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BIG SIR – Kevin King

Zoom Instructions

SIR Branch 95 General Meeting

Monday, April 12, 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/81831812290>

If joining the Zoom meeting from the Zoom app on your smart device, use Meeting ID: 818 3181 2290

If none of the above options are available to you, you can dial in as follows: +1-669-900-6833,,81831812290#



Ahh, April. Warmer days, everything's in full bloom and more daylight hours allowing us to enjoy more time outdoors. April also brings the crack of the bat with the start of the major league

baseball season, the familiar sound of the golf ball dropping into the bottom of the cup with The Masters this weekend and, umm, the sounds of Friday Nights Lights as local high schools are wrapping up their football season??? In our upside-down world this past year, nobody said the path to normalcy would be normal. Anyway, setting the potential threat of a fourth wave aside, it does seem many of us have come out of a year of hibernation and are once again starting to do the things that bring us joy.

State SIR recently published revised golf protocols that would allow branches to lessen some restrictions when they feel the time is right. In speaking with our golf chairman, Terry Starkel, he doesn't believe the new protocols will change the way we're conducting our weekly tournaments at this time. The State is also actively working on protocols that will allow branches to resume their indoor luncheons. I know many of you are looking forward to being able to meet in person once again. The BEC is committed to doing so when we can do it safely and when the majority of our members say they are comfortable doing so. All I can say right now is stay tuned.

I'd like to welcome our two newest members, Bob Noyes (sponsored by Hugh Thompson) and Gary Haack (sponsored by Dan Cockcroft). During his working years, Bob was a Quality Control Manager/Construction Manager for CH2MHILL/Spectrum.

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April Birthdays

Patrick Flynn
Norman Matzen
Ed Ricci
Bob Viersen

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Membership

by Mike Mohr,
Membership Chair

Active Membership – 69

Welcome New Members

Bob Noyes and Gary Haack

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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

**EMPIRE RANCH LUNCHEONS
CANCELLED DUE TO COVID**

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SIR Websites

Branch 95

www.branch95sir.shutterfly.com

State SIR

www.sirinc.org

SIR Happenings

www.sirinc.org/sirhappenings/

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Branch 95 Bulletin Updates

Submit April items by

Tuesday, May 4th, 2021

Please send to

SIR95Bulletin@jakowatz.net

BIG SIR continued...

He and his wife, Shelley, live in El Dorado Hills in the subdivision behind Purple Place. Gary was a Sales Manager – Director for the Carpenter Company. He and his wife Judy live in El Dorado Hills in Four Seasons. Gary is already active with the golf group. I'm hopeful both will be able to join us on our Zoom calls until such time that we all come back together.

Lastly, I want to give a big shout out to Jon Jakowatz. Jon has religiously delivered our monthly newsletter for years. In addition, Jon has recently taken on the responsibilities of webmaster. Our website has been neglected for years due to limited experience using it and difficulty in updating it. In trying to bring it up to date, Jon ran into numerous problems primarily because the platform it was built on was not meant to be used the way we were using it which limited what we could post. In recent weeks, Jon has been working with the State webmaster and other IT experts in our organization with web design experience as well as participating in monthly Zoom meetings with other webmasters to develop a robust website that will bring Branch 95's web presence into the 21st century. A branch's website is a critical marketing tool as it's usually the first thing a prospective member will look for to learn more about SIR and what a particular branch offers. Jon's still in the early development stages but, once completed, I'm confident what we end up with will pay dividends for years to come. Our next Zoom meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 12th at 12 noon. Jay has more to say about our speaker in the Little SIR section.

"Choose to be optimistic, it feels better."

- Dalai Lama XIV

LITTLE SIR – Jay Muzio

Greetings fellow Sirs.

This is such a beautiful time of year. The hills are green, the trees are leafing out and our gardens are awakening. The Assistance League Sierra Foothills will be presenting a garden tour Saturday, June 5th, 10-5, and Sunday, June 6th 11-4. Tickets will be available starting April 23rd, from members or at <https://www.assistanceleague.org/sierra-foothills/>. Put it on your calendar. It will be a great event featuring six beautiful gardens throughout the county and the proceeds benefit underprivileged children in El Dorado County.

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SIR Branch 95 Golf

By Terry Starkel

As the weather warms up and we try to return to a version of what used to be called normal, we are back to playing golf most weeks. Even though some Covid restrictions have been eased, we are still following protocols that have been set up for everyone's safety and health. We may be back to collecting and awarding prize money this summer. We could restart closest to the pin contests soon, but with the current guidelines, it seems more hassle than it is worth. I will let you know when it appears that we can return to pre-Covid golf, or something close to it.

We continue to field small groups at our weekly golf tournaments. I am not sure if this is a new trend or if members are waiting for skiing to come to an end, vaccinations to be completed, weather to improve, recover from injuries, some other reason or a combination of these things.

We currently are identifying only the first three places at each course because we have been having less than 20 players participating. It has been challenging to keep in touch with everyone, as we don't see much of each other when we play. We generally are in contact with the foursome we play with and see others only from a distance on the range or putting green or as we are waiting to tee off. Hopefully, in the coming months we can once again be meeting in person, even if it is at a distance.



Little SIR continued...

This month we are honored to have Mr. Ron Jackson as our monthly speaker. Mr. Jackson is a principal of Pacific Legacy, Inc., and a nationally recognized expert in historic preservation regulatory compliance. He has been a professional archaeologist in California for 45 years and he is on the Register of Professional Archaeologists. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Environmental Studies (Major), Archaeology (Minor) at San Jose State University in 1974. He returned to school to receive a Master of Arts degree in Anthropology with a focus on Archaeology from the University of California, Davis in 1981.

His career in California archaeology has been long and varied. He has served as a principal investigator or project manager for archaeological studies throughout California and Nevada. Rob has authored or co-authored more than 600 technical reports, management plans, research designs and professional presentations.

After spending ten years in the field conducting surveys and excavations, Rob served for six years (1984-1990) in the California State Historic Preservation Office, where he provided statewide review of federally sponsored projects for National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 compliance. Between 1988 and 2010, he regularly taught the course Federal Projects and Historic Preservation Law for the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation and General Service Administration. He has taught similar courses for the National Park Service, U.S., Department of Defense, U.S.D.A., the Forest Service and Caltrans.

In 2000, the Society for American Archaeology presented Rob with the Award of Excellence in Cultural Resource Management, followed in 2001 by the National Park Service's Crystal Owl Award for excellence in teaching. In 2019 he was awarded the Society for California Archaeology's Excellence in Cultural Resource Management award. Rob recently celebrated his 26th year as founder and CEO of Pacific Legacy, Inc., one of the largest and most successful cultural resources management firms in California.

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Sand Traps

by Terry Starkel, Golf Chair
SIR Branch 95 Results
2021 Tournaments:

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March 2 – *Empire Ranch*

First place: Peter Apel  
Second place: Chad Barrow  
Third place: Bob Hendrickson

March 9 – *Mather*

Rain cancelled

March 16 – *Wildhawk*

First place: Pat Flynn  
Second place: Dan Cockcroft  
Third place: Jay Guertin

March 23 – *Diamond Oaks*

First place: Jerry Nester  
Second place: Dan Cockcroft  
Third Place: Terry Privott



THEY INSTINCTIVELY KNEW THE SAFEST PLACE  
WHEN HE WAS ABOUT TO PLAY HIS SHOT.

## Little SIR continued...

Rob's talk will ask and answer the questions "What is archaeology and what do archaeologists study?" He will give a bit of history on the birth of archaeology as a profession, from hobbies to university majors to the business of archaeology in cultural resource management. In the business of cultural resource management, he will touch on who pays for the studies, the steps in the studies and the science of it all. Rob will finish with the power point presentation "*Aztecs in Marin County?*"

You will definitely not want to miss this amazing presentation April 12th at 12:00. Big Sir, Kevin King, will be sending the Zoom link a few days before the presentation. Be there or fear extinction and be a future study of Rob's.

## Bon Voyage (courtesy of David R. [humoretc.com](http://humoretc.com))

A young woman in New York was so depressed that she decided to end her life by throwing herself into the East River. She went down to the docks and was about to leap into the frigid water when a handsome young sailor saw her on the edge of the pier crying.

He took pity on her and said, "Look, you have so much to live for. I'm off to Hawaii in the morning, and if you like, I can stow you away on my ship. I'll take good care of you and bring you food every day. Moving closer, he slipped his arm around her shoulder and added, "I'll keep you happy, and you'll keep me happy."

The girl nodded yes. After all, what did she have to lose? Perhaps a fresh start in Hawaii would give her life new meaning.

That night, the sailor brought her aboard and hid her in a lifeboat. From then on, every night he brought her three sandwiches and a piece of fruit, and they made passionate love until dawn.

Three weeks later, during a routine inspection, she was discovered by the Captain. "What are you doing here?" the Captain asked.

"I have an arrangement with one of the sailors," she explained. "I get food and a trip to Hawaii and he's screwing me."

"He certainly is," the Captain said. "This is the Staten Island Ferry."



## Word and Phrase Origins – Kevin King

**A SHOT OF WHISKEY:** In the old west a .45 cartridge for a six-gun cost 12 cents, so did a glass of whiskey. If a cowhand was low on cash he would often give the bartender a cartridge in exchange for a drink. This became known as a "shot" of whiskey.

**PASSING THE BUCK / THE BUCK STOPS HERE:** Most men in the early west carried a jack knife made by the Buck knife company. When playing poker, it was common to place one of these Buck knives in front of the dealer so that everyone knew who he was. When it was time for a new dealer the deck of cards and the knife were given to the new dealer. If this person didn't want to deal, he would "pass the buck" to the next player. If that player accepted, then "the buck stopped there".

**SHIP STATE ROOMS:** Traveling by steamboat was considered the height of comfort. Passenger cabins on the boats were not numbered. Instead, they were named after states. To this day cabins on ships are called staterooms.

**SLEEP TIGHT:** Early beds were made with a wooden frame. Ropes were tied across the frame in a criss-cross pattern. A straw mattress was then put on top of the ropes. Over time the ropes stretched, causing the bed to sag. The owner would then tighten the ropes to get a better night's sleep.

**OVER A BARREL:** In the days before CPR a drowning victim would be placed face down over a barrel and the barrel would be rolled back and forth in an effort to empty the lungs of water. It was rarely effective. If you are over a barrel you are in deep trouble.

**BARGE IN:** Heavy freight was moved along the Mississippi in large barges pushed by steamboats. These were hard to control and would sometimes swing into piers or other boats. People would say they "barged in".

**CURFEW:** The word "curfew" comes from the French phrase "couvre-feu", which means "cover the fire". It was used to describe the time of blowing out all lamps and candles. It was later adopted into Middle English as "curfeu", which later became the modern "curfew". In the early American colonies homes had no real fireplaces so a fire was built in the center of the room. In order to make sure a fire did not get out of control during the night it was required that, by an agreed upon time, all fires would be covered with a clay pot called a "curfew".

**FLEA MARKET:** Comes from the French *marche aux puces*, a name originally given to a market in Paris which specialized in shabby second-hand goods of the kind that might contain fleas.

## Irregular Sudoku\*

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<https://www.sudoku-puzzles-online.com/irregular-sudoku/choose-a-grid.php>

### \*What is an irregular Sudoku?

#### Rules for Irregular Sudoku.

Each puzzle consists of a 9x9 grid containing given clues in various places. The object is to fill all empty squares so that the numbers 1 to 9 appear exactly once in each row, column, and **irregular** shaped box.

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## Irregular Sudoku Solution

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| 3 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 4 |
| 9 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 8 | 6 | 1 | 7 |
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### 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.