

Gold Country Branch 95 2013 Elected Officers

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Attendance	George Simko
Attendance Asst	<i>Open</i>
Badges/Raffle	Open
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Bulletin	Jon Jakowatz
Chaplain	Ray Retallack
Fishing	John Ramsey
Golf	Brian Upton
Asst Golf	Dennis Petersen
Historian	<i>Open</i>
Membership & E-m	ail Mike Mohr
Photography	<i>Open</i>
Property	
Publicity	Bill Yeager
Sunshine	Open
Travel	<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

Progress?

My first recollection of a soft drink vending machine was a big tub like device with cold water running through and the little bottles of Coke that you slid to the dispenser area and deposited your nickel to allow you to remove the bottle. When emptied you simply placed the bottle in the empty wooden case that was always nearby. When bottles started getting scarce the vendors offered a penny if you returned bottles to the store. The ditches along the road were always being scouted by youngsters my age. It became a source of spending money for many of us. Now we pay the State of California a minimum deposit of five cents per bottle or can. In return they agree to refund your deposit. This cash cow has led to 'dumpster diving' and even illegal out of state exploitation.

Is this really progress?

Do you recall going to the grocery store where the owners provided a 'shopping cart' to gather your selections? When your transaction was completed there was someone to carry your paper bags of groceries to your vehicle. As time went on the cost of having that person carry your groceries became too much. The stores then found that young men were the less expensive choice and they became 'courtesy clerks'. In an effort to be gender neutral young ladies assumed the same positions. Groceries were heavy and the answer was to allow the clerks to use those shopping carts to transport the heavy loads. Customers were soon allowed to use those same carts to move their purchases personally. In an effort to make it even more convenient the retailer has now provided storage locations in the parking lot for those carts. The public has become so lazy/spoiled that they won't even move the carts to the storage areas. No, it's far easier to leave them in an adjacent stall or in the shrubs or hanging off the curb.

Is this really progress?

Little SIR—Dan Cockcroft

Today's speaker is Jerry Schroeder, Architect/Blacksmith Artist. Several years ago, when Jerry was retiring from architecture he took art classes at American River. One class was Blacksmithing. After that he needed to look for a place to work and found it at the Folsom History Museum's Folsom Forge where he is now a docent. Today Jerry will be talking about the history of Folsom.

Christmas Luncheon—Dan Cockcroft

Christmas is coming, the geese are getting fat Please put a penny in the old man's hat If you haven't got a penny, a ha'penny will do If you haven't got a ha'penny, then God bless you

It's getting to be that time of year. Time for the Christmas Luncheon. Remember to mark your calendar for our annual Christmas Day lunch for you and your lovely significant other. Monday, December 9, 2013 is the date. Details, information and costs will be forthcoming.

One of the highlights every year is the silent auction. Once again we are looking for donations from our members. So if it no longer fits your decor it might just fit someone else's.

Sand Traps

by Brian Upton, Golf Chair

SIR Branch 95 Results

September 2013 Tournaments:

Empire Ranch Tournament – September 3, 2013

First: Tom Gamble
Second: Paul Tomlinson
Third: Jay Guertin
Fourth: Terry Starkel

<u>Diamond Oaks –</u> <u>September 10, 2013</u>

First: George Simko
Second: Dennis Petersen
Third: Terry Starkel
Fourth: Bill Stegman

<u>Wildhawk Tournament –</u> September 17, 2013

First: Terry Starkel Second: David Tanner Third: Bill Yeager

<u>Turkey Creek Tournament –</u> September 26, 2013

First: Dan Cockcroft Second: Bill Stegman Third: Gary Grann

Closest-to-the-pin

Empire Ranch:

Closest - Dennis Callahan Furthest - Brian Upton

Diamond Oaks:

Closest - Dennis Callahan Furthest - Jack May

Wildhawk:

Fourth hole - Malcolm Ramsay Seventeenth - Gary Grann Turkev Creek: Bob Hendrickson

brave new word

GOO-GLE-HEI-MER'S

(**noun**): condition in which you think of something you want to look up, then forget what it is by the time you get to the computer

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Golf by Brian Upton

Golfers – Remember, next month the annual Club Championship awards will be presented at our monthly luncheon. After the meeting we will hold a drawing and give away four dozen golf balls. All active golf club members are eligible to win, so be sure to attend.

Tomorrow, October 15, 2013 we are playing Wildhawk. Contact Joel Enns today if you wish to sign up. And also, we would like to welcome back Joel, who is resuming play after shoulder surgery earlier in the year. We conclude our October schedule at the Woodcreek golf course in Roseville on Wednesday, October 23, 2013. Contact Brian Upton if you wish to play.

Positive thoughts: "Today I will live in the moment, unless it's unpleasant, in which case I will eat a cookie."

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

"Half this game is ninety percent mental."

Danny Ozark,

Philadelphia Phillies manager

Branch 95 Bulletin Updates

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

Thursday, November 3, 2013 E-mail: SIR95Bulletin@jakowatz.net

October Birthdays

Mike Bendel Vic Eason Joe Giacomini Larry Keenan (PBS) Carl Reppert

Welcome New Members! by Mike Mohr, Membership Chair

Bob Bohaboy

IF YOU HAVE A BAD COUGH, TAKE A LARGE DOSE OF LAXATIVES. THEN YOU'LL BEAFRAID TO COUGH.

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YOU ONLY NEED TWO TOOLS IN LIFE - WD-40 AND DUCT TAPE. IF IT DOESN'T MOVE AND SHOULD, USE THE WD-40. IF IT SHOULDN'T MOVE AND DOES, USE THE DUCT TAPE.

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IF YOU CAN'T FIX IT WITH A HAMMER, YOU'VE GOT AN ELECTRICAL PROBLEM.

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SOME PEOPLE ARE LIKE SLINKIES -NOT REALLY GOOD FOR ANYTHING BUT THEY BRING A SMILE TO YOUR FACE WHEN PUSHED DOWN THE STAIRS.

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:

Stuffed Pork Chops
November:

Open-face Turkey Sandwich
Special diet?
Contact Dennis, Dan, or your Caller

SIR Websites

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

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