

Gold Country Branch 95 2013 Elected Officers Big Sir Dennis Petersen.......916.467.7748

Little Sir

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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

Review of the year

Because there will be no bulletin in December this will be my last opportunity to address members in written form. My first goal when accepting my position was to increase membership numbers. Those numbers have actually fallen but active member percentages have improved. Our ladies day picnic and Christmas luncheon numbers remain constant.

The SIR organization was formed with the purpose of providing a meeting location and scheduled time to share information with fellow retired seniors. It has evolved into several groups with different goals. Whether golf, fishing, billiards, or hiking spike your interests it makes no difference. Just having a nice lunch and conversing with friends makes the gathering worthwhile. As an added bonus, speakers are provided to offer something that will interest the members. Yes, some speakers seemed to have their own agendas but the goal has always been to provide you with a desire to return the following month and expand your knowledge.

This particular branch has a high percentage of members who have chosen to play golf together on a weekly basis. As a result of that percentage, your Branch Executive Committee has become an extension of the golfing group. This needs to be changed. To this goal our 2014 Big Sir, Dan Cockcroft, has promised to request involvement by more members at large. Don't be surprised if you are asked to participate.

Our branch expenses seem to rise just like our personal expenses and just like the government we have "kicked the can down the road" as far as possible. It will be recommended to the BEC that the lunch fee be raised to \$18 in January. If approved please remember that our meeting location, parking and food quality are among the finest in any SIR branch.

At this time I would like to thank all members who helped make my year as Big Sir so memorable. Members of the BEC, branch officers, picnic and Christmas assistants but most importantly each and every member who attended our lunches, THANK YOU.

Best Regards,

Dennis Petersen

Dan Cockcroft — Little SIR

 \mathbf{T} oday's speaker is Bob Billingsley of El Dorado Hills. Bob is one of those seniors who still has not quite figured out he is supposed to be retired. He lives in the retirement community of Four Seasons in El Dorado Hills and enjoys a lot of the activities of the community including being an avid Tennis Player.

In addition Bob writes a column for the Mountain Democrat. His column *Heard over the Back Fence* runs three times a week in the Mountain Democrat. He also writes a biweekly column called *Billingsley's Bullets*, in which he uses "sideways" thinking to make your day a little easier to handle.

Christmas Luncheon — See Page 2 →



Sand Traps by Brian Upton, Golf Chair SIR Branch 95 Results

October 2013 Tournaments:

<u>Empire Ranch Tournament –</u>

<u>October 1, 2013</u>		
First:	Ed Gupton	
Second:	Gary Grann	
Third:	Bill Yeager	
Fourth:	Bill Stegman	

<u> Diamond Oaks –</u>

<u>October 8, 2013</u>		
First:	Terry Starkel	
Second:	George Engel	
Third:	George Simko	

<u>Wildhawk Tournament –</u>

October 15,	2013
First:	Terry Starkel
Second:	Brian Upton
Third:	Dennis Callahan

Closest-to-the-pin

Diamond Oaks:	
Closest -	Chuck Sopp
Furthest -	Dennis Petersen
Wildhawk:	
Closest -	Chuck Sopp
Furthest -	Paul Warney
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Check out Golf results & pictures 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

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Branch 95 Bulletin Updates Please submit January Bulletin updates to Jon Jakowatz by Thursday, January 9, 2014 E-mail: SIR95Bulletin@jakowatz.net

Golf by Brian Upton

Just a friendly reminder: December 1, 2013 is the deadline for paying your 2014 NCGA Dues. If you have chosen not to renew, Brian Upton would appreciate a courtesy reminder to this effect.

Your new 2014 Golf Schedule will be distributed to all members by the end of November.

Tomorrow, November 12, 2013, we play at Diamond Oaks. Contact Dennis Petersen if you wish to signup. We conclude our November schedule at the Wildhawk golf course on Tuesday, November 19, 2013. Contact Joel Enns if you wish to play.



Christmas Luncheon by Dan Cockcroft

Time for the Christmas Luncheon. Remember to mark your calendar -Monday, December 9 - for our annual Christmas Day Lunch for you and your lovely significant other. In addition to a choice of either Dill Salmon or Port Roast there we be wine at each table and our *Silent Auction.* Cost is only \$20.00 an individual and \$35.00 for two.

Please mail your checks along with you lunch selections to:

Dan Cockcroft 7482 Grassy Creek Way El Dorado Hills CA 95762

Silent Auction

One of the highlights every year of our Christmas Luncheon 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 so please look through your attic or Garage and find that hidden gem and bring it to the luncheon. Please also let me know ahead of time if you will be bringing any item or items.

Thanks, Dan Cockcroft 916-933-6462

November Birthdays

George Engel Joel Enns Tom Hubbs Ed Newton Terry Privott Steve Thomson Bill Willman

December Birthdays

Robert Burrow Edmond Gupton Earl Sanders PBS,CM Al Schmidt Slim Schrader Brian Upton)

Birthday Month Unspecified

Jack May

Welcome New Members! by Mike Mohr, Membership Chair Al Autry Billy Sturdivant

Happy Holidays



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: Open-face Turkey Sandwich

December:

Christmas Lunch

Special diet? Contact Dennis, Dan, or your Caller

SIR Websites

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

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