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ROOSTER ROUNDUP

Santa Cruz Branch No. 20

Meetings at Noon – Elks Club

Jewell Street-Santa Cruz

SEPTEMBER 11, 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 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

MEET OUR NEW CATERER!

Long time Santa Cruz resident, Kelly Thomas, will be preparing our monthly meeting meals starting in September. Kelly has experience in the food industry for nearly two decades. Kelly and her husband are proud parents of five and have five grandchildren. Kelly has been preparing meals for the Elk's Lodge for over 15 years. We look forward working with Kelly and extend our previous caterer, Mark, best wishes.



Menu for September luncheon is posted on page 2.

BIG SIR JEFF USTICK SEZ:

Each month it seems there is some significant holiday or celebration. Obviously, July has the 4th and November Thanksgiving. This month we celebrate Labor Day. For many, Labor Day provides an opportunity to gather for a picnic with friends and family. This celebration seems to mark the end of the summer season, and in years past, the time for youngsters to return to school. I believe we seldom reflect on the significance and background of Labor Day.



The Labor Day holiday grew out of the late 19th century organized labor movement, and it quickly became a national holiday as the labor movement assumed a prominent role in American society. In September 1882, the unions of New York City decided to have a parade to celebrate their members being in unions, and to show support for all unions. At least 20,000 people were there, and the workers had to give up a day's pay to attend. (There was also a lot of beer involved in the event).

Labor Day, began as a local and state celebration that became a national holiday in 1892 when President Grover Cleveland designated the first Monday in September as the official day of celebration. During this era, the plight of workers and the challenges of work conditions were key social issues that often pitted the workers

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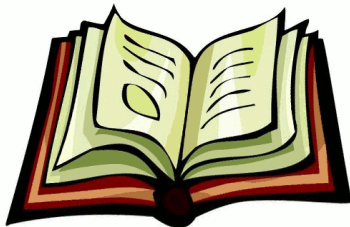
Greeters

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).



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against those who controlled industry. These conflicts were marked by labor strikes, violence and sacrifice.

As the decades passed, working conditions and worker rights expanded. Today we see the results of earlier struggles– the 8 hour day and 40 hour work week. Worker's Compensation, national labor standards and the worker protections provide safer, and more efficient, working conditions.

So as Americans enjoy a 3 day weekend, gatherings with friends and families, and possibly local parades, we owe much to those who struggled. What remains is the age-old question to ponder– can you wear white after Labor Day? Regardless of your fashion decision, here's to a great month.

Enjoy!

SEPTEMBER LUNCH MENU

Smoked Tri Tip

Rice Pilaf

Roasted Veggies

Spinach Salad with crunchy bread

Goopy Brownies

PROGRAM

Terence Hunter will be here to give us the inside story of his 30 years with the California Department of Corrections. You don't want to miss this excellent speaker!

MEMBERSHIP REPORT (as of July 31,2024)

Sir Don Hershberger, Chair

59 Active members

8 applications on file

****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

Beginning Balance Augusst 1: 3563.82

Ending Balance August 31: No 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 September courses and dates are as follows: 9/3 Tuesday Spring Hills. 9/9 Pacific Grove. 9/16 Pajaro Valley. 9/23 Monterey Pines. 9/30 Salinas Fairways. For more information contact Jerry Zanzinger at jzanzinger@gmail.com

As you may know, we will be merging with the Scott's Valley Branch in the near future. I will be in touch with their golf chairman to get the specifics and what, if any, the effects to us will be



Golfer- "How do you like my game?"

Caddie- "Very good, but personally, I prefer Golf."

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

Remember- playing Poker is fine-
As long as you don't let things get out of hand.



WINE TASTING- jeffustick@gmail.com

On Thursday, August 15 ten Sirs gathered at Jeff Ustick's home to enjoy a selection of "Pinot Noirs of the Central Coast". As usual, the afternoon was filled with great conversations, laughter and snacks of fruit, meats, cheese, and crackers. Among the Pinot's sampled were local favorites from McHenry, Rexford, Hallcrest, J. Lohr, Bargetto and Cinnabar.

For our September gathering, we will be meeting at Hallcrest Winery on Thursday, September 19. We are hoping that some of our fellow Sirs from Branch 36 will be joining us we sample wines from Hallcrest. Wines may be purchased as flights, glasses or bottles. A variety of Ciders are also available. Please join us for a great afternoon on a lovely deck overlooking fields and trees. Hallcrest, 379 Felton Empire Grade Rd. Felton, CA. <https://www.hallcrestvinyards.com>

Our usual gathering is on the 3rd Thursday of each month. The meeting place is at Jeff Usticks home in Felton., the time 1:30 to 4ish... We gather to explore a different varietal, region, flavor profiles of wines from around the world- we strive to increase our knowledge, spend some quality time with our SIRs friends and just maybe tell a few stories. If interested in joining us, you can contact Jeff for more information and directions to his home. His email is listed at the top of this posting.

Some people see the glass as half full,
Others see it as half empty,
It doesn't matter- either way
there is room for more Wine!



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My wife complains that I don't smile anymore- She's the one who wanted a serious relationship.

When is "Old enough to know better" supposed to kick in?
Asking for a friend...

ACTIVITIES REPORTS

BOCCE- Bocce guys, you wanted more playing time– so here it is! Starting now, **EVERY WEDNESDAY**, except for our monthly meeting the second 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 Jeffrys 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 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, near the door to the swimming pool. 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 11am. For more information, contact Mike Kopp at jmkopp186@hotmail



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?



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Scott Cunningham
Steve Edwards
George Jones



Royce Manchester
Joe Mingione
Ken Parker
Ron Rayas

The August birthday drawing for a free lunch was won by Sir Jim Chrislock. However, you must be present to win. Because of Jim's absence, Little Sir Larry Bristow's name was drawn. Bon Appetit Larry.

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**)

When I met my wife, she was a Secretary, now she's a Treasurer
At McDonalds,yesterday, I wasn't very hungry- so I ate a Kids Meal. His mother was furious!
I built a model of Mt. Everest. My Grandson asked "Is it to scale?" I said "No it's to look at."