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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>  
**September 2017**

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Golf, 18 Hole	Paul Goodwin
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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

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**MONTHLY ATTENDANCE REPORT  
SUNNYVALE BRANCH 62 SONS IN RETIREMENT  
MEMBERSHIP FOR AUGUST 17, 2017**

Attending	31
Guests	1
Transferred In	0
Transferred Out (Past Month)	0
Resigned	0
Deceased	0
Active	79
Inactive	11
Returned From Inactive	0
Inducted This Month	0
Members in Process	0
Membership	90

**SIR WINE TASTING**

Our last outing consisted of Tom Birley and his wife Dottie and myself at David Bruce Winery. Dottie graciously provided a picnic for us after tasting Pinot Noirs in the tasting room.

Roger Falberg has offered his home to partake in wine tasting and pizza on our next outing. As soon as I can get my act together, I will send out an email to club members announcing a date and time. I will report on the event in the next newsletter.

If anyone is interested in joining us on these wine tasting events please contact me at [phil.thomas@alumni.usc.edu](mailto:phil.thomas@alumni.usc.edu) or 408-410-3626

Phil Thomas, Wine Tasting Publicist

## **The Statesmen SIR Bowling**

<u>President</u>	<u>Vice President</u>	<u>Secretary</u>	<u>Treasurer</u>
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We had our position round on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of August with the Generals, consisting of Charlie Gray, George Center, David Jeong and Lynn Grilley, winning both halves of the Summer Session. However, the next team, with the most wins, will play off with the Generals for the winner. That team will be the Admirals, consisting of Armond King, Harold Kaye, Phil Thomas and Bob Hebson. The bylaws will be changed to allow for this.

### **Top Scores for the Summer are:**

Scratch Series: 651 Lynn Grilley  
Scratch Game: 247 Steve Bishop  
Handicap Series: 707 Lee Wriglesworth  
Handicap Game: 280 Richard Thomas

Winter League will start on the 5<sup>th</sup> of September and the teams will be announced at the playoffs on the 28<sup>th</sup> of August.

We meet on Tuesdays at 9:15 at Homestead Lanes in Cupertino. Come by and root for your favorite team.

Phil Thomas, Bowling Publicist

### **SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

Fred Carlson	4 <sup>th</sup>	John McGuire	30 <sup>th</sup>
Bill Crosby	10 <sup>th</sup>	Carl Mendel	5 <sup>th</sup>
Marv Hirschel	5 <sup>th</sup>	Dave Riopel	20 <sup>th</sup>

### **BRANCH 62 WEB SITE**

Have you visited our web site lately? It's well worth a visit.

<http://branch62.sirinc2.org>

Bookmark it for easy access.

## **LUNCH MENU** **Chicken Caesar Salad** **or** **Bay Shrimp Carbonara**

### ***Sick Call:***

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

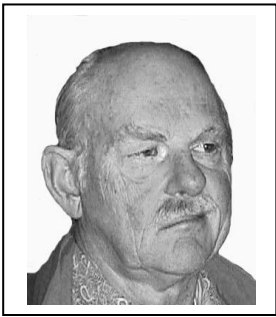
### ***Rooster:***

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!!..***

### **SEPTEMBER SPEAKER**

Our speaker this month is Lynette Parker, an Associate Professor at Santa Clara University Law School. She will speak to us about human trafficking.



*From Our  
Big Sir  
Jim Hohenshelt*

Fellow Sirs:

I attended the SIR State meeting in Sacramento on August 8<sup>th</sup>. It was quite lively as new State Officers were elected and the by-laws were amended. In the past, the State Nominating Committee reviewed all of the candidates for each office and came up with a single recommendation. That candidate, and only that candidate, was put on the ballot for a vote by the Big Sirs. Anyone else would have to be included as a write-in. This year a “write-in” candidate for Vice President won and by a fairly wide margin (91 to 30). There was also a write-in candidate for President, but I’m not sure it was real as he was a Past State President (2015), and he did not seem all that serious. I suspect he may have been a part of the show to give the impression that there was going to be a change in the process. It had been a system that promoted the “Old Boys Club” for State Offices. Time will tell if there is change in the works or, it’s the same old same old all over again. Now, all qualified and committed candidates, for each office, will go on the ballot for the Big Sirs to select from.

At the State meeting, I brought up that the State should spend more effort to make the public know about SIR. The public does not even know that the SIR Organization exists, let alone what our mission is. I also picked up on some new ideas about what we can do as a branch to recruit new members. I will be bringing them up to the Executive Committee so they can be discussed.

This Year’s Christmas Party is scheduled for December 21<sup>st</sup>. That is quite close to Christmas day and many people will already be gone away for the holidays, me included. I have asked the Board and it has approved moving the party to a week earlier, to the 14<sup>th</sup>.

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**LUNCH ORDERING INFORMATION**

Tickets are sold in advance of the monthly lunch. If at all possible, please buy your lunch ticket at the meeting preceding the one you plan to attend.

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 you have not purchased a ticket for the upcoming meeting and wish to attend, you must submit the Luncheon Order Form, with your payment, **so that the Big 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.

**Please contact Jim Hohenshelt at 408 241-4421.**

**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 \$23.00. Make check payable to SIR Branch 62.

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

Cut out and mail to: Jim Hohenshelt, 2626 Estella Dr., Santa Clara, CA 95051, 408 241-4421.

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

## 18 Hole Golf

There were 8 players competing at the Villages Golf Club on July 31st to qualify for the state championship. Glenn Herrell qualified in the 4<sup>th</sup> flight in third place as an alternate. Carl Mendel came in first in the 6<sup>th</sup> flight. The state championship will be played at the Laguna Seca course on October 17<sup>th</sup>.

Golfer of the Year standings through August 14<sup>th</sup> are below. Dave has a big lead but there is time to catch him. Let's have everyone help him count his strokes.

<u>STANDINGS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Dave Riopel	37
Wally Anderson	26
Bob Pastorino	25
Jeff Bautista	24
Paul Goodwin	22
Tom Birley	19
Frank Doyle	18
Walt Marwitz	17

September will be coordinated by Phil Thomas  
 9/4 – Labor day will be at Deep Cliff. 2 times starting at 10 AM for a fun round.  
 9/11 – San Jose  
 9/18 – Paul Goodwin will be tournament chairman for the regional event at Pacific Grove. (A large turnout from SIR 62 is anticipated )

Phil will have times at Sunnyvale Muni for those who don't want to play in the regional event.

9/25 – Santa Teresa

Submitted by Paul Goodwin, 18 Hole Golf Chair 408-480-4900

### **Big Sir Letter, continued from page 6**

We have added a couple of new members. Although that is very good news, we are not out of the woods yet. Please continue to invite your friends to join us. We have some introductory cards printed and I recommend that each of you carry a few with you at all times. I have them, so come see me for a supply.

Beginning at the August meeting, new pictures are being taken for the next directory. If you missed that opportunity, the photographer will be at subsequent meetings. Also, the new directory will include e-mail addresses.

Jim Hohenshelt, Big Sir

## **R & B 9 HOLE GOLF**

**Tom Birley/ Dave Riopel Co-Chairmen**

### July 31<sup>st</sup> 13 Players

C.T.P. Vern Miller 17'4"  
 1<sup>st</sup> Low Net: Alex Fremling, Mike Hastings 28  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Low Net: Jack Pettygrove 30  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Low Net: Dave Riopel, John McGuire, Henry Crossfield 31  
 Birds & Chip-ins: Bill Crosby, Jack Pettygrove (B)

### August 9<sup>th</sup> 14 Players

C.T.P. Jim Anderson 43'3"  
 1<sup>st</sup> Low Net: Roger Falberg 25  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Low Net: Henry Crossfield, Alex Fremling, Vern Miller 27  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Low Net: John Howard 28  
 Birds & Chip-ins: Jack Pettygrove, Don Stuedeman (C)

### August 16<sup>th</sup> 9 Players

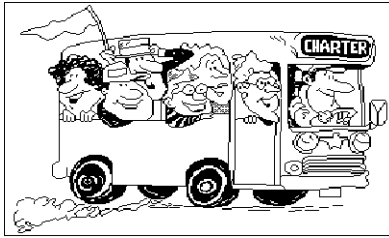
C.T.P. NONE  
 1<sup>st</sup> Low Net: Mike Hastings 27  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Low Net: Henry Crossfield, John Howard 28  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Low Net: Alex Fremling 30  
 Birds & Chip-ins: NONE

### AUGUST 23<sup>RD</sup> 13 Players

C.T.P. Jim Anderson 29'1"  
 1<sup>st</sup> Low Net: John Howard 25  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Low Net: Jim Anderson 26  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Low Net: Henry Crossfield 27  
 Birds & Chip-ins: John Parker (B)



**SEPTEMBER 4th**



## **SIR TRAVEL - BRANCH 62**

**Travel Chairman: Jim Hohenshelt at (408 394-7226)**

**Assistant: Roy Jordan at (408 735-8765)**

**Trip brochures are available from the travel chairmen or at the travel table at the monthly Branch 62 Luncheon.**

**Reminders:** Trips organized by Sons in Retirement (SIR) are available to SIR members and their spouses, also to guests and widows of SIR members.

Trips scheduled by other branches in SIR Areas 11 & 12 (formerly Areas 20 & 5) are described in the Area 11 & 12 Travel Bulletin. Please contact one of the travel chairmen if you would like to receive the Bulletin.

**May 25 - June 9, 2018 – Niagara Falls, Eastern Canada & Cruise to Boston:** This trip visits the historic Eastern Canadian cities of Toronto, Ottawa, Quebec City, and Montreal, includes an overnight at Niagara Falls, and concludes with a Holland America cruise down the St. Lawrence River to Boston, MA. The cost will begin at \$3695 pp/dbl. occ. or \$5185 single (without air fare) for an inside cabin on the cruise. Cost for an outside (window) cabin is \$3924 pp/dbl. occ., and a suite is \$5202 pp/dbl. occ. For lowest cost (group travel is more) and maximum flexibility, individual travel can be arranged by the travel agent or arrange your own. **Trip presentation** – 2 PM, Wed., Sep. 27th at Mama Mia's in Campbell. Please call Jim or Roy to reserve a spot. More information about travel arrangements, cabin upgrades and a discount of 10% is available for those attending the presentation.

**CANCELLED: Oct. 8, 2017 Fleet Week Air Show Cruise**  
Cancelled due to lack of sufficient signups.

### **Big Sir Letter, continued from p. 3**

I have been assured that, while reconstruction of Mariani's takes place, we will be able to use the facility by adjusting where in the building we meet from time to time. Meanwhile, we are investigating several options that would bring us back to Sunnyvale which is where most of the membership lives. I have previously described the situation at Sunnyvale Golf Course and the Sunnyvale Community Center. Another option is the Shoreline Golf Course (Michael's) which is where the Mountain View Chapter meets. I have contacted them and got a price of \$30 per person--somewhat more than the \$23 we pay at Mariani's now (probably at least \$25 next year). These options may not be acceptable. Keep your eyes and ears open. If you have a thought on the subject, please give me a call.

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### **BRIDGE CLUB**

The next three scheduled meetings will be held on the 9th and 19th of September and the 3rd of October. The hosts will be Mal Hopkins, Russ Kohlrust and Leon Kowaleski, respectively. We start at 1:00 and play for about 2 1/2 hours. We play about 4 or 5 rounds of bridge per table and the losers move to the next table (with the nice chairs).

We have had only one table of bridge players for the last 2 months. We hope this will change back to 2 tables of bridge so that we can get back to playing competitively at our next outing.

We play every first and third Tuesday at the Garrett Business Center on 3375 Scott Blvd. Park in the rear, closest to Suite 332.

Phil Thomas, Bridge Publicist