

## Gold Country Branch 95 2013 Elected Officers

Big Sir

**Dennis Petersen......** 916.467.7748 Little Sir **Dan Cockcroft** ........... 916.933.6462 Secretary Tim Herdt ...... 916.939.1405 Asst. Secretary **Terry Starkel** ...... 916.817.1524 Treasurer **Keith Hepler** ...... 916.933.7779 Asst. Treasurer Joe Giacomini ........... 916.939.2060 Directors at Large **Dennis Callahan......** 530.620.6908 Bill Stegman ...... 916.351.0899 George Van Blyenburgh ..... ..... 530.677.1916 **Brian Upton.....** 916.939.6601 Bill Yeager ...... 916.941.6632 Region II Director Ralph Lingis ...... 916.933.5561 Area 31 Governor Frank Severn ........... 916.985.7759 Honorary Life Members

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Fishing	
Golf	
Asst Golf	. Dennis Petersen
Historian	Open
Membership & E-m	<b>ail</b> Mike Mohr
Photography	
Property	Ореп
Publicity	Bill Yeager
Sunshine	
Travel	
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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Changing Badges?? — read about Badge Changes on page 2.

#### BIG SIR — Dennis Petersen

#### MY GREATEST FEAR

When asked to attend my first SIR meeting there were no great expectations, only the hope that I would meet gentlemen near my age with similar thoughts, goals and backgrounds. I had no special agenda or philosophy.

When I was asked to assist by assuming the duties of secretary I considered it an honor that I would give every effort and my reward would be the feeling of satisfaction that I was honoring all of those who had held the same position previously.

The position of Little SIR required additional effort but the reward was even greater.

Assuming the position of Big SIR has opened a new world of information about the operation of the SIR organization statewide. The decline of participation and membership is a statewide problem. When a branch closes (less than 50 members) the remaining members typically attend another branch. This is generally not a successful transition.

Our goal at Branch 95 is to make every effort to keep our meetings informative (interesting speakers), enjoyable (good food) and make every member look forward to the next meeting. We need to be known as a successful branch, one that maintains membership, with willing participation in every activity including Christmas parties, our picnics and branch leadership.

We need membership willing to provide feedback, positive or negative. It is only through your input that we can remain a successful, growing organization.

Please help us maintain our great participation, camaraderie and the feeling of enjoyment. Let us never become a branch that just fades away.

#### Little SIR—Dan Cockcroft

Despite the rumble of distant thunder and a few scattered raindrops, it was a fun afternoon spent at Apple Hill for our annual summer picnic. After a delicious barbecued prepared by master chefs Dennis Callahan and Bill Yeager, everyone gathered around for a spirited bingo contest. The winners received prizes including gifts certificates for Mimi's, Regal Theatres, Nugget Markets, and Starbucks. Others enjoyed a rousing game of horse shoes.

Many thanks to all of our volunteers including Dennis Peterson who procured the food, Gary Grann who put together the delectable strawberry shortcake, Steve Thomson who manned the speaker system, Brian Upton and crew who provided the drinks, and Terry Starkel and crew who did the set up and tear down.

## Today's Speaker — Bill Yeager, PBS

Saba Joseph wrote *China Business...Navigating the Maze that is China*. Saba started his career in 1977 with Proctor & → see **Joseph** on page 2

### Sand Traps

by Brian Upton, Golf Chair

### SIR Branch 95 Results

June 2013 Tournaments:

## Empire Ranch Tournament – June 4, 2013

First: Bill Stegman
Second: Terry Starkel
Third: David Tanner
Fourth: Gary Grann

#### <u>Mather Tournament –</u> June 11, 2013

First: Steve Thomson
Second: Bill Stegman
Third: Bill Keane

## <u>Wildhawk Tournament –</u>

#### June 18, 2013

First: Paul Tomlinson
Second: Keith Hepler
Third: Terry Privott
Fourth: Bill Stegman

## The Ridge Scramble Tournament June 26, 2013

First: Net 51 - Team of
Upton, Hepler, Smith & Starkel
Second: Net 53 - Team of
Thompson, Guertin, Sopp & Herdt

#### Pins and Drives

Empire Ranch:

Closest To Pin – Mel Hallett Furthest From Pin – George Simko Mather:

Closest To Pin – Jay Guertin Wildhawk:

Closest To Pin – Terry Privott
2nd Closest To Pin – Bill Stegman

The Ridge Closest-to-pin:

Hole #3 – George Simko Hole #17 – Jay Guertin

The Ridge Long Drive:

Hole #15 – Paul Warney – earned his team of Mello, Simko & Link \$5.00 each

Badge Changes — As you all now realize, you were assigned new badge num-bers. This was necessary to align our current membership with a manageable badge numbering sequence.

If you did not find a badge, find an error in spelling, wish to change first name, etc, please see Bill Yeager or Tim Herdt.

### Golf by Brian Upton

On Tuesday, July 9, 2013 we play a Two man team Best Ball Stableford scoring system tournament at the Teal Bend golf course. Contact Dennis Petersen today to see if openings are still available.

On Tuesday, July 16, 2013 we play Wildhawk. Check-in is 7:45 AM with an 8:30 AM start. The following Wednesday, July 24, 2013 we visit Lincoln Hills in Lincoln. Check-in is 8:15 AM with a 9:00 AM start time. Sign-up sheets are available at the front door check-in table if you wish to join us.

Please extend a warm welcome to new golf member Terry Privott who joined our group in June, and was sponsored by Bill Yeager.

Check out Golf results & pictures at www.branch95sir.shutterfly.com

## 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

## 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: *Diner's Delight* 

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Special diet? Contact Dennis, Dan, or your Caller

## July Birthdays

Chuck Burton Rod Campbell Al Freitag (PBS) Bill McClanahan Earl Smith Chuck Sopp Ron Thoma

# Welcome New Members! by Mike Mohr, Membership Chair

Rich Christensen Jim Kern Earl Smith

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→ Joseph continued — Gamble and was the company's Joint Venture General Manager & Greater China Product Supply Manager for Hong Kong, Taiwan and Mainland China from 1995 to 1998. He will be speaking today about his and his family's experiences of running a half billion dollar business, the trials and tribulations of living in Tianjin for three years, and the reward of successfully adapting and navigating through the intricacies of Chinese culture.

Saba is currently President and CEO of an international consulting firm, The Joseph Group. He holds a Masters Degree in Chemical Engineering from MIT and participated in a range of executive programs at Harvard Law School, Harvard Business School, Univ of Tennessee, Univ of Massachusetts, and Lowell and Northwestern Univ Kellogg School of Management.

For more information, please see: www.josephgroupconsulting.com or www.linkedin.com/in/sabajoseph.

Branch 95 Bulletin Updates

Please submit **August** Bulletin updates to Jon Jakowatz by

Sunday, August 4, 2013 E-mail: SIR95Bulletin@jakowatz.net

#### SIR Websites

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