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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

Today, Monday November 11, is Veterans Day and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our Veterans for their service to our country. Because of their sacrifices, we remain a free nation.

As I am nearing the end of my term, I would also like to acknowledge those who have helped make this another successful year for Branch 95. This includes our officers, Kevin, Terry, Bob, and Mike, and the entire Board. These men were all invaluable to me with their advice, help, and yes, prodding. I could not have gotten through it without their help so again, a huge thank you.

With Thanksgiving and the Christmas Holidays just around the corner, we are well into preparations for our annual Ladies Holiday Dinner to be held again at the Empire Ranch clubhouse on Monday, December 9. We expect good food, friends and, don't forget, great door prizes. If you have not yet gotten your reservation in to Kevin please do so ASAP. More details are on the flyer. I am really looking forward to this and hope to see you all there.

We will also be introducing your 2020 officers at this dinner. I think that we have a great group assembled that will keep us moving in the right direction, please give them your thanks for volunteering and your support as needed throughout next year.

In preparation for the new team, we will have a couple of items for you today. First, a survey in which we are asking for your input regarding our meetings and activities and second, we will have our annual discussion regarding the state of our branch. We value and need your input for both.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving everyone.

"Be thankful for what you have; you'll end up having more. If you concentrate on what you don't have, you will never, ever have enough." Oprah Winfrey

LITTLE SIR – Kevin King

I wanted to switch things up a little this month so we will have the **SIR 95 Trivia Challenge**. Each table will be divided into teams of no more than four players. Trivia categories will cover a full range of topics from TV/movies, science, a range of sports to general knowledge. Each member of the winning team will receive a terrific prize. This will be a fast-paced game which I hope you'll all enjoy.

Before I close, I wanted to make another pitch for our Annual Holiday Dinner. Everything is coming together nicely for a great evening. Some members have approached me about donating items or cash toward the purchase of items to be used as door prizes. Little Sir continued next page (bottom left)

Sand Traps

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

| October 1 – Empire Ranch | | |
|--------------------------|--------------------|--|
| First: | Don Nicholson | |
| Second: Tie | Jerry Nester | |
| | Mel Hallett | |
| Closest to pin: | Jack May | |
| October 8 – Mather | | |
| First: | Don Nicholson | |
| Second: | Mel Hallett | |
| Third: Tie | John Ashley | |
| | Shoji Kumagai | |
| Closest to pin: | Bob Carlson | |
| October 15 – Wildhawk | | |
| First: | Bill Drummond | |
| Second | John Achlor | |

| Second: Closest to pin: | John Ashley Tim Irish |
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| <u>October 22 – Die</u> | amond Oaks |
| First: | Jay Guertin |
| Second: | Jack May |
| Closest to pin: | Wil Matlack |
| <u>October 28 – Ca</u> | meron Park CC |
| First: | Jerry Nester |
| Second: | Bob Carlson |
| Third: Tie | Dan Cockcroft |
| Closest to pin: | Wil Matlack |

Tournament coordinators:

- Empire Ranch Terry Starkel tstarkel2000@yahoo.com
- Mather Dennis Petersen mrpetepetersen@aol.com
- Wildhawk Kevin King kmking00@gmail.com
 All others – Dan Cockcroft,
- dan.croft@comcast.net

Continued Little Sir

Please let me know if you have something you wish to add. Finally, reservations are flowing in. If you'd like to join us for a great evening, please have your checks to me no later than Monday, December 2nd. Door prizes are a much-anticipated part of the evening festivities. *See next page for additional info.*

SIR Branch 95 Golf by Terry Starkel

Our golf season is winding down, we have a new club champion, the weather is turning colder, our start times are later, and the holiday season is approaching.

We are again looking for people to help with the weekly tournaments. With several members having surgical procedures in the next few months, we may be off to a slow start next year, but golf will go on.

Only one date that has not been confirmed yet for next year. Some golf courses just don't respond to requests to play their courses. We will have a new schedule before the end of December.

If you have not yet paid your Sir 95/NCGA dues for next year, please get your check to me by mid-December.

We will be making some changes in our local rules for next season. I'll send updates after the New Year starts to keep everyone informed.

I want to thank everyone for your support and feedback from our weekly golf outings. We have about 45 golfers on our list and generally between 20 and 28 coming out to play each week. That means about half of our Sir 95 Branch participates in our golf program. I think a lot of the credit for that goes to Brian Upton for setting procedures and organizing the golf program for so many years, and the quality of members he had supporting him.

I feel very fortunate having so much support from all of you.

See next page for Biking, Bocce and Pickleball Info

Birthdays

| November | December |
|-----------------|--------------|
| Tom Hubbs | Bob Carlson |
| David Hyman | Carl Curtis |
| Stephen Paulick | Dennis Eyler |
| Terry Privott | John Guisto |
| (PBS) | Wil Matlack |
| Steve Thomson | Ed Stoll |
| Mike Wilke | |
| Bill Willman | |

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Membership by Mike Mohr, Membership Chair Active Membership – 84 Welcome New Member Chad Barrow

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

NOVEMBER 11 LUNCH

CHEF'S CHOICE (Not available at press time) 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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Branch 95 Bulletin Updates Submit January items by Monday, January 6, 2020 SIR95Bulletin@jakowatz.net





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 ANNUAL HOLIDAY DINNER



MONDAY DECEMBER 9, 2019

EMPIRE RANCH GOLF CLUB 1620 EAST NATOMA STREET FOLSOM, CA 95630

5pm – 6pm social hour 6pm – 7pm dinner 7pm – 8pm door prizes and 2020 officer installation

\$60 per couple....singles \$30 • GUESTS ARE WELCOME

Menu Entrees: Tri-tip and Also provided: - Red & white wine chicken marsala - Coffee, tea and an Green salad assortment of Tomato & cucumber salad fountain drinks Au gratin potatoes ----Seasonal vegetable medley No host cocktails and Dinner rolls beer are available Dessert

Please send checks no later than 12/2 payable to SIR BRANCH 95 to:

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