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ROOSTER ROUNDUP

Santa Cruz Branch No. 20

Meetings at Noon – Elks Club

Jewell Street-Santa Cruz

MARCH 13, 2024

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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



MARCH LUNCH MENU

Chef choice salad

Corned beef and cabbage, potatoes and carrots

Chef's choice dessert

Lemonade, Ice tea, Water, Coffee

PROGRAM

Our speaker for March 13 is Mike Fresco who retired from Hollywood with 12 producing and 56 directing credits for many of the most popular shows on television, including Northern Exposure and Murder One.

BIG SIR JEFF USTICK SEZ:

With March, we celebrate the beginnings of spring on the 19th. Spring usually denotes change and the emergence of new possibilities. While thinking about those possibilities, especially as I look at new growth in gardens, woods and forest surrounding us, I also reflect on events and changes in the past. March is the 3rd month of our Gregorian calendar as well as the earlier Julian calendar, although the Julian 3rd month was known as Martius, named after the Roman God of war, Mars. The essence of war has always been struggle and a resulting change.

On March 1, 1781, a formal ratification of the Articles of Confederation was announced by Congress. Under the Articles, Congress was the sole governing body of the new American national government, then consisting of the 13 original states. The Articles remained in effect through the Revolutionary War until 1789, when the U.S. Constitution was adopted. However, the Constitution did not guarantee rights for all, including women.

March is now National Women's History Month, having begun in 1857 when female textile workers marched in protest of unfair working conditions and unequal rights for women. What followed, and continues today, is a consistent attempt to create equality and opportunity for all. This movement has not always experienced progress. In 1913 a women's suffrage march in Washington D.C. was attacked by angry mobs while police stood by. The struggle for equality and opportunity continued following the adoption of the 19th Amendment in 1920 but challenges remained. In 1972 the Equal Rights Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was passed by the U.S. Senate and sent to the States for ratification.

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Ray Blute 464-7901

Greeters

As assigned



Captain Ed and his exquisite hand made deep sea fishing pole

BIG SIR JEFF USTICK SEZ

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The ERA eventually failed to achieve ratification. While opportunities for all have increased, Constitutional protections for all have not yet been guaranteed.

While SIRS is a gentleman's organization, it goes without saying that each of us throughout our lives have been shaped and supported by the women in our lives. To those women and the Sirs they have supported, I give praise and wish for all a spring season of new possibilities and opportunities!



MEMBERSHIP REPORT (as of Feb 29 ,2024)

SIR Don Hershberger, Chair

60 active members

2 new members– Robert Parker, Mike Hanlon

6 current applications

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:

TREASURERS REPORT

SIR Mike Kennedy reporting:

Treasury balance as of Feb. 29 \$4161.00

Thanks to you that have paid your dues, for the 2024 year. If you haven't, there is still time to pay and become a meaningful member. At our monthly luncheons, you can pay for lunch or dues in cash, or by check. We also have a 50/50 drawing, to help benefit the club. For another month or so, there is a raffle for a custom made fishing pole. It's designed and built by one of our own, Ed Bush the fishing guru. He says the pole is guaranteed to catch fish!

ASSISTANT TREASURER NEEDED!

Gentlemen, our Branch 20 is in need of an assistant Treasurer. Duties include: Attend monthly Board meetings, help Treasurer at the sign in table at our monthly luncheon meetings, and back up our Treasurer in case of illness or travel. It is not a difficult job, just requires a commitment of your time. If interested, please contact any of our officers (Big/Little SIR, Treasurer) You can make a difference!

ACTIVITY REPORTS

SANTA CRUZ WARRIORS- On Tuesday, March 12, 23 SIRs and guests will attend the Santa Cruz Warriors basketball game. The “Sea Dubs” will take on the Rio Grande Valley Vipers for a 7 pm tip off. The ticket office opens at 5 pm and the doors at 6pm. For those attendees who have not received their tickets, they will be at the “Will Call” ticket office at 5pm. GO DUBS!



GOLF- jzanzinger@gmail.com . Tee times: sirgolfssantacruz@gmail.com

Golf is the most popular of all Activities in Branch 20. We play every Monday at courses in Santa Cruz and Monterey Counties.

(Current report) The rains continue, and unfortunately, many of our outings have been cancelled. But– some **GOOD NEWS. The 2024 Spring Fling in Napa will be held on April 24-25 at Chardonnay and Eagle Vines golf courses. You can golf both days or only one.**

Please contact Jerry Zanzinger for more information at: jzanzinger@gmail.com or 831/423-1936
This months schedule: March 4– Ridgemark, March 11-Monterey Pines, March 28– Pajaro Valley
March 25-Monterey Pines.



WINE TASTING- jeffustick@gmail.com A day following Valentines Day, your fellow SIRS gathered to share “Wines we Love”- sampling both California and French wines, ranging from Fume Blancs and Chardonnays to Red blends and Cabernet Sauvignons. The wine the group enjoyed the most was JOY, a red blend from Lodi, thanks to SIR Joe Mingione. The Wines were accompanied by a variety of munchies– fresh berries, grapes, a selection of cheeses and crackers, as well as nuts and chocolate... and, oh yes, lots of engaging conversations.

Join us on Thursday, March 21 from 2-4:30 pm as Jeff Usticks home, 475 McEnry Rd., Felton. Our theme for March– Wines of Spring. Share a wine that evokes a season of change and new possibilities! Cheers.



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.

It's election time again:

The reason most Politicians like to stand on their record-
Is to keep voters from examining it!

If Con is the opposite of Pro
Then is Congress the opposite of Progress?

ACTIVITIES REPORTS

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. Game will be temporarily hosted by Joe Mingione or Jerry Clarke until JJ Justice recovers from his recent hospitalization. Players will be notified as to venue before each game day. For more information, contact Joe Mingione 650-279-2830

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

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



BOCCE- Nothing like a good day of Bocce with your fellow SIRs! Weather permitting, our March matches will take place on Wednesday March 6 and Wednesday March 20 The place– FELT STREET PARK. The time 11:30 am. Need more information? Contact: r-cblute@att.net or Joe Mingione: jamingione@yahoo.com



FISHING- edbush@gmail.com Captain Ed is impatiently waiting for a break in the weather and sea conditions. Blustery winds and large swells do not make good fishing. Currently the only legal fishing is for Sand dabs and flatfish (halibut and flounder). It is hopeful that rockfish and ling cod seasons will open on or before April 1st. Meanwhile, when the tides and swells cooperate, you can still fish for surf perch from the shoreline of Monterey Bay.



CORNHOLE- We have a NEW ACTIVITY available for our Branch 20 members! Cornhole is a very popular gam these days. It is played much like horseshoes, with players tossing bean bags at a target board that has a hole it 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 11am on meeting Wednesdays– on the far side of the meeting room.



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



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Kirk Crane



Brian Kindell

Joe Kelly

Thomas Loudon

March Celebrations:

Saint Patrick's Day– Sunday, March 17

Spring equinox (first day of Spring)- Tuesday, March 19

I never knew what happiness was until I got married– then it was too late.

My wife told me I was rude for yawning while we were arguing– I told her I wasn't yawning, I thought it was my turn to speak.

When I was a kid, my Mom would have a spoon with food on it and say “Here comes the train, here comes the train”. And I would always eat it.

Otherwise, she wouldn't untie me from the railroad tracks.