



### Big SIR Report

My fellow Sirs,

The Christmas Season is around the corner and another year is coming to a close. I have really enjoyed getting our SIR Branch 62 back to regular luncheon meetings at Holder’s Country Inn. The food has been great and John Dieckman has managed to locate some interesting speakers. Let’s keep it going. I am looking forward to another year of SIR and I know that Mr. Steve Burnham will do a wonderful job as Big Sir in 2022. Steve will be supported by Mr. Barry Boole as Little Sir. Thank you, gentlemen.

Please remember that the December Luncheon is being replaced by the annual dinner dance also at Holder’s Country Inn. This will be held on Thursday, December 9<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you.  
Your Big Sir,  
Wally Anderson

# December 2021

## 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 second Thursday of the month at  
Holder’s Country Inn  
998 South De Anza Blvd., San Jose  
Fellowship at 11 AM  
Luncheon begins at 12 Noon

### REMINDER: THERE IS NO SIR LUNCHEON THIS MONTH

Our annual Christmas Dinner Dance will take place at Holder’s Country Inn on Thursday, December 9, 2021.



There is still time to get tickets for the Event.  
Contact Tom Birley at 408-736-8869.

Doors open at 5:30pm

Music starts at 6:00pm

Dinner served at 7:00pm

Casual Dress

**OFFICERS**

Big Sir	Wally Anderson	Asst. Secretary	Dave Riopel
Little Sir	Steve Burnham	Treasurer	Roger Falberg
Secretary	Bob Pastorino	Asst. Treasurer	Paul Goodwin

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

John Dieckman	Ted Crutchfield	Jack Pettygrove
Barry Boole	Mike Miller	Glenn Herrell

**COMMITTEES**

Attendance	Tom Birley	Newsletter	John McGuire
Audit	Mel Waldman		John Dieckman
	Wally Anderson		
	Heber Slusser	Nominations	Phil Thomas
Book Swap	Lynn Grilley		John Steele
			Heber Slusser
Bowling	Tom Birley	Photography	Bob Pasterino
	Phil Thomas	Program	John Dieckman
		Property	Henry Crossfield
Bridge	John Dieckman	<b>RAMP</b>	
Chaplain	Bob Hebson	Chair	Jim Hohenshelt
Poker	Mel Waldman	Recruitment	Jeff Bautista
Condolence	Wally Anderson	Activities	<b>Volunteer Wanted</b>
Directory	Heber Slusser	Membership	Heber Slusser
Fishing	Heber Slusser	Publicity	Heber Slusser
	Wally Anderson	Sir Logo Items	Phil Thomas
Golf, 9 Hole	Tom Birley	Songster	Roger Falberg
	Dave Riopel	Special Events	Tom Birley
Golf, 18 Hole	Paul Goodwin		Bob Byers
Greeters	Dave Riopel	Sunshine	Wally Anderson
Guests & Visitors	Dave Riopel	Transportation	
Historian	Wally Anderson	Travel	Jim Hohenshelt
Humorist	Don Coletti		Roy Jordan
Lunch Tickets	Roy Jordan	Wine Tasting	Dave Riopel
Membership	Heber Slusser	Webmaster	Heber Slusser
			Mike Miller

**STATE OFFICERS**

State President: Stu Williams  
 Region 4 Director: Patrick Reed  
 Area 11 Governor: Phil Thomas

**SONS IN RETIREMENT, INCORPORATED  
Sunnyvale Branch #62**

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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.

**NON-RESPONSIBILITY CLAUSE**

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**Sick Call & Condolence Notification:**

Please report illnesses or the passing of any Branch 62 Member to the Sunshine Committee: Wally Anderson, (408) 736-6408, so that Branch 62 may respond.

**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](mailto:jpmcguires@aol.com).

**BE A SIR!!.. BE COMMITTED!!**

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

**Dues Dues Dues**

For 2022 Branch 62, member dues are set to \$20 (\$7 of this goes to State SIR organization).

We will retain our monthly \$25 rewards for both birthdays and attendance for next year.

Dues are due at the latest 1/31/22. Please make out a check to "SIR Branch 62", and mail to:

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

**Bridge**

We meet the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of the month at Roger Falberg's office, 3375 Scott Blvd. office 332 in Santa Clara to play in person. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays, we play online using Bridge Base Online app.

We play every week on Tuesdays at 1:30. Roger Falberg organizes the play and sends each player the table positions and hosts prior to our gathering time for either on line or face to face play. If you want to join us, let Roger know ahead of time so he can arrange the player tables.

John Dieckman – Bridge Publicist



**Merry  
Christmas!**

## 18 Hole Golf

I would like to wish all of our Sirs a joyous and healthy holiday season. I hear California is one of the safest states regarding covid. Thanks to all of you who have done your part in making this so.

Thanks to Rod Stafford for running November since he had an extra Monday to plan and got tee times out for the whole month. He doesn't share this trick and I think we should make him permanent tee time procurer.

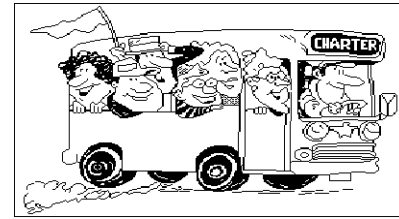
The Area Tournament was run by Paul Goodwin and was a different format for the annual Turkey Shoot. We played at Seascap GC in Aptos and the 32 players enjoyed a beautiful day for a skins game. Box lunches were provided and the extra weight and distraction may have added to the higher scores.

There were 3 flights – players grouped by handicap. In the 3<sup>rd</sup> flight Richard Simpson won 3 skins and Dave Riopel won 2 skins. Good shooting gentlemen.

Tournament Coordinator for December is Alice Goodwin

Dec 6 – San Jose Muni  
Dec 13 – Spring Valley  
Dec 20 – Pacific Grove  
Dec 27 – San Jose Muni

Paul Goodwin  
18 Hole Golf Chairman



**SIR Travel – Branch 62**  
**Travel Chairman: Jim Hohenshelt**  
**(408 394-7226).**

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

Branch 62 is considering a day trip to **Golden Gate Fields for some horse racing**. We are considering the last Friday in April (2022) or the first Friday in May. If you have any thoughts about details (meals, transportation, etc.) please contact Jim or Roy.

Branch 32 has informed us of two trips they are planning. **May 20–25, 2022, Chicago** all access & Wisconsin, includes Gangster Tour, Frank Lloyd Wright architecture, Wrigley Field, cruise on the Chicago River. **October 2–10, 2022, Explore the Northwest, cruie the Columbia River** from Clarkston, WA to Vancouver, WA. Information on both trips from John Pletsch at (408) 504-1255 or [jeplet@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jeplet@sbcglobal.net), or Mike Console at (408) 246-1080.

Two trips remain from the October 2021 State SIR Travel Opportunities newsletter. **Columbia and Snake River Cruise (May 12-19, 2022)**, Branch 128, Tan Matosian, [tgmat54@gmail.com](mailto:tgmat54@gmail.com). **Quebec City to New York City cruise on the Crystal Serenity (Oct. 5-13, 2022)** Branch 146, Milt Smith, [miltsmith549@gmail.com](mailto:miltsmith549@gmail.com).

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

### Membership Report

Active Members 50

November Meeting Attendance 24

## SIR Bowling

President	Vice President	Publicist
Tom Birley (408) 489-4815	Phil Thomas (408) 410-3626	Lynn Grillley (408) 482-3845

Team 2 won 1st place for the 1st Quarter. Team 2 bowlers are Bud Collinson, Ted Wadholm, Hugh Moore, and Don Haythornwhite

Top scores so far:

<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>
Scratch Series: 621 Steve Bishop	526 Pat Hutton
Scratch Game: 246 Ted Waldholm	207 Nina Middaugh

Handicap Game: 276 George Center 255 Donna Diehl  
Handicap Series: 736 Don Haythornwhite  
633 Ruth Pettygrove

### Meeting Cash Awards

Remember that, in addition to \$25 cash birthday awards at our Monthly Luncheon Meeting, there will be one additional \$25 cash attendance award.

Remember, you must be present on Zoom or in person to be eligible to receive an award. Be involved and have a shot at these riches.

#### October Winners:

Birthday Prize: Heber Slusser

Attendance Prize: Bruce Edmondson

## 9 Hole Golf

Nine-hole golf is played at Sunken Gardens at 9AM each Wednesday. We currently have three players and can get tee times for more. We don't play as a tournament; we just enjoy a round of golf and the friendship of our fellow Sirs. Come out and play. Please let me know if you want to join us.

Tom Birley, 9 Hole golf Chairman

## December Birthdays

Jim Marquez	22 <sup>nd</sup>
Shailey Rastogi	3rd

## Help Needed!!

**Volunteers are needed in Branch 62:**

**Bocce Ball Chairman**

**RAMP Activities Chairman**

**Transportation**

**Health & Safety**

Increase your enjoyment by actively participating in our branch. We are 100% dependent on volunteers. Being a volunteer will help you become more acquainted with other members and provide the satisfaction of helping your fellow members.

## Branch 62 Web Site

Have you visited our web site lately?  
Want to read the joke from the luncheon?  
Need to contact the speaker?  
Forgot the luncheon's speaker details?  
Want to read back issues of the Rooster?

Get all of this and more on our Web Site at:

<https://sirinc2.org/branch62/index.php>

Heber Slusser

[branch62sir@gmail.com](mailto:branch62sir@gmail.com)

## Walking Program

Tom Chatfield has organized a Branch Walking Group. Contact Tom at 408 736 8044 or by e-mail at

[tchatfield761@gmail.com](mailto:tchatfield761@gmail.com) if you have interest or comments.

## **Wine Tasting**

Branch 62's Wine Tasting Program is back from the COVID hiatus. The first meeting was held at the home of Wine Tasting Coordinator, Dave Riopel, on October 28<sup>th</sup>.

Planning is underway for the next event in February 2022.

## **Abstract of Minutes of Branch Executive Committee (BEC) October 7, 2021**

The BEC meets on the first Thursday of each month at 11 AM via Zoom

For complete details of the minutes go to the Branch 62 website at <https://sirinc2.org/branch62/index.php>.

**Big Sir: Wally Anderson:** Opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Wally welcomed everyone to our Zoom meeting. Wally said that Tom Birley has the Christmas party information in the Rooster. The Christmas Party is on December 9<sup>th</sup> at Holder's Country Inn and the cost is \$40.00 per person. Wally encouraged everyone to try to attend the Christmas dinner. Wally said that now that Steve Burnham will be the Big Sir in 2022, that we need someone for Little Sir. Wally asked Barry Boole if he would be interested in being the Little Sir. Barry said he would give it a try.

**Treasurer Roger Falberg:** Roger mentioned that he would like to raise the dues for 2022 to \$20.00, which would allow us to continue to give out \$25.00 for attendance drawing and Birthday drawings. Upon a motion by Glenn Herrell and seconded by Barry Boole, the motion to approve the \$ 20.00 dues and The Treasury report were approved.

**Old Business:** Secretary Bob Pastorino has received the Past Big Sir badges and will bring them to the Luncheon for Big Sir Wally Anderson to give out.



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