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ORGANIZATION WHOSE MISSION IS
TO ENHANCE THE LIVES OF OUR
MEMBERS THROUGH FUN
ACTIVITIES, LUNCHEONS AND
EVENTS WHILE MAKING FRIENDS
FOR LIFE."

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## BIG SIR – Kevin King

## SIR Branch 95 General Meeting

Monday, July 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/83128152802?pwd=MCt4 UWl1L29yaHVDaXRLMEFiR1FkQT09

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I hope you had a wonderful Independence Day with family and friends. While many local celebrations were canceled, there were a few in the area where you could still enjoy all the trappings of a normal 4th of July celebration.

As you know by now, our branch was on the verge of resuming our normal monthly meetings. After surveying members, it was decided we would move our meetings to a new location. RSVPs were coming in and then...I received word that the venue couldn't host our group after all. Disappointing to say the least. I think the size of our group influenced their decision. Having only 38 of our 67 members say they would attend our first inperson meeting in over a year certainly didn't help my case. There remain a couple of options the BEC will explore that may allow us to salvage the work we put in to identify this location. We'll also dust off the work we did a year ago when we started looking for a new venue. I'm unsure if Empire Ranch remains a viable option. My understanding was that they were back in full operation but as recently as last week our golfers reported the restaurant being closed and a food truck was being used in its place. I can't say if this was a one-off situation or part of a gradual startup plan for them. Nevertheless, the BEC is actively working to find a suitable, long-term home for our branch and will meet in person as soon as possible.

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## **July Birthdays**

Shoji Kumagai Ken McCoy Ron Thoma Harry Wild

## **Membership**

by Mike Mohr, Membership Chair

Active Membership -67

**Welcome New Members** 

None Reported

Branch 95 Luncheon 2nd Monday of the Month

Zoom 12:00 noon
EMPIRE RANCH LUNCHEONS
CANCELLED DUE TO COVID19

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www.branch95sir.shutterfly.com

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## **BIG SIR continued...**

In a previous newsletter, I mentioned that we were still looking for a Little SIR. The Little SIR arranges the speaker each month and plans the two lady's events of the year — the picnic and holiday dinner. While that sounds like a lot, there's plenty of help and guidance on the BEC as we currently have three Past Big SIRs and me agreeing to stay on the BEC next year that have experience in those areas. In the event you didn't know, our branch is registered as a California corporation. As with any other corporation, we must function as one and that includes, among other things, filling the leadership positions you'd expect to see in any corporation. If you want to be part of our leadership team and help set the direction of the branch, I'd encourage you to step up and put your name in to fill this critical position.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 12th at 12 noon.

"Friends are the siblings God never gave us."

Mencius, Chinese philosopher

# Little SIR – Jay Muzio

Everything was perfect; we had a new and exciting place to meet. But, due to circumstance beyond our control, Cold Springs Golf club is unable to accommodate us. So, it is back to the drawing board. We are looking for location ideas but need to return to Zoom for this month. Be patient, we are still looking and welcome any ideas or connections you have for a new venue. This month we have the pleasure of having our meeting at our new meeting place, Cold Springs Golf Club, in Placerville. Kevin, our Big Sir and the board have sweated over the decision to try a new venue for our monthly meetings. We all believe that no venue is perfect, but we strongly believe that Cold Springs possesses enough positives to make the move successful. Also, with our new venue comes our ability to meet without the Covid restrictions once again. So, be there to welcome everyone back.

This month we are honored to have Ms. Evelyn (Eve) Kenner as our monthly speaker. Eve was born and raised in London, England. She lived there until her early twenties except for a couple of years when she and thousands of other children were evacuated from the city and spread around the countryside to avoid the Nazi bombing of London. In the years after the war, she lived in the top half of a small row house that had no electricity, no running hot water, and no indoor bathroom. They did have a coal stove in one room, but no other heating. A garden was not even conceivable.

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#### SIR Branch 95 Golf By Terry Starkel

It seems impossible that we are almost halfway through 2021 already. Things are slowly returning to pre-covid normal, more slowly than we would like, but at least it is moving. As we start to meet in the clubhouse again at the golf courses we play, we want to continue to provide our members with a safe environment. We can only control what we can control. We need to accept that whatever we do, it will probably not meet the needs of everyone.

As we move into the heat of the summer months, please check the golf schedule as starting times are not consistent. I tried to schedule the courses for earlier start times, but I was more successful with some courses than others. If you need a new schedule, please let me know and I can email you another one. Also, as we start meeting before and after the rounds to collect and give out prize money and golf balls, it is important that everyone checks in on time.

I am still taking suggestions as to other courses we may play next year. This year we went to mostly alternating the fourth Tuesday between Empire Ranch and Diamond Oaks, with one outing at Lincoln Hills in the mix. Some people have expressed an interest in moving beyond these courses. As you think of alternatives that we may want to consider, keep in mind distance, difficulty, costs and availability. I know some have suggested some of the private courses, which is sometimes a possibility, but it usually has to be with another Sir group to make a large enough tournament for the course to allow us on. Often that is not on a Tuesday, which also poses some problems.

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## Little Sir continued

In her twenties, Eve, her husband, and her blended family left London and lived in many places around the world. This included Washington state, Michigan, and East and West Africa before finally settling down in the Bay Area of California in the early 70's. Again, no significant gardening experience.

Eve stayed and worked in the Bay Area until retirement in 1990. After retirement, she, and her then husband moved to Pollock Pines into a beautiful weekend home that her husband, an engineer, designed and built. During those years when she was married to a knowledgeable and passionate gardener, the gene woke up and she became fanatical about gardening. Within 6 months after retirement, she and her husband had become new Master Gardeners. As of now, Eve has been a Master Gardener for 30 years. She has planned, designed, and tended her own gardens on three different homes in the area.

During her years as a Master Gardener, she has taught many classes to the public and made presentations to groups such as ours on many different topics. She has been very involved from the beginning in the buildout of the Master Gardener demonstration garden in Placerville which she hopes you have all visited. Eve currently chairs the committee that plants and maintains the rose garden, as well as assisting in other parts of the overall project.

For her presentation, Eve will discuss water conservation in the landscape during mandated restrictions as well as design of efficient irrigation systems and if time allows, she will give us some tips for starting new landscaping."

Please join us at our new venue on July 12th at 12:00. Jay Muzio Little Sir

#### Branch 95 Golf continued...

Looking ahead, we will have the Sir Branch 95 Golf Championship rounds held in September. Because of greens work at Empire Ranch, the courses will be the same as in previous years, but in a different order. Just something to look forward to. Stay safe and I look forward to seeing everyone indoors again.

# Sand Traps by Terry Starkel, Golf Chair

SIR Branch 95 Results 2021 Tournaments:

June 1 – Empire Ranch cancelled due to heat

June 8 – Mather
First place: Terry Starkel
Second place: Bob Carlson
Third place: Dan Link

June 15 – *Wildhawk*First place: Bob Carlson
Second place: John Ashley
Third place: Dennis Petersen

June 22 – Diamond Oaks

First place: Jay Guertin

Second place: Tim Irish

Third place: Chad Barrow

Fourth place: Peter Apel



## Activity Survey Update – Kevin King

A few weeks ago, a survey was sent to each of you asking what activities you'd like to see our branch offer. Currently, the BEC has approved golf, bocce and pickleball; although, admittedly, the last two haven't been particularly active. To date, 38 members have responded to the survey. The results show that members have a diverse set of interest and a lot of interest in adding new activities to our roster.

#### Following are the top 5 vote getters:

- 1) Bocce (17)
- 2) Wine Tasting (14)
- 3) Investment Club (12)
- 4) Pickleball (10)
- 5) Travel (10)

Other activities showing a lot of interest include dinner group and walking with 9 votes each, classic cars with 8 votes and bowling, bridge, cooking, cribbage, hiking, pinochle, and poker with 7 votes each. Activities with a small number of votes may lend themselves to partnering with a neighboring branch. I'm aware that several branches in the area participate together in a bowling league. Likewise, Folsom Branch 49 has had an active fishing group that other branches participate in.

#### Blast from the past...

#### March 2010

# GOLF by Brian Upton

Even though February tournaments were washed out at both Mather and Antelope Greens, Dennis Petersen and Mel Hallett showed that true golfers are never deterred by a few raindrops. Only three people showed up to play Mather, and one went home after assessing the situation more closely. Not Dennis and Mel. They played a full 18 holes, dodging raindrops, puddles and just plain mud. After finishing the front nine, they found the clubhouse closed and locked. But thank goodness they left the restroom open. Upon arriving home with mud from his socks to his eveglasses, Dennis's wife took one look at him and said, "you dummy!"

#### Golf observation

If there is a ball on the fringe and a ball in the bunker, your ball is in the bunker. If both balls are in the bunker, yours is in the footprint.

## On the Lighter Side

One night, this guy comes into a bar and asks the bartender for a drink. Then he asks for another. After a couple more drinks, the bartender gets worried.

"What's the matter?" the bartender asks.

"My wife and I got into a fight," explained the guy, "and she said she wasn't going to talk to me for a whole 31 days."

The bartender thought about this for a while. "But isn't it a good thing that she isn't talking to you?" asked the bartender.

"Yeah, except today is the last day," he muttered.



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