



*Gold Country Branch 95  
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Badges/Raffle ..... Bob Scheidegger  
Billiards ..... Carl Backers  
Bowling ..... Don Weick  
Bulletin ..... Jon Jakowatz  
Chaplain ..... Ray Retailack  
E-Mail ..... Open  
Golf ..... Brian Upton  
Asst Golf ..... George Van Blyenburgh  
Historian ..... Open  
Membership ..... Mike Mohr  
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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## BIG SIR—Bill Stegman

Today's meeting is the last before our Ladies' Day June Picnic. Gary has some exciting new ideas about this year's picnic. He is trying to get back to the idea that this is the Ladies' day, and is gearing many of the events in that direction. Let's top last year's 128 attendees!

I have spent the last five years serving in some capacity as an officer of SIRS Branch 95. Many times, we have a tendency to think about the work required rather than the benefit received. There are real benefits in serving as a SIRS officer. First is that you get to know most of our members and our group is very quick to express their appreciation to those who serve in these capacities. We are currently looking for officer nominees for 2011. Specifically, we are looking for a Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Little SIR, Assistant Treasurer and possibly, a Treasurer. I can tell you from experience that the most demanding of these jobs, Little SIR, probably took less than 2 hours per month. The Secretary's job is basically taking minutes at board meetings and recording them. The Treasurer not only collects the money at monthly meetings, but he also does a report that takes approximately 30 minutes per month to update. The Assistant Treasurer and Assistant Secretary attend board meetings and learn the skills required to take on the Treasurer or Secretary jobs. The Little SIR has responsibility for both the picnic and Christmas party, and arranging for monthly speakers. While that task may seem daunting, getting monthly speakers is not as difficult as one might think. If any of you has any interest in one of these officer positions for 2011, I would appreciate you telling me as soon as possible. It is very important that we continue to have participation from as many of you as possible to insure that SIRS Branch 95 continues to be an outstanding branch..

## LITTLE SIR—Gary Grann

Today's speaker is Pat Vitucci, financial advisor, speaker, author, and radio host of "Your Financial Life" on KNEW AM 910, Sundays. His recent book "Don't Invest and Forget" reflects his active asset allocation approach to managing investments.

Mark your calendar for the **Branch 95 "Ladies Day Picnic"** to be held **Monday, June 14, 2010** at High Hill Ranch in Camino. The event will again be catered by "Back Forty Texas BBQ" and features BBQ'd Pork Ribs, Sliced Beef, Chicken, cole slaw, fruit salad, beans, corn-on-the-cob and dessert. The cost is \$20.00 per person. Make checks payable to "SIRS Branch 95". Sign today or mail your check to Gary Grann, 7032 Hearst Drive, El Dorado Hills, CA 95762. Hope to see all of you at this year's picnic. **Remember to sign up no later than May 31, 2010.**

**Sand Traps**  
by Brian Upton

Results for Branch 95  
April Tournaments:

**Empire Ranch Tournament –**  
**April 6, 2010**

- First:** Bob Hendrickson  
**Second:** George Van Blyenburgh  
**Third:** Ron Waisner

**Diamond Oaks Tournament –**  
**April 13, 2010**

- First:** Bob Hendrickson  
**Second:** Bill Stegman  
**Third:** Mel Hallett

**Closest-to-the-pin**  
*Empire Ranch – Paul Tomlinson*  
*Diamond Oaks – Joel Enns*

**Thank you Lord.....**

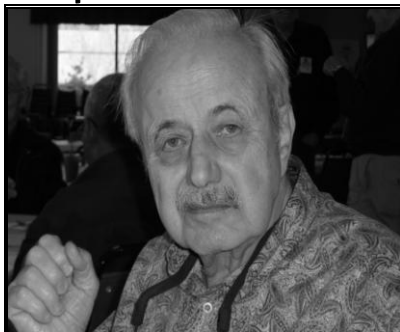
Paddy was late for his tee-time, having slept in after drinking a wee bit too much the night before. Pulling into the parking lot he could see it was completely full. Circling the lot, he looked up to heaven and said "Lord, take pity on me. If you find me a parking place I will go to mass every Sunday for the rest of me life and give up me Irish Whiskey!"

Suddenly, a parking place appeared.

Quickly glancing up, Paddy said "Never mind, I found one!"

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**April SIR Revealed!!**



**Kurt Borowski**  
**Branch 95 Webmaster**

**Golf**  
by Brian Upton

Upcoming May tournaments:

Tomorrow, May 11, 2010 we are at Mather. See Dennis Petersen today if you wish to play.

Tuesday, May 18, 2010 we are at Wildhawk. Contact Joel Enns if you wish to play.

We have rescheduled our rained out Castle Oaks Two Man Best Ball tournament to Cherry Island on May 26, 2010. A Sign-up sheet is available at today's meeting for those who still wish to join us. Cherry Island is a perfect venue for a two man team, so be sure to sign up for this one!

**Billiards**  
by Carl Backers

**Join** us for partners **8 Ball** every Monday except for SIRs luncheon Monday. We rotate partners after every game and play two to three hours, depending on how many show up. There is no charge for play and food and drinks are available.

**Where:** Lake Bowl on Bidwell Street in Folsom in the bar area

**When:** Play starts 12:30 - 1:00 PM

***Bulletin Updates***

Items for the **August 2010 Bulletin** due to Jon Jakowatz by **Sunday, August 1,**  
E-mail: [SIR95Bulletin@jakowatz.net](mailto:SIR95Bulletin@jakowatz.net)

***Branch 95 Luncheon Location***  
***2nd Monday of the Month***

**Placerville Elks Lodge**  
3821 Quest Ct.,  
Shingle Springs, CA  
TEL. 530.672.9120.  
Happy Hour 11:00 a.m.  
Lunch 12:00 noon

**SIR Websites**  
**State**

[www.sirinc.org](http://www.sirinc.org)  
[www.sirinc.org/sirhappenings/](http://www.sirinc.org/sirhappenings/)  
**Branch 95**  
[95.sirbranch.com](http://95.sirbranch.com)

**May Birthdays**

- Pete Altavilla (PBS)  
Per Christiansen  
Dev Clark  
Roy Emrich  
Tom Gamble (PBS)  
George Gianopulos  
Gary Grann  
Bob Hendrickson  
Joe Joyce  
Dick Pratt  
Dick Rein  
David Rhoads  
Larry Weller  
Al Zarzana

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**June Birthdays**

- Seb Basilico (PBS)  
Edward Bernhoft  
Kurt Borowski  
Phil Erickson  
Donald Greco  
Bill Johnston  
Chuck Le Pere  
Paul Reichner  
Jack Reilly  
Raymond Retallack  
Wally Routsong  
Dominic Ruggieri

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**Name This SIR!!**

**Coming in the August bulletin...  
a new mystery SIR!**

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**Travel**

**Wally Richardson - 916-933-9599.**

We are planning a trip to Virginia City on October 30-31st. Stops at Boomtown with \$5.00 cash and \$5.00 food. On to Silver Legacy in Reno for overnight. \$5.00 cash and \$3.00 for food. Next day we proceed to Carson City where we catch a train to Virginia City. Ninety minute train ride- spectacular and historic trip. We will spend our time enjoying Virginia City and then depart in the afternoon for home. Should be back in plenty of time for Halloween. Price \$189. per person. Fun and games enroute.