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Chaplain	Ray Retailack
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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
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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—Gary Grann

 ${f F}$ irst let me wish each of you a happy and prosperous new year.

My primary goal this year as your Big SIR is to begin the process of revitalizing our branch. Branch 95 is losing "active" members and the average age of its membership is increasing. We are not alone, over 97% of the branches in SIR have lost members since their peak year. Over the last 20 years SIR has gone from 30,000 members to roughly 20,000 members. This is a downward trend that eventually leads to the demise of the branch. But there is hope. Thirty-one branches have actually added members during the last reporting period.

Two factors are critical to the health of a SIR branch; (1) the development and support of activities and events of interest to the members, and (2) a commitment to membership recruitment. With your help and suggestions we will focus our attention on improving the branch activities and special events. In terms of recruitment, SIR leadership has found that the most effective recruitment tool is the active involvement of its members to invite a friend or acquaintance to attend a luncheon. SIR has established a 10% goal for recruitment of new members. I believe we can meet or exceed that goal if each member invites just one person to attend a luncheon during the coming year.

With your help – WE CAN DO THIS!

# Farewell to Past Big SIR—Steve Thomson

Our good friend and Past Big Sir Jim January passed away December 17th. Jim was born in Fresno on August 9, 1930. He attended Roosevelt High School in Fresno where he played football as a guard. This led to his lifelong love of football.

Jim was a Marine during the Korean conflict, obtaining the rank of Sergeant. Upon discharge he went to work for UnoCal Oil Company where he became District Manager.

Jim married Betty and between them they have six children, thirteen grandchildren, and two great grandchildren. Jim and Betty loved travelling and visited many parts of the world. They also traveled the West Coast, including winters in Arizona, with truck and fifth wheel.

Jim's interests included SIRs, golf, bridge, sailing, football, and social functions where he could gather with family and friends. He also enjoyed country music.

Everyone who knew Jim loved him for his humor, outgoing friendship, and just being Jim. He will be greatly missed.

### Sand Traps by Brian Upton

**SIR** Branch **95** Results December Tournaments:

Empire Ranch Tournament December 7, 2010

First: George Simko
Second: Vince Mamone
Third: Bill Keane

<u>Closest-to-the-pin</u> <u>Empire Ranch – Jerry Nester</u>

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# Golf by Brian Upton

Happy New Year to our 46 returning SIR golfers! We look forward to a new and fun packed schedule in 2011. We would also like to take this opportunity to welcome new members Jay Guertin, Charles Burton and Henry Cook.

The year 2010 was concluded by having to cancel our December tournaments at Diamond Oaks and Wildhawk due to inclement weather. As you know, no events are scheduled for January. We will resume our normal schedule at Empire Ranch on Tuesday, February 1st.

To promote our new season, two closest-to-the pin prizes will be scheduled at each tournament in February. Double your chances to win a sleeve of premium quality Callaway Tour i(z) or Callaway HX Hot Bite golf balls. Contact Vince Mamone if you wish to join us at Empire Ranch when we resume on February 1st.

Our annual Scramble tournament at Morgan Creek on June 29, 2011 will be comprised of A, B, C & D handicap players as in the past, but four man teams will be assembled by the "blind draw" process. This will be performed at the conclusion of our scheduled luncheon on June 13, 2011. All interested participants will be asked to sign-up before this date. We will try and avoid the team of Mamone, Petersen, Ramsay and Keane being assembled again.

Have you noticed, the older we get, the fewer things seem worth waiting in line for....

# **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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A man entered the bus with both of his front pockets full of golf balls and sat down next to a beautiful blonde.

The puzzled blonde kept looking at him and his bulging pockets.

Finally, after many such glances from her, he said, "It's golf balls".

Nevertheless, the blonde continued to look at him for a very long time, thinking about what he had said.

After several minutes, not being able to contain her curiosity any longer, she asked, "Does it hurt as much as tennis elbow?"

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# Aging Gracefully

One of the many things
No one tells you about aging
Is that it is such a nice change
From being young.

#### 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

#### January Birthdays

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

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#### California SIRs by Harry Hubinger

The enjoyable path of our fictional hero, Rob, continues as he "repots" himself after retiring from full-time business activities and discovers SIRs.

Well, it has been over two and a half years now since Rob packed his belongings at work and headed home. In some respects it's hard to believe. He still remembers, talks about it, and even occasionally hears from some of the old gang. But, the freedom he now enjoys more than overcomes his desire to return to work.

One of the major contributions to his retirement enjoyment has been the membership in SIRs (Sons in Retirement.) Admittedly he approached joining with a bit of trepidation, but that is now long gone...

Part 4 of this four part series is at: http://aliveeastbay.com/archives/californ ia-sons-in-retirement-sirs-part-4/

# SIR Websites State

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#### Bulletin Updates

Items for the January 2011 Bulletin due to Jon Jakowatz by Sunday, February 6, 2011 E-mail: SIR95Bulletin@jakowatz.net