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SUNNYVALE  
BRANCH # 62



# The ROOSTER

The Monthly Bulletin of  
**Sunnyvale Branch #62**  
Meets on the third Thursday of the month at  
Mariani's Restaurant  
2500 El Camino Real, Santa Clara  
A Non-Profit Organization of Retired Men  
Devoted to the Promotion of Independence  
and Dignity in Retirement  
<http://branch62.sirinc2.org>  
**December 2015**

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**ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS**

If you do not attend three (3) consecutive meetings without a suitable excuse, or if you fail to attend seven (7) meetings within the last twelve (12) months, you may be dropped from the membership. The latter rule applies even though you may have reported your absences to the Attendance Committee. You can attend another Branch's Luncheon as a make up for missing our Luncheon.

**NON-RESPONSIBILITY CLAUSE**

All tours and activities arranged for or by Sons In Retirement, Inc. through its branches and committees or agents are for the convenience and pleasure of the members and their guests who desire to participate. However, Sons In Retirement, Inc., and its branches, do not assume any responsibility for the well being and safety of the participants or their property in matters pertaining to said tours and activities. Members and guests will participate at their own risk. v2jmeg

**MONTHLY ATTENDANCE REPORT  
SUNNYVALE BRANCH 62 SONS IN RETIREMENT  
MEMBERSHIP FOR NOVEMBER 19, 2015**

Attending	61
Guests	2
Transferred In	0
Transferred Out (Past Month)	0
Resigned	0
Deceased	0
Active	87
Inactive	31
Returned From Inactive	0
Inducted This Month	0
Members in Process	0
Membership	118

**SONS IN RETIREMENT—Branch 62  
LUNCHEON ORDER FORM\*  
MUST BE RECEIVED AT LEAST 1 WEEK PRIOR TO  
THE MEETING**

I wish to order a salad ( ) or the entrée of the month ( )  
for the meeting in the month of \_\_\_\_\_.  
Included with this form is payment of \$21. Make check  
payable to SIR Branch 62.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Badge Number \_\_\_\_\_

Cut out and mail to: Jim Hohenshelt, 2626 Estella Dr., Santa  
Clara, CA 95051 or call (408) 394-7226.

\*Use this form if you did not buy a lunch ticket at the last  
meeting.

## The Statesmen *SIR* Bowling

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Six weeks into the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter, we have the Judges, consisting of Marvin Hirschel, Jim Shinmoto, Mal Hopkins, and Steve Bishop in first place. Trailing them by two games are the Deans, consisting of Phil Thomas, Carl Del Rosario, and Dave Jeong.

### Top Scores for the Season are:

Scratch Series: 647 Tom Birley  
Scratch Game: 235 Bob Hebson  
Handicap Series: 823 Mal Hopkins  
Handicap Game: 335 Lynn Grilley

We still have some openings in our Winter league; so if you want to take up the sport, please see me or email me at [phil.thomas@alumni.usc.edu](mailto:phil.thomas@alumni.usc.edu) and I will gladly add you to a team. We readily accept all those who want to learn as well. We meet on Tuesdays at 9:15 at Homestead Lanes in Cupertino.

Phil Thomas, Bowling Publicist

### Bocce Report, continued from p. 7

the courts at the end. Courts at Almaden are available on a 'first come first choice basis.' In the past 10 months, only once were they unavailable. Now all I have to do is remember to remember. It's kind of like bidding a grand slam at bridge without insuring the partnership has all the aces. (I've done that also.) Never assume without investigating first.

I'm looking forward to seeing a holiday group of men at Bocce on December 11<sup>th</sup>.

Russ Kohlrust, Bocce Chairman

## REMINDER

### NO LUNCHEON THIS MONTH

Our annual Christmas Dinner Dance will take place at Mariani's Restaurant on Thursday, December 17, 2015.



There is still time to get tickets for the Event.  
Use the order form included in this Rooster.

Doors open at 5:30pm  
Music starts at 6:00pm  
Dinner served at 7:00pm  
Casual Dress  
Contact Tom Birlev for details.

### *Sick Call:*

Please report illnesses of any Branch 62 member to the Sunshine Committee: Mal Hopkins, (408) 720-0849.

### *Rooster:*

If you have not received the "Rooster" by mail by the 10th of the month, please call John McGuire (408) 248-4620. If you have not received the "Rooster" by e-mail, let John McGuire know by e-mail at [jpmcguiresr@aol.com](mailto:jpmcguiresr@aol.com). To switch to e-mail delivery, send your e-mail address to John McGuire. E-mail subscriptions reduce Branch expenses.

***BE A SIR!!.. BE COMMITTED!!  
BE ACTIVE!!.. HAVE FUN!!..***



*From Our  
Big Sir  
Bob Hebson*

Fellow Sirs:  
I would like to start my last article for the Rooster with a big **THANK YOU** to all of you in the branch who have made my life as a Big Sir enjoyable. I would especially like to thank the board and the program chairmen, as they did an exemplary job this year. I hope you will serve our incoming Big Sir, Russ Kohlrust, with the same effort that you have provided me this year. I am looking forward to sitting back and relaxing for a bit before I get involved in the branch organization again.  
I hope to see most of you at the Christmas Dance on December 17<sup>th</sup>. This is our second and final outing where we are able to show off those beautiful women with whom we are associated. (Some refer to them as wives, but it could also be an acquaintance or a friend). We are also going to return to the installation of officers at this get together along with a special award. Send your money in to Tom Birley and come see what award is in the making.  
As a parting shot, please help Russ and the board and committees get in some new members. I fell down on the job and didn't make the +1 goal. Don't let it happen to Russ as well, or we will be looking at going out of business.  
So long and see you at a branch meeting or activity in the future.  
Bob Hebson



**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

**MARIANI'S LUNCH INFORMATION**

Tickets are sold in advance of the monthly lunch at Mariani's (2500 El Camino Real, Santa Clara, CA 95051). If at all possible, please buy your lunch ticket at the meeting preceding the one you plan to attend

If you cannot buy your meal for the next month at the luncheon or send your money to the Little Sir at least one week in advance (that's the Thursday before the meeting), then don't come to the meeting expecting to eat. If you buy a ticket and cannot make the meeting, call the Little Sir one week before the meeting and he will get your ticket moved to the following month. If there is an emergency and you can't make the meeting, call the Little Sir and he will decide if it is a true emergency and will forward the ticket to the following month. This is going to be enforced and if you buy a ticket and don't show up without letting the Little Sir know, you will lose your money.

If you have not purchased a ticket for the upcoming meeting and wish to attend, you must submit the Luncheon Order Form (*found on page 10*), with your payment, **so that the Little Sir receives it no later than Thursday, one week prior to the meeting.** Lunch orders received less than one week before the meeting will not be processed and your money will be refunded.

If you have any other questions, please contact *Little Sir* Jim Hohenshelt at 408-394-7226

**NOTICE – 2016 DUES**

Dues of \$25 for 2016 are payable by January 31, 2016.

Please prepare a check payable to "SIR Branch #62" and give it to Assistant Treasurer Leon Kowelski at the January meeting or mail to:

Roger Falberg, Treasurer  
751 Silver Pine Court  
Sunnyvale, CA 94086

## SIR Branch 62 Eighteen Hole Golf

### December Lineup

The Golf Coordinator for December is  
Dan Frietas.

The courses are:

12-7 Santa Teresa      12-14 San Jose Muni  
12-21 Spring Valley      12-28 Los Lagos

The Area Tournament is at Spring Valley  
on December 23rd.

Tournament Directors for 2016 are:

Jan. Alice Goodwin	Feb. Jeff Bautista
Mar. Richard Pope	Apr. Bob Pastorino
May John Brownie	Jun. Frank Doyle
Jul. John Dieckman	Aug. Dave Riopel
Sep. Phil Thomas	Oct. OPEN
Nov. Tom Birley	Dec. Dan Freitas

May you hit them long and straight.

### **BOCCE BALL UPDATE**

Our next play is **December 11<sup>th</sup> at 1PM** on the Lake Almaden Park Bocce Courts off of Winfield south of Blossom Hill Road in San Jose. Almaden Expressway is the quickest route to get there.

The November game was truly a Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> occasion, aka triskaidekaphobia, for crossword puzzle fans. Sirs were there ready to play. I was there also with the court set up for play. Unfortunately, the rest of the SIR group was on a different court, and I didn't see them and they didn't see me. We all returned home without playing. I spent the next Tuesday at bowling and bridge activities explaining "I was there! Where were you?" Lesson learned. It won't happen again.

The courts we usually play on are the **CENTER** courts and, if they are taken by other groups, we will divert our play to  
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## **R & B 9 HOLE GOLF**

Tom Birley & Dave Riopel, Co-Chairmen

### October 28<sup>th</sup> 8 Players

C.T.P. Mike Hastings 11'5"

1<sup>st</sup> Low Net: Tom Birley 25

2<sup>nd</sup> Low Net: Alex Fremling 26

3<sup>rd</sup> Low Net: Rex Krivaneck 29

Birds & Chip-ins: Mike Hastings, Rex Krivaneck (B)

### November 4<sup>th</sup> 10 Players

C.T.P. None

1<sup>st</sup> Low Net: John Parker 28

2<sup>nd</sup> Low Net: John Howard, Bill Crosby, Henry Crossfield 29

3<sup>rd</sup> Low Net: Tom Birley, Don Stuedeman 30

Birds & Chip-Ins: Don Stuedeman (B), Alex Fremling (C)

### November 11<sup>th</sup> 10 Players

C.T.P. None

1<sup>st</sup> Low Net: Don Stuedeman 28

2<sup>nd</sup> Low Net: Bill Crosby 29

3<sup>rd</sup> Low Net: Henry Crossfield, Alex Fremling 30

Birds & Chip-Ins: Dave Riopel (B)

### November 18<sup>th</sup> 13 Players

C.T.P. Don Stuedeman 10' 6"

1<sup>st</sup> Low Net: John Parker 27

2<sup>nd</sup> Low Net: Henry Crossfield, Bill Crosby 30

3<sup>rd</sup> Low Net: Roger Falberg, Alex Fremling 31

Birds & Chip-Ins: Tom Birley (B), Bill Crosby (B/C)  
John Howard (C)

### November 25<sup>th</sup> 7 Players

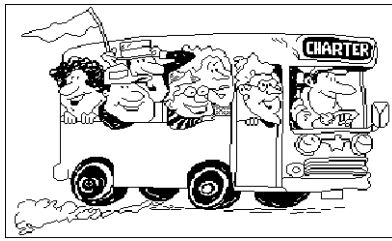
C.T.P. None

1<sup>st</sup> Low Net: Vern Miller 26

2<sup>nd</sup> Low Net: Henry Crossfield, Bob Hebson 29

3<sup>rd</sup> Low Net: Tom Birley 30

Birds & Chip-Ins: None



## SIR TRAVEL - BRANCH 62

**Reminder:** Trips organized by Sons in Retirement (SIR) are available not only to SIR members and their spouses but also to guests and widows of SIR members.

**Escorts:** Jim Hohenshelt (408-394-7226) and Roy Jordan at (408 735-8765).

**Brochures for the following trips are available from the escorts or at the travel table**

**July 11 - 23, 2016: Eastern Europe to the Black Sea:** Danube River cruise from Budapest to Bucharest with interesting & historic tours, Belgrade, Iron Gates, Danube-Black Sea Canal. There are optional extensions to Vienna or Prague, and Transylvania or Istanbul available. \$4670 pp/dbl. occ. with air from San Francisco.

**Nov 12 - 23, 2016: Panama and Canal Passage:** Panama City, Chitre Rain Forest, Canal Administration Building, plus a 2 day Canal passage on small ship with an overnight on Gatun Lake. Optional extensions to the wild archipelago of Bocas del Toro and Cartagena, Columbia available. \$4770 pp/dbl. occ. includes air from San Jose. Early signup discounts up to 4% available.

### SIR Branch 62 web site

Our SIR 62 branch website has been redone by our webmaster Heber Slusser. Please visit the website at <http://branch62.sirinc2.org/> and provide feedback to Heber. You can email Heber at HeberS@comcast.net.

## December Birthdays

Art Albert	12-8
Gene Bunzel	12-8
Jim Marquez	12-22
Bernie Surdez	12-30
Dick Tillinger	12-27
Bill Westmore	12-15

## BRIDGE UPDATE

We play every first and third Tuesday at the Garrett Business Center on 3375 Scott Blvd. Park in the rear, closest to Suite 332. The next get together will be held on the 15th of December. The host for this date is Bob Hebson. Unless we can find a place to play for the 1<sup>st</sup> of December, we will have to cancel that gathering.

We start at 1:00 and play for about 3 1/2 hours. We play 4 rounds of bridge per table and the losers move to the next table. We get in about 4 rounds before having to call it quits.

If anyone else is interested in playing a party style type of Bridge, please let me know at the next meeting or give Roger Falberg or me a call.

Phil Thomas, Bridge Publicist

## General Ostenberg Recognizes Viet Era Vets

Our speaker at the November meeting, Major General Rob Ostenberg, told about his service experience, particularly in the VietNam War. Afterwards, he asked the membership to recognize all present who had served during the VietNam War period and presented each with a commemorative pin.