



Gold Country Branch 95

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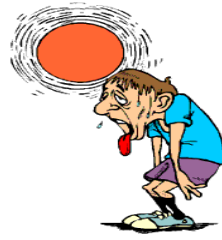
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SONS IN RETIREMENT

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BIG SIR – Tim Irish



Here we are in the middle of the Summer Doldrums, it's been hot and I have been lazy, but you know what? It's just a short drive away to the mountains or over to the coast, much cooler in both places as well as great scenery – how about Hot August Nights up in Reno?

Take your choice but do something you like to get yourself out of those summer doldrums.

Back to SIRs, we are putting the finishing touches on our officers, board members and committee chairs for 2020 and have a couple of positions yet to fill. Please have an open mind if approached, most of these positions take up a very small amount of your time, they can be rewarding, and you would be helping SIR 95 greatly.

SIR's is all about retired men coming together for fun activities, lunch, interesting speakers and just plain ol' good camaraderie. Be sure to bring a friend to the lunch or to one of our activities so that they too can see what SIR's is all about and partake in the fun with us. See you at the meeting.

"In my many years I have come to a conclusion that one useless man is a shame, two is a law firm and three or more is a congress." - John Adams

LITTLE SIR – Kevin King

Today's speaker is Kevin Knauss who will speak on the hidden history beneath Folsom Lake. Kevin lives in Granite Bay and frequently writes about local history for his website. He has published two books that focus on historical events in the Folsom and Sacramento regions. "Hidden History Beneath Folsom Lake" resulted from his numerous hikes across the dry lakebed when the lake was at historically low water levels during the drought. Many of the photographs in his book, which he will share during his presentation, document the two major water canal projects along the North and South Forks of the American River, along with sites of Native American activity, mining, farms and ranches.

Glenn Canyon Dam – More Information – Use the following link to read a recent inclusive Arizona Republic article about the Dam:

<https://www.azcentral.com/story/news/local/arizona-environment/2019/07/18/1983-arizona-glen-canyon-dam-lake-powell-almost-overflowed-colorado-river/1662234001/>

Sand Traps

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

July 2 – Empire Ranch

First: Peter Apel
 Second: Terry Starkel
 Third: Tie Don Nicholson
 Mike Wilke
 Closest to pin: Terry Privott

July 9 – Mather

First: Bill Drummond
 Second: Tie Bill Keane
 Shoji Kumagai
 Closest to pin: Bill Keane

July 16 – Wildhawk - Two Man Best Ball

First: Apel/Nicholson
 Second: Kumagai/Yoshihara I
 Third: Yeager/Privott
 Closest to pin: Don Nicholson

July 23 – Auburn Valley

First: Jay Guertin
 Second: Roy Frank
 Closest to pin: Ken McCoy

Tournament coordinators:

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



Palino Putter
 by Dan Cockcroft
 408-781-0714

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

**Let's Play
 Pickleball!**



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

SIR Branch 95 Golf

by Terry Starkel

It has certainly been an interesting golf season. From many rain outs to some hot days on the course, the weather has not been the best. We have had some days where the weather has been great, but that hasn't been as often as we could have hoped for.

I think the biggest complaint, after weather, is slow play. One of the comments I saw recently kind of sums up one view of slow play. Brooks Koepka said, *"When it's your turn to hit, your glove is not on, then you start thinking about it. That's where the problem lies. It's not that he takes that long. He doesn't do anything until it's his turn. That's the frustrating part. But he's not the only one that does it out here."*

So, for all of us to speed up play, we need to be ready to play. While others are preparing for their shot, we should be making our club selection, have the glove on, and be ready to step up when the shot has been made and it is our turn. You may think, it is only a minute for me to get ready, but when there are a lot of groups and one or two in each group take that extra time, by the end of the round it has multiplied.

My final comment is this. We are out here to enjoy the game, the beautiful area we live in, and the company of our fellow players. And, honestly to try to improve our game. But I think most importantly is to have fun and enjoy the day.

Biking Sirs

by Rich Christensen
Ride the Folsom Trails
 Contact Rich at
 r_christensen@comcast.net

August Birthdays

Bob Birgbauer
 Oliver Bohlman
 Dan Cockcroft (PBS)
 Bill Drummond
 Donald Roberts
 Terry Starkel

Membership

by Mike Mohr,
Membership Chair
 Current Active Membership – 80
Welcome New Member
 Ed Ricci

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

**PASTA WITH MEATBALLS
 & SAUSAGE**
SALAD & COOKIES
 Soda, Tea, Water & Coffee
 included with lunch

Special diet?
**Contact Tim, Kevin or
 your Caller**

SIR Websites

Branch 95
www.branch95sir.shutterfly.com
State SIR
www.sirinc.org

SIR Happenings
www.sirinc.org/sirhappenings/

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