



**Gold Country Branch 95
2018 Elected Officers**

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BIG SIR - Joe Giacomini

I hope one and all had a wonderful, joyous Christmas and New Year. Our Christmas dinner was a success, with a few hitches that we will iron out this year. We had a great door prize selection that was donated by some of our members. We thank them for their support. I also want to thank Bill Stegman for selling all the door prize tickets. Great job Bill. We will strive to improve on our Holiday dinner this year.

As your incoming Big Sir for 2018, I want to thank Rich Turoff for all the hard work he put in as outgoing Bir Sir and all the help he gave me. I also want to thank all our board and committee members last year for their hard work. They keep us moving in the right direction.

Our newly elected officers for 2018 are:

Little SIR — Tim Irish

Secretary — Terry Starkel (and golf group Chairman)

Asst. Secretary — Bob Mellow

Treasurer — Bob Birgbauer

Asst. Treasurer — Don Brooks

Membership Chairman — Mike Mohr

The other members of our BEC are Rich Turoff, Terry Privott, Dennis Petersen, Jay Guertin, Dan Cockcroft, and Ken McCoy. Without their support it would be a harder task.

Branch 95 has had an increase in membership the last couple months and we hope this trend will continue. Hopefully our members will ask their friends to join our group for lunch and all the other activities. Remember our annual dues of \$20 should be paid as soon as possible. The dues are used for miscellaneous expenses and to keep the cost of our lunch down.

I wish all a Happy New Year. - Joe

LITTLE SIR – Tim Irish

Today's speaker is Harry Hall. Harry was born in Sacramento, Ca and grew up in Dallas, TX. Harry worked for Chevron for 33 years and is a registered professional engineer and formed HLC Consulting in 2004. Harry has spoken to us before on oil and gas. His topic this month is,

“What should we be paying for gasoline?”

Sand Traps

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

Empire Ranch – December 7

First: Ken McCoy
Second: Jim Purcell
Third: Bill Stegman

Mather – December 12

First: Terry Privott
Second: Kevin King
Third: Bob Mello

Closest-To-Pin

Empire Ranch: Mel Hallett
Mather: Terry Starkel

SIR Happenings is back!

This first issue of Happenings since April 2016 (now available at www.sirinc.org) contains some Branch news, as well as some State news. We have been missing the State newsletter "Happenings" since the sudden death of John Skarpelos in August 2016. John designed the newsletter and was responsible for its layout for many years. Don MacGregor (Branch 37) conceived the idea and was executive editor. John and Don were a powerful and professional team producing Happenings regularly.

Derek Southern
State President 2018



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. For information contact Dan.

SIR Branch 95 Golf

by Brian Upton

Happy New Year to our 44 SIR golfers! Also, a warm welcome to new golf members Hedecki Yoshihara, Roy Bushey, Wilson Matlack and returning members Keith Hepler and Dick Pratt. We look forward to many fun packed events and new experiences in the coming year.

We will resume golf at Empire Ranch on Tuesday, February 6, 2018. We will also visit Mather and Wildhawk in February, followed with a short game tune-up at Bradshaw Ranch, Tuesday February 27, 2018. No cash prizes, but we will have four Closest-To-Pin awards and give away two dozen golf balls.

Our annual Scramble tournament will be held Wednesday June 27, 2018 at the Turkey Creek golf course in Lincoln. Four-man teams will be assembled through a "blind draw" process. All interested participants will be requested to sign-up in advance, so teams can be assembled. There will be free golf balls and many cash prizes.

Golfers - Please plan to stay after our luncheon today for a short meeting hosted by Terry Starkel. He wants to review some new ideas and obtain your input regarding our 2018 golf program. He also will be awarding a dozen golf balls to our most improved 2017 golfer!

Branch 95 Bulletin Updates

Submit February Bulletin items by
Sunday, February 4, 2018
SIR95Bulletin@jakowatz.net

SIR Websites

Branch 95

www.branch95sir.shutterfly.com

State SIR

www.sirinc.org

SIR Happenings

www.sirinc.org/sirhappenings/

Birthdays

December	January
Bob Carlson	Bill Keane
Carl Curtis	Bob Mello
Douglas Forte	Mike Mohr
John Guisto	Ed Newton
Ed Gupton	Malcolm Ramsay
Al Schmidt	Don Weick (PBS)
Ed Stoll	
Brian Upton	

Membership

by Mike Mohr,
Membership Chair

Current Active Membership-88

Miss your emailed copy of this bulletin? See Jon or Mike Mohr.

Biking Sirs

by Rich Christensen

Morning bike ride on Folsom trails
Weather permitting – Contact:
r_christensen@comcast.net

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

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 Joe, Tim or your Caller