



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



I think everyone can agree that May is a beautiful time of year in the foothills. The grasses are still green and have not yet turned to golden, the trees are a shade of green lighter than in summer, and the wildflowers are blooming everywhere.

Spring is a time of renewal, rebirth and promise for the future. This brings to mind the goals we have set for SIRs this year—goals designed to create a healthy future. I would like to focus on one that is dependent on the efforts of all members: **Develop a pipeline of willing and capable volunteers from both new and existing members for critical leadership, committee and activity rolls.**

The keys to branch sustainability are active recruitment of new members and development of a pipeline of willing and capable volunteers for critical leadership, committee and activity rolls.

Just as the flowers of spring and summer are dependent on earlier plantings, we must now plant the seeds for next year’s leadership. It is the time of year that we must start thinking about and selecting our board members and committee chairmen for next

year. Review the board and committee chair positions and reach out to me with your interest and willingness to serve next year.

We also have some immediate needs for leadership. Presently, we have an opening on our board for an Activity Director. The Activity Director coordinates with the Activity Chairmen to aid and assist in the success of our approved SIR activities. Consider stepping up and filling this position **NOW**.

Also on our immediate list is for someone to assist Kevin King on the membership committee with an eye to taking over those responsibilities next year. Kevin will be busy developing and scheduling State-wide training as the newly appointed Chair of SIR State’s Training and Development Committee; so he will have less time to spend on his Branch membership duties. This position requires keeping all membership information up to date. If you are interested, Kevin can give you a more complete job description.

As Audrey Hepburn said, “to plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow.” It is time for us to be “planting our garden” of leaders.

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 Oli Bohlman 916-844-4067
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LITTLE SIR | Ken Mahar

650-504-1393

Our next speaker in May will be Elena Delacy, with the American River Conservancy (ARC). She will talk about all that ARC has accomplished in procuring land to add to recreational space for our area.

The mission of the American River Conservancy is to serve our communities by ensuring healthy ecosystems within the Upper American and upper Cosumnes River Watersheds through land conservation, stewardship and education.

Don't forget to sign up for next month's Annual Ladies Day Picnic. Details and a reservation form are provided on the last page. Also, give me a call if you'd be able to help out.



A shout out goes to fellow SIRs Dan Cockcroft, Terry Starkel and their wives for winning the 6th Annual Pasta Bowl Bocce Tournament which was held recently at Promontory Park in El Dorado Hills. The tournament supports the Gold Country Lodge of the Sons and Daughters of Italy scholarship fund that benefits graduating seniors in the El Dorado Union High School and Folsom-Cordova Unified School Districts as well as the Oak Ridge High School Italian class. Dan and Terry's team prevailed over 13 other teams. Each member of the winning team took home the much sought after and coveted **Pasta Bowl**. Way to go!



Left to right: Dan Cockcroft, Ginger Cockcroft, Karen Starkel, Terry Starkel and, Event Organizer, Anthony Scotch

If you'd be interested in forming a team for the next tournament in October, Kevin King can put you in touch with event organizers. Contact Kevin at kmking00@gmail.com.

General Meeting

Wednesday, May 11, 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

Chicken Piccata
Lemon butter pasta
Oven roasted vegetables
Salad & rolls

Beverage station with
iced tea, lemonade and
coffee included

May Birthdays

George Alboff
John Ashley
Dan Cattone
Lew Chapman
Tom Gamble
Jay Guertin
Bob Hendrickson
Jack May
Don Nicholson



May Milestone Anniversaries

Mel Hallett - 15 years

Happy SIR Anniversary!

Membership

Welcome Alan Bowles, Dan Cattone, Bob Doettling, Alan Sherman and Mark Thompson

Current number of members = 74

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

I recently learned that Tom Hubbs moved to Carmichael a few months ago and transferred to another SIR branch in that area.

BEC members Chad Barrow, Shoji Kumagai and Pat O'Keefe each stepped down from their BEC positions for personal reasons. All three men made valuable contributions to the Branch in their leadership capacities. I'm certain they will continue to contribute to the growth of the Branch in their new "civilian" roles as their time permits. Oli Bohlman has agreed to step in to fill Chad's vacated Assistant Treasurer position. Oli's background as a CPA will be a nice addition to the BEC. Jay is looking to fill the two unfilled Director at Large positions. If he should happen to tap you on the shoulder, please consider giving of your time for the continued growth and success of our branch.

Be sure to extend a warm welcome to the following five new members: Alan Bowles, Dan Cattone, Bob Doettling, Alan Sherman and Mark Thompson. All recently came as guests. We must have passed the test because each of them joined shortly after the meeting. Alan retired from Federal Express and lives in Placerville. Dan was in Executive Management for a number of high tech companies. He and his wife Terri live in El Dorado Hills. Bob was a Financial Executive and CPA for the Ohio River Company in Cincinnati. He and his wife Vera live in Placerville. Alan was a Senior Vice President for Morgan Stanley. He and his wife, Arlene, live in El Dorado Hills. Finally, you've probably already met Mark on the golf course as he's been playing with our group the last few outings. He is a former Air Traffic Controller and lives in El Dorado Hills.

BRANCH 95 WEBSITE SCAVENGER HUNT



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Are you comfortable navigating our new website? Are you able to find all the information you are looking for? Email the correct answers to the following five questions to kmking00@gmail.com no later than Tuesday, 5/10 to be entered into a drawing for a bottle of the 1st place Barbera mentioned in this month's Wine Tasting article. It will be given to one lucky winner at our 5/11 meeting. You must be present to win. Good luck!

- 1) What famous author was quoted in the August 2020 newsletter?
- 2) Who was Big SIR in 2001 (there were two, name either one of them)?
- 3) Who was the only 3-time SIR Branch 95 Golf Club Champion?
- 4) Branch 95 was formed in March 1981. Where was the first meeting held?
- 5) What is the name next to the SIR logo and house on the website where you can buy SIR-branded apparel?

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



Last month I talked a little about why we play golf. This month I would like to go over some information about how we play golf. Golf should be fun and we would like to keep the pace of play moving, so we sometimes don't follow the precise golf etiquette. We generally follow the ready golf idea, that whoever is ready plays. This means sometimes we play out of turn to speed things up. For example, maybe putting out of turn while the golfer who should putt next is raking the bunker. It sometimes helps to put down the scores after you have moved onto the next hole. That clears the green area for the following group. This doesn't mean we abandon the rules of golf or the SIR guideline to be non-political. For everyone to enjoy their time on the course, please no talking politics.

Please help out the other players. This means many things. Try to follow the flight of the ball when others are hitting. Some of us don't see as well as we used to and sometimes even when we can follow the ball, it is hard to see where the ball ends up. We may get frustrated at the game (or at least our play) and make poor decisions, such as hitting a moving ball, grounding the club where we shouldn't, etc. Take a few seconds to breathe and regroup before continuing. Remember, this is a game. It is supposed to be fun. We don't have a rules official follow us around like the pros, so if you have a question, ask your playing partners about options to avoid penalties. We also have a ten stroke limit on our play. If you are having a bad hole, stop at ten strokes, this will help to speed play and give you some time to let that hole go and prepare for the next one.

I know a lot of people like to play with certain friends. That is fine, but sometimes it is good to play with someone else, that is how better friendships are formed. We try to accommodate requests for playing groups, but we also like to mix people up. I also try to move people around, so players are not always playing late or early, but a mix. I will try to be better at that. We will also mix handicaps. When there are a number of low handicaps together, they often play faster than a group of higher handicappers. If they are mixed, that evens out the speed of play more.

Finally, if you have questions or concerns about the golf group, please let me know. This is your golf group. The purpose is to make your play with fellow SIR golfers enjoyable. It takes all of us to work toward the goal of having fun on the course.

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

April 5 – Empire Ranch

1st place: Bill Drummond
2nd place: Tim Irish
3rd place: Mike Wilke
4th place: Mel Hallett
Closest to the pin: Bill Yeager

April 12 – Mather

1st place: Oli Bohlman
2nd place: Peter Apel
3rd place: Bob Carlson
Closest to the pin: Bob Carlson

April 19 – Wildhawk

1st place: Lew Chapman
2nd place: Chad Barrow
3rd place: Al Gurevich
Closest to the pin: Bob Carlson

April 26 – Ancil Hoffman

1st place: Terry Starkel
2nd place: Tim Irish
3rd place: Terry Privott
Closest to the pin: Terry Starkel

I hate it when cashiers feel like they have to examine my money to make sure it is not counterfeit. If I could counterfeit money, I wouldn't be at the Dollar Tree store.

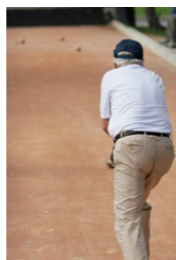
SIR Websites

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	Region 1 Director	Area 4 Governor
Richard Kindle	Hugh Thompson	Jack Reefer
209-652-8608	916-276-5117	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 at 9:00 am 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, May 5th.

El Dorado Hills Community Services District also offers Spring and Fall leagues for those that are ready to step it up into more competitive play. Signups for the Fall season open June 29th. If you are interested, contact Kevin King at kmking00@gmail.com for more information.

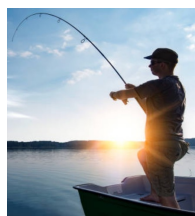
PICKLEBALL | Dan Cockcroft (PBS) 408-781-0714

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



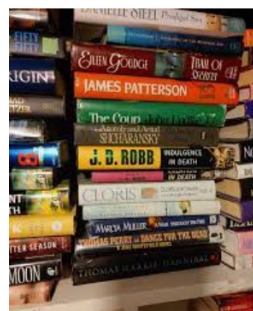
Recent outings included the Sacramento River out of Colusa and Folsom Lake. Dan hooked a couple of stripers on the Sacramento River trip. Contact him if you'd like to help plan or participate in the next outing.

E-BIKING | Rich Christensen 916-817-1838



Rides occur on paved bike paths in the area. All levels of riders are welcome. Other riding opportunities exist in the area that are not associated with SIR. Give Rich a call to see what rides are coming up.

BOOK EXCHANGE | Lew Chapman 510-912-5658



Hello SIR Readers,

I have two boxes full of books now and we are starting to develop a wide-ranging collection. Thanks to all of you who have contributed to our growing book exchange. Come check it out, you might find something you would enjoy reading. It is in the right corner booth in the dining room at our luncheons, easy to find.

Last month I picked up a book which had been recommended to me called *Man's Search for Meaning* by Viktor Frankl. It has riveted generations of readers with its descriptions of life in Nazi death camps and its lessons for spiritual survival. We cannot avoid suffering but we can choose how to cope with it. This is a hard but meaningful read. Unfortunately, it brings to mind what is currently going on in Ukraine. And I thought I had problems...

On a lighter note, now I am reading a biography of Einstein, *His Life and Universe* by Walter Isaacson. Thanks to the SIR who dropped that into our collection. Isaacson's biography show how Einstein's scientific imagination sprang from the rebellious nature of his personality (from the dust cover).

At our next luncheon on May 11, remember to bring a book or two which another SIR might enjoy, and take a couple for yourself. No cost, no library cards, no late notices, no fines.

LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEN:

- BEC members (2 openings)
- Asst. Membership Chair
- Activity Director
- Activity leaders

Contact Jay at jaymuzio@gmail.com if you can help out.



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



The April 21st wine tasting event was held at the home of George and Micki Alboff. This month there were five and a half couples in attendance. The featured varietal this month was Barbera, and we had examples from

California and Italy. The wines were again exceptional. Evidentially no one in this group knows how to pick a mediocre wine, and the scores were close as usual. Here are the rankings.

Sixth place went to the 2016 Tera d 'Oro from Amador County (\$20), fifth place was Naggiar 2016 Root 49 Sierra foothills (\$32), fourth place was MauroSebaste 2018 Centobricchi Barbera d 'Alba, third place was 2020 Renquist Cooper Vinyard Barbera (\$21), second place was Andis Barbera d' Amador Sierra Foothills (\$30) and in first place was Macchia 2020 Lodi Barbera (\$25).

A delicious potluck followed the wine tasting. The dishes included a delicious Venison ragu pasta, a Beet and citrus salad, two lovely string bean-based vegetable dishes, a beautiful, layered fruit salad and a yummy chocolate cheesecake desert.

Our next wine tasting will be May 19th. If you have not already joined the wine tasting group, and would like to join, please contact Jay Muzio at jaymuzio@gmail.com.



Left to right: Maureen Canty, Marsha King, Faye Thompson, Gaye Johnson and Micki Alboff

ALWAYS TELL THE TRUTH

Wife - **"WHERE IN THE WORLD HAVE YOU BEEN? You said you'd be done with golf by noon!"**

Husband - "I'm so sorry, Honey; but you probably don't want to hear the reason.

Wife - "I want the truth and I want it **NOW!**"

Husband - "Fine. We finished in under 4 hours and I had a quick beer in the clubhouse. I hopped in the car and would have been here at 12 on the button; but, on the way home, I spotted a girl half our age struggling with a flat tire. I changed it in a jiffy, and next she's offering me money. Of course I refuse it. Then she tells me she was headed to the bar at the Sheraton and begs me to stop so she can buy me a beer. She was such a sweetie, so I said yes. Before you know it, one beer turned to three or four and I guess we were looking pretty good to each other. Then she tells me she has a room there less than 50 steps from our table. She suggested we get some privacy while pulling me by the hand. Now I'm in her room, clothes are flying everywhere and, you know, one thing led to another. Before I knew it the clock says 5:30. I jumped up, threw my clothes on, ran to the car and here I am. There...you wanted the truth...you got it."

Wife - "Bull#@^*! You played 36 holes, didn't you!?"

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.

**SIR 95 - 2022
ANNUAL LADIES PICNIC**

JUNE 8TH WEDNESDAY 12:00 TO 3:00PM

Join us for a picnic lunch, games and many raffles.

\$25 per person

Reserve your space	Menu: Texas BBQ
<p>Mail to be received before May 27th to:</p> <p>Ken Mahar, 5025 Tesoro Way, El Dorado Hills, 95762</p> <p>Phone: 650-504-1393 any questions Email: kmahar@comcast.net</p> <p>Include:</p> <p>#1 - check for you and guest <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>#2 - signed Waiver <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>#3 - food order form completed <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Brisket & Chicken 3 Sides, cookies Assorted soft beverages (No alcohol permitted in park)</p> <p>(Vegetarian option available, please specify on your order form.)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Promontory Park Picnic Area, 2700 Alexandra Dr, El Dorado Hills, CA 95762</p>

LADIES RAFFLE

Form must be received before May 27th

Order Form **SIR 95 Annual Ladies Picnic**

Member Name: First & Last	
Guest Name: First & Last	
Total paid	

Signed Waiver form attached	Check the box below
Member	<input type="checkbox"/>
Guest	<input type="checkbox"/>

Vegetarian Meal Requests	Veggie Burger
Member	<input type="checkbox"/>
Guest	<input type="checkbox"/>

Mail check to:	SIR Annual Ladies Picnic
Name & Address:	Ken Mahar, 5025 Tesoro Way El Dorado Hills, CA 95762
Phone: for questions	650-504-1393
Email:	kmahar@comcast.net

June 8th, 2022	Member
Check enclosed	yes or No
\$25	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$25	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$	<input type="checkbox"/>

Make checks payable to
SIR Branch 95

Waiver forms are required for members and/or guests who do not have a signed copy already on file. A copy of the form is available [here](#).