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**BIG SIR Greg Rhine 916-774-6574**

Greetings to each of you gentlemen. Hope you have not had too much trouble with the heat this summer. They tell me if you wait until you're thirsty it's too late, so drink lots.

By now you have the names of people you would like to nominate for the coming year. We will vote on the new officers at our next luncheon and install all of them at our November lunch, that would be the 14 of November.

We still have room for new members. We would love to have a full house by the end of the year. I think our roster is about 11 short at this time. Go ahead, invite a friend to lunch for next month.

Very best regards to you.. Greg

**The Red Planet is about to be spectacular!**

This month and next, Earth is catching up with Mars in an encounter that will culminate in the closest approach between the two planets in recorded history. The next time Mars may come this close is in 2287. Due to the way Jupiter's gravity tugs on Mars and perturbs its orbit, astronomers can only be certain that Mars has not come this close to Earth in the last 5,000 years, but it may be as long as 60,000 years before it happens again.

The encounter will culminate on August 27th when Mars comes to within 34,649,589 miles of Earth and will be (next to the moon) the brightest object in the night sky. It will attain a magnitude of -2.9 and will appear 25.11 arc seconds wide. At a modest 75-power magnification. Mars will look as large as the full moon to the naked eye. Mars will be easy to spot. At the beginning of August it will rise in the east at 10 p.m. and reach its azimuth at about 3 a.m. By the end of August when the two planets are closest, Mars will rise at nightfall and reach its highest point in the sky at 12:30a.m. That's pretty convenient to see something that no human being has seen in recorded history. So, mark your calendar at the beginning of August to see Mars grow progressively brighter and brighter throughout the month.

**Share this with your children and grandchildren.** No one alive today will ever see this again!!!

**LITTLE SIR George Van Blyenburgh 530-677-1916**

The new State Officers have been elected and will be announced shortly. Advance information indicates that Bill Short our Region 2 Director will be new State Secretary. Congratulations Bill.

The SIRS state membership has declined by 1662 members from 2003 to June of 2005. The new State Officers have a monumental job in front of them to reverse this trend and will be announcing new programs designed to increase membership. Each member of SIRS 95 will have a job to do to help reverse this trend . I know that we will make every effort to help.

Our speaker for August is Bob Billingsley. Bob writes a column for the Mountain Democrat that stimulates thought and discussion, but after 28 years as a Federal Probation / Parole officer his experiences and stories are legend. He graduated from San Francisco State in 1961 and moved to Placerville in 1970 with his wife and 3 children . Bob remains busy doting on his 4 grandchildren and being an active member of the Diamond Springs Lions Club. Let's give a great big SIRS welcome to Bob Billingsley

August Birthdays: Hal Anderson, Jack Harris, Jim January, John Jenkins, Bill Kammerer, Don Lewis, Bob Solinovich, Sandy Samboy, Scotty Scott, George Simko and Roger Taylor.

**SAND TRAPS Paul Tomlinson (916) 939-8290 and Brian Upton (916) 939-6601**

July results for El Dorado Hills, Mather, Wildhawk and Castle Oaks follow..

<b>Results:</b>	<b>First</b>	<b>Second</b>	<b>Third</b>	<b>CT Pin</b>
El Dorado Hills, 7/5	Paul Tomlinson	Len Jackson	George Van Blyenburgh	Larry Keenan
Mather, 7/12	Wally Sharp	Paul Tomlinson		
Wildhawk, 7/19	Wally Sharp	Bill yeager		Bill Yeager/ Paul Tomlinson
Castle Oaks, 7/28	Roger Taylor	Ron Waisner		Bob Roth

**A FEW GOLFING TRUISIMS**

Golf can best be defined as an endless series of tragedies obscured by the occasional miracle, followed by a good bottle of beer.

Golf! You hit down to make the ball go up. You swing left and the ball goes right.

Golf is harder than baseball. In golf, you have to play your foul balls.

If you find you do not mind playing golf in the rain, the snow, even during a hurricane, here's a valuable tip: your life is in trouble.

Golfers who try to make everything perfect before taking the shot rarely make a perfect shot.

The term "mulligan" is really a contraction of the phrase "maul it again."

A "gimme" can best be defined as an agreement between two golfers ... neither of whom can putt very well.

An interesting thing about golf is that no matter how badly you play; it is always possible to get worse.

I play in the low 80s. If it's any hotter than that, I won't play.

If your best shots are the practice swing and the "gimme putt", you might wish to reconsider this game.

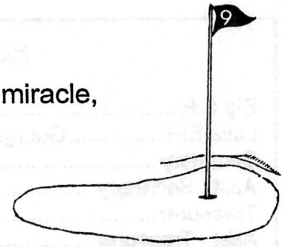
Golf is the only sport where the most feared opponent is you.

Golf is like marriage: If you take yourself too seriously it won't work .. and both are expensive.

The best wood in most amateurs' bags is the pencil.

To some golfers, the greatest handicap is the ability to add correctly.

In golf, some people tend to get confused with all the numbers... they shoot a six, yell fore and write five.



**SUNSHINE CORNER Jim Peterson (916) 934-0990**

It is with regret that I must tell you that Ernie Thomas passed away in July. Ernie was a long time member of SIRS Branch 95 and had many friends in our branch. He was a past BIG SIR and also an Honorary Life Member. As a member of the US Marine Corp during WWII, Ernie was involved with much of the heavy duty action in places such as Iwo Jima. Ernie enjoyed fishing and golf. He will be missed by all that knew him. I just heard that Jim Thompson is in the hospital and not doing very well. We all wish him well and hope for the best. Please take time to sign his get well card when it comes to your table.

The District Director has asked that the attendance and travel rules be distributed in the monthly bulletin.

Attendance: Rule 60 – Members are obligated to attend all regular luncheon meetings unless prevented by illness or absence from the branch locale. Rule 100 – A member may be notified in writing by his branch of the pending termination of his membership (Rule 107) if he is responsible for any of the following:

- a) Miss three consecutive regular meetings without being excused by contacting the designated Attendance person prior to the meeting date.
- b) Non-attendance at six (6) regular luncheon meetings within the previous twelve (12) consecutive month; Note: Excused meetings may not be included.
- c) Attendance at Ladies Day functions may be excluded at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

Any item to appear in the September 2005 Bulletin must be in the hands of  
Jim Peterson, 916-934-0990, by Wednesday, August 31, 2005.

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WHAT'S COOKIN' AT 95?

First Class

