



*Gold Country Branch 95
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Sunshine Open
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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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BIG SIR—Bill Stegman

My thanks to Gary Grann and those who worked with him for providing an excellent picnic. I thought that the baskets created for the wives and the game associated with it provided a very interesting and exciting twist to the annual event. The strawberry shortcake was an outstanding dessert.

Additional thanks to Brian Upton and his team for providing an excellent bar, as always.

My big disappointment in the picnic was the turnout. 65 people attended. Taking out special guests, the number drops to 61. That means that 21% of our membership attended. I do not believe that I have any alternative but to recommend to next year's board, Big SIR, and Little SIR that we either format the picnic differently or discontinue both it and the Christmas party. As I have explained in previous newsletters, I do not understand how we can have an average attendance at our meetings of 90+ and draw a mere 31 to our Ladies Day activities. I am really beginning to wonder if SIRS 95 is a viable branch of the SIRS organization. In spite of continued requests for volunteers and participation, I get no interest. We currently are unable to fill the officers positions for next year. We still need a Secretary, Assistant Secretary, possible Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer and, although we have an offer extended for Little SIR, that has not been accepted. We have at least five chairmanships open. Our current slate of officers and board are finishing multiple terms. What do we do? If the 90 of you who regularly attend meetings, wish to continue, then we must have people step up and volunteer. These jobs do not require a lot of time, effort, or skills. Please think about it.

LITTLE SIR—Gary Grann

Today's speaker is from the Crocker Museum in Sacramento. She will be talking about the Museum's new wing and changes made over the summer.

SIR President—Buck Kendrick ~ Membership Crisis

My principal thrust this year is to stabilize the membership level and stop continued losses. At the April State Board meeting a resolution was passed that sets an annual recruiting goal for each branch of 10% of their membership. Together we can solve this membership crisis... I believe leadership is the answer to the membership crisis of SIR.

To see President Bucks complete comments visit SIR May Happenings: click on "May Happenings" at <http://sirinc.org/sirhappenings/index.htm>

Sand Traps by Brian Upton

Results for Branch 95
June Tournaments:

Empire Ranch Tournament June 1, 2010

First: Mel Hallett
Second: George Engel
Third: Bill Stegman
Fourth: Bill Keane

Diamond Oaks Tournament June 8, 2010

First: Bob Hendrickson
Second: Ed Gupton
Third: Dennis Petersen
Fourth: George Engel

Wildhawk Tournament June 15, 2010

First: George Simko
Second: George
Van Blyenburgh
Third: Dev Clark

The Ridge Scramble Tournament June 23, 2010*

First: Team #5
Mamone, Petersen, Ramsay
& Keane
Second: Team #4
Stegman, Simko, Hepler &
Tomlinson
Third: Team #3
Thomson, Mello, Yeager, &
Keenan
Fourth: Team #2
Waisner, Nester, Callahan &
Steimle
Fifth: Team #1
Keil, Van Blyenburgh,
Upton & Bossung*

*Very strange occurrence, the teams
finished in the reverse order of their
starting positions. I
will keep this in mind for next
year.....

Closest-to-the-pin

Empire Ranch – George Simko
Diamond Oaks – Gary Grann
Wildhawk – Don Pratt
The Ridge – Team #3

Golf by Brian Upton

An observation: A "gimme" can best
be defined as an agreement between
two golfers... neither of whom can
putt very well.

Remaining July tournaments:

Tomorrow, July 13, 2010 we are at
Mather. See Dennis Petersen today
if you wish to play.

Next Tuesday, July 20, 2010 we play
at Wildhawk. Contact Joel Enns if
you wish to sign-up.

On Wednesday, July 28, 2010 we will
be visiting the Dark Horse club in
Auburn. An interesting and
challenging course, Dark Horse is a
good test of your golfing skills. A
sign-up sheet is available today for
those who wish to join us.

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Name This SIR!!

Will return in the October SIR
95 bulletin... a new mystery SIR!

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Ladies Day Picnic Pictures

Visit the SIR Branch 95 website to
check out pictures of folks enjoying
the Ladies Day Picnic

Bulletin Updates

Items for the August 2010 Bulletin due
to Jon Jakowatz by Sunday, August 1,
E-mail: 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
www.sirinc.org/sirhappenings/
Branch 95
95.sirbranch.com

July Birthdays

Bill Bishop
John Brenner
Rod Campbell
Al Freitag (PBS)
Jim Gibson
El Lamp
Bill McClanahan
Carl Pulliam
Ron Thoma

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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

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Travel

Wally Richardson - 916-933-9599.

October 30-31st -We are planning a
trip to Virginia City with stops at
Boomtown (\$5.00 cash & \$5.00 food)
and Reno where we'll overnight at
the Silver Legacy (\$5.00 cash &
\$3.00 food). Next day we travel to
Carson City where we catch a
spectacular historic Ninety minute
train ride to Virginia City. We will
spend the afternoon enjoying
Virginia City and depart in the
afternoon for home with arrival in
plenty of time for Halloween. Price
\$189. per person. Fun and games
en route.

August 17th - A day trip to "Old
Town" Sacramento. We'll have two
hours at the train museum, then
board the "Delta Queen for lunch,
followed by time to explore the local
shops, sights, etc. Should be a great
summer outing, and one that you
can bring your grandchildren with
you. \$88 per person.

Call Wally for details / reservations.