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A NON-PROFIT BENEFIT ORGANIZATION FOR RETIRED MEN DEVOTED TO THE PROMOTION OF INDEPENDENCE AND DIGNITY OF RETIREMENT

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BIG SIR — Dan Cockcroft

March Ramblings

I always liked the original Roman calendar, where the first month of the year was March, named after the God of war Mars. March always seemed to be a better choice to signal the start of a new year. Winter definitely is on the way out and spring is being blown in by the wind.

March is always a good time to start planning for our **Annual Ladies' Day Picnic**. The picnic is always a great day for the wives to meet other wives, renew acquaintances, and put some faces to the guys you talk about. Be sure to mark **Monday, June 9th** on your calendar. It is our chance to show the ladies how much we care. Also we can always use volunteers to help set up and serve. So if you are so inclined, let Little Sir Jay Guertin know.

I would like to thank Jay for his Idea of doing a *Getting to know you* exercise in place of a guest speaker last month. From a lot of the members I talked to afterwards, this was a big hit, so thanks again Jay.

Opening Day March 31. PLAY BALL!

- Dan

LITTLE SIR — Jay Guertin

Our speaker today is Julia Ahlquist Tanner, AuD, (Doctor of Audiology). Dr. Tanner's presentation today will be on *Selective Hearing*. Understanding what is being said can be affected by more than just the mechanical loss of hearing. We have all heard from our wives that we men have selective hearing. Dr. Tanner will deal with this accusation.

I greatly enjoyed our *Getting to Know You, SIR* exercise from last meeting. A large number of you went out of your way to share with me you also greatly enjoyed it and would like to do it again. I will be checking with you today to see if our group would like to do this exercise again in the last half of 2014. Please be ready with your vote.

- Jay

Winners of the Washington Post yearly neologism contest.

- 1. Coffee (n.), the person upon whom one coughs.
- 2. Flabbergasted (adj.), appalled over how much weight you have gained.
- 3. Abdicate (v.), to give up all hope of ever having a flat stomach.
- 4. Esplanade (v.), to attempt an explanation while drunk.
- 5. Willy-nilly (adj.), impotent.
- 6. Negligent (adj.), describes a condition in which you absentmindedly answer the door in your nightgown.
- 7. Lymph (v.), to walk with a lisp.
- 8. Gargoyle (n), olive-flavored mouthwash.
- 9. Flatulence (n.), emergency vehicle that picks you up after you are run over by a steamroller.
- 10. Balderdash (n.), a rapidly receding hairline.
- 11. Testicle (n.), a humorous question on an exam. (Should be #1?)

Sand Traps

by Brian Upton, Golf Chair SIR Branch 95 Results

February 2014 Tournaments:

Empire Ranch Tournament – February 4, 2014

First: Dan Link
Second: Keith Hepler
Third: Paul Warney
Fourth: Dennis Petersen

<u>Mather Tournament –</u> February 11, 2014

First: Dennis Petersen
Second: Larry Smith
Third: Bill Stegman

<u>Wildhawk Tournament –</u> February 18, 2014

First: Dennis Petersen
Second: Mel Hallett
Third: Bill Stegman

<u>Whitney Oaks Tournament –</u> February 26 2014

First: Dan Cockcroft Second: Terry Starkel Third: Brian Upton

Closest-to-the-pin

Empire Ranch: Dennis Petersen
Mather: Bill Stegman
Wildhawk: Ed Gupton
Whitney Oaks: Chuck Sopp

Check out Golf results & pictures



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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

Golf by Brian Upton

Congratulations to all those golfers who recently chose to play at Whitney Oaks under very threatening weather conditions. While it was announced a rain front was moving in, they all donned their rain gear and teed off. When Little SIR Jay Guertin announced it looked like a bad idea, then opted in, we knew we had an event. The weather varied from drizzle, rain, cloudy, clear, warm, drizzle, cold and then rain, but everyone finished. True golfers to the end!

While some holes at Whitney Oaks turned to out challenging, none were more so than the par 4 fourteenth hole "Round aptly named the Mountain" of because large boulders in the middle of the fairway. One erstwhile member took 13 strokes to finish it, but can hold his head high. Arnold Palmer once took 13 strokes to finish a hole, and when asked by a reporter how that happened, he calmly replied, "Well, I missed my putt for 12!"

Tomorrow we play at Diamond Oaks, then Wildhawk on Tuesday March 18, 2014. March tournaments end with the Haggin Oaks MacKenzie course on Tuesday, March 25th. Sign-up sheets are located at the check-in counter near the front door if you wish to join us.

Branch 95 Bulletin Updates

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

Thursday, April 6, 2014 E-mail:

SIR95Bulletin@jakowatz.net

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March Birthdays

Jim Frey
Jack Jackson (PBS) (HLM)
Bill Michaud Jr.
Bruce Morrison
Dennis Petersen
Ed Walsh
Norb Witt
Bill Yeager (PBS)
Harry Yee

Welcome New Members! by Mike Mohr, Membership Chair

John Ashley

What is Wally up to?? Ask Sirs Stegman, Bendel, or Sturdivant!

Hint - It's very popular & Italian!!

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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

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Corned Beef and Cabbage Special diet? Contact Dan. Jav or vour Caller

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