



**Gold Country Branch 95**

**2019 Elected Officers**

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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**



Boy, the weather sure turned suddenly last month, didn't it? Seems like summer is already here! Surely this must mean that our annual Ladies Picnic is just around the corner – and it is. This year the picnic will be held on Monday, June 10, once again at Promontory Park in El Dorado Hills from 11:30 to 2:00.

Unfortunately, Dickey's, our caterer for the past two years, has gone out of business so Kevin did a search high and low and found, we think, a great replacement - Fahrenheit 250 of Sacramento. After the food has been consumed, we will again have drawing prizes for the ladies, bingo games and a bocce tournament. I'm looking forward to it, and don't forget - guests are welcome, so invite a friend.

Remember to get your reservation in to Kevin for the picnic soon– we need to know as early as we can how many are coming so that we can give an accurate count to the caterer. They must be in no later than Monday, June 3.

Memorial Day is coming up May 27, let's don't forget to honor those who have died while serving in our Armed Forces.

*"In every walk with Nature one receives far more than he seeks." - John Muir*

**LITTLE SIR – Kevin King**

Today's speaker is Michelle Ward. Ms. Ward is an attorney at El Dorado County's Senior Legal Services which provides legal education and services to all El Dorado County seniors, regardless of income, in the areas of estate planning; public benefits; abuse and exploitation; health care; real property and consumer issues. She will be speaking to us about Trusts and Wills – including why and how often they should be updated.

Ms. Ward has been working at Senior Legal Services since May 2017. Prior to that she worked 10 years in a general law office as a law clerk and associate attorney practicing in the areas of probate/trust administration; estate planning; family law; real property law; contracts and civil litigation.



## Sand Traps

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

### April 2 – Empire Ranch

Rain Cancelled

### April 9 – Mather

Rain Cancelled

### April 16 – Wildhawk

First: Bob Carlson  
Second: Mike Wilke  
Third: Tie Tim Irish  
Dan Link

### April 24 – Ancil Hoffman

First: Tim Irish  
Second: Mel Hallett  
Third: Tie Jerry Nester  
Closest to pin: Bill Keane

Tournament coordinators:

- Empire Ranch – Terry Starkel  
tstarkel2000@yahoo.com
- Mather – Dennis Petersen  
mrpetepetersen@aol.com
- Wildhawk – Kevin King  
kmking00@gmail.com
- All others – Open



**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.

## Biking Sirs

by Rich Christensen  
*Ride the Folsom Trails*  
Contact Rich at  
r\_christensen@comcast.net

## SIR Branch 95 Golf

by Terry Starkel

It looks like we are finally going to have weather that will make playing golf enjoyable. I wanted to take this time to cover one of the new rules that is causing some discussion among players.

~Flag stick in or out when putting  
~The rule was changed to speed up play. You now have three choices when putting from the green. One, take the flagstick out before your putt. Two, have the flagstick tended (though if the tending party does not remove the flagstick and your putted ball strikes it, it is a two-shot penalty). Three, leave the flagstick in and no penalty if the putted ball strikes the flagstick.

~Pros

- Studies show that you will make more putts leaving the flagstick in the hole. The flagstick narrows your focus on the center of the target.
- Longer lag putts will usually keep the ball close to the hole if the flagstick it hit. This is true also of downhill putts of most lengths.

~Cons

- Your eyes aren't used to it and it is a change of thinking. The flagstick is a narrow target, if you putt more aggressively because the flagstick is in and you do not hit the flagstick your result may be worse. You may be bothered by the flag or its shadow.

~Variables

- The science is clear for fiberglass flagsticks, not so clear using metal flagsticks. If the flagstick is moving in the wind or doesn't sit well in the bottom of the cup, you might want to take it out.

## Happy Birthdays

May

John Ashley ~Woody Champion  
Mike Cooney ~ Roy Frank  
Tom Gamble (PBS) ~ Dick Pratt  
Jay Guertin (PBS) ~ Dick Rein  
Bob Hendrickson ~ Jack May  
Don Nicholson

June

Rob Landucci ~ Daniel Link  
Ray Retallack ~ Jim Purcell  
John Muzio ~ Billy Sturdivant

## Membership

by Mike Mohr,  
Membership Chair

Current Active Membership – 83

## 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

### TACO BAR

### DESSERT

Soda, Tea, Water & Coffee  
included with lunch

### Special diet?

Contact Tim, Kevin or  
your Caller

## 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/)

## Branch 95 Bulletin Updates


Submit July items by  
Monday, July 1, 2019  
SIR95Bulletin@jakowatz.net



**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

**Tickets are still available!**

Lee says he's looking forward to receiving your check.

Don't forget to enclose the stamped return envelope, too.

Your phone number would be appreciated.

**Additional events Info from Lee Moy**

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. Every-one 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.



**Ladies Day Picnic Info next page**





# SIR 95 Annual Ladies Day Picnic

**DATE:** Monday, June 10, 2019  
**TIME:** 11:30am to 2:00pm  
**LOCATION:** Promontory Park  
picnic area  
2700 Alexandra Drive  
El Dorado Hills, CA 95762  
**COST:** \$22 per person



***GUESTS ARE WELCOME***

The luncheon menu includes BBQ beef brisket and BBQ chicken breast along with BBQ beans, potato salad, coleslaw, rolls and dessert

Soft drinks, ice tea and water will be provided

**NOTE THAT ALCOHOL IS PROHIBITED IN THE PARK**

Entertainment following lunch will include a bocce tournament and bingo.

Whether or not you've played before, bocce is a lot of fun and a great way to meet people. To sign up for bocce, contact Dan Cockcroft at [dan.croft@comcast.net](mailto:dan.croft@comcast.net). Space is limited.



In addition, ladies will receive drawing tickets for some special gifts.

To reserve your place for the picnic, please make checks (\$22 per person) payable to SIRS 95 and send to:

Kevin King • 1732 Terracina Drive • El Dorado Hills, CA 95762  
Cell: (916) 337-9811 • Email: [kmking00@gmail.com](mailto:kmking00@gmail.com)

**RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN JUNE 3rd**