

# Gold Country Branch 95 2013 Elected Officers

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Bill Yeager		

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	George Simko
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	<i>Open</i>
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Chaplain	Ray Retallack
Fishing	John Ramsey
Golf	Brian Upton
Asst Golf G	eorge Van Blyenburgh
Historian	Open
Membership	Mike Mohr
Photography	<i>Open</i>
Property	
Publicity	Bill Yeager
Sunshine	<i>Open</i>
	<i>Open</i>
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— Dennis Petersen

WHY SIR?? - In 1962, while working at an auto repair shop, we had a repeat customer that we saw every 45-60 days. (remember 1000 mile oil changes?). After a 6 month absence he drove in one day and looked terrible. He explained that after 50 years of selling on the road he had retired. He and his wife had a list of chores to complete after he retired, including painting the house. He completed the list in 30 days and proceeded to take up residence in his favorite rocker. Sixty days later he had a heart attack and his doctor explained that the inactivity was too much for his heart. He further recommended a return to at least partial employment.

Our goal for 2013 is to provide each member of our branch with the opportunity to stay active whether it's fishing, billiards, hiking, golf or just attendance at our monthly meetings. We will strive to make our meetings so interesting that everyone will make it a priority to attend on a regular basis. Please make this the year that you attend every meeting and **ENJOY 2013!** 

# Little SIR—Dan Cockcroft

### If you are reading this then...

...the Mayans really did just run out of room when they were creating their calendars for future centuries. This prediction joins other apocalyptic predictions including the Y2K predictions as the calendar clicked over to the year 2000 and we all waited for everything from airplane crashes, bank collapses, and unintentional nuclear warhead launches to our refrigerators self defrosting and spoiling the left over Christmas turkey (my most personal lament). Then there were the various comets hitting the earth forecasts, interpretations of various scriptures from all faiths, and the famous hen who, in 1806 laid eggs with prophetic pronouncements written on them.

I must say that our society has perfected the art of the doomsday prediction. While doing a web search on predictions, I found hype from credible sources such as the National Geographic Society's TV series on Doomsday Preppers which included shows called "I hope I am crazy", where one woman in Utah has stocked "only the finest gourmet survival foods" and "It's all gonna hit the fan" detailing the activities of a survival trucker. I also found a hotel in San Diego that put together a package for the Mayan prediction where for \$666 couples can have a last supper and fitness classes for outrunning zombies. Of course accompanying all this preparedness is whether Doomsday Preppers are selfish or concerned. I'm sure the talk show pundits will be weighing in on this issue soon.

So as we enter the new year, I predict that as one writer noted, one thing that Doomsday predictions have in common is that they don't come true, and that no doomsday predictions will come true this year, and that our SIR group will continue to continue. Best wishes for a happy and fulfilling New Year everyone.

### Sand Traps by Brian Upton, Golf Chair

**SIR Branch 95 Results** December 2012 Tournaments:

# <u>Empire Ranch Tournament –</u>

December 4, 2012First:Bob HendricksonSecond:Dennis PetersenThird:Jack May

<u>Diamond Oaks Tournament –</u> <u>December 11, 2012</u>

First:Dan CockcroftSecond:Mel HallettThird:Dan Link

<u>Wildhawk Tournament –</u> <u>October 16, 2012</u> Cancelled Due To Weather

<u>Closest-to-the-pin</u> <u>Empire Ranch</u>: Mel Hallett <u>Diamond Oaks</u>: Mel Hallett

In Mexico City, two detectives were investigating the murder of Juan Gonzalez.

"How was he killed?", asked the first detective.

"He was shot with a golf gun," replied the other.

"A golf gun? What's a golf gun?"

"I don't know, but it sure made a

# Bill Yeager—Past Big Sir

A big welcome to our new Big SIR Dennis Petersen, Little SIR Dan Cockroft, Secretary Tim Herdt and Treasurer Keith Hepler.

As my term expires I would like to again thank the above gentlemen and Board Members Garv Grann. Bill Stegman, Dennis Callahan, George Van Blyenburgh and Brian Upton. Their input, ideas and support were invaluable last year. Also, a big thank you to Jon Jakowatz for preparing and publishing our newsletter each month and Mike Mohr for his work as Membership Chairman.

# Golf by Brian Upton

Happy New Year to our 36 returning SIR golfers! We look forward to a fun packed schedule and many new experiences in 2013.

No events are scheduled for January, and we will resume our normal schedule at Empire Ranch on Tuesday, February 5, 2013. Contact Dan Cockcroft if you wish to play.

To promote our new season, two closest-to-the-pin prizes will be given at all February tournaments. Double your chances to win a sleeve of TaylorMade golf balls at each event.

Our annual Scramble tournament will be held this year at The Ridge golf course on June 26, 2013 and four man teams will be assembled by the "blind draw" process. This will be performed before the event takes place. All interested participants will be requested to sign-up in advance so teams can be assembled. There will be free giveaways and many cash prizes.

Congratulations to Ron Waisner who won not just one, but two golf clubs at our recent Christmas Luncheon auction drawing. Do you realize he won a Callaway Golf GPS at one of our previous golf drawings? Is this guy lucky or what?.

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### Fishing - Jolly Hookers by John Ramsey, Head Hooker

The Jolly Hookers fishing club meets on the 2ND Friday of the month. One does not have to own a boat to belong. Prior to each meeting we recruit regional Guides to be our guest speakers. Guides usually provide details and their approach to the upcoming lake outings.

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

#### www.thejollyhooker.com

Want to see previous Bulletins, pictures and more? Check out the Branch 95 website

## January Birthdays

Dick Bailey Cecil Briscoe Frank Farris Bill Keane Bob Mello Mike Mohr Ed Newton Malcolm Ramsay Don Weick (PBS) Ernie Williams

# Welcome New Members!

by Mike Mohr, Membership Chair Roy Frank Roger Taylor

### In Memoriam

*Bill Kammerer* (reported by Tom Gamble)

### Branch 95 Bulletin Updates

Please submit February updates to Jon Jakowatz by **Sunday, February 5, 2013** E-mail: **SIR95Bulletin@jakowatz.net** 

### 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: Beef Pot Pie February 11:

Chicken Stroganoff Special diet? Contact Dennis, Dan, your Caller, or Chuck Le Pere

### SIR Websites

State www.sirinc.org www.sirinc.org/sirhappenings/

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