



SIR BRANCH 20 NEWSLETTER

ROOSTER ROUNDUP – June 7, 2025

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BIG SIR COMMENTS

Dear Fellow Members of Branch #20,

June is the month of graduations and commencement speeches, as well as other changes and transitions. Those with families make final preparations for their summer vacations. It's the time of year where anyone contemplating a move will put their house up for sale and begin looking for a new place to call home.

High school, and even college kids will look for their summer jobs. We'll get our share of tourists and those paying a visit to the various state parks and campgrounds in the area. It is also a time when we ourselves can truly enjoy the many special places to visit in our own back yard. We can take a walk or bike ride on West Cliff. Take a short drive to Carmel and take in all the beautiful art galleries and other shops. We can marvel at the beautiful scenery as we drive down the coast to Big Sur or enjoy the vibrant purple blankets of flowering ice plant in Pacific Grove. Closer to home, we can visit Natural Bridges Park or take a short drive north to Davenport, the Pigeon Point Lighthouse or Pescadero. Lots of choices.

June is also National Pride Month, Rebuild Your Life Month, and when most of us will be celebrating: Father's Day on Sunday the 15th. A couple of other less familiar days to be mindful of are National Best Friends Day on the 8th, and World Refugee Day on the 20th. And, lest we forget, it's also the month with lots and lots of weddings. Maybe yours?

Let's enjoy this month of transition, filled with adventure, new experiences and whatever changes you choose to take part in as Summer begins.

Andre Adema

Big Sir, SIR Branch #20

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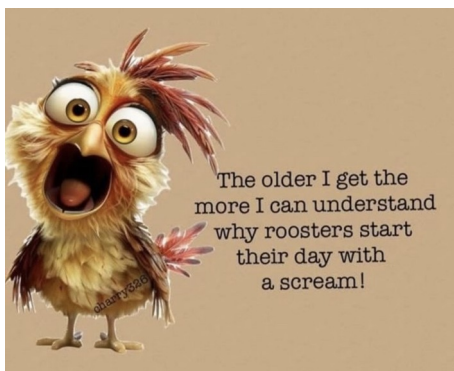
E-mail: biomedprn@gmail.com

Finance and Stats for April

	Checking	Savings	Petty Cash	Total
Beginning Balance:	\$12,900.18	0.00	175.00	13,075.18
Ending Balance	3,826.94	9,000.00	260.00	13,086.94
Active Members:				141
Pending:				0

Dave Schwingel, Treasurer

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JUNE: SPECIAL MUSIC FOR LADIES DAY

Program: SIR Member Joe Maggio

Location: Elks Club, 150 Jewell Street, Santa Cruz

Enjoy a variety of songs performed by SIR member Joe Maggio, a guitarist, vocalist, songwriter, recording and performing artist. Joe's musical career spans five decades. Joe shared the stage with names like The Tramps, Little Anthony and Imperials, Odyssey, The Buckingham and other music greats.



Menu: Fried chicken; mashed potatoes and gravy; vegetable; bread; chef's choice dessert; lemonade – iced tea – water – coffee.

To make your SIR lunch reservation please respond to the Punchbowl invitation sent earlier via email. Hint for Gmail users: the invitation may be filed under the "Promotions" tab.

Important Notes:

- Luncheon price is \$25.00.
- Your \$25 dues for 2025 are due as of January 1st. You may pay at the table as you enter.
- It is very important for the branch to have an accurate count for lunch. Please let us know you are attending; also tell us if your plans change.
- Proof of vaccination is no longer required for attendees; however, keeping current on vaccinations is highly recommended (i.e. Covid, flu and pneumonia).
- Masking is not currently required, but optional.
- In the event that the County of Santa Cruz Health Officer issues any vaccination, proof of vaccination and/or masking mandates, our SIR Branch will immediately incorporate such mandates for our attendees.
- If attendees are experiencing any potentially contagious virus symptoms, they need to voluntarily excuse themselves from attendance.
- Photos of each member attendee may be taken for inclusion in next year's pictorial directory.

June Birthdays

Name	Name
Bill Ackerknecht	Jim Lane
Theo Albers	Joseph Leon
Tony Dileonardo	Buzz Little
Cary Edmundson	Dennis Maynez
Khosrow "Khos" Goudarzi	Paul Murphy
David Hodgin	Peter Reinhard
Michael Kopp	Richard "Rich" Simpson
Jim Laborde	



You must be present to win the drawing for a free lunch. Did we miss your birthday? Let Jeff Ustick know.

State President

Rich Carlston (925) 324-0838

Area Representative-Area 14

John Hetz (775) 225-8983

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Dave Schwingel, Treasurer 234-7429

[Open], Assistant Treasurer.....

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Chuck Presto..... 435-6029

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Bob Lewis (Computer Club) 335-7816

Joe Mingione (650) 279-2830

Steve Tedesco (408) 810-0578

Wayne Thornton 426-4008

Frank Turner 239-9664

Les Yeffa 588-1626

Jerry Zanzinger 423-1936

2025 Committees

Badges: Dave Herman 438-3612

Bocce: Ira Kessler 600-8364

Joe Mingione (650) 279-2830

Book Exchange: Mike Kopp..... 535-6308

Branch Photographer: Bill Bishoff..... 854-2207

Computer & Tech Discussions: Bob Lewis 335-7816

Cribbage: Mike Kopp 535-6308

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18-Hole Golf: Jerry Zanzinger 423-1936

Member Relations: Edgar Ross 440-9521

Poker: Joe Mingione (650) 279-2830

Publicity: Joe Mingione (650) 279-2830

PunchBowl: Ray Blute..... 566-0029

Wine Tasting: Jeff Ustick : 419-4577

Honorary Life Members

Gary Allyne Bob Lewis

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Living Past Big Sirs**Branch 36**

Cliff Barrett 2001, 2002

John Lunden 2008

Al Telles 2012

Frank Turner 2014

Bill Schraft 2015

Les Austin 2013, 2016

Gary Allyne. 2010,2011,2017

Bill Landrum 2018

Bill Ackerknecht ..2019, 2020

Chuck Presto.....2021

Charles Johnson.....2022

Andre Adema..... 2023, 2024

Branch 20

Hank Pierce 2009

Rich Dean 2010

Bill Neary 2011

Sterling Frost 2012

Jim Bunker 2013

Don Little 2014

Greg Horne 2015

Bruce Bentley 2016

Norm Gruczelak 2016

Dick Doubrava 2017

Joe Mingione 2018

Tom Duncanson 2019

Les Yeffa..... 2020, 2021

Steve Tedesco 2022

Ray Blute..... 2023

Jeff Ustick..... 2024

BRANCH 20 ACTIVITIES FOR 2025**Book Exchange**

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

**Bocce**

We have eight teams playing on Wednesdays (except when we have a scheduled Luncheon meeting) at two different times. First game starts at 9:30 am with assembly time at 9:15 am. The second game starts at 11:45 am with assembly time at 11:35 am. All Sirs are invited, pick a time that fits your liking and show up! The venue— FELT STREET PARK.



Watch for Joe Mingione's e-mail regarding the team assignments to lanes and playing times.

In addition, every Monday (weather permitting) we have Pot Luck pick up Bocce games, at 11:15 am at the Felt Street Courts — Just show up if you want to play! If you have a Bocce ball set please bring it!

For more information: Contact Joe Mingione jamingione@yahoo.com or Ira Kessler inikessler@gmail.com.

Computers and Technology Discussion

Bob Lewis chairs the Branch #20 Computer Club during regular monthly meetings (no meeting on Ladies Day luncheons). Bob also chairs a community computer "club" called the Felton Linux Users Group. Known as the Felton LUG for short, it is currently meeting semi-monthly using video conference software. See Bob Lewis, bob.l.lewis@gmail.com, to be added to either group. Virtual meetings are on the first and third Saturdays at 11:00 am. Either group usually has a lively discussion about current tech subjects or problems encountered and/or solved.



BRANCH 20 ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)**Cornhole**

Cornhole is very popular lately. It's played much like horseshoes, with players tossing a beanbag at a target board that has a hole in it. Scoring rules are simple, 3 points for a bag that fall through the hole and 1 point for every bag that lands on the board. If both teams score, the low score team's points are subtracted from the high score team's points. Simple enough! Meet up after 11:00 am on meeting Wednesdays – on the far side of the meeting room, near the doors to the swimming pool.

**Cribbage**

Games are played before the monthly luncheon meeting at the Elks Lodge, in the Bar area. Games begin at approximately 11:00 am. For more information, contact Mike Kopp at jmkopp186@hotmail.com.

Golf

Golf continues to be the most popular of all SIR activities. We play every Monday at courses in Santa Cruz and Monterey counties.

We played at Pacific Grove on May 12. We had a little rain early on but by the time we hit the back nine the weather was beautiful, as was the ocean! The schedule for the month of June is as follows:

June 2 Monday, Ridgemark	June 23 Monday, Delmonte
June 9 Monday, Pacific Grove	June 30 Monday, Eagle Ridge
June 16 Monday, Seascape	

Contact Jerry Zanzinger at (831) 704-7091 for details.

With the additional players from the merger, we almost doubled our number. We now have 39 players. It has been a pleasure meeting some of you from Scotts Valley and San Lorenzo Valley and I hope to meet you all in the future.



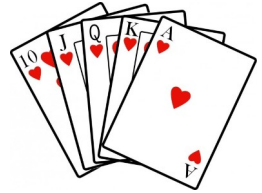
*Three intrepid Branch 20 golfers:
(L ro R) Jack McGrogan, Dave Painchaud and Andre Adema*

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My mechanic told me "I couldn't repair your brakes, so I made your horn louder."

Poker

Poker continues to be very popular with Branch 20 SIR members. Every Tuesday at 1:00 pm is a game for experienced players. The venue is Tradewinds Mobile Home Park, 4160 Jade St., Capitola. Seating is limited to seven players, by invitation only. For more information, contact JJ Justice at (831) 464-2387, or jjsurfman@aol.com.

**Pool**

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



"I consider that the hours I spend with a cue in my hand are golden. Help you cultivate horse sense and a cool head and a keen eye."
— Professor Harold Hill, "The Music Man"

Wine tasting

Our usual gathering is on the third Thursday of each month. The meeting place is at Jeff Ustick's home in Felton. The time 1:30 pm to 4ish...

On Thursday, May 15, eleven Sirs gathered at Sir Jeff Ustick's home to sample local wines. Wines from Storrs, Soquel Vineyards, Windy Oaks, Wargin, Hallcrest, Bargetto and a decidedly "non-local" Valpolicella Ripasso were sampled and enjoyed. As usual, the wines paired nicely with light snacks and great conversations.



For our Thursday, June 19 gathering, we will be meeting at Hallcrest Winery located at 379 Felton Empire Rd., Felton, California. The winery has a lovely deck with tables and umbrellas. They offer set flights of wines, wines by the glass, and bottles for sale. Bring a light snack to share and enjoy the company of fellow Sirs and guests. This event is open to Sirs, partners and friends. If you plan to attend, please let Jeff (jeffustick@gmail.com or 831 419-4577) know by Wednesday, June 18 so he can notify the winery. Cheers.

For more information about Hallcrest contact:

<https://www.hallcrestvineyards.com>

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Wisdom and Value

A father said to his daughter "You have graduated with honors, here is a car I bought many years ago. It is pretty old now.

But before I give it to you, take it to the used car lot downtown and tell them I want to sell it and see how much they offer you for it." The daughter went to the used car lot, returned to her father and said, "They offered me \$1,000 because they said it looks pretty worn out." The father said, "Now take it to the pawn shop." The daughter went to the pawn shop, returned to her father and said, "The pawn shop offered only \$100 because it is an old car." The father asked his daughter to go to a car club now and show them the car. The daughter then took the car to the club, returned and told her father, "Some people in the club offered \$100,000 for it because it's an iconic car and sought by many collectors." Now the father said this to his daughter, "The right place values you the right way. If you are not valued, do not be angry, it means you are in the wrong place. Those who know your value are those who appreciate you...Never stay in a place where no one sees your value."

BRANCH 20 ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)**Gentle Hike Opportunities**

Santa Cruz County Parks is beginning a "GENTLE HIKE FOR OLDER ADULTS" series: join Park Docents Richard James and Cathy Hoeft for a gentle hike on the Discovery Trail and Italian Trail/Chaparral Trail loop (3/4-1 mile). The hike will include information about the park's cultural history, natural points of interest, and time to stop and enjoy the park's unique flora and fauna. Bring a hat, water, and sunglasses- binoculars and hiking poles/walking stick optional. Wear comfortable walking shoes and dress in layers. Meet-up outside the Quail Hollow ranch house. **This is a free series for adults age 60 and over. Please note this is not a SIR exclusive activity. It is open to men and women.**

You can register in advance to secure your space at scparks.com or call 831 454-7941... or just show up.

WHERE: Quail Hollow Ranch County Park
800 Quail Hollow Road, Felton

WHEN:

Monday June 9 10-11:30 AM
Thursday June 26 10-11:30 AM

Interested in Another Poker Group?

We are seeking out interest in a monthly or perhaps twice a month poker game:

Wednesday Night Poker Group
We would play from 7:00pm to 10:00pm.

OR

Thursdays Afternoon Game
We would play from 1:00pm to 4:00pm

If there's enough interest, the group can decide on the games to be played and the buy-in/betting structure.

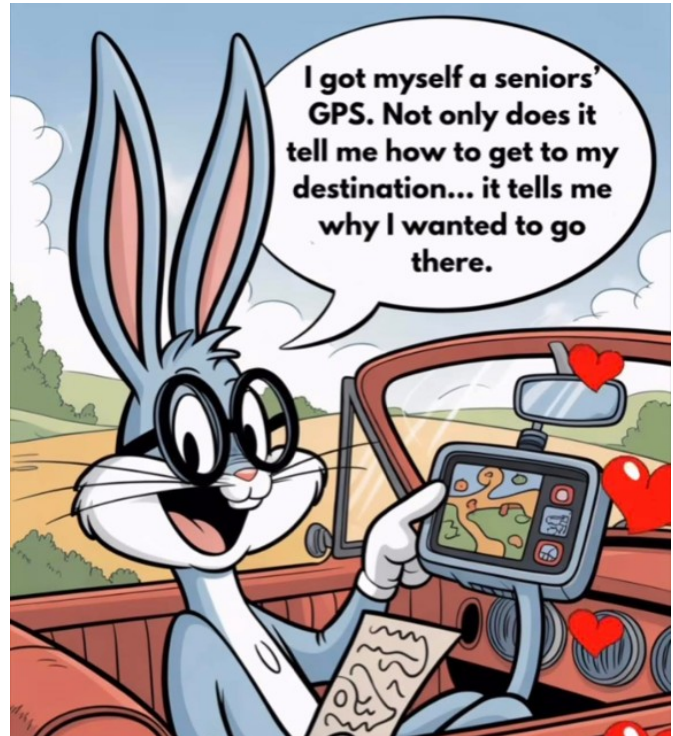
I am willing to host all the games at my home, 701 Ranch View Road, located on UCSC Campus.

I will be available after the luncheon meeting or you can contact me at the following:

Email: thomas.s.rohlf@gmail.com (phone 831-809-5471)

State SIR Video

Welcome to SIR

**Food for Thought**

I'm finally old enough to do whatever I want... but I'm too tired to do it.

I called the Incontinence Hot Line — They asked if I could hold.

My memory is not as sharp as it used to be. Also, my memory is not as sharp as it used to be.

I'm almost 80 years old and I've never used essential oils, which makes me wonder just how essential they really are.

My neighbor joined a dating site for seniors. It's called Carbon Dating.

My ability to remember song lyrics from the 60's far exceeds my ability to remember why I walked into the kitchen.

Age is just a number, but it's a number that comes with free coffee refills at some restaurants.

Visiting my grandson yesterday, I asked if I could borrow a newspaper. "This is the 21st century, I don't waste money on newspapers. Here, use my Ipad." I can tell you this — That fly never knew what hit him.