



UP-COUNTRY BRANCH #15

Chartered Feb 17th, 2000

A social activities group for men, previously Sons in Retirement,
and now open to all men retired or not.

MARCH 2021 NEWSLETTER

Big Sir Mike Coombs
Little Sir: Rich Serpa
Secretary: Ken Regnier
Asst Secretary: Jim Powell, Jr
Treasurer: Dick Campbell
Asst Treasurer: (OPEN)

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

Board Meeting: 9:30 AM
 Social Hour: 10:30 AM
 Luncheon Meeting: 11:30 AM

Board of Directors

Ron Burns, Jack Magee, Will Pearce,
 Rich Serpa, Duane Wright, Don Ellington

State SIR Officers

President Stu Williams
 Region #2 Dir Rick Kindle
 Area Governor #5 Paul Squeri

Branch 15 Website: https://sirinc2.org/public_html/branch15/

State Sir Website: <http://sirinc.org>

Attendance	Rich Serpa	Asst. Attendance	Joe Harder
Bulletin	Ken Regnier	Recognition	(OPEN)
Sunshine	Jack Magee	Chaplin	Jaime Garcia
Auditing	(OPEN)	Asst. Membership	Dick Hatch
Fishing	(OPEN)	Golf	Dave Martin
Membership	Rich Serpa	Beverages	Dave Jones
Special Events	Duane Wright	Promotions	(OPEN)
RAMP	Ron Burns	Roster	Jim Powell, Jr.
Sales	Bud Francesconi	Food and Wine	(OPEN)
Asst. Promotions	(OPEN)	Asst RV Wagon Master	(OPEN)
RV Wagon Master	Ron Burns	Tours/Travel	(OPEN)

A Blast from Your Big Sir:

Hello everyone, I hope everyone is doing well. I received my second dose of the Moderna vaccine. I hope all of you are getting these shots as that is the key for restarting our luncheons. I'm going to try to get permission from the church to have a **OUTSIDE** luncheon in May. This will involve more work to set up the tables and chairs and the cleanup afterwards. This may all change in the next few weeks due to the drop in covid cases. The meeting in March is cancelled, though we will have our Bec meeting on Thursday March 18th at 10 am via zoom. We will send out the zoom link if you want to watch it.

Remember if you haven't paid your 2021 dues please send \$25.00 to Richard Campbell at 15500 Lupe rd. Pine Grove, Ca. 95665.

You will be receiving our new 2021 Membership Roster booklet through the mail as soon as it is printed.

Thank You,
Mike Coombs
Big Sir. Branch 15

From Little SIR: March birthdays of SIR 15 members: Carl Brown, Gary Butler, Paige Cabral, Mickey Cutbirth, Hub Gurnari, David Jones, John Laurent, Cliff Steen, Coy Womack.

We have a new SIR15 member, Patrick M. Schoumacker from Pioneer. He was approved at our February BEC meeting. We are looking forward to more new members next month, so **keep up the good work!**

As you might know, state SIR has approved the re-opening of SIR-related golf activities. Details can be found on the state SIR home page: [click here](#). This has been clarified by a new letter from the state SIR President:

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There has been discussion in some Branch BEC's and Golf Committees about opening Golf with a resolution and protocol that deviates from the Model Resolution and Protocol the State Board has approved for use by Branches. Some of the proposed changes are significant and greatly reduce the safety afforded to members participating in Branch golf. The proposed changes also open the Branches to a much greater risk of liability for failure to provide due care for Branch members participating in golf activities.

The Model Golf Resolution and Protocol the State approved was created in consultation with our Insurance Provider and our State Legal Advisor to provide a Minimum of care and due diligence for the Branches.

If the Branch leadership diminishes these standards, they are doing so at the risk of liability to themselves, their members and the Branch itself. Each Branch is a Separate Corporation and are responsible for their own governance and responsibilities.

I understand that Branches would like to set their own rules, and they want their Area Governor or Regional Director to approve those rules. However, the AG's and RD's are not authorized to approve modifications to the Model Resolution and Protocol; it isn't their job to modify standards set by the State Board.

Branches must understand that the Model Resolution and Protocol are there to protect SIR Branches against claims of Gross Negligence, and the Branches need to understand the Model Resolution and Protocol are there to Protect them; not restrict their reopening golf. The same may be said for the reopening of other Outdoor Activities.

Stu Williams,
Sirinc President 2021

/s/ Secretary Ken Regnier