



# SONS IN RETIREMENT

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 RETIRED MEN DEVOTED TO THE PROMOTION OF  
 INDEPENDENCE AND DIGNITY OF RETIREMENT

Gold Country Branch 95

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## Gold Country Branch 95 2008 Elected Officers

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## BIG SIR—Larry Keenan

### Remembering Al Lohrmann

As most of you know by now Al Lohrmann, long time secretary of our Branch 95, died this past August. I, along with several of you, attended his memorial service in El Dorado Hills and witnessed the outpouring of compliments from his friends, relatives, and family. It occurred to me then that several of us knew Al but in a different way.

Sure, we knew him to be an efficient secretary for our branch for several years. We also knew him to be cordial, quiet, somewhat passive and certainly non-confrontational. One of his sons at his service said he was a lot like wallpaper. Funny how people are viewed by others, especially when that final day of reckoning comes.

Many of us here did not know a lot about Al and his war record. Like many of you, Al was very quiet about that. We also did not know much about his many years with the state DMV, as he was quite adept at conducting drivers' road tests in Southern California. Obviously Al did not talk much about himself.

However, many of us did have the experience of playing golf with Al and that was where

Al's real personality came out. While it is common to gripe about an imperfect shot, or to call out names in disgust over poor play, with Al, it was an all together seismic shift in personality. Instead of "oh my, that wasn't too good, was it?" Somehow you learned to have more patience when playing with Al and you enjoyed it more. I'm sure his grandson would agree. Suddenly a very frustrating game became a game of pleasure. The score didn't matter. You began making better shots. And when your wife asked, "How was your game?" you answer, "I had a really good time."

You are at peace now, Al. You left us with some of life's lessons and fond memories, and for that we all thank you.

### Officers for 2009

Big Sir - Bill Stegman  
 Little Sir - Bill Clark  
 Secretary - Dennis Callahan  
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## SAND TRAPS

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### Empire Ranch Tournament - August 5

First: Ron Waisner

Second: Bill Keane

Third: Vince Mamone

Fourth: Brian Upton

Closest To Pin: *Bill Stegman*

### Wildhawk Tournament - August 12

First: Jim Villa

Second: Vince Mamone

Third: Nyle Baker

Fourth: George Simko

Closest To Pin: *Bill Yeager*

### Mather Tournament

- August 20, 2008

First: Jerry Nester

Second: George Van Blyenburgh

Third: Vince Mamone

Closest To Pin: *Jim Villa*



### Ancil Hoffman Tournament - August 26, 2008

First: Dennis Callahan

Second: Bill Keane

Third: Wally Sharp

Fourth: Malcolm Ramsay

Closest To Pin: *Steve Thomson*

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## MEMBERSHIP CORNER

**Gary Grann** 916.358.3805

Branch 95 is pleased to welcome two new members: Herb Shannon and Shigeru Obayashi.

Herb Shannon lives in El Dorado Hills and was the owner of a professional photo lab prior to his retirement in June 2008. His primary hobby is photography.

Shigeru Obayashi lives in Gold River and was an engineer at Mather Air Force Base prior to his retirement in June 1993. His hobbies are golf and bowling.

## LITTLE SIR—Bill Stegman

This month's speaker is Mile Spruell, who is the public relations director for the Red Hawk Casino. He will bring the Casino Manager with him if he is available. Mike will inform us about the Casino including the opening date and answer our questions about meeting rooms and availability for future SIR events.

## BIRTHDAYS—THIS MONTH

Chuck Buckley

Mel Hallett

Keith Hepler

Raul Hernandez

Joe Lampich

Jerry Nester

Don Ring

George Van Blyenburgh

Ron Waisner

Don Willows

## SUNSHINE CORNER

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Since our last newsletter we have lost two more SIRs members. Don Willett died two weeks ago and we also lost Al Lohrmann. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families.

## Notice

Any item for the October 2008 Bulletin must be in the hands of Jim Peterson by *Saturday, October 4, 2008.*

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Many of the SIRs members attended the memorial services for these gentleman. They will be missed!

SIRs member Bill Clark recently suffered a stroke and was hospitalized for a time in the Roseville Kaiser Hospital. He was released to go home and after several days was readmitted because his body chemistry was out of balance. Bill is recovering from the effects of the stroke and should be up and around in the near future. We all wish Bill a complete and speedy recovery.

If you or any SIRs member is injured or under the weather please let me know.

## *SIR Happenings*

Enjoy reading our State Newsletter, and find out about all the fun things that are going on throughout our organization. You can easily find SIR Happenings on the

**SIR State Website:**

[www.sirinc.org](http://www.sirinc.org).

**Branch 95 Website:**

[95.sirbranch.com](http://95.sirbranch.com)