



**Gold Country Branch 95**

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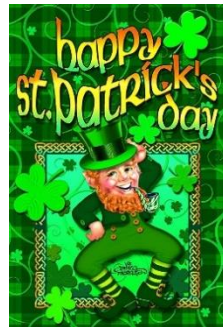
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**SONS IN RETIREMENT**

A NON-PROFIT PUBLIC BENEFIT CORPORATION FOR RETIRED MEN DEVOTED TO THE PROMOTION OF INDEPENDENCE AND DIGNITY OF RETIREMENT

**BIG SIR – Tim Irish**



Well, Daylight Savings is upon us once again. I hope that everyone remembered to set their clocks ahead yesterday – perhaps for the last time if our legislature follows through with last November’s vote. I for one, won’t be sorry to no longer have to deal with losing an hour’s sleep once a year.

Is anyone else getting tired of all this wet weather? I am sure our skiers are happy with all the snow on the slopes, however warmer, drier weather will hopefully come soon so that we can get back to our other outside activities of bocce, golf, biking, pickleball, hiking, fishing or whatever it is that gets us outside. If you have an interest in joining one of our activities, contact the chairman of the activity listed in this bulletin. If you have an interest in an activity not listed, let one of our officers or board members know and we will see if we can get something started.

Membership is moving in the right direction, we are now up to 83 members and had five guests at last month’s luncheon which should translate into even more additional members, keep up the good work.

In closing, don’t drink too much of that green beer next Sunday, St. Patrick’s Day. Erin go Bragh!

***If you could kick the person in the pants responsible for most of your trouble, you wouldn’t sit for a month. – Theodore Roosevelt.***

**LITTLE SIR – Kevin King**

Today’s speaker is Damian Pascuzzo. Damian owns and operates Pascuzzo/Pate Golf Design in El Dorado Hills. Damian began his career working with famed designer Robert Muir Graves. In 1991 he became the principal designer and partnered with Graves to form Graves & Pascuzzo based in El Dorado Hills. In 2006, long-time veteran of the PGA Tour, Steve Pate joined Damian to form Pascuzzo & Pate Golf Course Design. Together they have worked on a broad range of projects from residential and resort developments, to the master planning and remodeling of existing courses, throughout North America and Asia. In 2001 he was elected President of the American Society of Golf Course Architects and continues to play an active role in the leadership of that organization.

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## Sand Traps

by Terry Starkel, Golf Chair  
SIR Branch 95 Results  
2019 Tournaments:

### February 5 – Empire Ranch

Rained Out

### February 12 – Mather

First: Shoji Kumagai  
Second: Tie Mel Hallett  
Mike Wilke

### February 19 – Wildhawk

Par 3 format

Lowest gross score: Mike Wilke  
Lowest net score: Mike Wilke  
Closest to pin #4: Bob Carlson  
Closest to pin #10: Bob Birgbauer

### February 26 – Bradshaw Ranch

Rained Out



"IF IT DOESN'T LET UP A LITTLE BY THE TIME WE GET ON THE BACK NINE, LET'S CALL IT A DAY."



**Palino Putters**  
by Dan Cockcroft  
408-781-0714

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



by Dan Cockcroft - The "Big Dill"  
For info on SIR's 95 Pickleball contact Dan at 408-781-0714.

## 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/)

## SIR Branch 95 Golf

by Terry Starkel

I don't remember as wet a start to the golf season as we have had this year. I am sure many of you that have been playing with the Sir Golf group for many years might have experienced some other wet starts. After years of dry weather, I can't really complain too much, the rain is needed. I look forward to some dry days with warmer weather.

We have been invited to play at Cameron Park Country Club later in March with Branches 49 and 102. We still have a few spots open. If you are interested, please let me know soon.

I notice even the pros are having some trouble adjusting to some of the new rules. We really haven't played enough to get used to most new rules yet, but I think the biggest change that I have experienced is putting with the flag in.

In March, unless we are rained out, we will be playing Empire Ranch, Mather, Wildhawk and Haggin Oaks. Contact the golf coordinators for each tournament to sign up.

Tournament coordinators:

- Empire Ranch – Terry Starkel  
tstarkel2000@yahoo.com
- Mather – Dennis Petersen  
mrpetepetersen@aol.com
- Wildhawk – Kevin King  
kming00@gmail.com
- All others – Ken McCoy  
mccoycocodog@aol.com

## Biking Sirs

by Rich Christensen

Ride the Folsom trails

Contact Rich at

[r\\_christensen@comcast.net](mailto:r_christensen@comcast.net)

## Branch 95 Bulletin Updates

Submit April items by

Monday, April 1, 2019

[SIR95Bulletin@jakowatz.net](mailto:SIR95Bulletin@jakowatz.net)

## Birthdays

March

Jim Frey

Tim Irish

Dennis Petersen (PBS)

Ed Walsh

Norb Witt

Bill Yeager (PBS)

## Membership

by Mike Mohr,

Membership Chair

Current Active Membership – 83

Welcome New Members

Bob Betzler

John Muzio

Little SIR continued - Damian's presentation will show how golf course architects not only create golf courses, but how their work is linked with the other land uses on a project and often act as the solution to environmental and infrastructure problems. I'm sure he'll also sprinkle in some interesting stories of people he's met and worked with over the years.

## 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

DELI SANDWICH PLATTER

WITH PASTA SALAD &

POTATO SALAD

Soda, Tea, Water & Coffee

included with lunch

Special diet?

Contact Tim, Kevin or

your Caller

See next page for SIR event

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**More  
information  
about Rivercats  
events coming  
soon**



**Turf Club-\$41/person  
March 29, 2019  
Friday**



**Trip to the Winner's Circle  
Free Parking/Entrance  
Free Racing Program  
Prime Rib Buffet  
(tax & gratuity included)**

**Make check: Pacific Racing Association  
Send to: Golden Gate Fields  
1100 Eastshore Highway  
Berkeley, CA 94710**

**Q/A: Sheri Espique (510) 559-7549  
Group Sales Assistant Manager**

**State-wide Event  
State Board Approved  
All SIR Branches Invited**

**Lee Moy  
State SIR Sports  
(559) 709-9851  
LeeHealthStudio@gmail.com**

**SIR Day at the Park  
A's vs Giants  
AT THE OAKLAND A's**

**2nd Annual "Battle of the Bay Bridge"  
Sunday, 1 pm, August 25th, 2019, Coliseum  
\$ 52, deadline June 1st, section 106-shaded**

**Make check to: Lee Moy, Amount: \$ 52  
Mail: 127 N. Helm Ave, Clovis, CA 93612  
include: self-stamp return envelope**

**Lee Moy-(559) 709-9851  
State SIR Sports  
LeeHealthStudio@gmail.com**

**Additional events Info from Lee Moy**

**Gold Gate Fields – March 29**

The GGF venue had a few remarks on the backside of the voucher (e.g., dress code, and parking).

The buffet starts at noon. Lee hopes to meet Branch organizers so he can have them join the Winner's Circle.

As a side note, GGF has slated SIR Day at the Races onto their calendar. Mention SIR and you'll be directed where to park, and where to dine at.

**A's vs Giants Battle of the Bay – August 25th**

Lee has locked in 80 tickets for the SIR Day at the Park. The going rate is now \$10 higher (and climbing). We are good-to-go at the \$52 price. Just like in prior years, Lee handles all the monies/tickets for baseball events. Everyone seems to enjoy each other's company; most wore their favorite team/SIR apparel.

Last year for those who came earlier to the game we received a Ricky Henderson bobblehead. He was also at the game where he got a standing ovation.