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ROOSTER ROUNDUP

Santa Cruz Branch No. 20
Meetings at Noon – Elks Club
Jewell Street-Santa Cruz
December 8, 2021

Ladies Day!

Meet our new Chef

Branch 20 BEC is happy to announce that we have a new Chef! At our December luncheon meeting you will be served by Chef Mark Gallagher, owner of *Affordable Chef Services*. Mark has many years of experience working with some of the finest Restaurants and Resorts in Santa Cruz County, including– Hindquarter Bar and Grill, Cocoanut Grove, Shadowbrook and Chaminade. Check out the delicious menu he has planned for our December luncheon. Welcome Chef Mark!

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PAST BIG SIRs

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 Pearce	2009
John Ashworth	2008

For complete listing of Past Big SIRs
Please refer to your SIRs Roster

December luncheon Menu



Baked Chicken Breast with tarragon cream sauce

Organic field greens salad

Roasted organic veggie lasagna with bechemel

Marinated Asparagus spears

Rolls and butter

Drinks

Assorted fresh baked Cookies

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

In order to attend the December SIRs meeting at the Elks Lodge, YOU MUST: Reserve your seat and lunch by responding to the Punchbowl message or phone call before Monday Nov. 8.

Bring your vaccination card, or copy thereof (phone capture is OK), it will be verified at the door.

Sign a Waiver (State SIRs requirement).

Wear your mask except when eating or drinking (County ordinance)

Thank you for continuing to assure the health and safety of all SIRs

Thought for the day

Things that tell the truth:

Small children, drunk people and Yoga Pants

COMMITTEES FOR 2021

Audio	Dick Bemis	408-353-2829
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Sunshine	Open	
Travel	Open	

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Non Evite

Jesse De Gennaro	426-0149
Mel Ferreira	408-353-2107

Evite System

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



DECEMBER PROGRAM

Our December speaker is Martha Kendall, that foremost singer and multi-instrumentalist presenting her “Doo-Dah” program featuring the music of Stephen Foster, America’s first professional songwriter. You’re bound to love Martha almost as much as she loves the music of Stephen Foster!



BIG SIR LES YEFFA SEZ:

This will be a long message this month. There are so many SIRs to thank for their support the last 2 years. This being December, I turn the gavel over to Little SIR Steve Tedesco with thanks for his help and support these past 2 years. It is dangerous to name names in thanking for fear someone is skipped. But I must name some. Our Treasurer, Dave Hodgins has done a great job keeping track of our finances and making up new sets of reports. And, of course, he had the help of Assistant Treasurer Mike Fuson, collecting our money and paying our bills. Thanks go to Secretary Jeff Boisen and Assistant Secretary Mike Wallace for keeping our minutes. Our Chaplain, Jim Baker for giving such inspiring invocations each month. All of our programs have been top notch thanks to Jim Healey— even during the Covid shutdown and our Zoom meetings, he got us speakers.

My “go to” guy when I had a question or needed help— Joe Mingione. Both he and our great newsletter Editor Mike Kopp were always there to help set up our meetings. Don Hershberger has kept our membership records and few know how many reports he does each month. Incoming Little SIR Ray Blute has taken care of our lunch invitations and captained a Bocce team along with Joe Mingione. Also working tirelessly with lunch reservations were telephone callers Jesse De Gennaro and Mel Ferreira. Bob Hogan can’t make our meetings yet but he stepped up and became our new webmaster. Jerry Zanzinger kept golfers on the green and Ken Maus always makes sure our new members have their name badges. Your seat reservation cards were designed and made by Dick Bemis. Our Branch had a new activity this year thanks to Ed Bush with his fishing excursions and donation of his hand-made fishing rods. What would our Branch sound like without our head rooster crower Krazy George Henderson? If I have skipped anyone, I do apologize, but most of all I want to thank ALL the SIRs for their support these two difficult years. Lastly, this month’s luncheon is LADIES DAY. Once again Jim Healey has found a program that I know your Lady will enjoy. Come join us, and I wish all of you a very Happy Holiday Season!



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LITTLE SIR STEVE TEDESCO SEZ

I am looking forward to becoming your Big SIR in 2022. (If I can pull it away from Les' tight grip). He has done a great job for 2 years and I know he will be around to support me and the BEC next year. I have been participating in SIRs Inc. Summit meeting on Zoom recently.

The focus next year will be on the BRANCHES. Listening to our members and what you want to be active in, providing more activities, encouraging each of us to invite new members, and reaching out to existing members that we don't see often.

I hope to see you all at our December meeting to give Les the recognition he deserves. In the meantime, please don't hesitate to give me your ideas on how we can improve our branch.

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SIRs NIGHT AT SANTA CRUZ WARRIORS!

Speaking of Activities, don't forget-- Saturday night, March 5, 2022 Branch 20 is planning a group outing to watch future NBA players on the SC Warriors battle the Memphis Hustle at Kaiser Permanente Arena. Tickets are \$31. We will be collecting for tickets at the December SIRs meeting.

The Warriors always put on a great show of basketball skills, join us for an exciting evening!

FISHING ROD WINNERS ANNOUNCED

2 winners in the Custom Fishing Rod raffle were drawn at the November meeting. Winners are Jeff Boisen and Mickey Phelps. Since Mickey passed away just weeks before the raffle, it was decided to gift the Rod to her wife.

Our thanks to Sir Ed Bush for his most generous donation, as well as his invitation to take fellow Sirs on fishing trips. There are more fishing excursions on tap for 2022, as well as another raffle!



I want to be buried with my old record albums
It will be my vinyl resting place.

SIR BRANCH 20 MEMBERSHIP REPORT-- NOV. 2021

Don Hershberger, Chair

New members: Chuck Elvert

Active Applications: 4 applications on file

Members out: Dave Herrington, Mark Johansen

Summary: Active members 94

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

If you address or phone number has changed, notify Sir Don Hershberger, 118 Fife Lane, Aptos 95003, 831-227-4326 or email donhershberger@gmail.com

NOVEMBER TREASURERS REPORT

Dave Hodgkin reporting

Opening balance as of November 1: \$2684.51

(note: final balance for November is not recorded until after the newsletter is published)

PUNCHBOWL EMAIL

Please remember, the Punchbowl email will be coming soon with your invitation to the December luncheon meeting. Please respond, even if you can't come. It is necessary so that we can order the correct amount of food for lunch. For December, please let us know if you are bringing a guest. **Those who just show up without a reservation may not get lunch.** It's easy to respond to the email, just yes/no/how many.

Don't forget to peruse the Book Exchange table at our monthly meeting. Take a book, bring a book (or more). The exchange has been updated with new titles and now includes a few DVDs and jigsaw puzzles.

EARN A FREE LUNCH-- BRING IN A NEW MEMBER!

Thoughts for the Day

"I before E, except after C" disproved by Science.

An Apple a day keeps anyone away,
if you throw it hard enough.

ACTIVITIES REPORT

POKER- Poker continues to be very popular in Branch 20 SIRs. Players have 2 choices for Poker games! Every Tuesday at 1 pm is a game for experienced players. There are a few seats available. For more information, contact JJ Justice at 464-2387, jjsurfman@aol.com.

On the 2nd and 4th Thursday at 1pm is a low stakes beginners game. For more information, contact Ken Maus at 854-2303, kenrrjo@gmail.com

Both games are played at the Tradewinds Mobile Home Park, 4160 Jade St, Capitola



BOCCE- Interest and attendance continues to build among Sirs. Despite winter approaching, we will continue to schedule games (weather permitting). Games are played the 1st and 3rd Wednesday with an 11am start time, at Felt Street Park (cross streets 17th Ave and Felt). Last month we even had a 4 legged competitor– a German short hair who decided that Les’ roll was misplaced and took it upon himself to place it properly, to the amusement of all. Many of the players go to lunch at Jeffreys Restaurant after the games. There are even rumblings of Inter-Branch games with Scotts Valley. Next games are scheduled for Dec. 1 and Dec 15. For more information, contact Joe Mingione at 650/279-2830, jamingione@yahoo.com.



GOLF- No report, for information regarding schedules/times, contact Jerry Zanzinger at 423-1936, jzanzinger@gmail.com

FISHING- All sport fishing seasons will close on December 31 and will reopen in May– see you then!

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Dell Elliott 12/13



Verb Lillihaugen 12/22

Sterling Frost 12/21

Ken Maus 12/14

William Gussi 12/17

Ward Schuyler 12/06

Richard Kerwin 12/28

Mike Ulwelling 12/02

HAPPY HOLIDAYS SIRs!