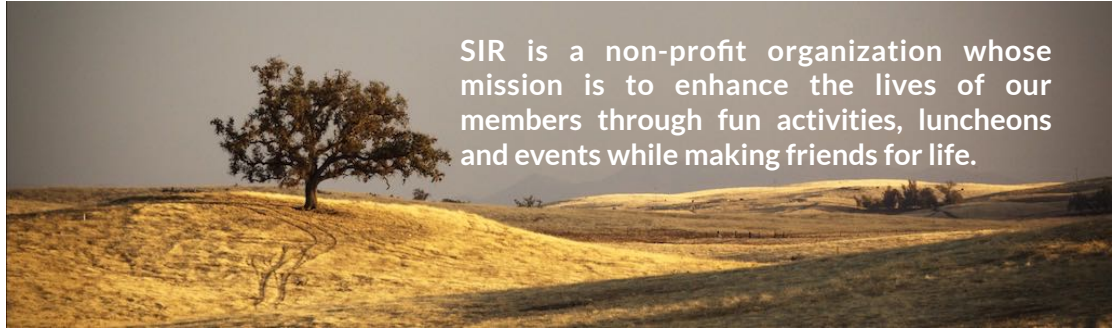


# GOLD COUNTRY BRANCH 95



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Kevin King, Editor

## BIG SIR | Ron Wadsworth 916-417-1484



May is a month of warmth, renewal and gathering — and this year, it brought a vibrant energy to our branch as activities continued in full swing. We're especially looking forward to our awesome picnic on June 11th, which promises great food, laughter and camaraderie. Be sure not to miss it! You should have already received the invitation from Bill Klump.

Our regular activities continue to thrive thanks to your participation and enthusiasm. From golf and bocce ball to wine tasting, bowling, pickleball and poker and more, there's truly something for everyone.

We're also having several memorable pop-up events, including the fantastic barbecue planned by Steve Annen May 22nd at 5 pm — thanks, Steve!

Looking ahead, expect an exciting baseball outing at Sutter Health Park, currently being coordinated by Dave Guertin. It's shaping up to be a home run of an outing. For more details on all SIR 95 activities, be sure to connect with Jay Muzio.

Critical note: As we approach the halfway point of 2025, we take pride in all that we've built together. But to keep this momentum going, we need two dedicated volunteers to step into leadership roles as Little SIR and Big SIR for the coming year. These positions are vital to the continued success of our branch, and we urge you to seriously consider lending your time and talents. Your involvement can make a big impact. Please see Jay Guertin or Hugh Thompson if you're interested or have questions—they're actively supporting this effort and ready to help you get started.

Let's keep the fun alive and growing. Thank you all for your continued support and participation!

See you at our May 14th luncheon! Our speaker will be Karen McClafin, Executive Director of the California Automobile Museum.



### Gold Country Branch 95 2025 BEC Members- PBS denotes Past Big SIR; HLM denotes Honorary Life Member

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916-417-1484

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## THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

- 1707: Scotland unites with England to form Great Britain. Wales was already part of Great Britain but Northern Ireland did not come along until later.
- 1714: Invention of the first thermometer, by Daniel Fahrenheit, of course.
- 1796: Dr. Edward Jenner developed smallpox vaccine. Indeed he coined the term vaccine for this new procedure that fights disease.
- 1888: Nikola Tesla was given a patent for the transmission of electric power. When thinking of the development of electrical power and applications, many people think of Edison or Westinghouse, but Tesla's contributions were equal.
- 1927: "Lucky Lindy" (Charles Lindbergh) took off from Long Island for the first solo transatlantic flight. He became world famous, but that fame faded due to his politics before and during WWII.
- 1937: The Hindenburg burst into flames in Lakehurst, New Jersey. The filming of this catastrophe is one of the most famous news reels of all time.
- 1980: Mount St. Helens erupted in SW Washington. Ash was thrown up to 11 miles into the air.

## SO YOU THINK YOU KNOW OUR WEBSITE

Our Branch website ([sirinc2.org/branch95/](http://sirinc2.org/branch95/)) serves multiple purposes:

- It's a source of current information for our members (along with the monthly newsletter)
- It serves as an electronic repository of historical Branch information
- It is one of the first things a prospective member searches for to learn more about SIR - the website works tirelessly 24x7x365 promoting our Branch

So, how well can you navigate our website to find information you might need? Be the first to answer one of these five questions at our next meeting. A prize will be given for the first correct response to each question. Members are only entitled to one prize.

1. Who was our Big SIR in 2003?
2. What organization did the speaker represent in the oldest newsletter in our newsletter archives?
3. In the Early History of SIR, how many branches are mentioned at the top of the newspaper clip?
4. What's the username and password to access the Member Directory?
5. What city is the golf outing being held on July 22nd?

### General Meeting

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

Buffet lunch \$38 per person

### 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

### Menu

Tequila lime  
marinated chicken  
Spanish rice  
Refried beans  
Mexican salad w/  
cilantro lime dressing  
House made corn chips  
Guacamole, salsa, etc.

### May Birthdays

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



### May SIR Anniversaries

- 1 year. - Mike Bettencourt;  
Wil Brunet; Jack Larson
- 2 years - Rick Hernandez;  
Dennis Pfaff
- 3 years - Alan Bowles; Bob Doettling;  
Irv Joseph; Alan Sherman
- 14 years - Bill Willman
- 18 years - Mel Hallett

### Membership (as of 4/30/2025)

New or reinstated members: 3  
To be inducted this month: 0  
Departing members: 0  
Current number of members: 102

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

Please extend a welcoming hand to the following men who recently joined our Branch. Be sure to ask them to join your table at an upcoming luncheon.



David Sandfort learned about our Branch from his wife. He served as a Captain in the Army from 1966-68. He spent his career as a Mechanical Engineer for Raytheon. He listed a number of interests. Among them were antique cars, biking, bowling, pickleball and wine tasting. Activity leaders...make sure you reach out to David and invite him to join your next activity. David and his wife, Anne, live in El Dorado Hills.



John Yost learned about SIR from a member of his walking group in Santa Cruz. He is also a veteran - having served in the US Air Force from 1966 - 1970 reaching the rank of E5. He was an Operations Executive and Management Consultant during his career working for such companies as Control Data, Conner Peripherals and Maxtor. He was also an Adjunct Professor and College Campus Chair for University of Phoenix and Cabrillo College. He also listed a number of activities including bocce and golf among the activities we currently offer. He and his wife, Suzie, also live in El Dorado Hills.

Don't forget to respond to the emails for our monthly lunches whether you are able to come or not. It helps ensure we give the Country Club the most accurate headcount possible. And, remember...if you sign up for lunch and aren't able to make it, be sure to cancel with sufficient notice so you are not responsible for having to pay for your lunch.

Be sure to sign up for our annual picnic. You should have received the following reservation form from Bill Klump in your email:

### SIR 95 - 2025 Annual Summer Picnic

**Wednesday, June 11 11:00 to 2:00pm**

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 20<sup>th</sup>** to:

BILL KLUMP  
4381 LAKERIDGE DR.  
POLLOCK PINES, CA. 95726

Phone: (209)679- 4087 any questions  
Email: [sirs95treasurer@yahoo.com](mailto:sirs95treasurer@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: (\$80 for two people, \$40 for one) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

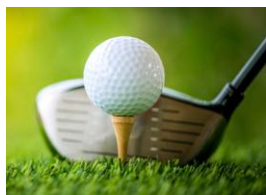
Mail to be received **before May 20<sup>th</sup>** to:

Bill Klump  
4381 Lakeridge Dr. Pollock Pines, Ca. 95726



## BRANCH 95 GOLF | Terry Starkel, Golf Chairman

916-817-1524



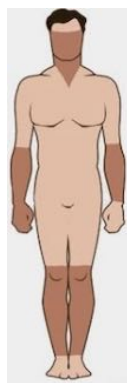
There have been a few changes in our golf schedule for this year. The original schedule had us playing Castle Oaks on June 24<sup>th</sup> and Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>. We will now play Apple Mountain on June 24<sup>th</sup> and we will wait and see if Castle Oaks reopens and can schedule us to play in October. As far as I can tell at this point, it will be under

new management at that time.

When we play Apple Mountain, it will be in a scramble format, with four man teams playing from the best position. More information will be sent out later. We are just starting to get into better weather, with a few pleasant days of golf behind us and looking forward to many more before the heat starts to get to us.

We have had several new members join us recently and they seem to be fitting in just fine, taking in some of the prize money and closest to the pin contests. We all need to be looking to keep our game sharp and value the time we can spend together on the course. We have had several golfers that have had to miss our tournaments due to health concerns. I certainly hope everyone can get back on the courses soon.

Remember to check out the [golf page](#) on the Branch website to keep track of standings and other information that you may be interested in. The Club Championship will be coming up in September. The Gold Country Cup and the Marksman of the Year will be awarded at the end of the season. If you noticed, you'll now earn 10 points toward the Gold Country Cup for every complete round you play. The Branch [golf page](#) also has the photos of each golf member, so you can check that out to get to know each other a little better - especially the newer guys. State SIR tournament information is also on that page.



Golfer's tan

## SAND TRAPS

Terry Starkel, Golf Chairman  
916-817-1524

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

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### SIR Branch 95 Results 2025 Tournaments

April 1st - Empire Ranch  
Cancelled due to rain

April 8th - Mather  
1st - Rick Willson  
2nd - Terry Privott  
3rd - Ron Wadsworth  
Closest to the pin - Ray Guenther

April 15th - Wildhawk  
1st - Rick Willson  
2nd - Ron Wadsworth  
3rd - Bill Klump  
Closest to the pin - Bob Carlson

April 22nd - Diamond Oaks  
1st - Terry Starkel  
2nd - John Ashley  
3rd - Chad Barrow  
Closest to the pin - Jim Coward

**Q: How did golf get its name?**

**A: All of the other 4-letter words were taken.**

**Q: What's the easiest shot in golf?**

**A: Your fourth putt.**

**Q: What's the easiest way to hook a ball?**

**A: Try to slice it.**

#### 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-Branded Merchandise: [sir.ourproshop.com](http://sir.ourproshop.com)

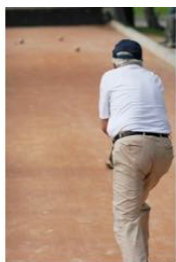
#### State SIR Officials

State President  
Rich Carlston (Br8 - Walnut Creek)  
925-324-0838

Vice President  
Lee Lamp (Br129 - Redding)  
530-921-1375

Area 3 Representative  
OPEN



**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 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**

Pickleball is one of the fastest growing sports. Come out and see what all of the buzz is about. Our group plays weekly at Heritage Community Private Courts. The day and time are generally sent out the weekend before to those on the email list. We encourage all skill levels to

come out and join us. Feel free to contact me with any questions. See you on the courts.

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

We plan weekly small group rides on paved trails in the local area. Give me a call at the above number if you'd like to be added to the e-biking contact list. Participation has been very low and without increased interest we may have to reimagine or

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, send a text to 916-709-1693.

**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.

**FOOTHILLS COOL CARS |**

**Rick Talone 916-761-7222**



Meets at 10:30 the last Friday of the month at the old Purple Place's parking lot before driving as a group to lunch to share car stories and experiences. See page 6 for a recap of

our first drive of the year.

**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. A small, but dedicated group of us meet the first and third

Wednesdays of each month. We have room for more members to join in the fun. We bowl from 1:00 to 4:00 and the cost is \$15 per person. Give me a call for more information.

**BACKGAMMON | Joe Spezza 707-367-8996**

Backgammon is one of the newest activities the Branch is trying to get off the ground. Haven't played for awhile or always wanted to learn how to play, then come check us out. See

the article on page 7 to learn more.

*"We do not stop playing because we grow old, we grow old because we stop playing." ~ George Bernard Shaw*

*"Get up and go outside, don't let the old man in." ~Toby Keith*

*"You can't help getting older, but you don't have to get old."  
~ George Burns*

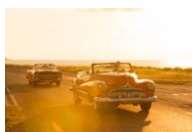
## WINE TASTING GROUP | Jay Muzio, PBS 650-302-1902



This month the wine tasting event had to be canceled due to illness of our host couple. The May event will be held on the 15th - the third Thursday as usual.

If you have not already joined the wine tasting group and would like to join, contact Jay Muzio at the number above. Besides 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?

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



The FOOTHILLS COOL CARS group had a great turn out for our first drive of the year on Friday, April 25. Despite the cool weather, 9 cars showed up. We had a change of plans due to the cool weather and instead of a drive up to Placerville we decided to drive to Cameron Park to a Mexican restaurant called Los Pinos. All had a great time and good conversations sharing car stories and experiences.

Next month's drive will actually be June 7th, not in May, since the last Friday in May is just a week before the big car show at Cameron Park Lake on Cameron Park Dr. For the car show, we will all be meeting at the same place Purple Place parking lot at 7:00 a.m. and we will all drive together to the show.



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



The Best Burger Pursuit has diversified – we are now officially also rating tacos. We had our 2<sup>nd</sup> taco activity on 4/18/25 at Soriano's in Diamond Springs, just south of downtown Placerville. We have only been to two taco places so far and Soriano's is currently in second. Martins in Gold River is still in 1<sup>st</sup>. In the taco group we have a rating criteria known as 'Heat' which is not intended to be "more is better", but rather, it is supposed to be a rating of the right amount of heat – not too hot, not too bland. I think most people expect tacos at a Mexican restaurant to be at least a little spicy and Soriano's was on the bland side and the ratings did reflect that. The 'Heat' criteria was the lowest rating of all the rating categories. Conversely, the 'heat' criteria was the highest rated category at Martins.

Our next BBP activity will be a burger venue and we will be going to a local favorite – Moonraker Brewing Company in Cameron Park. For those of you that have not been there, it is a new brewery with lots of room - both inside and outside. Good burgers and beer. It will be on Friday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at noon.

We have decided to change it up a little for our June BBP activity. DJ Peterson has suggested the Shangri-La restaurant in Fair Oaks which is run by his daughter. It is a little nicer restaurant than where we have been going for most of our BBP activities and they don't do lunches on Friday. So, we would like plan this activity for 5pm, Friday, June 20<sup>th</sup>. We would like to make this a coed outing, so please bring your spouses, significant others, or just others. DJ has us set up with plenty of room and .... they have bocce courts right there in the outdoor dining area so we can have a little friendly bocce competition. More to come on this next month.

## BOWLING | Ray DiBasilio, HLM (Branch 113) 530-558-9727



Our only tournament in the month of April was held at the Gold Dust West in Carson City, Nevada. We had an especially good time as this is the first one of the year sponsored by my own Branch 113, and my first time back to Gold Dust West in more than a few years. 123 SIR bowlers and guests joined us for some challenging bowling – overall averages were down 12 pins from entering book average. I'm not sure if the lane conditions were to blame or just the late-night partying/gambling I saw going on. I do know we had a few delicious meals up there with our SIR friends! Many thanks to Cindy and Cyndi for manning the desk and keeping me straight.



Our State SIR Tournament will be held May 12th-13th at Country Club Lanes in Sacramento. This Championship Tournament is open to SIRs only; no guests for this one.

In June and July our calendar will see us bowling at Red Hawk (Placerville), Earl Anthony's Bowl (Dublin), Foothills Bowl (Auburn), and Clayton Valley Bowl (Concord). We head to the National Bowling Stadium in Reno August 11-13th, definitely not one to miss. There are great room rates at the Silver Legacy (\$77/night, inclusive of resort fees). The reservation code is on the application posted on the SIR website.

For the full schedule, head over to the [SIR BOWLING](#) webpage.

SEE YOU ON THE LANES!

*Striking up Friendships*



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## BACKGAMMON | Joe Spezza, 707-367-8996



The Gold Country Backgammon Club is open to all skill levels. I encourage you to try out the group even if you've never played the game. Backgammon players love to teach others what they know. I should know, I'm one of them! There are no dues or fees and scoring is up to the players. Bring a board if you have one, but it is not necessary. Club meeting times are Wednesdays from 4 PM to 6 PM at the El Dorado County Library in Placerville and Thursdays from 2 PM to 4 PM at the El Dorado County Library in Cameron Park. Join the club!

Call Joe at 707-367-8996 for more information.

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## ASSISTANCE LEAGUE GARDENS OF THE HILLS FUNDRAISER



It's not too late to get your tickets for Assistance League's Gardens of the Hills Fundraiser.

You can purchase your tickets online by clicking [HERE](#), from our members or at the El Dorado Hills Welcome Center.

Thank you for helping us to enhance the lives of children and adults through community programs in El Dorado County. We encourage you to learn more about the work we do in El Dorado County by visiting our [website](#).

## MAY ACTIVITIES & EVENTS



6th, 13th, 20th, 27th; see the [golf schedule](#) for a list of courses and check-in times



8th - Texas Hold'em; host varies; 6:30pm



Fridays - Drop-in pickleball; Heritage Community Private Courts; 12:30pm



7th, 21st - Drop-in bowling; FLB Entertainment Center; Folsom; 1-4pm



Thursdays - Drop-in bocce; Promontory Park EDH; 10:00am



Thursdays - Breakfast & Walking - Denny's Cameron Park; 9:00am



14th - BEC Meeting & Luncheon; Cameron Park Country Club



15th - Pulled pork and Gerwurztraminer wine; Thompson's; 6:00pm



23rd - best burger month; Moonraker Brewing; Cameron Park; 12:00 Noon



12th-13th — State SIR Tournament; Country Club Lanes; Sacramento



Next event June 7th



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



Wednesdays - Placerville library; 4-6 pm;  
Thursdays - Cameron Park library; 2-4 pm

## A LIGHTER MOMENT - Harry Hall

My wife wants me to wear a bracelet that belonged to her grandfather. It says "Do Not Resuscitate."

It's been months since I bought the book, How To Scam People Online. It still hasn't arrived yet.

If you have a red wine stain on your carpet, get some white wine and drink it until you don't care anymore.

One good thing about being wrong is the joy it brings to others.

Even rarer than a doctor who can't stand the sight of blood is a lawyer who can't stand the sight of money.

My wife and I decided to never go to bed angry. We've been awake since Tuesday.

My wife and I started role-playing in the bedroom. Her favorite is The Sexy Librarian, where I have to sit quietly while she reads a book.

Being old is when you don't care where your spouse goes, just as long as you don't have to go, too.

I now know how it will all end for me, one of my grand kids will unplug my life support to charge their phone.

I met my wife at a single's night. I was surprised because I thought she was home with the kids.

I want someone I can share my entire life with who will leave me alone most of the time.

Don't be mad at lazy people. They didn't do anything.

When Miley Cyrus dances nearly nude and licks a hammer, it's called art. When I do it, I get kicked out of Home Depot.

### 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 Inc. and its branches, are for the convenience and pleasure of the members and their guests who desire to participate. SIR 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.