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ROOSTER ROUNDUP

Santa Cruz Branch No. 20
Meetings at Noon – Elks Club
Jewell Street-Santa Cruz
February 9, 2022

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HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

Vern Lillehaugen

PAST BIG SIRs

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 a complete listing of Past Big Sirs, please refer
to your SIRS Roster Booklet



FEBRUARY LUNCH MENU

Spring Greens Salad Chicken Mole
Wild rice pilaf with roasted vegetables
Seasonal Vegetables
Lemonade and Ice Tea Station
Chef Choice Dessert

PROGRAM

The SIRs State slogan for 2022 is “Listen to the people”.
That’s what we’ll be doing on February 9, when our members tell us
about themselves. We will each have 5 minutes or more to summarize
who we are. No fair making up stuff! Please come prepared to share.



BIG SIR STEVE TEDESCO SEZ

We’re off to a good New Year with 35 members in attendance in January to hear Jacob Trujillo of the Santa Cruz Warriors Organization– plus the added bonus of tales from his pitching days with the Santa Cruz Seaweed of the Pecos League. Thank you SIR Jim Healey for GREAT programs.

As I mentioned last newsletter, 2022 is the year to “Listen to our members”. Each meeting we will do a group Sunshine report, calling on our attending members to let us know if you are aware of any SIRs who are sick, unable to get to meetings or need assistance in any way– so please speak up.

The theme “Listen to our members” is about the importance of growing our membership and getting to better know our members. We hope to have a number of our members give short talks on their background. Jim Healey will have cards with questions to help you organize your thoughts.

It is still very important that we all respond to the Punchbowl invite, YES or NO so we know you are seeing it.

Also, just a quick reminder, County and State require everyone to wear a mask unless eating or drinking. Masks are available at the Greeters table and Sign in. Thank you for your cooperation.

COMMITTEES for 2022

Audio Arrangements	Dick Bemis	408-353-2829
	Ray Blute	464-7901
	Jesse DeGennaro	426-0149
	Mel Ferreira	408-353-2107
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Bulletin Ed.	Mike Kopp	535-6308
Chaplain	Jim Baker	423-7429
Golf	Jerry Zanzinger	423-1936
Bocce	Ray Blute	464-7901
	Joe Mingione	650-279-2830
Fishing	Ed Bush	408-997-1836
Poker	JJ Justice	464-2387
	Ken Maus	854-2303
Historian	Hank Pearce	429-5441
Membership Program	Don Hershberger	227-4326
	Jim Healey	685-3829
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Roster	Ken Jenkins	458-0478
Song Leader	Richard Stauff	
Sunshine	OPEN	
Travel	Ed Bush	408-997-1836
Webmaster	Bob Hogan	334-6707

TELEPHONE CALLERS

Non-email		
Jesse DeGennaro		426-0149
Mel Ferreira		408-353-2107
Punchbowl email		
Ray Blute		464-7901
Greeters		
Chair: Jim Riss & Mike Almgren		
James Sadler		Roger Kissinger
Ed Bush		Jeff Ustick



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CONTRIBUTE TO THE
TWO BUCK BUCKET**



TREASURERS REPORT

Dave Hodgins/ Mike Fuson reporting

Beginning balance as of January 1, 2022 \$2679.33

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

JANUARY MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Don Hershberger Chair

New members None

Active members: 90

Active applications: Steve Cohen, sponsor Les Yeffa
Kirk Crane, sponsor SC Sentinel
Mike Kennedy, transfer from Pollock Pines
Joseph Duarte, sponsor SC Sentinel

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

If your address, phone number, or email has changed, notify SIR Don Hershberger, 118 Fife Lane, Aptos 95003, 831-227-4326 or email

donhershberger@gmail.com

EARN A FREE LUNCH– BRING IN A NEW MEMBER!

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

In order to attend the February SIRs meeting at the Elks Lodge, YOU MUST: Reserve your seat and lunch by responding to the Punchbowl email message or phone call before Monday, February 7. Bring your vaccination card, or copy thereof (phone capture is OK), it will be verified at the door. Sign a waver (State SIRs requirement). If you have previously signed you need not sign again. Wear your mask except when eating or drinking (County Ordinance) Thank you for continuing to assure the health and safety of all SIRs

SIRS NIGHT AT SANTA CRUZ WARRIORS!

Save this date: Saturday night March 5! Branch 20 is planning a group outing to watch future NBA players on the Santa Cruz Warriors battle the Memphis Hustle at Kaiser Permanente Arena. Tip off time is 7 pm! The Warriors always put on a great show of basketball skills. Join us for an exciting evening. Mark you calendar now! Tickets are \$31 each. You can pay at the February meeting– make your check out to SIRs Branch 20.

Word definition for the Day:

Plagiarism: Getting in trouble for something you didn't do.

ACTIVITIES REPORTS

POKER- Poker continues to be very popular in Branch 20 SIRs. Players have 2 choices for games! Every Tuesday at 1pm is a game for experienced players. There may be 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- Weather Putting a Damper on Bocce Playing-

It looks like Old Man Winter is going to put a halt to our Bocce playing for a while. Cold and wet Bocce Balls don't roll well. We will revive our twice-a-month schedule once good playing weather returns in the Spring.

Wait! We are not giving up completely. We die-hards still could schedule some impromptu games if weather turns good! So, stay tuned, we will alert our Bocce players with an email notice when the weather looks promising!

Here's to a Happy, Healthy Bocce Year

Salute, Ray Blute- Team A Bocce Mgr.

Joe Mingione- Team B Bocce Mgr.



GOLF- No report, for information please refer to our website, or contact Jerry Zanzinger at 423-1936, jzanzinger@gmail.com



FISHING- For 2022, the seasons are as follows:

Jan. to Mar 31- only legal catch are sole, sand dabs, halibut and crab. April 1- Rock Cod season opens. April 4- King Salmon season opens. SIRs who fished last year know what to expect. New participants can call me to get on the list for trips (408-997-1836).

With Monterey Bay fishing, everything depends on the weather- often times short notice is all that can be provided. I watch the weather every day and might go any day of the week based on current conditions. It is important that new guys are not subject to sea sickness and are flexible time-wise. Maximum load on my boat is myself + three.

I suggest carpooling whenever possible. Parking is available for one vehicle, I have one extra fee parking pass that I will give to the driver.

We normally leave the dock just after sunrise and fish until noon or so. Bring your own lunch, I provide needed rods, reels, gear and bait. You can bring your own gear if you have it. I will clean the fish we catch.

Those who plan to participate need to get your 2022 license. Bayside Marine carries both day and yearly licenses.

Need more information? Give me a call (408-997-1836) or contact me at our monthly luncheon meeting. Captain Ed Bush



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.

Thoughts for the Day

Apparently RSVPing to a Wedding invite with "maybe next time" isn't the correct response.

I prefer my kale with a silent k.

COVID-19 HOME TEST KIT AVAILABLE

SIRs:

The White House unfurled [covidtests.gov](https://www.covidtests.gov) a website where Americans can order up to four free rapid antigen COVID-19 tests per household at no charge.

The tests will be delivered by the U.S. Postal Service to “valid residential addresses” and are expected to arrive at most locations by late January.

The site was rolled out on Wednesday 1/19/2022

Tony De Losada

Chairman, Growth and Membership

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Dick Dennis 2/3
Thomas Farenholz 2/14
Robert Frisbey 2/5



Roger Kissinger 2/15
Hank Pierce 2/13
Mike Wallace 2/27

Quotable Quotes

“Never do anything you wouldn’t want to explain to the Paramedics” (Unknown)

“Outside of a dog, a book is man’s best friend. Inside of a dog, it’s too dark to read” (Groucho Marx)

“I am free of all prejudice. I hate everyone equally.” (W.C. Fields)