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BIG SIR – Kevin King

I hope you all had a relaxing holiday season with friends and family. Our annual holiday dinner was smaller than in years past but overall a great success. Everyone I talked to indicated they had a good time. My sincere thanks go out to all the members who donated cash and/or items toward our door prizes. Terry Privott used his marketing skills and creativity in generating door prize ticket sales. The efforts of all made it a special night for the ladies in our life.

As your incoming Big SIR, I would like to thank all the board and committee members for their hard work during the past year. I especially want to thank Tim Irish for his outstanding leadership during his time on the board as both Little SIR in 2018 and Big SIR in 2019. I am grateful that he'll remain on the board in 2020 as our Treasurer. I also want to thank those board members that will be stepping away from their board responsibilities after putting in several years of service – Bob Birgbauer, Dan Cockcroft, Jay Guertin, Ken McCoy and Terry Privott. These men have given freely of their time and have helped shape our branch into what it is today. I'm certain they will remain active and ready and willing to help me and the rest of the board be successful in the coming year.

Officers for 2020 include: Little Sir – Oli Bohlman; Treasurer – Tim Irish; Asst. Treasurer – Don Brooks; Secretary – Terry Starkel; Asst. Secretary – Bob Mello; Membership Chairman – Mike Mohr; Asst. Membership Chairman – Dennis Petersen; Directors at Large – Joe Giacomini, Rich Turoff, Bill Drummond, and Bob Carlson. Thank you for stepping up and taking on the responsibilities of each of these important roles.

The new year brings with it many challenges and opportunities. It's customary at this time of year to make New Year's resolutions and/or set goals for the coming year. Among those that the officers and I will be discussing in the coming weeks are 1) increasing membership; 2) improving the overall luncheon experience for all members and 3) stabilizing and improving our cash flow. The input members provided in the survey Tim put out in November will help inform the board. With your continued input, understanding and support, I believe each of these goals are well within our reach. More details will follow.

I wish all of you good health and prosperity in the New Year.

"Worrying won't stop the bad stuff from happening; it just stops you from enjoying the good." Charles Schulz

LITTLE SIR – Oli Bohlman

■ hope everyone had a great holiday season. Today's speaker is Harry Hall. Harry Hall's presentation topic is 'What's all the Fuss about Climate Change'. Harry is a registered Professional Engineer (MS, LA). Little Sir continued next page (bottom left)

Sand Traps by Terry Starkel, Golf Chair

SIR Branch 95 Results 2020 Tournaments: >> Coming Soon! <<

Tournament coordinators:

- Empire Ranch Terry Starkel tstarkel2000@yahoo.com
- Mather Dennis Petersen mrpetepetersen@aol.com
- Wildhawk Dan Cockcroft, dan.croft@comcast.net

•Other Courses – Shared

Continued Little Sir

He worked for Chevron for 33+ years, in a variety of positions in Refining, Chemicals and Marketing. His final position at Chevron was the Manager of Product Engineering. This department set the internal Chevron specifications for all fuels and ensured that Chevron's claims about its products were correct. In his position as Chevron's Board member to the CRC (Coordinating Research Council, a joint Auto / Oil effort to further advanced research on new vehicle technology and cleaner burning fuels), he worked with the Oil Industry (API), the auto industry (AAA), the EPA, and others to understand and help produce fuels that combined with today's newer technology vehicles, could produce less pollution. After retirement, he set up a small engineering consulting firm, HLH Consulting LLC, and has provided consultation in the Oil and Gas business. where he has 48+ years' exper-Now mostly retired, he ience. stays active with golf and exercise and lives with his wife in El Dorado Hills. CA. (to be near their grandchildren).

SIR Branch 95 Golf by Terry Starkel

As we start a new year and a new decade, I thought I would go over a few of the changes that the new World Handicap System will present for us. This system took place on Jan. 1, 2020.

The new system will base handicap on the best 8 of your last 20 scores. The old system based it on the best 10 of your last 20 scores.

To establish a handicap, you need only play and record 3 rounds. The old system required 5 rounds to get a handicap.

The old system had the maximum handicap for men at 40.4. The new system has a maximum of 54.0 for men or women.

Under the old system, there was no consideration for weather or course conditions. The new system will take in adverse weather and course conditions. That is why it will be important to post scores the same day as they are played.

In the past handicaps were updated twice a month. The new system will update the handicap on a daily basis.

Under the old system, the higher your handicap, the higher score permitted with adjustments being made. The new system requires no more than a net double-bogey for any handicap.

Next month we will be starting our new season. I have sent out schedules already, but I will do so again toward the end of the month along with contact information about the tournaments. Looking forward to a new year of golf and fellowship.

Biking, Bocce and Pickleball Info return in February

January Birthdays

Robert Bartlett Bob Davenport Bill Keane Bob Mello Mike Mohr Ed Newton Malcolm Ramsay

Membership

by Mike Mohr, Membership Chair Active Membership – 80

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

JANUARY 13 LUNCHEON

CHEF'S CHOICE (Not available at press time) Soda, Tea, Water & Coffee included with lunch

Special diet? - Contact Kevin, Oli or your Caller

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