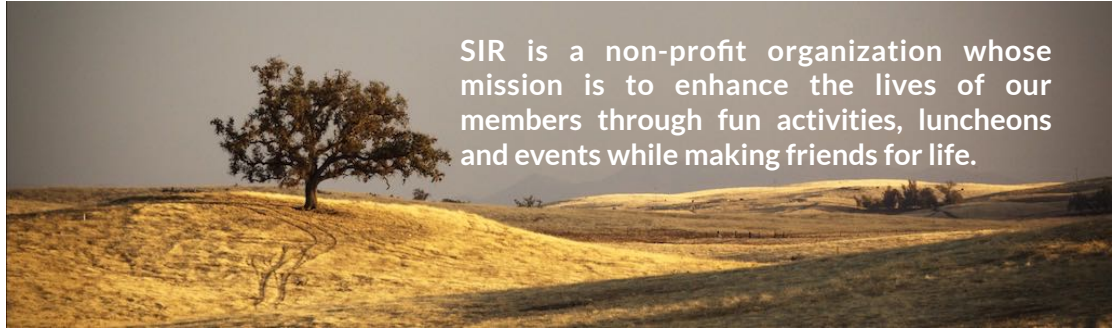


GOLD COUNTRY BRANCH 95



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BIG SIR | Ron Wadsworth 916-417-1484



Do we have a Bo Jackson in Our Midst?

Many of you may remember Bo Jackson. He was the otherworldly athlete in the 1980s and '90s that was built like Adonis and played professional baseball and football with ease. He was both swift and powerful and the envy of many. Well, we have one of those two-sport athletes that has been hiding in plain sight here at Branch 95! See below for more details.

First, welcome to June! As summer kicks off, our SIR Branch is staying active, social and competitive—just the way we like it.

Mark your calendars for our June 11th Summer Picnic at the Promontory Park Pavilion. This is always a highlight of the season—good food, good friends and great weather (we hope). Bring your appetite, your best lawn game and your better half. If you have any questions or want to help, please contact Bill Klump.

On the sports front, Rick Willson had a fantastic showing at the State Bowling Tournament. In Doubles, Division 2, he partnered with Emory Haworth (Branch 102 - Carmichael), and they took first place with a six-game handicap total of 1,537—not only leading their division but posting the highest doubles score overall for both Divisions 1 and 2. In Singles Division 1, Rick finished 24th out of 43 with a handicap score of 701, and placed 12th in

All Events, Division 1 with a total of 1,440. Hats off to all the bowlers who participated. The next bowling tournament is June 5–6 at Red Hawk Apex Lanes. Good luck to those heading out!

We also had a strong showing in the State SIR Golf Tournament at Rancho Solano in Fairfield on May 29th. The team of Randy Hood, Rick Willson, Alan Bowles and Ron Wadsworth took second place with a terrific net score of 129. Ron also captured the individual low net title.

Notice the common denominator was Rick. Thus the comparisons to the legendary Bo Jackson. When you see him next, be sure to ask about his legendary sporting exploits, (and maybe he'll let you squeeze his bicep)!

As we enjoy the summer events and competition, we must also look to the future. Our Branch is in need of two members to step forward to serve as Big SIR and Little SIR starting in 2026. These leadership roles are vital to the continuity and health of our group. If you've benefited from the camaraderie and opportunities SIR provides, please strongly consider giving back. Let us (me, Hugh Thompson or Jay Guertin) know if you're interested or have questions.

Here's to warm days, great games and staying connected.

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THIS MONTH IN HISTORY | Randy Scott 916-834-9475

1777: John Adams introduced a resolution before Congress mandating a United States flag, stating, "...that the flag of the thirteen United States shall be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white on a blue field, representing a new constellation." This anniversary is celebrated each year in the U.S. as Flag Day.

1944: D-Day, the largest amphibious landing in history, began in the early-morning hours as Allied forces landed in Normandy on the northern coast of France. Operation Overlord took months of planning and involved 1,527,000 soldiers in 47 Allied divisions along with 4,400 ships and landing craft, and 11,000 aircraft.

1966: The U.S. Supreme Court ruled (5-4) in the case of *Miranda v. Arizona* that an accused person must be apprised of certain rights before police questioning including the right to remain silent, the right to know that anything said can be used against the individual in court, and the right to have a defense attorney present during interrogation. American police officers now routinely read prisoners their 'Miranda' (constitutional) rights before questioning.

1971: The 26th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was enacted, granting the right to vote in all federal, state and local elections to American citizens 18 years or older. The U.S. thus gained an additional 11 million voters. The minimum voting age in most states had been 21.

1978: By a vote of almost two to one, California voters approved Proposition 13, an amendment to the state constitution severely limiting property tax rates.

PICTURES FROM LAST YEAR'S PICNIC



HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL ON THE 11TH.

ANNUAL SUMMER PICNIC

Wednesday, June 11, 2025

11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Pre-Registration Required

Promontory Park
2700 Alexandra Drive
El Dorado Hills, CA 95762



June Birthdays



Bill Barry
Mike Bettencourt
Ray DiBasillio
Rick Horewitch
Dan Koelzer
Brian Lemley
Dan Link
Jay Muzio
Dennis Windsor

June SIR Anniversaries

1 year - Rick Horewitch
12 years - Terry Privott

Membership (as of 5/31/2025)

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

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

Last month was the first month in quite a while that we didn't induct any new members. Let's get the word out about the great resource we have in getting guys off the couch, out of the house and doing the things they like with other guys with the same interests. For the first time, El Dorado Hills Community Services District has allowed us to publish an ad in their Community Resources Guide. That publication reaches every household in the District and has the potential of introducing SIR to many other guys in the communities we serve. As great a marketing opportunity that is, we also rely on our members to bring friends and neighbors to one of our luncheons. Their first lunch is on us and they can see for themselves what they've been missing. Let's make a push to get the word out and not only meet but exceed our 2025 membership goals.

I hope you signed up for this year's annual picnic. It should be a fun day. The 10-day forecast shows that temps should be reasonably mild. Registration is closed but you might give Bill Klump a call (209-679-4087) to see if there were any late cancellations.

CALLING ALL BOCCE PLAYERS. The Branch 95 bocce team is being assembled to compete in this year's SIR regional bocce tournament. See the following article for more details.

Lastly, don't forget the Assistance League's Garden of the Hills Fundraiser happening this weekend. See page 7 for additional details.

SIR 95 BOCCE TEAM | Dan Cockcroft 408-781-0714



The SIR 95 bocce team is set to open their 2025 campaign. Dan Cockcroft (captain) has assembled a team capable of upending three-time defending champion Branch 37 (Auburn). In addition to Dan, other team members include Rick Hernandez, Dan Koelzer, Dan Link, Ken Mahar, Jim Peterson and Terry Starkel. Four branches will compete, each hosting once, over the next four months. After two 2nd place finishes the past two years - and one by only one point - the team is focused on unseating Auburn and bringing home the highly coveted SIR Regional Bocce champion trophy this year. It's a fun, summer-long event and an opportunity to meet SIR members from other branches. If you are interested in joining the team, give Dan a call.

POP-UP EVENT | Jay Muzio, PBS 650-302-1902

Join your fellow SIR friends and family members for a night of fun and action at Sutter Health Park.

Send your check made out to SIR Branch 95 no later than June 30th to:

Jay Muzio
711 Stanfel Place
El Dorado Hills, CA 95762



SIR Baseball Night Out with the River Cats

Saturday, August 23rd

\$31/ticket which includes:

Game Ticket

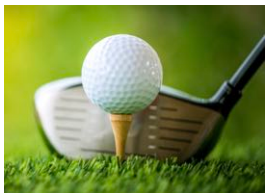
Hotdog

Non-alcoholic Drink

Post-game Fireworks

BRANCH 95 GOLF | Terry Starkel, Golf Chairman

916-817-1524



We have completed golf for May, with our last golf outing, a six-six-six competition at Bartley Cavanaugh golf course. This format gave everyone the opportunity to score well.

We now move into June and most of the outings for the next few months have 9:00am start times in order to beat the heat. Towards the end of the month, we will be playing Apple Mountain. We need to submit our numbers extra early for this course, so please be on the lookout for the email invite to sign up. It will be a four man scramble, so not as much pressure.

We have had several new SIR 95 members join our golf group. The latest was John Yost. We want to have all of our golf outings to be fun and challenging events and welcome the new members.

A reminder that all of the SIR 95 golf rounds that you play with us goes towards qualifying for the SIR 95 Club Championship held in September. Play golf and qualify. Looking forward to a great summer of golf.



Left to right: Ron Wadsworth, Rick Willson, Randy Hood and Alan Bowles. 2nd place low net finishers at the SIR's state tournament at Rancho Solano Golf Course in Fairfield on May 29th.

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

May 6th - Empire Ranch

1st - Tim McClanahan

2nd - John Ashley

3rd - Randy Hood

4th - Bill Yeager

Closest to the pin - Bill Douglas

May 13th - Mather

1st - Rick Willson

2nd - Dennis Petersen

3rd - Mike Wilke

4th - Bill Yeager

Closest to the pin - Chad Barrow

May 20th - Wildhawk

1st - Terry Starkel

2nd - Bill Klump

3rd - Chad Barrow

Closest to the pin - Ron Wadsworth

May 27th - Bartley Cavanaugh
(Six-six-six format)

1st - Team of Bob Carlson and
Marshall Armstrong

2nd - Team of Byron Loney and
Scott Walberg

3rd - Team of Al Cooney and
Jim Coward

SIR Websites

Branch 95: sirinc2.org/branch95/

State SIR: sirinc.org

State SIR Marketing: WeAreSIR.com

SIR Happenings (State SIR newsletters):

sirinc.org/newsletters

SIR-Branded Merchandise: sir.ourproshop.com

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925-324-0838

Vice President

OPEN

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 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. **Note the summer time change.**

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.

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.

Have you ever thought..."I wonder why SIR doesn't offer this activity _____ (fill in the blank). I bet other members (and perhaps their significant others) would enjoy it." Give Jay Muzio a call and let him know if you have an idea for a new activity. Many of our activities got their start the same way. After all, what is SIR without its activities?



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



The May wine tasting event was hosted by Hugh and Faye Thompson at their residence. Twenty-eight tasters were in attendance, and the varietal for the month was Gewürtztraminer. Despite the purchasing challenge, the tasters obtained and wrapped fourteen bottles for judging. Bottles came from California, Oregon, Washington, Germany and France. The first-place winner was a 2022 Fetzer (white label) presented by Jim and Carol Peterson. Second place was another 2022 Fetzer (blue label) presented by George and Micki Alboff.

The food complementing the wine was excellently prepared, resulting in the consumption of twelve pounds of pulled pork served with Brioche Buns. The pork was served with coleslaw, mixed green salad, fresh fruit and macaroni salad. In addition to a vegetarian plate, there were fantastic hors d'oeuvres to start the snacking and tasting of Gewürtztraminer. The evening ended with tasty desserts that included Boston Cream Pie, Blueberry / Strawberry folded pastries and other goodies like homemade cookies.

All tasters parted with smiles and laughter about 9 pm, walking steadily and down the front steps.

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?

BEST BURGER PURSUIT | Dan Koelzer 916-718-0521



Our 11th burger activity was on 5/23/2025 at a local favorite, Moonraker Brewery, in Cameron Park, just south of Hwy 50. A little bit of a weird rating for this one. It looked like people generally liked Moonraker, especially the atmosphere and the beverages. There was plenty of room and they did a good job of saving a large table for us. However, most people did not like the service promptness. We got several "1" ratings, which is the lowest rating, and there have been very few of those previously issued. The 1's (and other low ratings) were almost entirely in the 'Service Promptness' category, so they obviously have a problem there. In their defense, the particular day we met was quite busy since it was the Friday before Memorial Day weekend. They didn't fare well overall (8th place out of 11) but it was primarily because of the markdowns in 'Service Promptness' and 'Price'. They did well in the other, more food-related categories, where they actually came in 2nd place in the 'Meat Quality' category. Interesting outing.

Our next BBP activity will be on June 20th and it will be entirely different. DJ Peterson has offered the Shangri-La restaurant in Fair Oaks which is owned and run by he and his daughter – maybe mostly by his daughter. If you have never been there, it is a nice restaurant, very friendly. The catch is that they don't do lunches so they don't open until 5pm. So, the plan is to have our next BBP activity at 5pm, Friday, June 20th at the Shangri-La restaurant, 7960 Winding Way, in the town of Fair Oaks, just on the north side of the River. 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 along with our dinner. The restaurant will need to know how many are coming, so please let me (dankoelzer@yahoo.com, 916-718-0521) or DJ (djpeterson99@sbcglobal.net, 916-838-5087) know before 6/20 if you plan to attend. Text, email or phone is fine. It should be fun!!!

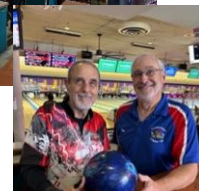
BOWLING | Ray DiBasilio, HLM (Branch 113) 530-558-9727



This year's Annual SIR State Tournament was held at Country Club Lanes in Sacramento May 12th and 13th. The central location and an added \$500 to the prize fund brought in 86 bowlers, a moderate increase from last year. Scoring was high with many 200's and several over 250.



Lucky Bowler Pro Shop at CCL donated several items including a new ball for the door prizes. No one could have been more surprised than Jerry Marshall (Branch 161-Discovery Bay) when his number was drawn for the ball. We had the Pro Shop fill it with extra strikes – can't wait to see what Jerry does with it in the next tournament!



In June and July our calendar will find 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. Don't forget the extra \$1000 added to the prize fund. Definitely not one to miss. There are great room rates at the Silver Legacy (\$77/night, including resort fees). Book early in order to take advantage of the discounted rates (the rate code is on application). All applications are posted on the SIR website.

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

SEE YOU ON THE LANES!

Striking up Friendships



BASEBALL AND BEER POP-UP EVENT | Jay Muzio, PBS 650-302-1902

On May 22nd, a lively group of SIR members and significant others gathered at the home of Steve and Nancy Annen for an evening of food, fun and camaraderie. To commence the summer festivities, the theme of the evening was Baseball and Beer. Many attendees wore gear representing their favorite teams.

The Annen's offered the main dishes of Italian sausage, baked beans to kill for, and of course beer. The guests brought side dishes, munchies and desserts. The pool side setting and a lovely cool evening topped off the perfect event.

Thank you, Steve and Nancy, for opening your home and organizing this highly successful pop-up event.

ASSISTANCE LEAGUE GARDENS OF THE HILLS FUNDRAISER



It's your last chance to get your tickets for Assistance League's Gardens of the Hills Fundraiser being held on June 7th and 8th.

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

JUNE ACTIVITIES & EVENTS



3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th; see the [golf schedule](#) for a list of courses and check-in times



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



Drop-in pickleball; location, day and time announced weekly



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



Thursdays - Drop-in bocce; Promontory Park EDH; 9:00am



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



11th - Annual Summer Picnic; Promontory Park; EDH; 11:00-2:00



19th - TBD



20th - special event and time; Shangri-La; Fair Oaks; 5:00pm



5th-6th — Apex at Red Hawk
23rd-24th - Earl Anthony's Dublin Bowl



7th; Thunder in the Park car show; Cameron Park Lake; meet in the Purple Place parking lot at 7:00am



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 | Tom Gamble, PBS

When Bill Gates dies and goes to Heaven, St. Peter escorts him to a nice studio apartment in a nice part of town. Out walking one day, he meets a distinguished-looking gentleman with a magnificent white beard. They get along so well that the gentleman suggests they both go to his place for tea.

Bill is awestruck. The place is a palace with beautiful, manicured gardens and elegant sculptures. The tea comes in perfectly translucent bone china cups and tastes Heavenly.

"Who are you to rate such a place?" Bill asks tentatively.

"I am Captain Edward Smith," his host replies.

"Of the RMS Titanic?"

"Yes, the very same."

Bill storms off to see Saint Peter. "How come the captain of a sunken ship gets all that while I, the inventor of the Windows Operating System gets a crummy little house?" he asks.

Saint Peter replies, "The Titanic only crashed once."



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.