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Gold Country Branch 95 - Bulletin 315 - February 2015

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BIG SIR — Jay Guertin

**GOAL – 91 Members, CURRENT 84, NEW MEMBERS 2,
LOST MEMBERS 1, GUESTS 1**

The first line of my monthly article will always be the same, which is, letting us know how we are doing on increasing our membership by 10% in 2015. As you are aware, 80% of new members come from our members bringing guests. Do you have a friend/acquaintance that would enjoy SIR? If yes, now would be a good time to invite them to lunch.

As part of our *SIR GOOD TO KNOW YOU* exercise last month, we asked you to fill out a brief survey. I would like to share with you what 50 members told us:

WHAT BROUGHT YOU TO SIR? 36 Current SIR member, 8 Golf, 1 found SIR on their own, 1 saw SIR online, 1 Newcomers EDH

WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT SIR? 26 said the camaraderie, 16 golf, 4 quality speakers, 1 lunch, 1 something to do

WHAT DO YOU LIKE LEAST ABOUT SIR? 32 no comment, 5 quality of speakers, 2 food, 2 golf stressed too much, 2 PA system, 1 need more activities, 1 meeting location, 1 more people need to volunteer, 1 filling out forms, 1 Tuesday golf conflicts with schedule, 1 Treasurer job bites into social time, 1 Hard to meet new friends

Thank you for your input. Please know your input is not limited to this survey. If you would like to share your thoughts and/or ideas, please feel free to come up to us at our meeting, give us a call, or send us an email/text. Good things can always get better.

Jay

LITTLE SIR — Terry Privott

Our speaker today is a veteran Fireman/Paramedic of the El Dorado Hills Fire Department and as a resident, has a solid history of the resources required based on the continuing growth in our area. We have vastly grown from the 9 thousand plus residents that was posted when I moved here in 1990. I am sure that many of you in this room recall when there were even less. The last that I looked at the population sign we were pushing the 40 thousand resident mark. Naturally this type of growth has placed additional

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SIR Branch 95 is saddened to be informed of the passing last Wednesday of dear friend and fellow SIR, Chuck Sopp. Chuck had been active with Branch 95, and active in the golf group. As of bulletin printing, memorial/funeral plans were not announced.

Sand Traps

by Brian Upton, Golf Chair

SIR Branch 95 Results

2015 Tournaments:

Wildhawk – January 20

Tier One Winner: Dennis Callahan
Tier Two Winner: Ken McCoy
Tier Three Winner: Dan Cockcroft

Bradshaw Ranch – January 27

Closest-To-Pin Award Winners

Hole 3 - Front Nine: Dennis Callahan
Hole 3 - Back Nine: Jim Capewell (Guest)
Hole 5 - Front Nine: Vic Eason (Guest)
Hole 5 - Back Nine: Bob Birgbauer
Hole 6 - Front Nine: Terry Starkel
Hole 6 - Back Nine: Mike Wilke
Closest Shot of Day: Terry Starkel

>> Attention Skiers<<

Like to  ?

Weather permitting, a few SIR members usually meet weekly for a ski day at Sierra Tahoe or Heavenly. For info contact

Billy Yeager at

ybillyeager@comcast.net

>> Attention Bicyclists <<

Like to  ?

Enjoy a bike ride with some fellow SIR members two or three times a week, weather permitting. For info contact

George Simko at

gnisimko@att.net

Branch 95 Bulletin Updates

Submit **March** Bulletin updates by

Sunday, March 1, 2015

E-mail:

SIR95Bulletin@jakowatz.net

SIR Websites

www.sirinc.org

www.sirinc.org/sirhappenings/

Branch 95

www.branch95sir.shutterfly.com

Golf

by Brian Upton

Playing golf in January at Wildhawk and Bradshaw Ranch went smoothly with no weather related problems. Very playable for golf with a nice turnout of players. Two and half dozen golf balls were awarded to the winners at Bradshaw Ranch.

February Tournaments:

Tomorrow we play at Mather, then move to Wildhawk on Tuesday, February 17, 2015, and conclude with Whitney Oaks on February 24, 2015. Sign-up sheets are located at the check-in desk if you wish to join us.

Golf Observations:

A good sign you'll never break 100 is if you're never able to shoot your age, but can consistently shoot your cholesterol count.

When is it too wet to play golf? You know it's too wet to play when your cart capsizes.

Fishing - Jolly Hookers

Contact **John Ramsey, Branch 95 Hooker**, at 916.933.6340

Get the latest Hooker news at:

www.jollyhookers.org

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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Today's Lunch

Italian Sub with potato salad

Special diet?

Contact Jay, Terry, or your Caller

February Birthdays

Rich Christensen

Bob Gilmore

Clancy Gress

Fred Keller

John Ramsey

Paul Tomlinson

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Welcome New Members!

by **Mike Mohr, Membership Chair**

Chuck Warfield

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➔ **Little Sir** continued – needs and strains on our services, demanding more regarding fire and medical support. This growth has also created various types of structures and issues that require advanced support. Our speaker today has been stationed, at some point in time, at each of the existing fire stations supporting the El Dorado Hills area. We can learn today on what to expect if the need arises and also learn of services that are provided by our Fire Stations other than basic emergency calls. Being aware and alert is a important part of prevention. This new year looks to be even drier than last year, with a record setting drought period for January. I know this is of serious concern for all as we work to conserve water.

My goal this year is to focus our guest speakers in the areas of Safety, Services and Health. Based on our team work in, "Nice to meet you Sir" at our January meeting, I understand the need to provide beneficial speaker support. Please however never fail to provide me with topics or speakers that you may find beneficial for our gatherings.

A reminder, most likely not required, is recognizing that special person in your life on the 14th.

A rain dance is also in order...

Terry