



*Gold Country Branch 95
2009 Elected Officers*

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Little Sir

Bill Clark - In Memoriam

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 Bulletin Jon Jakowatz
 Chaplain Ray Retailack
 E-Mail Open
 Golf Brian Upton
 Asst. Golf .. George Van Blyenburgh
 Historian Open
 Membership Gary Grann
 Photography Warren Graves
 Property Open
 Publicity Bill Yeager
 Sunshine Open
 Travel Open
 Webmaster Kurt Borowski

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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July 2009

What's new Gold Country?

BIG SIR—Bill Stegman

June turned out to be a very difficult, yet exciting month. We had our SIRS Ladies Day Picnic on June 8. The weather cooperated and we had a record turnout of 129. My thanks to Brian Upton, Jim January, Jerry Nester, and George VanBlyenburgh for their help with the bar. They did a great job. Additional thanks to Gary Grann, Steve Thomson, Bill Yeager and Jon Jakowatz, who arrived early, moved the tables into position, covered them with tablecloths and distributed the plants. Finally, a special thanks to Bob Scheidegger for handling the raffle, my wife also adds a special thanks!

We also had some bad news in June, with the passing of Bill Clark, our Little SIR, and Kip Klopp. In addition to that, one week ago, Jim January went into the hospital for lung surgery and our Treasurer, Joe Lampich, went in the same day for back surgery. Since I am writing this in advance, I will update you on their conditions at this meeting.

Our speaker for July was to be Betty January, speaking about the El Dorado Hills Historical Society. Obviously, Betty was forced to cancel due to Jim's surgery. I have tentatively rescheduled her for September. I have secured Art Pancheri, a docent at the Folsom Power House as our speaker for today. As you probably know, the Folsom Power House was one of the first providers of electricity for the State of California, and at one time, provided the city of San Francisco with most of their electricity.

I am still working on a speaker for August. Any recommendations or suggestions would be well received.

Obviously, the untimely death of Bill Clark will require changes in our slate of officers for next year. It is my hope the board will resolve these issues at our meeting today.

Sand Traps

—Brian Upton

**Empire Ranch Tournament –
June 2, 2009**

- First: Bill Keane**
- Second: Ed Gupton**
- Third: Gary Grann**
- Fourth: Paul Tomlinson**

**Mather Tournament –
June 11, 2009**

- First: Dennis Callahan**
- Second: Bill Keane**
- Third: Vince Mamone**

**Wildhawk Tournament –
June 16, 2009**

- First: Dennis Callahan**
- Second: Joel Enns**
- Third: Bill Keane**
- Fourth: Chuck LePere**

Haggin Oaks – June 24, 2009

- First: Ed Gupton**
- Second: Keith Hepler**
- Third: Dennis Callahan**

Closest-to-Pin

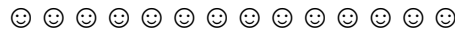
- Empire Rance 6/2/09**
George Van Blyenburgh
- Mather 6/11/09**
Bob Mello
- Wildhawk 6/16/09**
Ed Gupton
- Haggin Oaks 6/24/09**
Dave Steimle

GOLF
– Brian Upton

Congratulations to Vince Mamone who scored a hole-in-one at our Dark Horse tournament on May 27, 2009. Way to go Vince! Who's next?

Don't forget to sign up today for our Four Man Best Ball Tournament at Turkey Creek on July 29, 2009. This is a four man team event with extra prizes and cash awards. Sign-up sheet is in the lobby. No sign-ups after this Wednesday.

See Golf Chairman Brian Upton for additional information and a tournament schedule.



JULY BIRTHDAYS

- Bill Bishop
- Paul Blais
- John Brenner
- Rod Campbell
- Al Freitag
- Jim Gibson
- Jim Henninger
- El Lapp
- Bill McClanahan
- Carl Pulliam
- Ron Thoma

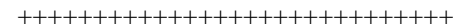
**Whenever I feel blue,
I start breathing again.**

MEMBERSHIP
– Gary Grann

Active membership - 160

Our new member John Ramsey retired as a consultant with McKenzie-Scott in 2004 and is currently enjoying his hobbies of fishing, photography, gardening and golf. He resides in El Dorado Hills with his wife Win.

Chuck Le Pere has been following up on absent members and as a result five members have requested to resign; one member has requested a transfer to another SIR Branch; and two members have requested to be placed in an "Inactive" status.



EMPTY CHAIRS!!

The following chair positions are open

- E-mail**
- Historian**
- Property**
- Sunshine**
- Travel**

See the Big SIR for information about these great service opportunities!!

Bulletin Updates

Please provide items for the **August 2009 Bulletin** to Jon Jakowatz by **Sunday, August 2, 2009.**

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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

Websites

SIR State
www.sirinc.org

Branch 95
95.sirbranch.com

SIR Happenings!
www.sirinc.org/sirhappenings/

SUNSHINE

– Tom Grube

I regret to report on the death of our Little Sir William “Bill” Clark last month. Bill had a history of heart problems and had been experiencing those as well as other health issues the past six months. Bill was a fighter and was able to overcome many health issues up until the end. Bill will be missed. Our regrets go out to his wife Judy and the rest of the family.

I'm happy to report that Bob Scheidegger has recovered from his recent medical problems and has rejoined the forces.

SIR'S member Jim January is scheduled to undergo surgery in July. We wish him a successful surgery and quick recovery.

SIR'S member Bob Bartlett is scheduled for surgery later in the month. We wish Bob a successful surgery and quick and complete recovery.

SIR'S member Joe Lampich, Branch 95 Treasurer, had surgery on July 6th and is recovering nicely.

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

SPECIAL MEMORIES OF BILL CLARK

–Larry Keenan , Past Big Sir Branch 95

As many of you know, Bill Clark died this past month. For the last two years Bill fought the good fight in dealing with his heart disease. On June 17th Bill passed in the presence of his wife and family. Bill was an engineer, graduating from the University of North Dakota. He spent his career at Firestone and also in the space program of the 60's, 70's and 80's.

We knew him from being our branch 95 Chaplain for the last few years. An especially caring man, with uniqueness in his prayers, we were all the beneficiaries of his effort to praise all members with camaraderie and understanding. With the support of the membership Bill was then made Little Sir in January of this year. Always dedicated to the branch and always there for a good word to all those that he met, Bill was the consummate SIR. He understood about life and it's unpredictability. He lost his first wife in 2000 and then Met Judy, a new love of his life. He cherished her daughter, who was away at college much of the time. Last year he said he and Judy were going to meet her for Thanksgiving in Southern California as she could not get away for the holiday. He was that kind of guy.

As many in our golf group know, Bill was always involved in playing, organizing, or supporting our golf program and thoroughly enjoyed getting out on the course for the social aspects as well. Once, when I rode in the golf cart with him, he began to make honking sounds, and he startled me. "Bill" I said, "what are you doing?" He said, "I'm just saying hello to my fellow Minnesotans", as a flock of Canada geese flew over. Bill was from Minnesota and frequently reminisced about living there as a boy.

Towards the last few months, and in particular these last few weeks, those of us who knew Bill could see that he was struggling. We were concerned about him being at the Ladies Day Picnic. Sure enough there he was, with Judy, and with a full plate of dessert, no less.

Now he is at rest, with desserts of any kind, at any hour, and you can bet he is sharing it all with other SIR's who have gone before.