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Independence and Dignity of Retirement

# ROOSTER ROUNDUP

Santa Cruz Branch No. 20

Meetings at Noon – Elks Club

Jewell Street-Santa Cruz

**November 9, 2022**

## SONS IN RETIREMENT, INC.

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## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Big Sir	Steve Tedesco	408-810-0578
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Director	Dave Hodgin	239-5122
Director	Mike Kopp	535-6308
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



## NOVEMBER LUNCH MENU

Chef's Choice Salad  
Stuffed Chicken breast served over  
Pesto cream pasta, topped with  
Mustard bechamel  
Dessert  
Drinks

## PROGRAM

Who has the most pictures taken by the Hubble telescope? UCSC Professor of Astrophysics, Dr Bruce Margon does!

Dr. Margon will elaborate on the many intriguing photos taken from the Hubble Telescope. Dr. Margon will also discuss the background, status and future of the Hubble Telescope.

## BIG SIR STEVE TEDESCO SEZ:



Happy Halloween and great fall weather to all!  
We are continuing to move forward to get our Branch 20 membership count accurate. We project about 50-55 members down from a high of over 100. So, that means we need all our current members to recruit NEW members, and encourage our current membership to attend our luncheons and activities.

We continue to have very successful Fishing outings, Bocce games, Poker games, Wine club gatherings and Golf outings. We can add NEW events if you have an interest. Les has restarted a Cribbage game before our lunches so members can come early to play and socialize.

We also have our Ladies Day in December with a great, fun program planned for all. Please attend– and bring a friend.

All members are invited to attend our BEC (Branch Executive Committee) at 10am the day of our Luncheon. This is a great way to learn more about SIRs and meet and get to know more members. We WANT and NEED your input– this is YOUR Club!

See you all on November 9th. Remember to respond to the Punchbowl invite to lunch– Yes or No.

Steve Tedesco  
408/810-0578

## 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

### **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**



**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 November 1,, 2022: \$3432.27

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

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT (as of October 31)

Don Hershberger Chair

54 ACTIVE  
5 APPLICATIONS ON FILE

### **\*\*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](mailto:donhershberger@gmail.com)

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

I went to the Air and Space Museum,  
but there was nothing there

Without freedom of speech  
we wouldn't know who the idiots are

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Mike Fuson 11/11

Ken Jenkins 11/13



Jim Healey 11/05

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## ACTIVITIES REPORTS

**GOLF-** Ben Gikis, the Area 13 Chairman has asked us if we would like to have interclub scramble competitions and possibly individual participation in some of their events. A few of them would like to participate in some of our events, such as Crazy Horse and Monterey Pines. Area 13 is comprised of a number of branches in the San Jose area. They play twice a week, on Mondays and Thursdays. They play at some private clubs, San Jose CC, Boulder Ridge CC, Castlewood CC, great courses like Wentz, Poppy Ridge and some of the courses we play like Spring Hills and Salinas. Castlewood is a little pricey at \$115 but the other private courses are \$75, not bad for a Country Club. The Country Clubs are the most popular so only a few openings are available. I ran this by Mike Banks, our coordinator, and he thought it was a good idea. We look forward to some interclub competitions in the Spring. Jerry Zanzinger, Branch 20 Chairman  
Hit them long and straight!

Jerry Zanzinger. [jzanzinger@gmail.com](mailto:jzanzinger@gmail.com) (831)704-7092



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

November wine theme is “Zinfandel”

Join us on Thursday, November 17, 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 Zinfandel wines, light refreshments and entertaining conversations. Bring a Zin of your choice to share. Please RSVP by Monday, November 14 to [jeffustick@gmail.com](mailto:jeffustick@gmail.com) or call 831 419-4577. The wine group meets every **3rd Thursday of the month at 2pm.** :



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### **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, or Les Yeffa at 831/475-9481.



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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.

If you suck at playing the trumpet-  
that's probably why.

I like cooking my family my pets.  
Use commas, they save lives

I child proofed my house– but the kids still get in.

## 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). 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](mailto: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 usually have a dozen or more competitors. 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](mailto:r-cblute@att.net) or Joe Mingione 650-279-2830, [jamingione@yahoo.com](mailto: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 with the season closing on December 31. For more information on fishing excursions with Ed, contact him at our monthly meeting or email: [edbush24@gmail.com](mailto:edbush24@gmail.com)



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## MEET THE NEW SIR!

Douglas Thomson was welcomed to Branch 20 SIRs at the October meeting. Doug is a native of Santa Cruz, born at the former Sisters Hospital. His employment history includes managing the Mayflower Moving Company in San Jose, working with Government Services Agency designing, building and remodeling major Govt. buildings, and, in 2003 was CEO/owner of Community Home Services, a Real Estate Investment firm in Sacramento County.

After retirement, Doug and his wife have returned to Santa Cruz County and are living in Aptos while in the process of building their dream home in the last remaining forested area with deer and wildlife in Soquel, adjacent to New Brighton State Park.

Doug's proudest moment was receiving the Navy Humanitarian Medal for rescuing Vietnamese refugees during his deployment in Southeast Asia. His philosophy is that life is full of choices, and he chooses to live as a happy person.



Don't forget to peruse the Book Exchange at our monthly meeting. Take a book, bring a book (or more).



I just found out that the company that produces yardsticks won't be making them any longer.

Dear Vegans, if you are trying to save the animals  
STOP EATING THEIR FOOD!

## STATE SIRS RV CAMPING?

Attention all SIRs with a Motor Home, Travel Trailer, Fifth Wheel, or Camper. We are trying to revive the State SIRs Activity Group.

If you are interested in joining fellow SIRs on an RV trip to a location where we can meet to swap stories around the campfire, let me know.

We can have our first meeting on Zoom to find what the choices of locations to meet are and how often to meet.

For further information contact Bob Lucido, Branch 146 Activity Chair/ State Activity Chair, and Keeper of the Secrets of the Mystical SIRs.

[bobwendy3@comcast.net](mailto:bobwendy3@comcast.net)



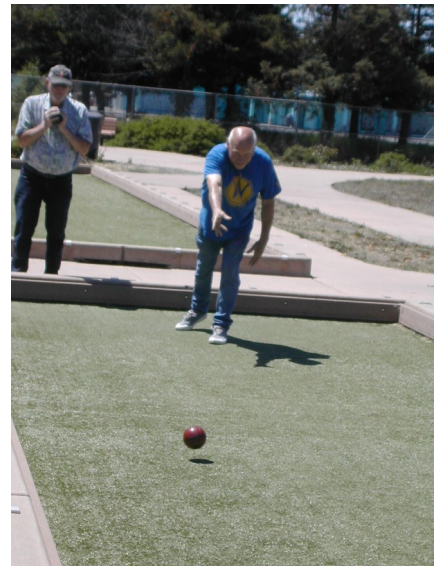
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## A FEW PHOTOS FROM RECENT BRANCH 20 ACTIVITIES



A sampling of Wines from “Down Under” at the October Wine Group gathering

SIR George Henderson– professional Cheerleader and BOCCE MASTER!



SIR Joe Mingione demonstrates the traditional Italian style, and we all learn a few new Italian swear words.