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ROOSTER ROUNDUP

Santa Cruz Branch No. 20
Meetings at Noon – Elks Club
Jewell Street-Santa Cruz
February 8, 2023

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Director	Joe Mingione	650-279-2830
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PAST BIG SIRs

Steve Tedesco	2022
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



FEBRUARY LUNCH MENU

Chefs Choice Salad
Meatloaf, baby red smashed potatoes, corn on the cob
Chefs Choice Dessert
Lemonade, Iced Tea, Coffee

PROGRAM

Queen Elizabeth's kin, our own Ed Bush will show and tell why he's been a life long treasure hunter and why he would love to find that big box of Gold that's been lost for years!



BIG SIR RAY BLUTE SEZ

To begin my comments this month I would like to first thank Mike Kopp for the fantastic job he does each month putting together the newsletter. It has all the pertinent information for allowing each of us to have an active and accurate review of exactly what is happening in our branch.

This week I was part of a State SIRs presentation on ways to attract new members to the local branches. One of the most effective ways is word of mouth. Just inviting someone to a meeting seems to be what works for most of the branches across the State. There were many more great ideas that I will share with you in upcoming newsletters. I would like to suggest that we begin inviting potential members and along with the invitation share a copy of our newsletter with them. The amount of information and the effective presentation of what we do in our branch could be an excellent draw for new members.

Finally in meeting my goal of connection with each of you, I would like you to take this survey for me. **SURVEY: What do you members really think of Branch #20?**

1. What do you like about the Branch?
2. What do you feel could be improved in the Branch?
3. If you could see one improvement, what would it be?

Please give serious thought and consideration to the above and e-mail your thoughts to: Arthur Blute: r-cblute@att.net.

Hopefully I will have some results to share with you next month.

COMMITTEES for 2023

Audio Arrangements	OPEN	
	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	Jeff Ustick	419-4577
Song Leader	OPEN	
Sunshine	OPEN	
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

As assigned



Reminder- Branch 20 will be charging \$25 dues per year, starting January 1, 2023. This fee was 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.

IMPORTANT– NOTE:

As discussed at the November and December Meetings, due to increasing food prices and negotiated contract with our Catering Service– starting with the January meeting the price of the luncheon will be \$25.

WEBMASTER ASSISTANT OPENING

Our SIR Branch 20 website has untapped potential. We just need to add current useful information that makes the site come alive, and be seen as a valuable tool for our members. If you have imagination and basic computer skills, we will teach you the web skills.

For more info. call Bob Hogan 831/334-6707

TREASURERS REPORT

Mike Fuson reporting

Beginning balance as of January 1, 2023

\$3920.27

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

MEMBERSHIP REPORT (as of January 20)

Don Hershberger Chair

55 ACTIVE

10 NEW 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

EARN A FREE LUNCH– BRING IN A NEW MEMBER!

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



Quotable Quotes:

True terror is to wake up one morning and realize your high school class is running the country– Kurt Vonnegit

2 things are infinite: The Universe and human stupidity– and I'm not sure about the Universe– Albert Einstein

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Ray Gorski
Roger Kissinger



Hank Pearce

SIRS NIGHT AT THE SANTA CRUZ WARRIORS

SIRs Branch 20 will be attending the Santa Cruz Warriors game on Wednesday, February 15th, 2023. Our seats will be about where they were last year. Price is \$17 per person. This is open to spouses/partners and friends. A block of seats has already been purchased, but there may still be some available. Questions? Call Les at 831/475-9471 or email lescruz@aol.com



ACTIVITIES REPORTS

GOLF-

LAST CALL! On Monday, March 6, 2023, Branch 161 will have a Friendship Golf Tournament, shotgun start at 9:00 am at Discovery Bay Golf & Country Club. There will be numerous cash prizes including low net to 6 places. There will also be closest to the pin contests and skins.

Lunch is included in the total price of \$105.00 if registered through our Branch golf chairman. It is \$120 if registered individually. Discovery Bay is a beautiful golf course. It would be a good chance to meet golfers from other branches.

Please contact Branch Chairman Jerry Zanzinger as soon as possible at 831/ 704-7091 if you would like to play so your spot can be reserved. jzanzinger@gmail.com.



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.

My friend David had his ID stolen– now he’s just Dav

Washing windows is a pane in the glass.

Did you ever notice that when you put the two words “THE” and “IRS” together it spells “THEIRS”?

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WINE CLUB- Eleven SIRS sampled a delicious variety of Italian white and red wines at our monthly wine gathering in January. White wines from Sicily to reds from the Italian north were paired with meats, bruschetta and a variety of tasty treats, accompanied by great conversation. Come join us at our next gathering: get to know your fellow SIRS better, be entertained with interesting stories by interesting SIRS, and enjoy a glass, or two, of great wine. Treat your taste buds with your SIR buds. We gather on the third Thursday of the month at SIR Jeff Us-tick's home at 475 McEnergy Rd., Felton (last house on the left off of West Zayante Rd). The wine theme for our next gathering on February 15 is Santa Cruz County wines. Cheers!



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.



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 Thursday 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- After nearly a month of wet weather, your Bocce Captains have decreed- Show up, rain or shine! If the weather is bad, we will move directly to Jeffrys Restaurant for a group meal. Our last match day on January 18 was sunny and clear. 12 SIRS had a great session of hard fought Bocce, followed by lunch and much bragging. 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**. at 11:30am. 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- SIR Ed Bush, Captain of the Miss Molly, is taking the winter season to do some necessary maintenance and updating of his vessel. Open fishing season for rock cod reopens April 1. Fishing excursions on the Miss Moly will resume in the Spring. For more information contact: edbush24@gmail.com



I found that I've been happier since I changed from coffee in the morning to orange juice. My doctor explained it's the vitamin C and natural sugars- but I really think it's the Vodka.

COMING IN THE MARCH NEWSLETTER:

A history of the game of Bocce- compiled by Bocce Captain Joe Mingione!

Do you have pictures taken at Branch 20 activities? We would love to have them to share with our members in upcoming newsletters! Email to jmkopp186@hotmail.com