



GOLD COUNTRY BRANCH 95

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.

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Kevin King, Editor

BIG SIR | Jay Muzio 650-302-1902



This month we are marching into spring, and it looks like March is coming in like a lamb. I really don't feel like we have had enough winter, but my garden is definitely starting into spring mode and it's hard to not find joy in that.

Yes, March is the beginning of the spring season. The first day of spring is March 20th and daylight savings starts on the 13th. Mardi Gras and the start of Lent begin this month. March Madness begins on the 18th and Major League Baseball will get under way if the lockout is over soon.

March is National Women's History Month. Let's commemorate, celebrate and encourage the study of the vital role of women in American history.

March is also Irish American Month. Let's have a pint with Tim Irish, Patrick O'Keefe and our other Irish SIRs to celebrate St. Patrick's Day on the 17th. Personally, I always look forward to celebrating with corned beef and cabbage.

A day of remembrance is March 29th, National Vietnam War Veterans Day. If you have not seen the Vietnam War Memorial in Washington DC, it

should be on your bucket list. The emotional impact to people of my generation is sobering. Thanks to all our members who served.

One last personal remembrance of mine is my parents' birthdays. My mother's birthday was on the 20th and my father's birthday was on the 27th. As old as I am, I still miss them, especially this time of year.

This month I would like to thank the men who have stepped up to fill the many jobs that need to be done to keep our band of merry men functioning. One of our goals this year and every year is to develop a pipeline of willing and capable volunteers from both new and existing members for critical leadership, committee and activity rolls. Here is a list of the members that have stepped up this year to fill these positions:

- Ken Mahar is our Little Sir and oversees our monthly luncheon meetings, scheduling our monthly speakers and planning our June picnic and December holiday party;
- Terry Starkel is our longtime Branch Secretary and golf activity chairman;

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Gold Country Branch 95 2022 Elected Officers - (PBS) denotes Past Big SIR

Big SIR Jay Muzio 650-302-1902	Little SIR Ken Mahar 650-504-1393	Secretary Terry Starkel 916-817-1524	Assistant Secretary Bob Carlson 916-817-1181	Treasurer Tim Irish (PBS) 916-933-3466	Assistant Treasurer Chad Barrow 209-603-7346
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- Bob Carlson is Assistant Secretary and a past Little Sir;
- Tim Irish is our Branch Treasurer and Past Big Sir;
- Chad Barrow is Assistant Treasurer;
- Rich Turoff is a Director at Large and a past Big SIR;
- Joe Giacomini is a Director at Large and a past big SIR
- Shoji Kumagai is a Director at Large;
- Pat O'Keefe is a Director at Large and our Branch Activities Chairman, fishing and e-biking activity chairman as well as past Regional Director, past Area Governor and Past Big Sir when he was a member of the Monterey Branch;
- Kevin King, our past Big SIR, is a Director at Large as well newsletter editor, webmaster and Membership Chairman. He's also responsible for implementing a State-wide Speakers Exchange program to assist Little SIRs in finding quality speakers each month;
- Lew Chapman is a Director at Large and the instigator and chairman of the book exchange activity, golf director for Mather and has stepped up to take on the responsibility for our publicity efforts in local print media publications;
- Dan Cockcroft is a Past Big SIR and organizes our competitive SIR bocce team and is golf director at Wildhawk; and
- Oli Bohlman has stepped up to be the chairman of our drop-in bocce activity.

You can see that it takes a lot of volunteers to keep our branch going. Currently, we need one of our bike enthusiasts to help out Pat by chairing and organizing the e-bike activity. We also need members to chair and organize some of the proposed activities such as the board game and/or bowling activity groups. Please consider adopting one of the activities and driving it to success.

One last item is to remind those that have not paid their dues for 2022 that your payment is due by our monthly meeting on March 9th. You may send a check for \$40 to Tim Irish, 847 Shasta Circle, El Dorado Hills, CA 95762. Make your check out

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General Meeting

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

Waiver & proof of vaccination required
Lunch \$25

CAMERON PARK COUNTRY CLUB

3201 Royal Drive

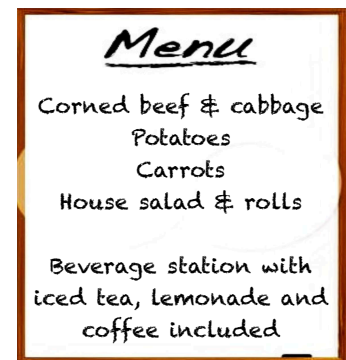
CAMERON PARK, CA 95682

Social Hour

11:00 - 12:00

General Meeting & Lunch

12:00 ~ 2:00

**March Birthdays**

Bob Burdt
Jim Frey
Tim Irish
Dennis Petersen
Hugh Thompson
Ed Walsh
Bill Yeager

March Milestone Anniversaries

Kevin King (5 years)

Happy SIR Anniversary!

Membership

New member - Al Gurevich

Active membership - 71

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to SIR Branch 95. Or you may pay at the check-in table at the luncheon meeting. If there is a concern with your membership, please contact me or our Membership Chairman, Kevin King.

Our next luncheon meeting is March 9th at the Cameron Park Country Club. I hope to see you at the meeting.

Grow old with me---- the best is yet to be---the last of life for which the first was made.

~ Robert Browning

LITTLE SIR | Ken Mahar

650-504-1393

Our next speaker is David Larson. David grew up in San Jose. He has a BS in Marketing and Economics from SJSU. He moved to Roseville in 2001 where he left the high tech industry to establish his own Farmers Insurance Agency. He has been a Farmers Agent for over 20 years.

His business background includes being a homeowner, business owner and successful real estate investor. David's community service history includes serving on the Roseville Planning Commission. He ran for Roseville City Council in 2010 and 2018. He had served on the Placer Food Bank board up to June 2021 and was the former Chairman. David is preparing to retire with Farmers Insurance soon in 2022.

David will discuss the many factors making up all aspects of the insurance industry.



If you know of any speakers or a topic you think our members would be interested in, please contact Little SIR, Ken Mahar, at 650-504-1393 or KMahar@comcast.net or Big SIR, Jay Muzio, at 650-302-1902 or jaymuzio@gmail.com.

DID YOU HEAR?...A married couple went to the hospital to have their baby delivered. Upon their arrival, the doctor said he had invented a new machine that would transfer a portion of the mother's labor pain to the father.

He asked if they were willing to try it out. They were both very much in favor of it. The doctor set the pain transfer dial to 10% for starters, explaining that even 10% was probably more pain than the father had ever experienced before.

But as the labor progressed, the husband felt fine and asked the doctor to go ahead and bump it up a notch. The doctor then adjusted the machine to

20% pain transfer. The husband was still feeling fine.

The doctor checked the husband's blood pressure and was amazed at how well he was doing. At this point they decided to try for 50%.

The husband continued to feel quite well. Since it was obviously helping out his wife considerably, the husband encouraged the doctor to transfer ALL the pain to him.

The wife delivered a healthy baby with virtually no pain. She and her husband were ecstatic.

When they got home, they found their mailman dead on their front porch.

SUNSHINE | John Ninan, Chaplin

916-941-9479



If you become aware of a SIR member who is ill, please let me know by email at ocninan@yahoo.com or by phone 916-941-9479 so that our SIR members can be informed. Our intent is to remain in contact with a sick SIR member to offer support and encouragement during their illness.

BRANCH HAPPENINGS / SIR COMINGS & GOINGS | Kevin King (PBS)

916-337-9811

We are pleased to have Al Gurevich join our SIR 95 membership. He found out about us by picking up one of our new trifold brochures at Empire Ranch which directed him to our new website where he found the application for membership. He was a civil engineer by trade. He and his wife, Nora, live in El Dorado Hills. Al has already joined our golf group. Please take a moment to introduce yourself and welcome Al at our next meeting.

**FRIENDLY REMINDER: THE LAST CHANCE TO PAY YOUR 2022 DUES
AND KEEP YOUR MEMBERSHIP IS AT OUR MARCH 9TH MEETING.**

GET TO KNOW YOUR FELLOW SIR

Our Branch is made up of men with a wide range of work experiences during their pre-retirement years. How well do you think you know your fellow SIRs? Match the member's name with his profession. Get 12 or more correct and I'd say you know your fellow SIRs pretty well.

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| 1) Bob Birgbauer | A) Anesthesiologist |
| 2) Bill Drummond | B) CALTRANS engineer |
| 3) Dennis Eyler | C) Automotive manager |
| 4) Joe Giacomini | D) Firefighter |
| 5) Tom Hubbs | E) Middle school teacher |
| 6) Tim Irish | F) Accountant |
| 7) Larry Keenan | G) Police officer |
| 8) Jack May | H) Property & casualty insurance |
| 9) Pat O'Keefe | I) Commercial real estate development |
| 10) Stephen Paulick | J) Automotive service manager |
| 11) Dennis Petersen | K) Folsom Prison |
| 12) Terry Starkel | L) Pharmacist |
| 13) Rich Turoff | M) High school teacher |
| 14) Ed Walsh | N) Corporate lobbyist |
| 15) Terry Wild | O) Insurance underwriter |

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BRANCH 95 GOLF | Terry Starkel, Golf Chairman 916-817-1524



We have completed the first month of golf for our 2022 season. The race, or crawl, to the 2022 SIR Branch 95 Golf Championship trophy has started. Although three out of the four outings so far have been far from ideal considering how cold and windy it has been, we did have one good weather day mixed in with the less than desirable weather days. We can hope that as the season improves, so will the weather. We can look back at these times when the temperature reaches close to the 100 degree mark.

We welcomed a new golfer this month. Al Gurevich, just joined SIR 95 at the last luncheon and has fit right in. He will soon have a handicap and it looks like he will soon be contesting for prize money.

In March we will be playing Empire Ranch, Mather, Wildhawk and Bing Mahoney. I don't think we have played as a group at Bing Mahoney in several years. I know some players have played it on their own. It would be nice to have a good turn out. Information will be going out soon.

I would again encourage all golfers to attend as many of the luncheons as possible. It is a good time to socialize as well as get a good meal and hear quality speakers.

See the flyer on page 8 for details about an upcoming State SIR golf event.

Keep up on this and other State SIR golf events by checking out the SIR golf website at sirgolf.org.

SAND TRAPS

Terry Starkel, Golf Chairman
916-817-1524

Golf Director (Mather)
Lew Chapman 510-912-5658

Golf Director (Wildhawk)
Dan Cockcroft 408-781-0714

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SIR Branch 95 Results 2022 Tournaments

Feb. 1 – Empire Ranch

1st place: Mel Hallett
2nd place: Chad Barrow
3rd place: Bob Burdt
4th place: Ron Waisner
Closest to the pin: Mike Wilke

Feb. 8 – Mather

1st place: Curtis Johnson
2nd place: Oli Bohlman
3rd place: Shoji Kumagai
Closest to the pin: Mel Hallett

Feb. 15 – Wildhawk

1st place: Don Nicholson
2nd place: Dan Cockcroft
3rd place: Terry Starkel
Closest to the pin: Bob Carlson

Feb. 22 – Empire Ranch

1st place: Dan Cockcroft
2nd place: Bill Keane
3rd place: Bob Burdt
Closest to the pin: Curtis Johnson

SIR Websites

Branch 95: sirinc2.org/branch95/
State SIR: sirinc.org
State SIR Marketing: WeAreSIR.com
SIR Happenings (State SIR newsletters):
sirinc.org/newsletters
SIR Merchandise: sir.ourproshop.com

State SIR Officials

State President Richard Kindle 209-652-8608	Region 1 Director Hugh Thompson 916-276-5117	Area 4 Governor Jack Reefer 916-531-2551
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BOCCE | Oli Bohlman
916-933-8061



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Play is open to SIR members, their spouses or significant others and invited guests considering joining SIR. We play at Promontory Park in El Dorado Hills on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month. If you're interested in playing or simply want to

give it a try, please contact me at OBohlman@sbcglobal.net so I can get you on my mailing list. Our next outing is Thursday, March 3rd.

PICKLEBALL | Dan Cockcroft (PBS)
408-781-0714

Drop-in play on local courts where branch members often play. Call ahead for hours and fees.

- El Dorado Hills Community Services District Gym
- Cameron Park Lake Tennis Courts
- Cameron Park Community Services District Gym
- Andy Morin Sports Complex (Folsom)
- Lembi Park (Folsom)



FISHING | Pat O'Keefe (PBS)
831-809-5830



This activity is currently under development. If you're interested in helping to get it off the ground or just want to get out on the water with other members, give Pat a call.

E-BIKING | Pat O'Keefe (PBS)
831-809-5830



This activity is currently under development. If you're interested in helping to get it off the ground or just want to get out on the local bike paths with other members, give Pat a call.

BOOK EXCHANGE | Lew Chapman
510-912-5658



Hello Readers,

The Book Exchange momentum is building. Remember, we will set our collection up in the corner of the dining room at each luncheon for you to have a look. Special thanks to George Alboff for his big donation at the February luncheon. He says there are more

to come from an acquisition he recently received. I now have a full box of books to carry back and forth, so don't be shy, take what you want even if you won't get around to reading them for a while. And bring more, I also have a dolly. No not that kind, one with wheels.

Remember, reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body. As some of you know, I like scientific type books written for lay people like me. My current read is A Brief History of Earth, by Andrew Knoll, Harvard Professor of Geology, subtitle: "Four billion years in eight chapters." Did you know that 4 billion years ago after the Earth was mostly accreted, chondritic meteorites of different kinds bombarded our planet providing most of the rock, water and air that we call home?

So pick up a good book at the SIR Branch 95 Book Exchange--no library cards, no overdue reminders, no fines.



WINE TASTING | Jay Muzio, Big SIR 650-302-1902



Our February wine tasting event was cancelled due to some miscommunication. It's unfortunate because the activity is



picking up interest and already enjoyed by a number of our members.

Our next event will be on March 17th. Signups are now open and will close Tuesday, March 8th. I think Cabernet Sauvignon goes with corned beef and cabbage, don't you? If you have not already joined the group and would like to be part of the fun, contact me at Jaymuzio@gmail.com.



ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

A man goes to see the Rabbi. "Rabbi, something terrible is happening and I have to talk to you about it."

The Rabbi asked, "What's wrong?"

The man replied, "My wife is poisoning me."

The Rabbi, very surprised by this, asks, "How can that be?"

The man then pleads, "I'm telling you, I'm certain she's poisoning me. What should I do?"

The Rabbi then offers, "Tell you what. Let me talk to her. I'll see what I can find out and I'll let you know."

A week later the Rabbi calls the man and says. "I called your wife and spoke to her on the phone for three hours. You want my advice?"

The man said yes, and the Rabbi replied, "Take the poison!"



Got a funny story or joke that you think other members will enjoy. Send it to me at kmking00@gmail.com and have it featured in the next newsletter.

Answers to Get to Know Your Fellow SIR p. 4:

1 - L; 2 - I; 3 - A; 4 - G; 5 - B; 6 - O; 7 - N; 8 - C; 9 - M; 10 - D; 11 - J; 12 - E; 13 - H; 14 - K; 15 - F

Member Attendance

To maintain membership, a member is required to attend one-half of the regular Branch monthly luncheon meetings within the previous twelve consecutive month period, unless the Branch BEC has approved different attendance requirements (Policy 25; Bylaw 18).

SIR Non-Responsibility Clause

All activities arranged for, or by, or sponsored by SIR'S Inc. and its branches, are for the convenience and pleasure of the members and their guests who desire to participate. SIR'S Inc. and its branches do not assume any responsibility for the well-being or safety of the participants or their property in matters pertaining to said events or activities.

2022 SIR GOLF "Spring Fling"

Members, Lady's, Guests Invited, PLAY ONE OR BOTH DAYS

Tuesday April 19th AND Wednesday April 20th



** Eagle Vines Golf Course, Napa **

** Chardonnay Golf Course, Napa **

DAY 1 EAGLE VINES, 9:00 am Shotgun start, \$ 85

"Men and Women" Four Person Team – 2 Best Ball Net, Select Your Playing Partners

DAY 2 CHARDONNAY, 9:00 am Shotgun start, \$ 65

"Men and Women" Four Person Scramble - A, B, C & D, Team is Selected by Computer

PLAY BOTH DAYS for \$ 150

PRICE per Day Includes Green Fee with cart, range balls, prize fund, closest to the pin contest on both 9's.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THIS TOURNAMENT AND APPLICATION CAN BE FOUND ON THE SIR STATE GOLF WEBSITE AT "WWW.SIRGOLF.ORG"

