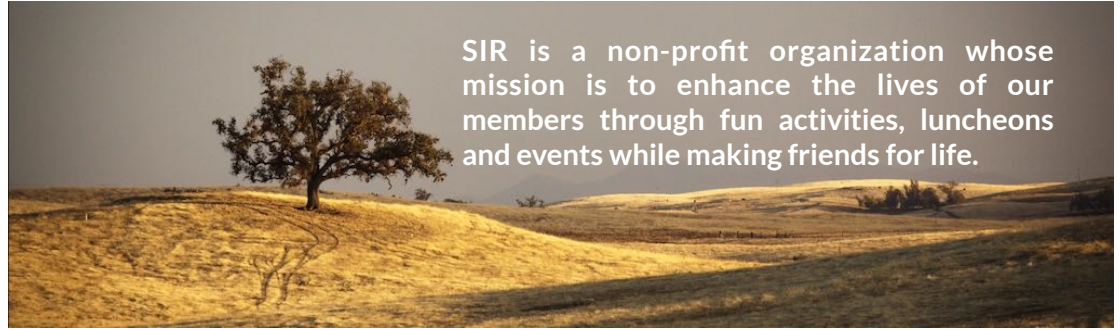


# GOLD COUNTRY BRANCH 95



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Kevin King, PBS; HLM - Editor

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



### Happy July to the members of SIR Branch 95

Summer is in full swing, and we hope you're enjoying the season! Our next luncheon is just around the corner—Tuesday, July 9th, at the beautiful Cameron Park Country Club. As always, we encourage you to arrive a little early to reconnect with friends and help welcome some special guests who will be attending to see if Branch 95 is a good fit for them. A warm smile and friendly conversation can go a long way in making someone feel at home.

We're also excited to welcome our guest speaker, our very own Bob Woodford, who will share memories and experiences from his time taking part in the TransPac Yacht Race.

Looking back at June, our June 11th picnic was a resounding success! We had close to 70 attendees and

the weather was great. A huge thank-you goes out to Bill Klump and his wife Stacey for spearheading the event. Their hard work—and the efforts of our amazing volunteer crews—made the day a true highlight. From setup to cleanup, it was a team effort that brought everyone together. Don't miss the great pictures in the newsletter capturing the fun and fellowship.

As we move through the year, one pressing issue remains: leadership for 2026. Our branch relies on the willingness of its members to step forward and help guide its future. If you've benefited from the camaraderie, events and connections that SIR offers, please consider giving back by taking on a leadership role. The future of Branch 95 depends on the commitment and participation of all of us. It's critical to get these positions in place now so we can pass along the needed understandings of the roles.

Here's to a wonderful July filled with good times, good friends and new opportunities!

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

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

**1862:** President Abraham Lincoln signed the first income tax bill, levying a 3% income tax on annual incomes of \$600-\$10,000 and a 5% tax on incomes over \$10,000. Also, the Bureau of Internal Revenue was established by an Act of Congress.

**1885:** Louis Pasteur gave the first successful anti-rabies inoculation to a boy who had been bitten by an infected dog.

**1943:** During World War II in Europe, the Royal Air Force conducted Operation Gomorrah, raiding Hamburg, while tossing bales of aluminum foil strips overboard to cause German radar screens to see a blizzard of false echoes. As a result, only twelve of 791 Allied bombers involved were shot down.

**1945:** The experimental Atomic bomb "Fat Boy" was set off at 5:30 a.m. in the desert of New Mexico desert, creating a mushroom cloud rising 41,000 ft. The bomb emitted heat three times the temperature of the interior of the sun and wiped out all plant and animal life within a mile.

**1969:** A global audience watched on television as Apollo 11 Astronaut Neil Armstrong took his first step onto the moon. As he stepped onto the moon's surface he proclaimed, "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind" - inadvertently omitting an "a" before "man" and slightly changing the meaning.

## WHAT IS SIR?

Like me, you may find yourself in a situation where you just have a few minutes to describe SIR to someone who asks what it's all about. Back in our working days, we might call that an "elevator speech" - where you have 30 seconds or so riding up the elevator to describe to a Senior Executive what you're working on. The message has to be short, to the point and memorable. Andy Danver, SIR's Director of Marketing/Communications from Branch 35 (Los Altos), sent me something he's been working on in this regard that I thought I'd share:

**SIR Slogan:** Social and Athletic Activities for Seniors

**Who We Are:** SIR is a local club for adults with a range of well run social and athletic activities including monthly lunches with speakers. Our members are like you with similar interests and experiences.

**Research Shows:** Joining social organizations like this has proven to improve your disposition and increase your longevity.

**Find Friends for Life in SIR**

## General Meeting

Wednesday, July 9, 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, speaker & general meeting

12:00pm ~ 2:00pm



## July Birthdays



Al Gurevich  
Barry Jacobsen  
Bill McClanahan  
Ken McCoy  
Arlo Miller  
Scott Ravel  
Randy Scott  
Terry Wild

## July SIR Anniversaries

1 year - Alan Ahnfeldt  
3 years - Ed Bowman; Ray DiBasilio;  
Ron Wadsworth  
4 years - Mike Wilke  
6 years - Ed Ricci  
11 years - Rich Turoff  
14 years - Bob Birgbauer

## Membership (as of 6/30/2025)

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

I'm not sure what participating in SIR has meant to you or if Andy's "elevator speech" accurately sums it up for you, but, coincidentally, one of our members wrote me this month saying that he believes "SIR provides a great resource for our mental and physical health. We get to meet new people, make friends, share our ideas - our lives, become involved in activities such as golf, pickleball, wine tasting, the annual picnic and Christmas Dinner, serve on the board, etc. Gives that member something to look forward to and be involved with and [an opportunity to] participate."

According to what I've heard, the annual picnic was a huge success. My wife and I were disappointed that we couldn't attend this year. Much thanks to Bill Klump and his wife, Stacey, for putting in the time to coordinate and organize another great event. A shoutout, too, to all of the volunteers that assisted Bill in making everything come together for the relaxation and enjoyment of members and their spouses/significant others. You can find some pictures from the picnic on page 7.

Have you heard of the Southwest Airlines approach to ensuring no one takes the empty seat next to you? You could always try the approach of looking unusually large or by placing an empty baby bag in the seat next to you but, one of the most effective ways is to not make eye contact with those that are boarding. Think about it - you lock eyes; next, they notice an empty seat next to you. Is that why everyone looks in their laps when Ron brings up needing to fill branch leadership positions? Think about it and then think about what's needed to keep our branch together and ways that you might help in keeping it moving forward. I see it happening in other branches - no leaders; no branch.

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



The SIR 95 bocce team of Dan Cockcroft (Captain), Kevin King (sub), Dan Koelzer, Dan Link, Jim Peterson and Terry Starkel kicked off the season going 1-2 in the opening round. The final results don't speak to how close each game was. All three games came down to the final frame and were settled by a point or two difference. A shout out to Branch 98 (Roseville/Rocklin) who hosted the event. Our branch hosts the next set of games on July 16th at Promontory Park. It's going to be a fun and what may prove to be the most competitive season since the regional SIR bocce tournament got started. If you want more information about the team and our schedule, give Dan a call.

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

This is your last chance to join your fellow SIR friends and family members for a night of baseball action and post-game fireworks. The Rivercats take on the El Paso Chihuahuas at Sutter Health Park. There's still a little time to sign up but you need to hurry. Send your check made out to SIR Branch 95 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

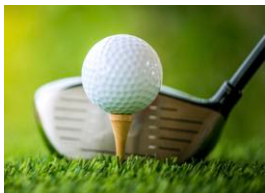
Hotdog

Non-alcoholic Drink

Post-game Fireworks

## BRANCH 95 GOLF | Terry Starkel, Golf Chairman

916-817-1524



Here we are about halfway through the golf season and, so far, we have been pretty lucky to have had good weather. We just completed our first round of golf at Apple Mountain. Next time, I will choose the gold tees in place of the white and cut off about 500 yards and a few lost balls. Apple Mountain was a scramble format that seemed to work out well for our group.

The first place team had a score of 78 and included Ray Guenther, Dan Cockcroft, Bill Yeager and Al Cooney. The second place team had a score of 80 and included Marshall Armstrong, Bob Carlson, Bill Klump and Scott Walberg.



John Yost teeing it up at Apple Mountain.



A "gimme" can best be defined as an agreement between two golfers... neither of whom can putt very well.

If you drink, don't drive.  
And don't even putt.

A hacker was playing so badly that his caddie was getting increasingly exasperated.

On the 11th, his ball lay about 160 yards from the green and as he eyed up the shot, he asked his caddie, "Do you think I can get there with a 4-iron?"

"Eventually," replied the caddie, wearily.

## 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

June 3rd - Empire Ranch  
1st - Mike Wilke  
2nd - Bill Douglas  
3rd - Lyle Cunningham  
Closest to the pin - Lyle Cunningham

June 10th - Mather  
1st - Bob Carlson  
2nd - Dennis Petersen  
3rd - Dan Cockcroft  
Closest to the pin - Bill Klump

June 17th - Wildhawk  
1st - Marshall Armstrong  
2nd - Rick Willson  
3rd - Tim Irish  
Closest to the pin - Bob Carlson

June 24th - Apple Hill (4-man scramble)  
1st - Team of Ray Guenther,  
Dan Cockcroft,  
Bill Yeager and  
Al Cooney  
2nd - Team of Marshall Armstrong,  
Bob Carlson,  
Bill Klump and  
Scott Walberg

### 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)

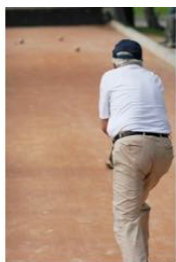
### State SIR Officials

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

Vice President  
Fred Serena (Br59 - Fremont)

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.

**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 Public 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**

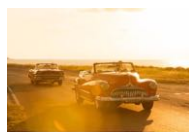
We plan weekly small group rides on paved trails in the local area. Give me a call at the above number if you'd like to be added to the e-biking contact list. Participation has been very low and without increased interest we may have to reimagine or discontinue this activity.

**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, call or 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 article regarding recent activities on page 6.

**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.

**What's do these games have in common?**

- Mexican train dominoes
- Crazy Rummy
- Five Crowns

**They are all activities other branches have that spouses/ significant others might also enjoy. Interested in starting one of these or another activity? Give Jay a call at 650-302-1902.**

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



The Wine tasting group did not have an event in June. Everyone was busy and we could not find someone to host. Our next event will be July 17<sup>th</sup>.

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 last burger activity was held on 6/20 at Shangri-La restaurant in Fair Oaks. Although it was officially a BBP (Best Burger Pursuit) activity, it was totally different than any of our previous BBP activities. The Shangri-La is a regular restaurant, only open for evening dinners, so we gathered there at 5:00pm rather than our usual lunch gathering at 12 noon. Our esteemed magician and antique car aficionado (mostly on Cords), DJ Peterson, offered us the Shangri-La which is owned and run by his daughter – and maybe a little by himself and his wife Judi. Although we did not carry out our usual burger rating process, I have to say that I had the Shangri-La burger, and, just as DJ had told me earlier, the burgers there are excellent! I think there were 16 or 17 of us, including most of our wives, and everyone had a great time. The food was great, the drinks were great, and ... we got to try some bocce on their bocce courts that are right there in the outdoor dining area, which is where we had our dinners. Lots of fun!

For our next BBP activity we will go back to our regular lunch at 12 noon schedule. Since we decided several months ago to alternate between burgers and tacos, and our previous “real” BBP activity was a burger venue at the Moonraker, this next one will be a taco venue. The actual venue has not been selected yet but I will be sending out an email to the BBP list in a week or so to let everyone know where the next BBP-taco venue will be. It will be on Friday, July 18<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon. I do have a few recent taco suggestions to look through, but, if anyone has a favorite taco place they would like us to try, let me know asap so that I can throw that place in the hat, too. You can let me know by text or phone at the number above or you can usually find me Thursdays at the morning drop-in bocce games at Promontory Park in El Dorado Hills.

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



Our get together for the month of May was pushed back a week from the 30<sup>th</sup> to June 7<sup>th</sup> to tie it into the *Thunder in the Park* car show at Cameron Park Lake off of Cambridge Rd.

We met at our usual place, the old Purple Place parking lot, only this time we met at 7:00 am - much earlier than our normal 10:30am time - because the show started at 8:00am. When we got there we found the park full!! However, we did find a great place to park, in the shade right up front. We all had a great time and could not beat the weather.

For June, we met at the same place - the Purple Place parking lot on Friday the 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am. Our drive took us down Salmon Falls Rd. to the town of Cool. From there we headed back and met at The El Dorado Saloon on Green Valley Rd. and Francisco Dr. They have an excellent large outside deck and great exposure for our cars.

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



Our first tournament in June was held at our own Apex at Red Hawk. Since I am in leagues there, I didn't think the shot would be hard. Well ... that's what I get for thinking. Seems folks had a difficult time with our house league pattern as scoring was low with relatively few 200 games. Bowlers did manage to adjust and enjoy some cash awards. Branch 113 Big SIR Chris Crowley along with his wife Terry and first-time tournament bowlers Little SIR Mark Liedstrand and his wife Sue took home some nice checks for their efforts in both Singles and Doubles. CONGRATULATIONS ALL! This tournament also welcomed 14 new SIR bowlers (over 15% of the total number).



If you have not visited The Apex it is worth stopping by. The smoke-center not only houses bowling, but also indoor golf, arcade games, racetrack. They have a summer special, too – buy a card, get two nearly every day and money loaded onto an arcade card daily which when you have enough for the race cars.

free entertainment and a three-story games of bowling free can be saved up to use

In July, our calendar will find us bowling at 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. With an extra \$1,000 added to the prize fund, I expect our Reno tournament to have great attendance. Room rates at the Silver Legacy are \$77/night, including resort fees. Book early to take advantage of the discounted rates (the rate code is on the application). All applications are posted on the SIR website.

*Striking up Friendships*



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

## 2025 PICNIC AT PROMONTORY PARK





## JULY ACTIVITIES & EVENTS



1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd; see the [golf schedule](#) for a list of courses and check-in times



10th - Texas Hold'em; host varies; 6:30pm



Drop-in pickleball; Heritage Public Park, day and time announced weekly



2nd, 16th - 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



9th - BEC Meeting & Luncheon; Cameron Park Country Club



17th - varietal and host TBD



18th - taco month; noon; location TBD



10th-11th – Foothill Bowl in Auburn  
22nd-23rd - Clayton Valley Bowl in Concord



25th; meet in the Purple Place parking lot at 10:30am; drive and lunch destination TBD



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 | SIRs Wild & Gamble

**I'm not saying I order from Amazon a lot, but I just received a wedding invitation from one of their drivers.**

**On a positive note, you are now too old to have a midlife crisis**

Me in high school: eats a Gordita Supreme and a dozen Krispy Kreme donuts at midnight... loses three pounds  
  
Me now: goes up a pant size every time I swallow my spit

If I dropped something when I was younger, I just picked it up.  
  
Now I'm older and I drop something, I stare at it for a while, contemplating if I actually need it anymore.

**Procrastination is totally a good thing. You always have something to do tomorrow, plus you have nothing to do today.**

**STARTING YOUR DAY WITH AN EARLY MORNING RUN IS A GREAT WAY TO MAKE SURE YOUR DAY CAN'T GET ANY WORSE THAN IT STARTED**



### 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.