



**Gold Country Branch 95  
2017 Elected Officers**

**Big Sir**

**Rich Turoff.....916.934.0176**

**Little Sir**

**Joe Giacomini .....916.939.2060**

**Secretary**

**Terry Starkel.....916.817.1524**

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**Tim Herdt.....916.939.1405**

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**Asst. Treasurer**

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**Membership Chairman**

**Mike Mohr.....530.676.2495**

**Asst. Membership Chairman**

**Dennis Petersen.....916.817.1149**

**Directors at Large**

**Terry Privott .....916.933.6342**

**Jay Guertin.....916.939.8037**

**Dan Cockcroft .....408.781.0714**

**Ken McCoy .....916.933.2537**

**Don Brooks .....530.295.9236**

**Region II Director**

**Jerry Morrow**

**Area 6 Governor**

**Gary Johnson**

**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

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Mike Wilke .... 916.833.5008

**Bulletin** Jon Jakowatz. 916.941.6792

**Chaplain** Ray Retallack 916.933.3704

**Golf** Brian Upton... 916.939.6601

**Asst Golf** Dennis Petersen .....  
..... 916.817.1149

**Pickle Ball** Dan Cockcroft408.781.0714

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# SONS IN RETIREMENT

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## BIG SIR - Rich Turoff

As I mentioned in last month's newsletter, we are now at that time of the year when we need to be putting in place our roster of leadership positions in Branch 95 for next year. Those positions include officers, at-large board members, and committee chairmen. We have many members who have served in some capacity in the past and I would like to thank them and express appreciation for their willingness to devote some time so that our organization was able to provide enjoyable activities, fun, and camaraderie for our members. I know that some members, both then and now, have agreed to take on the same role for multiple years. This is admirable and special thanks are due to these folks. Some did this because they wanted to continue to help. However, in some instances, the reason this happened was that no volunteers stepped forward to fill their spot for the next year. That, my friends, is a black eye for our branch.

Now is the time for those members who have not held one of these positions in the past to step forward and volunteer for next year. As I mentioned last month, the amount of time that must be devoted is minimal. Either I or one of our current leadership members may shortly be asking some of you if there is interest in filling one of our open positions. If that is the case, all I can do is request and hope that you say "yes." I cannot stress enough how important this would be in helping our branch to bring in some new faces and fresh ideas to, hopefully, continue and improve upon what we already have. WE WANT YOU!!

On a sad note, I would like to mention that Keith Hepler's mother recently passed away. Our thoughts and prayers are with Keith and his family.

Gary Grann will soon be moving to the Boston area and leaving our SIR branch. Besides being a great golfer, Gary served as Little SIR, Big SIR and as a member of the BEC. I would like to thank Gary for his service to our branch and he will be missed. We wish Gary and his wife Jimmie all the best.

## LITTLE SIR - Joe Giacomini

Sheriff John D'Agostini is a 4th generation resident of El Dorado County. John worked his way through the Sacramento County Sheriff's academy and became a full-time deputy sheriff in 1994. He served in many positions in patrol, was a SWAT team member, SWAT sniper, detective and other duties. In 2001, he was promoted to Sergeant and worked in patrol. In 2003, he worked for the Amador County District Attorney's office investigating crimes. John was elected El Dorado County Sheriff in 2010 and has served us since. He will give us insights on what he does.

## Sand Traps

by Brian Upton, Golf Chair  
SIR Branch 95 Results  
2017 Tournaments:

### Empire Ranch – July 5

First: Bob Hendrickson  
Second: John Peterson - Br #124  
Third: Mike Wilke  
Fourth: Jerry Lynch - Br #124

### Diamond Oaks – July 11

First: Mike Wilke  
Second: Dennis Petersen  
Third: Dennis Callahan

### Wildhawk – July 18

First: Dan Link  
Second: Tim Irish  
Third: Terry Starkel

### Lincoln Hills – July 25

First: Jerry Nester  
Second: George Simko  
Third: Mel Hallett

### Closest-To-Pin

Empire Ranch: Jerry Nester  
Diamond Oaks: Ron Waisner  
Wildhawk: Dennis Callahan  
Lincoln Hills: Dennis Callahan

## Biking Sirs

by Rich Christensen

Come join fellow SIR's for a morning bike ride on the Folsom trails – Contact:

r\_christensen@comcast.net



by Dan Cockcroft - The "Big Dill"

For info on SIR's 95 Pickleball contact Dan at 408-781-0714.



Palino Putters  
by Dan Cockcroft  
408-781-0714

Branch 95 Sirs play in EDHCSD Bocce Leagues on two teams. For information contact Dan.

## SIR Branch 95 Golf

by Brian Upton

A few SIR golfers from Branch #124 in Grass Valley joined us as guests at Empire Ranch and placed in the money twice. I think we may only invite them once a year...

Remaining August tournaments:

Tomorrow on Tuesday, August 15, 2017 we play at Wildhawk. Check with Dan Cockcroft if you wish to play.

Then, on Tuesday, August 22, 2017 we play the Castle Oaks golf course in Ionne. Contact Brian if you are interested in playing.

The first round of competition for our club championship begins at the Diamond Oaks golf course on September 12. Are we ready for a new club champion? Not if Tim Irish has anything to say about it! The outcome will be decided after three rounds of play at Diamond Oaks, Wildhawk and the Woodcreek golf courses.

Be sure to participate if you're qualified and join the fun!

## Branch 95 Bulletin Updates

Submit August Bulletin items by Sunday, September 3, 2017

E-mail to:

SIR95Bulletin@jakowatz.net

## SIR Websites

Branch 95

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

State SIR

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

SIR Happenings

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

## Birthdays

August

Bob Birgbauer  
Dan Cockcroft (PBS)  
Bill Drummond  
Tim Herdt  
Terry Starkel  
Rodger Taylor

## Membership

by Mike Mohr,  
Membership Chair

Welcome New Members:

David Hyman

Dick Pratt

Current Active Membership = 83

Miss your emailed copy of this bulletin? If so, See Mike or Jon.

Product update: Dyson has a new vacuum technology on the market called the Dyson Ball Cleaner. Warning: it's name is very misleading! A friend of mine is currently in the hospital after using it.

## Branch 95 Luncheon 2nd Monday of the Month

Empire Ranch Golf Club

1620 East Natoma Street

Folsom, CA 95630

Telephone 916.817.8107

[www.empireranchgolfclub.com](http://www.empireranchgolfclub.com)

Happy Hour 11:00 AM

Lunch 12:00 noon

Today's Lunch

Chicken Fettuccini Alfredo

Lasagna, Caesar Salad

Garlic Bread

Soda, Tea, Water & Coffee

included with lunch

Beer & Wine Discounted

Special diet?

Contact Rich, Joe or  
your Caller