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Asst Golf ..... George Van Blyenburgh

Historian ..... Open

Membership ..... Mike Mohr

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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

Here it is, October, already, and I have so much to do before the end of the year, but there are some special people who deserve my thanks and the thanks of the entire SIRS 95 membership.

Chuck LePere has been responsible for the callers, for determining the monthly meeting count, calling the number to our caterer, and keeping track of our attendance by member. Most of you don't realize what a valuable function Chuck performs. I would like to thank Chuck and his callers for all the things they have contributed to the success of SIRS 95.

Two years ago, we were thinking of discontinuing our bulletin because we could not find a member who would assume this responsibility. Jon Jakowatz, who at the time, was a brand new member, stepped forward and assumed this responsibility. In that short period of time, Jon has enhanced the bulletin and provided more information to all of us. In addition, he has made contact with a printer who has substantially reduced SIRS 95's printing costs. Thanks, Jon. We really appreciate it.

Golf is the number one activity of SIRS 95. It runs like clockwork. We have our weekly tournaments, and we play a number of different courses. Our handicaps are methodically produced each week from the tiring work done by Brian Upton. I know we golfers appreciate all that he does, including the initiation of a club championship. He is assisted in these activities by George VanBlyenburgh, and here is a special thanks to both of you.

The final person I would like to recognize is Bob Scheidegger. As most of you now know, Bob is responsible for providing the badges for each meeting and issuing the special "Lucky SIR" tickets. I think we all realized what an important function Bob performs when he accidentally missed a month!! That month, we not only had no "Lucky SIRS" but we also had difficulty determining who should receive the Birthday award. Bob has requested that he be relieved of his responsibilities after a number of years of service. If any of you would be interested in assuming Bob's responsibilities, please contact me. In the meantime, a very special thanks to Bob.

Next month, will be my final message, and I have already decided that I will dedicate it to the amazing group of men who have assisted me during the last two years.

## SIR Websites

State  
[www.sirinc.org](http://www.sirinc.org)

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

## Sand Traps by Brian Upton

SIR Branch 95 Results  
September Tournaments:

### Empire Ranch Tournament – September 7, 2010

First: Dan Link  
Second: Brian Upton  
Third: George Simko  
Fourth: Malcolm Ramsay

### Diamond Oaks Tournament – September 14, 2010

First: Bill Stegman  
Second: Bob Mello  
Third: Dennis Callahan

### Wildhawk Tournament – September 21, 2010

First: Larry Keenan  
Second: Bill Yeager  
Third: Gary Grann  
Fourth: Bob Hendrickson

### Woodcreek Tournament - September 29, 2010

First: Keith Hepler  
Second: Paul Tomlinson  
Third: Roy Emrich  
Fourth: Tom Gamble

### Closest-to-the-pin

Empire Ranch: Malcolm Ramsay  
Diamond Oaks: Paul Tomlinson  
Wildhawk: Larry Keenan  
Woodcreek: Tom Gamble

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Lee Trevino once observed: You can make a lot of money in this game. Just ask my ex-wives. Both of them are so rich neither of their husbands work.

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The term 'mulligan' is really a contraction of the phrase 'maul it again.'

### **Bulletin Updates**

Items for the November 2010 Bulletin due to Jon Jakowatz by  
Sunday, October 31  
E-mail: SIR95Bulletin@jakowatz.net

## Golf by Brian Upton

Congratulations to Ron Waisner who was the winner of the Callaway GPS Rangefinder at our special Wildhawk tournament drawing last month.

Remaining October tournaments:

Tomorrow, October 12th we are at Diamond Oaks. Check with Dennis Petersen today to verify if openings are available.

Next Tuesday, October 19, 2010 we are at Wildhawk.

Wednesday, October 27, 2010 we are at Turkey Creek in Lincoln.

Contact your tournament coordinator if you wish to play either course.

2011 NCGA dues may be paid between October 1 and December 1, 2010. Several new golf courses have been added to next year's schedule, including *The Reserve* in Spanos Park in Stockton as our travel tournament. Contact Brian Upton if you have any questions.

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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

### **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

## October Birthdays

Carl Backers (PBS)  
Mike Bendel  
Dave Crockett  
Joe Giacomini  
Ralph Haessler  
T Hanson-Smith (PBS)  
Larry Keenan (PBS)  
Neal Lucey  
Carl Reppert  
Bob Scheidegger  
Walt Tingley  
Tom Trafzer  
Jim Villa  
OrvilleWegat

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## California SIRs by Harry Hubinger

Rob, our fictional hero, becomes bored after six months of retirement and begins to hunt around for stimulation. He meets a SIR (Sons in Retirement) group on the golf course and is invited to their next meeting.

Even when he awoke that morning, Rob wasn't sure if he would attend the SIR meeting he had been invited to. Certainly after meeting a few SIRs on the putting green at the golf course and hearing about the organization, he felt like going with the flow. But now, as the time neared he wasn't so sure. Hed looked at the SIR web site and couldn't find a reason not to go. He had selected a branch website near to where he lived and liked the list of activities they had available for members. But, even so, he wasn't a joiner and hated to go to meetings where he didn't know anyone.

Are you going to that thing you talked to me about? his wife asked. Maybe, maybe not. Not sure. he replied.

Well if you don't go you'll need to find something around here for lunch. This is my card day, and I won't be around. ...

Part 2 of this four part series is at:  
<http://aliveeastbay.com/archives/california-sons-in-retirement-sirs/>