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ROOSTER ROUNDUP

Santa Cruz Branch No. 20

Meetings at Noon – Elks Club

Jewell Street-Santa Cruz

April 14 Meeting via Zoom!

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PAST BIG SIRs

Les Yeffa	2020
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
John Ashworth	2008
Vern Lillehaugen	2007

For complete listing of Past Big Sirs
please refer to your SIRS Roster.

PROGRAM

Come to our “Zoom Ballpark” on April 14th and watch Mark Eichorn deliver his sermon on the mound.

He will talk about his 20 years in pro ball, his 11 seasons with the Toronto Blue Jays, what it was like to pitch in two World Series– and his role in helping the Aptos Little League All Stars get all the way to Williamsport in 2002!

HOW TO JOIN THE ZOOM MEETING

There will be the regular meeting of Branch 20 SIRs on Wednesday, April 14 at 12 noon. The usual virtual lunch will be served (Bring your own). Please click on the link below and it should take you right to the meeting. Join us!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83256891394>

BIG SIR LES YEFFA SEZ:



Happy Easter SIRs. It is now one full year since we last met in person. During that time, we held Zoom meetings every month, Golf has reopened for play, we have a new newsletter editor and we have gotten a little stir crazy. The good news is that we are looking to have an in-person, honest-to- goodness SIRs meeting in May! Yes, the Elks Lodge is back open and Mickey is anxious to welcome us back. Please mark your calendars for the second Wednesday in May for our meeting at the Elks Lodge.

I want to thank Bob Hogan for stepping up and taking the position of Branch 20 Webmaster. Ed Bush is ready to start taking our fishermen out on his boat. Hopefully, we WILL have a fishing contest this year. We have several custom-made rods for contest winners and more to raffle off!

By now I hope all of you have been able to get your Covid vaccine shot. Mike Kopp did send out a communicate as to what to do if you are having a problem. That info. in reposted in this newsletter issue. Jim Healey has done a great job this past year getting us interesting speakers for our Zoom meetings. Please join us for hopefully our last Zoom meeting on April 14th.

PS– don't worry about getting your taxes done, you have an extra month to do them this year.

COMMITTEES FOR 2021

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Ray Blute	464-7901
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Greeters

Chair: Mike Almgren & Jim Riss

John Maloney	Roger Kissinger
Tom Farenholz	Dave Herrington
Jeff Ustick	



HELP YOUR CLUB

**CONTRIBUTE TO THE
TWO BUCK BUCKET**



OUR LITTLE SIR STEVE TEDESCO SEZ:

Hello SIRs,

Some nice Springtime weather seems to be upon us. Since it doesn't seem we will get enough rain to break the drought– let the sun shine in! I hope you all have your shots and are feeling safer. I know I do.

If you need someone to drive you to your appointment, please call me at 408-810-0578. I am sure all of our SIR Directors would be happy to help (if they have their shots). As Les mentioned, we HOPE to be able to meet in person at the Elks in May. We will have a lot of catching up to do so stay well and be safe. Until we meet again, see you on ZOOM.

NEED HELP GETTING YOUR VACCINE APPOINTMENT?

Community Bridges and the Watsonville Senior Center have been helping seniors navigate through the maze of online forms and telephone calls to set up appointments. “We’ve seen seniors really struggle with their on-line appointment-making system and really having a hard time getting through,” said Ray Cancino, Community Bridges CEO. The Senior helpline was established to assist seniors on how to navigate the signup process. To reach the senior helpline, you leave one message and they will call you back... If you live in Santa Cruz County and need assistance with scheduling a Covid vaccine appointment you can contact Community Bridges at 831-219-8607. If you live in the City of Watsonville contact the Watsonville Senior Center at 831-768-3279 or <https://myoptumserve.com/covid19>

FINANCE REPORT– MARCH 2021

Treasurer Dave Hodgins reporting

No new financial transactions– Ending Balance 3/31: \$2379.04

SIR BRANCH 20 MEMBERSHIP REPORT– MARCH 2021

Don Hershberger, Chair

New members: Buzz Little, sponsor SC Sentinel

Applications: Steve Cohen, sponsor Les Yeffa

Summary: Active members 101

NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS

If you address or phone number has changed, notify SIR Ken Jenkins, 622 Miramar Dr., Santa Cruz, CA 95060, 458-0478 or email

kjenk3@gmail.com

Points to Ponder:

When one door closes and another door opens-
You are probably in prison.

ACTIVITIES REPORT

BOCCE– Joe Mingione reporting:

Hello Bocce players,

Time to break out of the house, enjoy some Springtime sunshine (and give the wife a break).

I'm thinking that most all of us have had our 2nd shots +2weeks by now.

That being the case, some would believe that we could play a little bocce by...

- Being SAFE by playing ONLY with fully vaccinated team members and,
- Being SAFE by playing in fresh outdoor air (Felt Street Park*) and,
- Being EXTRA SAFE by optionally playing 6 feet apart and wearing a mask and,
- Being EXTRA SAFE with pre-sprayed sanitized equipment and,
- Being EXTRA SAFE by playing within Branch 20 (Teams A & B) only.

What do you say SIRs?... “*Are we ready to play some BOCCE!*”

Felt Street Park is open and bocce courts are available on a first come first serve basis.

GOLF- Jerry Zanzinger reporting

No report.

POKER– J.J. Justice reporting

Good news for Poker players! The Tuesday Poker game will resume the 2nd Tuesday of May (May 11).

Until the Tradewinds Community Room reopens, the game will be held at an alternate location.

Players are required to have all Covid19 vaccinations plus 2 weeks in order to participate.

For more information, please contact JJ at 464-2387 or email jjsurfman@aol.com

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Ed Bush 4/21

Raymond Sasser 4/22

Bob Davis 4/01

Wayne Shada 4/06

Bradford Elliott 4/14

Les Yeffa 4/15



IN SEARCH OF EXCELLENT SPEAKERS

Program Director Jim Healey invites all members to send him the name and contact information for someone you believe would make an interesting and informative presentation for our branch. Send to jimhealey36@yahoo.com

Points to Ponder

Why isn't the word phonetic spelled the way it sounds?