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What's cookin' this month at 95?

BIG SIR—Bill Stegman

As most of you know, I have just returned from a cruise through Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay and Chile. Each time I take a trip like this, I come home reminded of how very fortunate we are to live in the United States. I know there are times when we are very frustrated with our own government and we argue that it is too far right or too far left. The interesting thing is that when you visit the rest of the world and see the poverty, listen to the stories about their forms of government, and see the way they live, you come home appreciating how much better our country is than most of the world.

Now, it is April and it is time for us to start thinking about our annual picnic. Our board decided last month that we would subsidize the cost of this year's picnic and reduce the price to \$15.00 per person. I sincerely hope that each of you will make an attempt to attend and that we have a record turnout. This is one of the two opportunities we have each year to show our wives how much we appreciate them. I hope to see you all there.

Little SIR—Bill Clark

Our speaker today is Dick Anderson. Dick was born in Sheboygan, WI, where his dad was stationed with the US Coast Guard. The family then moved to a lighthouse near Houghton, MI. After two years at Michigan Tech he enlisted in the USAF Aviation Cadet program, graduating with a fighter pilots rating but was assigned to a C-124 Globemaster squadron. Then on to the University of Michigan where he completed his studies in Engineering and Meteorology earning a BSE. He had missions to the arctic and was stationed in Vietnam. When he retired from the USAF, he had logged over 6,300 hours, including two years flying Army aircraft.

Our speaker next month (May 11, 2009) will be Bill Finch to show & tell us about the Desolation Wilderness Area near Tahoe.

LADIES DAY BARBECUE

Put June 8, 2009, Monday, on your schedule... We will again be at High Hill Ranch in Camino. Social hour starts at 1100 (11 AM), lunch will be provided by the Back Forty Texas Barbecue (BBQ). The Fritz & Jane Engel group will again provide us with their music. We will have flyers giving more details at our May luncheon. The cost will be \$15.00 each.

Sand Traps —Brian Upton

<u>Empire Ranch Tournament</u> -<u>March 3, 2009</u> Rained Out

<u>Mather Tournament –</u> <u>March 10, 2009</u> First: Paul Tomlinson Second: Dennis Callahan Third: Joel Enns

<u>Wildhawk Tournament –</u> <u>March 17, 2009</u> First: Dennis Petersen Second: Bill Keane Third: Bob Mello

Fourth: Jack Harris

<u>Cherry Island Tournament –</u> <u>March 24, 2009</u> First: Paul Tomlinson Second: Jerry Nester Third: Mel Hallett Fourth: Bob Hendrickson

<u>Closest-to-Pin</u>

Mather 3/10/09 Hole 3 – Bill Keane Hole 11 – Bill Keane Wildhawk 3/17/09 Hole 4 – Jim Villa Hole 17 – Jim January Cherry Island 3/24/09 Hole 4 – Brian Upton Hole 13 – Jim Villa

Bulletin Updates

Please provide items for the May 2009 Bulletin to Jon Jakowatz by Sunday, May 3, 2009.

E-mail: SIR95Bulletin@jakowatz.net

GOLF – Brian Upton

We would like to welcome new members Ted Ryon and Bill Ross to our golf group. We look forward to their future participation.

Sign up today if you wish to play Mather Golf Course tomorrow on April 14 or Wildhawk on April 21 or The Ridge on April 28, 2009.

See Golf Chairman Brian Upton for an application and tournament schedule.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Glen Bottorff Dennis Callahan John Dillon **Emmett Greenlee Russell Harris** George Hebert Norman Matzen Ed Newton Al Rollins Jim Schultz Herb Shannon **Bill Stegman Bill Theurer Ross Walter** Tony Winkler Karl Wrzesien

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MEMBERSHIP – Gary Grann

Active membership - 167 New Members: Bruce Morrison

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

Our member Bob Scheidegger has been released from the hospital and is recovering from his surgery. Bob had picked up an e-coli infection that set him back for a while and when that was cleared up he underwent surgery for another issue. We look forward to having Bob up and around and he will soon be attending the meetings on a regular basis.

We have been hearing from former member Forrest Hayward on a regu-lar basis. He is battling cancer and appears to be making good progress. His treatments have been long and drawn out but appear to be coming to an end soon. We look forward to his returning as an active member.

New member Bill Theuer recently underwent surgery and I assume is recovering. I have not been able to reach either he or his wife Dottie. We wish him a speedy recovery.

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

Location for SIR luncheon

Shingle Springs Elks Lodge 3821 Quest Ct., Shingle Springs, CA TEL. 530.672.9120.

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