



February 2025 Bulletin

Big SIR: Eddie Garcia  
 Little SIR: Chris Wolpert  
 Secretary: Roger Goetsch  
 Asst Secretary: Jim Powell  
 Treasurer: Dick Campbell  
 Asst Treasurer: (OPEN)

Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at  
 Our Lady of the Pines, Haran Hall  
 26750 Tiger Creek Rd, Pioneer, CA 95666

Social Hour: 10:30 AM  
 Luncheon to be Served: 12:00 Noon

Board of Directors  
 Ron Burns, Jack Magee, Rich Serpa, Dwane Jantz,  
 Mike Coombs, Chris Wolpert, Don Davis.

State SIR Officers  
 President Rich Carlston  
 State District Rep. Jerry Morrow

Branch 15 Website: [https://sirinc2.org/public\\_html/branch15/](https://sirinc2.org/public_html/branch15/)

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Attendance	(OPEN)	Recognition	(OPEN)
Asst. Attendance	Rick Brown	Promotions	(OPEN)
Sunshine	Jack Magee	Chaplain	Jaime Garcia
Membership	Hub Gurnari	Beverages	Dave Jones
Asst. Membership	(OPEN)	Sales	(OPEN)
Activities Chairman	(OPEN)	Lunch Coordinator	Hub Gurnari (408) 398-7399
Bowling	Rich Serpa	Roster	Jim Powell, Jr.
Golf	Rod Simpson	RAMP	Ron Burns
RV Wagon Master	Bob Bonilla	Special Events	(OPEN)
Asst RV Wagon Master	(OPEN)	Bulletin	Roger Goetsch

Gentlemen,

We are already into February and hope to find everyone in the best health possible. Our guest speaker is John Shiflet. He is the owner of Homerun Financial and Insurance located in Jackson. I have asked him to come and speak to us about the insurance company that has become the only insurance in our area. Keep in mind that he is an insurance broker and not California Fair Plan.

Another subject is about our bread and butter ( Our Annual Dues ). I'm asking everyone to please get caught up if you haven't already done so. There is a possibility that members could get dropped and I guarantee, we all don't want that!!!

I'm looking forward to seeing as many of you that can make it to the meeting on Thursday.

Thank You For Your Time,

Eddie, President

At last month's meeting, we were pleased to be able to honor **RICH SERPA** for his tireless work on behalf of our SIR Branch 15!



**LUNCH MENU for THURSDAY, February 20th:**

PENNE PASTA MEAT SAUCE, GREEN BEANS, CAESAR SALAD, GARLIC BREAD, DESSERT, LEMONADE



**February SIR Branch #15 Birthdays:**

Tom Akeman, Garry Anderson, Don Davis, Dan Fogg, Walt Lindquist, Dave Martin, Dan Schumann, Rich Serpa, Scott Thomas, Lee Winton, Chris Wolpert.



**January SIR Branch #15 Anniversaries:**

Lee Winton, 1; James Owens, 1; Gary Fredrickson, 6; Albert McConnell, 9; Dave Kear, 9; Chris Wolpert, 10; Hub Gurnari, 10; Bob Leary, 12; Richard Vinson, 16; Ken Regnier, 18; John Sondero, 21; Dave Crocker, 25 (!)

## SIR's Golf Schedule for 2025 (15/96):

March 13: Start 9 am

April 10: Start 9 am

May 8: Start 8 am

June 26: Start 8 am

July 10: Start 8 am

August 14: Start 8 am

September 11: Start 8 am

October 23: Start 9 am

November 13: Start 9 am

December 11: Start 9 am

Note: Check in time is 8 am to 8:30 am for the 9 am starts, (and 7 am to 7:30 am for the 8 am starts).

Notify Dan Borges or Rod Simpson know one week in advance if you wish to play.

Dan is at [borgesranch@softcom.net](mailto:borgesranch@softcom.net) or 209.601.8762.

Rod is at [rsimpson42@hotmail.com](mailto:rsimpson42@hotmail.com) or 209.480.8749, and leave a message.



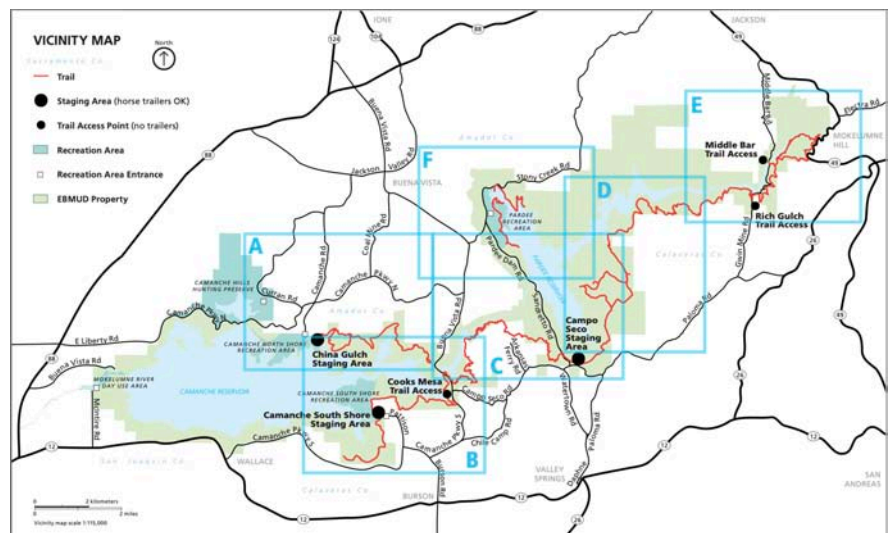
### Walking/Hiking Group Proposed:

My wife and I take frequent walks around our neighborhood, and like to explore places to hike as well. We're interested in discovering new places, so would be happy to share our outings with any other SIRs who would care to join us.

Looking for milder weather this winter, we found a wonderful area not too far from Mokelumne Hill.

It's part of the East Bay Municipality District (EBMUD). Our first hike was just a short walk on gentle terrain along a creek called the Rich Gulch Trail. The trail is well-

maintained, rarely used, and beautiful! We plan to continue exploring this great area! - Rog Goetsch



See the next page for a copy of the state newsletter included by request of Rich Carlston.



# The Rooster Crows!

## The Scoop from the Coop

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### Board of Directors

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**Bruce Corwin**  
AR

**Derek Southern**  
State Advisor

**Roy Hodgkinson**  
Parliamentarian

HAPPY  
GROUNDHOG DAY



HAPPY  
PRESIDENTS  
DAY



### News Of The Day From State

- If you use Medicaid with a supplemental policy or you use a different health insurance, you may have an opportunity to receive up to \$130 a year by being active in SIR.
- We are working with an organization named Grouper. Because health insurers recognize the importance of social and physical activity, they pay their insureds through Grouper to encourage these activities.
- Essentially, if your insurance has a contract with Grouper, you can qualify for this monetary benefit through your SIR activity. On signing up with Grouper, you receive a check for \$50. Thereafter, you can receive a \$20 quarterly check simply by being active in SIR. Note: This is an annual benefit.
- SIR also benefits with a one-time payment and referrals from the Grouper network.
- Look for more information about this opportunity from your BEC in the near future.



...to everyone who served as a Big Sir last year. Branches, please ensure you recognize their dedication and service. Also, don't forget to award them your Branch DSA under Policy 10



**Why is bowling a better sport than golf?  
It's hard to lose a bowling ball.**

