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ROOSTER ROUNDUP

Santa Cruz Branch No. 20
Meetings at Noon – Elks Club
Jewell Street-Santa Cruz
August 10, 2022

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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



AUGUST LUNCH MENU

Chef's choice salad
Fresh local Salmon with tropical fruit relish
Wild rice pilaf
Chef's choice vegetables
Dessert
Lemonade, Ice Tea, Coffee

PROGRAM

Joan Thornton– our new, official SIRs Travel Representative will highlight three affordable, first class vacations in the USA offered by AFC Vacations Travel.

BIG SIR STEVE TEDESCO SEZ:



Hello Sir's

It's good to be back with you all. As I mentioned last month the BEC (Branch Executive Committee) VOTED to initiate an **Annual Membership fee of \$25.00/ year** (*many branches are now adding a fee*). We have never had a membership fee, but as you can guess our costs continue to rise and the \$2.00 bucket is not keeping up. Much of the problem lies with fact that we list 90 members but only 35-40 attend each month (*and we are pleased with that*) . We are obligated to pay the state SIR's fee for Administration, legal, and insurance coverage for each **active member** we carry on our roster. We also pay for Speakers lunch, 1 birthday lunch and as we can, a fee to our speaker /entertainer

By paying your \$25.00 fee you become an ACTIVE member and will be covered by the State SIRS's during the Branch activities. If you choose to not pay the fee you will no longer be considered a member and unable to participate **There is NO more Inactive Membership** category. (continued on page 2)

COMMITTEES for 2022

Audio	Dick Bemis	408-353-2829
Arrangements	Ray Blute	464-7901
	Jesse DeGennaro	426-0149
	Mel Ferreira	408-353-2107
Badge Mgr.	Ken Maus	854-2303
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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	OPEN	
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



BIG SIR SEZ (from page 1) All can join or rejoin at any time by paying the \$25 fee . NO Prorating .Current members that pay now will cover the rest of 2022 and 2023

We will continue with our New and Improved raffle so please keep buying those tickets to support our Branch.

Please send checks **Payable to SIR's**

ATT: Les Yeffa
Elks Lodge
150 Jewell St
Santa Cruz CA 95060

TREASURERS REPORT

Mike Fuson reporting

Beginning balance as of July 1, 2022: \$2818.64

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

JULY MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Don Hershberger Chair

New Members none
Active Members 83

Active Applications/sponsor: Steven Cohen/ Les Yeffa
Richard Stauff/ David Hodgins
Warren Penniman/ Sentinel Coastline
Earl Cowell/ Sentinel Coastline
Douglas Thompson/ Goodtimes
Emmet White/ Tony Dileonardo

****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!

A recent study has shown that women who carry a little extra weight live longer than men who mention it.

SUNSHINE REPORT

Gentlemen, I just received a message from SIR Ken Jenkins noting that Vern Lillehaugen is facing some difficult health issues. He has progressive Parkinson's Disease, and recently had a fall and broke his hip. He is confined to the house.

Vern has been a vital factor in the success of Branch 20 for many years. He served as Big Sir, BEC member, Sunshine Chairman and is our only Honorary Life Member! (He is also a cut-throat Cribbage player). As Sunshine Chair, Vern made sure that the membership was aware of our SIRs with medical issues. He encouraged calls and cards to them and would personally follow up with ailing members.

Vern's wife Linda monitors his email and will pass messages on to him.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Mike Almgren	8/30		Everett Mudgett Jr.	8/28
Jim Chrislock	8/30		James Riss	8/05
Tom Diamond	8/22		James Sadler	8/29
Bob Kemp	8/26			

From State SIRS Inc.

Just in time for Summer!

SIRS HATS

Ball caps and Bucket hats

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So, the Cop said to me (while reading from the card he carrier for that purpose) "Anything you say can, and will be used against you." I said "I know, I'm married."

I just sold my homing pigeon on Ebay for the 22nd time!

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. On the 2nd and 4th Thursday at 1pm is a low stakes beginners game, "Poker Pals" For more information contact KenMaus at 854-2303, kenrrjo@gmail.com. Both games are played at the Tradewinds Mobile Home Park, 4160 Jade St. Capitola.



BOCCE- Summer Bocce is the best! With the games scheduled to begin at 11:30 am, the morning fog has dissipated and the cool breeze off the Bay makes for perfect conditions. Both days games were hard fought battles. In SIRs Bocce a team must win by 2 points. On July 6 both games weren't decided until the last ball was rolled. Most players opt to enjoy a group lunch at Jeffrey's Restaurant after the match. If you would like to join us, just show up at Felt St. Park on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday each month. No experience necessary! For more information contact Ray Blute 464-7901, r-cblute@att.net or Joe Mingione 650-279-2830, 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



FISHING- Captain Ed Bush reports the salmon are still biting as a huge amount of bait fish are in the Monterey Bay. Weather conditions continue to hamper excursions as wind and swells are up. On calmer days, it is still possible to boat a nice fish. Also biting at this time are rock fish, halibut and a few striped bass. 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!

The July meeting showed a significant increase in participants. 9 SIRs enjoyed an afternoon of sampling "Wines to accompany a Picnic"- everything from canned white wine (deemed surprisingly drinkable) to more sophisticated offerings such as Bonnie Doon Le Cigar Rose, a Chenin Blanc release from Birichino Cellars, La Crema Monterey Pinot Rose, Italo Cescon Pinot Grigio, and Tuxedo Red from Bargetto. Plenty snacks were available to keep the group on an even keel. Sound interesting? Join us!

The group will meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 2pm. Our next meeting will feature wines from the Mediterranean regions. Bring a bottle to share. For more information see Jeff Ustick at our monthly meeting or contact him jeffustick@gmail.com or 831/419-4577.



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Branch 20 Wine Club: seated– Joe Mingione, Jeff Ustick, Mike Fuson, Mike Kennedy. Standing– Jeff Boisen, Dick Bemis, Steve Tedesco, David Hodgin. Not shown– photographer Mike Kopp



Our July speaker, retired CHP officer and SIR Wade Schuyler, who regaled us with true stories of the Highway Patrol. (And no, he does NOT look like Broderick Crawford)



Bocce can be a game of measured millimeters, or is Butch trying to blow the pallino a bit closer to the green ball?