



Devoted to the Promotion of
Independence and Dignity of Retirement

ROOSTER ROUNDUP

Santa Cruz Branch No. 20
Meetings at Noon – Elks Club
Jewell Street-Santa Cruz
September 14, 2022

SONS IN RETIREMENT, INC.
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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| Big Sir | Steve Tedesco | 408-810-0578 |
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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 complete listing of Past Big Sirs, refer to your
SIRs Roster Booklet



SEPTEMBER LUNCH MENU

Organic field greens salad with tomatoes, cucumber, sesame
ginger vin and feta.

Talapia Piccata atop wild rice with seasonal vegetables.

Chefs choice dessert and drinks

PROGRAM

On September 14 Collie Gruczelak, whose husband was a Big Sir at Branch 20, will be here to describe her work with the County Senior Centers and invite us to join her band of helpers when we can.

Following Collie's talk, you'll be asked to rate some shaggy dog stories for a book Sir Jim Healy is working on.

BIG SIR STEVE TEDESCO SEZ:



Hello Sir's

I hope you have been enjoying our mild summer weather-
great for Fishing, Bocce, Golf, Wine Tasting and Poker.

All these activities are being enjoyed by our members.

Membership is our core and increasing membership is our lifeblood. **As we have stated several times we will now be charging \$25 dues per year, starting January 1, 2023. This fee is due by NOVEMBER 15, 2022.**

We will be dropping past members that we have not heard from this past year. Please reach out to your friends, neighbors, relatives and other organizations you belong to and spread our story of active involvement for MEN. Help us thrive and grow in the future! (cont. on page 2)

A Genie granted me one wish,
So I said "I just want to be happy"
Now I'm living in a Cottage with 6 Dwarves
and working in a Mine.

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 |
| 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 | Don Hershberger | 227-4326 |
| Program | Jim Healey | 685-3829 |
| Recruitment | Steve Tedesco | 408-810-0578 |
| Roster | Ken Jenkins | 458-0478 |
| Song Leader | OPEN | |
| Sunshine | OPEN | |
| Travel | Ed Bush | 408-997-1836 |
| Webmaster | Bob Hogan | 334-6707 |

TELEPHONE CALLERS

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|--------------------------------|--|-----------------|
| Non-email | | |
| Jesse DeGennaro | | 426-0149 |
| Mel Ferreira | | 408-353-2107 |
| Punchbowl email | | |
| Ray Blute | | 464-7901 |
| 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 Branch 20**

ATT: Les Yeffa

Elks Lodge

150 Jewell St

Santa Cruz CA 95060 Or you can bring your payment to the

monthly meeting and give it to Treasurer Mike Fuson at the sign in table.

TREASURERS REPORT

Mike Fuson reporting

Beginning balance as of August 1, 2022: \$3006.42

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

MEMBERSHIP REPORT (as of August 31)

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 weasel walks into a bar. The bartender says “Wow, I’ve never served a weasel before. What can I get you?”
“Pop” goes the weasel

SIRS Slate of Officers and Directors for 2023

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|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Big Sir | Ray Blute | | Directors |
| Little Sir | Jeff Ustick | James Baker | Dave Hodgkin |
| Treasurer | Mike Fuson | Ed Bush | Ken Maus |
| Asst. Treasurer | Mike Kennedy | Jesse DeGennaro | Joe Mingione |
| Secretary | Jeff Boisen | Jim Healey | Steve Tedesco |
| Asst. Secretary | Mike Kopp | Don Hershberger | Les Yeffa |

The Officers and Directors must be ratified by the general membership. There will be a show of hands vote at our September Luncheon Meeting.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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|------------------|------|
| Scott Cunningham | 9/27 |
| Larry Edler | 9/24 |
| John Fairweather | 9/18 |
| George Jones | 9/23 |
| Royce Manchester | 9/02 |
| Joe Mingione | 9/14 |



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|-----------------|------|
| Bill Neary | 9/24 |
| Ken Parker | 9/11 |
| Jeffrey Sanders | 9/12 |
| Robert Scioloto | 9/22 |
| Paul Ward | 9/14 |

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.

I saw a sign that read "Watch for Children"
I thought "That sounds like a fair trade"

Behind every angry woman
is a man who has absolutely no idea what he did wrong.

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 game “Poker Pals” is on hiatus until October 13. For more information contact KenMaus at 854-2303, kenrjo@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. 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, 1904 Felt St. (off 17th) 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



Fellow Golfers,

Attached to your newsletter is the announcement for the final State Golf event of the year. “THE FALL CLASSIC”. This event will be held on Wed. Sept. 14 and Thurs. Sept. 15. This is a 2 day event, but if a golfer wishes, they can play either of the days or both. Members can also make up their own team for either day. I ask that you read the attached flyer (on the next page) for additional information. This event is open to all SIR members, their wives and invited guests.

Many thanks

Mark Stuart, 2022 SIR Golf Committee Chair



FISHING- The weather has been cooperative, the swells are down, and the FISH ARE BITING! Mid-August, Captain Ed took SIRs Joe Mingione and Steve Tedesco to his favorite reef and returned to the dock with enough fish to provide over 20 lbs of local rock fish fillets! For more information on fishing excursions with Ed, contact him at our monthly meeting or email edbush24@gmail.com



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 August gathering of the Wine Club featured a mixture of fine Mediterranean wines from Spain, Italy and Portugal, along with delicious regional snack foods like Italian olives, Mozzarella, figs and dry salami, Greek hummus, pita chips and dolmas. As usual, the afternoon seemed to fly by as stories of previous travel and plans for future trips circulated, along with discussions of SIRs events— past, present and future.

The wine group meets every **3rd Thursday of the month at 2pm**. For more information see Jeff Ustick at our monthly meeting or contact him jeffustick@gmail.com or 831/419-4577.



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PLAY ONE DAY OR BOTH,

DAY 1 - \$ 60, DAY 2 - \$60, BOTH DAYS - \$120

2022 SIR Fall Golf Classic

MEMBER & GUEST TOURNAMENT
LADIES - NO HANDICAP REQUIRED!

Blue Rock Springs West
Blue Rock Springs East
Vallejo, CA

Wednesday & Thursday
September 14th & 15th

"PLAY ONE OR BOTH DAYS"

8:00AM shotgun start both
days

Entry fee includes green fee, cart, range
balls & prize fund both days

Have a non-golfing spouse?

Check out all the nearby
activities [Click Here!](#)

Applications at www.sirgolf.org

Your Hosts: Jim Gurke, John
Harrison, Pete Morelli, Mark Stuart

SIR members and men guests must
have an established NCGA index.

Men's Program

Day 1 - 4 Men's Team - 2
Best Ball (net) Play with a
foursome of your choice
or we place you on a
team

Day 2 - Men's Scramble
Play with a foursome of
your choice or we will
place you on a team

Closest to pin contests on
both days! Front & Back
nines.

Women's Program

Day 1 - 4 Women Team - 2
Best Ball (net) Play with a
foursome of your choice or
we will place you on a team

Day 2 - Women's Scramble
Play with a foursome of your
choice or we will place you
on a team

Closest to pin contests on
both days! Front & Back nines.