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# ROOSTER ROUNDUP

Santa Cruz Branch No. 20

Meetings at Noon – Elks Club

Jewell Street-Santa Cruz

**August 9, 2023**

SIR INC.  
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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



AUGUST LUNCH MENU

Chefs choice salad

House made meatloaf with rosemary demi glaze

Smashed whipped potatoes

Corn on cob

Chef choice dessert

Lemonade, Ice tea, Coffee

PROGRAM

Our August guest speaker is Richard James, lead docent at Quail Hollow Park in Felton. Quail Hollow Park is beautiful and has a rich history that includes both Santa Cruz and Santa Clara Counties.

Mr. James will show and tell the history of this old ranch so you will want to see it in person!

BIG SIR RAY BLUTE SEZ



SIRS, we continue to have excellent fellowship at our monthly meetings. The conversations at the tables are lively and interesting. Our Branch 20 has many activities, good programs, good food and good fellowship. We want to add to these positive activities, and we need some SIRS to step up and help us grow. We are thankful to Dave Herzog for becoming our new webmaster, Jeff

Ustick for the Wine Group and putting together the Directory of members. Jesse DeGennaro has helped us establish our Cornhole Game before our meetings.

What we are in need of now are members who will serve as an officer or committee member for the coming year. It only takes a little time, which we all have since we are retired! If you are interested in being a chairman for one of the various committees that you find in our monthly bulletin, helping as a greeter, selling the 50/50 tickets or serving on the Board Executive Committee, please contact me or Jeff Ustick.

Please see the important message on pg. 5 regarding Free Lunch Coupons.

## 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
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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.

## SIR Polo Shirts

A thought was passed around suggesting it would be great to have a standard Branch 20 shirt that would identify members at golf, bocce, or other competitions. These samples will be available at our next meeting for your inspection. The one on the left (Ustick) cost \$15. The one on the right (Blute) cost \$24.51, plus tax. If purchased in bulk the cost could be less. Please look at the samples at our meeting on August 9th. We will be talking about the wisdom of making these standard Branch 20 attire. Your opinion is needed.



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 July 12, 2023: \$3540.12

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

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT (as of August 1, 2023)

SIR Don Hershberger Chair

60 active members

## \*\*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 always worry when a woman sees me naked for the first time that she's going to scream and run out of the park.

Talk is cheap- until you hire a lawyer.

My friend David had his ID stolen. Now he's just Dav.

**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

Mike Almgren  
Larry Bristow  
Jim Chrislock



Tom Diamond  
Everett Mudgett

**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! All golfers are encouraged to support Branch 20 by attending our monthly luncheons. The schedule for the rest of 2023 is on page 5.



**WINE CLUB-**

The scheduled July Wine Gathering celebrating "White Wines of Summer" was cancelled but we are already looking forward to our gathering on Thursday, August 18. Details of our theme, if changed, will be shared closer to our next scheduled tasting. In the meantime, drink what you have and enjoy. 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 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.

Lying in bed with my wife one night, she asked  
"If you could know how you were going to die, would you  
want to?"  
I said "No"  
She said "Forget it then"

The word queue is ironic- it's just a "q"  
with a bunch of silent letters waiting in a line

## 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, [kenrrjo@gmail.com](mailto:kenrrjo@gmail.com)



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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. Drawing held at the Sept. meeting. 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**

AUG 7 MO DeLaveaga	OCT 2 MO Salinas Fairways				AS OF 11/18/2022
AUG 14 MO Laguna Seca	OCT 9 MO Pajaro Valley	Course	walk	ride	phone
AUG 21 MO Crazy Horse	OCT 16 MO Spring Hills	DeLaveaga	\$48	\$68	423-7214
AUG 28 MO Pajaro Valley	OCT 23 MO Laguna Seca	Laguna Seca	\$37	\$56	574-5804
	OCT 30 MO Monterey Pines	Pajaro Valley	\$55	\$65	724-3851
SEP 5 TU Spring Hills		Pines Jan-Mar	\$56	\$66	656-2167
SEP 11 MO Pajaro Valley	NOV 6 MO DeLaveaga	Pines Apr-Oct	\$54	\$71	
SEP 18 MO Salinas Fairways	NOV 13 MO Laguna Seca	Salinas Fairways	\$32	\$51	758-4653
SEP 25 MO Monterey Pines	NOV 20 MO Pajaro Valley	Spring Hills	\$33	\$48	724-1404
	NOV 27 MO Crazy Horse	Crazy Horse	\$65	\$65	688-3213
	DEC 4 MO Monterey Pines				
	DEC 11 MO Pajaro Valley				
	DEC 18 MO Salinas Fairways				
	DEC 26 TU Spring Hills				

**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)**

**Important message from our Treasurer**

If you receive a “Free Lunch Coupon”- great! But in order to redeem that coupon- you MUST exchange it for a “Free Lunch Ticket”. This can be done at the Luncheon Check-in table. By doing so, it allows the treasurer to accurately keep track of the number of lunches we owe our caterer for.

Thanks for your understanding and cooperation,  
Mike Fuson and Mike Kennedy

Fading Thoughts

I guess the Pandemic is mostly over...

Can you remember the first time you had to wear a mask? I thought “Is that what my breath smells like? I owe a lot of people an apology.”

Did you ever burp while wearing a mask? First time I did that, I had to take a knee.

I stayed home for an entire year. During that time, I developed a dating app for Baby Boomers- it’s called “For Shingles Only”