



SONS IN RETIREMENT

A NON-PROFIT BENEFIT ORGANIZATION FOR
 RETIRED MEN DEVOTED TO THE PROMOTION OF
 INDEPENDENCE AND DIGNITY OF RETIREMENT

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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 Historian Open
 Membership Gary Grann
 Photography Warren Graves
 Property Open
 Publicity Bill Yeager
 E-Mail Ken Graves
 Sunshine Tom Grube
 Travel Open

BIG SIR—Larry Keenan Saying Thanks and Offering a Challenge

Since this is my last opportunity to speak to you through our bulletin as your Big Sir for 2008, I would like to take a few moments to make you aware of what strong support I received throughout this year.

First of all I thank Little Sir Bill Stegman who has done an outstanding job this year. He has always epitomized the type of member who is willing to do anything to make our branch function smoothly. Be sure to give Bill all the support possible for next year as our Big Sir. Thanks, Bill.

I thank Jim Peterson, who has worked the hardest of anyone, in preparing our bulletin, month in and month out, informing all about the activities and happenings of our branch. He has provided the lifeline that we all eagerly await as we sit for our monthly luncheons. He has devoted three years to this task and all of us are indebted to him. Thanks, Jim.

This year the office of treasurer was held by Bill Yeager, with the assistance of Jim Villa. This position will always present a challenge and Bill and Jim handled it well. I appreciate their dedication to keeping the organization solvent and out of the red. I also thank Dean DeCourcy, our outgoing secretary. Dean is a

stickler for details and always strives to be accurate and will challenge all of us to meet that standard. We will miss his dedication.

In addition there is the guidance and council provided by the branch executive committee (BEC), which this year was comprised of George Van Blyenburgh, Brian Upton, Sandy Samboy, George Engel, and Nyle Baker. Sages all and much appreciated by me throughout 2008.

With the dedication of Chuck LePere handling attendance, and Gary Grann managing membership, Tom Grube watching over the afflicted in Sunshine, and Kurt Borowski, our Webmaster, putting us on the web, I thank you all and wish you all well.

Next year will offer new challenges and opportunities. The biggest challenge is in bringing in new members. Though we will be getting those who choose to transfer from branch 166, we still need to concentrate on additional members. I ask everyone to make a commitment to bring in a new member by the end of the first quarter of next year and sooner if possible. There are many retired men out there who you know and who would like an invitation to come as a guest. Let's focus on this issue and allow our branch to grow. After all, new members are the lifeblood and future of our branch.

Best regards, Larry

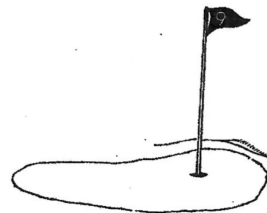
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Empire Ranch Tournament - October 7

First: Ed Gupton
Second: Brian Upton
Third: Bob Hendrickson
Closest To The Pin: Gary Grann

Wildhawk Tourn - October 21

First: Tom Gamble
Second: Dennis Petersen
Third: Bob Hendrickson
Closest To The Pin: Bob Hendrickson



Mather Tournament - October 14

First: Jim Villa
Second: George Van Blyenburgh
Third: Bob Mello
Closest To The Pin: Bill Keane

Castle Oaks Tournament - October 28

First: Steve Thomson
Second: Vince Mamone
Third: Jim Villa
Closest To The Pin: Dennis Petersen

Congratulations to **Ed Gupton**, who is our **2008 Golf Club Champion**. Ed will receive his trophy and prizes at our November luncheon.

If you have not yet done so, your 2009 NCGA membership may be renewed during November. Please send a check to Brian Upton before December 1, 2008. We have a full schedule of interesting golf courses set up for 2009, so don't miss out!

LITTLE SIR

Bill Stegman

Today's speaker is Roy Hecteman of the Towe Auto Museum. He will tell us about the museum, which is located in Sacramento, and about the several outstanding vintage automobiles in their collection. Roy will be the final speaker this year.

Next month we will have our annual Christmas Ladies luncheon.

Please remember to send your check for \$18.00 a person to me by November 30th.

BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

George Engel
Joel Enns
Warren Graves
Kip Klopp
Jack O'Camb
Fred Plutchak
Steve Thomson

MEMBERSHIP

Gary Grann

The SIRs active membership is now at 121 with the addition of a new member, Dennis Petersen.

Dennis lives in Placerville with his wife Arlene. His hobbies are golf, fishing and hunting. He is already very active in the SIRs 95 golfing group.

SIR Happenings

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

Check out

SIR Happenings at
<http://sirinc.org/sirhappenings/>

SIR State Website:
www.sirinc.org

Branch 95 Website:
95.sirbranch.com

SUNSHINE CORNER

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I'm pleased to report that SIRs member Bill Clark is continuing to recover and looks and feels great. He could afford to put on a few pounds that many of us could donate to him.

This is the only report I am aware of and that is good news.

If you or any member is experiencing physical problems please let me know so we can notify other members of your situation.

Notice

Any item for the
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must be in the hands of
Jim Peterson by
Sunday, January 4, 2009.
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