

May 2019

The ROOSTER

The Monthly Bulletin of
Sunnyvale Branch # 62

SONS IN RETIREMENT

A Non-Profit Organization of Retired Men

Devoted to the Promotion of Independence and Dignity in Retirement



Meets on the third Thursday of the month at
Mariani's Restaurant
2500 El Camino Real, Santa Clara
Fellowship at 11 AM, Luncheon begins at 12 Noon

BIG SIR REPORT

Fellow sirs, I missed much of what went on in April. The last two weeks of April, I was exploring the countries of Belgium and the Netherlands. It felt a bit strange moving about countries that are mostly below sea level, but they seem to have managed it quite well over a long time.

Looking forward, Dave Riopel and I will attend the Area Sir Meeting on May 10th. I also encourage you to attend one or more of the upcoming San Jose Giants games with your fellow SIRs starting in May and continuing over the summer months. To avoid traffic issues, you can arrive early and enjoy eating a BBQ supper at the stadium prior to the game. In June, we will have our Sir Summer BBQ picnic rather than a normal meeting. Be sure to sign up for that for a great meal and fellowship.

Unfortunately, we have not brought in any new members over the past few months. We need to find and recruit more men into Branch 62 if we expect the branch to remain viable over the long term. Please tell the men you meet about us and invite them to attend one of our lunches. Don't forget to ask your significant other to ask her girlfriends if they need to get their husbands out of the house now and then.

Your Big Sir,
John Dieckman

May Speaker

May speaker is Chester Santos. His topic is "**Memory Fun 101 – Memory Training for Everyone**"

U.S. Memory Champion, Chester Santos, will teach us the basics of memory improvement. We will learn a number of memory boosting methods that will exercise our imagination and awaken our creativity. We will be shown how to utilize both sides of our brain in order to make information stick and become unforgettable. We will participate in enjoyable exercises and will actually be able to feel our memory ability improving throughout the presentation. Everyone will leave this interactive session with sharper minds and a solid foundation in exercises and techniques that will benefit us for the rest of our lives. **A must see presentation!** Bring your wives or invite a friend.

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		Webmaster	Heber Slusser

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State President: Ed Benson
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ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS: If you do not attend five (5) meetings without a suitable excuse within the last twelve (12) months, you may be dropped from the membership. You can attend another Branch's Luncheon as a makeup for missing our Luncheon

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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 jpmcguires@aol.com.

BE A SIR!!.. BE COMMITTED!!

BE ACTIVE!!.. HAVE FUN!!..

Branch 62 Wine Tasting Club

We would still like to plan a wine tasting at Rubino Estates Winery in Livermore on May 10. They have the World War II Duck Boats that will tour around the vineyards. Also they have a Rose of Nebbiolo which would go great with the weather we are now having. I am personally looking forward to tasting their wide selection of summer type wines. I have sent an email with all the information to our Wine Club members. Let me know if events like these interest you and I will add you to our membership.

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

Phil Thomas, Wine Tasting Publicist

Let's Go FISHING!

We are going to Alaska! We have booked 4 nights and 3 days of ocean fishing for king salmon, halibut, and rock fish. We fly in on June 11 and fly home on June 15.

We have been putting off our planed outing to Capitola Pier due to poor weather, but that is beginning to change so we can anticipate renting 17-foot boats and catch some Dungeness Crabs and whatever fish take our line bait.

If you are interested, please contact Heber Slusser. Currently, we have about 11 members in this activity and are looking for more. No experience is necessary and equipment is available from other members. We hold Fishing Activity Meetings monthly following the Branch Luncheon.

More information is available on our web site at <http://branch62.sirinc2.org> .

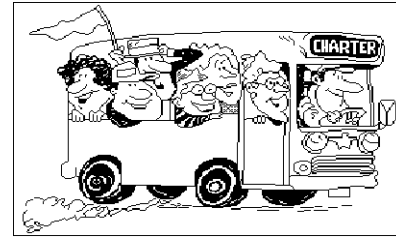
18 Hole Golf

Wally Anderson leads the SIR open contest and no wonder. It was no contest at S.J. Muni on Monday as Wally Anderson's 79 (net 59) left the field eating dust. His rocketing drives fell out of the sky onto fairway center cut. Using his newly acquired all hybrid irons (which might be considered non-conforming), his approach shots carved up the greens and his chip shots were drawn to or into the hole like a magnet. While other's rimmed out or decided to take a brief glimpse in passing, Wally's putts were sucked up as into a black hole. It was one of those special rounds when everything worked. I hope he can keep the bar raised that high for future events. (Text courtesy of Walt Marwitz).

As a reward, Wally will take over the 18 hole chairman responsibilities until I return in September.

May will be coordinated by several
6 – venue TBD -Phil Thomas
13 - venue TBD -Phil Thomas
20 – Area tournament at Pajaro Valley – Wally Anderson
27 – Deep Cliff – Dave Riopel

Hit 'em straight - Paul Goodwin, 18 Hole Golf Chairman



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.

May 10 - Rubino Winery in Livermore and Duck Ride Tasting and vineyard tour including Duck Ride. Maximum of 14 people. Cost is \$45. Drive to the vineyard individually to get there at 11:00; carpools are encouraged. (We need a few more participants.)

May 19 – 21, 2019 – Reno, El Dorado Casino, Meet (Sunday, May 19, 2019) at the VTA Parking Lot G (no overnight parking) for an 8:00 departure for Reno and two nights at the El Dorado Hotel and Casino. There will be a “No Host” breakfast stop on the way to Reno. Cost is \$250/person double and \$320/person single. A minimum of 15 rooms and 30 bus passengers are required for this trip. If you would like to attend the show (The Illusionists) and dinner, an additional \$50/person is required. Trip includes two breakfast buffet coupons, roundtrip transportation, hotel accommodations, and driver gratuity. We will be departing Reno early afternoon, Tuesday, May 21, 2019. Call Jim Hohenshelt 408-394-7226 for details.

SIR nights at San Jose Giants Baseball: May 17, June 14, July 19, and Aug 15. All Area 11 branches are invited to participate in this group activity. \$10/person. Contact the chairmen to get on the list for tickets

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ATTENDANCE REPORT

April 18, 2019

Members Attending	28
Guests	1
Active	66
In Process	0

SIR BOWLING

President	Secretary	Treasurer
Tom Birley	Phil Thomas	Leon
Kowaleski		
408-736-8869	408-410-3626	408-446-1129

We have now completed our regular Winter League with Team 6, consisting of Leon Kowaleski, Charles Bailey and Don Paulson winning this session. We will start our position round with the winners of the 3 sessions and a wild card team with the best overall wins. The following week, the two winning teams will roll off and the winner will be the champions. Stay tuned for the results in the next month's report.

Top Scores so far are:

Scratch Series:

676 Steve Bishop and 566 Pat Hutton

Scratch Game:

234 Tom Birley and 230 Mary Roth

Handicap Series:

706 Charlie Bailey and 745 Marlys Byers

Handicap Game:

277 Richard Thomas and 253 Nina Middaugh

Regretfully, we only had one winner at our Carson City tournament on April 8-10. Tom Birley came in 23rd place in the A division. A few of our bowlers are in the A division and the rest of us are in the B division. We start our Summer League in a couple of weeks. We have openings for new bowlers, so see me or Tom Birley if you are interested in taking up the sport. We meet on Tuesdays at 9:15 at Homestead Lanes in Cupertino. Come by and root for your favorite team.

Phil Thomas, Bowling Publicist

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Bob Cheney	20 th
Henry Crossfield	18 th
Eric Greenhut	26 th
Sieg Koch	17 th
Ron Olson	16 th
Paul Wcislo	5 th

R & B 9 HOLE GOLF

Tom Birley/ Dave Riopel Co-Chairmen

April 17th 5 Players

C.T.P. Anderson, Jim 10'

1st Low Net: Anderson, Jim 28

2nd Low Net: Stuedeman, Don 29

3rd Low Net:

Birds & Chip-ins: NONE

April 24th 7 Players

C.T.P. NONE

1st Low Net: Hastings, Mike 24

2nd Low Net: Stuedeman, Don 31

3rd Low Net:

Birds & Chip-ins: NONE

Travel Report, continued from p. 3

June 3 – 18, 2019 Great Rivers of Europe:

Join us for a cruise from Vienna, along the Danube, Rhine-Main-Danube Canal and the Main and Rhine Rivers, ending in Amsterdam. Cost is \$5875 to \$7275 pp/dbl. occ., depending on cabin choice (single supplement is \$745) including air fare. A pre-trip extension in Vienna for \$795 and a post trip extension to Bruges, Belgium for \$795 are available.

Nov. 4th – 23rd, 2019 Inside Vietnam:

We'll travel the country from north (Hanoi) to south (Mekong Delta) and more. Cost is \$3775 per person, single or double, including air fare. A 3 night en route stopover in Hong Kong (\$695), a pre-trip visit to Northern Hill Tribes (\$1095) and a post trip extension to Cambodia (Angkor Wat) (\$1395) are available.

Early Dec. 2019, Beach Blanket Babylon

Bus trip to San Francisco to attend the Christmas show with dinner before. Details to follow.

NEXT MEETING

May 16, 2019

Menu Caesar Chicken Salad
Chicken Cacciatore

June Picnic

BRIDGE CLUB

The next three scheduled meetings be held on the 7th and 21st of May and the 4th of June. The hosts will be Phil Thomas, Russ Kohlrust and Mal Hopkins, respectively.

We are back to 2 tables of bridge players and we are back playing at Roger Falberg's place of business.

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

Do You Want to Car Pool?

Please visit our interactive Car Pool page on our web site at <http://branch62.sirinc2.org>. Click on the Car Pool "Post-It" on the left side of the home page. You will be able to see the locations of our members on a map and determine if a Car Pool is viable for you.

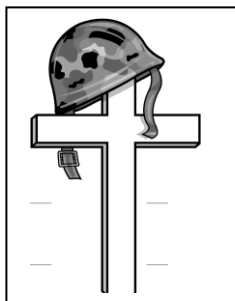
Heber Slusser, Webmaster
branch62sir@gmail.com

BRANCH 62 WEB SITE

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

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MEMORIAL DAY
May 27th



MOTHER'S DAY
May 12th

LUNCH ORDERING INFORMATION

If you buy a ticket and cannot make the meeting, call or email Dave Riopel one week before the meeting and he will get your ticket moved to a future meeting.

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 Dave Riopel receives it no later than Thursday, one week prior to the SIR meeting.** Lunch orders received less than one week before the meeting will not be processed and your money will be refunded.

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. Luncheon price for 2019 is \$26.

**Please contact Dave Riopel at
408-482-1454 or
driopel@msn.com**

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LUNCHEON ORDER FORM* **MUST BE RECEIVED AT LEAST ONE** **WEEK PRIOR TO THE MEETING**

I wish to order a salad () or entrée () of the month for the meeting in the month of _____.

Included with this form is payment of \$26. Make check payable to SIR Branch 62.

Name _____

Badge Number _____

Cut out and mail to:

Dave Riopel
10516 Whitney Way,
Cupertino, CA 95014

*Use this form **for the May meeting**, if you did not buy a lunch ticket at the April meeting.

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