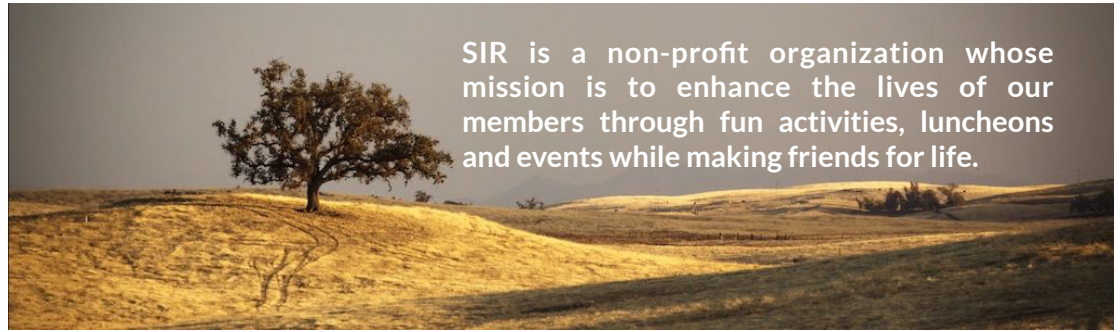


GOLD COUNTRY BRANCH 95



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Kevin King, PBS; HLM - Editor

BIG SIR | Ron Wadsworth 916-417-1484



New Beginnings

September has arrived, ushering in the transition from summer's warmth to autumn's crisp beginnings. In our beautiful area, cooler mornings and shorter evenings signal the change of seasons. We see students returning to school, with campuses buzzing with energy and fresh goals for the year ahead. Communities also prepare for local harvest festivals, football games and cultural events tied to the fall season.

September often brings renewed focus as businesses pivot from summer slowdowns to end-of-year planning. In our branch, we too have been discussing and planning for the upcoming year, and it is at this time that it's critical to assure the continuity that will allow for all of you to know you have a great group like the SIR 95 branch to belong to in 2026.

With that in mind, I'd like to share for the first time, our list of planned 2026 BEC members as selected and approved by our current BEC officers:

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| - Big Sir | Brian Lemley |
| - Little Sir | John Yost |
| - Secretary | Terry Starkel |
| - Asst. Secretary | Don Nicholson |
| - Treasurer | Bill Klump |
| - Asst. Treasurer | Grant McMicken |

- Directors
at Large

Ken Mahar
Bill Yeager
Tim Irish
Lew Chapman
Scott Ravel
Marshall Armstrong

Additionally, we will continue to have some of our experienced members continue in their roles as BEC advisors. These are: Kevin King, Jay Muzio and Hugh Thompson, who along Jay Guertin have also been assisting in seeking out possible future leaders.

Continuing in their roles as Committee Chairmen:

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|---------------|---------------------------|
| - Publicity | George Alboff |
| - Membership | Scott Ravel |
| - Bill Yeager | Badges & Member Relations |

Over the next couple of months we'll plan on allowing the new leaders to come up and speak a bit at the luncheons. Please make time to welcome and thank all of these men, as it is important to appreciate their willingness to volunteer to make this a truly special branch of the SIR organization.

Lastly, to prepare himself for the role of Big Sir next year, I'm pleased to announce that Brian Lemley has agreed to serve in the unfilled Little Sir role for the balance of this year.

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

Big SIR Ron Wadsworth 916-417-1484	Little SIR Brian Lemley 530-903-7184	Secretary Terry Starkel 916-817-1524	Assistant Secretary Don Nicholson 408-386-4119	Treasurer Bill Klump 209-679-4087	Assistant Treasurer Grant McMicken 530-306-2468
Director at Large Ken Mahar 650-504-1393	Director at Large Bill Yeager, PBS; HLM 916-941-6632	Director at Large Tim Irish, PBS 916-933-3466	Director at Large Lew Chapman, PBS 510-912-5658	Director at Large Scott Ravel 408-690-3816	Director at Large Marshall Armstrong 650-438-7802

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

1781: Los Angeles was founded by the Spanish Governor of California, Felipe de Neve, near the site of the Native American village of Yang-na. The original name was El Pueblo de la Reina de Los Angeles (The Town of the Queen of the Angels).

1814: The Battle of Fort Henry in Baltimore Harbor occurred, observed by Francis Scott Key aboard a ship. He watched the British attack overnight and at dawn saw the American flag still flying over the fort, inspiring him to write the verses which were later coupled with the tune of a popular drinking song and became the U.S. National Anthem in 1931.

1955: Actor James Dean was killed in a car crash in California at age 24. Although he made just three major films, Rebel Without a Cause, East of Eden and Giant, he remains one of the most influential actors.

1962: Soviet Russia agreed to send arms to Cuba, leading to the October Missile Crisis after the shipments were discovered by the U.S.

1994: The U.S. Army closed its headquarters in Berlin, ending the American military presence in the once-divided city after nearly half a century.

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



Please welcome our newest member, Dennis Colvin. Dennis learned about our branch from Robert Noyes. Activity leaders take note, he enjoys many of the things we already do at our Branch; i.e., biking, bocce, bowling, hiking and pickleball. He and his wife, Serena, live in Placerville.

Plans are well underway for our Annual Holiday dinner which is always a much anticipated event. You'll find the **Save the Date flyer** on page 6.

Don't forget to signup for our September luncheon. It will be on the **3rd Wednesday** this month due to a scheduling conflict. Our speaker will be Master Gardner, Phyllis Lee, who will talk about "Grapes, Care and Training".



General Meeting

—> **NOTE 3RD WEDNESDAY** <—

Wednesday, September 17, 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



September Birthdays

Al Cooney (21st)
Bill Douglas (26th)
Mel Hallett (18th)
Simon Martin (18th)
Craig Slinger (24th)
Rick Willson (17th)



September SIR Anniversaries

1 year - Lyle Cunningham; Carl Gaymon;
Jeff Jarvis
2 years - Barry Jacobsen
3 years - Marshall Armstrong
6 years - Ken Mahar
7 years - Bob Davenport
10 years - Tim Irish
22 years - Ed Walsh

Membership (as of 8/31/2025)

New members: 1
To be inducted this coming meeting: 6
Departing members: 0
Current number of members: 104

BRANCH 95 GOLF | Terry Starkel, Golf Chairman

916-817-1524



Here it is almost mid-September and we have had only a few hot days and most of those were not on days we played golf. How lucky are we?

September brings the SIR 95 Club Championship season. We play three courses, Mather, Empire Ranch and Wildhawk over a three week period for a cumulative score to determine the Club Champion. In order to qualify, the golf member must have completed 10 rounds of golf in SIR 95 tournaments during the current year. This year we have 24 golfers that are qualified, unfortunately, some of them are traveling this month and will not be able to compete in all three tournaments. The tournaments are open to all golf members, not just those competing for the Club Championship. The order is a little different this year, as Mather and Empire Ranch have traded positions in the rounds. This was due to Empire Ranch having a scheduling issue for the first Tuesday (our normal day) and Mather was available to make the change for us when I did the scheduling last November.

We could still use help in running the weekly tournaments for next year. If you are one of our golf members and would be willing to handle one tournament a month, please let me know.

When the yearly schedule was first posted this year, there were a few dates that had question marks with them. Castle Oaks was in a state of flux for several months. We played at Apple Mountain in June and we will play Castle Oaks in October.



"You have fits of rage, followed by temporary spells of euphoria, all within several hours. Are you, by chance, a golfer?"

Our golf season will wind down in December and we can only hope we will be able to complete most rounds without the weather getting too wet in the Fall.

Check out El Dorado Hills Area Foundation's 2025 Buy a Day Golf Tournament at Serrano Country Club on 10/20/2025. The tournament helps support local non-profits in El Dorado Hills and surrounding areas.

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

August 5th - Empire Ranch

1st - Don Nicholson

2nd - Dan Cockcroft

3rd - Lyle Cunningham

Closest to the pin #12 - Rick Willson

Closest to the pin #16 - Ron Wadsworth

August 12th - Mather

1st - Bill Yeager

2nd - Mike Bettencourt

3rd - Tim McClanahan

4th - Bob Carlson

Closest to the pin - Tim Irish

August 19th - Wildhawk

1st - Bill Klump

2nd - Don Nicholson

3rd - Steve Thomson

Closest to the pin - Steve Thomson

August 26th - Bing Maloney

(Greensomes format)

1st - team of Tim McClanahan and Bill Klump

2nd - team of Bill Yeager and Dennis Petersen

3rd - team of Alan Bowles and Randy Hood

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

Fred Serena (Br59 - Fremont)

Area 3 Representative

Jim Gragg (Br98 - Rocklin/Roseville)

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 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. We generally meet in the Mexquite parking lot in Folsom. Rides are typically 90 minutes with a short break in between. Let me know if you'd like to join us.

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.

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.

HIKING | Randy Scott 916-834-9475

Get ready to explore trails, experience the outdoors and connect with fellow nature enthusiasts! Whether you seek strenuous climbs or relaxing strolls, you'll find a place with a variety of hikes, catering to different skill levels and interests. Come join us for monthly group hikes throughout the local region. The day and time will generally be sent out to those on the email list. Call me to get on the list.

What new activities would you like to see? Contact our Activities Chairman, Jay Muzio, with any ideas. Jay will get the ball rolling.

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



This month's comida y vino tasting was at Casa de Hernandez. Rick and Diane were fabulous hosts at their beautiful home. Diane is a master gardener, and her green thumb was displayed throughout her home and gardens.

The theme this month was any red or white wine that would go with Mexican food. There was a wide selection of both red and white bottles available (two whites and seven reds). Although conducting a blind tasting in this setting was challenging, the group successfully identified the standout wines from the selection.

In first place was an outstanding Ruby Hill 2021, Cielo Viola (\$32) from Livermore Valley. Cielo Viola "Violet Sky" is a blend of 50% zinfandel and 50% petite sirah. It is aged for 21 months in 63% new oak (60% French, 20% Hungarian, 20% American). At 15.5% alcohol, it's full bodied and easy to drink. In second place was Heritage Oak 2021, Zinijo blend (\$28) from Lodi. This is a unique blend of zinfandel and Sangiovese. Heritage Oak is known for its success with unusual blending combinations under the guidance of owner/winemaker Tom Hoffman. In third place was Josh 2023 sauvignon blanc (\$18). Some people prefer white wine.

The food this month was prepared entirely by Rick and Diane. There were chicken enchiladas, refried beans, Spanish rice and a delicious tres leches cake for dessert.

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 BPP activity was on 8/22 at a Placerville favorite, Bricks Eats & Drinks. They have 8-10 different burgers and, by the group's comments and rankings, they're all good. So much so that it displaced our previous 3rd and 4th favorites - Out of Bounds and Relish Burger Bar. Bricks now has a firm grip on 3rd place. For our next BBP activity it was decided as a group to revisit our (previous) top 4 burger places and temporarily suspend the taco venues. So, our next BBP activity will be 9/26 at noon at our top-ranked place, Sportsman's Hall in Pollock Pines.

FOOTHILLS COOL CARS| Rick Talone 916-761-7222



Last month's drive was a short drive through Cameron Park and Shingle Springs via Green Valley Rd. to Shingle Springs Rd. onto Hwy 50 West and off at White Rock Road to Town Center. There we had lunch at Boring Rose Brewery. All had a great time and will be planning our next drive, which will be a much longer ride since it will be our last one for the year. I'm planning on a drive to Amador County in the wine region.

THE READER'S CORNER| Harry Hall 916-939-7161



The Revolutionary: Samuel Adams by Stacy Schiff, 2023 Non-Fiction
A++ I HIGHLY recommend this book for history buffs

Pulitzer Prize winner Schiff has done a masterful job in writing a biography of Sam Adams. In many ways, she gives him credit for creating the discord with the British that started the American Revolution. When the British enacted several punishing taxation acts (Townsend, etc), Adams began writing many articles in local papers (mainly the Boston Gazette) under several pseudonyms, that emphasized and exaggerated the punishments that were being inflicted on the colonies, without any input from the colonies. This led to the Boston Tea Party (Adams helped orchestrate) and the eventual war. He was not successful in business and later, after the war, he was not a good politician and faded into obscurity. However, he was meant for his role in helping to create American independence. He was a signer of the Declaration of Independence and helped in molding the Constitution.

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



Our annual tournament in Reno was held on August 14-16. It happened to fall on the Monday after Hot August Nights so we were still able to see many classic cars as we arrived in town. We had 163 bowlers, which was another increase in the participation from the previous year (bowling is back!). Aside from the elevator breakdown on the first morning and needing to take equipment up the stairs to the 4th floor (or the big escalator) everyone managed the challenge and we are in better physical shape for it. We bowled on a new oil pattern this year and most were pleased with good scores.



The NBS is always a fun venue for us as we are allowed to take over the massive bowling site's computer system to run our tournament. Cindy and Cyndi sure had fun with that! The new staff members were awesome and it will be a pleasure to work with them in future years. Save the date for next year's event, August 10-12th.

For results of this tournament and more, head over to the SIR Bowling webpage: [SIR BOWLING](#).



We are working on the calendar of bowling events for 2026. Should you want to see a tournament (or more tournaments) in your area, please let me know!

SEE YOU ON THE LANES!

Striking up Friendships



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



Our branch rollers have completed the first three of four months of competition for the highly coveted title of SIR Regional Bocce Tournament Champions. Our last matches were hosted by Branch 55 (Grass Valley/Nevada City) in Penn Valley. The courts there are exceptionally fast. Our last game against Branch 98 (Roseville/Rocklin) was described by their team as a masterclass in bocce - saying that our "shots were so precise, that we might've used GPS." We won that game by a wide margin but, unfortunately, lost the other two. We are now 4-5 for the season. Our last three games will be hosted by Branch 37 (Auburn) on September 17th.



SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES & EVENTS



2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd; see the [golf schedule](#) for a list of courses and check-in times



11th - Texas Hold'em; host varies; 6:30pm



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



3rd - 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



16th - **NOTE 3RD WED.**; BEC Meeting &



18th - Paul J Wines in Plymouth; 12-3pm; hosted by Jim and Carol Peterson



26th - Sportsman's Hall; Pollock Pines; noon



8th-9th — HomeGrown Bowl; Carson City, NV
24th-25th - Paddock Bowl; Pacheco



26th; meet in the Purple Place parking lot at 10:30am; drive and lunch destination TBD



Contact activity leader, Ken Mahar, for any scheduled rides

A LIGHTER MOMENT | SIRS Wild & Gamble

I signed up for an exercise class and was told to wear loose fitting clothing. If I HAD any loose fitting clothing, I wouldn't have signed up to begin with.

Don't bother paying a therapist. I'll tell you what's wrong with you for free.

Sometimes our wives like to mess with us by hiding our stuff where we can't find it. Like putting our shoes in the closet, hanging our jacket on a hanger and putting it in the closet and putting our keys on the key hook.

Got up at 5am, 10 mile run completed, came home and made a vegetable smoothie for breakfast... I don't remember the rest of the dream.

Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak.

Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is knowing not to put it in a fruit salad.

I thought I wanted a career. Turns out I just wanted paychecks.

Women will never be equal to men until they can walk down the street with a bald head and a beer gut and still think they are sexy.



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.