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ROOSTER ROUNDUP

Santa Cruz Branch No. 20

Meetings at Noon – Elks Club

Jewell Street-Santa Cruz

September 13, 2023

SIR INC.
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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



SEPTEMBER LUNCH MENU

Chopped Caesar salad

Chicken Parmesan on buttered noodles

Chef choice dessert

Lemonade, Ice tea, Water

PROGRAM

Lou Sarto, a member of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, will tell us the role it's 21,000 members play to support the U.S. Coast Guard, especially in regards to boating safety.

LITTLE SIR JEFF USTICK SEZ



It was an honor last year when I was asked to serve as this year's Little Sir by Ray Blute. I have learned so much about our SIRs chapter and got to know more of our fellow SIRs. As we look forward to the coming year, it is time to nominate and select our Chapter 20 Officers and Board members. Steve Tedesco, last year's Big Sir, Joe Mingione and I have the responsibility of putting names forth for your consideration to serve our chapter next year.

I look forward to serving as next year's Big Sir. Additionally, we have nominated Larry Bristow as our Little Sir, Jeff Boisen to continue as our chapter Secretary and Mike Kennedy to serve as Treasurer. I also want to thank Mike Fuson, our current Treasurer, for all he has done to help simplify our financial reporting. He is one of many whose service does not normally get the recognition it deserves!

We also have a Board of Directors. These gentlemen Sirs help guide our chapter and advise our officers in all decisions that are made.

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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

	Non-email	
Jesse De Gennaro		426-0149
Mel Ferreira		408-353-2107
	Punchbowl email	
Ray Blute		464-7901
	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.

LITTLE SIR JEFF USTIC SEZ

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This year’s Board includes Steve Tedesco, Les Yeffa, Dave Hodgkin, Ed Bush, Jim Healy, Don Hershberger, Jesse DeGennaro, Mike Kopp, Joe Mingione, James Baker and Ken Maus. On behalf of this year’s officers, I extend our thanks to each.

When thinking about next year’s Board members, I believe “The more, the merrier”. To serve as a Board member, you are expected to attend each of our Board meetings that are held from 10am to 11am on the day of our luncheons. Serving on the Board gives you not only a better view of what we do but more importantly, a voice in decisions that are made. If you wish to serve on the Board, please contact me by TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 (831-419-4577), or jeffustick@gmail.com. Conversely, if you are currently a Board member and wish NOT to serve next year, please contact me also.

I look forward to serving you as Big Sir next year, and hope we can continue to grow our chapter and serve our members.

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 August 9) \$3591.12

Note: final balance for August is not recorded until after the newsletter is published.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT (as of SEPT. 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

EARN A FREE LUNCH– BRING IN A NEW MEMBER!

I had the rudest cashier at the Home Depot the other day
I’m never using self check again!

I bought a chameleon last week,
immediately lost it...

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Scott Cunningham

Larry Edler

Steve Edwards

George Jones



Royce Manchester

Joe Mingione

Bill Neary

Ken Parker

ACTIVITIES REPORTS

GOLF– (jzanzinger@gmail.com). Local matches continue to draw Branch 20 members on our “local” courses, but with cooler fall weather just around the corner, the opportunity to compete on the state level ramps up, as in:

Jeff Boisen, avid golfer and Secretary for Branch 20. Jeff and Jerry Zanzinger will be playing in the four day SIR Tournament in Reno in September. They will be playing some of the best courses in the Reno Area and look forward to meeting other SIR members from around the State. A summary of the event will be given at the next member meeting in Sept.

For more tournament play, please log onto:

[https:// www.sirgolf.org](https://www.sirgolf.org)



WINE CLUB– On Thursday August 17, ten SIRS met to enjoy “White Wines of Summer”. The tastings ranged from a sweet desert wine, to several German-style wines, to drier Chardonnays. As usual, lively and interesting conversations took place that included the characteristics of the wines sampled, and more frequently, random stories of much interest.

Among the favorites was the delicious 2007 La Serra Moscato D’Asti, a much older white wine than usually tasted. It was a sweeter wine with a wonderful “mouth feel” and lovely lingering flavors. Another favorite of several SIRS was the 2015 Wrights Station Estate Reserve Chardonnay. This winery on Loma Prieta Rd., off of Summit, has a wonderful tasting room, patio area and gardens. The wine is worth tasting and the tasting room worth visiting.

No theme for September’s tasting has yet to be set, but please consider joining us on Thursday, September 21. More information to follow closer to the date. 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.

I was born a male
I identify as a male
But according to Stouffer’s Lasagna
I am a family of four.

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



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: edbush@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!



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!

LAST CHANCE- DRAWING AT SEPT. MEETING!

Random Thoughts:

Saw an ad for a class– Cooking with Molasses, I thought “What do they do with the rest of the mole?”

What this country needs is more unemployed politicians.

“Love is the most important thing in the world.”
“But Baseball is pretty good too.” Yogi Berra

Crowded elevators smell different to midgets.

SIR BRANCH 20 GOLF SCHEDULE 2023

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 DeLavega
 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

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

Tee times: 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

Sirs Branch 20 Polo Shirts (as displayed at our August meeting) are now available for sale!

Shirts are available for purchase at the website listed below- be sure to pick out the size, color, Branch #20, material and are priced at \$15 and \$24.51.

<https://sir.ourproshop.com/Templates/aa6f1aa3-b075-4a73-b573-8d5482ae9908>

