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# ROOSTER ROUNDUP

Santa Cruz Branch No. 20

Meetings at Noon – Elks Club

Jewell Street-Santa Cruz

**July 12, 2023**

SIR INC.

STATE PRESIDENT

*Dave Gonzales 916/587-3538*

AREA 14 REPRESENTATIVE

*Bill Ackerknecht 831/458-0312*

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Big Sir	Ray Blute	464-7901
Little Sir	Jeff Ustick	419-4577
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Director	Jim Healey	685-3829
Director	Don Hershberger	227-4326
Director	Dave Hodgins	239-5122
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

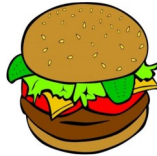
For complete listing of Past Big Sirs, refer to your SIRs Roster

SCAM EMAIL!

Many of you were recipients of a scam email asking you to purchase gift cards for disabled Vets. Please ignore and delete. Our Branch would NEVER solicit members with such a tactic.

JULY LUNCH MENU

Organic Spring Greens Salad  
Roasted Chicken and Sausage Jambalaya  
Seasonal vegetables  
Corn Bread  
Lemonade, Sweet Tea, Coffee  
Dessert



PROGRAM

Our guest speaker for July is Mr. Nan Su. Mr Su has been an expert and commentator for over 20 years. He will discuss what China's International expansion means to America. Sir Jim Healey comments:

Mr. Nan Su will be here for you  
He'll talk about Chinas global expansion.  
He's an expert on this, so mark the day.  
Come on out and find out what Su has to say.

BIG SIR RAY BLUTE SEZ



I would like to thank everyone who made our June Ladies Day a great success. The entertainment was provided by Keith and Terrence (KaTs), singing stars of the Santa Cruz Senior Follies! KaTs singing jazz, pop and romantic classics was a treat for both Sir members and Ladies.

Special thanks go to Sir Jim Healey for providing us with this special program.

Well, it's that time of year again when we will be forming a Nominating Committee to put together a slate of nominees to fill the Officer positions for our branch next year. We will begin our search for candidates in July. We will then have a call for other nominations and a full membership vote on these positions hopefully at our August luncheon meeting. If approached, we hope you will be willing to serve.

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**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 Program	Don Hershberger	227-4326
	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	Dave Herzog	650-690-6525

**TELEPHONE CALLERS**

	<b>Non-email</b>	
Jesse De Gennaro		426-0149
Mel Ferreira		408-353-2107
	<b>Punchbowl email</b>	
Ray Blute		464-7901
	<b>Greeters</b>	
	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.

**BIG SIR RAY BLUTE SEZ**— from page one

The Executive Committee has been discussing ways to reach out to our community to encourage new membership. Sirs Joe Mingione, Mike Kennedy and Little Sir Jeff Ustick have done a great job developing business cards and flyers to advertise our organization. We will be providing these to each of you to use in reaching out to potential new members.

If you RSVP to the Punchbowl invitation, you are expected to attend the lunch. This is the count we provide the caterer. There have been 4 no shows at each of the last two lunches. This could potentially cost us \$100 for no shows! You have a week to respond to the Punchbowl invite. The count for the lunch is given to the caterer on Monday morning. If you decide not to attend, please notify us by Sunday evening.

Finally I want to invite everyone to our new Cornhole competition which will take place before each meeting at 11am. The bags and boards will be set up at the back of the room for easy access.

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



**TREASURERS REPORT**

SIR Mike Fuson reporting

Beginning balance as of June 10, 2023: \$3972.90

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

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT (as of June 14, 2023)**

SIR Don Hershberger Chair

58 active members

(no further report as Sir 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](mailto:donhershberger@gmail.com)

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

I broke my glasses the other day and haven't had a chance to get them replaced, so I've been drinking out of my hands.

Article in today's paper— A man in Arkansas caught a fish that was thought to be extinct. It is now.

## JULY BIRTHDAYS

John Ashworth  
Jeff Boisen  
Chuck Elvert  
Bob Hogan



Doug Nakashima  
Wade Terry  
Jeff Ustick

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## ACTIVITIES REPORTS

**GOLF**– [jzanzinger@gmail.com](mailto:jzanzinger@gmail.com). We play every Monday at courses located in the Monterey Bay area. Come on out, the weather is great!

"The SIR State Team Championship will be held at Haggin Oaks Golf Course in Sacramento on Friday, August 18, 2023.. We have 3 players who fill out the B, C, and D spots. We would like an A player with an index from 1-17 to fill out the team, but a B player 18-22 would also qualify. If you are interested in joining the team please contact Jerry Zanzinger at 831-704-7091 or [jzanzinger@gmail.com](mailto:jzanzinger@gmail.com)."



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### **WINE CLUB**–

On Thursday, June 15 seven SIRS gathered to sample "Wines of France". One white wine stood out among those tasted. A lovely bottle of Domaine Les Cheneviere/ Macon Villages, a white Burgundy Chardonnay, paired well with the variety of French cheeses, bread, nuts, and spreads. A consensus favorite red, Rhonea/ Cotes Du Rhone, also was enjoyed. Great wine, tasty appetizers and interesting conversation were enjoyed, as usual.



Our next gathering will be on Thursday, July 20 and will feature "Favorite White Wines of Summer". Depending on weather, we plan to meet outdoors to enjoy picnic treats and white wines of your choice. Look for your Punchbowl invitation early in July or contact Jeff Ustick . Cheers. ([jeffustick@gmail.com](mailto:jeffustick@gmail.com) or 831 419-4577).

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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.

I once had a hen who could count her own eggs. She was a mathemachicken.

Latte (noun) Italian for “you paid too much for that coffee.”

Life is short– if you can’t laugh at yourself–  
Call me, I will

## 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. 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](mailto:kenrjo@gmail.com)  
Both games are played at the Tradewinds Mobile Home Park, 4160 Jade St. Capitola.



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**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](mailto:r-cblute@att.net) or Joe Mingione 650-279-2830, [jamingione@yahoo.com](mailto:jamingione@yahoo.com).



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**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](mailto:edbush24@gmail.com)



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**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!



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### **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!

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### **NEW WEBMASTER !**

We are very pleased to announce that Sir Dave Herzog has volunteered to take over the position of Webmaster for our Branch! Dave will begin his position after a tutorial period with instruction from Sir Kevin King from Branch 95, El Dorado Hills. Our thanks go out to these two Sirs for keeping our website current and informative!

**SIR BRANCH 20 GOLF SCHEDULE 2023**

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](mailto:sirgolfsantacruz@gmail.com)**

**STATE QUALIFIER TBA**

From our June Ladies Day Luncheon– Keith and Terrence (aka KaTs) Singing Stars of Santa Cruz Senior Follies provided a musical trip to our younger days. Lots of folks were singing along, and several of the ladies swooned, just a bit...

