



*Gold Country Branch 95  
2012 Elected Officers*

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Bill Yeager ..... 916.941.6632

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Attendance ..... Chuck LePere

Attendance Asst. .... Roy Emrich

Badges/Raffle ..... *Open*

Bowling ..... Don Weick

Bulletin ..... Jon Jakowatz

Chaplain ..... Ray Retallack

E-Mail ..... *Open*

Fishing ..... John Ramsey

Golf ..... Brian Upton

Asst Golf ..... George Van Blyenburgh

Historian ..... *Open*

Membership ..... Mike Mohr

Photography ..... *Open*

Property ..... *Open*

Publicity ..... Bill Yeager

Sunshine ..... *Open*

Travel ..... *Open*

Webmaster ..... Al Schmidt

# 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 Yeager

Here we are, November. Time for Thanksgiving and Christmas. May all of you have a happy and joyous Thanksgiving and Christmas with your friends and family. Don't forget our SIR Christmas Luncheon with the ladies next month. Good food, friends, fun and great raffle prizes.

This will be my last Big SIR message for the year as we do not have a news letter in December. You will next hear from our new Big SIR for 2013, Dennis Petersen.

It has been an enjoyable year, a learning experience, trust I met most of you and made a small difference in our organization. I know it has been said before, but a big thank you to our current officers Dennis Peterson, Tim Herdt, Keith Hepler and to our Executive Board of George Van Blyburgh, Gary Grann, Bill Stegman, Brian Upton and Dennis Callahan. Their help, support, ideas and suggestions made my job much easier.

Enjoys today's Turkey, we hope to see you at the Christmas Luncheon. Have a great 2013!

## Little SIR—Dennis Petersen

Our scheduled speaker for November will be Arnold Kunst. His presentation about Lincoln is from an award-winning speech entitled 'Lincoln Was a Loser'.

## What's Your Story? —Dennis Petersen

I'm not certain everyone knew Roy Emrich, a recently deceased member of our group, but at his memorial service it was easy to gain the feeling of attachment, as if he had suddenly become a brother.

His life was reviewed on a big screen video with pictures of his wife, daughters, grandchildren, vacations and friends. His pride for the time he spent in the Marines and how he enjoyed Hawaii. His neighbors were there to express their appreciation for his help and thoughtfulness and his friends to express their love and comical anecdotes.

The question is this:

Why do we wait for a memorial service to find out what an amazing friend we have amongst us? Each member of our group has a wonderful story to tell about his life and experiences.

It's no longer acceptable to wait for a memorial service to learn what an outstanding person/friend you are. Everyone is waiting to hear your story either at the lunch table or as a speaker to our group.

When will you tell us yours?

## Sand Traps

by Brian Upton, Golf Chair

SIR Branch 95 Results  
October 2012 Tournaments:

### Empire Ranch Tournament – October 2, 2012

First: Ed Gupton  
Second: Dennis Callahan  
Third: Steve Thomson  
Fourth: Paul Tomlinson

### Diamond Oaks Tournament – October 9, 2012

First: David Tanner  
Second: Keith Hepler  
Third: Malcolm Ramsay

### Wildhawk Tournament – October 16, 2012

First: Bob Mello  
Second: George Simko  
Third: Bob Birgbauer

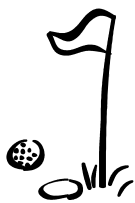
### Woodcreek Tournament – October 24, 2012

First: Bob Mello  
Second: Malcolm Ramsay  
Third: Brian Upton

### Closest-to-the-pin

Empire Ranch: Dan Link  
Diamond Oaks: George Simko  
Wildhawk: Dan Link  
Teal Bend: Bob Mello

*A friend once observed his game  
was so bad that if he got a birdie,  
he was on a hot streak.*



**There will be no Branch 95  
Bulletin in December**

**January 2013 Bulletin  
Updates**

Please submit to Jon Jakowatz by  
Sunday, January 6, 2013

E-mail: SIR95Bulletin@jakowatz.net

## Golf

by Brian Upton

Just a friendly reminder: December 1, 2012 is the last day to pay your 2013 NCGA Dues. If you have chosen not to renew, Brian Upton would appreciate a courtesy update to this effect. Your new 2013 Golf Schedule will be distributed to all members November 15, 2012.

Tomorrow, November 13, 2012, we play at Mather. Contact Dennis Petersen if you wish to sign-up. You never know what new twist he has up his sleeve...

We conclude our November schedule at the Wildhawk golf course on Tuesday, November 20, 2012. Contact Joel Enns if you wish to play.

### by John Ramsey, Head Hooker

Six members of the Jolly Hookers assisted 16 California Department of Fish and Game wardens, several other fisherman, and professional guides to gather Kokanee eggs from the Little Truckee River.

The process was set up by F&G with a section blocked off about 100 feet wide, with volunteers herding the fish into large nets and hand held nets, then to be placed in barrels for F&G to select healthy males and females for sperm and egg gathering.

Millions of eggs were gathered, for trucking to special holding tanks. When they become fingerlings, they will be moved to target lakes and streams.

This annual gathering is the only source for F&G to maintain the Kokanee population in California.

For more information about Jolly Hookers see or contact John at 916.933.6340, or see their website.

[www.thejollyhooker.com](http://www.thejollyhooker.com)

Want to see previous Bulletins,  
pictures and more? Check out the

Branch 95 website  [www.branch95sir.shutterfly.com](http://www.branch95sir.shutterfly.com)

## November Birthdays

George Engel  
Joel Enns  
Tom Hubbs  
Ed Newton  
Ken O'Farrell (PBS)  
Steve Thomson  
Bill Willman

## December Birthdays

Robert Burrow  
Edmond Gupton  
Al Schmidt  
Elliott "Slim" Schrader  
William Spackling  
Brian Upton

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

**Placerville Elks Lodge**

3821 Quest Ct.,  
Shingle Springs, CA  
Telephone 530.672.9120.  
Happy Hour 11:00 a.m.  
Lunch 12:00 noon

~ ~ ~ **Luncheon Menu** ~ ~ ~

**Today:**

Southern Turkey Pie served  
with Cranberry Sauce  
Mixed Green Salad  
Dessert

**December 10:**

**☛ Christmas Luncheon ☛**

choice of  
**Stuff Christmas Pork Loin**  
or  
**Dilled Salmon**

Special diet? Contact Bill, Dennis,  
your Caller, or Chuck Le Pere

## SIR Websites

State  
[www.sirinc.org](http://www.sirinc.org)  
[www.sirinc.org/sirhappenings/](http://www.sirinc.org/sirhappenings/)  
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[www.branch95sir.shutterfly.com](http://www.branch95sir.shutterfly.com)