



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

Following some early heat, heavy downpours and hail during May, we look ahead to June. Hopefully, you and your spouse were able to enjoy Mothers’ Day and Memorial Day while in isolation. Almost certainly a different experience from years past; but, hopefully, you found a way to make it fulfilling under these unusual circumstances.

As we enter June, we can look forward to settling into some sort of summer routine. With the easing of some restrictions, I’d encourage you to go slow. We continue to see the number of cases rise almost daily in Sacramento, Placer and El Dorado counties. Are these the result of expanded testing capabilities or people cutting loose after being holed up for the past three months? Probably a little of both. Just be mindful that this isn’t over as you resume activities, plan family gatherings and think about travelling outside the area. These are definitely unusual times.

Do you know what else is unusual? A June newsletter. I looked back in the archives for ideas on what to write and found none over the last 11 years. I guess we don’t publish a newsletter in June due to the Ladies’ Day Picnic. (*Editor’s note: During normal times the Bulletin isn’t published in June or December due to Picnic and Holiday Dinner. Since these aren’t normal times, publish we shall so we can keep in touch.*)

Speaking of the picnic, ordinarily, I’d be talking it up by now; but, as you know, we had to cancel our originally planned date. We’re still cautiously optimistic that we can have it in September. Everything will depend on where we are in the reopening and gauging members’ feelings about whether it’s too soon to have such a gathering. Quite frankly, if we must remain six feet apart, only sit with immediate family members and not share serving utensils, it may be best to scuttle the event for this year. Feel free to share your thoughts about having a September picnic and, looking ahead, even the December holiday dinner with Little SIR, Bob Carlson, or me.

Last month we had our first video conferencing branch meeting via Zoom. Nearly half of our members joined in. Based on the feedback I received, it was well received and should serve our needs until we can gather again in person. In the event you’re wondering, the meeting is conducted exactly like one of our regular meetings without the lunch (although you’re welcome to bring your own). We have all the same elements of a regular meeting – including birthday and door prizes – all with better sound and you’re effectively “sitting” with everyone else – not just a couple of your buddies. Wonder how we do it? Come join us for our next meeting Monday, June 8th at 12:00pm. By the way, a huge shout out to Joe Giacomini for being our guest speaker last month. He shared Roz’s and his (mis)adventures on the quarantined cruise ship and at Travis Air Force Base back when news of the pandemic was just developing. It was shocking to learn just how much the cruise line may have known before they even embarked on their vacation.

I hope you have a nice Fathers’ Day. Be safe..

The future ain’t what it used to be. – Yogi Berra

June Birthdays

Dave Karnes
Daniel Link
John Muzio
Jim Purcell
Dennis Windsor

Membership

by Mike Mohr,
Membership Chair

Active Membership – 77

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

**JUNE 2020 EMPIRE RANCH
LUNCHEON CANCELLED**

Soda, Tea, Water & Coffee
included with lunch

Special diet?

Contact Kevin or your Caller

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Branch 95

www.branch95sir.shutterfly.com

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www.sirinc.org/sirhappenings/

Branch 95 Bulletin Updates

Submit July items by

Monday, July 6th, 2020

SIR95Bulletin@jakowatz.net

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LITTLE SIR – Bob Carlson

Featured in this month's Zoom videoconference will be one of our own members, Dr. William Keane, who will help add some clarity to the coronavirus situation that has invaded and affected various aspects of our lives. Bill is a long-time SIR member of 16 years and comes with a Medical Degree from the University of Utah School of Medicine, postgraduate education in Clinical Hematology and Medical Oncology, and private practice experience with various hospital affiliations in the Woodland, Davis, and Sacramento vicinities.

While this subject appears to be changing almost daily, Bill will shed some light on the characteristics of the virus, the epidemiology that is evident to date, and some of the treatment options..

SIR Branch 95 Golf

by Terry Starkel

I know some of you have been playing golf for a few weeks now. Some, like me have not played since March 10th. Our BEC approved our restart plan, which would allow us to start mid-June, but after surveying our players, I have decided to hold off until we play Empire Ranch on July 7th.

Good decision or bad, I don't know. I can only go by what I have read and heard from others. I do understand that since Empire Ranch changed ownership, some of the pricing has also changed, so I don't know if they will honor the contract pricing we had before the change or not. Last time I talked to them they were still in transition and didn't have many answers either.

Since some of you have played, maybe you could send some comments to me about your experiences. What were the biggest changes? How did the distancing and one-per-cart effect your foursome? Were you allowed to play in foursomes? I have heard some courses only allow two carts per group and only members of the same household can ride together. Does that mean only two players per hole unless the others walk? A lot of questions to be answered.

I am hopeful that we have more answers by next month when we resume play. Meanwhile, please stay safe, practice social distancing, and avoid groups indoors as much as you can.

Life in the Slow Lane – Big SIR Kevin King



Since our last newsletter, I've increased my curbside pickups to include three other retailers. That puts me up to five now. Living large! I went out the other day, hit three stores and was back in an hour. The only people I saw were in my sideview mirror as they were putting bags in my trunk. I don't know if I'll ever go back to the old way of shopping. As I think about it, isn't this the old carhop model? A mainstay of Friday nights growing up. Also, my first job. Great "benefits"!

Sand Traps
by Terry Starkel, Golf Chair
SIR Branch 95 Results
2020 Tournaments:
Golf Play Suspended
Until Further Notice
Due to Corona Virus



With everyone wearing masks now, how do you tell the good guys from the bad guys? We could require white masks and black masks. Just saying. A throwback to the Old West or Mad Magazine's Spy versus Spy.

Editor's note: Have you had similar experiences during self-isolation and social distancing? Please send any relevant stories, insights, encouragement, or other pertinent information you wish to share.



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

From the Archives (SIR Newsletter August 2010)

AMAZINGLY SIMPLE HOME REMEDIES!

1. If you are choking on an ice cube, don't panic. Simply pour a cup of boiling water down your throat and presto, the blockage will be almost instantly removed.
2. Clumsy? Avoid cutting yourself while slicing vegetables by getting someone else to hold them while you chop away.
3. You can avoid arguments with the Mrs. about lifting the toilet seat just by using the sink.

PLUS A COUPLE OF BONUS HOME REMEDIES NOT INCLUDED IN THE ORIGINAL NEWSLETTER

If you have a bad cough, take a large dose of laxatives; then you'll be afraid to cough.

You only need two tools in life – WD-40 and duct tape. If it doesn't move and should, use the WD-40. If it shouldn't move and does, use the duct tape.

Get to Know Your Fellow SIRs

I'm experienced in castrating as many as 100 one-week old piglets a day and clipping their teeth to prevent annoying the mother while feeding. Also, I'm experienced in artificially breeding sows. Who am I?

A Lighter Moment

A man and woman had been married for more than 60 years. They had shared everything. They had talked about everything. They had kept no secrets from each other, except that the little old woman had a shoe box in the top of her closet that she had cautioned her husband never to open or ask her about.

For all of these years, he had never thought about the box, but one day, the little old woman got very sick and the doctor said she would not recover.

In trying to sort out their affairs, the little old man took down the shoe box and took it to his wife's bedside.

She agreed that it was time that he should know what was in the box. When he opened it, he found two crocheted dolls and a stack of money totaling \$95,000.

He asked her about the contents. "When we were to be married," she said, "my grandmother told me the secret of a happy marriage was to never argue. She told me that if I ever got angry with you, I should just keep quiet and crochet a doll."

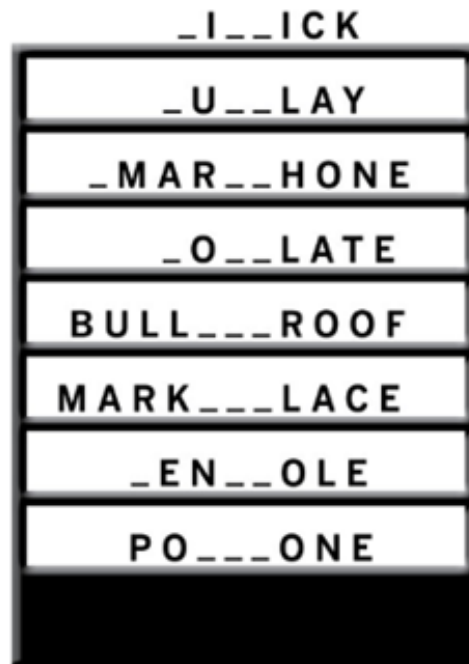
The little old man was so moved; he had to fight back tears. Only two precious dolls were in the box. She had only been angry with him two times in all those years of living and loving. He almost burst with happiness.

"Honey," he said, "that explains the dolls, but what about all of this money? Where did it come from?"

"Oh," she said. "That's the money I made from selling the dolls."

Hoarder's Treasure by Ian Tullis

Figure out what letters are missing from these words, which share two missing letters that stand for a product missing on grocery shelves these days. The third missing letter spells out what you're left with when you can't find that product.



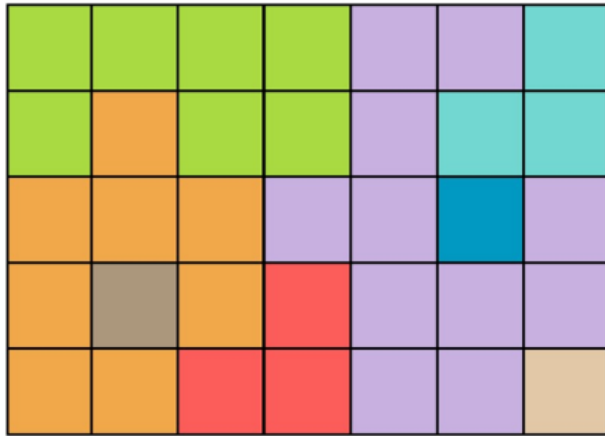
ANSWER: _ _ _ _ _

Can you guess what's missing?

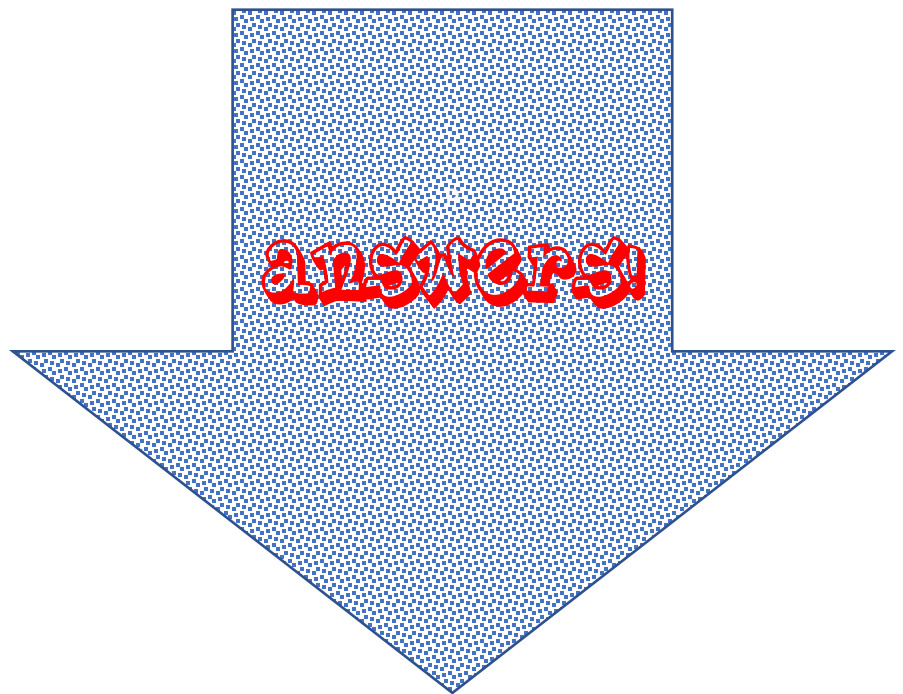
Hint: It's been in high demand. (Ian Tullis / For The Times)

Incidentally, it was discussed in last month's newsletter.

The Puzzle of Social Distancing by Ian Tullis



Ian Tullis / For The Times



Get to Know Your Fellow SIR - Bill Willman

HOARDER'S
TREASURE
SOLUTION:

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THE PUZZLE OF SOCIAL
DISTANCING SOLUTION:

