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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



BIG SIR REPORT

We had a very nice luncheon as guests of Branch 54 on June 10, 2021 at Three Flames Restaurant in San Jose. We also plan to have another in-person luncheon as guests of Br 54 on Thursday July 8.

I hope you can attend the July luncheon meeting. If you did not preorder your July meal at the June meeting, please notify Little Sir Leon Kowalski what your meal choice is by June 30th.

The BEC met and has decided to hold our Branch 62 luncheon at Holder's Country Inn, 998 South DeAnza Blvd in San Jose on Thursday, August 12th. One of the things I would like to make you aware of is that the price we negotiate includes the cost of having a separate room for our meeting.

Thank you, Your Big Sir, Wally Anderson

SPECIAL NOTICE

The July Branch 62 SIR Luncheon is IN PERSON at Three Flames Restaurant, 1547 Meridian Ave., San Jose, CA 95125, on Thursday, July 8 2020. **Social Hour 11 AM & Lunch at noon.**

Lunch is \$22 – If you did not preorder at the June meeting, please notify the Little Sir (Leon Kowaleski at 408-446-1129 or leon_ski@hotmail.com) if you plan to attend and give Leon your meal choice.

COVID-19 Special Requirements: At your first luncheon at Three Flames, you will have to show your COVID-19 **proof of vaccination** (this will be recorded by our Branch 62 ticket takers).



Walking Program

Tom Chatfield has organized a Branch Walking Group. Contact Tom at 408 736 8044 or by e-mail at tchatfield761@gmail.com if you have interest or comments.

OFFICERS

Big Sir	Wally Anderson	Asst. Secretary	Dave Riopel
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John Dieckman	Ted Crutchfield	Jack Pettygrove
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Attendance	Tom Birley	Newsletter	John McGuire
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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	Leon Kowaleski
	Dave Riopel	Special Events	Tom Birley
	Paul Goodwin		Bob Byers
Golf, 18 Hole	Dave Riopel	Sunshine	Wally Anderson
Greeters	Dave Riopel	Transportation	
Guests & Visitors	Dave Riopel	Travel	Jim Hohenshelt
Historian	Wally Anderson		Roy Jordan
Humorist	Don Coletti	Wine Tasting	Dave Riopel
Lunch Tickets	Roy Jordan	Webmaster	Heber Slusser
Membership	Heber Slusser		Mike Miller

STATE OFFICERS

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

Bridge

Now that we are transitioning out of COVID-19 isolation, we will meet the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month at Roger Falberg’s office, 3375 Scott Blvd. office 332 in Santa Clara starting July 6th. On the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, we will continue to play online using Bridge Base.

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 online play. If you want to join us, let Roger know ahead of time so he can arrange the player tables. If you want to learn how to register or use BBO, contact Roger or me.

John Dieckman – Bridge Publicist

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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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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. V2jd

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 jpmcguiresr@aol.com.

BE A SIR!!.. BE COMMITTED!!

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

Fishing - Success in Alaska

Four Sirs, two sons, and two friends descended upon Sitka Point Lodge in the middle of June and spent three days fishing, eating, drinking, telling stories, and a little sleep. We caught our limits of King Salmon, halibut, and rock fish most days and returned with healthy sized boxes weighing nearly 50 pounds of flash frozen fish each. There were no injuries, fist fights, or illnesses among us. We made new friends and got along very well. Many of the discussions were about planning for the 2022 adventure.

John Dieckman caught the largest fish, a halibut, which was in the “slot” so it had to be returned to the sea (halibut longer than 50” and shorter than 72” are in the 2021 “slot”). Mel Waldman caught the largest “keeper” halibut on his Birthday (49 7/8 “ long) and Heber Slusser caught the biggest King Salmon. There were a lot of runners-up. More information, photos, and stories will appear on our web page.

Heber Slusser

18 Hole Golf

Most all went well for June. The Area event sold out too soon for us to get into. I will be looking in to how that happened. The next Area event in July is a qualifier for a State level tournament. We need to get our names in 3-4 weeks ahead of the July 26 event at Los Lagos since this will fill up quickly.

The rules at our golf courses have returned to rules before COVID-19. Play a ball in the trap where it lies, and rake the sand. Pull the flagstick if you desire. Cold water and ball washers are reappearing.

I am recovering from knee replacement very well and will be back with the gang for the Gilroy outing – or else!

Tournament Coordinator for July is Wally Anderson

July 6 – (Tuesday) Sunnyvale
July 12 – Los Lagos
July 19 – Gilroy or Santa Theresa
July 26 – Los Lagos area tournament \$50 & Qualifier for state \$3.

Paul Goodwin
18 Hole Golf Chairman

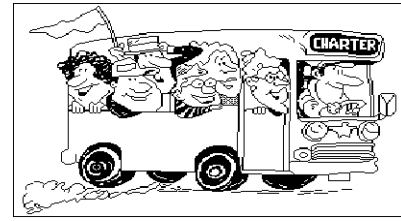
SUSPENDED ACTIVITIES

Please note that **BOCCE BALL** and **WINE TASTING** activities have been suspended for the time being.

Membership Report

Active Members 58

June Meeting Attendance 27



SIR Travel – Branch 62

Travel Chairman: Jim Hohenshelt (408 394-7226).

Assistant: Roy Jordan (408 735-8765).

We (Branch 62) hope to reschedule our one-day trip to the **Chinese Exhibit at Blackhawk Museum - Terra Cotta Warriors** when the COVID situation permits. We are also investigating the possibility of a bus tour (approximately 2.5 weeks) along the eastern shore of the Adriatic – **Croatia, Montenegro, Bosnia, Slovenia, perhaps Albania**, around March or April of 2022. Trip would likely include Dubrovnik, Kotor, Sarajevo, Zagreb, Ljubljana, and Lake Bled. If you might be interested in such a trip, we suggest you call Jim, indicate your interest and discuss the possibilities.

The Area 11 Coordinated Travel Committee has dissolved. Branches will still sponsor trips when the COVID situation improves. Brochures for these trips will be available on <http://sirbranch125.org>. There are no trips scheduled with the State SIR Travel Committee.

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.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Glenn Herrell 14th

Bill McTiernan 22nd

Mike Miller 31st

SIR BOWLING

President Vice President Treasurer

Tom Birley Phil Thomas Leon Kowaleski
(408)489-4815 (408)410-3626 (408)446-1129

After 11 weeks and the end of the first half of our Summer League, we have Team 3, consisting of Jack Pettygrove, Lynn Grilley and a Vacant, in first place with 28 wins and 16 losses. Team 4, consisting of Nina Middaugh, Pat Hutton, and Phil Thomas and Team 2, consisting of Bud Collinson, Don Haythornwhite, and a Vacant are tied in second place with 25 wins and 19 losses.

Top Scores so far:

Scr. Series: 596 Lynn Grilley and 525 Pat Hutton
Scr. Game: 215 Bobby Byers and 186 Mary Roth
Hand. Series: 687 Mal Hopkins and 686 Dottie Birley
Hand. Game: 264 Dave Jeong and 256 Marlys Byers

Tom Birley, League President

MEETING CASH AWARDS

Remember that, in addition to \$25 cash birthday awards at our Monthly Luncheon Meetings, 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.

June Winners:

Birthday Prize: Jack Pettygrove
Attendance Prize: George Center

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

In Memoriam

John Shields

1930 -2021

Branch 62 member for 29 years

Branch 62 Big Sir 1997

Honorary Life Member 2002

Help Needed!!

Volunteers are needed in Branch 62:

RAMP Activities Chairman

Bowling Publicist

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?
Forget the luncheon's speaker details?
Want to see what other members are doing during COVID-19?
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

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Abstract of Minutes of Branch Executive Committee (BEC) 6-10-21

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 first in person meeting in over a year. Wally asked for comments on our combined luncheon with SIR Branch 54. Wally noted that we had 28 members attend the luncheon and he would like to get feedback from them about the combined luncheon. Wally said the Branch 54 Big Sir John Knapp would like to merge the two branches. After some discussion, it was agreed that it is something we are not interested in at this time. Steve Burnham brought up if there was a possibility of finding a place in Sunnyvale to have our luncheons. Mike Miller said he has talked to the Manager of Holder's Country Inn on De Anza Blvd. about having our Luncheons there. Wally asked Mike to please get more information. It was discussed that we should give these combined lunches two more months before making a final decision. On a motion by Jack Pettygrove and seconded by Steve Burnham it was voted on and approved to continue the combined luncheons for two more months.

New Business: Mike Miller to check with Holder's Restaurant about having luncheons there.

Abstract of Minutes of Emergency Branch Executive Committee (BEC) 6-25-21

Big Sir: Wally Anderson: Called an emergency BEC meeting to decide how to hold our August Branch 62 monthly meeting. The issue is to either hold a combined meeting with Branch 54 at the 3 Flames in San Jose or hold a Branch 62 only meeting at Holder's Country Inn. A motion was made and seconded to hold a Branch 62 only meeting at Holder's and passed unanimously. The meeting will be held on the second Thursday of August.

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