



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



Fellow SIR Members:

July is an exciting month for everybody. With summer in full swing, we can look forward to 4th of July celebrations that usually include friends and family gatherings, Bar-B-Que and fireworks. I fondly remember my older cousin, Kathleen, organizing us into parades with flags and sparklers to entertain the adults. I miss the “safe and sane” fireworks that we kids would set off with little or no adult supervision, and other than maybe burning my sister’s leg with a sparkler, we all survived with our eyes and fingers intact.

This is also the time of year when we travel and take vacations. Although, since we are retired, we tend to take longer trips in the spring and fall. When we were kids, vacations were in the summer. Since my dad was a teacher, we could take long car trips to camp in the Sierras, Oregon, Washington and most of the western states. Our camping gear for a family of five was packed into and on top of a 1957 Ford station wagon. Air conditioning consisted of rolling down the windows, and seat belts and car seats were not yet invented. We would do this for weeks at a time, going to new campsites every day and driving hours between them. As kids the worst part was having to sit with your brother and sister for hours, but for our parents, I honestly think they enjoyed the whole experience.

July was also swimming; in those days, nobody had a private swimming pool. We would walk to the public pool at the school or take the bus to the YMCA where

we would take swimming lessons at the indoor pool. My melanin-deficient skin is still suffering from the fact that sunscreen had not yet been invented.

I’m sure all of you have fond memories of your childhood summers. Maybe, some of you would like to share a few of your memories with us in the August newsletter. If you feel so inclined, please submit your story by July 27th to Kevin King our Bulletin editor.

Finally, I want to thank Ken and Jessica Mahar for a wonderful Ladies’ Day Picnic. There were games, prizes, good food and social time with old and new friends. I know how much work Ken and Jessica put into making everything enjoyable for everyone, and I know how much their efforts were appreciated by all.

For all of you that enjoy Bar-B-Que this time of year, remember that July 10th is Cow Appreciation Day and July 20th is National Hot Dog Day.

Our next luncheon meeting is Wednesday, July 13th at Cameron Park Country Club. It starts with the 11:00am social hour, and the regular meeting starts at 12:00 noon. Please support all the efforts of those who work so hard to provide an enjoyable and worthwhile experience by honoring us with your attendance.

The boys of the rising generation are to be the men of the next & the sole guardian of the principles we deliver over to them.

The Notes, Ronald Regan

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 speaker this month is Kevin Loewen. Kevin has been the General Manager of the El Dorado Hills Community Services District (EDHCSD) since January 2017. He will be presenting an overview of the services and facilities provided by the EDHCSD as well as a brief overview of how the District formulates its goals and direction for the provision of services to the residents it serves. In addition, he will provide a snapshot of the status of the Bass Lake Park project and incorporation of El Dorado Hills.

Last month's Ladies Day Picnic was a huge success. It was well-attended and a beautiful day for a picnic. Everyone enjoyed Back Forty Texas BBQ. Many participated in bocce, bingo and the other outdoor games that were provided. The event was capped off with drawings for a number of door prizes. Thanks to everyone who volunteered to provide items for the picnic or otherwise assisted in making this a fun day for all. Here are a few pictures from the picnic. Others can be found on the About Us page on our website.



INDEPENDENCE DAY 2022

Wishing you a relaxing and memorable 4th of July with family and friends!

~Branch 95 Executive Committee



General Meeting

Wednesday, July 13, 2022

Waiver & proof of vaccination required
Buffet 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

July Birthdays

Al Gurevich
Shoji Kumagai
Ken McCoy
Terry Wild



July Milestone Anniversaries

Joe Lampich - 15 years

Happy SIR Anniversary!

Membership

Welcome to our newest member
Ed Bowman

Current number of members = 77

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

Be sure to welcome our newest (former) member, Ed Bowman. Ed had previously been a member of our branch before he and his wife moved out of the area. He returned to El Dorado Hills following the passing of his wife and looked us up. Ed was in the Navy for nine years and is a retired dentist. He was sponsored by Steve Thomson.

We've added 15 new members since the start of the year. Continuing to tell your friends and neighbors about SIR membership will help us achieve our membership goal for the year. Likewise, encourage former members that you've remained close with to give us another look.

UPDATE ON A MORE PERSONAL MATTER

Thanks everyone for your phone calls and concern.

First off, I'm OK. I was a bit shaken up though.....

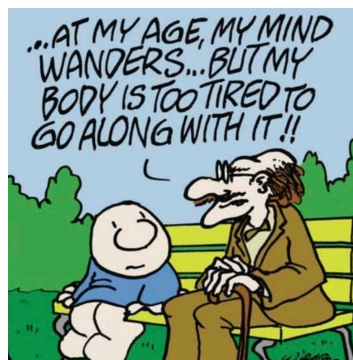
For those of you that aren't aware, I was robbed at a gas station a couple of days ago. After my hands stopped trembling, I managed to call the Police.

They were quick to respond and calmed me down because my blood pressure went through the roof! My money is long gone.

The police asked me if I knew who did it and I told them, "Yes, it was pump number 2."

Thanks to those who provided content for this month's newsletter. Your contribution helps ensure that our newsletters remain fresh, interesting, relevant and multi-dimensional.

Also, some important board, committee and activity positions remain unfilled for this and the coming year. If you feel you can help out, please give Jay a call.



TRAVEL REPORT | CURTIS JOHNSON

My wife, Gaye, and I just returned from a four-week trip to Central Europe, Italy and Croatia. Our trip included: Krakow, Poland; Vienna, Austria; Budapest, Hungary; Prague, Czech Republic; Venice, Italy; and Dubrovnik and Split, Croatia. Our favorite was Vienna - the City of Music! We visited palaces, churches, many UNESCO World Heritage sites, attended several concerts and even learned how strudel is made (which tasted wonderful)! It was nice to travel again and COVID was never an issue. So get out there and enjoy yourself!



Salt mine (Krakow)



St. Stephens Basilica (Budapest)

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

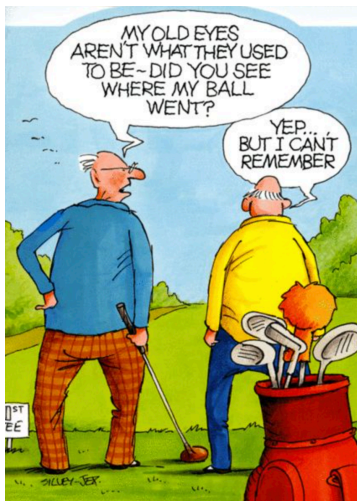


The year is almost half over already, time seems to be going by a lot faster now that we can do activities again. We are into the summer heat and that takes a toll on our bodies. Remember to stay hydrated.

I would like to welcome out two newest members, Ed Bowman and Ron Wadsworth. Ed is a previous member that is coming back to us. Ron is recently retired and has played with us a couple of times and is joining SIR Branch 95. It seems our new additions are pretty good golfers. We have several members that have not been able to play with us recently due to health or travel. We hope to see everyone back soon.

We now have 52 members signed up to play golf with SIR 95. I did not schedule any special tournaments this year, although if people have suggestions as to what they want, I will try to get them scheduled. I have heard members do not like the Stableford format, but we could do a two man best ball or alternate shot or others that may be suggested. Let me know if you have a format you would like to see us use.

Last thought of the day: When you look up, causing an awful shot, you will always look down again at exactly the moment when you ought to start watching the ball if you ever want to see it again.



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

June 7 - Empire Ranch

1st place: Ray Guenther
2nd place: Mark Thompson
3rd place: Jay Guertin
Closest to the pin: Steve Crane

June 14 - Mather

1st place: Don Nicholson
2nd place: Mark Thompson
3rd place: Bill Yeager
Closest to the pin: Mark Thompson

June 21 - Wildhawk

1st place: Lew Chapman
2nd place: Mel Hallett
3rd place: Dan Cockcroft
Closest to the pin: Kevin King

June 28 - Turkey Creek

1st place: Lew Chapman
2nd place: Tim Irish
3rd place: Terry Privott
Closest to the pin: Mark Thompson

See the last page of the newsletter for information about the **2022 SIR Fall Classic** golf tournament - the final State golf tournament of the year.

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

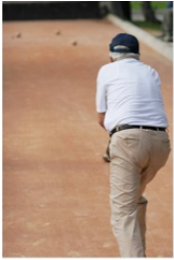
State SIR Officials

State President
Richard Kindel
209-652-8608

Region 1 Director
Hugh Thompson
916-276-5117

Area 4 Governor
Jack Reefer
916-531-2551

BOCCE | Oli Bohlman 916-844-4067



Attendance is increasing each week for our drop-in bocce activity. A number of members and some of their spouses enjoy coming out each week to throw a few balls and visit with each other. Play is non-competitive and open to SIR members, their spouses or significant others and invited

guests. We play every Thursday at 9:00am at Promontory Park in El Dorado Hills. If you're a seasoned player or a first-timer wanting to learn the game, just stop by. Everyone is welcome. Mark your calendar for our next outing on Thursday, July 7th.

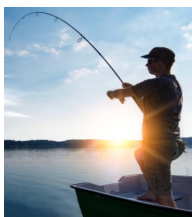
PICKLEBALL | Dan Cockcroft (PBS) 408-781-0714

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



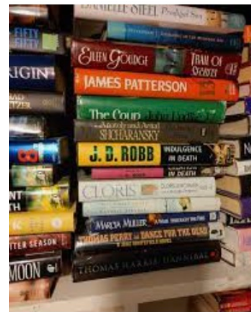
Fishing remains on temporary hold while Dan cares for his wife who is recovering from heart surgery. Let your fellow anglers know if you're planning an outing or looking to go out with someone on a day trip.

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's available and what rides are coming up.

BOOK EXCHANGE | Lew Chapman 510-912-5658



ATTENTION—READ THIS

Hope that worked. If you are reading this, then perhaps you are a reader and would like to have access to more books to read. That is why we started our SIR Book Exchange.

At the July luncheon, I will have to find someone else to set out the books as my wife and I will be on our first ever trip to Alaska. I'm looking for something to read about Alaska right now, nothing I could find in our current collection.

In the meantime, from our exchange resource, I am finishing a delightful book called The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency, the first in a series by Alexander McCall Smith. It was a national best seller. It takes place in Botswana, and I am getting a feel for life and customs in this part of Africa. Precious Ramotswa sets up a detective agency to help people with problems in their lives. It's hilarious.

Remember the benefits of our SIR Book Exchange: No cost, no library cards, no late notices, no fines.

BOWLING | Ray DiBasilio (Branch 113) 530-558-9727



Our branch has joined in with the Pollock Pines branch to offer bowling to our members. Did you know...SIR has a very active state-wide bowling group. With 17 scheduled

tournaments throughout the year, bowling is a popular activity! In addition to tournaments, many SIR branches have bowling leagues in which SIR members have a great deal of fun. Some of us are competitive, some just bowl for fun and friendship. No matter what your skill level, all bowling is fun! For more information, please visit <https://sirinc.org/sirbowling-2/>.

Your local contact is SIR Ray DiBasilio 530-558-9727.

What's the difference between ignorance and apathy?

I don't know and I don't care. 🤔

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



This month our wine tasting group ventured away from our usual format. Of the four couples that signed up to attend, none of us were able to host so we all met at Bacchus House Wine Bar & Bistro.

We all had a great time sharing stories and appreciating good food we didn't have to prepare. Our featured wine this month was Merlot, but instead of bringing individual bottles we all shared a magnum of Duckhorn Merlot Napa 2018.

We also discussed other options for future wine tastings such as meeting at a local winery, meeting for a wine tasting at Total Wine and More when their classes are available again, and maybe doing a wine tasting tour of several local wineries.

If you have not joined our group and would like to join, please contact me. We would love to include you in our very social group.



I recently called an old engineering buddy of mine and asked what he was working on these days.

He replied that he was working on "Aqua-thermal treatment of ceramics, aluminum and steel under a constrained environment."

I was impressed until, upon further inquiry, I learned that he was washing dishes with hot water under his wife's supervision.

Charity Starts at Home

The United Way realized that it had never received a donation from the city's most successful lawyer, so a volunteer paid the lawyer a visit in his lavish office and opened the meeting by saying, "Our research shows that even though your annual income is over \$2 million, you don't give a penny to charity. Wouldn't you like to give something back to your community through the United Way?"

The lawyer thinks for a minute and says, "First, did your research show you that my mother is dying after a long, painful illness, and she has huge medical bills that are far beyond her ability to pay?"

Embarrassed, the United Way rep mumbles, "Uh . . . no, I didn't know that."

"Secondly," says the lawyer, "did it show that my brother, a disabled veteran, is blind and confined to a wheelchair and unable to support his wife and six children?"

The stricken rep begins to stammer an apology, but is cut off again.

"Thirdly, did your research also show you that my sister's husband died in a dreadful car accident, leaving her penniless with a mortgage and three children, one of whom is disabled and another who has learning disabilities and requires an array of private tutors?"

The humiliated rep, completely beaten, says, "I'm so sorry, I had no idea."

And the lawyer says, "So - if I didn't give any money to them, why in the world do you think I'd give any to 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.

PLAY ONE DAY OR BOTH,

DAY 1 - \$ 60, DAY 2 - \$60, BOTH DAYS - \$120

2022 SIR Fall Golf Classic

**MEMBER & GUEST TOURNAMENT
LADIES - NO HANDICAP REQUIRED!**

**Blue Rock Springs West
Blue Rock Springs East
Vallejo, CA**

**Wednesday & Thursday
September 14th & 15th**

"PLAY ONE OR BOTH DAYS"

**8:00AM shotgun start both
days**

**Entry fee includes green fee, cart, range
balls & prize fund both days**

**Have a non-golfing spouse?
Check out all the nearby
activities [Click Here!](#)**

Applications at www.sirgolf.org

**Your Hosts: Jim Gurke, John
Harrison, Pete Morelli, Mark Stuart**

**SIR members and men guests must
have an established NCGA index.**

Men's Program

Day 1 – 4 Men's Team - 2
Best Ball (net) Play with a
foursome of your choice
or we place you on a
team

Day 2 – Men's Scramble
Play with a foursome of
your choice or we will
place you on a team

Closest to pin contests on
both days! Front & Back
nines.

Women's Program

Day 1 – 4 Women Team - 2
Best Ball (net) Play with a
foursome of your choice or
we will place you on a team

Day 2 – Women's Scramble
Play with a foursome of your
choice or we will place you
on a team

Closest to pin contests on
both days! Front & Back nines.

Click here for an electronic copy of the flyer,
application, etc. <https://www.sirgolf.org/>