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ROOSTER ROUNDUP

Santa Cruz Branch No. 20

Meetings at Noon – Elks Club

Jewell Street-Santa Cruz

MAY 8, 2024

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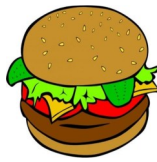
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PAST BIG SIRs

Ray Blute	2023
Steve Tedesco	2022
Les Yeffa	2020-21
Tom Duncanson	2019
Joe Mingione	2018
Dick Doubrava	2017
Norm Gruzcelak	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



MAY LUNCH MENU

Chef choice salad
Mexican Chicken Mole
Chef Choice Dessert
Lemonade, Ice tea, Water, Coffee

PROGRAM

Our May speaker will be Blake Anderson, the Santa Cruz Harbormaster. Blake has a brand new video that illustrates what Harbormasters really do. Don't miss it!

BIG SIR JEFF USTICK SEZ:



BIG SIR SEZ: As the weather has warmed, the grasses, flowers and trees have exploded with new growth, giving evidence of the power of spring that is all around us. Having grown up closer to the East Coast and then the Midwest, the approach of spring was highly anticipated to end at the challenges of a long winter season. Having lived in California the second half of my life, our winters, while sometimes presenting the challenges of wind and water (and resulting power outages and fallen trees), seemed more manageable.

Regardless of the challenges winter can present, spring is the season of potential. Evidence of this is in the song of birds, the emergence of new growth, the blossoming of flowers, and the presence of folks on sports fields, bike paths, hiking trails, and in their gardens. Spring is the season of new beginnings.

“May” is likely named after the Roman goddess Maia, who oversaw the growth of plants. Alternatively, the name might have come from the Latin maiores, “elders”. Either case, May certainly is a month that speaks to us for it can symbolize both beginnings and the benefits of experience. May’s birth flowers are the Hawthorn and the Lily-of-the-Valley. The hawthorn means hope, while the lily-of-the-valley symbolizes sweetness or the return of happiness. To all Sirs, may hope, sweetness and happiness be the key words for this month. On behalf of your SIRS Board of Directors, please let us know what we can do to help you enjoy this month...and beyond.

COMMITTEES for 2024

Audio Arrangements	OPEN	
	Ray Blute	464-7901
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	Mel Ferreira	408-353-2107
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Punchbowl email

Ray Blute	464-7901
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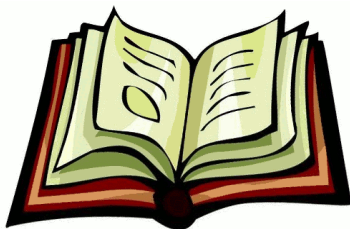
Greeters

As assigned



BOOK EXCHANGE

Don't forget to peruse the Book Exchange table at our monthly meetings! Lots of interesting titles to peak your interests: non-fiction, fiction, sports, biographies, history, humor, DVDs and jigsaw puzzles. Bring a book (or more) take a book (or more).



FISHING POLE DRAWING

At the end of our April meeting, the drawing for a custom made deep sea fishing pole was held. And the winner: Sir Doug Nakashima! Congrats to Doug and a big Branch 20 Thank you to Sir Ed Bush!



MEMBERSHIP REPORT (as of April 30 ,2024)

SIR Don Hershberger, Chair

60 active members

2 current applications

2 members resigned

****NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS****

If your address, phone #, or email has changed, notify SIR Don Hershberger, 118 Fife Lane, Aptos, 831/227-4326 or email to:

TREASURERS REPORT

SIR Mike Kennedy reporting:

Starting balance 4/1 \$3979.83

Ending balance 4/21 3945.33

Hey guys. When you come to the luncheon, make sure you check in with me, Mike Kennedy, at the check in table, to pay for your lunch and get a lunch ticket. It makes it difficult for me to have to track you down later. Check in doesn't start until 11 am, after I attend the board of directors meeting at 10 am. Thanks for your cooperation.

SIRS HELPING SIRS

Having recently talked with a fellow Sir who can no longer attend our luncheon meetings or other activities due to his wife's health issues, perhaps we can provide some advice to those in need. If you have had experience and can recommend an in-home health aide, please let Big Sir Jeff Ustick (jeffustick@gmail.com or 831/419-4577) know. He can then put you in direct contact with a fellow Sir who might benefit with that information.

Thank you.

GOLF- Golf is the most popular of all activities in Branch 20. We play every Monday at courses in Santa Cruz and Monterey Counties. The local tournaments for May are: Salinas -May 6, Pacific Grove- May 13, Laguna Seca- May20, and Spring Hills- May 28. There are also 4 State tournaments between now and November. Please contact Jerry Zanzinger at jzanzinger@gmail.com for more info. Tee times: sirgolfssantacruz@gmail.com.



POKER- Poker continues to be very popular in Branch 20 SIRs. Every Tuesday at 1pm is a game for experienced players. The venue is Tradewinds Mobile Home Park, 4160 Jade St., Capitola. For more information, contact Joe Mingione 650-279-2830, or jamingione@yahoo.com

The beginners low stakes game, Poker Pals has been cancelled due to the host resigning from our Branch. If someone is willing to host, please contact either Big Sir Jeff Ustick jeffustick@gmail.com or news editor Michael Kopp jmkopp186@hotmail.com



WINE TASTING- jeffustick@gmail.com

SIRS April Wine Tasting: Ten SIRS gathered on Thursday, April 18 to taste wines “new to us”. By purchasing wines based on their labels, 10 new wines were sampled. The wines included Chardonnays, Pinot Noirs, Cabernet Sauvignons and a French style red blend from Chile. While all the wines were enjoyed, along with nuts, grapes, Feta cheese puff pastries, shrimp, and cheese, the most unique label was that of the Chilean red blend, La Piu Belle. The label represented a mythical goddess of Millahue- The Place of Gold. The May tasting will feature red wines. The plan, weather permitting, is to sample the wines with accompanying snacks on the back deck at Big Sir Jeff Ustick’s home (475 McEnery Rd., Felton) on Thursday, May 20 from 2-4:30. If interested in attending, please let Jeff know (jeffustick@gmail.com or text/call 831 419-4577).



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.

Remember, he who laughs last... thinks slowest.

I once had my credit card stolen, but I decided not to report it because the thief was spending less than my wife.

42.7% of all statistics are made up on the spot.

ACTIVITIES REPORTS

BOCCE- Nothing like a good day of Bocce with your fellow SIRs! Weather permitting, our May matches will take place on Wednesday, May 1st and Wednesday May 15. The place– FELT STREET PARK. The time 11:30 am. Many Bocce players meet after our games at Jeffrys Restaurant for lunch and conversation. Need more information? Contact: r-cblute@att.net or Joe Mingione: jamingione@yahoo.com



FISHING- edbush@gmail.com Well, it's now official. There will be NO Salmon fishing in the Monterey Bay area this year, nor will there be any local commercial Crab season. Now for the good news– Rockfish season opened on April 1st– only at depths of more than 50 fathoms, however that depth limit will expire April 30– allowing only near shore (under 20 fathoms– 120 ft) fishing. Be sure and check your local regulations before heading out!



CORNHOLE- We have a NEW ACTIVITY available for our Branch 20 members! Cornhole is a very popular game these days. It is 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 11 am on meeting Wednesdays– on the far side of the meeting room. Sir Jim Healey will gladly give you some pointers!



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 jmkopp186@hotmail.com Or Les Yeffa at lesscruz@aol.com



POOL- another opportunity to interact with your Sirs friends on meeting day– In the bar area is a regulation size pool table available for our use! A game of 8 ball anyone?



I spent the last 4 years looking for my ex-wife's killer, but no one will do it
I told a joke over a zoom meeting, no one laughed. Turns out I'm not remotely funny.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Ray Blute



Mike Hanlon

George Henderson

PHOTOS FROM RECENT SIRS ACTIVITIES



“Dave Allenbaugh, an intrepid Branch 20 golfer who lets nothing stand in his way!”



Another relaxing “Wine Time” in Felton



A perfect score for Team Beggars!

Do you have photos of Branch 20 SIRS activities to share? Email them to Michael Kopp at jmkopp186@hotmail.com, or send to my phone 831/295-9287 (no pdfs please)