

Gold Country Branch 95 2015 Elected Officers Big Sir

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| Area 31 Governor | | |
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Honorary Life Members Al Kaiser Ross Walter

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Chairmen

| Attendance | Jim Purcell |
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| Attendance Asst | Open |
| Badges/Raffle | <i>Open</i> |
| Bowling | Don Weick |
| Bulletin | Jon Jakowatz |
| Chaplain | Ray Retallack |
| Fishing | John Ramsey |
| Golf | Brian Upton |
| Asst Golf | Dennis Petersen |
| Historian | Open |
| Membership & E-m | ail Mike Mohr |
| Photography | |
| Property | |
| Publicity | Bill Yeager |
| Sunshine | Open |
| Travel | Open |
| Webmaster | Al Schmidt |
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SONS IN RETIREMENT

A Non-Profit Public Benefit Corporation for Retired Men Devoted to the Promotion of Independence and Dignity of Retirement

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BIG SIR — Jay Guertin

$GOAL-91\ Members,\ CURRENT\ 80,\\NEW\ MEMBERS\ 5,\ LOST\ MEMBERS\ 10,\ GUESTS\ 5$

I attended the SIR Board Meeting for all SIR leadership. I had attended two such meetings previously and frankly, the location was poor, the food was poor, and the content of the meeting was one hour of information given over 6 hours. This meeting was greatly improved in terms of location, food and content. There is a new energy and assistance coming from SIR leadership. There is also a major challenge that all of us must take on. In 2014, we added 2200 new SIR members while losing 3000! Our challenge is to turn this around.

President Dill gave the following 5 indicators if a Branch is in trouble. I will list them and share with you where we stand in Branch 95:

- 1. Are they gaining new members? Our rate of loss has slowed but we are still losing members.
- 2. Do they elect new leaders every year? Yes
- 3. Are there more than one or two activities? No, we only have 2 activities
- 4. Does the branch have an Area Governor to report to? No, there was no Area Governor for Region 3 Area 31 which Branch 95 is a member of.
- 5. Does the branch send members to training in October? **Yes**

As you can see we have indicators that our branch is in trouble. Training will be significantly different this year as one, there will be many small training groups rather than one large group and two, it will be training for all leaders in our Branch not just the Big SIR. They will be introducing a program to help with member recruitment. SIR Leadership is strongly supporting the branches and giving us new tools. It is up to us to use the tools and do our part. I am confident for the remainder of the year and with Terry Privott's leadership in 2016, we can make it happen.

LITTLE SIR — Terry Privott

Our Speaker this month is Attorney Diana Steele. Diana works through the El Dorado County Area Agency on Aging. The Agency's Mission: Legal Services committed to protecting the Independence and Dignity of our community's seniors and promoting financial, social, and economic self — Continued on back - see Little Sir →

Sand Traps

by Brian Upton, Golf Chair SIR Branch 95 Results 2015 Tournaments:

Empire Ranch - August 5

1st Flight "A": Steve Thomson
2nd Flight "A": Keith Hepler
1st Flight "B": Jack May
2nd Flight "B": Malcolm Ramsay

Mather Two Man Stableford

August 11

1st Place Team: Ashley/Thomson
2nd Place Team: Stegman/Wilke
3rd Place Team: Keane/Ramsay
4th Place Team: Simko/Mello

Wildhawk – August 18

1st Flight "A": John Ashley
2nd Flight "A": George Simko
1st Flight "B": Jay Guertin
2nd Flight "B": Bill Keane

Dark Horse – August 25

First Low Net: Jerry Nester
Second Low Net: Terry Starkel
Third Low Net: Steve Thomson

Closest-To-Pin

Empire Ranch: Jay Guertin

Mather:

Closest: Jack May
Furtherest Dennis Callahan
Wildhawk: Bill Stegman
Dark Horse: Jerry Nester

~ ~ SIR Happenings ~ ~ The latest edition of SIR Happenings has been posted on the SIR website:

http://sirinc.org/sirhappenings/

President Bob's front page column "The Head Cheer Leader" is about his upbeat outlook on SIR and his positive suggestion on getting involved. He ends with "Be proud to wear the hat, the shirt and in some cases, the SIR cowboy belt buckle."

Don't miss 2014 Big Sir Richard Green's article "Invite Them & They Will Come" about Lake of the Pines Branch 170 in Auburn.

Check the Travel Page for some exciting trips.

Golf

by Brian Upton

We would like to congratulate Steve Thomson who shot a 74, for a net 55 at Empire Ranch in August. WOW! Steve will be defending his title as Club Champion tomorrow at Wildhawk. Good Luck Steve! The club championship awards ceremony will take place next month at our October luncheon.

Next Tuesday, September 22, 2015 we play at Teal Bend, so contact Brian Upton if you wish to be included.

The 2016 NCGA membership renewal process will begin on October 1st. Dues may be paid between October 1 and December 1, 2015 by all members in good standing. Brian Upton will send out reminders at the end of September.

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For you guys handy with tools, always remember this: If you can't fix it with a hammer, you've got an electrical problem...

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>> Attention Biking SIRs <<

Take a bike ride with fellow SIR's -- For info contact

Rich Christensen at

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SIR Websites

www.sirinc.org

Visit latest **SIR Happenings** at www.sirinc.org/sirhappenings/

Branch 95

www.branch95sir.shutterfly.com

Branch 95 Bulletin Updates

Submit October Bulletin updates by Sunday, October 4, 2015
E-mail:

SIR95Bulletin@jakowatz.net

September Birthdays

Gary Cattrone
Mel Hallett
Keith Hepler
Jon Jakowatz
Joe Lampich
Bob Laurenty
Jerry Nester
Ron Waisner (PBS)

Welcome New Members! by Mike Mohr, Membership Chair

Donald Brooks

→ Little Sir continued — reliance through efficient, effective, high quality legal assistance, education, and general advocacy for their needs and rights.

Support for Seniors is provided in the following areas:

Estate Planning Public Benefits Consumer Issues Health Care Real Property

Abuse and Exploitation

These Services are provided free of charge for Seniors over 60 years of age who reside in El Dorado County seeking legal assistance with a civil, non-criminal matter.

Terry

Branch 95 Luncheon 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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Special diet? Contact Jay, Terry, or your Caller