

Gold Country Branch 95 2015 Elected Officers Big Sir

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BIG SIR — Jay Guertin

Happy New Year! This is the start of my adventure of being the BIG SIR! I am looking forward to working with the Executive Committee and all our great members. In 2014, we had our challenges but thanks to Dan's leadership, we recommitted to holding our meetings at the Elks Lodge, moved to a sandwich menu for lunch for \$5.00 less, and started annual dues of \$20. From feedback from the most important people, YOU, you are happy with these changes.

We still have one major challenge ahead of us. Our challenge, starting in 2015, is to stop and then reverse our loss of membership. In February of 2009, Branch 95 had our largest membership of 169 members. It is my understanding that the peak was due to the consolidation of two branches into Branch 95. Just 6 years later, our membership is 82! It is pretty obvious that if this steep decline continues, we cease to exist in the not too distant future. Our shrinking size is more than just numbers. It impacts the quality of the SIR experience. Large branches will have 8-10 successful activities going on. We have just two. It should be mentioned that most SIR Branches are losing members and only nine gained members in 2013. That said, our rate of loss is one of the steepest.

Today's meeting is dedicated to one, making all members aware of our declining membership problem and two, setting some goals to reverse this trend. Members of the Executive Committee met last week to brainstorm some ideas. We will present those ideas to you for your input. We also want to hear any ideas you may have. At the end of the meeting, we hope to have a game plan for 2015. One thing I am absolutely sure of, we have a lot of talent in Branch 95. If we set our minds to it, there isn't anything we can't accomplish.

Jay

LITTLE SIR — Terry Privott

Happy New Year fellow SIR 95 members. 2015 looks to be an exciting year and hopefully we can put the drought behind us filling our year with growth and enjoyment. As your new Little Sir in this New Year I hope to be of assistance for Jay and our executive committee in making this a year filled with joy, camaraderie, and fellowship, along with wishing each of our members good health. We should have fun along the way in whatever activities we choose to participate. We have all worked hard and deserve some fun time. Our new year is one filled with challenge, as with any nonprofit group and as in the past I am sure we will meet the needs as a team.

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Sand Traps

by Brian Upton, Golf Chair SIR Branch 95 Results 2014 Tournaments:

Empire Ranch – December 2 Rained Out

Mather – December 9

Flight A: Paul Warney Flight B: Ken McCoy Flight C: **Dan Link**

Wildhawk - December 16 **Cancelled Due To Weather**

Closest-to-the-pin

Keith Hepler Mather:

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Have you ever said this when calling a golf course?:

Staff: Golf course, may I help you? Caller: Do you have any open tee times around 10 o'clock?

Staff: Yes, we have one at 10:15. Caller: What's the next time after

that?

Staff: We have one at 10:22. Caller: We'll take that one. It will

be a bit warmer.

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Fishing - Jolly Hookers

Contact John Ramsey, Branch **95 Hooker.** at 916.933.6340 Get the latest Hooker news at: www.thejollyhooker.org

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??Forget your dues??

Send your \$20 check (payable to SIR 95) to Keith Hepler, 6520 Ryan Ranch RD, El Dorado Hills, CA 95762

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Golf by Brian Upton

Happy New Year to our 41 returning SIR golfers! Also, a warm welcome to returning member Clancy Gress. We look forward to many fun packed events and new experiences in 2015.

It looks like Dennis Petersen was the only one who could figure out the weather in December.

With a change to our January policy, we will resume playing golf at Wildhawk on Tuesday, January 20, 2015. Contact Dan Cockcroft if you wish to play. That will be followed with a round of golf at Bradshaw Ranch on Tuesday January 27, 2015, which includes giving away two dozen golf balls as "Closest-tothe-pin" prizes.

Our annual Scramble tournament will be held June 23, 2015 at The Ridge golf course in Auburn where four man teams will be assembled through the "blind draw" process. interested participants will be requested to sign-up in advance so teams can be assembled. There will be free golf balls and many cash prizes.

We wish a full recovery for Chuck Sopp as soon as possible so he can get back out on the golf course where he loves to be...

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

Special diet? Contact Jay, Terry, or your Caller

January Birthdays

George Engel Joel Enns Tom Hubbs Terry Privott Steve Thomson Mike Wilke Bill Willman

December Birthdays

Edmond Gupton Al Schmidt Elliott "Slim" Schrader Brian Upton

Welcome New Members! by Mike Mohr, Membership Chair

Clancey Gress Jim Purcell

→ Little Sir continued – I have enioved our luncheons speakers that Jay provided in the past year and hope to do as well on your behalf. I will be seeking your input as to the topics that would be of interest to our group, hopefully providing us education and direction in our daily needs. Our retirement years provide us with the opportunity to be active and continue to grow as individuals. I have truly benefited in my short tenure, learning and meeting new friends thru our gatherings. Starting out the New Year is a good time for us to take the opportunity to get to know each other better. "Nice To Know You SIR" is on today's agenda.

Thanks to Dan and executive team for keeping us solvent and providing enjoyment for our organization. Well Done Gentlemen...

Terry

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