



## SONS IN RETIREMENT

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Gold Country Branch 95

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### What's cookin' this month at 95?

#### Gold Country Branch 95 2008 Elected Officers

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<b>Secretary</b>	
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#### Directors

Brian Upton	916.939.6601
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#### Area 31 Governor

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#### Area 31 Governor

#### Special Guests Today

Ron and Ralph are our special guests today and will share their thoughts and their goals for 2008.

#### Honorary Life Member

Al Kaiser

#### Chairmen

Attendance	..... Chuck LePere
Attendance Asst.	..... Neal Lucey
Badges/Raffle	..... Bob Scheidegger
Bowling	..... Open
Bulletin	..... Jim Peterson
Chaplain	..... Bill Clark
Webmaster	..... Kurt Borowski
Golf	..... Brian Upton
Asst. Golf	..... George Van Blyenburgh
Historian	..... Open
Membership	..... Lou Rain
Photography	..... Warren Graves
Property	..... Open
Publicity	..... Bill Yeager
E-Mail	..... Ken Graves
Sunshine	..... Tom Grube
Supplies	..... Bob Carlquist
Travel	..... Open

#### Luncheon Meeting

Second Monday of Each Month

Folsom Elk's Lodge  
806 Reading, Folsom

11:00 a.m. Happy Hour  
12:00 noon Luncheon

#### BIG SIR

#### Larry Keenan

Happy New Year to all members and guests and welcome to our first luncheon of 2008. I will try hard to live up to the confidence you have placed in me to be your Big Sir.

First though, I would like to thank past Big Sir Sandy Samboy for leading us through an exciting 2007. We had many successes and the most important outcome of 2007 was all the new members we have enrolled. With the guidance of Sandy and all officers and board members, we reached a record high with our membership.

A special thank you also goes out to our past officers and board for their time and effort to help make our branch a positive and engaging atmosphere for us to grow in. With our new officers, Bill Stegman as Little Sir, Dean DeCourcy as Secretary, Dennis Callahan as Ass't. Sec., Bill Yeager as Treasurer and Jim Villa as Ass't. Treas. we will continue to succeed. And many thanks for the continuing efforts of our board; Jim January, Jerry Nester, Brian Upton, Nile Baker, and our new board member, Sandy Samboy. Add to that the efforts of Lou Rain, membership chair, and the handling of attendance by Chuck LePere, as well as Jim Peterson, who does a fantastic job with the monthly bulletin, and all the other committee chairs and volunteers, you can see that not only are they glad to be here but that they are focused on making a contribution to the success of the branch.

As we begin 2008, the emphasis on recruiting will continue. As many of you know we were limited in our total number because our meeting space could only accommodate 128 people. That limitation is now lifted now that the remodel of the Folsom Elks lodge is complete. We can now grow our membership to 140. Which brings me to

the point of this year's focus.

We need new members to continue the vitality of our branch and we have established a goal of reaching 140 members by November. That means that we intend to increase our membership by 12 men. Even with attrition, we should be able to meet that goal.

You all know someone who would be a good candidate to become a member. They all do not need to be golfers, as we need bowlers, fishermen, boaters, RVers, and bridge players as well. I am asking for all members to make an effort to bring in that certain someone that you have been meaning to talk to about SIR.

Our focus is in having a membership waiting list. That will ensure that the direction of our branch is positive and one where potential members will be asking to join. The bottom line is that it is up to all of us to make the effort. I know I can count on you.

#### LITTLE SIR

#### Bill Stegman

January's Speaker is Larry Daniels. Larry is an engineer whose specialty is railroads. He has worked with most of the railroads in California including BART. He is also involved with a group who hopes to restore the historic Folsom to Placerville railroad.

If you remember, the speaker from the railroad museum told us that this was the oldest railroad in California. Larry will give us a short history of the railroad, explain what they are trying to do, and take questions. I am sure you will find Larry very interesting.

#### Notice

Any item to appear in the February 2008 Bulletin must be in the hands of Jim Peterson by Monday, February 4, 2008. Email to jlp\_edh@yahoo.com. 916.934.0990

## SAND TRAPS

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### DECEMBER RESULTS

Course	First	Second	Third	CT Pin
EMPIRE RANCH (Bill Stegman)	Bill Kammerer	Brian Upton	Ed Gupton	
MATHER (Bill Clark)	Roy Emrich	Ed Gupton	Bill Keane	Ed Gupton



**Hi golfers** – 2008 is the inaugural year of our new club championship program. Stay tuned for monthly playoff updates. To all you non-members - it's still not too late to join our SIR Branch 95 golf program. If you enjoy golf and have considered joining, but just never got around to it, now is the time! We have an interesting schedule of golf courses throughout the region lined up this year.

For further details, see Brian Upton and join the fun....

**SMILE . . .** Four old-timers were playing their weekly game of golf, and one remarked how nice it would be to wake up on Christmas morning, roll out of bed and without an argument go directly to the golf course, meet his buddies and play a round. His buddies all chimed in and said, 'Let's do it! We'll make it a priority, figure out a way and meet here early Christmas morning.'

Months later, that special morning arrives, and there they are on the golf course.

The first guy says, 'Boy, this game cost me a fortune! I bought my wife such a diamond ring that she can't take her eyes off it.'

Number 2 guy says, 'I spent a ton, too. My wife is at home planning the cruise I gave her. She was up to her eyeballs in brochures.'

Number 3 guy says 'Well, my wife is at home admiring her new car, reading the manual.' They all turned to the last guy in the group who is staring at them like they've lost their minds. 'I can't believe you all went to such expense for this golf game. I slapped my wife on the butt and said, 'Well babe, Merry Christmas! It's a great morning for either sex or golf' ... and she said ... 'Take a sweater.'

### **BIRTHDAYS LAST MONTH:**

George Flynn, Lothar Lehmann  
Stephan Luz, Al Schmidt  
Slim Schrader, Wally Sharp  
Brian Upton, Ken Weepie

### **BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH:**

Bob Bartlett, Stan Brown  
Ray Cormier, Roy Emrich  
Tom Grube, Len Jackson  
Bill Keane, Vince Mamone  
Bob Mello, Malcolm Ramsay,  
Jack Uvodich, Ernie Williams

### **Ladies Day Christmas Luncheon a Huge Success**

We had a wonderful turnout for our annual Ladies Day Christmas Luncheon this year. The main course was turkey, ham, potato, veggie, green salad, fruit salad, roll, and desert, all from Callie Burger, our regular caterer.

To make the guest arrival process run smoothly all the name tags were hand written, in advance, and alphabetized by Michele Keenan and Charlotte Heath. They used the master check list and gave out the name tags accordingly. It all went off without a hitch. Now that's organization. Thanks so much for all your time, talent and effort.

Many of those in attendance were dressed in their holiday finery and it was a festive sight to be sure. Special

thanks were given to Sandy Samboy and his wife Jane for all their efforts in making 2007 a great success. The Christmas tree decorations were great and were provided by the Elks Lodge.

There was also a special banner saying "Season's Greetings" which was hand painted by Michele Keenan, wife of Big Sir Larry Keenan and Charlotte Heath, widow of Past Big Sir Glenn Heath, from the other Folsom branch. Michele also decorated each table with a Christmas tree centerpiece combined with a holiday green table cloth. It was exciting.

We even had Al Kaiser and his wife Dolly in attendance, our oldest member (25 years) and past Big Sir.

There were several ladies and members who were especially complimentary about the festive atmosphere, the food, the decorations, and the entertainment. Some thought it the best Christmas luncheon yet.

To top it off the Foothill Women's Chorus entertained us all with several Christmas selections. They even got George Gianopulos to "direct" one of the numbers. That man has talent too!

Next year's event will be even better so mark your calen-

dars now for December 8, 2008.

Photos of the event are posted on the branch web site which is [www.sirinc.org](http://www.sirinc.org). Just click on "branches" and scroll to 95.

### **SUNSHINE CORNER**

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The past two months have unfortunately provided a lot of things to include in this report. It's always a good month when I have nothing to report.

One of our long-standing members Bob Carlquist passed away this past November. Our thoughts and prayers go out to wife Doris. Bob was a long time resident of Cameron Park.

George Flynn is among the walking wounded. This time the injury was not as exciting as when he fell off his bike and fractured his hip. On New Years Day George got up early and went out to pick up his daily newspaper off the driveway. Unfortunately George did not realize the sloped driveway was covered with ice and slipped and fell, fracturing his left arm.

Charlie Bossung underwent surgery on Dec. 14. The last report we received is that he is doing well and following further treatment will be back on the golf course this spring or summer.