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BIG SIR George Van Blyenburgh 530-677-1916

I attended the State SIR Meeting, Monday August 7th. They held the election for State Officers and Tom Roth, from Branch 109, was elected to become our new President. Bill Short, from Branch 113, was reelected secretary and Bob Meadows, from Branch 39, will become Treasurer.

Once again the recruitment of new members was the topic of discussion. Several of the branch officers shared their method of recruiting. But each stated it was not easy and that any successful program required the help of every member.

Membership has remained about the same, but we must recruit younger members to remain viable. Branch 95 has maintained the membership at about 130. Our charter authorizes 140. SIRs has much to offer, lets spread the word and obtain 5 new members.

LITTLE SIR Sandy Samboy 916-933-8903

Our August speaker will be Ms. Charlotte Blasier, a Private Investigator. Charlotte was born and raised in Sacramento and worked for five years in Alaska as Chief Investigator for the Juvenile Crime Commission. She authored several bills on child safety, child and elder abuse and child exploitation.

She works on local, national and international cases, which cover missing persons, homicides, confidence people, identification theft, stalking, etc.

She and her husband, attorney Bob Blasier, were members of the O. J. Simpson dream team and other high profile cases.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS: Hal Anderson, George Brown, Jack Harris, Jim January, Bill Kammerer, Bob Salinovich, Sandy Samboy, George Simko, Roger Taylor.

FEATURED SIR BRANCH 95 MEMBER

(This is the first in a series recognizing our individual members in the Bulletin)

Hal Anderson has been a member of SIR Branch 95 for about 20 years since being sponsored by Mike Moreno back in 1986. During this time Hal has held all branch offices except secretary. He was the Big SIR in 1998. Hal has also been Golf Chairman, a much appreciated service by our numerous golfing members.

In 1997 our Branch voted to move our monthly luncheon meeting location from the Shingle Springs Community Center to the present location at the Folsom Elks Lodge. This was decided after an extensive area search and considering the Placerville Elks Lodge. Hal says we lost some members in this move but gained many new members. Almost all members agreed that this was a wise move for our Branch.

Hal says that over the years he has lost some good friends, but he has found many new buddies through SIR. Hal and his wife, Maureen, live in Cameron Park.

SAND TRAPS Brian Upton (916) 939-6601

Results:

7/5 El Dorado Hills (Bill Stegman):
7/13 Tournament Timber Creek

First

Joel Enns
Lou Rain

Second

Wally Sharp
Dave Steimle

Third

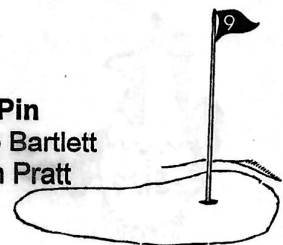
Ron Waisner

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Well, we almost made it through the summer. The combination of a tree, extension ladder and saw proved to be a bad combination for Bob Scheidegger. Apparently Bob was up on the ladder cutting the tree when the ladder slipped and Bob came tumbling down. He thought it was a sprain at first and the following day at the insistence of his wife he went to the doctor and learned he had a fractured leg. The following day he



underwent surgery at which time they installed a plate and screws. Bob is recovering nicely at this time and we hope to see him up and about soon.

If you or any member that you know is ill or injured please let me know.

IDIOT SIGHTINGS

I live in a semi-rural area. We recently had a new neighbor call the local township administrative office to request the removal of the Deer Crossing sign on our road.

The reason: "Too many deer are being hit by cars out here! I don't think this is a good place for them to be crossing anymore." From Kingman, KS.

The stoplight on the corner buzzes when it's safe to cross the street. I was crossing with an intellectually challenged coworker of mine. She asked if I knew what the buzzer was for. I explained that it signals blind people when the light is red. Appalled, she responded, "What on earth are blind people doing driving?!" She was a probation officer in Wichita, KS.

When my husband and I arrived at an automobile dealership to pick up our car, we were told the keys had been locked in it. We went to the service department and found a mechanic working feverishly to unlock the drivers side door. As I watched from the passenger side, I instinctively tried the door handle and discovered that it was unlocked. "Hey," I announced to the technician, "It's open!" His reply, "I know - I already got that side." This was at the Ford dealership in Canton, Mississippi!

STAY ALERT! They walk among us ... and they REPRODUCE

Ramblings of a Retired Mind

I was thinking about how a status symbol of today is those cell phones that everyone has clipped on. I can't afford one. So, I'm wearing my garage door opener.

I was thinking about old age and decided that it is 'when you still have something on the ball, but you are just too tired to bounce it'.

Employment application blanks always ask 'who is to be notified in case of an emergency.' I think you should write, "A Good Doctor!"

Why do they put pictures of criminals up in the Post Office? What are we supposed to do -- write to these men? Why don't they just put their pictures on the postage stamps so the mailmen could look for them while they deliver the mail? Or better yet, arrest them while they are taking their pictures!

I was thinking about how people seem to read the Bible a whole lot more as they get older. Then, it dawned on me, they were cramming for their finals. As for me, I'm just hoping God grades on the curve.

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 Aug 2006 Bulletin must be in the hands of Jim Peterson, 916-934-0990, by Wednesday, Aug 2, 2006.

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WHAT'S COOKIN' AT 95?

First Class

