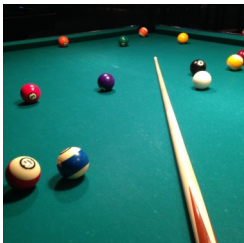
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Poker Groups

1. Formerly Br 169 group. Contact Ed Dorn, Jim Hiney or Ted Fox if you are interested in joining this poker group. We currently play once a month, the Wednesday following the luncheon, rotating houses. Light snacks and beverages supplied by the host. Time: 1 pm to 4 pm . Contact us at the monthly luncheon.
2. Formerly Br 179 group, aka. The SIR George Lane Memorial Poker Group usually plays once a month, on the 4th Wednesday of the month. We rotate houses and the host is responsible for providing a light lunch, snacks and beverages. Time 1200 pm to 300 pm. Let Chairman Richard Ewell know at richarde37@gmail.com if you are interested.



Pool Group

The pool players now meet for lunch at 11:00 am on Thursdays at the Windham Retirement Home, followed by a few brisk rounds of pool at the same location. All members are welcome, skilled or novice. For more details, call Chairman Richard Ewell at 432-7601.



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ACTIVITIES: GOLF 2023 BRANCH CHAMPIONSHIP

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Branch Championship 2023
Congratulations to the following:

Branch Champion:

1st	Michael Carrera	223
2nd	Leonard Lovato	237
3rd	Jackie Lovato	247
3rd	Ray Montag	247
3rd	Cliff Raley	247

Low Net:

1st	Dave Dinsdale	211
1st	Duane Oberquell	211
3rd	James Crain	213
3rd	Jackie Lovato	213
5th	Leonard Lovato	214



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BRANCH YEARLY GOLF SCHEDULE

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SIR 169 Golf Schedule

2023 July through December

JULY						
July 6, Thurs	8:00	Ridge Creek	Lone Ranger	Dennis Soliday		931-220-8577
July 18, Tues	9:00	Madera CC	Scrambles	Dennis Soliday		
July 25 or 27	8:00	Belmont CC	Shambles	Dennis Soliday		
AUGUST						
Aug 1, Tues	8:00	Riverside	4man 2bb	Roy Grijalva		roysgrijalva@msn.com
August 15, Tues	8:00	Airways	Lone Ranger	Roy Grijalva		
Aug 22, Tues	8:00	Madera Muni	Cha Cha Cha	Roy Grijalva		
Aug 29 Tues	8:00	Lemoore	flighted	Roy Grijalva		
SEPTEMBER						
Sept 5, Tues	8:00	Dragon Fly	4man 2bb	Duane Oberquell		d.oberquell@comcast.net
Sept 19, Tues	8:00	Ridge Creek	Cha Cha Cha	Duane Oberquell		
Sept 26, Tues	8:30	Riverside	4man 2bb	Duane Oberquell		
OCTOBER						
Oct 3, Tues	9:00	Airways	Cha Cha Cha	Richard Lara		rlara0505@comcast.net
Oct 19 Thurs	9:00	Belmont CC	Scrambles	Richard Lara		
Oct 24, Tues	10:00	Rivercreek-Oakhurst	4man 2bb	Richard Lara		
Oct 31 Tues	8:00	Dragon Fly	Shambles	Richard Lara		
NOVEMBER						
Nov 7 Tues	9:00	Madera Muni	Flighted	Nick Lopez		nicklopez741@yahoo.com
Nov 21, Tues	9:00	Airways	4man 2bb	Nick Lopez		
Nov 28, Tues	9:00	Pheasant Run	4man 2bb	Nick Lopez		
DECEMBER						
Dec 5, Tues	8:00	Dragon Fly	Cha Cha Cha	Dave Dinsdale	301-4477	getover50@comcast.net
Dec 19, Tues	9:00	Riverside	Lone Ranger	Dave Dinsdale		
Dec 28, Tues	10:00	Airways	Scrambles	Dave Dinsdale		

Branch Championship **Best 3 out of 4 events**

Please check in 30 minutes prior to tee time



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SEPTEMBER LUNCHEON PHOTOS

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Wine Winner: name not provided



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GUEST SPEAKER

Christiana Estrada, CEO

Big Fresno Fair



Danielle and Christina



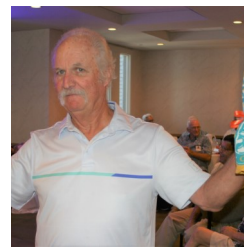


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BIG FRENZO FAIR T-Shirt Raffle



Some of the winners in the Big Fresno Fair T-shirt Raffle, Thanks to Chritina for providing the T-Shirts. Remember Senior Day October 9th.



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50/50 WINNERS



John Elezarian



Name not provided, sorry



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September Birthday Boys

Sorry Pictures not available



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Induction of new members



JEFFREY MEYERS/ SPONSOR Bill George

JAMES MARIO/ SPONSOR Jackie Lovato

VICTOR COLLINS

MERT MOCK/SPONSORE Ted Fox (Not Pictured)