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 A non-profit Organization of Retired Men

Devoted to the Promotion of  
 Independence and Dignity of Retirement

# ROOSTER ROUNDUP

Santa Cruz Branch No. 20  
**Meetings at Noon – Elks Club**  
 Jewell Street-Santa Cruz  
**October 28, 2015**

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E-mail contact	Greg Horne	684-1834



## Roasted Turkey w Stuffing

Green Salad  
 Mashed Potatoes  
 Assorted Deserts

Fruit Salad  
 Rolls & Butter  
 Tea and Coffee

## Program

### **The Panama Canal**

Larry Tartagliano

Larry will take us vicariously on a ride through the Panama Canal. He will talk about the history of the Canal as well as some of the newest additions, consisting of a third set of locks and dredging of new channels to increase the size of ship that can navigate the canal.

## OUR BIG SIR GREG HORNE SEZ:



“Would you like to play Nim?” That was how I was introduced to my first computer, in my father’s Engineering Lab at Manchester University. Nim, it turned out, was a mathematical game. It was actually possible to win against the computer, with perfect tactics, a great introduction for an impressionable boy. At the time, computers were proliferating at academic and business institutions, and within 15 years began to appear in private homes as well. Now it can seem implausible for any significant institutional endeavor to be managed without a computer. I have to remind myself periodically that the design and construction of the Golden Gate Bridge, still an Engineering marvel, was accomplished in just such a manner.

We retired men are of the last generation to whom a world without computers would not seem as quaint and antiquated as a world without airplanes or automobiles. While to our children and grandchildren a letter is something you get from the IRS, and a “friend” is someone who looks at your Facebook page, we clearly remember a time when all communication was direct and personal, without a silicon intermediary. So while my children seem compelled to post a snapshot of every experience to a social network, otherwise it “didn’t happen”, I have friends with whom I never exchange a single email except to arrange our

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## TELEPHONE CALLERS

Hank Christman, Chair	427-2084
Lloyd Robinson, Asst	429-1597
Bernie Bernosky	426-4044
Ted Proudfit	477-1345
Joe Tamony	336-2789
Jack Roberts	234-6185
Mason Morris	457-2580
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Jim Duty	332-5564
Ron Graves	475-3567
Jim Bunker	427-2156
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Ken Parker	408-353-2165
Steve Redfield	476-8120
Ken Files	688-0740
Mel Ferreira	408-353-2107
Ken Maus	854-2303
Terry Haskell	477-1955
James Riss	408-209-5077

## GREETERS

Chairmen John Wagner & Dick Dumiller	
Jim Duty	Mike Almgren
Norman Lund	Rich Leonard

## HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

Vern Lillehaugen  
Jack Roberts

## PAST BIG SIRs - LIVING

Don Little	2014
Jim Bunker	2013
Sterling Frost	2012
Bill Neary	2011
Rich Dean	2010
Hank Pierce	2009
John Ashworth	2008
Vern Lillehaugen	2007
Jack Roberts	2006
Bob Bush	2005
Chuck Goddard	2004
Jim Solden	2003
L.W. "Mac" McNeil	2001
William Hansen	1997
Richard Leonard	1995
Bill McBroom	1992
Cliff Houchin	1991

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reunion dinner every five years in England.

And, thanks to SIR, I have many new friends whom I see every month, or even more frequently through one of our group activities, for an impromptu Friday Happy Hour drink, or simply by bumping into them at Costco. All without a computer, a Smartphone or a tablet in sight. "Would you like to join our table for lunch?" Why certainly.

## OUR LITTLE BRUCE BENTLEY SEZ:



I want to thank all of the past Big Sirs for their assistance in helping me run the meeting last month in Greg Horne's absence. Jim Bunker filled in for me as Little Sir, Bill Neary was our acting Chaplin in Jim Bakers absence and JR Roberts led the singing of God Bless America and the songbook songs in Harry Vaughn's absence. Kudos to you all, the meeting went off without a hitch.

We were right on the money concerning the lunches served, it appears that everybody has listened to the problems we face when we have no-shows. Please keep up the good work and advise your caller if you can't make the meeting due to unforeseen circumstances.

## EDITORS NOTE

I am looking for someone to take over the Branch web site who has more recent experience in web page creation than I do. At present our website is fairly ordinary. I'd like to see better pages for the activities than I am capable of doing. Please contact Ken Jenkins if interested.

## ACTIVITIES

Dick Bemis is developing an e-mail list for the Poker and Photography activities. If you have an interest in the Poker or Photography groups please let him know so you can get on the email list. A mailing list is ideal for keeping members informed and organized with the latest details, similar to the Bocce and Golf group activities. If you think you will have an interest later, getting on the list now does not commit you to anything other than getting emails. Just email Dick at 4dick@comcast.net with the group of interest, questions or call him at 408-353-2829. Following are activity descriptions written by Dick.

## POKER

The poker group plays after every monthly meeting in the lounge. It plays until about 3 pm. It is a friendly and very low stakes game. Typical "dealer's choice" games with helpful explanations from the players. Not having played poker for about 30 years I played Texas Holdem' for the first time with the group. The dealer explained the steps as needed. Great game to play and learn. Please join us for a friendly

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**HELP YOUR CLUB  
CONTRIBUTE  
TO THE  
TWO BUCK  
BUCKET**



**EARN A FREE LUNCH—BRING IN A NEW MEMBER**

**Next luncheon on Wednesday, October 28, 2015**

**Executive Committee (Board) Meeting will be held in the Committee Room at 10:30 AM on luncheon days.**

# SIR BRANCH 20 Membership Report - September 2015

*Jim Duty, Chair*

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Summary</u>
New Members: None	Active 135
Applications: Tim McGarvey, Sponsor Hank Pierce	Applications on File 1
Dropped/Removed: None	Application in Process 0
Transfer Out: None	Inactive 17

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

*If your address, or phone # changed, notify SIR Ken Jenkins, 622 Miramar Drive , Santa Cruz, Ca. 95060, 458-0478*

<u>Finance Report - September</u>	<u>Sunshine Report</u>														
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game of poker. If you aren't sure about playing, come and watch to learn.

The poker group has also decided to start a beginners poker table after the monthly meeting in the lounge if enough interest is generated. This table will be geared to 1st time players and those that have forgotten the details of playing. The pace of the game will be slow. If you don't mind players making mistakes in the learning process join us for a fun time. Hand outs will be provided showing poker hands with ranking, a brief guide to popular types of poker games and betting terms and procedures. If interested please let me know as soon as possible so I can plan

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- 11 Frank Locatelli
- 25 Greg Horne
- 30 Ron Graves
- 36 Stan Crawford
- 37 Battista Bregante
- 43 Jim Cummins
- 58 Doug Gallagher

## BIRTHDAYS



156 Gary Oing

- 86 Robert Rudolph
- 102 Bernard Edmundson
- 119 Thomas Kramer
- 129 Don Hershberger
- 132 Anton Gaidos
- 136 Jerald Pettibone
- 147 George Kievlan

## GOLF

Oct 19	MO	Laguna Seca	8:00	BB-4
Oct 26	MO	Rancho Canada	8:00	345-Prog
Nov 2	MO	Pajaro Valley	8:00	2-BB-4
Nov 9	MO	Spring Hills	8:00	BB-4
Nov 16	MO	Monterey Pines	8:00	BB-2

**“TEE TIME” HOT LINE 457-6561**

## 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. Sons in Retirement, Inc. and its Branches do not assume any responsibility for the well being or safety of the participants or passengers, or their property, in any matters pertaining to said tours, trips or other activities.

a beginners game and get back to you. If you think you are an intermediate poker player but rusty, the other poker table may be a better fit. If any questions Email or call.

As SIR members you may find the above poker game schedules conflicting with your many retirement activities. If you still want to play poker please let me know. I want to start a list of interested poker players (beginner or intermediate) and see what we can work out. If you already have a regular poker game and are looking for more players, I can list your game and schedule or match interested players to your game. Please email me if you want to play poker but your schedule doesn't fit these poker games.

### **PHOTOGRAPHY**

The photo group meets about every other month. No date is set for the next meeting. Thursday afternoon was a common meeting day but will likely change to fit members schedule. If interested please get on our email list so we can inform you of the next meeting. I wanted to reiterate some common themes expressed in the meetings. An expensive "latest greatest camera" is not needed to take good pictures. Most point and shoot digital camera's take great pictures. These camera's cost less than \$100 which easily fit into your shirt pocket. These camera's do everything automatically with good quality. No need to know about f/stops, shutter speed, etc. to take a good picture.

Showing your pictures in this photo group is not always about the most artistic highest resolution photo. Telling the story that goes with an interesting photo is sometimes better than the photo itself. The story might be what led you to take the photo or what you don't see in the photo. We all have historical photo's from our life that have a story. One that comes to mind is a photo taken by my farther in law on the USS Essex aircraft carrier. It shows sailors laying on the flight deck getting a sun tan. Not what you would imagine. Do you have slides or prints that you would like to convert to digital? It is fairly easy to do with the right scanner. I plan to demo the process at one of the meeting. Dig up some of your favorite slides to convert to digital for that meeting. Once converted to digital you can print them, put them on your iphone, email them to friends & relatives and even put them on your Facebook. The photo group is just as much about sharing as taking photo's. Hope to see you there.

### **TRAVEL**

We still have six travel opportunities available for your consideration:

1. New Years in Scottsdale AZ, December 29th to January 2nd. This is a first time offering and it promises to be a great one. Five days, 8 meals.
2. Mexican Riviera Cruise January 9th to 19th, eleven days, all meals, From \$1485.
3. Azaleas, Plantations & Cajuns, March 10th to 16th, seven days, 13 meals, from \$2105.
4. Kenya Safari Adventure, May 9th to 21st, this is a once in a lifetime experience that shouldn't be missed. Thirteen days, 28 meals, from \$3975.
5. American Empress Steamboat cruise from Clarkson Oregon to Portland. True scenic beauty through the Columbia River gorge. Five Star accommodations, nine days, all meals from \$4660.
6. NCL Canada & New England Cruise, round trip Boston, September 8th to 23rd. Fifteen day cruise, all meals included on board from only \$2510.

Brochures available at the meetings or on request, contact Jim Bunker 427-2156 [jjbunkey@hotmail.com](mailto:jjbunkey@hotmail.com) or Talbot Tours at (800)662-9933 ext 107

### **NEW OFFICER SLATE**

The Nominating Committee has proposed the following members of Branch 20 to serve as Officers for the upcoming calendar year:

Big Sir:	Bruce Bentley	Little Sir:	Norm Gruczelak
Treasurer:	Mason Morris	Asst Treas:	Dick Doubrava
Secretary:	Tom Fahrenholz	Asst Secy:	Ron Graves
Directors:	Don Little		Sterling Frost
	Jim Bunker		Ken Jenkins
	James Baker		Greg Horne

Voting will take place at the October meeting. Alternative nominations may be made from the floor at that time. Election of the Branch Officers will then take place.