

Gold Country Branch 95 2016 Elected Officers Big Sir

Terry Privott	916.933.6342	
Little Sir		
Vacant		
Secretary		
Terry Starkel	916.817.1524	
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Rich Christensen	916.817.1838	
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Rich Turoff	916.934.0176	
Membership Chairman		
Mike Mohr	530.676.2495	
Directors at Large		
Jay Guertin		
Dan Cockcroft		
Dennis Petersen		
$\mathbf{Tim}\;\mathbf{Herdt}\;$	916.939.1405	

Region III Director
Vic Mershon
Area 31 Governor
Open

Honorary Life Members
Al Kaiser Ross Walter

Chairmen

Attendance Jim Purcell 916.358.5251		
Badges	$Bill\ Yeager\ 916.941.6632$	
Biking	Rich Christensen	
	916.817.1838	
Bocce	Dan Cockcroft 916.933.6462	
Bowling	Don Weick $916.933.2980$	
Bulletin	${\rm Jon\ Jakowatz.\ 916.941.6792}$	
Chaplain	Ray Retallack 916.933.3704	
Golf	Brian Upton $916.939.6601$	
Asst Golf	Dennis Petersen	
Publicity	$Bill\ Yeager\ 916.941.6632$	
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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 Gold Country Branch 95 - Bulletin 329 - July 2016

BIG SIR - Terry Privott - Active Members: 80-Goal: 91

We recently lost 2 members so let's RAMP up our efforts...

Thanks for the wonderful attendance and Board member support for our June Lady's Day Picnic event. This year we changed location and menu, exploring Promontory Park in El Dorado Hills. The weather was perfect; the facility was a convenient location, clean and inviting for our event. Thanks to Dickey's BBQ of Folsom for the great food and service.

We learn from each event ideas to improve and grow. We're looking forward to next year's gathering. A special Thanks to Dan Cockroft who led a Bocce tournament with over 50% of our attendees at the picnic participating. Well done Dan!!!

We say goodbye to our Friend George Engle who has relocated to Southern California and send our Best Wishes to George and his family. We will certainly miss this fine Gentleman and friend. Best Wishes also to friend Roy Frank who served well as Little Sir for the first half of 2016 and is working to recover from health issues. We will miss his energy and support.

Recent State SIR gatherings have helped us to identify the need to grow our membership across the branches. As folks are working in their senior years longer, enjoying better health, and delaying retirement we need to seek change to our prior recruitment of retirees.

It suggests that we should work to seek all gentlemen to join us that are in a position to have free time and not be married to a full time work commitment. These are new times and we should embrace the change and look at ourselves as an organization of friendship creating life time friend relationships. Please look around you and see if you can identify men in this position who would have the time to join and enjoy the benefits of our Branch.

There is a need in your Branch to step up and take leadership roles as we are vacant in several areas along with folks who have exceeded their desired times of leadership. In the upcoming days I would ask that you step forward as we will be discussing the need with Branch 95 SIR members. Our Branch can only continue to grow and survive based on each of our individual actions of support. Please help me keep the fun going and share with me your wishes.

We hope all of you had a Happy 4th of July with a Sincere THANKS to all of our Forefathers and Veterans for keeping this a special day on our calendars.

A Special **SIR THANKS** to today's speakers - see back page.

Sand Traps by Brian Upton, Golf Chair SIR Branch 95 Results

2016 Tournaments:

First: Joel Enns
Second: Dennis Callahan
Third: Bill Stegman
Fourth: George Engel

Mather – June 14

Empire Ranch – June 7

First: Dennis Petersen
Second: Ed Gupton
Third: Bill Keane

Wildhawk - June 21

First: Tim Irish
Second: Bill Keane
Third: Dennis Callahan

Dark Horse – June 28

First: Team of Privott, Baker,

Guertin and Gupton

Second: Team of Birgbauer,

Hallett and Mello

Third: Team of Harr, Hall, McCoy and Cockcroft

Closest-To-Pin

Empire Ranch: Paul Varney
Mather: Malcolm Ramsay
Wildhawk: Tim Irish

Dark Horse:

Hole #6 Bob Birgbauer
won \$50.00 cash prize
Hole #13 Dennis Petersen
Long Drive - Hole #8
Guest Jim Capewell earned
his team a dozen golf balls



by Dan Cockcroft - The "Big Dill"

For information about the SIR's 95 Pickleball contact Dan at 916-933-6462.



Palino Putters by Dan Cockcroft 916-933-6462

For information about the SIR's 95 Bocce team contact Dan at 916-933-6462

Golf by Brian Upton

On Tuesday, July 12, 2016 we play Diamond Oaks. Check-in is 7:15 AM with an 8:30 AM start. Terry Starkel will be handling Diamond Oaks this month. The following Tuesday, July 19, we play Wildhawk with a 7:45 AM Check-in. Then on Tuesday July 26, we visit Lincoln Hills to play the Hills course. Check-in is 8:15 AM with a 9:00 AM start time. Sign-up sheets are available at the front door check-in table if you wish to join us. Get ready for our Pick Your Partner Stableford Mather *Tournament* at August. See Dennis Petersen for details. We'll have lots of prizes.

Biking SIRs by Rich Christensen

Bicycle with fellow SIR's For info contact Rich at r_christensen@comcast.net

Branch 95 Bulletin Updates

No Bulletin in June
Send August Bulletin items by
Sunday, July 31, 2016
E-mail to:

SIR95Bulletin@jakowatz.net

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 AM Lunch 12:00 noon

Today's Lunch

Grilled Ham & Cheese Potato and/or Green Salad Watermelon

~~~ Special diet?

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Contact Terry or your Caller

## July Birthdays

Bill McClanahan

#### Today's Speakers

Al Autry (Grace Davis High - Modesto, CA), good at Basketball and Baseball, was being scouted at age 17. Al started in the minor league with Winnipeg in the Northern League. The Kansas City Royals drafted Al during the 1969 amateur draft. On September 14, 1976 he was the starting right hand pitcher for the Atlanta Braves against the Houston Astros and credited with a 4-3 Braves victory giving up 4 hits, three earned runs and three strike outs.

Richard Macaluso is a retired Caltrans Traffic Engineer managing a statewide traffic signal retiming program. He joined the Society for Baseball Research in 1995 and began to research the evolution of the Catcher's Mitt.

Richard has done a marvelous job of writing the history of this important glove's development and role in the game over time.

Richard's book, From Buck to Pudge, the evolution of Baseball's Catcher Mitt, 1888 – 2015, is a detailed study of the evolution of the mitt from the 19<sup>th</sup> and into the 21<sup>st</sup> century when Hall of Famer Iván "Pudge" Rodríquez was the premier catcher in baseball. Richard's collection contains over 150 mitts. Today's display includes examples highlighting the mitt's evolution.

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