



# 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



Greetings Fellow SIRs,

This month we note that spring is in full swing. The trees and hills are green, spring flowers are in bloom and the wildlife around my house are frantically nesting, mating and hunting. My bird houses have new residents, the hummingbird feeders are emptied regularly, a bobcat followed by two coyotes crept along the walking path behind my house one morning and the other night we had to close the windows because the frogs were so loud.



religious holidays are celebrations not only of one's faith, but also of life and nature.

So, in the spirit of renewal and new beginnings, let's celebrate some of the new activities for Branch 95 since the end of restrictions imposed by Covid. First, we have a new home at Cameron Park Country Club, and I hope this will be our home for a long time. We have an updated bulletin with a fresh look and new content. We welcome your contributions of content to the bulletin subject to approval by the editor, Kevin King. We have a new website that aids in our communication with existing members and is a great tool for recruiting new members. We have five new sponsored activities: drop in bocce which has been a big success with many members dropping in to play on the first and third Thursday of the month; E-biking is up and going thanks to Rich Christensen stepping up to chair the group; fishing which is chaired by new member, Dan Maglionico, has not gotten going yet, but maybe it is just because fishing is better  
See **BIG SIR** next page

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

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Lew Chapman  
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in the late spring and summer; wine tasting has been a success with three tastings down our throats and potluck dinners under our belt; and the book exchange is available at every lunch meeting for your participation.

There are a couple of activities that could use help right now. There has been a lot of interest in pickleball, but we need someone to step forward and organize the group (I have an easy idea for organization that I will tell you about at the meeting.) I would also like to see a game group get started. I think it has a lot of possibilities and benefits for this group.

We have also been fortunate to have attracted new members. Being able to meet in person and a great new meeting facility makes us feel good about inviting potential new members to our lunch meetings. Thanks to Kevin, our new website is a source of information and contact for potential new members, and thanks to Lew Chapman's efforts, we have gotten publicity about SIR through press release articles printed in many of our local publications. The early results have brought potential new members to seek us out.

And speaking of renewal, a big thanks to renewing members that are the backbone of our Branch 95.

The next general membership meeting is April 13<sup>th</sup>. It will be at the Cameron Park Country Club. The happy hour starts at 11:00 am and the meeting starts at 12:00 pm. Please support all the efforts of those who work so hard to provide an enjoyable and worthwhile experience by honoring us with your attendance.

*Who is wise? He who learns from everybody. Who is strong?  
He who conquers self. Who is rich? He who is satisfied with  
what he has. Who is honored? He who is honored by his  
neighbors.*

~ Talmud

**General Meeting**

Wednesday, April 13, 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

**Menu**

Dijon pork tenderloin  
Roasted potatoes  
Vegetable medley  
House salad & rolls

Beverage station with  
iced tea, lemonade and  
coffee included

**April Birthdays**

Jim Canty  
Norm Matzen  
Ed Ricci

**April Milestone Anniversaries**

Bob Hendrickson - 15 years

**Happy SIR Anniversary!**

**Membership**

Welcome to our five newest members - Steven Crane; David Chighizola; Mark Eddy; Dan Maglionico and Graham Williams

Current number of members = 71

**LITTLE SIR | Ken Mahar**  
650-504-1393

Our speaker this month is Terry LeMoncheck. Terry is Executive Director of Arts & Culture El Dorado. She will talk about what they do and their contribution to El Dorado County.

Arts and Culture El Dorado, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, is funded by government agencies, foundations, corporations and generous individuals. Tax-deductible contributions sustain artistic discovery and a vibrant cultural community.

See the last page for details and an invitation to the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual El Dorado Hills Arts Association Studio Tour. I am in Studio 8 and Rich Turoff's wife, Roma, will be in Studio 7 (see map on last page).

**Wednesday, June 8<sup>th</sup>**

SIR Annual Ladies Day Picnic  
Promontory Park  
El Dorado Hills  
12:00pm to 3:00pm



Lots of delicious food, bocce, fun and games for all. Bring your wives or partners to enjoy a fun three hours. Maybe win a raffle or activity prize. Below are some photos of last year's picnic.



## SUNSHINE | John Ninan, Chaplin

916-941-9479



It's with deep regret that I must inform you of the passing of former member Al Autry. Al was a member of our branch from October 2013 - June 2021. He passed February 25th - a few days shy of his 70th birthday. He played professional baseball and spoke at our branch about his time playing the game he loved. Our hearts and prayers go out to his family.

If you become aware of a SIR member who is ill, please let me know by email at [ocninan@yahoo.com](mailto: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 lost five members last month but added five new members. Bob Bartlett, Larry Keenan and Fred Keller felt they could not continue to be members due to each having health issues. I encourage you to keep in touch with them and to continue to help them while they are on the mend. David Renfand and Craig Whichard are also no longer members.

Our five newest members include David Chighizola, Steven Crane, Mark Eddy, Dan Maglionico and Graham Williams. David is a retired police officer and state investigator. Ask him about his techniques for DUI arrests. He and his wife, Liz, live in Cameron Park. Steven was in petrochemical sales and is already active in our golf group. He and his wife, Lindsay, live in El Dorado Hills. Mark was an engineer with the State of California. His father was a member of another SIR branch and he has friends he occasionally golfs with from the Fairfield branch. He and his wife, Christine, split their time in their homes in Pollack Pines and Idaho. Dan worked for himself as a civil engineer in his past life. He was Past Big SIR of Branch 102 (San Juan branch which meets in Carmichael) and will retain a dual membership with that branch. Dan is an avid golfer and plays in both branches. As previously mentioned, Dan will lead our fishing group. Dan and his wife, Dorothy, live in El Dorado Hills. Finally, Graham was a former banker. Like Steven and Dan, he is already active in our golf group. He and his wife, Michele, live in Carmichael. Make sure you reach out and give a personal welcome to each of them at our next meeting.

## GET TO KNOW YOUR FELLOW SIR

I got my start in the painting industry in high school.

I was the youngest journeyman painter at the age of 19.

I became proficient in restoration and worked on many churches including many of the California Missions.

When I became eligible for a pension and could no longer work in the field, the company kept me on as Safety Director for the last eight years of my career - working predominantly on interior and exterior high-rise projects.



Who am I? Come to next month's meeting and meet your fellow SIR.

## MEMORY CHECK (ANSWERS FOLLOW BRANCH 95 GOLF ON THE NEXT PAGE)

- 1) "Get your kicks, \_\_ \_\_ \_\_!"
- 2) "In the jungle, the mighty jungle, \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_."
- 3) What takes a licking and keeps on ticking? \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_.
- 4) Hey Kids! What time is it? It's \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_!
- 5) Who knows what secrets lie in the hearts of men? Only The \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ Knows!

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



I have been doing these monthly golf articles for a few years now, and I sometimes think what have I not covered. So, I may have covered this before, but I don't think it was in the same way. I was thinking about why we play golf. In our group of golfers we have had some with foot surgeries, knee surgeries, elbow, hip, shoulder, back and neck surgeries, and those are just the ones I know about.

Our golfers range in age from the early 70's to early 90's, and we may have one or two in the sixties, but I am not sure. Through a wide range of injuries and illnesses our golfers continue to play golf. In 100+ degree weather and in light rain, cold and wind. Why?

I think a number of factors are involved. Some like the excuse to get out of the house or just a change from every other day. Some like the exercise that chasing the ball around the course gives them. Some like the idea that a soon upcoming shot will be a really great shot. Some like to see really good shots or putts, even if it's not theirs. We can all appreciate quality play on the course, even if we can't achieve it ourselves. There is always the hope that maybe, we can, on one shot, hit it exactly the way we intend to and it goes where we want it to go. Some enjoy the company of the other golfers we play with. Golf provides a way for our members to get to enjoy other members and develop friendships that we would not otherwise be able to develop. We all have a common goal while playing golf, beside trying to not look really bad, and that is to improve our game. Golf is one sport that you can play against others, but you are also playing against yourself. Not getting closest to the pin on a hole may not be the objective, getting on the green may be the objective. We are happy when someone else does what we would like to do more consistently.

As we continue play this summer, let us remember that golf is just a game and it is supposed to be fun, something we enjoy doing. So, let's enjoy it!

## MEMORY CHECK ANSWERS

- 1) On Route 66
- 2) The lion sleeps tonight
- 3) A Timex watch
- 4) Howdy Doody Time
- 5) Shadow

## 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

March 1 – Empire Ranch

1st place: Don Nicholson  
2nd place: Bob Burdt  
3rd place: Curtis Johnson  
Closest to the pin: Don Nicholson

March 8 – Mather

1st place: Don Nicholson  
2nd place: Shoji Kumagai  
3rd place: Oli Bohlman  
Closest to the pin: Tim Irish

March 15 – Wildhawk (cancelled; rain)

March 22 – Bing Mahoney

1st place: Tim Irish  
2nd place: Graham Williams  
3rd place: Curtis Johnson  
Closest to the pin: Tim Irish



### SIR Websites

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

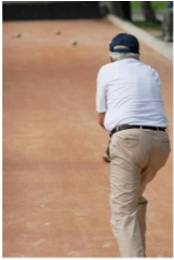
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Hugh Thompson  
916-276-5117

Area 4 Governor  
Jack Reefer  
916-531-2551

## BOCCE | Oli Bohlman 916-844-4067



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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:OBohlman@sbcglobal.net) so I can get you on my mailing list. Our next outing is Thursday, April 7th.

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

Drop-in play on local courts where you'll often find a few members playing. 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 | Dan Maglionico 916-719-6821



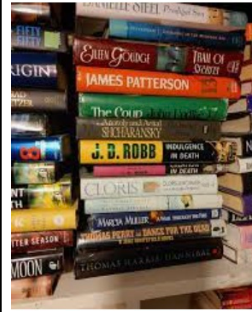
A meeting is planned following our next luncheon for all interested members. We'll discuss how we can make this an active group and begin planning fishing outings for the near future.

## E-BIKING | Rich Christensen 916-817-1838



Rides occur on paved bike paths in the area. All levels of riders are welcome. This is a great time of the year to ride. Give Rich a call to see when the next ride is scheduled.

## BOOK EXCHANGE | Lew Chapman 510-912-5658



Hello SIR Readers,

Well, we are into our fourth month of the Book Exchange and things are developing. Thanks to Jay for handling things last month since I was traveling. Kevin shared a quote with me that he

came across which I will share: Ages ago, the Greek philosopher Epictetus called books "The training weights of the mind." And if books fulfill this role of weights that strengthen the mind, then bookshelves would be our literary home gyms that store and categorize our paperbacks and hardbacks.

If you watch the cable news shows, you'll notice that every expert on a subject being interviewed has in the background their home or office library. Makes them look learned and well-read. So, if for no other reason, take home a book for your shelf or share a book for a friend's bookshelf. You might at least look more learned when you get interviewed for TV. This month I am reading "Weather, A Visual Guide" by Buckley, Hopkins and Whitaker. It's basically a picture book. I don't expect to be doing any TV interviews about our weather anytime soon.

At our next luncheon on April 13, remember to bring a book or two which another SIR might enjoy, and take a couple for yourself. No cost, no library cards, no overdue notices, no fines.

### From Activities Chairman, Pat O'Keefe

The following is a list of our activities that are now active and have a leader: golf, wine tasting, bocce, fishing and e-biking. Putting these activities together and making them fly takes a great deal of time. With my wife, Wendy, being an invalid, that takes a great deal of my time. I need some help from a couple of you to grow activities. The end result of doing this will be that we have a much stronger Branch 95. Please call me at 831-809-5830 if you might be willing to help me. It will be a worthwhile investment of your time.

Stay healthy and enjoy the activities as they emerge.

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



The March wine tasting event was held on St. Patrick's Day at the Muzios' home. There were four couples in attendance. The featured varietal this month was California Cabernet Sauvignon. All the wines were outstanding and

ranking the wines was a difficult task. The first and second place wines were virtually tied. However, there was a winner. In fourth place was Iverson Estate 2011 Fair Play (\$28), third place was Stackhouse Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon 2018 (\$38), second place was Daou Reserve 2019 Paso Robles (\$40), and first place winner was Celler Classified 2017 Sonoma Valley (\$30). There was a ringer that was



tossed in to make things interesting. A John Robert Eppler 2010 Howell Mountain from Total Wine and More was spotted on close out for (\$17.95). On Vino this bottle is \$109 if you can find it. It actually ranked above the contested wines. Don't bother to go down to Total Wine and More, because I bought the last two bottles they had.

A delicious potluck followed the wine tasting. The dishes included corned beef, potatoes & cabbage, green salad, carrots and a delightful green pistachio crusted desert. An after-dinner Quinta Das Carvalhas 10-year-old Tawny Port was also served.

Our next wine tasting will be April 21<sup>st</sup>. If you have not already joined the wine tasting group, and would like to join, contact Jay Muzio at [jaymuzio@gmail.com](mailto:jaymuzio@gmail.com).

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## AS WE CONTINUE TO CLEAN UP FROM OUR ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATIONS, HERE'S ONE FOR THE ROAD...

The Irish never hesitate to come to the aid of their fellow man - air passengers in this case. Shortly after take-off on an outbound, evening Air Lingus flight from Dublin to Boston, the lead flight attendant nervously made the following painful announcement in her lovely Irish brogue: "Ladies and gentlemen, I'm so very sorry, but it appears that there has been a terrible mix-up by our catering service. I don't know how this happened ..... But we have 103 passengers on board ..... And unfortunately, we received only 40 dinner meals. I truly apologize for this mistake and inconvenience."

When the muttering of the passengers had died down, she continued, "Anyone who is kind enough to give up their meal so that someone else can eat will receive free and unlimited drinks for the duration of our 10-hour flight."

Her next announcement came about 2 hours later: "If anyone is hungry, we still have 40 dinners available."

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### Member Attendance

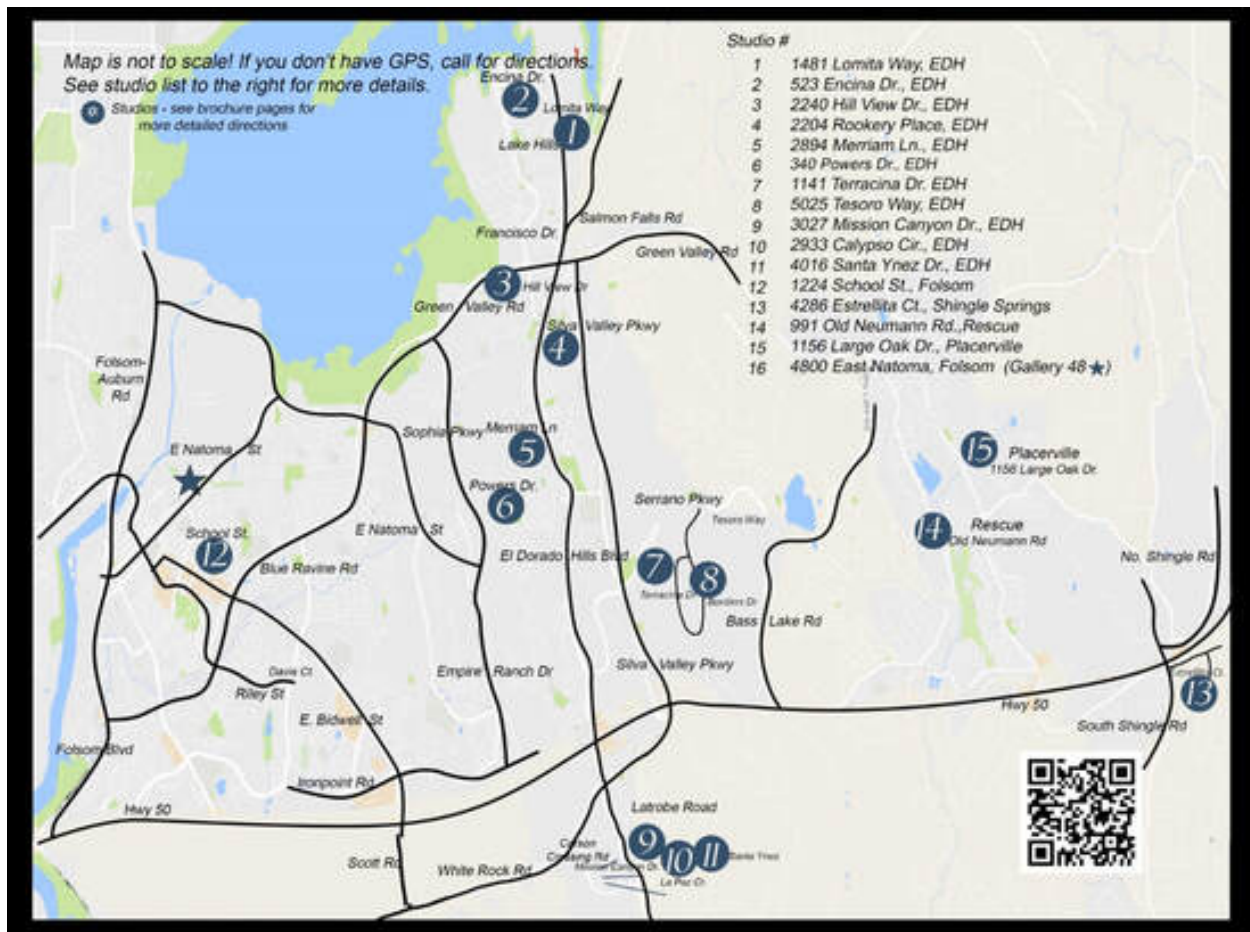
To maintain membership, a member is required to attend one-half of the regular Branch monthly luncheon meetings within the previous twelve consecutive month period, unless the Branch BEC has approved different attendance requirements (Policy 25; Bylaw 18).

### 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.

# Art Studio Tour 2022 (no admission fee)

Our Annual Self-Guided Tour of Local Artists' Studios  
 May 21st and 22nd from 10 to 5 - 16 Studios and 43 Artists



A wonderful chance for the public to view art by 43 amazing local artists at 16 open studio locations. The art is displayed for sale in the artists' private studios and homes. You will find stunning and unique art in great variety of media and styles. Many stops on the tour feature live demonstrations by artists. The Art Studio Tour provides an extraordinary chance to talk directly with the artists about their artwork, techniques and inspiration. We are very excited and proud of the diverse creative talent in our local art communities!