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RETIRED MEN DEVOTED TO THE PROMOTION OF
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Gold Country Happenings

BIG SIR—Bill Stegman

As most of you know, our Christmas Luncheon is scheduled for Monday, December 14, 2009. It will be held at our normal meeting place, the Elks Club in Shingle Springs. This is a great opportunity to express to our wives how much we appreciate their efforts throughout the year. Make sure you make your reservations as soon as possible. Checks should be sent or given to Gary Grann.

This last week, my wife and I had an opportunity to visit Apple Hill, and once again, I am reminded of how very fortunate each of us is to be living in this magnificent part of California. Here in the Foothills, we may share in the beauty of the winter by driving just a few miles up the mountain, and yet we have moderate temperatures where we live and can play golf all year round.

Wishing each of you a Happy Thanksgiving, and hopes for a great holiday season.

*Bill Stegman
Big SIR*

LITTLE SIR—Gary Grann

Our November luncheon speaker is Robert Rowher who is a docent at the California Rail Road Museum. He will speak on the building and history associated with the Transcontinental Rail Road.

From Larry Keenan

The Foothill Women's Chorus will again treat us with a variety of Christmas Music at the December Ladies Day Christmas Lunch this year. Reservations are on a first come first serve basis so get your check in to Gary Grann ASAP. Your spouse will not want to miss this year's festivities. Casual holiday attire will be the norm for the December Lunch.

Sand Traps
by Brian Upton

Empire Ranch Tournament -
October 6, 2009

- First: Brian Upton**
- Second: Gary Grann**
- Third: Larry Keenan**
- Fourth: Ed Gupton**

Wildhawk Tournament –
October 20, 2009

- First: George Simko**
- Second: Len Jackson**
- Third: Charlie Bossung**
- Fourth: Ed Gupton**

Teal Bend Tournament –
October 28, 2009

- First: Ron Waisner**
- Second: Dennis Petersen**
- Third: Mel Hallett**

Closest-to-Pin

- Empire Ranch – Front 9-Gary Grann*
- Empire Ranch – Dennis Petersen*
- Mather – N/A*
- Wildhawk – Jim Villa*
- Teal Bend – Dennis Petersen – Hole-in-one*

*Give me golf clubs, fresh air
and a beautiful partner, and
you can keep the clubs and
the fresh air.*

Jack Benny



Golf
by Brian Upton

Congratulations to Gary Grann who is our new 2009 Golf Club Champion. Gary came in first place in the championship round played at Empire Ranch on October 6, 2009.

Bill Stegman placed second, Roy Emrich was third, and Paul Tomlinson was fourth.

Congratulations to Dennis Petersen who scored a hole-in-one on the 9th hole at Teal Bend on October 28, 2009. Everyone enjoyed a free beer on Dennis after the round.....nice shot Dennis!



November Birthdays

- John Collens
- George Engel
- Joel Enns
- Warren Graves
- David Hyman
- Jake Jacobson
- Ed Newton
- Ken O'Farrell
- Steve Thomson

~~~ CHRISTMAS ~~~
WHAT OTHER TIME OF THE
YEAR DO YOU SIT IN FRONT
OF A DEAD TREE AND EAT
CANDY OUT OF YOUR
SOCKS?

Membership
by Gary Grann

SIR Branch # 95 has added one new member, David Hyman who retired in November 2004 and resides with his wife Joanne in El Dorado Hills. David enjoys golf and gardening with 30 grapevines and 20 pomegranate trees under cultivation.

We also had four members resign (Lothar Lehmann, Kip Klopp, Warren Questo, and George Flynn) and one member passed away (Bill Theurer).

With these changes the SIR Branch # 95 "Active Membership" stands at 155 members.

Thanksgiving

The date and location of the first Thanksgiving celebration is a topic of modest contention. Though the earliest attested Thanksgiving celebration was on September 8, 1565 in what is now Saint Augustine, Florida, the traditional "first Thanksgiving" is venerated as having occurred at the site of Plymouth Plantation, in 1621.

During the 1700s, it was common practice for individual colonies to observe days of thanksgiving throughout each year.

A Thanksgiving Day two hundred years ago was a day set aside for prayer and fasting, not a day marked by plentiful food and drink as is today's custom.



Bulletin Updates

Please provide items for the
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to Jon Jakowatz by
Sunday, January 3, 2010.

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Location for SIR Luncheon

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

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

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