

## Gold Country Branch 95 2014 Elected Officers

Big 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 — Dan Cockcroft

As you may be aware of, 2 out of 3 SIR Branches are failing to attract enough new members to maintain their membership. This is not a new trend. SIR has been losing members statewide at a rate of about 5%-7% since the 90's. The good news is that we are one of the more healthy branches. Although we are not growing we are pretty close to maintaining our active membership at 90-100 members thanks to your efforts in bringing out your neighbors and friends. I would like to not only maintain our membership level but also to see it grow.

The state Growth Membership Committee did a lot of research on the healthier growing SIR branches and found the branches that have developed activities and events, which included wives and significant others, are doing much better. Also branches that have several differ activities do better.

First of all, I hope we can have a record turnout for our Ladies Day Lunch In June. You may not think your Ladies want to come but I bet if you give them the opportunity you will find she enjoys it. Secondly, although we have a strong Golf and Fishing Group, it sure would be nice if we could add more activates and maybe even some that include our Wives and Significant others. If you have a suggestion or would like to head up a group with the help of SIR please let me Know.

- Dan

## LITTLE SIR — Jay Guertin

As the person responsible for getting our speakers, my goal is to get good presenters who entertain, inform in an upbeat manner. However, we are all caring and participating members of society who know that all is not beautiful in our community. We know that ignoring crime and human tragedy allows it to flourish not go away. Our state and the city of Sacramento are leaders in a crime that we don't know or hear that much about. The crime is Human Trafficking.

Our speaker today is **Kelly Muren, MA** who is currently a Survivors of Trafficking Case Management intern at **Opening Doors, Inc.** in Sacramento. Opening Doors' Survivors of Trafficking (SOT) Program reaches those who have been identified as victims and desire to receive services necessary to lead a life free of violence and exploitation. Their niche and expertise is working with victims of trafficking who are from other countries regardless of age or gender. They provide emergency response meeting victims' most critical needs such as safe housing, food, medical care, transportation, and language interpretation as needed. Once a victim is through the initial crisis period they are enrolled in case management services which connects them with counseling, English as a second language courses, immigration legal services and job skills training with the goal of removing barriers affecting their ability to thrive in the United States.

- Jay

## Sand Traps

by Brian Upton, Golf Chair SIR Branch 95 Results

March 2014 Tournaments:

#### <u>Empire Ranch Tournament –</u> <u>March 4, 2014</u>

First: Jack May
Second: Jerry Nester
Third: Chuck Sopp

#### <u>Diamond Oaks –</u> March 11, 2014

First: John Ashley
Second: Jay Guertin
Third: Joel Enns
Fourth: Ron Waisner

## <u>Wildhawk Tournament –</u>

March 18, 2014

First: Tim Herdt Second: John Ashley Third: Dan Link

#### <u>Haggin Oaks Tournament –</u> March 25 2014

First: Jay Guertin
Second: Dennis Callahan
Third: Joel Enns

#### <u>Closest-to-the-pin</u> Empire Ranch:

Closest - Paul Warney
Furthest - Brian Upton
Diamond Oaks: Jack May
Wildhawk: Jack May
Haggin Oaks: Chuck Sopp

Check out Golf results & pictures



#### www.branch95sir.shutterfly.com

George Burns once observed "You know you're getting old when you stoop to tie your shoelaces and wonder what else you could do while you're down there".

## Fishing - Jolly Hookers by John Ramsey, Head Hooker

For information about Jolly Hookers see or contact John at 916.933.6340, or see their website.

www.thejollyhooker.com

### Golf by Brian Upton

We will be playing at Wildhawk tomorrow, April 15, 2014 and then conclude the month with our Two Man Best Ball tournament at Ancil Hoffman on Wednesday, April 23, 2014. Openings are limited, so contact Brian Upton before this Saturday April 19th to see if openings are still available.

Additional sleeves of golf balls will be awarded, including golf balls for the longest team drive, and a special closest-to-the pin prize that will fatten your wallet.

#### **Interesting Golf Facts**

The longest golf hole in the world is the 7th hole (Par 7) of the Sano Course at the Satsuki Golf Club in Japan. It measures an incredible 909 yards.

The highest golf course in the world is the Tactu Golf Club in Morococha, Peru which sits 14,335 feet above sea level at its lowest point.



# Ready for some travel? Check out

www.sirinc.org/new\_site/travel.html

**Branch 95 Bulletin Updates**Please submit **May** Bulletin updates

Please submit **May** Bulletin update to Jon Jakowatz by

Thursday, May 4, 2014 E-mail:

SIR95Bulletin@jakowatz.net

## **April Birthdays**

Dennis Callahan Norman Matzen Al Rollins Larry Smith Bill Stegman (PBS) Paul Warney

## Welcome New Members! by Mike Mohr, Membership Chair

Ken McCoy Mike Wilke

## Go figure...

It takes glass one million years to decompose, which means it never wears out and can be recycled an infinite amount of times!

Gold is the only metal that doesn't rust, even if it's buried in the ground for thousands of years.

The banana cannot reproduce itself. It can be propagated only by the hand of man.

Airports at higher altitudes require a longer airstrip due to lower air density.

Drinking water after eating reduces the acid in your mouth by 61 percent.

## 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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Köstliche Fleisch und Gemüse Special diet? Contact Dan, Jay or your Caller

#### SIR Websites

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

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