

# GOLD COUNTRY BRANCH 95



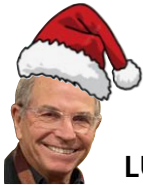
SIR is a non-profit organization whose mission is to enhance the lives of our members through fun activities, luncheons and events while making friends for life.

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Kevin King, Editor

## BIG SIR | Lew Chapman 510-912-5658



**TOPICS: THANKS TO THE BEC, 2025 SLATE OF OFFICERS, STATE OF THE BRANCH, ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES REMAIN STEADY, SLIGHT INCREASE IN LUNCHEON COST FOR 2025, HOLIDAY DINNER REMINDER, ACTIVITY UPDATE**

Hello everyone,

I hope you all had a great Thanksgiving. This is my last submission to the SIR Gold Country Branch 95 monthly newsletter as Big SIR. Speaking of Thanksgiving, I must begin by saying it has been a privilege and an honor to serve as Little SIR under Jay Muzio in 2023, and to serve as your Big SIR in 2024. I have been blessed to have Ron Wadsworth work with me as Little SIR in this past year, he has been a wonderful partner and become a good friend. Thanks Ron for all of your support. I also could not have performed in the role without the unwavering support of past Big SIR Jay Muzio (and his wife Irene) as well as past Big SIR Kevin King (an Honorary Life Member). The support of these guys has kept me on track and our branch moving forward. And of course, none of us can oversee the operations of the branch without the guidance of the Branch Executive Committee (BEC). Thanks to all of you who have served with me over

these past couple years, it has truly been a pleasure to spend time with all of you. I can say for certain; I have made some new "Friends for Life."

A special shout-out goes to our slate of officers who have served in the past. I am very pleased Ron Wadsworth will step up to Big SIR in January for 2025. He has done a great job as Little SIR and is ready to embrace his expanded role as you saw at his practice luncheon in November. We are still on the search for a new Little SIR. Please search for the volunteerism location in your heart and consider taking on this role in 2025. Our branch needs you!

Here is the status of the rest of our slate of officers for 2025:

- Terry Starkel has agreed to continue to serve as our Secretary extraordinaire - after numerous years in this role. THANKS, Terry. Thanks to Assistant Secretary Bob Carlson who will step down in 2025 from this important back up role to Terry. Don Nicholson has agreed to become Assistant Secretary in 2025. Thanks so much Don.
- Marshall Armstrong will continue into 2025 as Treasurer. See below for more information on our financial status which Marshall has kept his arms around so well this past year. And, thank goodness

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### Gold Country Branch 95 2024 BEC Members - PBS denotes Past Big SIR; HLM denotes Honorary Life Member

<b>Big SIR</b> Lew Chapman 510-912-5658	<b>Little SIR</b> Ron Wadsworth 916-417-1484	<b>Secretary</b> Terry Starkel 916-817-1524	<b>Assistant Secretary</b> Bob Carlson 916-817-1181	<b>Treasurer</b> Marshall Armstrong 650-438-7802	<b>Assistant Treasurer</b> Grant McMicken 530-306-2468
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for Grant McMicken's improved health. He will stay on as Assistant Treasurer. Bill Klump will assist as needed - as Tim Irish did a number of times this past year.

- Serving in 2025 as Directors at Large will be David Chighizola, Ken Mahar, Bill Yeager, Tim Irish and Lew Chapman. A break has been well-earned by Hugh Thompson and Jay Muzio who will step down as Directors at Large but have agreed to serve as Special Advisors to the Big SIR.
- Other important roles remain filled by these very tireless and generous guys:
  - In a new role to our branch, Harry Hall will become "Director of Fellowship" and will work with Ron to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance, singing God Bless America (with Bill McClanahan on the pitch pipe) and the Invocation.
  - Kevin King continues in his essential roles as Webmaster and Newsletter Editor.
  - Luncheon Speakers are identified by Dan Maglionico. Keep up the great work Dan. By the way Dan's open to suggestions.
  - David Chighizola has been great as our Membership Chair and will continue in 2025 with assistance from Scott Ravel.
  - Publicity and Image Chair continues with George Alboff leading the way—perhaps THE reason we enjoy so much visibility in our community and have grown so well.
  - Member Relations Chair is Bill Yeager making our newest members feel so welcome.
  - The Activities Committee will once again be led by Chair, Jay Muzio. They just continue to grow and thrive!
  - Nominating Chair is Jay Guertin. Thanks to Jay and his committee for keeping our volunteer pipeline full.
- We will vote on and install our new Slate of Officers during our January 8, 2025 luncheon.

I am very pleased to report the SIR Gold Country Branch is in great shape. As I mentioned in last month's article, our membership has grown considerably. As of the beginning of December, our membership count has grown to 108! Our activities have never been more robust, our finances are solid and attendance at our monthly lunches has been strong all year. We enjoyed interesting luncheon speakers thanks to Dan Maglionico and Ron Wadsworth. The BEC has made sure our expenditures for events and activities are in line. I also want to acknowledge that thanks to the generous donations of members (auction items, money, gift basket items, etc.), our holiday dinner last year was a huge success financially as well as socially. This year's holiday dinner is shaping up to be just as successful.

Our treasury has never been so full, and we have the resources to fund essential operating items. For example, we already own our LCD projector. We also recently acquired a branch-owned laptop computer for the use of the Big SIR and other branch members to access as necessary and appropriate. We also use our treasury funds to purchase

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**Annual Holiday Dinner**  
**Wednesday, December 11, 2024 6:00pm**

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



*Salad*

HOUSE SALAD W/ TWO DRESSINGS

*Main course*

BRAISED SHORT RIBS

CHICKEN MARSALA

VEGAN OPTION AVAILABLE

GARLIC MASHED POTATOES

VEGETABLE MEDLEY AND ROLLS

*Dessert*

CHEESECAKE W/ STRAWBERRY COMPOTE

*Beverage Station*

LEMONADE, ICED TEA & COFFEE



Bob Carlson  
 Dennis Eyler  
 Carl Gaymon  
 Jeff Jarvis  
 Joe Spezza  
 Ron Wadsworth

**December Branch Anniversaries**

2 years - Jim Peterson

**Membership (as of 11/30/2024)**

New members: 3  
 To be inducted this month: 0  
 Departing members: 0  
 Current number of members: 108

Costco cookies for luncheon dessert to control our lunch cost for members. We have also tapped into these funds to finance promotional programs when the opportunity arises. Recently, we invested a few hundred dollars in a Four Seasons/Heritage Senior Resource Fair and we expect that our exposure to hundreds of people in our target demographic will add to our membership growth goals in 2025. In the future, we also intend our treasury to be used to support added events and activities.

Our treasury funds situation has also enabled us to keep our membership dues steady at \$40 per year per member, and this is in spite of a modest \$1 increase in State SIR member annual assessment.

Regarding our meeting dates, Cameron Park Country Club (CPCC) has confirmed all of our second Wednesday monthly dates excluding June (our annual picnic date), and the months of September and November where we will have to meet on the 3rd Wednesday of those months due to Country Club member events.

Regarding the cost of our monthly luncheons, we will see an 8.5% price increase, from \$35 to \$38 per person. CPCC offers the following explanation:

*The cost of SIRS events for the upcoming year will be raised from \$35 inclusive to \$38 inclusive. This price increase is necessary to cover cost increases specifically involving commodity pricing and increased labor costs.*

*Please note, we have had to begin implementing a flat facility fee for all new and upcoming events at our club. We worked hard to avoid this additional cost for your group, as you have been consistently meeting at our facility and we want to maintain your business while still being able to provide the experience your group has grown accustomed to. This is the smallest price increase we have implemented to returning groups.*

This \$3 per luncheon increase means our members will pay \$30 more per year in total for the 10 luncheons we enjoy there. The fact that we do not pay a facility fee is huge and the fact they will not ask for one in 2025 is really significant. The BEC and I think we can all still regard our pricing for such a nice meeting facility and such good quality food as a very good value. We consistently get feedback from our members about what a great facility CPCC is for our meetings.

Our final event of the year is our annual Holiday Dinner on Wednesday December 11th which includes our spouses and significant others. See Ron Wadsworth's Little SIR article for more details. Ron and his committee have done a very good job planning the event. It promises to be another great Gold Country Branch 95 event. We will eliminate the "business" we have conducted in the past and focus on the fun, gift baskets and relaxation. As I mentioned earlier, we will install our slate of officers at our first business meeting in January instead of at this dinner event.

Finally, an activity update. After a couple years of trying to get a Book Exchange going...hauling books around and writing a lot of book reviews...I have decided to hang it up. We never got much traction on it; so, I don't think it will be missed. I may still write an occasional review of a good book I have read (I'm just finishing the David Baldacci Atlee Pine series). On a brighter note, the Best Burger Pursuit activity I started has really become popular. I want to thank Dan Koelzer for taking this over and heading it up for me while I was Big SIR. The statistics he keeps are amazing! Thanks for that Dan.



*May Peace, Hope and Love  
fill your homes this  
Holiday Season  
and throughout the  
New Year!*

HAPPY HOLIDAYS! Tha, tha, tha, that's all folks!

# LITTLE SIR | Ron Wadsworth 916-417-1484



Thanks to Harry Hall for his insightful presentation last month on nuclear energy. Harry is one of several of our members who have presented at one of our lunch meetings over the years. If you have a special interest, an aspect of your career that you're particularly proud of, a recent trip or something else you think our members would be interested in, let Dan Maglionico or I know. Looking ahead to 2025, Dan is already busy lining up speakers for us. If you've heard an interesting speaker or there's a subject you'd like to learn more about, give Dan a call. He's always eager to hear about potential speakers for future meetings.

Registrations are in and final preparations are being made for our Annual Holiday Dinner. Thanks to several members' generous donations, we expect to have a number of gift baskets, artwork and other items to give away as door prizes. Some of our members have graciously offered a number of items for auction. Proceeds from the auction help defray some of our annual expenses such as speaker and guest lunches, our monthly birthday drawing and our three door prize drawings each month. They are also used to keep our annual dues in check. So, get your bidding alliances line upped. Some of the items being put up for auction include:

**Auction Item**  
 Sponsored by Lewis Chapman, BIG SIR, 2024

Wine Tasting Adventure to Shenandoah Valley for 8 People in Spring 2025

**First Stop**  
 Private Tasting at Helwig Winery  
 Followed by Lunch on the Beautiful Helwig Grounds  
 Food Provided from the Helwig Kitchen

**Second Stop**  
 Another Nearby Vineyard

We will take two cars and caravan via Latrobe Road for the beautiful 30-minute drive to the town of Plymouth and onto the stunning Shenandoah Valley wine country.

This activity is valued at \$400.00

Minimum Starting Bid \$250







Ken Maher 24x36 Tetons on Canvas



A pair of nutcrackers.



Wine cork art by Harry Hall




Invite six of your friends to dinner at Jay and Irene Muzio's house\*. The evening will start with cocktails and appetizers which will be followed by a "New Orleans"-menu meal.

If you desire and can coordinate a date prior to March 5th (Ash Wednesday), a Mardi Gras theme can be included.

Evening to include:

- Full-bar cocktails
- Passed appetizers
- Three-course dinner w/wine
- After-dinner liquors
- Mardi Gras theme, if desired

\*Dinner guests to total 10, including Jay and Irene.

## BRANCH & STATE HAPPENINGS | Kevin King, PBS; HLM 916-337-9811

*As Chief Information Officer (CIO)-Elect for the State SIR Board, I intend to expand my former Branch Happenings/SIR Comings & Goings column to not only provide Branch updates but, from time to time, updates on State matters that I consider may be of particular interest to our members. Don't hesitate to send me your questions and/or concerns.*

Two new members were installed at our November meeting:



Jim Berstrom was sponsored by Jay Muzio. He served in the US Navy from 1965 - 1969 and is a former police officer for the San Francisco PD. Note to Rick, Norm and Jay, Jim enjoys antique cars, breakfast club, easy hikes and wine tasting among other things. He also indicated a willingness to assist in searching for guest speakers and planning special events. He and his wife, Bonnie, live in El Dorado Hills.



David Pearce was sponsored by Ken Mahar. David was an Electronics Engineer at Intel. Among the activities our branch currently offers or is considering, he listed biking, chess, investments and pickleball among some of his favorites. Like Jim, he checked that he could assist with our monthly guest speaker search and photography. Perhaps he'd be willing to capture key moments of our monthly meetings for our newsletter and website. He and his wife, Alison, also live in El Dorado Hills.

Randy Scott attended our November meeting as a guest of Brian Lemley, who was unable to attend. Randy must of liked what he saw because he joined our Branch shortly after the meeting, was approved by the BEC by email vote and will likely be installed at our January meeting. I understand that he and his wife will be attending our Annual Dinner so be sure to welcome him to our Branch. Here's a little more about Randy:



He retired in January as Test Engineering Manager at Teledyne MEC building microwave vacuum tubes. Randy was with Teledyne for 50 years. As mentioned, he was sponsored by Brian Lemley. He has many interests - too many to mention here - but, among those he mentioned that we currently have activity leaders for, he lists antique cars, biking, bowling, breakfast club and investments. He also lists a number of ways he can assist the branch including having database and spreadsheet skills. Randy and I will be talking. He and his wife, Joanne, live in Cameron Park.

We've seen steady growth throughout the year. Among non-merging branches throughout SIR, our is among the fastest growing branches in the State. Our branch has been held up at Statewide meetings and training sessions as one whose practices should be adapted to and adopted by other branches. In fact, following State SIR's Annual Meeting in September, a number of branches approached me to develop tri-fold brochures, like ours, for their branches' use. I've also received calls from a number of branches asking about some of our other marketing/ publicity materials and our website.

While membership growth is certainly something to celebrate, we are entering the time of year when branches typically see a temporary membership dip. I encourage you to continue your membership and spread the word to your neighbors and friends about the advantages of SIR membership. Thanks to our branch leadership team for their dedication and overall effort in continuing to offer the kinds of luncheon programs, activities and events that allows us to attract and retain members.

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**A retired man now volunteers to entertain patients in assisted living homes and hospitals. He visited one hospital in Brooklyn and brought along his portable keyboard.**

**After telling jokes and singing songs at patients' bedsides, he said farewell and, "I hope you get better." One elderly gentleman replied, "I hope you get better, too."**

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



The year is winding down and with it the last of SIR 95 golf for 2024. While a few days were a bit warm, we have really been fortunate this year to not have any rain outs or frost delays. We have two tournaments left, December 3rd at Empire Ranch and December 10th at Mather. Both will be run by Dennis Petersen.

Petersen.

We have started the renewal process for next year. All golf members should have received an email about this. For members of SIR Branch 95 that are not a part of the golf group, if you would like to join us, please let me know. The golf dues are \$55 for 2025 and that includes your SIR Branch 95 golf dues and your 2025 NCGA dues. I am trying to finalize our 2025 schedule with the golf courses. I still have about six dates that I do not have confirmations for.

The 2025 golf season will open with golf at Empire Ranch on February 4th, with a 10:00 am start time for the first group. The season will end on December 9th, probably at Mather.

I would like to thank Dennis Petersen and Ron Wadsworth for running the tournaments at Mather and Wildhawk and filling in as needed this year. I would also like to thank Randy Hood, who has agreed to take over Wildhawk for Ron next year, as Ron takes over the Big SIR duties. Also, thank you to Kevin King for keeping the golf page on the Branch website current and for tracking the points for our various awards and competitions.

With only two tournaments to go, two golfers remain in the running for the Gold Country Cup and six for Marksman of the Year honors (see the tables to the right). Good luck golfers as you make your final push for these prestigious awards.

**Golf is a game invented by God to punish guys who retire early.**

**My game is so bad I had to have my ball retriever regripped!**

**Fairway: [faer-wai]: "An unfamiliar tract of closely mown grass running directly from tee to the green. Your ball can usually be found immediately to the left or right of it."**

**SAND TRAPS**

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

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

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

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**SIR Branch 95 Results**  
**2024 Tournaments**

November 5th - Empire Ranch

- 1st - Peter Apel
- 2nd - Steve Thomson
- 3rd - Rick Willson
- Closest to the pin -Rick Willson

November 12th - Mather

- 1st - Bob Carlson
- 2nd - Mike Wilke
- 3rd - Byron Loney
- Closest to the pin - Dennis Petersen

November 19th - Wildhawk

- 1st - Rick Horewitch
- 2nd - Bill Klump
- 3rd - Alan Bowles
- Closest to the pin - Ron Wadsworth

No golf Thanksgiving week

**2024 GOLD COUNTRY CUP**

5 entries per page Search: \_\_\_\_\_

RANK	NAME	1ST (10)	2ND (8)	3RD (7)	4TH (6)	TOTAL POINTS
1	Wadsworth	3	5	5	0	105
2	Irish	2	4	5	0	87

**2024 MARKSMAN OF THE YEAR**

5 entries per page Search: \_\_\_\_\_

RANK	NAME	NO. OF TIMES CLOSEST TO THE PIN
1	Hood	5 4 others tied at 3: Bettencourt, Crane, Gurevich and Irish
2	Bowles	4

*A complete list of standings can be found on our [golf page](#).*

**State SIR Officials**

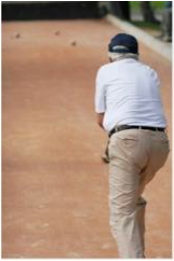
**President**  
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 925-324-0838

**Area 3 Representative**  
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 916-708-5154

**Vice President**  
 Lee Lamp (Br129 - Redding)  
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 SIR Happenings (State SIR newsletters): [sirinc.org/newsletters](http://sirinc.org/newsletters)  
 SIR-Branded Merchandise: [sir.ourproshop.com](http://sir.ourproshop.com)

## BOCCE | Oli Bohlman 916-844-4067



Come join other members and their spouses/significant others at Promontory Park every Thursday at 9:00am for drop-in bocce. It's a fun game everyone can play. If you are not on the current email list and would like to be, just give me a call.

## PICKLEBALL | Chad Barrow 209-603-7346



Our group plays on Fridays at 1:00pm at Heritage Community Private Courts. Note the new date, time and location. If you're interested in joining, come on down. Never played but wonder why you're hearing so much about it? We'd be happy to teach you the basics of the game. Feel free to contact me with any questions. See you on the courts.

## E-BIKING | Ken Mahar 650-504-1393



With the hot weather over, there's no excuse not to ride. I'd like to organize weekly, small group rides. Give me a call at the above number if you'd like to be added to the e-biking activity list. Without increased interest we may have to discontinue

this activity.

## BREAKFAST & WALKING |

**Norman Orrick 916-709-1693**



The group meets at Dennys, 3446 Coach Lane, Cameron Park each Thursday at 9:00am. We eat, shoot the breeze, crack a joke or two and sometimes say something profound. The main thing is to enjoy each other's company. 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, give me a call at the above number to be put on my email list.

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



We meet the second Thursday of every month at someone's home. All that's needed is a \$20 buy-in for a fun-filled evening with your fellow members and a chance to go home the big winner. If this sounds like something that you might be interested in, give me a call to be put you on our contact list.

## FUN COOL CARS | Rick Talone 916-761-7222



We've ended the drive until next April due to the holidays and weather. Keep an eye on this space for activities to keep the group going until we meet up again for our monthly drives and lunch next Spring. To be put on the group's interest list, contact me at the above number.

## DROP-IN BOWLING |

**Rick Willson (916) 847-1452**



Come join us for drop-in bowling at Folsom Lake Bowl Entertainment Center located at 511 E. Bidwell in Folsom. We meet the first and third Wednesdays of each month. We bowl from 1:00 to 4:00 and the cost is \$15 per person. Give me a call for more information.

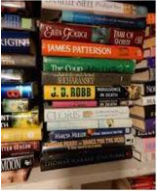
## INVESTMENT GROUP |

**Gary McKae 650-743-7249**



We generally meet the last Wednesday of the month in the Community Center in the back of the store at Raley's O-N-E in El Dorado Hills. We invite other branch members to join us to discuss financial topics of interest to the group. Give me a call to be added to our contact list.

## BOOK EXCHANGE | Lew Chapman, Big SIR 510-912-5658



As I mentioned in the Big SIR article, I'll be stepping down from this role. During the two years since I got this activity started, it didn't seem to hold members' interest like I thought it would. Unless someone is willing to step up and take this on, we'll probably discontinue this as a branch activity. If there's a book you've read that you'd like to summarize and share with other branch members, you can always send something to Kevin for inclusion in a future newsletter. If you have other ideas of how to keep this or a similar, book-related activity going, give me a call or let Ron know.

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



There was no wine tasting event held in November. Our next event will be held January 16th at the Muzio's home.

If you have not already joined the wine tasting group and would like to join, contact Jay Muzio at the number above. Being able to sample a variety of great wines and have 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 us out?

## BEST BURGER PURSUIT | Dan Koelzer 916-718-0521



Our last Best Burger Pursuit (BBP) event was at Sportsman's Hall in Pollock Pines on November 22nd. We had a smaller turnout this time - only 6 members. I think the longer trek up the hill to Pollock Pines in the rain kind of separated the less-than-serious burger eaters from the real-serious burger eaters. But it turned out that this place is now Number 1. I think it was the atmosphere - the physical place itself. It was pretty much the perfect place for our event. We had plenty of room, we all got to sit together at one long table, there was great service and there was plenty of nostalgia to go around being that it is (also?) an old Pony Express stop. Maybe we just have a thing for Pony Express stops, since, Poor Reds, now Number 2, is also an old PO stop. Is it possible that a good venue can make the food taste better????

The BBP group meets once a month on the Friday in the week after the week of the main SIR meeting for a burger at noon. Our mission, as always, is simple - eat a burger and rate it. The next BBP event is set for Friday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025. We will skip the December BBP event since it would be right between our SIR Holiday Dinner and the actual Christmas holiday. It just seemed it would be better to reconvene after the holidays. The location is still to be determined. Several possibilities have been suggested including Old Town Grille, 36 Handles and Moonraker. Also, I think it would be fun to re-visit The Breakroom in Shingle Springs which was our first BBP event. If you have an idea for a great burger (preferably not a fast-food chain), please email me, call me or let me know at bocce or the SIR Holiday Dinner.

**A businessman boarded an international flight and found a fancy young woman seated next to him wearing a large diamond ring. During the flight, he asked her about the ring.**

**"It is the Klopman diamond, but it comes with a terrible curse," she said. "What's the curse," he asked. She replied, "Mr. Klopman."**



## BOWLING | Ray DiBasilio, HLM 530-558-9727



As the 2024 bowling season ends, we reflect on a successful year of competition, camaraderie and unforgettable moments. The final tournament of the year took place on November 7th and 8th in Modesto - bringing the season to an exciting conclusion. Tournament Manager Vern Masse and his dedicated team once again delivered a top-notch event, ensuring everything ran smoothly and competitors had a memorable experience.

Personally, I always look forward to this tournament. The journey to McHenry Lanes takes me through miles of scenic back roads, winding through picturesque walnut orchards and sprawling vineyards. When I arrived at McHenry Lanes, I was reminded of what makes this venue so great – its warm atmosphere and welcoming community of bowlers.

As the season wraps up, I want to extend a big thank you to everyone who made it possible: the players, the organizers and the supporters. Your dedication and enthusiasm are what make these events so special.

Looking ahead, we can only be excited for the next season, but for now, let's savor the memories of another successful year. Thank you for your participation, and we'll see you for the first tournament of 2025 in Napa on January 21st and 22nd!

For more information about SIR bowling, the full 2025 calendar, applications and results, check out our website: <http://www.sirinc3.org/sirBowling/index.html>.

*Striking up Friendships*



**HOMES FOR THE HOLIDAYS**  
 Saturday, December 7th 10-4 **FUNDRAISER** Sunday, December 8th 10-4  
**TOUR SIX PRIVATE HOMES IN EL DORADO COUNTY**

- SEASONALLY DECORATED HOMES
- SIGNATURE RAFFLE
- DECORATED CHRISTMAS TREES FOR SALE
- HEARTFELT & HOMEMADE BOUTIQUE

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT:  
<https://www.assistanceleague.org/sierra-foothills> (October 1)  
 California Welcome Center EDH and from members (October 23)  
 \$40 ADULT \$10 Youth 12 and Under

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

Time is running out to get your tickets for this weekend's Assistance League Sierra Foothills annual holiday fundraiser. This event gives you a chance to tour six local homes that are all decked out for the holidays. Get ideas for decorating your own home. There are also some great raffle and boutique items for you to take home. If you feel you're running a bit behind this season, there are also fully decorated Christmas trees for sale. All proceeds from this event go to support the Assistance League's six philanthropic programs in El Dorado County.

Tickets can be purchased online by [clicking here](#) or at the door of any home on the tour.

## DECEMBER ACTIVITIES & EVENTS



3rd, 10th - see golf [schedule](#) for course and check-in times



12th - Texas Hold'em; host varies; 6:30pm



6th, 13th, 20th - Drop-in pickleball; Heritage Community Private Courts; 1:00pm



4th, 18th - Drop-in bowling; FLB Entertainment Center; Folsom; 1-4pm



5th, 12th, 19th - Drop-in bocce Promontory Park EDH; 9:00am



5th, 12th, 19th - Breakfast & Walking - Denny's Cameron Park; 9:00am



11th - Annual Holiday Dinner; Cameron Park Country Club



Best Burger Pursuit; we'll pick up where we left off in January



The group is taking a break over the holidays; will reconvene in January



We'll start the 2025 season in Napa on January 21st and 22nd



Fun Cool Cars - watch for something to fill the time until next Spring



e-Biking; weekly, small group rides; various starting locations



Investment Group - TBD

## A LIGHTER MOMENT

There are four stages of old age: You forget names. Then you forget faces. Next, you forget to zip up. And finally, you forget to zip down.

Three old guys are out walking. The first one says, "Windy, isn't it?" The second one says, "No, it's Thursday!" The third one says, "So am I. Let's go get a beer."

When you're 20 and you drop something, you pick it up. When you're 80 and you drop something, you decide if you need it anymore.

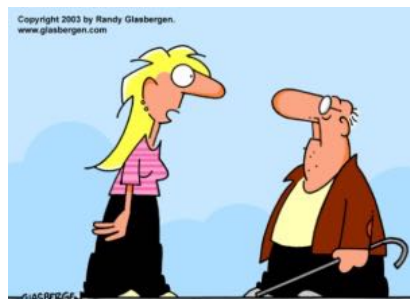
Prayer for Good Health for Seniors:

God grant me the Senility to forget the people I never liked anyway, the good fortune to run into the ones I do, and the eyesight to tell the difference.

At 59, I could be considered middle-aged. But how many 118-year-old men do you know? ~ Barry Cryer

I don't feel old. I don't feel anything until noon. Then it's time for a nap. ~ Bob Hope

Getting older has some benefits...Call it a "Senior Moment" and you can get away with pretty much anything!



"Scott, when I said I wanted to grow old with you, I meant gradually!"



"GOLDEN YEARS, MY FOOT... MY HAIR HAS TURNED TO SILVER AND YOUR ASS HAS TURNED TO LEAD!"

### 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).

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