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## BIG SIR George Van Blyenburgh 530-677-1916

The new officers will be announced at the Oct meeting. Our thanks to Nyle Baker and his crew for their work on the nominating committee.

Special Kudos to Brian Upton for the great tournament at Empire Ranch. The breakfast was great and the golf format was super; we should have more golf outings like the one we played. I hope everyone notices who the winners were.

Recruiting new members is still the life of our group. Larry Keenan has done a great job this year and he could not have done it without the help of the membership. My thanks to all of you for your help.

The Christmas party is soon so get your reservations in early.

## LITTLE SIR Sandy Samboy 916-933-8903

Our October Speaker will be Reverend Dave Bunje, Pastor of the Foothills United Methodist Church in Cameron Park. Reverend Bunje has lived in Shingle Springs with his wife Janet and has served the Foothills Church since July of 2004. He led a team of volunteers to help in the recovery effort in Mississippi from hurricane Katrina.

Our Christmas luncheon will be at the Shingle Springs Elks Lodge on December 11, 2006. Let your wife, girlfriend, etc., know. More details will be available at our October meeting.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS: Mike Bendel, Bob Dippel, Tom Trafzer, Dave Crockett, Jim Villa, Bob Butt, Bill Clark, Joe Giacomini, Len Peterson, Larry Keenan, Al Knight, Greg Rhine, Ralph Haessler, Neal Lucey, Bob Scheidegger.

## FEATURED SIR BRANCH 95 MEMBER

Al Lohrmann was born in California when it seemed like everyone else here was born in another state or country. After graduation from UCLA, Al joined the Navy and began as an ordnance safety officer in an aircraft squadron. The Navy wanted to see if he could use his psychology degree to keep people safe while supervising loading and arming rockets and bombs on aircraft.

During the cold war, Al worked for the System Development Corp., designing war games to train NORAD USAF and Canadian radar operators conducting air defense. This involved computer simulation of mock air attacks against the North American continent. While waiting for his secret clearance to work in this field, he assisted business managers brought in to the Rand Corp. to play a business management game developed at Harvard University.

As the cold war wound down, Al went back on full time Navy duty to manage a recruiting team in San Diego during the Vietnam War. At that time visits to college campuses were a challenge due to anti-war feelings. In 1997, Al retired from the State of California as an Administrative Law Hearing Officer. He then joined SIRs and served as Secretary or Assistant Secretary and lunch caller since1999.

Al and his wife Sandra have 3 adult children; 2 live nearby and 1 lives in Southern California. They have 7 grandchildren ranging from the 5th grade through the 3rd year in college. His hobbies include golf, bowling, bicycling and travel, often taking grandchildren along. Best trips were Switzerland, Ireland, Canada, Hawaii, New England fall colors, Disneyworld Epcot, and cruising to Alaska, Panama and the Caribbean. Vacations average about one week per month from spring through fall in a timeshare somewhere in the US or Canada.

SAND TRAPS Brian Upton (916) 939-6601

Results: First Second Third CT Pin 9/5/ El Dorado Hills Golf Bill Yeager Hal Nelson Jim January Bill Steaman 9/12 Mather George Brown Larry Keenan G Van Blyenburg Bob Hendrickson 9/19 Wildhawk Bob Hendrickson Bill Yeager Wally Sharp Chuck LePere 9/26 Empire Ranch Annual Scramble

Ranch Annual Scramble First Place - Team of Upton, Gandy, Yeager & Sharp

Closest to the pin - Jim Villa and Long Drive - Bill Yeager

MEMBERSHIP Larry Keenan (916) 933-9475

Now that we have additional space in our meeting room, we can add more members and are not restricted to 140, as in the past. Our current membership is 134. We can now seat a maximum of 150. Therefore, please talk to your friends, new acquaintances, newly relocated newcomers, golfing buddies, friends at church, etc., to increase our membership. We have a lot to offer and a growing branch. Let's do our best to get the word out to invite a guest. Unless you make it happen, it won't.

SUNSHINE CORNER Tom Grube 916-939-0439 tomgrube@comcast.net

I am happy to report that I have not received any new reports of accident or illness among our group. Bob Scheidegger is recovering nicely from the fractured leg and is walking almost normally. He will be up and running soon. If I have missed anyone or if you know of any illness or injuries to members please let me know. If you or any member that you know is ill or injured please let me know.

Smile for the day

A guy who is 82 years old and loves to fish was sitting in his boat the other day when he heard a voice say, "Pick me up." He looked around and couldn't see anyone. He thought he was dreaming when he heard the voice say again, "Pick me up."

He looked in the water and there, floating on the top, was a frog. The man said, "Are you talking to me?" The frog said, "Yes, I'm talking to you. Pick me up. Then, kiss me and I'll turn into the most beautiful woman you have ever seen."

The man looked at the frog for a short time, reached over, picked it up carefully, and placed it in his front breast pocket.

Then the frog said, "What, are you nuts? Didn't you hear what I said? I said kiss me and I will turn into the most beautiful woman you have never seen."

He opened his pocket, looked at the frog and said, "Nah, at my age I'd rather have a talking frog."

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 Nov 2006 Bulletin must be in the hands of Jim Peterson, 916-934-0990, by Wednesday, Nov 1, 2006.

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First Class

