



**Gold Country Branch 95  
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**Attendance** ..... Chuck LePere  
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**Bowling** ..... Don Weick  
**Bulletin** ..... Jon Jakowatz  
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**E-Mail** ..... Open  
**Golf** ..... Brian Upton  
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**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—Gary Grann

In January I emphasized that in order for Branch 95 to grow we must attract new, younger members. I asked each member to bring a guest to lunch during the coming year. To further encourage your participation the member who brings a guest, that joins Branch 95, will receive a FREE LUNCH at the next meeting. With your help we can ensure the continued growth and vitality of Branch 95.

## Little SIR—Bill Yeager

This month's luncheon speaker is author and publisher Alton Pryor. Mr. Pryor has written many books on the California Gold Country history.

The March luncheon speaker will be Michael Beaman, owner and founder of Safe Inheritance Corp. in Roseville. His Company specializes in State benefits for long-term care for seniors. He will speak on "State Benefits and Long-Term Care – Saving Your Inheritance".

## Farewell to a Good SIR

by Bob Gilmore

We mourn the sudden passing of our buddy and fellow SIR member Neal Lucey on January 21st. A long time Branch 95 member, he served in several positions. Most of you knew Neal as a friend and full of life, but what you may not have known is that Neal collected many more friends than most, over his lifetime. This was illustrated best at his crowded memorial service, when all his friends and relatives came together to meet each other and offer stories about him. He was well known in this area for his weekly "Neal's Meals". Neal set up these weekly dinners several years ago, which thrilled the many restaurant owners he befriended, when Neal's friends helped fill up their establishments. Everywhere Neal went, his magnetic personality and spontaneous humor put a smile on everyone's face. The many social gatherings that Neal attended, will never be the same without his humorous dress-up characters he portrayed, such as Elvis Presley or "Father" Lucey. At these events he was often seen chatting with his best friend since early childhood, Joe Giacomini, who moved his family to El Dorado Hills, near Neal's home to continue their friendship. Whenever any of his friends needed help with anything, he would drop whatever he was doing, and be there for them. In his earlier life, Neal was best known as a member of the SFPD's Mounted Patrol. Later, he conducted other business ventures until his retirement in 1991. He greatly enjoyed visiting family in Ireland. Neal always kept himself busy with his many interests, most of which included helping other people. Farewell Neal Lucey!

## Golf

by Brian Upton, Golf Chair

This month there is no report on January tournament activity, as none was scheduled. Weather was predicted to be lousy, right? Wouldn't you know, in January we had the nicest weather imaginable! Who set up this schedule?

But we are off to a nice start in February, with strong turnouts at both Empire Ranch and Diamond Oaks. Tomorrow, February 15, 2011, we play Wildhawk, so check with Joel Enns if you wish to join us. On Wednesday, February 23, 2011 we will visit Antelope Greens.

Remember, in February we are offering two closest-to-the pin awards at each tournament, so be sure to join us for a chance to win a sleeve of Callaway golf balls.

This month, begin earning points to qualify for our club championship playoff in September. Each member who earns a minimum 45 playoff points between now and the end of August will be automatically included in the first round qualifying tournament at Mather on September 13, 2011. Points will be awarded weekly and totaled monthly as follows:

- Participating in a tournament:  
4 Points
- Fourth Place in a tournament:  
5 Points
- Third Place in a tournament:  
6 Points
- Second Place in a tournament:  
8 Points
- First Place in a tournament:  
10 Points

Our 2011 club champion will be awarded cash, golf balls and a trophy. Will it be you?.

*Golf thought for the day:  
You are playing Army Golf when your  
tee shots go left, right, left.*

## Billiards

by Carl Backers, Billiards Chair

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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## Aging Gracefully

The things you used to care to do,  
you no longer care to do,  
but you really do care that you don't  
care to do them anymore.

Now that you're retired...  
your wife would give anything if  
you'd find a job!

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## Travel

by Wally Richardson, Branch 49  
Travel Chair

Overnight trip to Reno on March 9 to enjoy a great show, "Secrets of Showgirls." Return the next day at approximately 3-3:30 pm. Trip includes: Show with two glasses of champagne, \$10 slot play, \$3 food credit, free dinner buffet, and \$8 breakfast voucher. At the Nugget the next day, receive \$5 slot play and \$5 food credit. Weather & time permitting, we will make a donut stop and have a party. Jenny may even have a gift for you. All for \$170.00, dbl occ. Come join us. Contact Wally at 916-933-9599.

## 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

## February Birthdays

- Charlie Bossung
- Ron Brothers
- Ken Ebert
- George Eide
- Bob Gilmore
- Paul Griffith
- Fred Keller
- Paul Matloff
- Joe O'Shea
- John Ramsey
- Walt Schlumpf
- Paul Tomlinson

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## Welcome New SIRs

by Mike Mohr, Membership Chair

- Mike Barnes
- Chuck Burton
- Dan Cockcroft
- Henry Cook
- Jay Guertin
- Tim Herot
- Dan Link
- Terry Starkel

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## Branch 95 Chairs Needed!

- E-Mail
- Historian
- Property
- Sunshine
- Travel

Contact the Big or Little Sir or one of our Past Big Sirs for information about the opportunity to serve Branch 95 by chairing one of these functions.

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## 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)

## Bulletin Updates

Items for the **March 2011 Bulletin**  
due to Jon Jakowatz by  
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