



**Gold Country Branch 95  
2017 Elected Officers**

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# SONS IN RETIREMENT

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## BIG SIR - Rich Turoff

Our meeting today is being held on Columbus Day when we used to honor the perilous journey this explorer embarked upon and which has been celebrated in the U.S. for over 200 years. In school we learned of the great voyage and lands discovered. There were parades and days off school and work. Now there are efforts to tear down Columbus statues and vilify him for his treatment of native Americans. That goes along with other attempts to change our history and to label as racist, bigoted, against inclusion, hate monger or worse those who do not share the same views as they do. When is this craziness going to stop? Soon I hope for the sake of our nation.

It was a year ago that we changed our meeting location from the Elks Club to Empire Ranch. For those members who were around then, I am sure you miss the wonderful cuisine at the Elks Club. All kidding aside, we have hiccups and issues at times with Empire Ranch but the improvement in our meals and surroundings is significant.

Congratulations to Dan Link for winning our 2017 Golf Club Championship. It was a close contest with Mike Wilke, Bill Yeager, Ken McCoy and Malcolm Ramsay tied for second and third.

Since we are getting towards the end of the year, that means it is time for our annual Christmas/Holiday dinner. We celebrate this joyous time of the year with a social hour, buffet dinner, door prize drawings and installation of our 2018 Branch 95 officers. Our spouses, significant others and guests join us for the festivities. Details regarding the dinner are being distributed soon so please mark your calendars to attend on December 11.

## LITTLE SIR - Joe Giacomini

Our Speaker for this month is John Whelan. John is a 7-year member and current chair of the Sacramento City-County Bicycle Advisory Committee. He is an experienced touring cyclist. He will talk to us about the benefits of cycling and give an overview of all the bicycle routes in our area. He will also touch on safety issues for us. And, John will answer any questions we have.

## Sand Traps

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

### Empire Ranch – September 5

First: Malcolm Ramsay  
Second: Bob Mello  
Third: Terry Privott  
Fourth: Bill Yeager

### Diamond Oaks – September 12

First: Ron Waisner  
Second: Ed Gupton  
Third: Dennis Petersen

### Wildhawk – September 19

First: Dan Link  
Second: Bill Yeager  
Third: Jack May

### Woodcreek – September 26

First: Mike Wilke  
Second: Tim Irish  
Third: Jay Guertin

### Closest-To-Pin

Empire Ranch: Terry Privott  
Diamond Oaks: Hole #5 Bill Yeager  
Hole #12 Malcolm Ramsay  
Wildhawk: Paul Tomlinson  
Woodcreek: Hole #8 Ron Waisner  
Hole #17 Dan Cockcroft

## Biking Sirs

by Rich Christensen

Join fellow SIR's for morning bike ride on 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

This year's 2017 Club Champion is Dan Link. Congratulations to Dan who prevailed for three rounds to beat the field. While four players tied for runner-up spots, using our tie-breaker system Mike Wilke was awarded second place, Bill Yeager was third, and Ken McCoy was fourth. Thanks to all those who participated.

Tomorrow, October 10th we are playing at Mather. Contact Dennis Petersen today if you wish to join us. Next, we play Wildhawk on Tuesday, October 17, 2017, then conclude the month at Antelope Greens on Tuesday October 24, 2017 for a Three Club Monte tournament. Bring three clubs and your putter. First place is cash and a dozen golf balls. Be sure to sign up for that one!

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

**Branch 95 Bulletin Updates**  
Submit August Bulletin items by  
**Sunday, October 1, 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

October

Mike Bendel  
Joe Giacomini  
Larry Keenan (PBS)  
Kevin King  
Rich Turoff  
Bob Woodford

## Membership

by Mike Mohr,  
Membership Chair

Current Active Membership-84

*Always take your pet to the Vet for regular checkups. Let's face it, Dinosaurs never went to a Vet. Look what happened.*

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*My wife recently took her driver's test - she got 8 out of 10. The other two guys managed to jump out of the way.*

## 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 and Beef  
Fajita Bar  
Rice and Beans

Soda, Tea, Water & Coffee included with lunch  
Beer & Wine Discounted

Special diet?  
Contact Rich, Joe or your Caller

# **CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY DINNER**

**MONDAY DECEMBER 11, 2017**

**EMPIRE RANCH GOLF CLUB  
1620 EAST NATOMA STREET  
FOLSOM, CA**

**5PM-6PM SOCIAL HOUR, 6PM-7PM DINNER  
7PM-8PM DOOR PRIZES AND OFFICER'S INSTALLATION FOR 2018**

**\$50.00 PER COUPLE.....SINGLES \$25.00  
GUESTS ARE WELCOME**

**ENTREES: TRI TIP & CHICKEN MARSALA, GREEN SALAD,  
SEASONAL VEGETABLE MEDLEY, ROASTED RED POTATOES WITH  
GARLIC & ROSEMARY, DINNER ROLLS & DESSERT**

**RED & WHITE WINE, SODA, TEA, WATER & COFFEE PROVIDED**

**NO HOST COCKTAILS & BEER AVAILABLE**

**PLEASE SEND CHECKS TO:  
JOE GIACOMINI  
3033 SCHOONER DRIVE  
EL DORADO HILLS, CA 95762**

**MAKE CHECKS OUT TO: SIR BRANCH 95  
CHECKS MUST BE IN BY DEC. 5TH FOR COUNT**