



# 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, we find ourselves at the end of another year looking forward to Christmas and other religious and cultural observances. Christmas is the most well-known December holiday. Celebrated by Christians, it falls on December 25<sup>th</sup> and celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ. Hanukkah is a Jewish holiday that falls in December as well. It celebrates the re-dedication of the Temple of Jerusalem in 165 B.C. and is celebrated for eight days and nights starting December 18<sup>th</sup> and ends the evening of December 26<sup>th</sup> this year. Kwanzaa is a weeklong secular holiday celebrated by African Americans that celebrates their culture and heritage. It was created in 1966 by Dr. Maulana Karenga. It is celebrated December 26<sup>th</sup> to January 1<sup>st</sup>. And many look forward to the winter solstice (on December 21<sup>st</sup> this year) when the days start getting longer.

Christmas is a time of year that evokes a lot of emotions. It is a time of nostalgia when we look back at past holidays both good and bad. We remember the Christmases of our childhoods and the Christmases with our own young children. We also remember the Christmases with our loved ones that are no longer with us today. So, this year let's make the most of our holidays. Let's celebrate our religious beliefs, let's celebrate our friends and families, let's remember our

celebrations with others who are no longer with us and let's keep our traditions alive for generations to come.

I would like to thank all of you for allowing me the honor of being your Big SIR this year, and I must also thank all the BEC members that contributed their valuable time and talents that made our many accomplishments possible this year. Last January we laid out our goals for the year 2022. We reported on these goals at every general membership luncheon meeting to let you know how we were doing. Some of our goals were very successfully accomplished such as our goal for improved communication thanks especially to our Past Big SIR and my mentor, Kevin King. One of our goals was moderately successful; we added 27 new members this year for a total membership of 87 members. This was just short of our goal of 100 members. Some of our goals were not as successful as I would have hoped. I would have liked to have developed more activities for our members especially those that are not involved in golf. We have several proposed activities that members have indicated that they are interested in, but at this time, no one has stepped up to organize and get them off the ground. In the new year, with your help, we will be working hard to continue to increase our membership and add new activities for our interested members.

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

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I would also like to thank Brian Lemley for stepping up and taking on the Members Relations chairmanship. He and Dave Chighizola, our Membership Chairman, will be working together to make sure our new members are welcomed and included in our branch activities.

Our next event is our SIR Branch 95 Holiday Dinner at 6:00pm December 14<sup>th</sup> at the Cameron Park Country Club. Our next General Membership Luncheon is January 11<sup>th</sup> at the usual time. Please support all the efforts of those who work so hard to provide an enjoyable and worthwhile experience by honoring us with your attendance.

*When a person tells you, "I'll think it over and let you know"— you know.*

## **LITTLE SIR | Ken Mahar** 650-504-1393

There's still a chance to sign up for our Holiday Dinner (see details and a registration form on the last page). This is our biggest event of the year and this year should be bigger than ever. Come and enjoy a night out with fellow SIRs and their wives/significant others. As usual, the night will culminate with drawings for a number of wonderful door prizes donated by many of our members. You should have already received a separate email reminder that includes a sampling of some of the door prizes received so far.

It's hard to imagine that a year has passed since I agreed to be Little SIR. I hesitated a bit when first asked but I'm glad that I finally accepted because I have met many wonderful people and have developed lasting friendships. Overall, I found the job rewarding. I hope you agree that my choices for monthly speakers were both interesting and informative. While I won't be stepping up to Big SIR in 2023, I do plan to remain active in a Branch leadership position as a Director at Large on the BEC.

Let Jay or any BEC member know if someone is ill or, otherwise, in need. We want to be able to provide our members and their families support and encouragement during challenging times.

**Holiday Dinner**

Wednesday, December 14, 2022 6:00pm

**CAMERON PARK COUNTRY CLUB**  
3201 Royal Drive  
CAMERON PARK, CA 95682

**Registration deadline is December 5th**

*Salad*

CRANBERRY PECAN SALAD

*Main course*

SALMON WITH LEMON HERB COMPOUND BUTTER

BEEF TENDERLOIN WITH WILD MUSHROOM &  
SHALLOT COMPOTE

RED ROASTED POTATOES

SEARED ASPARAGUS WITH CRISPY PROSCIUTTO

*Dessert*

SEASONAL FRUIT PIE WITH HOUSE-MADE  
WHIPPED CREAM

**December Birthdays**

Bob Carlson  
Dennis Eyler  
John Guisto  
Ron Wadsworth

**December Milestone Anniversaries**

No milestone anniversaries this month

**Membership**

Welcome to our newest members:  
Robert Gordon and Michael Long

Current number of members = 88  
Number of new members this year = 27

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



Robert Gordon was a guest in October and turned in his application at our November meeting. He learned about our branch through one of the local publications that highlighted our group. Robert's a retired OB-Gyn. He's already joined our golf group. Besides golf, Robert indicated that he enjoys baseball, wine tasting, photography, fishing and kayaking. He also indicated on his application that he has leadership interests and skills in the publicity area. Hopefully, we can draw on his expertise. He and his wife Sheryl live in El Dorado Hills.



Michael Long transferred to our Branch from Branch 8 (Mt. Diablo) in Walnut Creek where he was a member for 15 years. He was very active in branch leadership roles including Golf and Activities Chairman, Little SIR and Big SIR. He spent most of his 40 year career in marketing management at 3M Company - retiring in 2001. Besides golf, he indicated several other interests including computers and computer training, gardening and traveling.

Please be sure to invite Robert and Michael to join you at your table the next time you see them.

For those who were unable to attend our November meeting and those who might need a refresher, Jay made two announcements that all members need to be aware of. First, the BEC approved keeping dues at \$40 next year. The deadline for paying it is no later than the March 8th meeting. While reminders will be sent and made at our meetings, we will consider those who have not paid by the deadline as not wanting to continue their membership and will be dropped from our membership list.

The second item was that Cameron Park Country Club (CPCC) informed us that the minimum cost of lunch will be based on the headcount that we provide them the Friday before our meeting. It's imperative that we have as accurate a headcount as possible to avoid unnecessary charges. We know things come up. If you signed up to attend and your plans change, please let Jay know as soon as possible. CPCC has agreed to extend the deadline for reporting the final number until the Monday before the meeting which should help when plans change. Members who register to come to lunch, don't inform Jay of a change in plans by the Monday deadline and are a no show for whatever reason, will be required to reimburse the Branch for the cost of their lunch no later than at check-in at the next meeting.

I'm wrapping up the first year as your newsletter editor. I hope the new electronic format and overall content have lived up to your expectations. Other than our meetings, newsletters provide a critical means of communication with our members. It should provide relevant and timely information, some variety and a touch of humor. I hope I've achieved that balance. Please pass along any content you think other members would be interested in and let me know what changes, if any, you'd like to see in future editions.

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### A LIGHTER MOMENT

The lawyer says to the wealthy art collector tycoon: "I have some good news and, I have some bad news."

The tycoon replies: "I've had an awful day, let's hear the good news first."

The lawyer says: "Well your wife invested \$5,000 in two pictures this week that she figures are worth a minimum of \$2 to \$3 million."

The tycoon replies enthusiastically: "Well done. Very good news indeed! You've just made my day. Now what's the bad news?"

The lawyer answers: "The pictures are of you with your secretary."

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



The year is winding down and with it the end of our 2022 golf season. It seems to have gone by so quickly that it is hard to keep up. We have several new golf members that have joined us this year. At this time, we are up to 56 golf members, so again, welcome to the newer members that joined us this year. I know we are losing some of our long-time golfers for next year. After playing a lot of SIR golf over the past few decades some members are not playing as much golf as they have and are no longer going to be a part of our weekly rounds. Some of our golfing group are experiencing some health issues that will keep them from joining us on the courses. We wish all these members good health in the new year.

We have a new Club Champion this year. Congratulations to Bill Yeager on putting together three consecutive rounds of good golf to win the Club Championship for 2022, a feat many of us have tried to do unsuccessfully. We will have a couple of new award winners at the end of this season. We will have our first Marksman of the Year winner for 2022. This new award will go to the golfer that has had the most "closest to the pin" wins for the 2022 season. The SIR Branch 95 Gold Country Cup will be awarded to the golfer that has earned the most points for weekly finish positions during the 2022 season. This awards the person that has consistently played well throughout the entire season of golf. With a couple of rounds of golf left for the year, we don't know the winners yet.

We finally have the schedule set for next year. We will be playing eight different courses and our Club Championship will be moved from September to October. This change was made because it seems a number of our courses aerate their greens in September and we could not play the usual courses in a timely manner. Hopefully, that will cut down on rounds played in heat and we can finish before we get into playing in the rain. The new schedules will be sent to all golfers at the end of December or the beginning of January. Our first golf for 2023 will be February 7, 2023.

If you have not paid your SIR 95 golf/NCGA dues yet, they are due by mid-December. I want to thank Dennis Petersen and Lew Chapman for taking over as tournament directors for Mather and Wildhawk. This has been very helpful and has helped keep our golf program running smoothly.

## 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

November 1 – Empire Ranch  
cancelled due to rain

November 8 – Mather  
cancelled due to rain

November 15 – Wildhawk  
1st place: Ray Guenther  
2nd place: Dan Maglionico  
3rd place: Bill Drummond  
Closest to the pin: Randy Hood

Only two tournaments remain for our 2022 season - December 6th at Empire Ranch and December 13th at Mather. This is your last chance to make a push for Marksman of the Year and Gold Country Cup honors. Good luck!



#### 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)

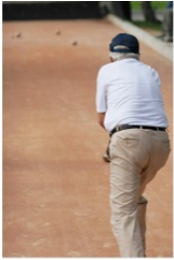
#### State SIR Officials

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



We play every Thursday at 10am at Promontory Park in El Dorado Hills. We've had a pretty regular group of 12-14 members and their spouses come out to join us each week. Send me an email at [OBohlman@sbcglobal.net](mailto:OBohlman@sbcglobal.net) if you'd like to be added to the bocce mailing list.

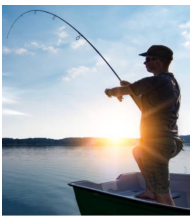
## PICKLEBALL | Dan Cockcroft (PBS) 408-781-0714

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)



## FISHING | Dan Maglionico 916-719-6821



I'm looking for others with boats. Collins Lake has water and trout are biting. A new breed of Lightning trout has been planted. They will be planting trout every week. I'm watching Folsom but the water is still pretty low. Let me know if you're interested in going out.

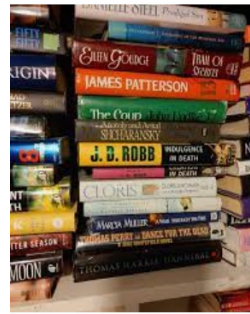
## E-BIKING | Rich Christensen 916-817-1838



Join SIR members and other biking enthusiasts on weekly rides in and around the Folsom and El Dorado Hills area. Call Rich if you'd like to be added to his contact list in order to stay informed about future rides.

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



Happy Holidays SIR Readers:

At the luncheon this month, Jay Muzio brought in a book he just finished, and I snapped it right up on his recommendation. It's called *Killing the Legends*, by Bill O'Reilly (subtitle: *The Lethal Danger of Celebrity*). He has

written a series of these. I will write a book report about it after I have finished it.

So here we are in December already. How many of you kept your 2022 New Year's resolution to read at least one good book each month? There is still time to read at least one good book this year. Rhetorical question since I am not going to check on you. But do you remember grade school when you had to read books and write book reports? Yes, I hated that too. So, you didn't read the book, and the night before the book report was due you'd scamper down to the Tower Records and buy the Cliff Notes and use that for your report. Yea, I got C's in English then too. But what's weird is I now really like to read and enjoy recommending books to others, even in writing, like a book report. Yes, weird.

The Book Exchange will be back in January, and it is growing. Thanks to those who have donated. Heartier thanks will go to those who take a book to read. Its starting to get heavy. Remember the benefits of the SIR Book Exchange: No cost, no library cards, no late notices, no fines.

I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. It's impossible to put down.

I went to the local book store and asked where the self-help section was. The shop assistant told me that if she told me, it would defeat the purpose.



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



The wine tasting activity is on hiatus for the months of November and December. The holidays are a particularly busy time of year and it was decided to forgo events during this time. Our next event will be

January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023. If you have not already joined the group, but would like to join, please email me at [Jaymuzio@gmail.com](mailto:Jaymuzio@gmail.com) and I will add you to the mailing list.

**DECEMBER ACTIVITIES & EVENTS**



1st, 8th, 15th - Drop-in bocce  
No bocce Christmas and New Year's weeks



6th - Golf - Empire Ranch  
13th - Golf - Mather - SEASON FINALE



14th - Holiday Dinner  
Cameron Park Country Club



24th - Christmas Eve  
25th - Christmas



31st - New Year's Eve

**The fitness trainer asked me, "What kind of a squat are you accustomed to doing?" I said, "Diddly."**

**BOWLING | Ray DiBasilio**  
530-558-9727



The last tournament of this year was held in Modesto at McHenry Lanes on November 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>. Forty-one bowlers attended, Cindy and I bowled well enough to finish first in the double's competition.

Next year's SIR bowling tournament calendar with 15 tournaments in a variety of cities has been approved!

The first tournament of 2023 will be at Napa Bowl on January 17-18, Dave Ellingson is the Tournament Manager. This is a fun two-day tournament, just right to kick off the New Year. Spend a night (or two), enjoy some local dining and (in the case of Napa) some wine tasting. More information including the 2023 SIR calendar can be found 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. Looking forward to seeing you on the lanes.

**Striking up Friendships**



**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 14<sup>th</sup>

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**



## SIR Branch 95 Holiday Dinner Registration Form *(hurry deadline is 12/5)*

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**