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ROOSTER ROUNDUP

Santa Cruz Branch No. 20
Meetings at Noon – Elks Club
Jewell Street-Santa Cruz
April 12, 2023

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PAST BIG SIRs

Steve Tedesco	2022
Les Yeffa	2020-21
Tom Duncanson	2019
Joe Mingione	2018
Dick Doubrava	2017
Norm Gruczelak	2016
Bruce Bentley	2016
Greg Horne	2015
Don Little	2014
Jim Bunker	2013
Sterling Frost	2012
Bill Neary	2011
Rich Dean	2010
Hank Pierce	2009

For complete listing of Past Big Sirs, refer to your
SIRs Roster Booklet



APRIL LUNCH MENU

Pan seared Tilapia
atop a bed of Lobster risotto and seasoned veggies.
Cornbread muffins
Lemonade, Ice tea, water
Chefs choice dessert

PROGRAM

April's speaker will be genealogist Norman Poitevin. Norman has produced several walking tours for the Live Oak area. Today he will present stirring and amusing tales about the people and places in the old Twin Lakes subdivision of Santa Cruz.



BIG SIR RAY BLUTE SEZ

At last month's luncheon I shared with you the comments I had received from ten SIR's. What I was most impressed by were the comments about the opportunities to socialize with the other members of our branch. This seems to be very enjoyable for those who responded to the survey. Other comments supported our programs and enjoyed the activities offered especially golf and Bocce Ball. I am still looking for more feedback so once again here is the survey.

SURVEY: What do you members really think of Branch #20?

1. What do you like about the Branch?
2. What do you feel could be improved in the Branch?
3. If you could see one improvement, what would it be?

Please give serious thought and consideration to the above and e-mail your thoughts to: Arthur Blute: r-cblute@att.net. I will share what responses I receive at our monthly meeting.

The Executive Committee will be discussing in our monthly meeting how to communicate with our community using signs, brochures and business cards. SIR has been referred to as "the Best Kept Secret". We are trying to change that. If you have any ideas please share them with a member of the Executive Committee. Their names and phone numbers are listed in the newsletter.

COMMITTEES for 2023

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Non-email

Jesse DeGennaro	426-0149
Mel Ferreira	408-353-2107

Punchbowl email

Ray Blute	464-7901
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Greeters

As assigned



ASST. WEBMASTER NEEDED!

Our SIR Branch 20 website has untapped potential. We just need to add current useful information to make the site come alive, and be seen as a valuable tool for our members as well as to attract potential new members. If you have imagination and basic computer skills, we can teach you web skills.

For more information, contact SIR Bob Hogan 831/334-6707

COVID 19 PROTOCOLS FOR BRANCH 20

Fellow Sirs,

As Covid-19 continues to infect individuals around the world, our Branch (and all State Sir Branches) have developed a protocol to handle a case of Covid when it is reported after a Sir event.

If a Sir reports that he tested positive after attending a Sir event, you will be notified by email. Each attending member should get tested as soon as possible. We encourage you to monitor yourself for symptoms and follow the guidelines of local health officials.

Self-testing advice is available at:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/testing/self-testing.html>

Remember, the best protection from Covid-19 is vaccination and boosters when made available, along with frequent hand washing after any public activity.

Stay safe, stay healthy!

Your BEC

TREASURERS REPORT

SIR Mike Fuson reporting

Beginning balance as of March 8, 2023: \$3995.39

(note: final balance March is not recorded until after the newsletter is published)

MEMBERSHIP REPORT (as of April 1)

SIR Don Hershberger Chair

60 ACTIVE

10 NEW APPLICATIONS ON FILE

NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS

If your address, phone number, or email has changed, notify SIR Don Hershberger, 118 Fife Lane, Aptos, 831/227-4326 or email to

donhershberger@gmail.com

EARN A FREE LUNCH- BRING IN A NEW MEMBER!

Don't forget to peruse the Book Exchange at our monthly meeting. Take a book, bring a book (or more).



Relationships can be like Algebra- sometimes I look at my X and wonder Y

I decided to take up fencing- my neighbor insisted I put it back

Lottery: a tax on people with poor math skills.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Ed Bush
Dave Herzog
Wayne Shada



Doug Thompson
Les Yeffa

ACTIVITIES REPORTS

GOLF- jzanzinger@gmail.com.

The rains continue to pour on Mondays, our weekly play day, in March. If you see anyone doing the rain dance, please tell them to stop, we have had our fill! We are so looking forward to those bright sunny, warm days where the ball goes farther, and the smiles are on the players faces rather than on the ball. Looking forward to April.



WINE CLUB- The SIRS Wine Group met March 16 to sample wines of Oregon. Although known primarily for Pinot Noirs, these wonderful wines, primarily from the Willamette Valley, were tasted along with Pinot Gris, Chardonnays and blended white wines. As usual, the wine was enjoyed along with stories and spirited conversations. We discussed possible visits to local wineries as the weather warms and becomes more predictable. These discussions will continue in hopes that more SIRS will join us. We invite you to next month's tasting on Thursday, April 20. The theme will be the wines of Iberia (Portugal and Spain). Cheers.

jeffustick@gmail.com

It's no longer Box Wine
The classy term is
"Cardboardeaux"



CRIBBAGE- Games are played before the monthly Luncheon meeting at the Elks Lodge, in the Bar Area. Games begin at approximately 11 am. For more information, contact Mike Kopp at 831/535-6308, or Les Yeffa at 831/475-9481



NON RESPONSIBILITY DECLARATION
All activities arranged for or by, or sponsored by Sons In Retirement Inc. and its branches, are for the convenience and pleasure of the members and their guests who desire to participate. SIRS Inc. and its Branches do not assume any responsibility for the well being or safety of the participants, passengers, or their property, in any matters pertaining to said tours, trips or other activities.

My wife said "Our new neighbors are so in love. He kisses her, strokes her hair and hugs her. Why don't you do that?"
I said "Because I don't know her that well yet."

Dogs can't operate MRI scanners
But Catscan.

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POKER- Poker continues to be very popular in Branch 20 SIRs. Players have 2 choices for games! Every Tuesday at 1pm is a game for experienced players. There may be a few seats available. For more information, contact JJ Justice at 464-2387, jjsurfman@aol.com.

The beginners low stakes game- Poker Pals-meets the 2nd and 4th Thursday at 1pm. For more information contact Ken Maus at 854-2303, kenrjo@gmail.com

Both games are played at the Tradewinds Mobile Home Park, 4160 Jade St. Capitola.



BOCCE- Branch 20 Bocce is played every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 11:30am. Meet us at Felt Street Park (just off 17th Ave across from Shoreline Middle School). We meet Rain or Shine! If the weather is inclement we will go directly to lunch. Most players opt to meet for lunch after Bocce at Jefferys Restaurant.

For more information contact Ray Blute 464-7901, r-cblute@att.net or Joe Mingione 650-279-2830, jamingione@yahoo.com.



FISHING- edbush24@gmail.com- I want to let everyone know that salmon season will be closed at the start of the season due to low water during the drought. According to the bait shop at the harbor, there is a fish and game meeting on 5/15 and modifications may occur. In the meantime rock cod season will open as usual on May 1st. I will be taking members based on the weather. We will advise. We try to go on calm days.

Everyone going will be required to have a sport fishing license. You can get a one day or full year license at the harbor bait shop. I can answer any questions you might have.



A few hardy Bocce souls braving temps in the 40's plus wind chill!
Mike, Jeff, Ed and Joe quickly decided to retire to Jeffrys for lunch and hot coffee!

March Speaker Presentation

Our March luncheon speaker was Ursula Kelly-Trolly of the Pacific Stroke Association. Her presentation was very informative and appropriate for our age group. Men and Women over the age of 70 are considered high risk for debilitating stroke. She explained in lay terms exactly what happens during a stroke. Ms. Kelly-Trolly emphasized the need for quick response to symptoms in order to minimize the possible damage to brain function. Needless to say, she had a very attentive audience!

I want to thank our program director Sir Jim Healey for continuing to bring interesting and informative speakers to SIRs Branch 20!



At our March Wine Club meeting, Sir Ed Bush presented club host Jeff Ustick with a collection of antique bottles he discovered in his years of searching through the California gold country. The bottles will be displayed on the back bar at Jeff's Felton home.

During the pandemic, most of us were somewhat isolated at home. I'm sure many of you spent your time in useful activities— like rewiring your home, building scale model replicas of the Sistine Chapel complete with stained glass windows and a working pipe organ, or maybe just charting the course for your circumnavigation of the globe in that sea-going kayak you ordered from Amazon.

I, on the other hand spent countless hours with the TV remote in one hand and a beer in the other, scrolling through numerous free streaming channels to find some gems of mindless entertainment.

One program really grabbed my attention: On YouTube I discovered “The Red Green Show”, kind of like SIRs, but in Canada. The characters are just that— characters. The title character, [Red Green \(Steve Smith\)](#), is a handyman who tries to find shortcuts to most of his projects, trusting most of his work to duct tape, which he calls “the handyman's secret weapon”. He is the president of the Possum Lodge, a fictional men's club in the small northwestern Ontario town of Possum Lake, near the also-fictional town of Port Asbestos. He and his fellow lodge members had their own television show in which they gave lessons and demonstrations in repair work, outdoor activities and advice for men. His mantra is “If the women don't find you handsome, they should at least find you handy.” Check it out!

Did you find any hidden gems to share with your fellow Sirs? Let me know...