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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 Bloomin' in Gold Country

## BIG SIR-Bill Stegman

I would like to thank all of you who participated in our survey last month. The results were interesting. We had ten members who are interested in bowling and seven who responded positively to pool. The other suggestions were limited to one or two. Several listed fishing as a possibility, but two of you mentioned that SIRS has a special fishing group called the Happy Hookers. The only requirement for membership in the Happy Hookers is that you be an active member in another SIRS group. We currently have chairmen for both bowling and pool. I am going to ask both of them to call a meeting after a luncheon and discuss the options.

It appears that there is no magic touch to increasing attendance at our Ladies Day Christmas function. It was suggested by some that we upgrade the meal and turn it into an evening function. I am going to ask the board to consider this possibility. Please realize that such an event would require a higher cost. I will keep you informed.

It is hard to believe that it is already March! Our annual picnic is only 90 days away. Last year, we had 128 participants. We would like to exceed that this year. Our first official notice will be coming out at April's luncheon. I know that Gary Grann is already in discussions with High Hill Ranch and the caterer. If you have any ideas that could make the picnic even more enjoyable, please discuss them with Gary.

## LITTLE SIR—Gary Grann

**O**ur speaker for today's luncheon will be Gene Endicott who will give a presentation on the "California High Speed Train System".

## Membership—Gary Grann

SIRS Branch 95 membership is unchanged since last month. Active Membership is 139 members.

## Sand Traps by Brian Upton

Branch 95 Tournament results during February were as follows:

Empire Ranch Tournament -

<u>February 2, 2010</u>	
First:	<b>Brian Upton</b>
Second:	Vince Mamone
Third:	Keith Hepler

Wildhawk Tournament –February 16, 2010First:Bill StegmanSecond:Keith HeplerThird:Bill Keane

#### Closest-to-the-pin Empire Ranch – Vince Mamone Wildhawk – Larry Keenan

Our Sons In Retirement Branch 95 is always interested in inviting new members to join us. If you know someone who recently retired, invite them to join you for lunch. Introduce them to our Membership Chairman Gary Grann. If they enjoy golf, all the better!

## March Birthdays

Ed Bowman Harlan Dobyns Bob Eyrich Jim Frey Ronald Keefe Bruce Morrison Dennis Petersen Jim Peterson Bill Ross Ed Walsh Norb Witt Bill Yeager

#### Travel

April tour to Ironstone Vineyards. May springtime tour to Yosemite. For details about these and other coming tours, contact Wally Richardson at 916-933-9599.

## **Golf** by Brian Upton

Even though February tournaments were washed out at both Mather and Antelope Greens, Dennis Petersen and Mel Hallett showed that true golfers are never deterred by a few raindrops. Only three people showed up to play Mather, and one went home after assessing the situation more closely. Not Dennis and Mel. They played a full 18 holes, dodging raindrops, puddles and just plain mud. After finishing the front nine, they found the clubhouse closed and locked. But thank goodness they left the restroom open. Upon arriving home with mud from his socks to his eveglasses. Dennis's wife took one look at him and said, "you dummy!"

#### Golf observation

If there is a ball on the fringe and a ball in the bunker, your ball is in the bunker. If both balls are in the bunker, yours is in the footprint.

#### Bulletin Updates

Please provide items for the April 2010 Bulletin to Jon Jakowatz by Sunday, April 4, 2010.

E-mail: SIR95Bulletin@jakowatz.net

### 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

## *Websites* SIR State

www.sirinc.org

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### Name This SIR!! See next month's bulletin for our mystery SIRs name!

Our SIR was an All State wide receiver in one of the smallest states in the country, earning a scholarship to the local state university. Once there, he couldn't decide on a major, so he went home, told his Dad that he wasn't ready for college and joined the USAF.

Schooled in surgery and in the ER in Air Force Hospitals in England and Germany he was reassigned to the obstetrics service assisting in deliveries, even with some on his own. At the same time he played wide receiver on the  $3^{rd}$  Air Force football team, the London. Rockets.

After the Air Force and college he embarked on a career in marketing and sales management, rising to be western regional sales manager for an international healthcare company that is known worldwide.

After several successful years in sales in many states, traveling all over the country, and winning numerous national sales awards, he moved to the legal department of his company. He ultimately developed their state government affairs group, based in Sacramento, where he met and worked with many elected officials in all the western states, developing longtime friendships with some of them.

One of the products his company makes has made its way into the stomach of everyone in this room and for some of you, you continue to swallow one every day.

He his wife of 47 years reside in El Dorado Hills. They have a son and two grandchildren in New York City and a daughter that lives in San Francisco.

He enjoys SIRs because it is an opportunity to stay connected and meet men from all walks of.

And, of course, he loves golf, no matter what the score.