



“SIR IS A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION WHOSE MISSION IS TO ENHANCE THE LIVES OF OUR MEMBERS THROUGH FUN ACTIVITIES, LUNCHEONS AND EVENTS WHILE MAKING FRIENDS FOR LIFE.”

**Gold Country Branch 95  
2020 Elected Officers**

**Big Sir**

Kevin King ..... 916.337.9811

**Little Sir**

Bob Carlson ..... 916.817.1181

**Secretary**

Terry Starkel ..... 916.817.1524

**Asst. Secretary**

Dan Link ..... 916. 467.7465

**Treasurer**

Tim Irish ..... 916.933.3466

**Asst. Treasurer**

Bob Birgbauer ..... 530.677.5627

**Membership Chairman**

Mike Mohr ..... 530.391.1626

**Asst. Membership Chairman**

Dennis Petersen ..... 916.817.1149

**Directors at Large**

Joe Giacomini ..... 916.939.2060

Rich Turoff ..... 916.934.0176

Bill Drummond ..... 925.683.3120

Jay Muzio ..... 650.302.1902

**Region I Director**

Mark Stuart

**Area 4 Governor**

Dave Gonzales.

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Bulletin Jon Jakowatz. 916.941.6792

Chaplain John Ninan .... 916.941.9479

Golf Terry Starkel . 916.817.1524

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Publicity TBD

Webmastr Jon Jakowatz. 916.941.6792

**BIG SIR – Kevin King**

**SIR Branch 95 General Meeting**

Monday, October 12, 2020 12:00 PM

To join the Zoom meeting from a desktop or laptop computer, click on the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82244915997>

Smartphone or tablet, open the Zoom app and use Meeting ID: 822 4491 5997

If none of the above options are available to you, you can dial in as follows: +16699006833,,82244915997#

**H**appy **O**ctober fellow SIRs! Fall is in the air. Back in the Midwest, where I'm from, that means a crispness in the air and the foliage begins to change color. Unfortunately, in California and the entire West coast for that matter, Fall is characterized by a lot of smoke in the air. Fire season has been starting earlier, lasting longer and has been more devastating each of the last few years. My heart goes out to those impacted by the wildfires as well as the brave men and women who are tasked with attacking them and keeping us safe. Hopefully, cooler weather and an early start to the rainy season will help limit too much further damage this year.

Like Big SIRs before me, I look to past newsletters to generate ideas on what to write about each month. This is a unique year with plenty of things to write about – right? Well, I already took a chance writing about the wildfires in my opening paragraph. No one wants to hear any more about the pandemic – the 24/7 news cycle has that covered. The elections? Can't (Won't) go there. In past newsletters, there was usually a mention of Columbus Day, but many States have begun distancing themselves from ol' Christopher in favor of observing Indigenous Peoples Day. That puts this discussion in the realm of politics (see my previous response to the elections). We don't know what Halloween will look like this year due to the Corona Virus so I'm not sure I can even wish you a happy one. Writing this month's newsletter is just another small challenge I must overcome. With that in mind...read on.

I don't know about you but watching sports on TV with piped-in crowd noise and some sports having announcers calling games from their own homes is a whole different experience and pretty unsatisfying if you ask me. Somehow the cheering and/or booing doesn't match the excitement of a particular play or the egregiousness of a missed call by game officials. Announcers only see what we see at home and don't really add anything to the experience. Televised sports, with the possible exception of golf, has been reduced to the same formula used for TV comedies with their laugh tracks. I suppose it's a small price to pay to continue having sports and keeping us – the fans – safe.

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**October Birthdays**

- Rick Butterworth
- Joe Giacomini (PBS)
- Larry Keenan (PBS)
- Kevin King
- David Renfand
- Rich Turoff (PBS)
- Craig Whichard
- Bob Woodford

**Membership**

**by Mike Mohr,**  
**Membership Chair**  
Active Membership – 70

**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](http://www.empireranchgolfclub.com)

Happy Hour 11:00 AM  
Lunch 12:00 noon  
**EMPIRE RANCH LUNCHEONS  
CANCELLED DUE TO COVID**

**SIR Websites**

- Branch 95**  
[www.branch95sir.shutterfly.com](http://www.branch95sir.shutterfly.com)
- State SIR**  
[www.sirinc.org](http://www.sirinc.org)
- SIR Happenings**  
[www.sirinc.org/sirhappenings/](http://www.sirinc.org/sirhappenings/)

**Branch 95 Bulletin Updates**  
Submit November items by  
**Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020**  
[SIR95Bulletin@jakowatz.net](mailto: SIR95Bulletin@jakowatz.net)

**BIG SIR continued...**

Speaking of golf, congratulations to the 14 golfers who endured all three rounds of our annual golf championship this year. After three hard-fought rounds, Shoji Kumagai emerged as our new Club Champion. Congratulations Shoji! Terry will have more in his Golf and Sand Traps sections of this newsletter.

As previously announced in my September 18th email to all members, the Branch Executive Committee (BEC), at its September 14th meeting, approved the following slate of candidates for our Branch’s 2021 BEC positions:

Big SIR	Kevin King
Little SIR	Jay Muzio
Treasurer	Tim Irish
Asst. Treasurer	Chad Barrow
Secretary	Terry Starkel
Asst. Secretary	Dan Link
Director at Large	Joe Giacomini
Director at Large	Rich Turoff
Director at Large	Shoji Kumagai
Director at Large	Pat Flynn

Members present at our October meeting will have the opportunity to nominate other members that are willing to serve in any of these positions – following which members will be asked to vote on the final slate of candidates. Thanks to all who have agreed to serve in a Branch leadership position for the coming year. Officers will be installed at our December meeting.

Our next Zoom meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 12th at 12 noon. I look forward to seeing you.

Despite what I said above, I hope you have a Happy (and safe) Halloween!

*“Nearly everything you do is of no importance, but it is important that you do it.”*  
*~ Mahatma Gandhi*

**LITTLE SIR – Bob Carlson**

Now that California is slowly allowing select activities during this time of the Covid-19 impact, our members might be interested in learning about family recreational opportunities to visit and get out of the house. One that has just opened up to the public again is the Folsom City Zoo Sanctuary.

Joining us for our October Zoom videoconference will be Guy Easterling, Recreation Coordinator at the Zoo. He will be describing the varied facets of the facility and why they are different than most local zoos.

Guy has a degree in Ecology and Systematic Biology from Cal Poly. He has been focused on fish and wildlife during most of his professional life, dealt with fishing boats in Alaska, worked for the City of Rocklin, and is now employed by The Folsom Parks and Recreation Department.

## SIR Branch 95 Golf

by Terry Starkel

After three rounds at three different courses under very different conditions, heat, wind, and smoke, we have a new Club Champion. Shoji Kumagai came out with the lowest total score with a score of 214. We had two golfers tie for second place with total scores of 216 and two players tie for fourth, with scores of 221. Congratulations to all who participated and especially to those that prevailed with winning scores.

Shoji's name will go on the trophy to join with other past winners. Ed Gupton was a two time winner and Gary Grann won three times. Other past winners include Jerry Nester, Steve Thomson, Brian Upton, Tim Irish, Dan Link, Dennis Callahan and Dan Cockcroft.

Shoji, as winner also receives \$50. Second place ties, Don Nicholson and Chad Barrow both receive \$30 and fourth place ties, Bob Carlson and Peter Apel both receive \$20.

### Sand Traps

by Terry Starkel, Golf Chair

#### SIR Branch 95 Results

##### 2020 Tournaments:

##### September 1 – Empire Ranch

First: Jerry Nester  
 Second: Tie Dan Cockcroft  
 Shoji Kumagai

##### September 8 – Mather

First: Don Nicholson  
 Second: Shoji Kumagai  
 Third: Bob Carlson

##### September 15 – Wildhawk

First: Chad Barrow  
 Second: Tie Bob Carlson  
 John Ashley

##### September 22 – Empire Ranch

First: Bob Birgbauer  
 Second: Chad Barrow  
 Third: Terry Privott  
 Fourth: Tie Shoji Kumagai  
 Bob Carlson

## From the Archives – December 9, 2002

Branch 95's 2003 Officer installation included four of our current members (identified with an \* following their names)



Left to right (front row) – Big SIR Ron Waisner\*, Little SIR Tom Gamble\*, Treasurer Jerry Nester\*, \_\_\_\_\_, Directors at Large Gary Woolsey and Greg Rhine

Left to right (back row) – outgoing Big SIR Harry Shirley and Secretary Al Lohrman

Not pictured - Director at Large Malcolm Ramsay\*

### Kenya Safari Trip

You may recall that at our last in-person meeting in March that our very own, Ken Mahar, shared photos from his past African safaris. At the time, he invited members to join him for a 2020 safari that he was organizing. Regrettably, like so many other things, this year's safari was cancelled due to COVID-19.



Ken is excited and happy to bring you the details of a new and even better safari August 13 to August 26, 2021. Check out Ken's website for more information about this year's safari including full itinerary, pricing, reservations and photos from his previous trips:

<http://www.ken-mahar-photos.com/#!/page/520702/-new-join-me-2021-african-safari>.

If an African safari has always been on your bucket list, this may be the opportunity you've been waiting for. According to Ken, this is a very inexpensive safari for what you will receive. Give him a call at (650) 504-1393 or email him at [kmahar@comcast.net](mailto:kmahar@comcast.net) if you have any questions.

# Fun and Games

## The Phone Call

"Hello."

"Hi honey. This is Daddy. Is Mommy near the phone?"

"No Daddy, she's upstairs in the bedroom with Uncle Paul."

After a brief pause, Daddy says, "But honey, you haven't got an Uncle Paul."

"Sure I do, and he's upstairs in the room with Mommy right now."

\*\*\* Brief Pause \*\*\*

"Uh, okay then. This is what I want you to do. Put the phone down on the table, run upstairs, knock on the bedroom door and shout to Mommy that Daddy's car just pulled into the driveway."

"Okay, Daddy. Just a minute."

A few minutes later the little girl comes back to the phone.

"I did it Daddy."

"And what happened honey?" he asked.

"Well, Mommy got all scared, jumped out of bed with no clothes on and ran around screaming. Then she tripped over the rug, hit her head on the dresser and now she isn't moving at all!"

"Oh my God!!! What about your Uncle Paul?"

"He jumped out of the bed with no clothes on, too. He was all scared and he jumped out of the back window and into the swimming pool. But I guess he didn't know that you took out the water last week to clean it. He hit the bottom of the pool and I think he's dead."

\*\*\* Long Pause \*\*\*

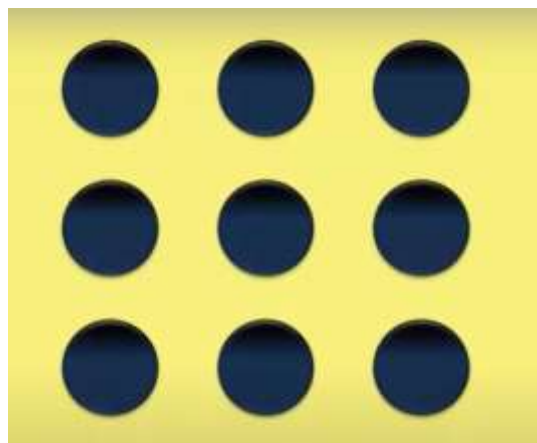
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Then Daddy says,  
"Swimming pool??... Is this 486-5731???"

## 9 Dot Challenge

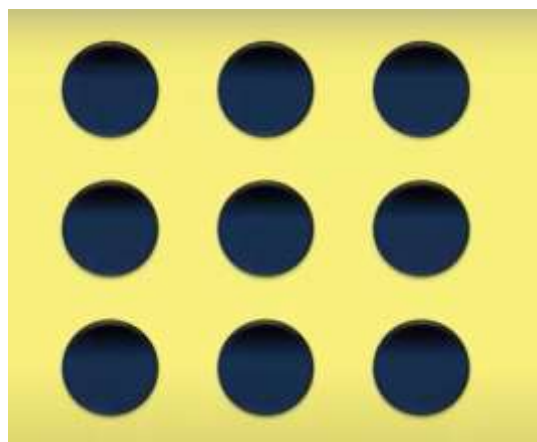
### Challenge for Experts

Join these 9 dots with 4 straight lines without lifting the pencil.



### Challenge for Masters

Join these 9 dots with 3 straight lines without lifting the pencil.

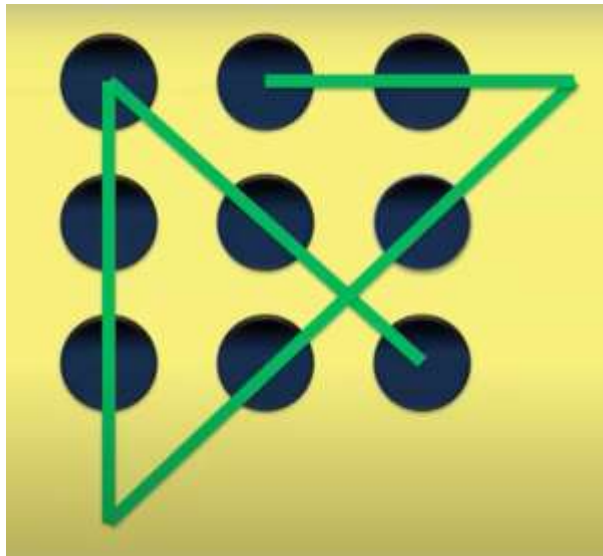


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# Fun and Games - Solutions

## Answers to 9 Dot Challenge

### Expert Challenge



### Master Challenge

