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ROOSTER ROUNDUP

Santa Cruz Branch No. 20

Meetings at Noon – Elks Club

Jewell Street-Santa Cruz

November 8, 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

NOVEMBER LUNCH MENU



Chef's Choice Salad

Brazed Short Rib atop Yukon gold smashed potatoes

Butter– parsley carrots

Chef's choice dessert

Lemonade, Ice tea, Water, Coffee

PROGRAM

Our speaker for November is Mr. Dan Furtado, a member of the City Council for the city of Campbell, CA. A former pharmacist and pharmacology professor at Stanford University. Dan will relate his experiences as a City Council member in the city of his birth.

BIG SIR RAY BLUTE SEZ



November is the month of Thanksgiving, and as I approach my final month as Big Sir I would like to thank all of you for your support during my tenure leading our organization. Being Big Sir was not something I looked forward to when I became a member of Branch 20. I was looking for an opportunity to engage in a few activities to enjoy during my retirement. Your kindness and encouragement have made my time as Big Sir a manageable, positive experience. What was most encouraging were the men I served with, especially our officers: Little Sir Jeff Ustick, Secretary Jeff Boisen, Treasurer Mike Fuson, Newsletter Mike Kopp, Program Jim Healey, Membership Don Hershberger, Publicity Joe Mingione. Also most helpful was the Executive Committee– they are listed on the front page of the newsletter. Each month these men work to organize our meetings, plan activities and provide guidance on how we can make Branch 20 a positive and enjoyable experience for everyone. Once again, thank you all.

Next month is going to be our semi annual Ladies month. Make sure to invite your significant other. I am sure Jim Healey will have a fantastic program for all of us to enjoy.

Meanwhile– HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

COMMITTEES for 2023

Audio Arrangements	OPEN Ray Blute	464-7901 426-0149
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Bocce	Ray Blute	464-7901
	Joe Mingione	650-279-2830
Fishing	Ed Bush	408-997-1836
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Sunshine	OPEN	
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	Non-email	
Jesse De Gennaro		426-0149
Mel Ferreira		408-353-2107
	Punchbowl email	
Ray Blute		464-7901
	Greeters	
	As assigned	



As promised in the Oct. Newsletter– Raffle winner SIR Chuck Elvert. Chuck is the lucky man who walked away with the custom deep sea rod hand-made by SIR Ed Bush. Congrats to Chuck and a huge Thank You to Ed!

SIRs Branch 20 Polo Shirts are now available for sale!

Shirts are available for purchase at the website listed below:

Be sure to pick out the size, color, material, indicate Branch 20. Priced at \$15 and \$24.51, depending on the material. 8 colors to choose from.



<https://sir.ourproshop.com>

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 Oct. 1 \$3714.00
Balance on Oct. 31: \$3881.21

MEMBERSHIP REPORT (as of NOV 1, 2023)

SIR Don Hershberger Chair
58 active members
9 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!

Definition of a Gentleman:
Someone who can play the Accordion– but doesn't.

This morning I was staring at my naked body in the mirror and thought "I'm gonna get kicked out of this IKEA pretty soon"

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Mike Fuson



Ken Jenkins

Jim Healey

ACTIVITIES REPORTS

GOLF- jzanzinger@gmail.com . SIRs Branch 20 golfers play every Monday at courses located in the Monterey Bay area. As winter reappears, conditions can range from fog to rain to wind and even some welcome sunny days. The schedule for the remaining events in 2023 is posted on page 5. Tee times: sirgolsantacruz@gmail.com

WINE CLUB- "On October 19, ten SIRs met at Hallcrest Winery in Felton to enjoy an afternoon of sun, warm breezes and locally produced wines. While some SIRs enjoyed flights of red wines, primarily Cabernets and Pinot Noirs, others focused on glasses of wines of their choice. The owners were gracious and welcoming. All enjoyed the afternoon of wine, conversation and snacks and thought a return visit next year would be welcome. Due to possible scheduling conflicts, our Nov. meeting has been put on hold. Wine Club members will be notified as to date and wine selection for our next meeting.

SIRs Buzz, Steve and Chuck enjoying the afternoon with wine, snacks and conversation



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.

At my latest outing to the race track, I bet on a horse at 10 to 1– he finished at a quarter to 4.

A friend recently asked me to help him round up 37 sheep.

I said OK...40

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. For more information, contact Joe Mingione 650-279-2830

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 DAY ON NOV 1st!

Weather has been great for BOCCE! Get some exercise, sunshine and join us for a fun Bocce day. Our next game is Wednesday November 1st at 11:30am.

Here's the lineup for the next game-

Beggars vs Noisemakers on Lane 1.

Complainers vs Troublemakers on Lane 2.

If the weather is not up to par, we'll just head over to Jeffrey's for our luncheon and bocce talk.

Bocce games usually fall on every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 11:30AM at Felt Street Park (nearest cross street- 17th and Felt St).

All Newcomers Welcome, just show up at the courts.

Schedule for the next 4 months is listed on page 5 of this newsletter.

For more information: Joe Mingione jamingione@yahoo.com or Ray Blute r-cblute@att.net



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 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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BOCCE SCHEDULE 11/23-02/24

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

All games are weather permitting

SIR BRANCH 20 GOLF SCHEDULE 2023

Nov 06 MO DeLavega	Dec 04 MO Monterey Pines
Nov 13 MO Laguna Seca	Dec 11 MO Pajaro Valley
Nov 20 MO Pajaro Valley	Dec 18 MO Salinas Fairways
Nov 27 Mo Crazy Horse	Dec 26 TU Spring Hills
DeLavega: 7:30 on #10 8:00 on # 1	(Tuesdays following Holidays)

