

GOLD COUNTRY BRANCH 95



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Kevin King, Editor

BIG SIR | Lew Chapman 510-912-5658



May is one of my favorite months. It helps that my birthday is later in the month (think 2x13). I like it because Spring is in full force and the days are getting warmer. I am for sure done with the cold/cooler weather we have been having this past winter and recently, and I for one really relish the warm days. Better golf and pickleball conditions for sure.

May is notable for several reasons, below are a few:

- May Day is May 1. May Day commemorates the historic struggles and gains made by workers and the labor movement. It is observed on May 1 in many countries, where it is the occasion for demonstrations and rallies in support of workers. It was of particular significance in the Soviet Union during the 20th century. Something about a May Pole?
- May 2 is International Harry Potter Day. See my Book Exchange article for a further reference to Harry Potter. Go JK Rowling.
- May second is also National Play Your Ukulele Day, I plan to strum mine.

- Of course, don't forget the Kentucky Derby on May 4 this year. Anyone for a Mint Julip?
- May the Fourth be with you, Star Wars Day.
- It's National Teacher Appreciation Day on May 7. We should all revere this one.
- It's national Golf Day on Friday, May 10. Hurry book your round!
- On a more solemn note, it's Armed Forces Day May 18 and of course Memorial Day, May 27. Armed Forces Day, alongside its branch-specific variants, often referred to as Army or Soldier's Day, Navy or Sailor's Day and Air Force or Aviator's Day, is a holiday dedicated to honoring the armed forces, or one of their branches, of a sovereign state, including their personnel, history, achievements and perceived sacrifices. Memorial Day (originally known as Decoration Day) is a federal holiday in the United States for honoring and mourning the U.S. military personnel who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces. From 1868 to 1970, it was observed on May 30. Since 1971, it is observed on the last Monday of May. Thank you for your service, veterans.

See **BIG SIR** next page

Gold Country Branch 95 2024 BEC Members- PBS denotes Past Big SIR

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Note one-time change to 3rd Wednesday of the month in May

General Meeting
Wednesday, May 15, 2024
Buffet lunch \$35 per person

Membership Renewal

I would like to thank all of you for renewing your 2024 membership with SIR Branch 95. You are the backbone of this organization, and you are the ones who are benefiting from our fellowship and our activities. We unfortunately have seen about six of our past members not renewing, and we understand their various reasons. As their circumstances change, we welcome them back with open arms. The good news is we have numerous new members joining us in February, March, April and this month, so our membership remains strong and viable. I am really pleased with the range of new engaging activities we have added in the last few months, and I thank those guys who have stepped up to lead these activities.

Activity Reports

As I mentioned at our last luncheon, my hope is to profile one activity per meeting so everyone has a good idea of what that activity is all about. In April, Rick Talone spoke about the Classic Car activity (aka the Fun Cool Car or FCC group) and their first outing. At our May meeting, Gary McKae will speak about our new Investment Group activity.

Member Profiles

As has been done in the past, we would also like to have one of our members tell us more about themselves. In April, we learned more about Bill Yeager, Past Big SIR, current Member Relations Chair and Honorary Life Member. Thanks for sharing your interesting background with us Bill.

At our May meeting, Grant McMicken, our new Assistant Treasurer has agreed to speak about himself. Looking forward to it Grant. In addition, we would like to have one of our members profiled in an interview for our newsletter. Look for this month's profile in the Branch 95 newsletter on Ken Mahar, former Little SIR and current activity leader.

Leadership Opportunities

Finally, it is the time of year that we must start thinking about and selecting our board members and committee chairmen for next year. At last month's Branch Executive Committee Meeting, Ray Guertin, Chairman of our Nominating Committee, presented a plan of action for 2024 to recruit new branch leadership. His plan suggests that we profile one of the positions at each luncheon to better familiarize our members with those roles. This month we will review the position of Little SIR. Several of our board positions are set up to be development roles, obviously Little SIR succeeds Big SIR, Assistant Treasurer can

CAMERON PARK COUNTRY CLUB
3201 Royal Drive
Cameron Park, CA 95682

Check-in & social hour
11:00am - 12:00pm

Lunch, general meeting & speaker
12:00pm ~ 2:00pm



May Birthdays

- George Alboff
- John Ashley
- Lew Chapman
- Tom Gamble
- Jay Guertin
- Don Nicholson
- David Tom



May Branch 95 Anniversaries

- 1 year - Rick Hernandez, Dennis Pfaff, Mike Steinbach, Paul Warner
- 2 years - Alan Bowles, Bob Doettling, Irv Joseph, Alan Sherman
- 13 years - Bill Willman
- 17 years - Mel Hallett

Membership

New members: 2
Departing members: 6
Current number of members: 93

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move up to Treasurer, Assistant Secretary can take the Secretary role, etc. This is not a hard and fast rule as many of our officers agree to serve consecutive years with the assistants serving as back-up and support.

Please review the board and committee chair positions (all are posted in our newsletter and all job descriptions can be found on the SIR website, sirinc.org/branch-job-descriptions/) and reach out to me with your interest and willingness to serve next year. Also, if a current officer or committee chairman personally asks you to back up their position or join a particular committee, please accept their request, if possible.

Ultimately, by prioritizing the development of a pipeline of willing and capable volunteers, Branch 95 can ensure that we have the necessary resources to continue to grow, adapt and thrive over the years to come.

Upcoming

The next general membership meeting is May 15th (third Wednesday this month). It will be at the Cameron Park Country Club. The happy hour starts at 11:00 am and the meeting starts at 12:00 pm. See Ron Wadsworth's Little SIR article about our May speaker. Please support all the efforts of those who work so hard to provide an enjoyable and worthwhile experience by honoring us with your attendance.

June 12 is our annual Branch 95 Picnic at Promontory Park. We will return to Cameron Park Country Club for our regular second Wednesday date on July 10. Unfortunately, I will not be in attendance at the picnic this year (traveling with my Grandson to Europe) but planning for it is in good hands with Ron Wadsworth. Please contact Ron to see if you can offer any support to him by assisting in pulling the picnic together.

LITTLE SIR | Ron Wadsworth 916-417-1484



This month we'll have a smorgasbord of topics.

First of all, as you saw in Lew's may luncheon invite, we'll be having a great speaker, sharing the importance of keeping the memory and honor of our men and women of World War II alive. Thank you as always for Dan Maglionico who arranged the speaker.

Steve Reed from Honor Flight Bay Area will present to us at our May luncheon. Partnering with HonorAir in Hendersonville, North Carolina, the Honor Flight Network was formed. Honor Flight Bay Area was founded in 2014 and serves approximately 40 counties in Northern California (from the Bay Area to the northern California border with Oregon to the Nevada boarder). In the nation's capital they get a tour of the various monuments including the World War II and Korean War Memorials. Heroism comes with a steep price and many of these men – most now in their 90s – have silently carried emotional scars for the things they've seen.

Also, I'd like to share that my wife Tami and I will be in Italy from May 3rd -17th. It's due to the interactions that I've had with many of you that we decided to move forward and get this trip planned. After time spent with you at luncheons and on the golf courses, and hearing of great trips you've been on to places like Antarctica, Iceland and around the world, I came home and told her, "It's time for us to get moving on our travel plans!" So, although I'll miss you guys at the May luncheon, I'll have plenty of stories to tell at the picnic.

Speaking of the picnic, the planning is moving forward and the confirmations of attendance have been flowing in through the mail. Don't miss out on this day of fun, catered lunch and camaraderie. It's a great opportunity for us to spend time and play games outdoors with each other and for our significant others to meet or get to know each other even better. So, please register to attend our picnic on Wednesday, June 12th, and we'll look forward to seeing you there! Let me if you have any questions by emailing me at rtwads@yahoo.com.

BRANCH HAPPENINGS/SIR COMINGS & GOINGS | Kevin King 916-337-9811

Setting the record straight...In last month's newsletter, I took information off of his application and reported that Gary McKae was a former member of Branch 19 (Concord/Pittsburg). In fact, he was a member of Branch 16 (Redwood City).

Attention SIR 95 Bocce Players...If you are interested in representing our Branch and playing in this year's SIR Regional Bocce tournament, please contact Dan Cockcroft at dan.croft@comcast.net. See below for some additional information.

Invitation to 2024 SIR Region 1 Bocce Ball Competition and Regional Tournament

PARTICIPATION: Branches in SIR Region 1 are invited to participate in our annual regional, round-robin bocce ball competition for the 2024 season. Participating branches will send a team to play other regional branches once a month beginning in May through possibly September, depending upon the number of participating branches. Play will again be tentatively scheduled at 8:30 a.m., ideally on a Wednesday if at all possible, but other days may be necessary based upon host court availability.

Scott Walberg and Byron Loney (left to right in the photo to the right) joined our Branch at our April meeting. They are seen here holding their *Certificates of Membership*. Please extend a hand and invite them to your table at an upcoming meeting.



Scott was sponsored by Bill Douglas. During his career, Scott was in Operations Management - High Tech/Law for Sun Microsystems/MC Law. Among the activities we currently offer, he lists bocce, golf, investments, pickleball, poker and wine tasting as some of his favorite activities. He and his wife,

Mary, live in El Dorado Hills.



Byron was also sponsored by Bill Douglas (way to go Bill). He was formerly Vice President for A. Teichert & Son, Inc.. He lists golf as one of his activities. Byron served in the US Navy from 1970 - 1974 as a Petty Officer Second Class. He and his wife, Rosibel, also live in El Dorado Hills.



David Tom was approved at the March BEC meeting. He learned of SIR from his father and his neighbor. David was a VP and General Manager for Abbott Labs. He listed a number of activities including antique cars, biking, bocce, investments, poker and wine tasting that he has an interest in. He and his wife, Charise, live in El Dorado Hills.



Big SIR Lew Chapman presents Bill McClanahan the Senior SIR - 90 Year Presidential Award. Bill recently returned to our Branch after a brief departure to care for his wife. While not all with our Branch, he's been a member of SIR for about 31 years.

If you haven't done so yet, don't forget to register for the picnic. It'll be held at Promontory Park on Wednesday, June 12th (our regular meeting day). The registration form can be found on the last page of the newsletter. The registration deadline is May 20th.



Big SIR Lew Chapman presents Ron Wadsworth a Doing My Part pin. Ron is currently Little SIR, Wildhawk Golf Director and one of the pickleball Co-Directors. He'll be celebrating his 2-year anniversary with our Branch in July.

GET TO KNOW YOUR FELLOW SIR

This article will be an ongoing feature of our SIR Branch 95 Newsletter. We would like to include a member profile in the monthly newsletter as well as have a member speak about themselves at our monthly luncheons. In this way, we will get to better know about 20 members over the course of a year. This month's profile is on Ken Mahar - the "ladder climbing painter" - who was interviewed by Lew Chapman.



Ken was born in 1946 in San Francisco and grew up on the SF Bay Peninsula. He has been a member of SIR Branch 95 since September 2019. Ken relocated to Serrano from San Mateo in 2014. He has served as Little SIR and is currently leading our weekly bike riding group, Monthly Texas Hold 'em group and participates in several other SIR activities.

Ken has been married to Jessica Disney for 5 years and has two grown children from his first marriage and two grandchildren ages 9 and 11. His son is a businessman/entrepreneur who lives in Montana, and his daughter is Chemical Engineer at Los Alamos and lives in Santa Fe, NM. Jessica has 1 daughter and two grandchildren ages 8 and 10; together they have a large blended family.

After attending the College of San Mateo, with Vietnam looming, Ken joined the California Army National Guard for a six-year term! He spent 6 months in basic training and then did Advanced Individual Training (AIT), as a (11-b10), which was infantry. Halfway through his term, Gov. Regan reorganized the Guard and made his company a Transportation Company. No more Infantry for Ken. Yeah! Some of his summer annual 'active duty' was spent in the Mojave Desert in 113 deg heat. He used his ingenuity for outfitting the truck with a "beverage cooler" under the driver's seat, becoming a hero to some. He was honorably discharged as a 'Spec Four' in January, 1972. Thank you for your service, Ken.

He began his work life as a teenager at the Purity Stores sweeping, mopping and waxing the entire store's floor - the kind of first job most of us probably had. He began his "ladder climbing" early in life as a painter. He worked for a number of companies over the years.

One of his least favorite projects was working at an AT&T underground substation where he was in charge of the after paint lay-down finish stippling process. He said the smell was overwhelming and made worse by

the lack of fresh air. This becomes relevant to his ladder climbing later in his career.

Over the years, his expertise and experience led to a role with his last company, the Giampolini Group. There he was painter, with a special skill in matching and creating wood stains from scratch (think linseed oil, oil color, mineral spirits, Japan drying agents, a knack for chemistry). Ken recalls one of his favorite projects was doing church renovations. At a church in San Francisco, (think ladders and scaffolding) he completely repaired a church ceiling with new plaster, priming, applying gold leaf, creating stencils and bringing life back as if the damage had never happened. Afterward, looking up at the ceiling in that church, it was a very gratifying outcome. Hence the hidden artist.

His "ladder climbing" eventually led to his job as Safety Director where he was responsible for the safety of coworkers painting SF skyscrapers (scaffolding, hanging Bosun's chairs, davits, etc. and breathing respirators for pungent paints)! After gaining his OSHA certifications, he initiated and implemented safety programs for 300 employees companywide.

Ken has a wide range of interests. Most of us are well aware of his special photography skills. Currently, he is preparing for the El Dorado Hills Arts Spring Studio Tour where he will display his framed photographs in his home/studio May 4th and 5th. He originally got interested in photography in his career doing before and after images of his paint work. He has a love for wildlife and wildlife photography, and most mornings he can be found watching for wildlife in the canyon off the back of his house. He has been on three wildlife photo safaris to Africa.

Interesting side note...in 2009, he took a month long first photo safari with a Kenya safari tour operator who he met through e-Harmony. While there, he had the opportunity to visit Barack Obama's grandmother,

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Sarah Obama, who lives in Kenya. Ken was the first American to meet her during the time of his inauguration into the office of President. The African Press were in attendance and he was interviewed by NBC upon his arrival home - his '15 seconds of fame', as they say. Grandma Obama was so impressed with his images, she encouraged him to share his wildlife photos with the world, resulting in his long avocation of showing and selling his work.

Here are a few more things to know and admire about Ken. He has three pet peeves: rain after he just washed his Rivian truck, guys pissing on toilet seats and those who do not follow the rules of the road. At happy hour, you'll find him with a gin and tonic or a Moscow Mule or cerveza. When asked what he wants to make sure his does before he dies, he replied, "Travel and enjoy what I have worked so hard to earn", which ties in with his personal motto, "use it or lose it." Or, it is better to give with a warm hand than a cold one.

Ken's main goal for the next year is to get a pedal powered kayak. Why? Three reasons, 1) he likes to kayak among the wildlife; 2) pedals free up your hands for photography; and 3) his shoulders hurt from all those years of ladders and painting. His other passions include giving his time and money to addressing homelessness, Charity Water addressing the worldwide drinking water crisis, Hope Streams Academy, Pencils of Promise (building classrooms around the world) and the American River Conservancy to name a few of them.

We ended our interview by my asking how Ken wants people to think of him. He said, "Nice guy, willing to lend a hand, good provider." I think we can all agree Ken--we definitely think of you in this way and more. Thanks for spending time to help us get to know you better, Ken.



Let Lew know if you'd be willing to be interviewed for a future Member Profile.

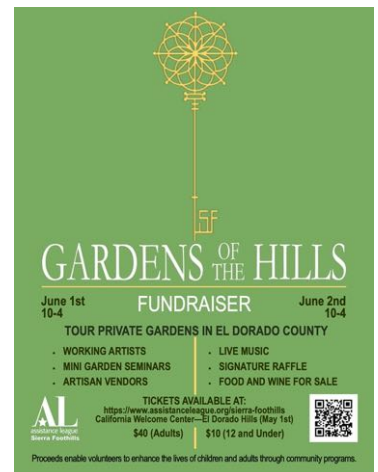
UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS



May 4th & 5th, 2024
10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Speaking of Ken's photography, he and other artists, including Roma Turoff, wife of member Rich Turoff, will be showcasing their work at the El Dorado Hills Arts Association Spring Studio Tour on May 4th and 5th from 10am to 5pm. Members and their spouses look forward to this event every year. It's worth checking out. For more information, go to [Spring Studio Tour](#).

Also, many of our members' spouses belong to Assistance League Sierra Foothills. Assistance League of Sierra Foothills is an all-volunteer, nonprofit organization that is transforming lives and strengthening our community in El Dorado County. Their community-based programs benefit under-served youths and adults to help them achieve a better quality of life. They are holding their annual Gardens of the Hills fundraiser - one of their two major fundraisers of the year - on June 1st and 2nd from 10am to 4pm. For more information and to purchase tickets, scan the QR code in the bottom right-hand corner of the flyer to the right or go to [Gardens of the Hills](#).



Proceeds enable volunteers to enhance the lives of children and adults through community programs.

HISTORY OF FOLDING THE AMERICAN FLAG

With Memorial Day approaching, Dave Chighizola sent the following article about the meaning behind the folding of the American flag.

THE NATIONAL FLAG FOUNDATION



Flag etiquette dictates that every time an American flag is to be stored or presented during a ceremony, its handlers should fold it in half twice lengthwise; then starting with the end opposite the blue field, make a taut triangular fold. Handlers continue to fold the flag in triangles until the flag has formed a triangular “pillow” with the blue field showing on the outside. It’s a dignified way to treat the flag and gives a powerful touch to patriotic ceremonies.

This 13-fold procedure was common long before the more modern assigned meanings. The source and date of origin of the meanings is unknown, but for those who participate or witness a formal flag folding ceremony, whether it be on Flag Day, Memorial Day, July 4th, Veterans Day or at a military funeral, the 13 meanings can create an uplifting experience.

This is what the 13 folds mean:

1. The first fold of our flag is a symbol of life.
2. The second fold signifies our belief in eternal life.
3. The third fold is made in honor and tribute of the veteran departing our ranks, and who gave a portion of his or her life for the defense of our country to attain peace.
4. The fourth fold exemplifies our weaker nature as citizens trusting in God; it is to Him we turn for His divine guidance.
5. The fifth fold is an acknowledgement to our country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, “Our country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right, but it is still our country, right or wrong.”
6. The sixth fold is for where our hearts lie. It is with our heart that we pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.
7. The seventh fold is a tribute to our armed forces, for it is through the armed forces that we protect our country and our flag against all enemies.
8. The eighth fold is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day, and to honor our mother, for whom it flies on Mother’s Day.
9. The ninth fold is an honor to womanhood, for it has been through their faith, love, loyalty and devotion that the character of men and women who have made this country great have been molded.
10. The tenth fold is a tribute to father, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for the defense of our country since he or she was first-born.
11. The eleventh fold, in the eyes of Hebrew citizens, represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon and glorifies, in their eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.
12. The twelfth fold, in the eyes of a Christian citizen, represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in their eyes, God the Father, the Son and Holy Ghost.
13. The thirteenth and last fold, when the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost, reminding us of our national motto, “In God We Trust.”



BRANCH 95 GOLF | Terry Starkel, Golf Chairman

916-817-1524



Heading into May, we should be getting better, more consistent weather. As we knock the rust off our golf game and start to get serious about improving our scores, we should not forget that one of the purposes of the golf group is to get to know our fellow SIRs. I would also like to ask for some help from our golf group. To keep our

standing with the NCGA, we must have at least one member of our group pass the World Handicap Quiz before the end of June. In the past, both Dennis Petersen and I have completed the quiz, but that is about to expire. I would like to ask for others in our group to take the quiz so we have a number of people that meet the requirement. It is all online and, if I remember correctly, takes about an hour. When I did it in the past, I read through information and watched some videos and then took the quiz. It was a lot like taking a DMV quiz (not a favorite thing to do, I know). If anyone is willing to do this, please let me know and I can give you the contact information about how to sign up.

We have just completed our first of three special golf formats for the year. We completed a two-man alternate shot format at Lincoln Hills. Congratulations to the winning team of Don Nicholson and Peter Apel. In a tie for second was the team of Ron Wadsworth/Alan Bowles and the team of Jay Muzio/Jay Guertin. Our next special format golf round will be at Bartley Cavanaugh on June 25th. This will be a six-six-six format. That is, six holes played taking the best score on each hole, six holes played alternate shot and six holes played best ball.

We will have two closest to the pin holes on different courses this year, increasing the chances for everyone to add to their stash of golf balls. You have to play to have a chance to win and you need to stay until the end to collect your prize. I look forward to having a good summer of golf for everyone.

Registration is now open for the 2024 Reno "High Desert Classic" golf event sponsored by SIR State Golf. Check it out.

[2024 Reno Golfing Event Flyer](#)
[2024 Reno Golfing Event Registration Form](#)

Branch 95: sirinc2.org/branch95/
 State SIR: sirinc.org
 State SIR Marketing: WeAreSIR.com
 SIR Happenings (State SIR newsletters):
sirinc.org/newsletters
 SIR-Branded Merchandise: sir.ourproshop.com

SAND TRAPS

Terry Starkel, Golf Chairman
 916-817-1524

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

Golf Director (Wildhawk)
 Ron Wadsworth 916-417-1484

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SIR Branch 95 Results 2023 Tournaments

April 2nd - Empire Ranch
 1st - Stan Lemke
 2nd - Tim Irish
 3rd - Ken McCoy
 Closest to the pin - Al Gurevich(#12)
 and Dan Maglionico (#16)

April 9th - Mather
 1st - Bob Carlson
 2nd - Ron Wadsworth
 3rd - Steve Crane
 Closest to the pin - Terry Starkel

April 16th - Wildhawk
 1st - Bill Klump
 2nd - Tim Irish
 3rd - Steve Crane
 4th - Ray Guenther
 Closest to the pin - Jeff Zehner

April 23rd - Lincoln Hills (2-man alt. shot)
 1st - Don Nicholson/Peter Apel
 2nd (tie) - Jay Guertin/Jay Muzio
 Ron Wadsworth/Alan Bowles

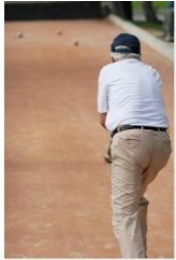
Bookmark our Branch's [Golf page](#) to keep up with State and Branch golf news as well as the latest results from our weekly tournaments.

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 209-573-0833

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BOCCE | Oli Bohlman 916-844-4067



Come join other members and their spouses/significant others at Promontory Park every Thursday at 10:00am for drop-in bocce. It's a fun game that's easy to learn that also gives you a chance to get outdoors and socialize with others. If you are not on the current email list and would like to be, contact

Oli Bohlman at obohlman@sbcglobal.net.

E-BIKING | Ken Mahar 650-504-1393



Even as the weather gets nicer, the response to this activity has been lackluster. I'll continue to schedule rides for now but, if you want to keep this activity going, more participation is needed. If you are interested, contact me at kmahar@comcast.net to get on the E-biking email list.

PICKLEBALL | Dan Cockcroft, PBS

408-781-0714



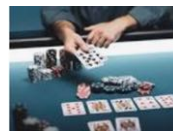
We meet at 1:00pm on Wednesday's at Heritage Park in El Dorado Hills. Spouses/significant others are also invited to play. If you want to be placed on the email interest list, contact Lew Chapman, Ron Wadsworth or Dan Cockcroft. We will

send out a reminder early each week to confirm play time.

Some useful pickleball resources include:

- [Pickleball Channel](#)
- [USA Pickleball](#)
- playtimescheduler.com
- [Places 2 Play](#)

TEXAS HOLD'EM | Ken Mahar 650-504-1393



We meet the first Wednesday of every month at someone's home. A \$20 buy-in and you're good to go. If this sounds like something that you might be interested in, give me a call or email

me at kmahar@comcast.net and I'll put you on our contact list.

CLASSIC CARS | Rick Talone 916-761-7222



Car enthusiasts meet the last Thursday each month at a predetermined starting location.

Then they drive their classic or special interest cars as a group following a specific route to a location to enjoy lunch with other group members before driving back as a group. To be put on the group's interest list, contact Rick at the number above or email him at rte88a@comcast.net.

BREAKFAST & WALKING |

Norman Orrick 916-709-1693



The group meets at Denny's in Cameron Park each Thursday at 9:00am. We eat, discuss the week's events or whatever comes to mind. Sometimes we discuss a weighty subject, other times we might just tell jokes. After we eat and talk, those that wish, take off for a mile or two walk. We are looking

forward to having new members to enliven our discussions. To receive a weekly reminder, send an email to 7norte@google.com.

DROP-IN BOWLING |

Rick Willson (916) 847-1452



Meets every Wednesday at FLB Entertainment Center in Folsom. Arrive at 12:45pm to get your shoes and pick out a ball. The cost of \$15 includes shoe rental and bowling

from 1:00pm until 4:00pm. Come for one game or as many as you're up to. No advance reservations are required. Just drop in for some fun and exercise with your fellow SIR members. Give Rick a call or email him at rivereagle4u@gmail.com for more information.

WINE TASTING GROUP | Jay Muzio, PBS 650-302-1902



The wine tasting group has been steadily growing each month. The April tasting was held at the beautiful home of Hugh and Faye Thompson. There were eight-and-one-half couples in attendance. The featured varietal this month was Sauvignon Blanc from the Sierra Foothills. Sauvignon Blanc is widely grown in California and is a crisp white wine known for its grassy herbal flavors. It can range from sweet to dry. Because we limited the selections to be from the Sierra Foothills, there was only a small number of wineries that produce this varietal and make it available in stores for retail purchase. Because of the similarity of flavor profiles, the large number of wines to judge (9 bottles), and the fact that some bottles were duplicates, made for a very challenging tasting indeed.

The winner this month was Bella Grace 2022, Amador Sauvignon Blanc (\$14). Second place went to Sobon Estate 2021, Amador Sauvignon Blanc (\$7.99). There was a duplicate bottle that scored much lower. Go figure! Third place was a tie between Newsom Harlow 2022 Calaveras Sauvignon Blanc (\$15) and Helwig 2022 Amador Sauvignon Blanc (\$16.95). There were two bottles of the Helwig, one scoring much higher than the other. Go figure! Fourth place went to a Helwig 2021 Amador Sauvignon Blanc (\$15). Fifth place went to Boger 2021 El Dorado Sauvignon Blanc. And finally, was an Andis non-vintage, Sierra Foothills Sauvignon Blanc (\$28). So, you can see the tasting was very complicated this month.

The food this month was very fun and creative. The Thompson's theme was fondue. They provided the group with cheese fondue and broths for cooking chicken, beef and lamb. Dessert was a delicious, rich chocolate fondue. The attendees provided dipping items for the pots.

Our next wine tasting will be May 16th at Total Wine and More. Priority will be given to our wine tasting group members, but if there is room, we may have a space or two open for non-members. If you have not already joined the wine tasting group and would like to join, contact Jay Muzio at jaymuzio@gmail.com. Besides being able to sample a variety of great wines and a wonderful meal, the Wine Tasting Group provides a terrific opportunity to get out of the house and socialize with your SIR friends. And, as a reminder, not all our attendees drink wine; some come with a wine-tasting companion and bring their own beverage of choice to drink. Why not come and check it and us out?

INVESTMENT GROUP | Gary McKae 650-743-7249

The inaugural meeting of the Investment Group met April 24th at the Community Section of Raley's O-N-E Market in El Dorado Hills.

The initial six members plus myself had our first meeting that began with: *It's Not the Return ON Your Money that Counts...It is the Return OF Your Money that Counts.*

We then went into the Yield Curve as provided by CNBC and how to buy Government Bonds from Treasury Direct. Participants then went into discussions on their investment strategies and questions from real estate to common stocks. Particular interest was in the use of REITs as passive investments for directly owning real estate.

We are all looking forward to our meeting next month and invite other members to join us. Give me a call or send an email to gmkae@sbcglobal.net to be added to our contact list.

BEST BURGER BOYS | Lew Chapman, Big SIR 510-912-5658



The goal of this activity is to find the best hamburger in Gold Country. The first outing of the BBB was held on Friday, April 12 at The Breakroom in Shingle Springs. It was very well attended with 17 of us present.

As we enjoyed beverages, we discussed how frequently to meet, the geographical range of our quest, the name of our group, and if we want to make it a co-ed activity. We decided to meet monthly (it was pointed out that more often would require us to retain a Cardiologist), we would be willing to drive as much as a 30-45 minute radius of Cameron Park/EDH, and that wives and significant others would definitely be welcome. Several alternative names for this activity were suggested, and we seem to have aligned on Best Burger Pursuit.

We are trying to make it fun by developing a rating system by burger attributes and include the quality and desirability of the accompanying sides (fries/onion rings) and beverages (beer/shakes), etc., restaurant ambiance, etc. I received a few rating forms for The Breakroom and overall, it was well liked and scored well (4.5+). I ordered the traditional hamburger and it was very flavorful, had nice garnishments and condiments. The fries and my beer were good, too. The service was great, they presented separate checks, and considering the size of our group, hamburgers came out fairly promptly.

At our next outing, I will pass out the rating form for us to fill out on the spot—I'll collect them and we will have a more quantitative ability to rate our experiences. I'll publish the scores in future SIR Branch 95 newsletters for the benefit of all who may also be on the hunt for a great hamburger.

Here's a photo of our group. Dan Maglionico's wife, Dorothy, was in attendance, and she said she enjoyed her hamburger.

Our next burger pursuit will be:

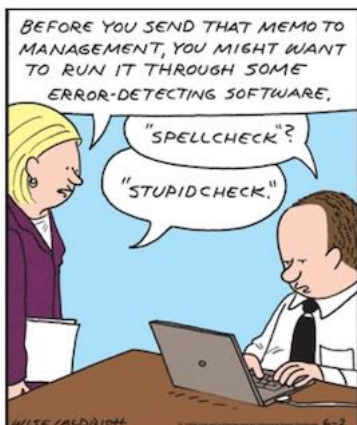
Friday, May 24, 2024, 12:00 noon
That Dam Place, 1013 Riley Street, Folsom

If you are interested in joining BEST BURGER PURSUIT for our May event, please send me an email. lewpchap@gmail.com.

No FOMO (Fear of Missing Out) -- Be there, or go hungry!



A LIGHTER MOMENT



To err is human, to blame it on someone else shows management potential.

A work week is so rough that after Monday and Tuesday, even the calendar says WTF.

Artificial intelligence is no match for natural stupidity.

He who smiles in a crisis has found someone else to blame.

Sometimes the best helping hand you can give is a good, firm push.

The problem with being punctual is that nobody's there to appreciate it.

MAY ACTIVITIES & EVENTS



7th, 14th, 21st, 28th - see golf [schedule](#) for course and check-in times



1st - Texas Hold'em; host varies; 6:30pm



1st, 8th, 22nd, 29th - Drop-in pickleball; Heritage Park; 1-4pm



1st, 8th, 22nd, 29th - Drop-in bowling; FLB Entertainment Center; Folsom



2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th - Drop-in bocce Promontory Park EDH; 10am



2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th - Breakfast & Walking - Denny's Cameron Park; 9:00am



15th (**note 3rd Wed. this month**)- BEC & general meeting Cameron Park Country Club



24th - Best Burger Boys That Dam Place; Folsom



16th - Total Wine and More



21st-22nd - State Tournament AMF Rocklin



30th - Classic Car Group



Mondays and Fridays - e-Biking; various starting locations



22nd - Investment Group; 6:00pm; Raley's O-N-E; El Dorado Hills

BOWLING | Ray DiBasilio, HLM 530-558-9727



The Carson City tournament at Gold Dust West has wrapped up with a total 136 bowlers – great participation this year! The weather sure cooperated for our bowlers that traveled over the mountain passes to this much desired location and competition. I had left knee replacement surgery one week before the tournament and was unable to attend. Hopefully, I'll make it over the hill next year. Results will be out soon, probably before this article hits the email distribution.

The SIR State Tournament is coming up next on May 21st and 22nd. If you haven't heard, the location has been changed to AMF Rocklin, very close to home for us. This is our State Championship Tournament; therefore, it is SIR-only (no guests). \$500 will be added to the prize fund by the SIR State Bowling Committee. As usual, it is a singles/doubles tournament. Grab a partner - let's go bowling!

On June 6th and 7th we'll be even closer to home as we bowl our first SIR tournament at The Apex at Red Hawk Casino. The Apex has become a premier nonsmoking family fun center, with a sports bar, virtual games, four golf bays, three floors of car racing and 18 lanes of bowling. If you have not been to Red Hawk Casino the SIR tournament will be a great introduction to a wealth of local fun and entertainment.

For more information about SIR bowling, the full calendar, and applications, check out our website at: <http://www.sirinc3.org/sirBowling/index.html>.

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.

BEFORE WE GO...

Mike and his wife Sara went to the state fair every year, and every year Mike would say, "Sara, I'd like to ride in that airplane."...Sara always replied, "I know, Mike, but that airplane ride costs fifty dollars, and fifty dollars is fifty dollars."

One year Mike and Sara went to the fair, and Mike said, "Sara, I'm eighty-five years old. If I don't ride that airplane, I might never get another chance."

Sara replied, "Mike, that airplane ride costs fifty dollars, and fifty dollars is fifty dollars."

The pilot overheard them and said, "Folks, I'll make you a deal. I'll take you both up for a ride. If you can stay quiet for the entire ride and not say one word, I won't charge you; but if you say one word, it's fifty dollars."

Mike and Sara agreed, and up they went. The pilot did all kinds of twists and turns, rolls and dives, but not a word was spoken. He did all his tricks over again but still not a word. When they landed, the pilot turned to Mike and said, "My, my, I did everything I could think of to get you to yell out, but you didn't."

Mike replied, "Well, I was gonna say something when Sara fell out, but fifty dollars is fifty dollars."

You have to be born in the 1940's and been a teenager in 1957 in order to get this joke...

Its 1957 and Bob goes to pick up his date.

Peggy Sue's father invites him in.

He asks Bob what they plan on doing.

Bob politely responds that they will probably just go to the malt shop or to a drive-in.

Peggy Sue's father suggests, "Why don't you kids go out and screw? I hear all the kids are doing it."

Bob is shocked. "Excuse me, Sir?"

"Oh yes, Peggy Sue really likes to screw. She'd screw all night if we let her."

Just then, Peggy Sue comes down stairs and announces she is ready to go.

About 20 minutes later, a thoroughly disheveled Peggy Sue rushes back into the house, slams the door and screams at her father, "Dad! The Twist! It's called the Twist!"

Wife: Look at that drunk guy.

Husband: Who is he?

Wife: 10 years ago he proposed to me and I rejected him.

Husband: Oh my gosh, he is still celebrating...

SIR 95 - 2024 Annual Summer Picnic

Wednesday, June 12th 11:00 to 3:00pm

Promontory Park, El Dorado Hills

Join us for a BBQ picnic lunch, games and many raffles.
Members and a guest are encouraged to come

Reserve your space

Mail to be received **before** May 20th to:

Ron Wadsworth, 4310 Suffolk Way
El Dorado Hills, 95762

Phone: 916-417-1484 any questions
Email: rtwads@yahoo.com

Include:

- #1 - check for you and guest
- #2 - food order form completed: (See right)



RAFFLES! CONTESTS!



(Cut here and return this half)
Lunch Ordering Form See Below

- **Main Dish:** BBQ Beef Brisket, BBQ Chicken and BBQ Sauces
- **Side Dishes:** Coleslaw, Potato Salad and Bread Rolls
- **Impossible Burger** for Vegans and Vegetarians
- Please specify with a "Yes" in the appropriate column below

Check payable to: SIR Branch 95

First and Last Name (Member) _____

First and Last Name (Guest) _____

Member Meal: Main Meal: _____ or Vegan/Veg _____

Guest Meal: Main Meal: _____ or Vegan/Veg _____

Check Number: _____

Amount: (\$60 for two people, \$30 for one) \$ _____

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