



*Gold Country Branch 95  
2015 Elected Officers*

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Open.....

**Honorary Life Members**

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Attendance ..... Jim Purcell

Attendance Asst..... *Open*

Badges/Raffle ..... *Open*

Bocce..... Dan Cockcroft

Bowling..... Don Weick

Bulletin..... Jon Jakowatz

Chaplain..... Ray Retallack

Golf ..... Brian Upton

Asst Golf ..... Dennis Petersen

Historian ..... *Open*

Membership & E-mail ..... Mike Mohr

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Property ..... *Open*

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Sunshine..... *Open*

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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 84,  
NEW MEMBERS 10, LOST MEMBERS 10, GUESTS 9**

We are moving into the Holiday Season and two things come to mind:

1. Where the heck did the year 2015 go?! In my mind, it is March-April but on the calendar it says that another year is almost gone. When I was going from 15 to 16 years of age and 20 to 21 years of age, that took approximately a decade each time. My theory as to why time accelerates with age is, that with each year that passes, it represents an increasingly smaller percent of your life. A year now for me represents just 1.4% of my life. A year when I was 15 years old waiting to be 16 years old was 7% of my life. I sincerely hope that all of us get to the point that a year is 1% of our life! (some math required)
2. The Holiday Season is a time for reflections on life. We are blessed that we are all still in the game of life. We live in the greatest country on earth. We live in an absolutely beautiful spot surrounded by mountains, the Pacific Ocean, wine country, and great cities. Lastly, life has taught us that true riches are being surrounding by family and friends. This year I have expanded and deepened my circle of friends. I am truly a richer person for having had the opportunity to be the **Big SIR for Branch 95.**

Jay

## LITTLE SIR — Terry Privott

We are getting close to our Christmas Luncheon scheduled for December 14th. Thanks to all the folks who have sent your checks and meal selections in early. Appears we are going to have a good turnout as we plan for a fun Holiday afternoon with our spouses and guests. Raffle donations are more than welcome too.

We have a very special speaker today; you do not want to miss this magical presentation. Will keep it at a surprise for you...

It has been a challenge and fun providing you with guest speakers this year. I have already got a peek at what is planned for our new year of 2016 for guest speakers and believe you will find it informative and entertaining.

Brian Upton our, golf chairman, will be holding a special raffle at the end of today's meeting for our golf group NCGA members. You do not want to miss this as he has lots of wonderful golf prizes to be raffled in recognition of your participation in this year's golf events.

Terry

## Sand Traps

by Brian Upton, Golf Chair

### SIR Branch 95 Results

2015 Tournaments:

#### Empire Ranch – October 6

First: Brian Upton  
Second: Tim Herdt  
Third: Mel Hallett  
Fourth: Dan Cockcroft

#### Mather – October 13

First: Dennis Petersen  
Second: George Simko  
Third: Terry Privott

#### Wildhawk – October 20

First: Dennis Callahan  
Second: Bill Keane  
Third: Bob Hendrickson

#### Turkey Creek – October 28

First: Steve Thomson  
Second: John Ashley  
Third: Terry Privott

#### Closest-To-Pin

Empire Ranch: George Simko  
Mather: Jack May  
Wildhawk: Dennis Callahan  
Turkey Creek:

1st Ray Seamans - 5 3/4 inches  
2nd Ron Waisner - 12 inches

#### Longest Drive

Turkey Creek: Tied  
Jay Guertin & George Simko

*Did you ever wonder?*

*Why Tarzan never had a beard?  
Or, what disease a cured ham  
actually had?...*

### SIR Websites

[www.sirinc.org](http://www.sirinc.org)

Visit latest SIR Happenings at  
[www.sirinc.org/sirhappenings/](http://www.sirinc.org/sirhappenings/)

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[www.branch95sir.shutterfly.com](http://www.branch95sir.shutterfly.com)

### Branch 95 Bulletin Updates

Submit **January** Bulletin updates by

**Sunday, January 2, 2016**

E-mail:

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## Golf

by Brian Upton

Just a friendly reminder: December 1, 2015 is the deadline for paying your 2016 NCGA Dues. If you have chosen not to renew, Brian Upton would appreciate a courtesy reminder to this effect. Your new 2016 Golf Schedule will be distributed to all members by the end of November.

Tomorrow, November 10, 2015 we play Diamond Oaks. Contact Dennis Petersen if you wish to sign-up. We conclude our November schedule at the Wildhawk golf course on Tuesday, November 17, 2015. Contact Dan Cockcroft if you wish to play.

## Bocce

by Dan Cockcroft

The SIRs Branch 95 Bocce Club had a good month. We traveled to the Grass Valley area to play in the first SIRs regional Bocce tournament and although we didn't win we had a good time competing with other SIR Branches from around the foothill area.

We had a real good month in league play going 6-0 for the month and moving up in the standings from last to 5<sup>th</sup> place out of 13 teams. We had a lot of fun knocking two of the contending teams out of the playoffs and finishing ahead of them in the standings. The Fall season ended in Oct. The league starts up again in March and runs through May.

### > Attention Biking SIRs <

Take a bike ride with fellow SIR's -- For info contact  
**Rich Christensen** at  
[r\\_christensen@comcast.net](mailto:r_christensen@comcast.net)

## Birthdays

### November

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

### December

Carl Curtis  
John Guisto  
Edmond  
Gupton  
Al Schmidt  
Ed Stoll  
Brian Upton  
Chuck Warfield

### Welcome New Members!

by Mike Mohr

Ernie Fernandez  
Ray Seamans

### WINGS SIR Branch 95 WINGS

### Annual Holiday Luncheon

December 14th

➡➡ Get your check in!! ◀◀



### Reminder...

46 shopping days till Christmas!

*"His golf bag does not contain  
a full set of irons."*

Robin Williams

### 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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### Today's Lunch

Hot Turkey Sandwich  
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy,  
Green Salad, Cranberry Sauce  
Pumpkin Pie

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### Special diet?

Contact Jay, Terry, or your  
Caller