



Big Sir Report

My fellow Sirs:

The news on the luncheon location search is that it seems we are likely to be going to Holder's new location in January. This is not an announcement since the final decision is yet to be made. Since this will be my last report as Big Sir, I will not be making the official announcement. Although I cannot speak for him, I'm guessing that the incoming Big Sir (Heber Slusser) will make an official announcement of whatever decision is final in this space next month.

Don't forget the December dinner/dance at Three Flames on our usual (second Thursday) meeting day, but in the evening rather than at noon. It was a great event last year, and it will be held in an even bigger space this year.

As this will be the final column of my term as Big Sir, I would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone for helping me make it through the year. I was still learning the organization when I accepted the designation of Little Sir after Leon Kowaleski's death in September of 2021. I'm still learning this organization.

If there is one thing that (I hope) I have learned, it is that it is better to ask a silly question than to make a silly mistake. I know I have done plenty of each, so I thank y'all for bearing with me. I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and I know that there are more fun times for us in the coming year.

Thank you,
Your Big Sir
Steve Burnham

December 2022

The ROOSTER

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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.
(A Joint Meeting with Branch 54)

**Three Flames Restaurant
1547 Meridian Avenue
San Jose, CA 95125**

**Next Meeting: Dinner Dance
Thursday December 8, 2022
Opens 5:30pm
Dinner at 7pm**

Lunch Ordering Information

If you need a lunch for the January meeting, contact our Little Sir and tell him you will attend.

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Membership	Heber Slusser		Mike Miller

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Bocce and Cornhole

The December outings are as follows:
 Thursday December 1st, 2PM at Questa Park;
 Thursday December 15th, 2PM at Almaden Lake.

Please join us for a great time. Guys and Gals are welcome.

Wally Anderson
 Bocce and Cornhole Coordinator

Bridge

We meet the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month at Roger Falberg's office, 3375 Scott Blvd. office 332 in Santa Clara to play in person. On the other Tuesdays, we play online using Bridge Base Online browser 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

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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 & 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!!..

18 Hole Golf

Sign-ups for 2023 are almost completed. There are two stragglers and they know who they are. We lost 4 members and gained 1 this year.

Payments for using Golf Genius have been very successful. The state SIR has negotiated an arrangement where small clubs can pay \$300 to use the system and that works out to be about \$20 per player. Thanks to you guys for helping my job be easier.

The area event at Spring Valley – called the Turkey Shoot – had to be run differently this year due to COVID being in effect when the contract was signed last year. The normal shot-gun start and hamburger lunch with prizes and stuff couldn't happen. Instead, we started with normal tee times. But, there

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was a two hour frost delay so it was a long day and the course did a good job of dealing with the delay. The winner of each foursome got a turkey breast from Whole Foods. I think the reaction from the players was very positive.

Rod Stafford is TC for December.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec 5 – San Jose

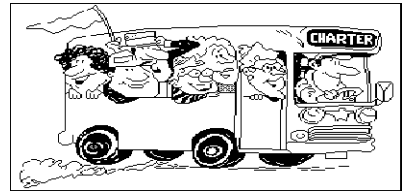
Dec 12 – Sunnyvale

Dec 19 – Los Positas

Dec 28 – Los Lagos

Paul Goodwin – Golf Chair
408-480-4900

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SIR TRAVEL – BRANCH 62

Travel Chairman: Jim Hohenshelt (408 394-7226). jim_hohenshelt@yahoo.com

Assistant: Roy Jordan (408 735-8765)

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January 14, 2023 - Golden Gate Fields

In response to requests from several members, we are proposing a trip to Golden Gate Fields for a day of horse racing. **Our list of interested parties is still short of the 15 people required to make this trip go. So, if you might be interested, please contact Jim at Jim_hohenshelt@yahoo.com or call 406-394-7226.** If you are uncertain, indicate that to Jim. The price for Golden Gate Fields itself is now \$99. This includes parking (if you drive), entrance fee, seating in the turf club, program, buffet, all non-alcoholic drinks, and dessert. The choices of ways to get to the track now seem to be to drive (possible carpools) and deal with I-880, gas, and other auto expense, or take BART (Senior fare \$2.50 each way). With BART one could take a ride share service from North Berkeley station to the track (maybe \$10 - \$15 each way). Those who would like a little exercise could walk the 1.9 miles each way on a walking path. We don't all have to go the same way. Jim will supply more details (such as times) as we get them to those who indicate possible interest. He will also coordinate transportation. Watch for possible updates on the Branch web site <https://sirinc2.org/branch62> under Travel.

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SIR 62 Fishing Program Salmon Fishing in Alaska 2023

The Fishing Activity is currently planning a Salmon/Halibut/Rock Fish trip to Ketchikan, Alaska in the last weeks of June 2023. If you are interested, please contact Heber Slusser or Wally Anderson. It will be an enjoyable adventure (even if you don't fish). Last year we saw whales, sharks, sea lions, orca, numerous sea birds including a rare puffin. Ketchikan is best known for three things: feisty salmon, idyllic scenery, and an incredibly rich Alaska Native culture.

Heber Shusser
Fishing Chairman

9 Hole Golf

Nine Hole Golf has been suspended for the time being.

Tom Birlev, 9 Hole Golf Chairman

SIR Bowling

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

Team 7 is in 1st place in the second quarter. Team 6 is in 2nd place.

Changes in the Individual Scores are shown below.

Men	Women
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Scratch Series: John Cochren 638	Pat Hutton 571
Scratch Game: Don Haythornwhite 233	Mary Roth 205
Handicap Series: Ted Wadholm 699	Donna Diehl 690
Handicap Game: Phil Thomas 264	Gwen Jeong 260

Lynn Grilly, Bowling Publicist

Meeting Cash Awards

Remember that, in addition to one \$25 cash birthday award 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 Award: None

Attendance Award: Roger Falberg

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>

Wine Tasting

Dave will have a wine tasting at his home in January or February.

Dave Riopel, Wine Tasting Program Coordinator.

Membership Report

Active Members 42

October Meeting Attendance 19

Help Needed!!

Volunteers are needed in Branch 62:

Newsletter Editor

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.

December Birthdays

None

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 an interest or comments.

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We have gotten word from State SIR of some 2023 trips. **Scenic trip through Ireland and Northern Ireland**, April 14-27, 2023, \$5395 pp/dbl. occ., \$6195 single. **Autumn Colors trip to East Coast**, Oct. 13-22, 2023. \$4330 pp/dbl. occ. plus air fare to be added in December. Roy has the contact information to get brochures and additional information.

There is information about trips sponsored by other branches on our web site <https://sirinc2.org/branch62> under Travel. Roy may also have access to information about these trips.

Reminder: Trips organized by SIR are available to SIR members, their spouses, siblings, children, grandchildren, also to guests and widows of SIR members.

Abstract of Minutes of the November 10th Branch Executive Committee (BEC)

Big Sir: Steve Burnham: Opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Steve welcomed everyone to our BEC meeting. Steve asked if we have any more information on finding a place to have our luncheons next year. Wally Anderson said that Holders has reopened in Cupertino at a new location and that Mike Miller was going to go there and get information on it. Sunnyvale Golf Course Restaurant, Macara is still a possibility. Steve said that the Sunnyvale Senior Center could be an option. We will continue to have our luncheons at the 3 Flames Restaurant in the meantime.

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