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ROOSTER ROUNDUP

Santa Cruz Branch No. 20

Meetings at Noon – Elks Club

Jewell Street-Santa Cruz

JUNE 12, 2024

LADIES DAY!

SIR INC.

STATE PRESIDENT

Dale Decker 209/573-0833

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Big Sir	Jeff Ustick	419-4577
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Director	Don Hershberger	227-4326
Director	Dave Hodgin	239-5122
Director	Joe Mingione	650-279-2830
Director	Steve Tedesco	408-810-0578
Director	Les Yeffa	475-9481

PAST BIG SIRs

Ray Blute	2023
Steve Tedesco	2022
Les Yeffa	2020-21
Tom Duncanson	2019
Joe Mingione	2018
Dick Doubrava	2017
Norm Gruzcelak	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



JUNE LUNCH MENU

Chef choice salad

Organic Chicken breast with lemon-caper butter

Rice Pilaf

Chef choice dessert

Lemonade, Ice tea, Water, Coffee

PROGRAM

Our speaker on June 12 will be Dr. Steven Leib. Dr. Leib is a General Family Physician with more than 20 years experience. Dr. Leib will emphasize how to live a fulfilled and longer life. He gets outstanding reviews from his patients including our Big Sir, Jeff Ustick

BIG SIR JEFF USTICK SEZ:



At our May 8 SIRs Executive Board meeting, a possible merger with SIRs Branch 36 was discussed. At one time Branch 36 was part of our branch. Since then, both branches have drawn members from the Santa Cruz area, Scotts Valley and the San Lorenzo Valley. Both branches hold their meetings at the Elks Lodge. Branches 20 and 36 have much in common. Following discussion of a possible merger, the Directors voted unanimously to enter into conversation with Branch 36. Branch 36 Directors had previously agreed to merger consideration. It was felt that a possible merger could benefit our SIRs members. A “Merger Support Team” (MST) was selected to meet with the Branch 36 MST to establish an agenda and begin discussion on how to meld the two branches back into a single branch— Branch 20. Members of our MST are Little Sir Larry Bristow, directors Dave Hodgin, Joe Mingione and myself. The MST will keep members apprised of the results of the discussions.

Over the years Branch 20 has been fortunate to have had so many members who have stepped up to serve their SIR brothers. Whether serving as activity coordinator, bulletin editor, song leader, director and so many other important duties, each has given their time to benefit the members of our branch. On a personal note, as I have become more involved in our branch, I have had the opportunities to get to better know fellow Sirs and have made new social connections with really interesting men. I am glad to have agreed to step up when asked to help out.

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COMMITTEES for 2024

Audio Arrangements	OPEN	
	Ray Blute	464-7901
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	Mel Ferreira	408-353-2107
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Bulletin Ed.	Mike Kopp	535-6308
Chaplain	Jim Baker	423-7429
Golf	Jerry Zanzinger	423-1936
Bocce	Ray Blute	464-7901
	Joe Mingione	650-279-2830
Fishing	Ed Bush	408-997-1836
Poker	Joe Mingione	650-279-2830
Historian	Jeff Ustick	419-4577
Membership Program	Don Hershberger	227-4326
	Jim Healey	685-3829
Publicity	Joe Mingione	650-279-2830
Recruitment	Steve Tedesco	408-810-0578
Roster	Jeff Ustick	419-4577
Song Leader	OPEN	
Sunshine	OPEN	
Webmaster	Dave Herzog	650-690-6525

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Punchbowl email

Ray Blute 464-7901

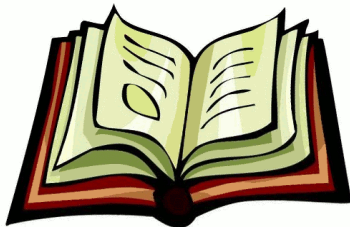
Greeters

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).



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Currently we have opportunities for members to "step up". We are looking for a few Sirs to serve as Assistant Secretary (to assist Jeff Boisen), Assistant Treasurer (to assist Mike Kennedy), Badge Manager (making sure we have member badges up to date and organized), Sunshine contact (sending best wishes to fellow members who are facing challenges) and a greeter to sit at our sign-in table to help greet guests and new members.

None of these commitments take much time but provide important support to our branch and your fellow Sirs. Please feel free to contact me if you wish more information about any of these.

As June is Ladies Day, please take a moment or two to welcome our special guests.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT (as of May 31 ,2024)

SIR Don Hershberger, Chair

60 Active members

0 new applications

0 members resigned

****NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS****

If your address, phone #, or email has changed, notify SIR Don Hershberger, 118 Fife Lane, Aptos, 831/227-4326 or email to: donhershberger@gmail.com

TREASURERS REPORT

SIR Mike Kennedy reporting:

Starting balance 5/1 \$3945.53

Ending balance 5/28 \$3936.30

Sirs, I have made new signs for the luncheon with prices with/without lunch. Also a handout for new and prospective members, showing Sirs activities. You can have one for yourself or share with new members. It has an application form attached.

Again, I take checks made out to SIRs Branch 20 or cash. No IOUs please. Mike Kennedy, Treasurer

SIRS HELPING SIRS

Having recently talked with a fellow Sir who can no longer attend our luncheon meetings or other activities due to his wife's health issues, perhaps we can provide some advice to those in need. If you have had experience and can recommend an in-home health aide, please let Big Sir Jeff Ustick (jeffustick@gmail.com or 831/419-4577) know. He can then put you in direct contact with a fellow Sir who might benefit with that information.

Thank you.

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 local tournaments for June are: 6/3 Pajaro Valley, 6/10 Pacific Grove, 6/17 Spring Hills, 6/24 Laguna Seca. There are also 4 State tournaments between now and November. Please contact Jerry Zanzinger at jzanzinger@gmail.com for more info. Tee times: sirgolf santacruz@gmail.com.

Golfer: Think I'm going to drown myself in the lake.

Caddie: Think you can keep your head down that long?



POKER- Poker continues to be very popular in Branch 20 SIRs. 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

The beginners low stakes game, Poker Pals has been cancelled due to the host resigning from our Branch. If someone is willing to host, please contact either Big Sir Jeff Ustick jeffustick@gmail.com or news editor Michael Kopp jmkopp186@hotmail.com

My wife says she's going to leave me if I don't stop playing poker.



I think she's bluffing.

WINE TASTING- jeffustick@gmail.com

On Thursday May 16, fellow Sirs gathered outdoors at Big Sir Jeff Ustick's home to enjoy a sunny day sampling a varied selection of red wines. Besides meat, cheeses and fruit, the afternoon was filled with interesting conversation.

On Thursday June 20, we will be visiting Hallcrest Winery located at 379 Felton Empire Road. Hallcrest offers \$10 tastings for a selection of their wines or \$15 for a selection of their Pinot Noirs. Individual glasses and bottles are also available for purchase. They also serve Santa Cruz Scrumpy Ciders! Join us at 2 pm on their patio overlooking a lovely meadow surrounded by trees. Bring a snack to share and enjoy an afternoon of fun, conversation and camaraderie. Cheers!

For more information about Hallcrest, you can visit their website at:

<https://www.hallcrestvineyards.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.

This morning I saw 3 people jogging outside and it inspired me to get up and close the blinds.

Recently a Police Officer came to my door- he asked me "Where were you between 4 and 6?"
I said "Kindergarten"

ACTIVITIES REPORTS

BOCCE- Nothing like a good day of Bocce with your fellow SIRs! Weather permitting, our June matches will take place on Wednesday, June 5th and Wednesday June 19. The place– FELT STREET PARK. The time 11:30 am. Many Bocce players meet after our games at Jeffrys Restaurant for lunch and conversation. Need more information? Contact: r-cblute@att.net or Joe Mingione: jamingione@yahoo.com



Remember, if you're not having fun playing Bocce– you are doing it wrong.

FISHING- edbush@gmail.com Now that the State regulations are “crystal clear” we all know that there will be no Salmon or commercial Crab seasons. The good news– Rockfish season opened for near-shore fishing (under 20 fathoms– 120 ft). It is being reported that areas North of the Monterey Bay, from around Davenport to San Francisco have good schools of rock cod, ling cod and a few halibut. There are also rumors of some good striper action on the beaches North. Winds and swell continue to be problematic, always know before you go!



CORNHOLE- We have a NEW ACTIVITY available for our Branch 20 members! Cornhole is a very popular game these days. It is played much like horseshoes, with players tossing bean bags at a target board that has a hole in it. Scoring is 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 teams 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. Sir Jim Healey will gladly give you some pointers!



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 jmkopp186@hotmail.com Or Les Yeffa at lesscruz@aol.com



POOL- another opportunity 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?



My next door neighbor is mad at his wife for sunbathing nude
Personally, I'm on the fence

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Jerry Clarke
Cary Edmundson
Tony Dileonardo
Jay Freeman
Dave Hodgin



Michael Kopp
Jim Lane
Buzz Little
Dennis Maynez

PHOTOS FROM RECENT SIRS ACTIVITIES



SIR Ray Blute
picture perfect form



A sunny afternoon, good wine,
good food, good friends

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 (no pdfs please)