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# ROOSTER ROUNDUP

Santa Cruz Branch No. 20  
Meetings at Noon – Elks Club  
Jewell Street-Santa Cruz  
**July 13, 2022**

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Director	Ken Maus	854-2303
Director	Joe Mingione	650-279-2830
Director	Hank Pearce	588-8098
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
Hank Pierce	2009

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



## JULY LUNCH MENU

Chopped Chicken Caesar Salad  
Grilled Cheese sandwich  
Assorted fresh baked cookies  
Lemonade, Ice Tea, Water, Coffee

## PROGRAM

Due to last minute scheduling conflicts our July speaker had to cancel, BUT Program Director Jim Healey managed to strong-arm Branch 20 member (and retired CHP Officer) **Ward Schuyler** to share some more of his interesting, exciting and amusing tales of his time behind the badge and the wheel. Could one of his stories be about you?  
(He even looks a little like Broderick Crawford)

## BIG SIR STEVE TEDESCO SEZ:



Hello SIRS– I hope you are all surviving the heat, it sure is nice to be here or at least close to the ocean breezes. We had a very nice turn out for our Ladies Day with Joe Ferrara singing great old songs.

There is continuing discussion at the State SIRS level about declining membership and attendance. Many ideas are circulating including allowing women as members. The goal is to increase attendance at Luncheons and our Activities. We are slowly getting back to where we were before Covid, but all branches are still below the attendance they had before the Pandemic and this is a big concern for our State President.

We will continue offering the best program and activities we can, with your HELP and INPUT.

At the July meeting our BEC (Branch Executive Committee) will be discussing moving to an annual membership fee and eliminating the \$2 donation at the tables during lunch. If you have any thoughts, ideas or suggestions please let me or other BEC members know!

Thanks to all our BEC members for their continuing support of me as your Big Sir. The BEC meetings are a great time and place to get to know each other better. I encourage you to think about joining our leadership and talk with our nominating committee– Les Yeffa, Ray Blute and Joe Mingione.

Have a safe and sane 4th of July celebration!

## COMMITTEES for 2022

Audio Arrangements	Dick Bemis Ray Blute Jesse DeGennaro Mel Ferreira	408-353-2829 464-7901 426-0149 408-353-2107
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Roster	Ken Jenkins	458-0478
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Sunshine	OPEN	
Travel	Ed Bush	408-997-1836
Webmaster	Bob Hogan	334-6707

## TELEPHONE CALLERS

<b>Non-email</b>	
Jesse DeGennaro	426-0149
Mel Ferreira	408-353-2107
<b>Punchbowl email</b>	
Ray Blute	464-7901
<b>Greeters</b>	
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 June 1, 2022: \$3030.00

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

## JULY MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Don Hershberger Chair

New Members none

Active Members 90

Active Applications Steven Cohen, sponsor Les Yeffa  
Earl Cowell, sponsor Sentinel Coastline  
Warren Penniman, sponsor Dave Hodgkin  
Richard Stauff, sponsor Sentinel Coastline

## \*\*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!**

## IMPORTANT NOTICE!

In order to attend the July SIRs meeting at the Elks Lodge, YOU MUST: Reserve your seat and lunch by responding to the Punchbowl email message or phone call **before Monday, July 11.**

Bring your vaccination card, or copy thereof (phone capture is OK), it will be verified at the door.

Sign a waver (State SIRs requirement). If you have previously signed you need not sign again.

Masks are no longer required by State or County, but are highly recommended.

Don't forget to peruse the Book Exchange at our monthly meeting. Take a book or bring a book (or more). The exchange has been updated with new titles, and now includes a few DVDs and jigsaw puzzles.



My wife yelled at me today

"You weren't even listening just now, were you?!"

I thought- what a weird way to start a conversation...

## DAVID HODGIN BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION



At the June 8 Luncheon meeting, SIR David Hodgin was honored by his fellow SIRs and guests. David was celebrating his 90th Birthday!

David, who is a very active volunteer in Scotts Valley, is also still employed as CFO of Musical Me, a business that brings interactive music programs to tots and parents.

David was presented with a framed proclamation in honor of his nine decades of life and commitment to the community. He was then serenaded with a rousing rendition of Happy Birthday by Joe Ferrara and our members/guests.

## JULY BIRTHDAYS

John Ashworth 7/4

Jeff Boisen 7/7

Marvin Del Chairo 7/15

Chuck Elvert 7/6

Chuck Goddard 7/21



Terry Haskell 7/24

Bob Hogan 7/1

John Justice 7/29

Jeff Ustick 7/23

Grant Wrathall 7/24

From State SIRS Inc.

Just in time for Summer!

### **SIRS HATS**

Ball caps and Bucket hats

Also

### **SHIRTS**

T-shirts, Sweatshirts, Fleece

For more information or to order go to:

<https://sir.ourproshop.com>

#### **NON RESPONSIBILITY DECLARATION**

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I remember the first time I had sex  
I kept the receipt.

When I was young and single, a girl phoned me and said  
“Come on over, there’s nobody home”  
So I went over– nobody was home.

## 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, "Poker Pals" For more information contact KenMaus at 854-2303, [kenrjo@gmail.com](mailto:kenrjo@gmail.com). Both games are played at the Tradewinds Mobile Home Park, 4160 Jade St. Capitola.



**BOCCE-** Happy days are here again!. Both game days in June were sunny and warm. As our former competitors from other local SIRs branches flee our Bocce prowess, we have sufficient Branch players to organize pick-up games on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday each month. Games start at **11:30** (new time) at Felt Street Park. Many players opt to gather for lunch after the games. 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)



**GOLF-** Branch 20 has over 16 players who play SIRs Golf at various courses on Mondays in Monterey, Salinas., Watsonville, Aptos 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. For more information on SIRs Golf, please contact Jerry Zanzinger 831/704-7091, [jzanzinger@gmail.com](mailto:jzanzinger@gmail.com)



**FISHING-** Fishing excursions have returned! Sportfishing season for Rock cod reopened on April 1, Salmon season on April 2. Weather lately has been a factor, gusty winds and large swells have slowed the catch, but when the seas cooperate, lots of fish are to be found– both salmon and rock fish. For more information contact Ed Bush at our monthly meeting or 408/997-1836.



**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.



### **WINE CLUB–** New Branch 20 Activity!

Our first meeting was held on Thursday, June 16 at SIR Jeff Ustick's home in Felton. A group gathered to share and compare some personal favorites from their "cellars". We don't pretend to be Sommeliers, nor do we actively try to discern the subtleties and flavor profiles of wines. It's more a relaxing afternoon of friendship, conversation, wine and snacks. Each month will have a different "theme". For July, participants are asked to bring a wine suitable for a picnic. The group will meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 2pm. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Jeff at: [jeffustick2gmail.com](mailto:jeffustick2gmail.com) or 831/419-4577.

