

**Gold Country Branch 95** 

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#### MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

To maintain membership, a member is required to attend one-half of the regular Branch monthly luncheon meetings within the previous twelve consecutive month period, unless the Branch BEC has approved different attendance requirements (Policy 25; Bylaw 18).

# SONS IN RETIREMENT

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

# BIG SIR – Kevin King

 $\mathbf{F}$ ebruary 2020 is in the books – the driest February in Sacramento area recorded history. Even with an extra day this year, we only squeezed out trace amounts of precipitation – literally at the 11th hour. In fact, the rain was so spotty, some of you may not have seen any where you live. Fortunately, experts say we have enough reserve from the late rains last year to carry us through summer. They also remind us that of the five driest Februarys, three were followed by an exceptionally wet March. We'll see what develops.

The lack of rain notwithstanding, what's not to like about the weather these past few weeks? The golfers are in full swing (pun intended), walkers are in full stride (sorry) and gardeners are just happy to have some'bud'y to love (I'm done).

Regarding golf, we're four weeks into the new season. Contact Golf Chair Terry Starkel if you'd like to join our golf group. Terry and the other tournament directors have worked hard to arrange tournaments every Tuesday (except the 5th Tuesday) through mid-November. Our branch also offers biking, bocce and pickleball. Contact the respective chairman for more information.

Are there other activities that you'd like the branch to offer? In our November survey, we asked what activities you'd like to see added. Responses included card games, cribbage, hiking and some type of couples' activity. How about a wine tasting group or a travel group? I found one SIR branch that has 54 activities – 26 of them coed. I see activities as a way to attract and retain members. All it takes is enough interest amongst our members and someone to step up and chair the group. Call or email me or any other board member with any ideas for a new group.

*"If you want something you never had, you have to do something you've never done." – Thomas Jefferson* 

### LITTLE SIR – TBD

This month's speaker is Ken Mahar. Ken joined our branch last September. He will be sharing photos from three different visits to Africa. Ken has been interested in photography many years. His love of travel led him to many foreign countries and throughout the USA capturing the beauty and culture of their lands and people. He loves Africa and has done safaris twice in Kenya and once in Tanzania.

Ken is Past-President of the El Dorado Hills Art Association, a member of the Placerville and Folsom Arts Associations, has been a member of El Dorado Arts Council, and belongs to the El Dorado Camera Club.

His photography can be seen at art shows, galleries, and the El Dorado Hills Arts Association Studio Tours. You can view samples of his work at <u>Ken-Mahar-Photos.com</u>.

# Sand Traps

by Terry Starkel, Golf Chair SIR Branch 95 Results 2020 Tournaments:

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February 4 – Empire Ranch		
First:	Bill Keane	
Second:	Bob Mello	
Third:	Tim Irish	
Closest to pin:	Dennis Petersen	
February 11 – Mather		
First:	Peter Apel	
Second:	Bill Drummond	
Third: Tie	Pat Flynn,	
	Tim Irish,	
	Jack May	
Closest to pin:	Pat Flynn	
<u>February 18 – Wildhawk</u>		
First: Second:	Mike Wilke Bob Carlson	
Third:	Malcolm Ramsay	
Closest to pin:	Hideki Yoshihara	
February 25 – Empire Ranch		
First:	Mike Wilke	
Second:	Shoji Kumagai	
Third:	Malcolm Ramsay	
Fourth	Jerry Nester	
Closest to pin:	Bill Keane	
Tournament coordinators:		
• Empire Ranch – Terry Starkel		
tstarkel2000@yahoo.com		
•Mather – Dennis Petersen		
mrpetepetersen@aol.com		
•Wildhawk – Dan Cockcroft,		
dan.croft@comcast.net		
•All others – Shared		
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by Dan Cockcroft - The "Big Dill" For info on SIR's 95 Pickleball contact Dan at 408-781-0714.

Pickleball !

### SIR Branch 95 Golf by Terry Starkel

In some ways, we are off to a better start than last year, we have had no rain cancelations this year. While that is good news, we do need the rain and hopefully we will get some soon, just not on Tuesdays. We also have had fewer players joining us for golf to begin this year. Hope-fully, as weather warms and people recover from a number of surgeries and injuries, our numbers will also increase.

We are still working through some details with the world handicap system. A number of handicaps have gone down with the new system, but hopefully it will even out as we play more, and the handicaps will reflect our playing performance. The biggest difference is how we record the scores to the USGA, using double bogey plus handicap in place of the equitable stroke chart that was in place in prior years.

We are already into our second month of golf for the season and I will be surveying our golfers soon as to preference of I have not purgolf balls. chased golf balls for the prizes vet for this season as I am currently using the ones purchased last year. As our golfers have changed, so may have their preference of golf balls, hence the new survey. Looking forward to warmer weather and better golf to come ∞∞∞∞∞∞∞∞∞∞∞∞∞∞∞∞∞∞∞∞∞

> **Biking Sirs** by Rich Christensen

**Ride the Folsom Trails** Contact Rich at r christensen@comcast.net

## **March Birthdays**

Jim Frey Tim Irish Dennis Petersen (PBS) Ed Walsh Norb Witt Bill Yeager (PBS)

### Membership

by Mike Mohr, Membership Chair Active Membership – 80 Welcome New Member Denny Windsor

#### **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 MARCH LUNCH

SAUSAGES SALADS & FIXINS Soda, Tea, Water & Coffee included with lunch Special diet? Contact Kevin or your Caller

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State SIR www.sirinc.org

SIR Happenings

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