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# ROOSTER ROUNDUP

Santa Cruz Branch No. 20  
**Meetings at Noon – Elks Club**  
 Jewell Street-Santa Cruz  
**January 9, 2019**

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HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

Vern Lillehaugen  
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PAST BIG SIRS - LIVING

Joe Mingione	2018
Dick Doubrava	2017
Bruce Bentley	2016
Greg Horne	2015
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
Chuck Goddard	2004
L.W. “Mac” McNeil	2001



Pork Loin & Chicken Cacciatore

Roasted Potatoes  
 Veggies  
 Dessert

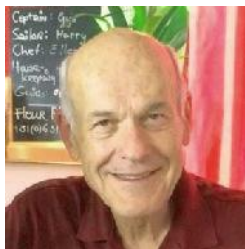
Pesto Cheese Tortellini  
 Salad  
 Tea and Coffee

Note: If you can't make lunch after stating that you would attend, please notify Jesse Degennaro (426-0149) at least 3 days in advance of the regular lunch. Not calling is costly since all meals must be ordered in advance. It means that your club will be obligated to pay for the meal.

Program

Jonathan Cox, Information Officer with CAL FIRE, will discuss the changing fire conditions across California and what has become the "new normal" both in fire speeds and in many other ways that have not been seen before.

OUR BIG SIR TOM DUNCANSON SEZ:



Here I am... your brand spanking new Big SIR. I have some mighty big shoes to fill, and I'll certainly try hard to fill them. From my perspective, Joe Mingione has been a superb Big SIR. Of course, branch improvements have resulted from lots of teamwork, but Joe has been ardently at the helm. One highly significant result is that our percentage membership growth in 2018 was better than 100 branches of all 114 SIR branches reporting. We added new activities. We shifted to a different food service provider (yeah, Mickey's Catering!), improving the quality of our lunches while keeping the price low. Many thanks to you, Joe. I have and shall continue relying on your help in steering the SIR Branch 20 ship.

Speaking of teamwork, I wish to thank in advance everyone who will be playing a role in our branch this year. To appreciate these roles and see how you might fit in, I encourage members to check out the Branch Executive Committee (BEC) meeting at 10:15 AM preceding each monthly luncheon.

I was not here for the December meeting and Joe Mingione will not be here for the January meeting. My wife Doris and I were just

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## COMMITTEES FOR 2018

Activities	Don Little	479-7096
Audio	Dick Bemis	408-353-2829
Arrangements	Bob Hogan	334-6707
Attendance	Ken Maus	854-2303
Assistant	Bob Hogan	334-6707
Bulletin Editor	Ken Jenkins	458-0478
Chaplain	Jim Baker	423-7429
Golf	Mel Bowen	462-1885
Bocce Ball	Dick Doubrava	426-9701
	Joe Mingione	650-279-2830
Historian	Hank Pierce	429-5441
Membership	Don Hershberger	227-4326
Program	Tom Duncanson	662-8605
	Dick Doubrava	426-9701
	Bill Neary	438-3237
Poker	JJ Justice	464-2387
Publicity	Joe Mingione	650-279-2830
Recruitment	Steve Tedesco	408-810-0578
Roster	Ken Jenkins	458-0478
Song Leader	Harry Vaughn	661-0975
Sunshine	Open	
Travel	Mel Bowen	462-1885
E-mail contact	Don Hershberger	227-4326

## TELEPHONE CALLERS

### **Non Evite**

Jesse Degennaro	426-0149
Ron Graves	475-3567
Mel Ferreira	408-353-2107

### **Evite System**

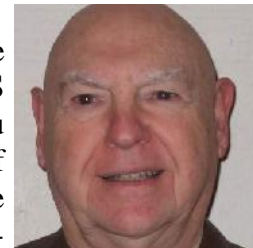
Bob Hogan	407-920-9516
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## GREETERS

Chair: Mike Almgren & Jim Riss	
John Maloney	Roger Kissinger
Tom Fahrenholz	Dave Herrington
	Dave Hodgins

## OUR LITTLE SIR LES YEFFA SEZ:

First of all, Happy New Year to all. As we start this new year, I look forward to helping our SIRS Branch grow. We need new members. And if you have any ideas for a program please let either myself or our Big Sir know. We want the input. And be sure and join in on the fun with bocce, golf, poker or cribbage. If there is another activity that you might want to have our Branch try, please let us know.



## MEET THE NEW MEMBER



Jeff Powell's father was in the Air Force, so they moved quite a bit when Jeff was growing up. Born in San Antonio his childhood included school in England and various US locations before settling in Santa Cruz in 1959. Jeff went to UCSC and was a member of the first class to graduate from Stevenson College in 1970. After a summer working for his dad, Jeff joined the UCSC police force. Rising to the rank of Sergeant, he retired from the University in 1999. Jeff and his wife Hazel have one daughter, Amy. Jeff enjoys travel, and loves Bocce. He has been a long time member of Elks and says he is very impressed by the "happy" atmosphere at the SIRs meetings.

Dave Hodgins' career spans several continents as well as industries. After graduation from UCSB (Economics), two years service with the Army Corps of Engineers, and three years in sales, he returned to school studying management. He then held a variety of management positions in Argentina and Columbia. Back in the U.S. working for Owens Corning, he decided to form his own consulting business in the Bay area. He has spent the past 50 years working on many projects, too numerous to mention. But ask him about RV's and Travel Parks and his breeding and training of Paso Fino horses. He has also been active in volunteer organizations including Scotts Valley Chamber of Commerce, chair of Scotts Valley Days, and a member of Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board. Dave has two children and five grandkids. He enjoys golf, as well as Bocce, bridge, and wine.



## NEW LUNCHEON CHECK-IN PROCEDURE

It's easier and smoother for all! At the entry desk, we will first check-off your name from the "Will Attend" list (generated from Ping RSVP and phone callers). You then proceed to lunch payment, 50/50 raffle and badge areas. After the meeting, don't forget to place your badge correctly back in the box.

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

**Next luncheon on Wednesday, January 9, 2019  
Executive Committee (Board) Meeting will be held in the Committee Room at 10:15 AM on luncheon days.**

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BUCKET**



## **BIG SIR SEZ continued**

finishing our SE Asia cruise for December and Joe and his wife Susan will be starting their Antarctica cruise/ expedition for January. It's really tough being Big SIR around here, but someone's got to do it. Hopefully our transition will be smooth enough that no one feels sea sick.

The December Ladies Day luncheon, when Joe Ferrara entertained, was well attended and most enjoyable, as I heard it. Assuming he didn't mention it, I thought I would plug Joe's on-going performances. He performs on Friday evenings at Shadowbrook, in Capitola, and on Sunday evenings at The Cats, in Los Gatos.

Our speaker this month is Jonathan Cox, currently CAL FIRE's Assistant Chief – San Mateo Division. Until recently he was CAL FIRE Northern California's Public Information Officer, where he was responsible for providing information to the public and news organizations from throughout the world. We have had Jonathan scheduled as a speaker on and off for just under a year now. Originally, he was going to talk about the great difficulties in fighting the 2017 "North Bay" fires. So now we'll be hearing about the great difficulties in fighting both the 2017 and the 2018 fires across California and what has become the new norm.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

## **TRAVEL**

Some possible trips coming up in 2019:

April 6-21– Roundtrip Princess Cruises San Francisco to/from Hawaii

April 26-30 – San Antonio Spring Fiesta

May 8-12 – Golden Spike 150th Anniversary

For details and pricing, please pick up brochures on the travel table, on the left as you exit the luncheon, or look online at

[sirinc2.org/branch20/travel](http://sirinc2.org/branch20/travel)

## **State SIR Happenings-**

Visit the State SIR website [SIRINC.ORG](http://SIRINC.ORG) then click on "HAPPENINGS"

This is a link to the State SIR Bulletin for the latest State information.

## SIR BRANCH 20 Membership Report - December 2018

*Don Hershberger, Chair*

	<u>Activity</u>		<u>Summary</u>
New Members:	Jeff Powell (Sp Montee Allen), David Hodgins (Sp SC Sentinel)	Active	111
Applications:	Jeff Sanders (Sp Bill Neary)	Applications on File	1
Transfer Out:	Tex Luedtke	Inactive	19

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

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

### Finance Report - December

Beginning Balance	\$2492.57
Income (Receipts)	2417.00
Disbursements	<u>2470.50</u>
Ending Balance	2439.07
December Bucket was donated to SIRs Foundation-Paradise Fire Victims: \$1165.00	
December Meeting: 40 Members, 2 Guests	
36% Attendance	

### Sunshine Report

Nothing to report.

### BOCCE

Our Bocce league consists of two teams from our branch, 20A and 20B. We play Sir teams from Scotts Valley and Aptos. For those who are interested in this game of strategy, accuracy and luck, just a quick email to Joe Mingione ([jamingione@yahoo.com](mailto:jamingione@yahoo.com)) will do. Or better yet, just show up at Bocce Cellars on Encinal Street at 11:15am the day of a game. No experience necessary, just come ready to have some fun. January schedule is:

Wed Feb 6	104 vs 20B	Wed Feb 13	36G vs 36R
Thurs Feb 14	20A vs 20B	Wed Feb 20	20A vs 36R
Wed Feb 27	104 vs 36G	Wed Mar 6	104 vs 20A



<b>19</b>	<b>Jim Baker</b>
<b>112</b>	<b>Jesse DeGennaro</b>
<b>105</b>	<b>Mel Ferreira</b>
<b>35</b>	<b>Johnnie Ghio</b>
<b>123</b>	<b>Richard Jones</b>

### BIRTHDAYS



<b>73</b>	<b>Jim Krueger</b>
<b>186</b>	<b>Thomas Paarmann</b>
<b>128</b>	<b>Johnnie Strange</b>
<b>70</b>	<b>Jan Strawmyer</b>
<b>182</b>	<b>Joseph Tamony</b>

### GOLF

Jan 7	MO	Spring Hills	8:00	543Prog
Jan 14	MO	Monterey Pines	8:00	2-BB-4
Jan 21	MO	DeLaveaga	<b>7:30*</b>	345Prog
Jan 28	MO	Laguna Seca	8:00	2-PP-4
Feb 4	MO	Salinas Fairways	8:00	543Prog

\*Back nine only, front starts at 8:00

**FOR TEE TIMES: Mike Banks 419-0573**

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