



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

June 14, 2023

LADIES DAY!

SIR INC.
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Dave Gonzales 916/587-3538

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Big Sir	Ray Blute	464-7901
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Director	Ken Maus	854-2303
Director	Joe Mingione	650-279-2830
Director	Steve Tedesco	408-810-0578
Director	Les Yeffa	475-9481

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



JUNE LUNCH MENU

Chef Choice Salad

Herb roasted Pork loin

Paired with Bing cherry Demi glaze

Scalloped potatoes and vegetable

(Vegetarian alternative)

Lemonade, Iced Tea, Coffee

Dessert

PROGRAM

For our June Ladies Day meeting entertainment will be provided by:
Keith and Terrance (KaTs) Singing Stars of the Santa Cruz Senior Follies!
KaTs sing jazz, pop and romantic classics.



BIG SIR RAY BLUTE SEZ

Little Sir Jeff's message last month was a great encouragement for us to connect with each other. I am still open to receiving feedback on how we can make our organization better. Please email me your comments and suggestions—

r-cblute@att.net

We are implementing one of the suggestions received from Sir Jim Healey. We are going to have a Bean Bag Toss (also known as Corn Hole) set-up in the back of the room during our monthly meeting. You can form teams and play from 11 am to 12 noon (don't forget to sign in for lunch!) A big Thank You to Sir Jesse De Gennaro for donating this to us. If there is enough interest, we will organize teams and have a formal competition.

We have inducted five new members this year: Larry Bristow, Dave Herzog, Larry McAdams, Doug Nakashima and Mike Susca. Get to know these new Sirs and keep up the good work inviting and encouraging men to join us in the fun of Sirs!

COMMITTEES for 2023

Audio	OPEN	
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
Publicity	Joe Mingione	650-279-2830
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 De Gennaro	426-0149
Mel Ferreira	408-353-2107

Punchbowl email

Ray Blute	464-7901
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Greeters

As assigned



BEVERAGE PRICES INCREASE

After much discussion the BEC has decided to increase the price of Wine and Beer at the Elks Bar from \$5 to \$7. This price increase is intended to offset the cost of hiring a bartender during our monthly luncheon meetings.

WIN A CUSTOM MADE DEEP SEA FISHING ROD!

Enter the raffle for a chance to win a beautiful hand-made deep sea fishing rod, custom made by Sir Ed Bush. Tickets will be on sale at our monthly luncheon meeting- \$5 each or 5 for \$20.

All proceeds benefit the Branch 20 treasury to help fund our activities. Our thanks to Captain Ed for his generous donation!

TREASURERS REPORT

SIR Mike Kennedy reporting

Beginning balance as of May 1, 2023: \$3948.90

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

MEMBERSHIP REPORT (as of June 1, 2023)

SIR Don Hershberger Chair

58 ACTIVE

11 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).

For our Ladies Day meeting there will be some special selections featuring women authors and subject matter- plus jigsaw puzzles.



I had a friend over for lunch . She said she couldn't eat tongue because it came out of a cow's mouth... So I gave her an egg.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Dick Bemis
Jerry Clarke
Tony Dileonardo
Jay Freeman



Michael Kopp
Jim Lane
Buzz Little
Dennis Maynez

ACTIVITIES REPORTS

GOLF– jzanzinger@gmail.com. We play every Monday at courses located in the Monterey Bay area. Come on out, the weather is great!

Schedule for June: June 5 MO Laguna Seca, June 12, MO Laguna Seca, June 19, MO Spring Hills, June 26, MO Salinas Fairways
Tee times: sirgolsantacruz@gmail.com



WINE CLUB– On Thursday, May 19 seven SIRs met at Little SIRs Jeff Ustick's home. To initiate the festivities SIR Ed Bush provided a bottle of Bilo Idro, a dry Croatian white wine. Accompanying meats, cheese and crackers, nuts, and grapes, six California Zinfandels were sampled in a blind tasting. The group identified two very nice Zins that stood out among those sampled. The 2020 Rombauer Zinfandel (Napa Valley) and Seven Deadly Zins (Lodi) received the best reviews. The 2020 Rombauer is 98% Zinfandel and 2% Petit Sirah and was the most expensive wine sampled at around \$35 per bottle. A more affordable Zin that the group enjoyed was the 7 Deadly Zins that blends up to 20% Petit Sirah to the juice from Old Vine Zinfandel grapes. At a price point between \$10-\$12, the wine is both affordable and very tasty.

Please join us on Thursday, June 15 for a tasting of "Wines of France". Look for your Punchbowl invitation in early June or contact Jeff Ustick directly at 831 419-4577 or jeffustick@gmail.com. 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.



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.

When I was growing up, the man who lived across the street was rumored to be in the Mafia.

He was a very nice guy- he used to pay me ten bucks every morning just to start his car.

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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. Game will be temporarily hosted by Joe Mingione or Jerry Clarke until JJ Justice recovers from his recent hospitalization. Players will be notified as to venue before each game day. The beginners low stakes game– Poker Pals-meets the 2nd and 4th Thursday at 1pm. For more information contact Ken Maus at 854-2303, kenrjo@gmail.com
Both games are played at the Tradewinds Mobile Home Park, 4160 Jade St. Capitola.



BOCCE- Bocce is played every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 11:30am. Meet us at Felt Street Park (just off 17th Ave across from Shoreline Middle School. We meet rain or shine! If the weather is inclement we will regroup for lunch at Jefferys Restaurant.
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, reports that the Rockfish season is in full swing with lots of fish to be had! The past few years of closed fishing grounds and short seasons have positively impacted the population of fish. Ed is willing to take experienced Branch 20 fishermen out to a few of his “secret spots”. Make sure your fishing license is valid. Captain Ed is looking forward to another great season of fishing!
For more information contact:
edbush24@gmail.com



CORNHOLE- We have a NEW ACTIVITY for our Branch members! Cornhole is a very popular game these days. It’s played much like horseshoes with players tossing bean bags at a target board that has a hole in it. Scoring is simple– 3 points for a bag that falls through the hole, and 1 point for any bag that lands on the board. If both teams score, the low score teams points are subtracted from the high score team. Simple enough! Meet up after 11am on meeting Wednesday on the far side of our meeting room (near the windows overlooking the swimming pool)
Our thanks go out to Sir Jesse De Gennaro for donating the game set to Branch 20!



The City of Santa Cruz has passed an ordinance that bans public urination and defecation, and have promised to make it their #1 and #2 priorities.

When I was growing up, we had a little yellow cat. We called him Butter.
After he passed away we got a new little yellow cat. We called him I can’t believe its not Butter.

WEBMASTER NEEDED!

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

For more information, contact Ray Blute, Jeff Ustick or Michael Kopp.

SIR BRANCH 20 GOLF SCHEDULE 2023

JUN 5 MO Monterey Pines
 JUN 12 MO Laguna Seca
 JUN 19 MO Spring Hills
 JUN 26 MO Salinas Fairways

JUL 3 MO Spring Hills
 JUL 10 MO Pajaro Valley
 JUL 17 MO Salinas Fairways
 JUL 24 MO Laguna Seca
 JUL 31 MO Monterey Pines

AUG 7 MO DeLaveaga
 AUG 14 MO Laguna Seca
 AUG 21 MO Crazy Horse
 AUG 28 MO Pajaro Valley

SEP 5 TU Spring Hills
 SEP 11 MO Pajaro Valley
 SEP 18 MO Salinas Fairways
 SEP 25 MO Monterey Pines

OCT 2 MO Salinas Fairways
 OCT 9 MO Pajaro Valley
 OCT 16 MO Spring Hills
 OCT 23 MO Laguna Seca
 OCT 30 MO Monterey Pines

NOV 6 MO DeLaveaga
 NOV 13 MO Laguna Seca
 NOV 20 MO Pajaro Valley
 NOV 27 MO Crazy Horse

DEC 4 MO Monterey Pines
 DEC 11 MO Pajaro Valley
 DEC 18 MO Salinas Fairways
 DEC 26 TU Spring Hills

AS OF 11/18/2022

Course	walk	ride	phone
DeLaveaga	\$48	\$68	423-7214
Laguna Seca	\$37	\$56	574-5804
Pajaro Valley	\$55	\$65	724-3851
Pines Jan-Mar	\$56	\$66	656-2167
Pines Apr-Oct	\$54	\$71	
Salinas Fairways	\$32	\$51	758-4653
Spring Hills	\$33	\$48	724-1404
Crazy Horse	\$65	\$65	688-3213

Tuesdays Following Holidays

Club Championship 9/25-10/2

DeLaveaga: 7:30 on #10 8:00 on #1

Tee times: sirgolfsantacruz@gmail.com

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