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ROOSTER ROUNDUP

Santa Cruz Branch No. 20

Meetings at Noon – Elks Club

Jewell Street-Santa Cruz

May 10, 2023

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MAY LUNCH MENU

Chefs choice salad
Ravioli with mushroom cream sauce
Lemonade, Ice tea, water
Chefs choice dessert

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Big Sir	Ray Blute	464-7901
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Director	Dave Hodgin	239-5122
Director	Ken Maus	854-2303
Director	Joe Mingione	650-279-2830
Director	Steve Tedesco	408-810-0578
Director	Les Yeffa	475-9481

PAST BIG SIRS

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 Booklet

PROGRAM

Our May Speaker is Dan Casagrande (Reverse Man Dan)!

According to SIR Jim Healey-

“When Reverse Man Dan gets done with his talk

You’ll know what these mortgages are

He’s done them for years, he has no peers

In his field he’s the true Super Star!”



LITTLE SIR JEFF USTICK SEZ

Several years ago SIR Dave Hodgin invited me to a SIRS meeting to “check it out”. Folks at the table introduced themselves and we traded some brief background information about ourselves. During the pandemic lockdown we conducted our meetings on Zoom. Although these remote meetings were often interesting, what was missing was the personal contact. Since we have returned to in-person meetings, I have been able to get to know some of our SIR brothers better. Having said, what I notice is most of us usually sit with the same folks. While there is nothing wrong with that, as we have a chance to catch up with our table mates, it does limit getting to know more fellow SIRS. Perhaps at our next meeting you can take a moment and greet a fellow SIR that you do not know well and spend a few moments chatting.

Our chapter has developed several recreation activities based on the interests and desires of our members. Golf, Poker, Bocce, Wine tasting and Fishing are just some of the activities our members enjoy. What these activities allow is the development of deeper ties with members and friendships.

I was honored to be invited to be this year’s Little SIR. Along with Big SIR Ray Blute and your Board of Directors, we have been discussing how to make our chapter more fulfilling for our members. What we really need is for our members to make their desires known. We invite you to contact Big SIR Ray, me or any member of the Board. This is YOUR chapter and we want to help develop programs and activities that provide enjoyable and fulfilling time with your fellow SIRs.

I look forward to serving you as Little SIR this year and Big SIR next year.

COMMITTEES for 2023

Audio Arrangements	OPEN Ray Blute	464-7901 426-0149
	Jesse DeGennaro	408-353-2107
	Mel Ferreira	408-353-2107
Badge Mgr.	Ken Maus	854-2303
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	JJ Justice	464-2387
	Ken Maus	854-2303
Historian	Hank Pearce	429-5441
Membership Program	Don Hershberger	227-4326
	Jim Healey	685-3829
Recruitment	Steve Tedesco	408-810-0578
Roster	Jeff Ustick	419-4577
Song Leader	OPEN	
Sunshine	OPEN	
Webmaster	Bob Hogan	334-6707

TELEPHONE CALLERS

Non-email

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

Punchbowl email

Ray Blute	464-7901
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Greeters

As assigned



BEVERAGE PRICES TO INCREASE

After much discussion the BEC has decided to increase the price of Wine and Beer at the Elks Bar from \$5 to \$7, starting at the May meeting. This price increase is intended to offset the cost of hiring a bartender during our monthly luncheon meetings.

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 April 26, 2023: \$4041.39

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

MEMBERSHIP REPORT (as of April 26, 2023)

SIR Don Hershberger Chair

59 ACTIVE

8 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).



My therapist says I have a preoccupation of vengeance-
We'll see about that.

What did one Frenchman say to the other Frenchman?
I have NO IDEA, I don't speak French

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Ray Blute 5/6
Earl Cowell 5/30



George Henderson 5/6

ACTIVITIES REPORTS

GOLF- jzanzinger@gmail.com. With the weather FINALLY cooperating, SIRs Branch 20 Golf is back in Full Swing! Now that the sun is shining, we had two great days of golf at Monterey Pines and Spring Hills. Spring Hills was particularly delightful especially for Bob Parker who won closest to the pin at 4'2" and money in his group. Other group winners from Branch 20 were Gareth Shepherd, Scott Cunningham and Tony Musick. Scuttebutt has it that a Branch 20 player knocked it in on the fourth hole from 60 yards onto a raised green for a birdie. We play every Monday at courses located in the Monterey Bay area. Come on out, the weather is great!



WINE CLUB- On April 20 11 SIRs and one guest met to sample and enjoy wines from Portugal and Spain. Several light Portuguese white wines were enjoyed along with a variety of Spanish red wines, primarily from the Roja region in north central Spain. Along with great conversation, light snacks were enjoyed. Look for your Punchbowl invitation next month as we are exploring ideas for our May meeting.



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.

Man injured in bizarre Peek-a-Boo accident
He's in ICU

Apparently exercise helps you with decision making.
It's true!
I went for a run this morning and decided I'm never doing it again.

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



BOCCE- In the March newsletter SIR Joe Mingione gave us the history of the game from early Egyptian and early Greece—read on for even more on this favorite SIRs game:

Bocce has seen many changes through history. It has evolved from being a crude sport play with rounded rocks, or even coconuts, to the modern game with composite or metal balls. Bocce has been known under many names—lawn bowling and pentanque are the best known modern names for variations of the game. Bocce frequently lost and gained popularity through the ages. In 1896, the first Bocce Olympiad was held in Athens, Greece. Bocce has been a part of international sports ever since.



The popularity of Bocce in America has been on the rise since it swept California in 1989. There are more than 25 million Bocce enthusiasts that play or have heard of the sport in the United States today.

Bocce is also famous as a comradeship sport for the SIR organization with members throughout Northern California. Typically, the SIR teams play a hard-fought game then usually end up with a gathering at a local restaurant. It is especially a favorite for the Santa Cruz team members who gather at 11:30 am on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month at the Felt Street Park. Bocce had previously been played for many years at the local restaurant and bar Bocce Cellar, but with a change in management the venue was redesigned as a bar with live music entertainment.

Today, the game continues to be played with optimistic enthusiasm by many members of our SIR Branch.

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

FISHING- SIR Ed Bush, Captain of the Miss Molly, reports that the harbor mouth is now again navigable—hundreds of tons of sand have been dredged in anticipation of the reopening of Rock Cod season on May 1. Make sure your fishing license is valid. Captain Ed is looking forward to another great season of fishing!

For more information contact:

edbush24@gmail.com



Did you know?

The opposite sides of traditional dice always add up to 7.

There was once a law that high heel shoes were only permitted in Carmel, CA if the wearer got a permit from City Hall first.

Politics is the art of looking for trouble, finding it, misdiagnosing it and then misapplying the wrong remedies—Mark Twain

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.

SIR BRANCH 20 GOLF SCHEDULE 2023

MAY 1 MO Laguna Seca
 MAY 8 MO Monterey Pines
 MAY 15 MO Crazy Horse
 MAY 22 MO Pajaro Valley
 MAY 30 TU Spring Hills

JUN 5 MO Monterey Pines
 JUN 12 MO Laguna Seca
 JUN 19 MO Spring Hills
 JUN 26 MO Salinas Fairways

JUL 3 MO Spring Hills
 JUL 10 MO Pajaro Valley
 JUL 17 MO Salinas Fairways
 JUL 24 MO Laguna Seca
 JUL 31 MO Monterey Pines

AUG 7 MO DeLaveaga
 AUG 14 MO Laguna Seca
 AUG 21 MO Crazy Horse
 AUG 28 MO Pajaro Valley

SEP 5 TU Spring Hills
 SEP 11 MO Pajaro Valley
 SEP 18 MO Salinas Fairways
 SEP 25 MO Monterey Pines

OCT 2 MO Salinas Fairways
 OCT 9 MO Pajaro Valley
 OCT 16 MO Spring Hills
 OCT 23 MO Laguna Seca
 OCT 30 MO Monterey Pines

NOV 6 MO DeLaveaga
 NOV 13 MO Laguna Seca
 NOV 20 MO Pajaro Valley
 NOV 27 MO Crazy Horse

DEC 4 MO Monterey Pines
 DEC 11 MO Pajaro Valley
 DEC 18 MO Salinas Fairways
 DEC 26 TU Spring Hills

Tuesdays Following Holidays

DeLaveaga: 7:30 on #10 8:00 on #1

STATE QUALIFIER TBA

AS OF 11/18/2022

Course	walk	ride	phone
DeLaveaga	\$48	\$68	423-7214
Laguna Seca	\$37	\$56	574-5804
Pajaro Valley	\$55	\$65	724-3851
Pines Jan-Mar	\$56	\$66	656-2167
Pines Apr-Oct	\$54	\$71	
Salinas Fairways	\$32	\$51	758-4653
Spring Hills	\$33	\$48	724-1404
Crazy Horse	\$65	\$65	688-3213

Club Championship 9/25-10/2

Tee times: sirgolfsantacruz@gmail.com