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# ROOSTER ROUNDUP

Santa Cruz Branch No. 20  
Meetings at Noon – Elks Club  
Jewell Street-Santa Cruz  
**March 9, 2022**

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Director	Les Yeffa	475-9481

### HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

Vern Lillehaugen

### PAST BIG SIRs

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

For a complete listing of Past Big Sirs, please refer to your SIRS Roster Booklet



### MARCH LUNCH MENU

Chicken Enchiladas  
Fiesta Salad  
Black Beans      Spiced Rice  
Chefs Choice Dessert  
Lemonade and Ice Tea

### PROGRAM

It's a SIRs FIRST! We will have two speakers on March 9. First, Mr. Sesario Escorto will explain the mission of CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) and seek volunteers. Then SIR Tony Di Leonardo will tell us "How Not to Write a Book", and why it took him nine years to write his.



### BIG SIR STEVE TEDESCO SEZ

Happy March, it's almost spring and people are out having a great time around Santa Cruz. How about you? At our February meeting, we had some fantastic members of our club speak to us about their background and we will have more in the future as a way to know each other better. Please, if you are willing to share, let SIR Jim Healey know.

Once again our activities are picking up– Les Yeffa just informed me that Cribbage will be starting at 11 or 11:15 before our lunch, in the bar area. This timing depends on finishing the BEC meeting on schedule. Speaking of BEC meetings, we start at 10 am on the day of our luncheon meeting. ALL club members are invited to attend and participate in discussions.

I look forward to seeing you all on March 9.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

In order to attend March SIRs meeting at the Elks Lodge, YOU MUST: Reserve your lunch and seat by responding to the Punchbowl email or phone call before Monday, March 7!  
Bring your vaccination card, or copy thereof, it will be verified at the door.  
Sign a waiver (State SIR requirement). If you have previously signed you need not sign again.  
Masks are no longer required for fully vaccinated SIRs (per Santa Cruz County), but are highly recommended. Masks are available at Sign in Table.

## COMMITTEES for 2022

Audio Arrangements	Dick Bemis	408-353-2829
	Ray Blute	464-7901
	Jesse DeGennaro	426-0149
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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	JJ Justice	464-2387
	Ken Maus	854-2303
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Roster	Ken Jenkins	458-0478
Song Leader	Richard Stauff	
Sunshine	OPEN	
Travel	Ed Bush	408-997-1836
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

Chair: Jim Riss & Mike Almgren	
James Sadler	Roger Kissinger
Ed Bush	Jeff Ustick



## HELP YOUR CLUB

## CONTRIBUTE TO THE

## TWO BUCK BUCKET



## TREASURERS REPORT

Mike Fuson reporting

Beginning balance as of February 1: \$2684.14

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

## FEBRUARY MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Don Hershberger Chair

New members None

Active members 89

Active applications: Steve Cohen, sponsor Les Yeffa  
**Kirk Crane, sponsor SC Sentinel**  
**Mike Kennedy, transfer from Pollock Pines**  
Joseph Duarte, sponsor SC Sentinel  
Richard Stauff, sponsor Dave Hodgin

(Names in bold print– to be Inducted at March meeting)

### \*\*NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS\*\*

If your address, phone number, or email has changed, notify SIR Don Hershberger, 118 Fife Lane, Aptos 95003, 831-227-4326 or email

[donhershberger@gmail.com](mailto:donhershberger@gmail.com)

## EARN A FREE LUNCH– BRING IN A NEW MEMBER!

### ANYONE UP FOR SOME WINE TASTING?

Branch 20 is going to do some wine tasting at a local winery. If you have some suggestions on linking up with a particular winery let us know. We want a venue that has an easy driving distance and a pleasant open setting. Spouses and guests are welcome. Expect it to occur in the next few months depending on venue and weather. More details and a sign up list will be available at our March 9 meeting. Joe Mingione– jamingione@yahoo.com

### SIRS NIGHT AT SANTA CRUZ WARRIORS!

Don't forget: Saturday night March 5! Branch 20 is planning a group outing to watch future NBA players on the Santa Cruz Warriors battle the Memphis Hustle at Kaiser Permanente Arena. Tip off time is 7 pm! SIRs ticket holders will be seated together for this fun event. The Warriors always put on a great show of basketball skills!

“This day in History”

March 10, 1876 Alexander Graham Bell makes the first phone call ever. Moments later he was notified that his cars extended warranty had expired.

## 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](mailto:jjsurfman@aol.com).

On the 2nd and 4th Thursday at 1pm is a low stakes beginners game. For more information, contact Ken Maus at 854-2303, [kenrrjo@gmail.com](mailto:kenrrjo@gmail.com).

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



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**BOCCE-** Bocce games are again on the schedule! (weather permitting). A rousing game was played under blue skies on Wednesday, February 16 at Felt Street Park. A good turnout of 10 Branch 20 players made for some fun matches. Winners and losers had a good time and worked up an appetite. Many opted to gather for lunch after the games. Bocce is played on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday each month. Inter-Branch League is in the works (against Scotts Valley and Aptos) For more information contact Ray Blute 464-7901, [r-cblute@att.net](mailto:r-cblute@att.net), or Joe Mingione 650-279-2830, [jamingione@yahoo.com](mailto:jamingione@yahoo.com).



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**GOLF-** Branch 20 has over 16 members who play SIRs golf at various courses on Mondays in Monterey, Salinas, and Santa Cruz. Cash prizes are awarded for closest to the pin and team cash prizes for lowest score, up to 6 teams or more.

We had multiple cash winners over the last 2 months in SIRs golf. Notable Branch 20 winners were: Ken Parker and Mel Ferreira– 6 wins. David Hodgin– 5 wins. Jeff Boisen, Scott Cunningham, Rob Sciolto– 4 wins. Richard Dames, Don Hershberger, Mike Hanlon and Jerry Zanzinger– 3 wins. Special congrats to Mel Ferreira with closest to the pin at Salinas and Crazy Horse!

For more information, contact Jerry Zanzinger at 831/423-1936.

For full schedule go to: [sirgolfssantacruz@gmail.com](mailto:sirgolfssantacruz@gmail.com)



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**CRIBBAGE-** After a year's hiatus, Cribbage is back! Games are played before the monthly Luncheon meeting at the Elks Lodge, in the Bar Area. Games begin at approximately 11am. Never played Cribbage? We can teach you the game in 10 minutes time!



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**FISHING-** Fishing excursions will return in April when sportfishing seasons reopen. Captain Ed Bush will post updates as the season opener nears.

Need more information? Give Ed a call (408-997-1836) or contact him at our monthly luncheon meeting.



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### 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.

### Thoughts for the Day

Always give 100%  
Unless you are giving blood.

Counting to 10 only makes it premeditated.

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Paul Bergman 3/22

Tom Duncanson 3/18



Larry Heiman 3/15

Lonnie Moseley 3/13



Final Thoughts...

Before Mount Rushmore was carved  
It's beauty was unpresidential!

Without freedom of speech  
We would not know who the idiots are.