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 Bowling ..... Don Weick  
 Bulletin ..... Jon Jakowatz  
 Chaplain ..... Ray Retailack  
 E-Mail ..... Open  
 Golf ..... Brian Upton  
 Asst Golf George Van Blyenburgh  
 Historian ..... Open  
 Membership ..... Gary Grann  
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# 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 **Up** Gold Country?

### BIG SIR—Bill Stegman

**T**oday, I would like to thank a few people who provide a valuable service to SIRS Branch 95, but are rarely acknowledged. All of you who play golf recognize the name Brian Upton, but what is important is that Brian provides a large number of services to each golfer. He manages our handicaps, he not only schedules each year, but he assumes the responsibility for the year-end championship, the special events, and the non-regular golf courses.

Another person who provides valuable services to each of us every month is Chuck LePere. He is the one who collects the information from our callers and translates the reservation to Callie Berger, our caterer. He also organizes all the special information that we send out.

Someone you see each month is Bob Scheidegger. He's up at the podium handing me the money for our raffles. Bob also is caretaker of our badges and is responsible for the tickets we pass out each month.

Every month, we receive this bulletin and we expect it to be there. Did you ever stop to think how much work Jon Jakowatz must do each month to organize and print it? I know it's hard work because he has to bug me at least twice a month for my input!

Gary Grann, our incoming Little SIR, has been responsible in the past for keeping our Membership registers. He has provided applications for new members, while recording the new and dropping the old.

Ray Retailack leads us each month in our blessing. We have come to expect a good prayer, but this doesn't happen by accident. He does extensive work in preparation for delivering that prayer.

Finally, there is Tom Grube, who is our Sunshine Chairman. Tom asked to be relieved of this responsibility over a year ago, and we are still trying to fill this position. In the meantime, Tom continues to do a good job.

Thank you to all of you. Our branch would not be nearly as successful without each of your contributions and the contributions of nameless callers and assistants, who I have not mentioned. Please know that we appreciate all of you.

## Sand Traps

—Brian Upton

### Empire Ranch Tournament - August 4, 2009

**First:** Jerry Nester  
**Second:** Dennis Petersen  
**Third:** Bill Ross

### Mather Tournament – August 11, 2009

**First:** Mel Hallett  
**Second:** Dennis Callahan  
**Third:** Bob Mello  
**Fourth:** Brian Upton

### Wildhawk Tournament – August 18, 2009

**First:** Chet Kiel  
**Second:** Mel Hallett  
**Third:** Charlie Bossung  
**Fourth:** Dave Steimle

### Ancil Hoffman– August 25, 2009

**First:** Keith Hepler  
**Second:** Dennis Callahan  
**Third:** George Van Blyenburgh  
**Fourth:** Don Pratt

### Closest-to-Pin

Empire Ranch – Ed Gupton  
Mather – Ed Gupton  
Wildhawk – Bob Hendrickson  
Ancil Hoffman – Chet Keil

## *GOLF* – Brian Upton

We would like to welcome new club member Chet Keil who was sponsored by Jim Villa and Dev Clark. Chet joined us by playing his first tournament at the Wildhawk golf course in August. He promptly set the tone by winning first place and \$30.00!

Mmmmmmm..... *Chet, we look forward to your active participation in our monthly golfing activities.*

### *GOLFERS PRIDE*

Stand proud you noble swingers of clubs and losers of balls... A recent study found the average golfer walks about 900 miles a year. Another study found golfers drink, on average, 22 gallons of alcohol a year.

That means, on average, golfers get about 41 miles to the gallon. Kind of makes you proud. Almost feel like a hybrid.

*Courtesy of Tom Gamble*

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### *MEMBERSHIP* – Gary Grann

We added one new member for the month, Chet Keil for a total “Active Membership” of **162 members**. Chet lives in Rancho Murieta with his wife Barbara and he enjoys reading, travel, golf and cooking. He retired in September 1996 as a “Labor Relations Consultant” with Keil & Associates.

## *SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS*

Bob Ames  
Chuck Buckley  
Russ Duckering  
Mel Hallett  
Dick Henderson  
Keith Hepler  
Raul Hernandez  
Jon Jakowatz  
Joe Lampich  
Jerry Nester  
Alden Peterson  
Don Ring  
George Van Blyenburgh  
Ron Waisner



### *FIRSTS*

Who was the first person to look at a cow and say,  
"I think I'll squeeze these dangly things here, and drink whatever comes out?"

Who was the first person to ponder,  
"See that chicken there? I'm gonna eat the next thing that comes outta its butt."

'If at first you don't succeed',  
Said Robert the Bruce the King.  
If at first you don't succeed,  
Then you shouldn't try skydiving.



### *Bulletin Updates*

Please provide items for the  
**September 2009 Bulletin**  
to Jon Jakowatz by  
**Sunday, October 4, 2009.**

E-mail:  
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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**  
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