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ROOSTER ROUNDUP

Santa Cruz Branch No. 20

Meetings at Noon – Elks Club

Jewell Street-Santa Cruz

DECEMBER 4, 2024

LADIES DAY!

SIR INC.

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PAST BIG SIRS

Ray Blute	2023
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

DECEMBER LUNCH MENU

SPECIAL HOLIDAY LUAU!

Kalua Pork
Cocoanut-Pineapple Rice
Salad
Dessert

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PROGRAM

For our Ladies Day/Merger Luncheon we will have 2 guest performers:

Guitar virtuoso and singer Joe Ferrara

Doug Hofkins– the Surfing Magician

You don't want to miss these performers!

BIS SIR JEFF USTICK SEZ

BIG SIR JEFF USTICK SEZ



December is a month of changes. First and foremost, December is the month that takes us from the long sun-rays of fall to the short days of winter. For our SIR branch, it also marks a time of change. Beginning this past summer, representatives from Branches 20 and 36 have met to facilitate our merger, once again bringing the 2 branches of SIRs back together. While this change has created a series of organizational challenges, the end result will be a larger group of interesting men enjoying time together.

December also marks my last month as your Big Sir. I want to thank all that have assisted me, encouraged me and welcomed me. But just to be clear though, I am not going anywhere and look forward to continuing serving all our Sir brothers

COMMITTEES for 2024

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Punchbowl email

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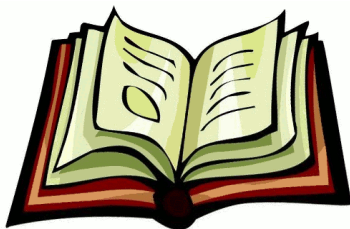
Greeters

As assigned



BOOK EXCHANGE

Don't forget to peruse the Book Exchange table at our monthly meetings! Lots of interesting titles to peak your interests: non-fiction, fiction, sports, biographies, history, humor, DVDs and jigsaw puzzles. Bring a book (or more) take a book (or more).



Branch 20 Authorizes 2025 Officers

The following Sirs will serve on the Branch 20 Board next year. Thank you all for volunteering your time, consideration and sage advice..

Ray Blute, Jeff Boisen, Larry Bristow, Ed Bush, Jesse DeGennaro, Mike Fuson, Jim Healey, Dave Hodgins, Mike Kopp, Larry McAdams, Joe Mingione, Jeff Ustick and Les Yeffa.

Our Branch Needs Your Assistance

With the Passing of our Membership chair, Sir Don Hershberger, and as we approach the merger of Branch 36 with us, we need a Sir to step up to oversee membership. Training will be provided. The time commitment varies from month to month, (usually 1-2 hours per month) depending on prospective members, a simple once-a-month online report, and the ability to attend our Board meeting on our luncheon days.

All that is needed is access to a computer/internet, and a willingness to help out our branch.

Please contact Jeff Ustick (jeffustick@gmail.com) 831/419-4577 if you have questions. Your fellow Sirs will thank you.

TREASURERS REPORT

Jeff Ustick reporting

Balance as of November 1: \$2645.02

Ending balance is not available until after this newsletter is distributed.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT (as of Nov. 20)

61 Active members

6 applications on file

I've been married for 40 years— When I said I do

I didn't realize what I did.

Know why birds fly South for the Winter?

It's too far to walk.

Know why Santa Claus is so Jolly?

He knows where all the naughty girls live!

ACTIVITIES REPORT

GOLF- Golf is the most popular of all activities in Branch 20. We play every Monday at courses in Santa Cruz and Monterey Counties. The dates and courses for December are as follows:
Dec. 2 Monterey Pines, Dec. 9 Salinas Fairways, Dec 16 Laguna Seca, Dec 23 Spring Hills, Dec 30 Pajaro Valley

For more information contact Jerry Zanzinger at jzanzinger@gmail.com



POKER- Poker continues to be very popular in Branch 20. Every Tuesday at 1pm is a game for experienced Players. The venue is Tradewinds Mobile Home Park, 4160 Jade St., Capitola. For more information, Contact Joe Mingione: 650/279-2830 or jamingione@yahoo.com



WINE TASTING-

On Thursday, November 21 eight SIRs gathered at Big Sir Jeff Ustick's home to sample "Wines We Are Thankful For". One white and seven red wines were tasted along with a variety of cheeses, crackers, fruit, nuts and chocolates. We concluded that the "wines we are thankful for" are we those we share with our fellow SIRs.

While there will be no December wine tastings, we will meet again on Thursday, January 16. The theme is yet to be determined. As you enjoy the holiday season, cheers and good health to all.



CRIBBAGE- Games are played before the monthly luncheon meeting at the Elks Lodge, in the Bar area. Games begin at approximately 11am. For more information, contact Mike Kopp at jmkopp186@hotmail.com



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.

At our age "getting lucky" is remembering what you walked into the next room for.

ACTIVITIES REPORTS

BOCCE- Bocce guys, you wanted more playing time– so here it is! Starting now, **EVERY WEDNESDAY**, except for our monthly meeting Wednesday, we are scheduled to play! Starting NOW! The place– FELT STREET PARK. The time 11:15 am. AND in addition, we are announcing Pot Luck Monday by playing a pick up game, each Monday at 11:15- Just show up if you want to play! (Don't forget to bring your game balls.)

Many Bocce players meet after our games at Jeffery's Restaurant for lunch and conversation.

Need more information? Contact: r-cblute@att.net or Joe Mingione: jamingione@yahoo.com



CORNHOLE- There is a NEW ACTIVITY available to our Branch 20 members! Cornhole is a very popular game these days. It is played much like horseshoes, with players tossing bean bag at a target board that has a hole in it. Scoring rules are simple, 3 points for a bag that falls through the hole, and 1 point for any bag that lands on the board. If both teams score, the low score team's points are subtracted from the high score team. Simple enough! Meet up after 11 am on meeting Wednesdays, on the far side of the meeting room, near the door to the swimming pool. Sir Jim Healey will gladly give you some pointers!



POOL- Another way to interact with your Sirs friends on meeting day– In the Bar area is a regulation size Pool Table available for our use! A game of 8 ball anyone?



Some photos from recent Activities



Good friends/good wine



Joe Kelly



BOCCE BRUNCH



THANK YOU

BRENNA- OUR WAITRESS EXTRODINARE

Do you have photos of Branch 20 SIRs activities to share? Email them to Michael Kopp at jmkopp186@hotmail.com, or send to my phone 831/295-9287

RAFFLE WINNERS!



Jose is all smiles on receiving his hand made deep-sea fishing rod!



Dave Biancalana proudly displays the beautiful quilt he took home from the November Luncheon.

SIRs branch 20 wishes to thank Ed and Jessica Bush for their time, expertise and generosity for donating these items. All proceeds help defray costs for our activities.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Duke Doukas

Bill Fitzgerald

Dave Painchaud



Cal Potter

Ward Schuyler

Mike Ulwelling

Monthly Birthday drawing for a free lunch– you must be present to win.

 *Happy
Holidays*