



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,

I am writing this article from the cruise ship Viking Jupiter as we are coming into Split, Croatia. The weather here is beautiful and I feel very fortunate to have such a great adventure. We started our trip in Bucharest and visited many towns along the Danube River, arriving in Budapest at the end of our cruise. We then went by car to Prague where we spent a few days at a beautiful hotel exploring the old city, seeing the sights and having great food. From there we went by car again down to Salzburg where we stayed in an even nicer hotel and had even better food. Along the way to Salzburg we stopped at a charming old town, Cesky Krumlov, with a soaring castle fort and a meandering river that encircled the old island village. In Salzburg we attended a dinner and a Mozart concert at the very top of the old fortress. I have to admit that we did not stay for the entire concert, leaving at the intermission. After leaving Split we will be making our way down the Adriatic coast through Montenegro and ending our cruise in Athens, Greece.

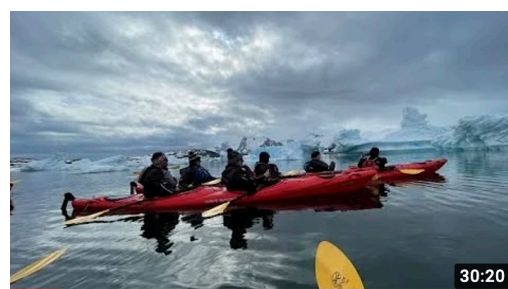
I want to thank Ken Mahar for taking over the October general membership meeting which made it possible for me to go on this trip. I would also like to thank the many members that have helped to achieve our goal of increasing our membership. I understand that we are now up to eighty-six members. Let's keep it going so we can achieve our ultimate goal of one hundred members.

Our next general membership meeting is Wednesday, November 9th at Cameron Park Country Club. Happy hour starts at 11:00am and the luncheon meeting starts at 12:00 noon.

LITTLE SIR | Ken Mahar 650-504-1393

Our speaker this month will be Albert Larson. Al is Executive Controller for Mariani Nut Company - one of the largest nut processors in the world. He will provide us information about his company including its role as an exporter; supplier to large food processors and domestic retailers; and in the production of electricity.

If you were unable to attend our October meeting and missed my presentation on my wife's and my trip to Antarctica in January, check out the YouTube video that my wife put together. Everyone in attendance said the video was well done and that they enjoyed it. I hope you do, too. Click on the image below to play it.



See **LITTLE SIR** next page

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

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Be sure to mark December 14th on your calendar. That's the date of this year's Holiday Dinner. You should have already received an email with an attached flyer with all of the details and a registration form. If not, a copy of the flyer is included as the last page of this newsletter. To make the evening especially nice for the ladies in our lives, please consider donating a door prize. Details about door prizes and how to donate were also included as an attachment in the email previously sent. I hope we have a large turnout. It should be a fun evening.

LUNCH MEETING ATTENDANCE | Kevin King

Attendance at our monthly meetings has been improving but still lags pre-pandemic levels. In April and May we had our highest membership attendance of the year - 45 (63%) and 44 (58%), respectively. Our two most recent meetings in September and October drew 38 (46%) and 36 (43%) members. I understand that summer travel and some members' reluctance to return to large group, indoor settings play a role but, with our recent growth spurt and as the pandemic gets further in our rearview mirror, I'd hope and expect to see the number of members attending to begin to increase. By the way, State SIR's goal for meeting attendance is 70%.

In a related matter, we are obligated to provide Cameron Park an accurate count of all of the members and guests who plan to attend a meeting on the Friday before the meeting. While they have been somewhat flexible to date by only charging us for actual meals served whether we're over or under the advance count, they've now informed us that they will treat that advance number as the minimum number for billing purposes. At our October meeting, we provided a count of 44 members and guests but had six members who said they would attend that did not and two members who did not register that showed up for a total of 40 attendees. Fortunately, Tim Irish was able to convince them that we were not informed of this policy change and they adjusted the bill back down to 40 this one time. His questioning their policy saved the Branch \$120.

No shows pose a very real cost burden to the Branch which ultimately affects the annual dues that all members pay. When we were at Empire Ranch, we routinely reduced the number of attendees we reported by 10% to allow for no shows. This would have worked to our advantage in this case but, if we underreport or have too many show up that didn't RSVP, we stand the chance of running out of food. Other branches have dealt with this issue by:

- Having members prepay for lunch
- Charging no shows the cost of their lunch

The BEC will take this issue under advisement. We all know that things come up and plans change. We will work with Cameron Park to see if there's another date through which we can make adjustments for last minute cancellations. In the meantime, please give Jay the courtesy of using Google Forms, call or email whether you plan to attend or not and notifying him should your plans change.

General Meeting

Wednesday, November 9, 2022

Proof of vaccination required

Buffet lunch \$30

CAMERON PARK COUNTRY CLUB

3201 Royal Drive

CAMERON PARK, CA 95682

Check-In & Social Time

11:00 - 12:00

General Meeting, Speaker & Lunch

12:00 ~ 2:00

Menu

Lasagna
Caesar salad
Vegetables
Garlic bread

Beverage station with
iced tea, lemonade and
coffee included

November Birthdays

Bob Noyes
Stephen Paulick
DJ Peterson
Terry Privott
Ed Rice
Steve Thomson
Mike Wilke
Bill Willman

**November Milestone Anniversaries**

No milestone anniversaries
this month.

Membership

Welcome to our newest members:
Sam Griffis, Simon Martin & Arlo Miller

Current number of members = 86
Number of new members this year = 25

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 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

I'm happy to introduce our three newest members. Be sure to introduce yourself to them the next time you see them:



Sam Griffis is a member of Branch 113 and will have a dual membership with our Branch. He is sponsored by Ray DiBasilio. Sam enjoys bowling, cooking, golf and wine tasting. He and his wife, Teresa, live in Camino.



Simon Martin was a Senior Director/Plant Manager for Procter & Gamble. He came with another guest, Robert Gordon, to our October meeting. Simon's an avid golfer and I believe he mentioned that he's played on every continent except Antarctica. Besides golf, he noted on his application that he enjoys baseball, bowling, pickleball and wine tasting. He and his wife, Alison, live in El Dorado Hills.



Arlo Miller has attended our last two meetings. He joined just before the 2nd one. He learned about our Branch through *Around Here* magazine. He was a concrete contractor in Sonoma County before "retiring" and moving to Shingle Springs. He's interested in biking, hiking (easy), pool and travel. He also indicated an interest in having a breakfast club and computer training activities.

A LIGHTER MOMENT | DAVID CHIGHIZOLA

A senior citizen drove his brand new Corvette convertible out of the dealership.

Taking off down the road, he floored it to 80 mph, enjoying the wind blowing through what little gray hair he had left.

Amazing, he thought as he flew down the freeway, pushing the pedal even more.

Looking in his rear view mirror, he saw a state trooper behind him, lights flashing and siren blaring. He floored it to 100 mph, then 110, then 120. Suddenly he thought, What am I doing? I'm too old for this, and pulled over to await the trooper's arrival.

Pulling in behind him, the trooper walked up to the Corvette, looked at his watch, and said, "Sir, my shift ends in 30 minutes. Today is Friday. If you can give me a reason for speeding that I've never heard before, I'll let you go."

The old gentleman paused. Then he said, "Years ago, my wife ran off with a state trooper. I thought you were bringing her back."

"Have a good day, sir," replied the trooper.

Happy Thanksgiving...we are thankful for you!

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



Only a few weeks ago we were playing in the 90's, now we are in the low 70's. I am talking about degrees, not scores, unfortunately. Fall has come upon us pretty rapidly and with it, later tee times and cooler weather. I still am waiting for a couple of courses to finalize our requests for dates and tee time for next year.

It is also time to start thinking about our golf membership for next year. We currently have 54 players on our membership roster and a couple of new golfers that I look forward to adding in the next few weeks. Welcome to the new golfers. If you have joined since October 1, 2022, the dues you paid for golf and NCGA cover next year's dues as well. For the returning golfers, it is time to start planning for next year. I know several of you have had health issues and may not be ready to play. If you plan on playing, it saves us \$10 for you to continue your membership over dropping and then getting reinstated. Of course, if you don't think you will play again next year, you may not want to continue membership until you see how the year plays out. The choice, of course, is yours. For members planning to renew your membership for next year, please let me know of your intentions. I will need to collect your money in late November, early December. I will be sending out an email soon to identify those wishing to renew. Remember that the \$50 renewal fee covers both SIR 95 golf and NCGA.

Our Club Championship winners will be awarded their prize money at the November luncheon. Prize money must be awarded at one of the two luncheons following the competition or it reverts back to our fund, so all winners please attend. Speaking of attendance, to be active in the SIR 95 golf group, you must also be a part of SIR Branch 95. A part of being active is participating in our SIR luncheons when possible. I would encourage all golf members to attend as often as you can. It is a good way to meet more people, be involved in the activities and enjoy a good meal in nice surroundings. Also, there is the book exchange and quality speakers, so please join us.

The Gold Country Cup and Marksman of the Year awards are still looking for a winner. Check out the golf page on the SIR 95 website to see the current standings. Kevin King has done an excellent job of tracking and posting the information. Be sure to check it out.

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

October 4 - Empire Ranch

1st place: Peter Apel
2nd place: Al Gurevich
3rd place: Ray Guenther
Closest to the pin: Jay Guertin

October 11 - Mather

1st place: Mel Hallett
2nd place: Dennis Petersen
3rd place: Lew Chapman
Closest to the pin: Lew Chapman

October 18 - Wildhawk

1st place: Ron Wadsworth
2nd place: Craig Smith
3rd place: Randy Hood
Closest to the pin: Randy Hood

October 25 - Diamond Oaks

1st place: Bill Drummond
2nd place: Ray Guenther
3rd place: Bob Carlson
Closest to the pin: Tim Irish

Four more tournaments remain this season. There's still time to make a run for our inaugural **Gold Country Cup** and **Marksman of the Year** awards.
GOOD LUCK!

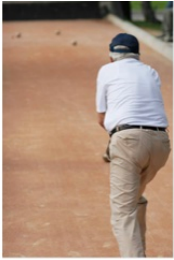
SIR Websites

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

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BOCCE | Oli Bohlman 916-844-4067



We're regularly seeing 12-14 members and spouses come out to play every Thursday at 9:00am at Promontory Park in El Dorado Hills. There's room for more. If you're a seasoned player or a first-timer wanting to see what all the buzz is about, come on by. Everyone is welcome.

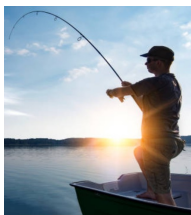
PICKLEBALL | Dan Cockcroft (PBS) 408-781-0714

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



Cooler weather and the possibility of early winter rains should cause lake levels to rise and allow us the opportunity to get back out there. I'll keep you posted.

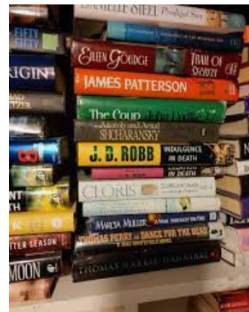
E-BIKING | Rich Christensen 916-817-1838



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.

BOOK EXCHANGE | Lew Chapman 510-912-5658



November, Thanksgiving and other Fall events. I know summer reading is the one that gets the most attention but YOU GUYS-- I love planning my Fall reading list. My Fall reads are always a mixture of very atmospherically Fall books, cozy books of any kind, dark and moody fantasy, and Gothic literature that makes you want to just sit in a cozy sweater and drink tea next to a window while reveling in the beauty that is autumn.

I want ALL the cozy autumn reads that make me feel the chill in the air, hear the crunch of the leaves and smell Fall in all its goodness — you KNOW that crisp autumn smell.

Then, somewhere in October, my fall reads tend to veer over to the thriller/spooky/horror route because this guy needs to feel that chill down my spine and to wrap myself tighter in my blanket. I want to be immersed in that feeling where my mind plays tricks on me.

Doesn't this photo say it all?



Ha! Gotcha! I didn't write this sappy stuff, I copied off this thirty-something's website about Fall books called "The Perpetual Page Turner." Nonetheless, it's pretty good dontcha think?

So perhaps there is a Fall or November-themed book in the book exchange. If not, get one and donate it to the collection for a fellow SIR to curl up with.

And remember the other benefits of our SIR Book Exchange, No cost, no library cards, no overdue notices, no fines.

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



This month's wine tasting was held at the home of Marsha and Kevin King. Eleven joined in the festivities with Italian reds being the theme. During the tasting, everyone enjoyed an extensive antipasto tray brought by Craig and Mary Smith.

The tasting was followed by a dinner of Osso Buco prepared by our newly-crowned resident gourmet chef, George Alboff, mushroom risotto, garlic bread and salad. The dinner was capped off with a dessert of tiramisu and pistachio gelato. Everyone who wanted something went home with the next night's dinner and dessert.

Everyone commented about the quality of all of the wines this month. Three of the six wines ended in a virtual tie but there emerged a clear winner.

6th place (6 points) - 2019 Barbaresco Rivata (\$24)

5th place (12 points) - 2018 Noceto Sangiovese from Shenandoah Valley, CA (\$31)

3rd place tie (19 points) - 2014 Mauro Viglio Barolo Gattera (\$65)

3rd place tie (19 points) - 2017 Ruffino Reserve Ducal Pro Chianti Classico (\$38)

2nd place (20 points) - Molino Di Sant' Antimo Paulus (\$24)

1st place (35 points) - 2019 Chianti Classico Riserva (\$13). Incidentally, this wine was a Kirkland Signature wine from Costco. A very good Chianti.

We'll be taking a little break for the holidays and will resume in January. If you have not already joined the wine tasting group and would like to be added to the contact list, please contact Jay Muzio at jaymuzio@gmail.com.

BOWLING | Ray DiBasilio 530-558-9727



The October tournament held at Fireside Lanes was well attended with 79 bowlers competing over the two days. We had 14 bowlers from Branch 113 attend the Branch 112-hosted event. SIR Art Tourtillott and his amazing team made the tournament fun and exciting. A+Pro Shop donated two bowling balls for a raffle that generated extra money for the prize fund. Fireside Lanes offered a nice lunch special for a modest \$7. Kudos to all!

It was exciting to see Lou Gilson from Concord Branch 19 bowl a 290, ending with a 775-scratch series in his doubles event. Lou also rolled 725 in Singles, Nice Bowling, Lou!

The official results have not been posted as of this writing; however, I feel I can safely brag that my wife, Cindy, placed first in both Singles and All Events B division, Congratulations Sweetie!! Maybe she could invest her winnings in a new ball so that next time she can bowl a series like Lou!?!

The last tournament of this year will be held in Modesto at McHenry Lanes on November 3rd/4th. Applications are available at the SIR Bowling website <http://www.sirinc3.org/sirBowling/index.html>

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



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 Branch 95 Holiday Dinner

December 14th
6:00pm

\$60 per person

Cameron Park Country Club
3201 Royal Dr, Cameron Park, CA 95682



DOOR PRIZES

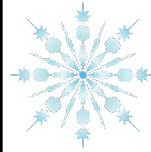
Fantastic prize baskets

Buffet style dinner
No host bar

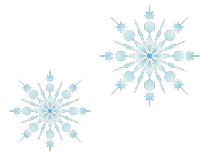
REGISTER FOR THE EVENT TODAY

- WRITE YOUR CHECK TO SIR BRANCH 95
- COMPLETE **REGISTRATION FORM BELOW**
- **BRING FORM & CHECK TO NOVEMBER'S MEETING, OR MAIL TO:**
KEN MAHAR, LITTLE SIR,
5025 TESORO WAY, EL DORADO HILLS, CA 95762

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 5TH



MENU



SALAD

Cranberry Pecan Salad - Spinach, dried cranberries, blue cheese, candied pecans, red onion, raspberry balsamic dressing

MAIN COURSE

Salmon with lemon herb compound butter

Beef tenderloin with wild mushroom & shallot compote

SIDES

Roasted red potatoes

Seared asparagus with crispy prosciutto

Rolls & butter

DESSERT

Seasonal fruit pie with house-made whipped cream

DRINKS

Iced tea & coffee

One bottle of red and one bottle of white wine per table

No host bar



SIR Branch 95 Holiday Dinner Registration Form

Dietary restrictions (circle)

Member Last Name _____ First Name _____

No restrictions Vegan
Vegetarian Gluten free

Guest Last Name _____ First Name _____

No restrictions Vegan
Vegetarian Gluten free

Number attending ____ x \$60 per person

Please enclose check payable to **SIR Branch 95**