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ROOSTER ROUNDUP

Santa Cruz Branch No. 20

Meetings at Noon – Elks Club

Jewell Street-Santa Cruz

October 11, 2023

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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

OCTOBER LUNCH MENU



Chefs choice Salad

Herb rubbed Pork with apple butter smashed potatoes

Seasonal Vegetables

Chef's choice dessert

Lemonade, Ice tea, Water

PROGRAM

Dan Haifley, well known environmentalist and former writer for the Santa Cruz Sentinel will be our speaker for the October luncheon meeting. As Executive Director for Save Our Shores, he spearheaded the creation of the Monterey Bay Marine Sanctuary.



BIG SIR RAY BLUTE SEZ

Gentlemen, next month we will begin the collection of our yearly dues of \$25. They will be due by January 1, 2024. In the past we had monthly donations of \$2.00 collected every month at our tables. Last year we switched to the yearly dues of \$25 which is only one dollar more than what we paid in the past. The yearly dues pay for the following: Elks club rental fee which is \$2.00 per member for each lunch; Bar fee which varies from meeting to meeting depending on the cost of drinks ordered and bartender fee; special guest programs for ladies' day; special individual gifts for each lady on ladies' day; yearly fee for Punch Bowl online invitations; \$2.00 yearly fee to State SIR for each member ;SIR Branch 20 business cards and posters; token gift of appreciation to presenters. Hopefully this provides you with an appreciation for the value of your yearly dues.

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COMMITTEES for 2023

| | | |
|--------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Audio Arrangements | OPEN | |
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| | Mel Ferreira | 408-353-2107 |
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| Bocce | Ray Blute | 464-7901 |
| | Joe Mingione | 650-279-2830 |
| Fishing | Ed Bush | 408-997-1836 |
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| 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.

BIG SIR RAY BLUTE SEZ:

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If you recall Little Sir Jeff Ustick's great article from last month you would remember that we are looking for members who would be willing to serve in leadership for next year. You can e-mail Jeff at jeffustick@gmail.com or me r-cblute@att.net. The more that serve the stronger we become as an organization.

I would like to invite you all to click on the State Web Site at sirinc.org and view the variety of activities available through our state organization.

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 \$3714.00

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

MEMBERSHIP REPORT (as of Oct 1, 2023)

SIR Don Hershberger Chair
58 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'm investing in stocks-Beef, Chicken, Vegetable.
Hoping one day to be a boullianare.

I'm reading a horror book in braille-
Something bad is going to happen, I can feel it.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Tom Hansen

Steve Tedesco

Don Hershberger



Jerry Zanzinger

ACTIVITIES REPORTS

GOLF- jzanzinger@gmail.com The Individual State Championships will be held at The Reserve Golf Course, Stockton, on October 5, 2023. We have several members who have signed up for it. Registration is closed as they have 112 golfers but if interested you can sign up to be on the waiting list.

The Reno golf tournament was a good way to spend an enjoyable time in the mountains at two of the best courses in the area. We arrived on Tuesday and had a meet and greet where we met golfers from all over California. The package included a three night stay at the Silver Legacy. We played at Toiyabe and Wolf Run in delightful weather the next two days and had a rewards dinner Thursday evening. Keep it in mind for next years tournament which will be held in Carson City. Cost, \$420 with two golfers sharing a room or \$575 individual."

Schedule for rest of 2023 on Page 5.



Branch 20 SIR George Jones

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.

I came home and found that our grandkids had been on eBay all day
If they're still there tomorrow, I'll lower the price

I wrote a song, but I can't read music so I don't know what it is

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



BOCCE- Big News for Branch 20 Bocce players! Leaders Ray Blute and Joe Mingione have organized regular team rosters and schedules of play. **Check out the lineups and contests on page 5 of this newsletter!** 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 for all intents and purposes the fishing season is over for this year. The early closing of inshore fishing and continuing rough seas and gusty winds offshore have combined with the increasing cost of fuel have forced most sport fisherman back to the docks. Here's looking forward to a more favorable season in 2024. 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!



At the September luncheon meeting a drawing was held to determine this years winner of a custom-made deep sea fishing rod, built by Branch 20 pescatore Ed Bush. And the winner, SIR Chuck Elvert. Congratulations to Chuck, and a huge thank you to Ed!



My father said “Back in the day, you could go into a grocery store with \$2 and come out with a loaf of bread, a dozen eggs and butter. Now they have cameras everywhere!”

I told my wife I'm making a model of Mount Everest. She asked is it to scale? I said no, it's to look at.

ACTIVITIES REPORT

WINE CLUB- The SIRS wine group met on Thursday, September 21 at Little SIR Jeff Ustick's home and sampled a variety of French wines. Along with brie cheese, French bread, grapes and other treats, a wide variety of wines were enjoyed. While many of the wines were of the Bordeaux variety, both white and red blends, a light Rose, Chardonnay, and Cabernet Franc were also sampled.

Next month, weather permitting, the wine group invites you to join us at a tasting of wines at Hallcrest Winery (www.hallcrestvineyards.com). If however, our fall rains begin early, we will meet at Little Sir Jeff's home and celebrate Octoberfest with a variety of German wines. Stay tuned for an update closer to our next tasting on Thursday, October 19.

BOCCE TEAMS

SCHEDULE

| | Date | Lane 1 | Lane 2 |
|--|-------|--------|--------|
| B- Beggars- Captain Ray Blute, Dave Hodgins, Larry Bristow, Larry McAdams, Chuck Elvert, Ken Maus | 10/04 | B vs N | C vs T |
| C- Complainers- Captain Steve Tedesco, Jeff Ustick, Mike Kennedy, Les Yeffa, David Biancalana | 10/18 | C vs B | T vs N |
| | 11/01 | B vs N | C vs T |
| | 11/15 | C vs N | B vs T |
| N- Noisemakers- Captain Jerry Clark, Krazy George, Joe Kelly, Jim Healey, Doug Nakashima, Steve Edwards | 12/06 | T vs B | N vs C |
| | 12/20 | B vs N | T vs C |
| T- Troublemakers- Captain Joe Mingione, Ed Bush, Mike Kopp, Mike Fuson, Dick Bemis, Bob Hogan | 1/03 | T vs N | B vs C |
| | 1/17 | N vs B | C vs T |
| | 2/07 | B vs T | N vs C |
| | 2/21 | N vs T | B vs C |

All games are weather permitting

SIR BRANCH 20 GOLF SCHEDULE 2023

Oct 16 MO Spring Hills
 Oct 23 MO Laguna Seca
 Oct 30 MO Monterey Pines

Nov 06 MO DeLavega
 Nov 13 MO Laguna Seca
 Nov 20 MO Pajaro Valley
 Nov 27 Mo Crazy Horse

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

Dec 04 MO Monterey Pines
 Dec 11 MO Pajaro Valley
 Dec 18 MO Salinas Fairways
 Dec 26 TU Spring Hills
 (Tuesdays following Holidays)