



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



Wow, and just like that it is June already. I can't believe how fast this year is going by. I had hoped to have had so much more accomplished by this time this year. Even though we have made satisfactory progress on many of the goals we set for Branch 95 this year, we still have a way to go on several others. So, let's do a mid-year evaluation of our goals for Branch 95.

The website has our calendar of events and, exclusive to our members, contact information for all members. There is a section that contains archives of old newsletters and the history of Branch 95. There are also BEC minutes and reports from the Treasurer and Membership chairmen. Prospective new members can access our website to see what we stand for and explore what we have to offer in the way of activities. They can also obtain all paperwork to apply for membership right through the site.

CONTINUE TO IMPROVE COMMUNICATIONS

I think we can all agree that Kevin King has done a fabulous job with our monthly newsletter. I think the new look makes it easier to read, and the addition of the monthly reports from the activities chairmen give the members a much better idea of what is going on and what is available for you in the way of activities. Our committee chairmen's contact information is in the newsletter so if you decide you want to participate in an activity, there is no excuse for not doing so.

CONTINUE TO ADD ACTIVITIES TO OUR LIST OF ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE TO ALL OUR MEMBERS

A menu of fun activities is the foundation upon which SIR was built. Next to fellowship it is the most important recruiting tool we have. Our largest activity is of course our golf group. Terry Starkel, with help from Lew Chapman and Dan Cockcroft, leads this particularly important and foundational group. Additionally, we offer bocce, both open play on Thursdays and regional play with other branches. Oli Bohlman and Dan Cockcroft lead these groups. E-biking is available for participation; contact Rich Christensen to join. Fishing has just recently gotten going thanks to one of our newer members, Dan

CREATE AND MAINTAIN A BRANCH 95 WEBSITE

Kevin King has created and is maintaining a website for us. A functioning and interesting website is not only important for communication with our members but is a valuable tool for recruitment of new members.

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
Director at Large Rich Turoff (PBS) 916-934-0176	Director at Large Joe Giacomini (PBS) 916-939-2060	Director at Large Kevin King (PBS) 916-337-9811	Director at Large Lew Chapman 510-912-5658	Director at Large OPEN	Director at Large OPEN

Maglionico. Our wine tasting group has been very successful since the first of the year. So, if you are interested in eating and drinking, with or without your significant other, contact me to join. And don't forget to participate in the book exchange founded and supported by Lew Chapman. Finally, we now have the opportunity to join the bowling group associated with Branch 113 Pollock Pines (stay tuned for details). At the present time we need someone who is interested in helping to get pickleball off the ground. We also need someone to become a member-at-large on our BEC. Ideally, this person would also assume the job of Activities Chairman. Please contact me if you have any questions or are offering to help.

INCREASE THE NUMBER OF NEW MEMBERS AND RETAIN EXISTING MEMBERS This year we started with 70 members. As of today, we now have 76 members. We lost eight members due to attrition and we have gained 14 new members due to the efforts of many. I charge all existing members to think of friends and acquaintances that would benefit from the SIR experience. Our goal of 100 members by the end of 2022 would ensure a much stronger Branch 95.

DEVELOP A PIPELINE OF WILLING AND CAPABLE VOLUNTEERS FROM BOTH NEW AND EXISTING MEMBERS FOR CRITICAL LEADERSHIP, COMMITTEE AND ACTIVITY ROLLS While we currently have a strong group of officers, many of these positions will be timing out and we will be without replacements if members do not step up to serve. I know that many of us have other commitments, travel plans and family obligations, but if this group is important to you, please consider volunteering as your time and talents allow. Give me a call to discuss your interest.

This month we are having our Annual Picnic on June 8th at Promontory Park. I hope you have already signed up to attend. Our Little Sir, Ken Mahar, has been working extremely hard to make this event an enormous success. Please support all the efforts of those who work so hard to provide an enjoyable and worthwhile experience by honoring us with your attendance.

If anyone on the verge of action should judge himself according to the outcome, he would never begin.

~ Soren Kierkegaard

Annual Ladies Day Picnic

Wednesday, June 8, 2022

Waiver required

Lunch \$25

**PROMONTORY PARK
2700 ALEXANDRIA DR
EL DORADO HILLS, CA 95762**

12:00 - 3:00



June Birthdays

Mark Eddy
Victor Kan
Dan Link
Jay Muzio
Dennis Windsor



June Milestone Anniversaries

No milestone anniversaries to celebrate this month

Membership

Welcome to the following new members:
Irv Joseph and Charlie Gomez

Current number of members = 76

LITTLE SIR | Ken Mahar

650-504-1393

In June, we have our Annual Ladies Day Picnic. Our meetings will resume at Cameron Park Country Club July 13th.

Our tentative speaker schedule for the balance of the year includes:

- July - Kevin Loewen, General Manager, El Dorado Hills Community Services District
- August - open
- September - Angela Hassell, Executive Director, Loaves and Fishes
- October - Ken Mahar, Antartica trip
- November - Wine and More (tentative)
- December - Holiday dinner

If you know a potential speaker, please give me a call.

SUNSHINE | John Ninan, Chaplin

916-941-9479



As previously announced, Brian Upton, who was a member from 2001-2019 passed away 5/12/2022. Brian spent his career in banking and retired as a Regional Manager. Brian was instrumental in making our golf program what it is today and was Golf Chairman up until he left SIR in 2019 for health reasons.

Oli Bohlman and Dan Maglionco's wife, Dorothy, are both resting and recovering at home following recent open heart surgeries. Keeping them in your thoughts and prayers for a full recovery would be appreciated.

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

916-337-9811

Welcome to our two newest members, Irv Joseph and Charlie Gomez. Irv, who was sponsored by Shoji Kumagai, is a partner in his law firm and practicing attorney in estate planning. He and his wife, Patti, live in El Dorado Hills. Charlie, who contacted us in response to an item placed by Ken Mahar on NextDoor, is a former police officer from Sacramento PD. He and his wife, Paula, also live in El Dorado Hills.

Congratulations to the Not So New Kids bocce team that is made up of fellow SIRs Cockcroft, Drummond, King and Starkel and their wives in winning the El Dorado Hills Community Services District Tuesday night Red Division bocce championship. They'll have an opportunity to defend their title in the Fall season which begins in August.

Final updates to our website, as it was originally envisioned, have been completed. Now it's just a matter of doing routine maintenance and keeping the information up-to-date. On the website, you'll now find:

- Photos of last year's picnic and holiday party as well as one of our meetings and many more from our various activities
- A growing newsletter archive currently dating back to 2007
- Board documents including agendas and minutes as well as financial and membership reports that we send to State SIR each month

Thanks to Dave Chighizola who has offered to step in as Assistant Membership Chairman. With his stated interests and talents in computers, he will be a valuable resource for our branch.

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



We played our first round in real heat at the end of May. For the next three to four months our golf rounds will, for the most part, be played at the earlier time. Be sure to check the schedules and emails for the correct time to check in at the golf course.

Also, please remember to bring plenty of fluids for your golf round. I have some water bottles that I freeze each week. In hot weather, I bring three of the frozen water bottles, otherwise I usually bring two. As one gets warm after all the ice has melted, I bring out another bottle that is still mostly frozen. This really helps me through the round by having cool water to stay hydrated. I also have some cool towels, that stay wet and cool for quite a long time, but I usually forget to bring them.

Thank you to all players that look out for each other, either by keeping an eye on their ball or an eye out for possible signs of physical distress. We can't do much about how accurately we hit the ball, but we can try to keep everything calm as we move around the course. I think it helps us all to be positive. You may notice that watching the pros, the ones that can let a bad shot go quickly seem to be able to recover sooner. The ones that carry that a bad shot to the next hole often have another bad shot or more.

These insults are from an era before the English language got boiled down to 4-letter words:

- "He had delusions of adequacy." ~ Walter Kerr
- "He has all the virtues I dislike and none of the vices I admire." ~Winston Churchill
- "I've had a perfectly wonderful evening; but, I'm afraid this wasn't it." ~Groucho Marx



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

May 3 – Empire Ranch

1st place: Steve Crane
2nd place: Dennis Petersen
3rd place: Bill Yeager
4th place: Tim Irish
Closest to the pin: Ray Guenther

May 10 – Mather

1st place: Tim Irish
2nd place: Jay Guertin
3rd place: Mike Wilke
Closest to the pin: Don Nicholson

May 17 – Wildhawk

1st place: Dan Link
2nd place: Terry Starkel
3rd place: Mel Hallett
Closest to the pin: Mel Hallett

May 24 – Bartley Cavanaugh

1st place: Lew Chapman
2nd place: Steve Crane
3rd place: Terry Starkel
Closest to the pin: Ray Guenther

**The 2022 Reno Golf Event
scheduled for the week of June
13th has been cancelled due to
a lack of signups.**

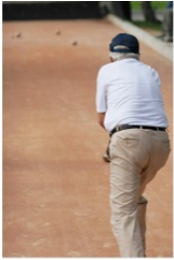
SIR Websites

Branch 95: sirinc2.org/branch95/
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State SIR Marketing: WeAreSIR.com
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BOCCE | Oli Bohlman 916-844-4067



We've expanded play to every Thursday. Play is open to SIR members, their spouses or significant others and invited guests. We play every Thursday at Promontory Park in El Dorado Hills at 9:00. If you're interested in playing or simply want to give it a try, please contact Kevin King at

kmking00@gmail.com who's filling in for Oli while he recovers from a recent surgery. We play again on Thursday, June 2nd.

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 in forming a team, 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)



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.

A Bowling Activity is in the formative stages. SIR Branch 113 in Pollock Pines has invited members from our Branch to join them. If you're interested in signing up or want more information, contact Ray Dibasilio at rdibasilio@gmail.com.

BOOK EXCHANGE | Lew Chapman 510-912-5658



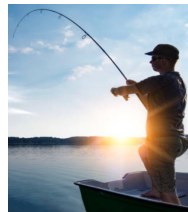
Hello again SIR Readers,

At the next luncheon please take a moment and go over to the corner of the dining room and check out the growing collection of books in our exchange. You may run across a book you have always wanted to read, or perhaps find one you did not know you might want to read that catches your attention.

Last month I mentioned I am reading a biography, "Einstein, His Life and Universe" by Walter Isaacson. I've nearly finished it and I think I now understand the theory of specific and general relativity. It has to do with the curvature of spacetime caused by gravity. Think of the universe as wrapping back around itself.

At our next luncheon on July 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 late notices, no fines.

FISHING | Dan Maglionico 916-719-6821



Fishing has temporarily been put on hold while Dan cares for his wife who is recovering from recent heart surgery.

WE'RE STILL IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS:

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

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



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



The May 19th wine tasting event was held at the home of Kevin and Marsha King. There were three-and one-half couples in attendance. The featured varietal this month was California

Zinfandel. The selections were interesting as three of the four wines were from Sonoma, two were from the same winery and the winner was from Amador County. As always, all the wines were very good and trying to pick a winner was a challenge. Here are this month's results:

- 4th place - 2017 Rodney Strong Old Vines Zinfandel, Sonoma County (\$19);
- 3rd place - 2019 Seghesio Family Vineyards Zinfandel, Sonoma (\$22);
- 2nd place - 2017 Seghesio Old Vines Sonoma Zinfandel (\$35); and
- 1st place by a good margin - Newsome Harlow 2019 Shake Ridge Ranch, Amador County Zinfandel (\$27).

A delicious potluck followed the wine tasting. The dishes included a perfectly done Tri-tip roast, a fresh green salad, a yummy corn and squash casserole (a must- have second helping), a potato casserole and all was topped off with a chocolate Coeur de Crème with a Melba sauce. The desert was paired with a Macchia 2013 vintage port from Amador County.

Our next wine tasting will be June 16th. If you have not already joined the wine tasting group, and would like to join, please contact Jay Muzio at jaymuzio@gmail.com.



After retiring, I went to the Social Security office to apply for Social Security. The woman behind the counter asked me for my driver's license to verify my age.

I looked in my pockets and realized I had left my wallet at home. I told the woman that I was very sorry, but I would have to go home and come back later.

The woman said, "unbutton your shirt." So, I opened my shirt revealing my curly silver hair.

She said, "that silver hair on your chest is proof enough for me" and she processed my Social Security application.

When I got home, I excitedly told my wife about my experience at the Social Security office. She said, "You should have dropped your pants. You might have gotten disability, too."

And then the fight started...

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).

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