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Fishing .....John Ramsey

Golf ..... Brian Upton

Asst Golf ..... George Van Blyenburgh

Historian ..... *Open*

Membership ..... Mike Mohr

Photography ..... *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— Dennis Petersen

### Past Big Sirs (PBS)...

At our most recent installation of officers I was alarmed when presented with that silly looking hat with the rooster on top. I felt compelled to investigate why anyone would wear that silly looking hat much less wear it in public.

There is not a lot of information on the internet about either chickens or roosters, but while printing a new SIR manual from the SIR members page of **SIRINC.org** I found the answer:

*“Of all the creatures on earth, none express more independence and dignity with sureness and aplomb than the rooster. The majesty of his presence is felt in every barnyard, and when he crows he can be heard for miles, not in a fainthearted crow, but with a noise that calls attention to his being.*

*Our founders chose the rooster as the official logo to represent the freedom*

*he displays around the barnyard. We have paid our dues to the business world and now is the time for us to strut and crow a little.*

*We share the dignity of retirement with one another as members of SIR.”* (Reprinted from **SIR: WHAT'S WITH THE ROOSTER**)

So now I understand why, when I see a Past Big Sir who shows extra independence and dignity, he is not showing off because he really is **“THE COCK OF THE WALK”**

## Little SIR—Dan Cockcroft

### Today's speaker...

Jackie Boor began her freelance writing career in 1968 as a teen correspondent for two Northern California newspapers. An aspiring screenplay writer, she has worked as a reporter, ghostwriter, and forensic speech and debate coach. Long fascinated by the dynamics of human communication, she has also built a multi-level career as a dispute resolution expert specializing in large group facilitation, problem solving and civic engagement.

She is the co-author of **Inside the President's Helicopter: Reflections of a White House Senior Pilot**, the memoir of retired US Army master aviator LTC Gene Boyer. Their book chronicles his unprecedented 11-year career as a presidential pilot. He flew for sitting Presidents Johnson, Nixon and Ford, logged some 6,900 flight hours, and commanded nearly 580 missions with either a president or world leader on board, including Anwar Sadat, Willie Brandt and Leonid Brezhnev. A decorated Korean War and Vietnam veteran, LTC Boyer also bunked with John Steinbeck, gave John Wayne a flight lesson and recruited the first and only Africa-American helicopter pilots to fly a U.S. president, one of whom was CW4 Carl Burhanan.

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## Sand Traps

by Brian Upton, Golf Chair

### SIR Branch 95 Results

January 2013 Tournaments:

#### No events scheduled

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## Golf

by Brian Upton

No golf events were scheduled in January. Weather the first month of the year was mild and several golfers scheduled activities on their own, while others took advantage of ideal skiing conditions.

February is starting out with mild weather and we began the season with about 24 golfers at Empire Ranch last Tuesday. Tomorrow, February 12, we play at Mather, so check with Dennis Petersen today if you wish to join us. On Tuesday, February 19, we will visit Wildhawk, then Castle Oaks the following Wednesday, Feb. 27. Sign-up sheets are available at the front door.

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 premium TaylorMade golf balls.

In February, begin earning points to qualify for participation in our club championship playoff beginning in September. Member earning a minimum 45 playoff points between now and the end of August is automatically included in the first round qualifying tournament at Wildhawk. Points will be awarded weekly and totaled monthly as follows:

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

## Did Cupid get it right?

by Dan Cockcroft


Isn't there something sinister about winged creatures aiming arrows at us to promote Valentine's Day? After all, it is that time of year when loved ones look upon us with anticipation to fulfill our roles as love struck heroes.

Within that context then, it comes as no surprise that Valentine's Day has a history of martyrdom starting in ancient Rome when Valentine was put to death by Claudius for marrying love struck soldiers. It seems Claudius felt that soldiers made better warriors when they weren't worried about their wives. I guess the thought was, "no wife, no worries."

Valentine sent the first "valentine" while serving time in prison. During his imprisonment, he somehow finds the love of his life and sends a love letter to the jailor's daughter. Thus the phrase "from your Valentine".

Of course there is the Valentine's Day massacre which doesn't seem to fit in with any romantic scenario at all, and I predict immediate retaliation for any man who attempts to draw an analogy regarding Valentine's Day. However, perhaps over the next few centuries even that tragic occurrence will take on some sort of romantic inclination.

It's widely believed that modern Valentine's day was helped along by the greeting card industry which seems to be supported by the fact that, according to the internet, over 150 million cards are sold each year, making it the most widely celebrated day except for Christmas. However, being of the male species, I believe it has gained popularity because it is our excuse to express our love for the special people of our lives. It is a time when we can be thankful for feeling love and being loved in return, for there is nothing more extraordinary than being able to experience this love just by thinking of those who have given it to us, even though they may no longer be with us. So, with that in mind, **Happy Valentine's Day** to all of us.

And, yes, Cupid did get it wrong. 

## February Birthdays

Jerry Avallone	Fred Keller
George Eide	John Ramsey
Bob Gilmore	Paul Tomlinson
Paul Griffith	Jim Pridemore*

\*Missed in January

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## Welcome New Members!

by Mike Mohr, Membership Chair

Jim Pridemore

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

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## *Branch 95 Bulletin Updates*

Please submit March updates

to Jon Jakowatz by

Sunday, March 3, 2013

E-mail: [SIR95Bulletin@jakowatz.net](mailto: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:**

**Chicken Stroganoff**

**March 11:**

**Corned Beef and Cabbage**

**Special diet?**

Contact Dennis, Dan, or your Caller

## SIR Websites

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

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