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ROOSTER ROUNDUP

Santa Cruz Branch No. 20
Meetings at Noon – Elks Club
Jewell Street-Santa Cruz
October 12, 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 complete listing of Past Big Sirs, refer to your
SIRs Roster Booklet



OCTOBER LUNCH MENU

Chef choice salad
Chicken Parmesan atop a bed of pasta
with rich herb Alfredo.
Dessert
Drinks

PROGRAM

Bee here when bee whisperer, Tim Dauber, owner/operator of the Bee Friendly Honey Bee Co. explains the care and feeding of bees to produce the best honey And how he rescued a colony of bees that took up residency in a nursing home.

BIG SIR STEVE TEDESCO SEZ:



Happy (almost) Halloween SIRs
I want to give a big Thank You and Congratulations to all of our leadership team for 2023. Many SIRs groups are having difficulty finding members to take on important leadership positions, not Les Yeffa, he has put together a great BEC team for next year. I encourage ALL of you to be open to the idea of being part of the Branch 20 BEC– Branch Executive Committee.

Nothing happens in our Branch unless the BEC votes to do something, so be a part of doing something to help our Branch THRIVE!

This newsletter is one of the best ways to stay up on what’s going on with our membership. I can’t thank Mike Kopp enough for his efforts to keep us all informed.

I look forward to working with:

Big Sir-	Ray Blute	Asst. Treasurer-	Mike Kennedy
Little Sir-	Jeff Ustick	Secretary-	Jeff Boisen
Treasurer-	Mike Fuson	Asst. Secretary-	Mike Kopp

Steve Tedesco
408/810-0578

COMMITTEES for 2022

Audio	Dick Bemis	408-353-2829
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	Mel Ferreira	408-353-2107
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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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Sunshine	OPEN	
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Webmaster	Bob Hogan	334-6707

TELEPHONE CALLERS

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



Reminder- Branch 20 will 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 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!

All can join or rejoin at any time by paying the \$25 dues (NO prorating). You can pay at our monthly meeting– drop off a check payable to SIRs Branch 20 at the sign in table, or mail your check to:

Elks Lodge
Attn: Les Yeffa
150 Jewell St.
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

TREASURERS REPORT

Mike Fuson reporting

Beginning balance as of Sept 1, 2022: 3276.77

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

MEMBERSHIP REPORT (as of September 30)

Don Hershberger Chair

NO REPORT, DON IS ON VACATION

****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!

My brother took going to jail badly.

He refused food and drink.

He spat and swore at anyone who came near him,
and started throwing things everywhere

After that we NEVER played Monopoly again.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Steve Baker 10/29
Jim Cummins 10/8
Tom Hansen 10/29



Don Hershberger 10/29
Ron Moore 10/2
Steve Tedesco 10/21
Jerry Zanzinger 10/29

ACTIVITIES REPORTS

GOLF- As Covid has subsided, we had a full summer of local and State tournaments. Locally, we have had good turnouts and good results from our Branch 20 golfers. Each Monday our area, which includes 3 other Branches, draws 70 to 80 golfers at various courses— offering cash prizes to those who do well. Branch 20 golfers are always among the winners.’

Statewide we have had a number of tournaments ranging from scrambles to individual championships and 2 day events. These events usually fill up a golf course and offer significant cash prizes. In one event at Pacific Grove our group came in 5th, but each player in our foursome received \$40. The tournaments are played at some of the nicest courses in Northern California and, in most cases, the fees are about the same as some of the courses we play on Mondays. Our Branch 20 golfers should consider playing in some of these events, they are a lot of fun!



Our area, which includes Branches other than our Monday groupings, needs someone to take on the Area responsibility. If you are interested, please let me know and I will hook you up with the State reps.

Hit them long and straight!

Jerry Zanzinger. jzanzinger@gmail.com (831)704-7092

WINE CLUB– New Branch 20 Activity!

October wine theme is “Wines from Down Under”

Join us on Thursday, October 20 at 2:00 pm. 475 McEnery Rd. (off of West Zayante Rd.- last house on left), Felton. Join fellow Branch 20 SIRS for a casual gathering featuring wines from Australia and New Zealand, light refreshments and entertaining conversations. Bring a wine of your choice to share. Please RSVP by Tuesday, October 18 to jeffustick@gmail.com or call 831 419-4577. The wine group meets every **3rd Thursday of the month at 2pm.** :



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.



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 tried to start a professional hide and seek team, but it didn't work out. Turns out, good players are hard to find

Definition “Buffet”- a French word that means
“Get up and get it yourself”

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-meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesday at 1pm. For more information contact Ken Maus at 854-2303, kenrrjo@gmail.com. Both games are played at the Tradewinds Mobile Home Park, 4160 Jade St. Capitola.



BOCCE- Fall 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. We had 12 avid Bocce players at our games on the 21st of Sept. 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



FISHING- Fall weather can be unpredictable on the Monterey Bay. Wind and swells can make fishing uncomfortable, but on calm days, there are still plenty of fish to be had– Rock Cod, Ling Cod and Halibut are still on the bite! For more information on fishing excursions with Ed, contact him at our monthly meeting or email: edbush24@gmail.com



MEET THE NEW SIR!

Joining Branch 20 at the September meeting, **Joe Kelly**. Born and raised in Ireland, Joe emigrated to the U.S. in his early 20s. He eventually settled in Walnut Creek, where he owned and ran a Swimming Pool and Spa repair business. Upon retiring the family moved to Santa Cruz in 1995, where Joe is enjoying the cooler temperatures, the beaches, bicycling and family. It turns out he's a natural talent on the Bocce Court also. Join us in welcoming Joe to the group!



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



FISHING ROD RAFFLE WINNERS!

2 winners were drawn after the close of our September luncheon meeting. And the Winners are...(drumroll please)

CHUCK ELVERT

CHEF MARK GALLAGHER

Congratulations to the lucky winners, and a HUGE SIRs Thank You to Captain Ed Bush for his generous donation! All proceeds from the raffle go directly toward Branch 20 activities

I just read that 4,153,237 people in CA got married last year. Not to cause trouble, but shouldn't that be an even number?

