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**NOTE NEW DAY AND LOCATION FOR
SIR Branch 95 MEETINGS
2ND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH
CAMERON PARK COUNTRY CLUB
3201 ROYAL DR, CAMERON PARK, CA 95682**

BIG SIR – Kevin King



It’s hard to believe that Labor Day, the traditional end of summer, is fast approaching. Kids are already beginning to return to school and the increased traffic that comes with that is starting to pick up. At least we’ll get some traffic relief for the time being as many companies are taking it slow in having their employees return to the office. Now that companies see that employees can be reasonably productive working from home, I understand some companies are offering to let their employees do so on a “permanent” basis. I guess the next step is to sell-off some or all their buildings creating a glut in the commercial real estate market. It’d be interesting to see if those in the commercial real estate space are concerned about this trend. Perhaps that’s a topic for a future presenter.

This continues to be a difficult year for many. While I expect that most of our members have returned to a somewhat normal life, there’s still the threat of rising vaccine variants; extreme, prolonged heat events; the increasing number and duration of wildfires; and the drought to keep us up at night. Has anyone else noticed how scripted the nightly news has become? By the time they talk about the big four ongoing events, there’s precious little time to report other things going on around us. What filled all that time before?

With the arrival of August, I’m excited to report that we will restart our monthly lunches on a new day and at a new venue. Thanks to Little SIR, Jay Muzio, in approaching and securing Cameron Park Country Club as our new home. While the 2nd Monday of the month has been the traditional day for our meetings for the past 40 years, I was pleased to see members being flexible and opting to proceed on the 2nd Wednesday of the month.

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SIR Branch 95 Golf

By Terry Starkel

August. Nothing like playing golf when the temperature reaches the mid 90's to low 100's. But, looking forward, maybe September will be mid 80's. We can always hope. We can also hope for good Championship rounds in September. Yes, it is getting close to that time of the year when our Club Championship will be held. Will Shoji win it again? Will someone new win the trophy this year? Will a past winner lay claim to the trophy for 2021? We only have about six weeks to find out.

Because of work scheduled at Empire Ranch in September, our order of play will vary a little from past years (what else is new). The first week of September we will play at Diamond Oaks. The second week of the month will be at Mather and will be the first round of the Championship play. The second round of the Championship will be at Wildhawk, and the final week of the Championship will be at Empire Ranch.

Also, this year we may be able to present the awards to the Championship winners in person at a luncheon. Something we could not do last year. Sorry Shoji, I don't think you got the recognition you should have received from getting the trophy in front of everyone. Speaking of getting recognition, I hope to see all the golfers joining together at the Branch luncheons. I know there are still concerns about Covid, but there is an actual requirement that active members attend a certain percentage of the meetings.

NCGA will probably be sending out information in September or October about next year's dues.

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Speaking of El Dorado Hills history, take a look at these television ads for El Dorado Hills from the 1960s.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jDha_VKjyLo&t=23s

I feel very fortunate to have Michael Roberts with us again and I encourage all members to attend our first luncheon at Cameron Park Golf and Country Club to reestablish our fellowship and make new memories to nourish our wellbeing.

Annual Ladies Day Picnic

After not having a picnic last year, it will be great to get to the park for a day of fun with our spouses, significant others, and guests. It will be held on **September 13th at Promontory Park**. We will have sign-up sheets for various tasks and items to bring at the meeting.

Wine Tasting Interest Group

A new interest group is on the horizon—wine tasting. It will be structured to be held in members' homes with approximately ten attendees (wives and significant others included). Little Sir, Jay, will take on the initial responsibility of coordinating this interest group.

New Interest Groups

Currently we have 3 interest groups—golf, bocce and pickleball. Kevin sent out a survey to see everyone's interests in potential interest groups. You will see sign-up sheets for any group for which there were seven or more interested members at the meeting on Wednesday. Please know that we must have a coordinator/leader for an interest group before we can make it an official group.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at Cameron Park Country Club.

Please join us at our new venue on Wednesday, August 11th at 12:00. See details on Page 2 above.

Jay Muzio

Little Sir

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Usually, they allow us to sign up new members at that time and the membership fee covers the rest of this year and the next year. I will let you know more when I know more.

Branch 95 Bocce Ball Activity

Given the interest in developing an active bocce ball activity within our branch, we plan to start having drop-in, pickup games on a regular basis. If interest continues to grow, we hope to eventually form teams and establish a branch bocce league with regular, seasonal competition. Bocce is open to members and their spouses/significant others



If you're interested in playing or just want to check it out, please contact Dan Cockcroft at cockcroftdaniel@gmail.com. He will be sending out additional information later this month.

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SIR Websites

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www.sirinc.org/sirhappenings/

On the Lighter Side

A dietitian was once addressing a large audience in Chicago. "The material we put into our stomachs is enough to have killed most of us sitting here, years ago. Red meat is awful. Some vegetables can be disastrous, and none of us realizes the chemicals in our drinking water. But there is one thing that is the most dangerous of all and we all eat it. Can anyone here tell me what lethal product I'm referring to?"

He scans the audience quickly and points to a man in the front row, "You, sir, why don't you give us your guess?"

The man in the front row lowered his head and said, "Wedding cake?"

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