



# 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 SIRs it is hard to imagine that we are in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2022. I really look forward to this time of year. The punishingly hot days of summer are mostly behind us, and the cooler fall weather is on the way. I love the fall colors here in the foothills and all the festivities associated with Apple Hill and the local wineries. I must admit that I have never been a big fan of Halloween. It probably is a result of the fights I had with my kids on whether they could participate in unsupervised mayhem in our neighborhood on Halloween night. Old wounds aside, Fall really is my favorite time of the year.

Between now and the end of the year, things really start to speed up. The holidays come rushing towards us and the time to finalize our officers and board members for next year is NOW. Our official slate of officers is complete, but we have four at-large BEC positions open and two critical Chairmanships are yet unfilled.

### Our Branch 95 Slate of Officers for 2023:

- Big Sir Jay Muzio (second term)
- Little Sir Lew Chapman
- Secretary Terry Starkel (eighth term)
- Assistant Secretary Bob Carlson (second term)
- Treasurer Oli Bohlman
- Assistant Treasurer Tim Irish (past Treasurer)

- BEC Member-at-large Kevin King (webmaster; bulletin editor)
- BEC Member-at-Large Dave Chighizola (Membership Chairman)

We may have as many as twelve members on our BEC (Branch Executive Committee) so you can see that there are openings for four additional board members. In addition, there are still committee chairs to be filled. George Alboff has agreed to take over the chairmanship of the Publicity and Image committee, but we still need members to chair the Activity Chairman/Coordinator and the Member Relations Committee Chairman positions. I have attached the job descriptions for these two positions as well as the job description for a BEC member in hopes that some dedicated members will volunteer to take up the challenge of chairing these committees and maybe also agree to serve on the board. Click on the arrows in the icons below to open the attachments.



BEC Member



Activity Chairman



Member Relations Chairman

If you think you may be willing to try one of these positions for next year, please email me at [jaymuzio@gmail.com](mailto:jaymuzio@gmail.com).

See **BIG SIR** next page

### Gold Country Branch 95 2022 BEC Members- (PBS) denotes Past Big SIR

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| <b>Big SIR</b><br>Jay Muzio<br>650-302-1902                   | <b>Little SIR</b><br>Ken Mahar<br>650-504-1393                  | <b>Secretary</b><br>Terry Starkel<br>916-817-1524            | <b>Assistant Secretary</b><br>Bob Carlson<br>916-817-1181 | <b>Treasurer</b><br>Tim Irish (PBS)<br>916-933-3466          | <b>Assistant Treasurer</b><br>Oli Bohlman<br>916-844-4067 |
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Our next meeting will be a breakfast meeting instead of a lunch meeting. There was a scheduling conflict with Cameron Park C.C., so we have changed our meeting to October 12<sup>th</sup> (the same day, second Wednesday) at 9:00am. The speaker will be our own Ken Mahar. He will be giving a presentation of his expedition to Antarctica. He will also be leading the meeting.

Please support all the efforts of those who work so hard to provide an enjoyable and worthwhile experience by honoring us with your attendance.

*It's not enough that we do our best;  
sometimes we must do what is required.*

~ Winston Churchill

## LITTLE SIR | Ken Mahar

650-504-1393

This month, I'll be making a photo presentation recounting my wife's and my journey to Antarctica earlier this year.

If you haven't already done so, mark your calendars for our Holiday Dinner which will be Wednesday, December 14, 2022 at 6:00pm. A flyer, with additional details, will be sent out in the coming weeks.

This story concerns Eleazar, a Jew in Roman times, 100 B.C.E., who finds himself before the gates of heaven, ready to meet his maker, when he is stopped by the patriarch Abraham, who tells him that to meet the Lord he must be worthy of the honor and must recount an instance of bravery.

Eleazar relates that once he found himself before the Roman emperor, and to his face he told him he was a camel's behind, an oppressor of the Jews of Jerusalem and spat in his face.

Abraham is impressed: "When did that occur?" he asks.

Eleazar responds: "About 10 seconds ago."



KEEP AN EYE  
OUT FOR LITTLE  
GHOSTS AND  
GOBLINS!



## General Meeting

Wednesday, October 12, 2022

Proof of vaccination required

Buffet breakfast \$25

**BREAKFAST MEETING THIS MONTH**

**CAMERON PARK COUNTRY CLUB**

3201 Royal Drive

CAMERON PARK, CA 95682

Check-In

9:00 - 9:30

General Meeting & Breakfast

9:30 ~ 11:30

### Menu

Traditional breakfast  
buffet: scrambled eggs;  
bacon; potatoes;  
French toast and fruit

Beverage station with  
iced tea, lemonade and  
coffee included

## October Birthdays

Rick Butterworth  
Steven Crane  
Joe Giacomini  
Gary Haack  
Irv Joseph  
Kevin King  
Craig Smith  
Rich Turoff  
Bob Woodward



## October Milestone Anniversaries

Rick Butterworth - 5 years  
Bob Mello - 15 years

**Happy SIR Anniversary!**

## Membership

Welcome to our newest members:  
Randy Hood, DJ Peterson & Brian Lemley

Current number of members = 83  
Number of new members this year = 22

## SUNSHINE | John Ninan, Chaplin 916-941-9479



If you are 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. A card, brief note or a phone call often goes a long way in showing that we care and in speeding someone's recovery.

## BRANCH HAPPENINGS / SIR COMINGS & GOINGS | Kevin King (PBS) 916-337-9811

Please extend a warm hand of welcome and invite our three newest members to join you at your table:



Randy Hood transferred to our Branch from Branch 106 (Tri-Cities - Vacaville/Fairfield/Suisun). He grew up in the foothills and was anxious to return when the opportunity presented itself. He currently lives in Camino with his wife, Terry. In his previous life, he was a PE teacher as well as football and baseball coach in the Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District. He is a low handicap golfer and can already be seen on the links with the rest of our golfers.



DJ Peterson joined us following our September meeting where he was a guest of Jay Guertin. DJ's dad was a member of the branch in South Lake Tahoe so he knows a little something about SIR. DJ is a magician and also owns his own company, [All Party Art](#), that does face painting, ballon twisting and magic entertainment for celebrations and parties. DJ worked as a consultant for the California Department of Education. He and his wife, Judi, live in El Dorado Hills.



Brian Lemley also joined following the September meeting. He learned about our Branch through one of the local magazines that we publicize our group in. Brian expects to retire in the next couple of years. He currently works as an IT consultant and manager for IBM within the California State Prison System. In his spare time, Brian is a member of a band, [Neon Moon Band](#). Brian and his wife, Betsy, live in Placerville.

Last month, I put out a request for those interested in forming a Branch bocce team that can compete in friendly matches with other Branches in our area. If you'd like to join us, there's still time to let me know of your interest.



As previously announced, we are saddened by the loss of one of our members, Pat O'Keefe. Pat passed away unexpectedly on July 3rd. Pat transferred to our branch from Branch 28 (Monterey) in October 2021. He immediately jumped in by attending our October BEC meeting and requesting to become our Activities Chairman. This is not surprising as he had a history of volunteering while at Monterey. He was Past Big SIR, Area Governor and Regional Director, among other things, while serving there. He understood the value SIR brought to men in our age group and advocated for more activities so that members had more opportunities to engage with one another. He reluctantly gave up his Activities Chair position to spend more time with his wife, Wendy, who was in a local care facility.

Pat enjoyed fishing and riding his e-bike. He was a driving force in getting those activities off the ground as new branch activities. You could often hear him at branch meetings asking people if they had a boat and whether they'd like to arrange a fishing trip. He was also often found at our drop-in bocce activities and attended one of our wine tasting events. One of his last projects was renovating a pontoon boat he had purchased so that he could take his wife out on it. He was able to accomplish that goal and, in fact, he and his wife were able to celebrate their 50th anniversary on it with friends. I'm sure it brought them both great joy.

If you wish, you can send your condolences to Wendy O'Keefe at 200 Glenwood Circle, Apt. 330 Monterey, CA 93940. Her telephone number is (831) 236-7681.

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



The golf season is rapidly coming to a close. In September, we held our three-round Club Championship tournaments. We played one round at Mather, one at Wildhawk and one at Empire Ranch. The Club Champion was determined by the qualified golfer (having played at least 10 rounds of SIR 95 golf this season) having the lowest cumulative score played over the three rounds. All of the results are on the Branch 95 website.

Taking the Club Championship for 2022 is Bill Yeager. Bill had rounds of 65, 75 and 65 for a total of 205 points. His trophy presentation will be at the November SIR luncheon. Bill will also receive \$50 cash prize money. In second place for the Club Championship this year was Peter Apel. He will be receiving \$30 cash prize at the luncheon. In third place was Dan Link, winning \$25 cash in prize money and in fourth place was Dan Cockcroft, winning \$20 cash in prize money.

We still have two competitions going to the end of the year. The SIR Branch 95 Gold Country Cup and the Marksman of the Year. Through 9/27, Dan Cockcroft leads the Gold Country Cup by 3 points over Lew Chapman and Tim Irish. This award is for the player that has consistently scored in the top three places in our weekly tournaments. The Marksman of the Year is being led by Tim Irish who has a 1 point advantage over three golfers tied for 2nd. This competition rewards scoring closest to the pin the most number of times during the season. With nine rounds remaining this year, there's plenty of time to make a run up both leaderboards.

Welcome to our newest SIR 95 golfing member, Randy Hood.



**SIR BRANCH 95 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP** (l-r) Bill Yeager (2022 Club Champion); Dan Cockcroft (4th); Peter Apel (2nd) and Dan Link (3rd)

### 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)

## SAND TRAPS

**Terry Starkel, Golf Chairman**  
916-817-1524

**Golf Director (Mather)**  
Dennis Petersen 916-817-1149

**Golf Director (Wildhawk)**  
Lew Chapman 510-912-5658

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### SIR Branch 95 Results 2022 Tournaments

*September 6 - Whitney Oaks*  
cancelled due to heat

*September 13 - Mather*  
1st place: Bill Yeager  
2nd place: Dan Link  
3rd place: Steve Crane  
Closest to the pin: Mike Wilke

*September 20 - Wildhawk*  
1st place: Peter Apel  
2nd place: Mel Hallett  
3rd place: Dan Cockcroft  
Closest to the pin: Peter Apel

*September 27 - Empire Ranch*  
1st place: Bill Yeager  
2nd place: Bill Drummond  
3rd place: Steve Crane  
Closest to the pin: Mike Wilke



### State SIR Officials

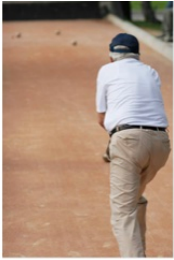
**State President**  
Richard Kindle  
209-652-8608

**Region 1 Director**  
Hugh Thompson  
916-276-5117

**Area 4 Governor**  
Jack Reefer  
916-531-2551



## BOCCE | Oli Bohlman 916-844-4067



Play is 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, come on by. Everyone is welcome.

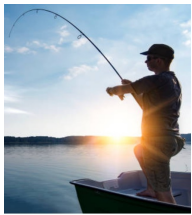
## PICKLEBALL | Dan Cockcroft (PBS) 408-781-0714

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)
- Heritage Village Park (EDH) - **NOW OPEN**



## FISHING | Dan Maglionico 916-719-6821



I'm looking forward to cooler weather and early winter rains to bring lake levels up so that we can get back out there. I'll keep the group posted. In the meantime, let me know if you have any planned fishing trips.

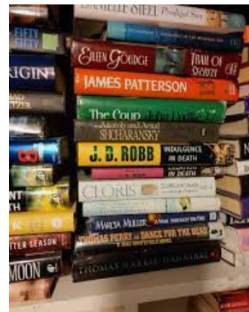
## E-BIKING | Rich Christensen 916-817-1838



Join SIR members and other biking enthusiasts on weekly rides in the local area. Rides occur on paved biking trails. All levels are welcome.

Do you have a hobby or another activity you are interested in. All it takes is a few other like-minded members and a leader to get it off the ground. Let Jay know if you'd like the Branch to consider adding a new activity by emailing him at [jaymuzio@gmail.com](mailto:jaymuzio@gmail.com).

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



### Scary Books



We will have a "shortened" gathering at Cameron Park CC this month due to switching to a breakfast format and having to be out at a certain time. Therefore, there won't be much time to linger and browse books.

So, I will not set up the book exchange on the morning of Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>. Look for it again at the November luncheon.

Inasmuch as Halloween happens at the end of the month, I thought I would write about scary books, the Steven King type. I'm not much of a suspense or thriller reader, so I did some research and found out these things.

- The bestselling thriller, mystery or suspense novel of all time is *Blue Moon* by Lee Child, 2019, with over 5 million copies sold.
- Coming in second is a recent book, 2021 named *Project Hail Mary* by Andy Weir, who also wrote *The Martian* (good movie too with Matt Damon) which sold over 2 million copies.
- Third is *The Stand* by Stephen King, 2012, having sold over 2 million copies.

Honestly, I have never read or even heard about any of these, so I'll have to go get a copy of *Blue Moon* and later add it to the SIR Book Exchange. If any of you have one of the 5 million copies, please consider donating it to the pile we are accumulating.

I was curious about a couple other books I have read so I looked them up. *The Lost World* by Michael Crichton (ranked #7) was written in 1995 and sold over a million copies. And after I saw this--the scariest movie I have ever seen, I checked out *The Silence of the Lambs*, 1991 by Thomas Harris. It's just as scary to read. I'll see if I can "scare up" a copy of that one for our Book Exchange.

Remember the benefits of our SIR Book Exchange: No cost, no library cards, no late notices, no fines. Try it out, it is not as scary as you think.

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



The September 15<sup>th</sup> wine tasting event was held at the home of Jay and Irene Muzio. There were five couples in attendance. This month was a little different from previous events. Rather than having a single varietal, we paired different wines

with selected See's candies. The following is the list of wines in the order in which they were favored by the tasters. I have also noted the suggested chocolate that goes with each wine.

- First place went to the Renquist Petit Sarah from Salmon Vineyard in Clarksburg (\$30). The Petit Sarah was paired with a dark chocolate chip truffle.
- Second place went to the Amancaya 2018 Malbec from Mendoza Argentina (\$23). The Malbec was paired with a deep dark chocolate truffle.
- Third place went to the Postmark 2019 Napa Merlot (\$29). The Merlot was paired with a dark salted caramel.
- Fourth place went to the Harebrained 2019 Napa Cabernet Sauvignon (\$40). The Cabernet was paired with a dark pecan bud.
- Fifth place went to the Tera D'oro 2019 Amador Zinfandel (\$26). The Zinfandel was paired with a dark raspberry cream.

A delicious potluck followed the wine tasting. The dishes included smoked pulled pork sandwiches, fresh green salad, potatoes three ways, mac-and-cheese and a fruit topped cheesecake.

Our next wine tasting will be October 20<sup>th</sup>. If you have not already joined the wine tasting group and would like to join, please contact Jay Muzio at [jaymuzio@gmail.com](mailto:jaymuzio@gmail.com).

## BOWLING | Ray DiBasilio 530-558-9727



As you read this article, the results for the SIR tournament held at Harvest Park Bowl in Brentwood will be in the books and winning checks will be mailed soon.

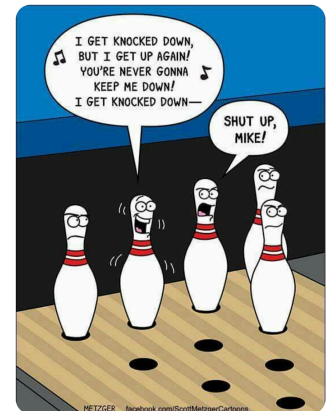
The tournament lineup for the next few months includes:

- Oct. 18/19 Steve Cooks Fireside Lanes, Citrus Heights
- Nov. 3/4 McHenry Lanes, Modesto

Some exciting news for our bowling community is the expansion of Red Hawk Casino. Plans for the facility are to keep it family focused and targeted to create a fun family entertainment destination. There will be a bowling center with a total of 18 lanes - 4 of which will be located in a private VIP room. The Entertainment Center, which they are calling The Apex, along with the bowling center will have a 3-level indoor electric go kart track, 4 indoor virtual golf bays, a sports bar, specialized banquet/conference rooms and a café. Here is a link to a fly through animation video of what it will look like when complete: [The Apex](#). I'm hoping to coordinate a field trip to the new center once it opens!

As always, please contact me if you like to bowl or have any questions.

Looking forward to seeing you on the lanes.



## 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

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