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

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Gold Country Happenings

BIG SIR—Bill Stegman

First, allow me to wish each and every one of you a Happy New Year! I am looking forward to 2010 because I know it will be a good year for SIRS Branch 95. Our Little SIR, Gary Grann, has already assembled an outstanding group of speakers. As most of you know, we were expecting to hear from the Pearl Harbor Veterans this month. Unfortunately, this will not happen, but Gary has provided us with an outstanding program. Our speaker will be one of Winston Churchill's personal bodyguards.

For those of you who attended the Ladies Day Christmas Luncheon, I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did. The occasion was festive. The food was good and the choir performed as expected. However, I was very disappointed in the turnout. Our attendance was seventy-four. Of which, 36 were SIRS. That is less than 25% of our membership. I am going to ask our board for suggestions for future holiday Ladies Day events. If any of you have a recommendation of how we might increase the participation, I would appreciate your input. I am not sure what the problem is. Is the price at \$18.00 too much? For the record, we did not make any money on this luncheon. Is the menu too common? I really would like to know. I am willing to discuss alternatives, but do not have any ideas to change things. I do know that moving offsite or providing a different menu would increase the price. Since the whole purpose of the celebration is to honor our wives, I would like to have greater participation. Please feel free to contact me and offer suggestions.

I hope that 2010 will provide us all with good health, good cheer, and for we golfers, a GOOD score!

LITTLE SIR—Gary Grann

The guest speaker for January 2010 will be Danny Mander who at age 23 served as Winston Churchill's bodyguard during the Teheran Conference in 1943. Mr. Mander will talk about his early military career and his experiences working as a bodyguard to the most powerful leader of the free world.

Sand Traps
by Brian Upton

Empire Ranch Tournament -
November 3, 2009

First: Dennis Petersen
Second: Ed Gupton
Third: Brian Upton

Mather Tournament -
November 10, 2009

First: Brian Upton
Second: Vince Mamone
Third: Mel Hallett
Fourth: Dave Steimle

Wildhawk Tournament -
November 17, 2009

First: Vince Mamone
Second: Brian Upton
Third: Steve Thomson

Closest-to-the-pin
Empire Ranch - Brian Upton
Mather - Gary Grann
Wildhawk - Bill Yeager

Empire Ranch Tournament -
December 1, 2009

First: Bill Keane
Second: Paul Tomlinson
Third: Mel Hallett

Wildhawk Tournament -
December 17, 2009

First: Roy Emrich
Second: Bill Stegman
Third: Bill Keane

Closest-to-the-pin
Empire Ranch - Bill Yeager
Wildhawk - George VanBlyenburgh



*Golf can best be defined as an
endless series of tragedies
obscured by the occasional
miracle, followed by a good bottle
of beer.*

Golf
by Brian Upton

The NCGA issues an annual club report on who's improved their Handicap Index the most over the past 12 months. Through December, our top six Branch 95 players were:

<u>Name</u>	<u>H.I.</u> <u>12/1/08</u>	<u>H.I.</u> <u>12/1/09</u>
Mel Hallett	21.9	19.2
Dennis Callahan	22.0	19.7
Ron Waisner	21.2	19.3
Ed Gupton	22.6	20.9
Len Jackson	33.0	31.1
Brian Upton	17.8	17.0



Congratulations to
Ralph Lingis, new
SIR Region II Director
and
Bob Carlstroem, new
SIR Area 31 Governor.

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

Bulletin Updates

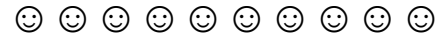
Please provide items for the
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to Jon Jakowatz by
Sunday, January 31, 2010.

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Membership
by Gary Grann

SIR Branch # 95 had one member, Jim Henninger, tender his resignation during December.

With these changes the SIR Branch # 95 "Active Membership" stands at 144 members.



December Birthdays

Lee Brilliant
Jerry Cias
Edmond Gupton
Ture Roslund
Al Schmidt
Slim Schrader
William Spackling
Brian Upton

January Birthdays

Dick Bailey
Tom Grube
Andy Ho
Len Jackson
Bill Keane
Bob Mello
Rocco Mohr
Malcolm Ramsay
Jack Uvodich
Don Weick
Ernie Williams

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