



**Gold Country Branch 95  
2009 Elected Officers**

<b>Big Sir</b>	
Bill Stegman	916.351.0899
<b>Little Sir</b>	
Bill Clark	916.933.8947
<b>Secretary</b>	
Dennis Callahan	530.620.6908
<b>Asst. Secretary</b>	
Nyle Baker	916.939.1656
<b>Treasurer</b>	
~ Joe Lampich ~	916.960.7676
<b>Asst. Treasurer</b>	
Mel Hallet	530.647.8490

**Directors**

Nyle Baker	916.939.1656
Gary Grann	916.358.3805
Larry Keenan	916.933.9475
Sandy Samboy	916.933.8903
Brian Upton	916.939.6601
George Van Blyenburgh	916.941.8538

**Region II Director**

Ron McCall 530.622.5424

**Area 31 Governor**

Ralph Lingis 916.933.5561

**Honorary Life Member**

Al Kaiser

**Chairmen**

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

**SONS IN RETIREMENT**

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

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

**BIG SIR—Bill Stegman**

We start 2009 with a lot of exciting changes for SIRs Branch 95. Our group will increase in size with the addition of approximately 50 SIRs from Branch 166. This will swell our membership to approximately 170.

Our first meeting will take place in our new home, the Elks Club in Shingle Springs. We are expecting an average of over 100 attendees each meeting. I am writing this to you, not knowing if I will be able to conduct the first meeting, as I am recuperating from eye surgery.

I look forward to a very successful and beneficial year, both to our SIRs group and to all of us individually. I appreciate your patience and understanding during this period of my recovery. Happy New Year!

**LITTLE SIR—Bill Clark**

Our guest speaker for Monday, January 12, 2009, is Jason Winston. He has Army experience and his college background was in business. He will tell us about Alternative Investments. He is married and they have three daughters. As a Financial Consultant with the Bar Financial Group, he specializes in three areas:

1. In distribution planning for retirees to help them keep more in their pockets so that they don't outlive their money.
2. Help retirees to make sure that their assets go to their heirs and not to Uncle Sam.
3. Work with small to medium size businesses: sets up and maintains their benefit programs correctly.

The information provided will be general in nature and is not a solicitation or offering in any way.

**NEW LOCATION FOR SIR LUNCHEON**

**Shingle Springs Elks Lodge**

3821 Quest Ct., Shingle Springs, CA 95682

TEL. 530-672-9120.

Happy Hour 11:00 AM

Lunch 12:00 noon

**SAND TRAPS—Brian Upton****Empire Ranch Tournament -  
December 2, 2008**

First: Bob Hendrickson  
 Second: Bob Mello  
 Third: Jerry Nester  
 Closest To Pin: Gary Grann

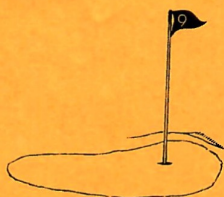
**Wildhawk Tournament -  
December 9, 2008**

First: Jack Harris  
 Second: Brian Upton  
 Third: Paul Tomlinson  
 Closest To Pin: Gary Grann

Branch 95 golfers are looking forward to an enjoyable year and the challenges of some new golf courses.

Welcome to Joel Enns who will be our new tournament director at Wildhawk golf course.

If you are a new member interested in joining our golf activities or reviewing our tournament schedule, see Golf Chairman Brian Upton.



We look forward to seeing you on the course.....

Brian

***BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH***

Bob Bartlett  
 Ray Cormier  
 Tom Grube  
 Len Jackson  
 Bill Keane  
 Bob Mello  
 Malcolm Ramsay  
 Jack Uvodich  
 Ernie Williams

**FROM PAST BIG SIR—Larry Keenan**

Branch 95 welcomes all transferees from Branch 166. Effective at this luncheon over 50 members of Branch 166 have transferred over to our branch and we all extend our heartiest welcome to all.

This was an important decision for Branch 166 to terminate their charter and join us. We have been a very active Branch and welcome the "new blood" to help make our objectives and goals a reality. Branch 95 members are outgoing and social and will go the extra mile to make all the transferees welcome.

A special welcome goes to Al Frietag, Past Big Sir of Branch 166, who coordinated all the necessary steps, along with Bill Stegman and myself, to make things go as smoothly as possible. Thanks also to Gary Grann and Bob Scheidegger for all the preparation they did to prepare for the arrival of these new members.

Now it is your turn to show our hospitality by personally welcoming as many new members from Branch 166 that are here today.

**SUNSHINE CORNER—Tom Grube**

Some of you may not have heard that our new Big SIR, Bill Stegman, has recently undergone two surgeries on his eye for retina related problems. Bill is currently recovering from those surgeries and will hopefully be in a position to lead our first meeting in 2009.

We have heard from Forest Hayward that he is currently undergoing radiation treatments and that he has temporarily completed his chemo treatments. He will have to resume his chemo treatments when the current series of radiation treatments are completed. He appears to be in good spirits and is thankful to have the support of his wife through this ordeal. We wish him a complete and speedy recovery.

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

***SMILE --OBSERVATIONS***

Don't worry about avoiding temptation. As you grow older, it will avoid you.

- *Winston Churchill*

Maybe it's true that life begins at fifty. But everything else starts to wear out, fall out, or spread out.

- *Phyllis Diller*

***NOTICE***

Any item for the SIRs Branch 95 February 2009 Bulletin must be in the hands of Jim Peterson by Saturday, January 31, 2009.