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BIG SIR – Kevin King

Zoom Instructions

SIR Branch 95 General Meeting

Monday, March 8, 2021 12:00 PM

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85980775881>

If joining the Zoom meeting from the Zoom app on your smart device, use Meeting ID: 859 8077 5881

If none of the above options are available to you,

you can dial in as follows: **+1-669-900-6833,,85980775881#**



With the arrival of March, the days are getting a little warmer and a little longer as we rapidly approach Day Light Savings time – one of my favorite unofficial “holidays”.

The Boys of Summer have returned to their respective spring locales to kick off another baseball season – whatever that will look like this season for fans like you and me. Springtime gives us all hope that better things are on the way. Who could have ever imagined that we’d still be impacted by the events of a year ago? What seemed then like an isolated incident a long way from here has dominated our lives in countless ways over the past year. Hopefully, people won’t do anything careless, and it’ll only be a little while longer.

As you know, we’ve recently been able to resume golf. SIR Inc. has now created a path for opening all outdoor activities. As early as our next meeting, I anticipate announcing that our BEC has approved the resumption of bocce and pickleball. The State’s announcement also seems to clear the way for having outdoor meetings. I previously emailed our members asking if they would support having our luncheons in an outdoor setting. I’ve only received two responses so far. Both were open to the idea. Until such time that we can meet in person and our members are comfortable doing so, we’ll continue to hold our monthly meetings on Zoom.

As I’m putting the final touches on my piece of this newsletter, it was announced that El Dorado County has moved to the Red Tier. Good news for restaurants and other small businesses as they will be allowed to operate at 25% capacity. Unfortunately, Sacramento and other surrounding counties remain in purple tier.

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Sand Traps

by Terry Starkel, Golf Chair

SIR Branch 95 Results

2021 Tournaments:

Feb. 2 - *Empire Ranch*

No golf

Feb. 9 - *Mather*

First place: Tim Irish

Second place: Ray Guenther

Third place: Pat Flynn

Feb. 16 - *Wildhawk*

First place: Pat Flynn

Second place: Shoji Kumagai

Third place: Bill Yeager

Feb. 23 - *Empire Ranch*

First place: Jay Muzio

Second place: tie Chad Barrow &

Malcolm Ramsay

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### **SIR Branch 95 Golf**

By Terry Starkel

We are finally back to playing golf. We only missed one tournament at the beginning of February before we were able to get approval of all the protocols that were established by the Sir State Board and our own Sir Branch Board. Even though we are playing golf again, it is not quite the same. Between following the protocols and golfers waiting to complete their vaccines, we are only running about 16 to 18 members signing up for golf each week. We would normally have 24 to 26 signed up each week and would be able to meet before and after the round. I am hoping that as more people get their shots, feel more comfortable being out with others, and the weather warms up, we will start to increase the number of members participating.

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## **Branch 95 Happenings – Kevin King**

Forty years ago, this month, 53 seniors met at Blackwell's Restaurant in Cameron Park for SIR Gold Country Branch 95's first luncheon meeting. George Corneveaux was chosen Big SIR at that meeting. He held badge number 1 which has since been retired. For the next 40 years, the second Monday of each month was reserved as a time when members gathered for an hour or so to enjoy time with their SIR friends. Over that time, membership rose to as high as 145 members in 1991. The branch has met at a handful of different venues. Members have enjoyed many good lunches – and some (???) not so good ones. Likewise, members have enjoyed many engaging speakers on a wide variety of subjects. While golf was and continues to be our Branch's most popular activity, members have enjoyed a wide range of activities over the years including activities such as travel, photography, computers, RV travel, bowling, bocce ball and pickleball. Other non-SIR activities (skiing, biking and bridge come to mind) have been spawned from friendships developed through SIR. The Ladies Day Picnic and Holiday Dinner were popular annual events that began in the early years and continue to this day.

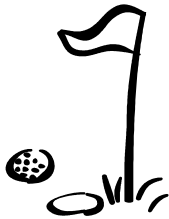
In March 1981, 53 men came together with the common purpose of meeting with other similarly situated men in a social setting to enjoy each other's company, stay active and make lifelong friends. For four decades many men have passed through Branch 95's portal and the Branch has experienced its share of ups and downs. Through all of it, the 68 members that call our Branch home today continue to come together for the same reasons as those before us. We are the torchbearers that through our actions, member support and member participation will shape our Branch and move it forward for current and future SIR Branch 95 members for the next 10 years.

### **Sunshine – Kevin King**

Part of being CONNECTED as an organization, is being there for one another in their time of need. If you learn that a fellow SIR is going through an illness or a personal hardship, please send the Chaplain or Big SIR an email, so that, if appropriate, we can let the membership know. This way members can keep them in their thoughts and prayers. Consider reaching out to offer support and encouragement during their time of need. A friendly call is usually welcome. Cards and letters are also usually appreciated.

## SIR Branch 95 Golf continued...

I think the protocols will be in place for most, if not all this year. That means that we will not be doing the prize money awards or closest to the pin contests at the courses. Some of the courses are changing their cart policy and we are working to be sure that we will still conform to the standards set in the protocols. Like everything else that is going on at this time, we just have to be flexible and stay as positive as we can.



### Brain Teasers

1. What is special about these words: job, polish, herb?
2. Forrest left home running. He ran a ways and then turned left, ran the same distance, and turned left again, ran the same distance, and turned left again. When he got home, there were two masked men. Who were they?
3. A sundial has the fewest moving parts of any timepiece. Which has the most?
4. What makes this number unique: 8,549,176,320?
5. What has cities, but no houses; forests, but no trees; and water, but no fish?

### Brain Teasers Answers

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## First day back at school after lockdown 🙄😞👦🎒



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### Branch Website – Kevin King /Jon Jakowatz



Bit-by-bit the Branch 95  
Web Page  
Improvements progress

Visit at <https://branch95sir.shutterfly.com/calendar>.

Future items under consideration:

- Update member pictures
- Roster of our golf club champions
- Roster of past Big SIRs.
- Explore ways to keep our membership list up to date.
- Create an archive of past membership lists that would be accessible only through a member-only webpage to protect members' personal information. Meanwhile, access to that information on the membership page has been deleted.

Fellow SIRs throughout the state visit our website for ideas about web content, activities, and the like. Future SIRs may look at it to see what SIR is all about. Our branch has a rich history. Our website is a vehicle for capturing that history. Please send content suggestions to Jon Jakowatz at [SIR95Bulletin@jakowatz.net](mailto:SIR95Bulletin@jakowatz.net), Shoji Kumagai at [shojikumagai@gmail.com](mailto:shojikumagai@gmail.com) or Kevin at [kmking00@gmail.com](mailto:kmking00@gmail.com) .

## Brain Teasers Answers

1. They are pronounced differently when the first letter is capitalized.
2. The catcher and the umpire.
3. An hourglass—It has thousands of grains of sand.
4. It has each number, zero through nine, listed in alphabetical order.
5. A map (remember those?) ....

*Editor's note:*

*Do you have any items of interest that you think the group would enjoy? Please send a brief article on any hobbies, stories related to your experiences during these times, insights, encouragement, or other pertinent information you wish to share with the rest of the members.*

## A Lighter Moment – Ken Mahar

A man and a woman who had never met before found themselves assigned to the same sleeping room on a transcontinental train.

Though initially embarrassed and uneasy over sharing a room, they were both very tired and fell asleep quickly – he in the upper berth and she in the lower.

At 1: 00 AM, the man leaned down and gently woke the woman saying,..... 'Ma'am, I'm sorry to bother you, but would you be willing to reach into the closet to get me a second blanket? I'm awfully cold.'

'I have a better idea,' she replied. 'Just for tonight, let's pretend that we're married.'

'Wow!.....That's a great idea', he exclaimed.

'Good,' she replied. 'Get your own friggin' blanket.'

After a moment of silence, .....he farted.

The End