



## Big Sir Report

My fellow Sirs:

July 4<sup>th</sup> shall shortly be upon us! Outdoor barbeques and family picnics to attend!

Speaking of picnics, the Branch 62 annual picnic was revived again in June after a 3-year hiatus. A fun time was had by all! It is to be hoped that COVID will allow this to once again be held as an annual event. Please plan to join us in 2023! I thank all of the volunteers who banded together to make this event a success this year!

One piece of news that I was informed of at the picnic: Our Chaplain (Bob Hebson) will be moving out of the area prior to our July luncheon and, therefore, must give up his position. If anyone is willing to give the invocation at our meetings, please let me know ASAP.

The Ruby Hills Winery tour was held on June 18th. Twelve people attended the event this year. We took a bus tour through the vineyards with our guide discussing various aspects of production of wine grapes in a sustainable manner, even with water supplies being cut back. There were stops at various parts of the winery to sample some of the wines produced there. Again, a good time was had by all!

Stay tuned for news of other travel events for this fall and next year. I hear rumors of a Columbia River cruise, and of a fishing trip to Alaska in 2023!

Thank you,  
Your Big Sir  
Steve Burnham

# July 2022

## 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

### Lunch Information

Tickets are sold in advance of the monthly lunch. If at all possible, please buy your lunch ticket at the luncheon meeting preceding the one you plan to attend. For those who have not purchased an advance ticket for the luncheon, please contact Barry Boole via email at [bboole@aol.com](mailto:bboole@aol.com) or call him at 408-505-5670 (Leave a message if no answer.) to indicate your intent to attend the luncheon. Payment (\$28) may be made at the door.

### July 14<sup>th</sup> Menu\*

Baked Lasagna, New York Steak, Tilapia, Chicken Parmesan & Cobb Salad  
Soup is served with the Salad. Other entrees are served with a dinner salad. Place your order with the server.

\*A detailed description of these menu items is shown on page 3.

### July Speaker

Our July speaker is Brian Rainie. His presentation will cover the basics of personal safety both at home and away. He will discuss observational awareness, strategies, and small behavioral changes you might consider to improve your personal safety.

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**Bocce and Cornhole**

Only four members showed up for the Bocce / Cornhole event on June 16; however they did have a good time. The future outings will be on the 1<sup>st</sup> AND 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of each month.

Thursday July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2PM at Questa Park,  
 Thursday July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2PM at Almaden Lake Park.

Wally Anderson  
 Bocce and Cornhole Coordinator

**July Anniversary**  
 Carl Mendel 5 Years

**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 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 the player tables.

John Dieckman – Bridge Publicist



**Membership Report**  
 Active Members 54  
 June Picnic Attendance 21+ guests

**SONS IN RETIREMENT, INCORPORATED**

Sunnyvale Branch #62 ROOSTER is published monthly.

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](mailto:jpmcguiresr@aol.com).

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

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

## 18 Hole Golf

The special event at Boulder Ridge CC was attended by 12 players – 10 Sirs and 2 guests. The Sirs participated in a Skins game with carry-overs – low net wins the hole(skin) and all before that were tied since the last hole won. The host refunded \$125 to make up the prize pool. The course is extremely hilly compared to our typical venues and is rated tough – justly so.

Richard Simpson shot his best game to date (net 66) and won 9 skins for \$62. Paul Goodwin was second with 4 skins and Glenn Herrell third with 2 skins. The remaining skins went to John Dieckman, Paul Cole, and Bob Pastorino.

We played on a hot day at Los Lagos which is a par 69 course. All of the scores were “verry poor”. One of our best golfers had a net score of 100 – incredible.

Tournament Coordinator for July is Walt Marwitz

July 5 – Deep Cliff

July 11 – Monterey Pines

July 18 – San Jose Muni

July 25 – Area Tournament DeLaveaga

Paul Goodwin, 18 Hole Golf Chairman

### Details of Lunch Menu for July 14<sup>th</sup>

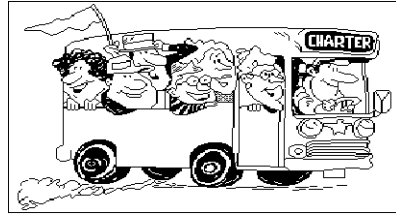
**Baked Lasagna:** Made with ground beef, country sausage, and topped with marinara sauce, and jack and cheddar cheese.

**New York Steak:** Charred to your preference. Served with baked potato and fresh vegetables.

**Tilapia:** Pan seared tilapia with lemon butter sauce. Served with mashed potatoes and fresh vegetables.

**Chicken Parmesan:** With marinara sauce, mozzarella and parmesan cheese. Served with spaghetti and fresh vegetables.

**Cobb Salad:** Chicken breast, mixed greens, bacon bits, avocado, cucumber, hard-boiled egg, and bleu cheese crumbles.



### SIR TRAVEL – BRANCH 62

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### Ruby Hill Wine Tour Report

**By Jim Hohenshelt**

On Saturday, June 18, I led a group of 12 people to the Ruby Hill Winery for tour of the winery, wine tastings, and food pairings. Margaret and I have been members of the Ruby Hill Wine Club for several years as they produce some favorite wines; specifically, their Pinot Noir, Barbera, and Sangiovese.

The tour started out in the tasting room with a tasting of their Sparking Brut which everyone seemed to enjoy. Sparkling wines are not usually my thing but they must have been pretty good based on how many were purchased later. Next, we adjourned to the “bus” which really gets your attention. It is old school bus that has been painted like what I used to call a “Hippy Mobil”. It turns that the owners of the Ruby Hill Winery are the founders of TOGO’s Sandwich Shops and were serious fans of the Grateful Dead Rock Band several years ago. This bus is one of the buses that the Grateful Dead used to tour the county when they were doing concerts. When the Grateful Dead no longer needed the bus, Ruby Hill purchased it and made it their tour bus. The interior seats were removed and replaced with 14 wine barrels that are modified as chairs that rotate. I did know that the owners were Grateful Dead fans and to honor them, they named one of their wines “Grateful Red”. However, I did not know the bus was theirs and now appropriately represents that past era.

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## SIR Bowling

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At the end of week two we have Team 5 and Team 8 tied at 7 wins and 1 loss.

Just a quick update for week three: Lynn Grilley bowled games of 227-220-212 for a 659 series.

Men	Women
Scratch Series: 575 Ted Wadholm	485 Pat Hutton
Scratch Game: 216 Steve Bishop	167 Ursel Turner
Handicap Series: <i>(Pending)</i>	
Handicap Game: <i>(Pending)</i>	

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.

### June Winners:

The June drawings were not held at the picnic. Both the June and July drawings will be held at the July meeting.

## 9 Hole Golf

Nine Hole Golf has been suspended for the time being. Tom Birley, 9 Hole Golf Chairman

### July Birthdays

Glenn Herrell 14<sup>th</sup>      Bill McTiernan 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Mike Miller 31<sup>st</sup>

## SIR 62 Fishing Program

There will be an important meeting after the July 14<sup>th</sup> luncheon to discuss plans for the 2023 Alaska Fishing trip.

## Wine Tasting

The wine tasting is currently on hold. More information as plans develop.

## Help Needed!!

**Volunteers are needed in Branch 62:**

**Chaplain**  
**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.

## 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>

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## 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 an interest or comments.



# Branch 62 Annual Picnic June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022



## Abstract of Minutes of Branch Executive Committee (BEC)

Because of the picnic, the BEC did not meet in June.

### **Travel, continued from page 3.**

Our guide, Klay (and bus driver), took us out into the vineyard and explained some of the details of grape growing and winemaking. They have instituted some new techniques that allow them to grow the grapes with about half the water as was previously used. We then sampled a wine that came from these vines. Next, we were taken into the production area and sampled two wines from barrels because they had not completed their ageing. You could tell as the wines were not quite as smooth as the fully aged wines. That is when he explained that they use 3 kinds of Oak for the barrels. French is approximately \$1800 per barrel and American is \$1000 per barrel. Most people can tell the difference but which is better is a matter of taste. Later Klay indicated that most of that cost difference is in transportation costs. If you want to buy a depleted wine barrel, they cost \$50.

We finished up with the newest of the Rudy Hill Wines, a sweet dessert wine. They have just started offering a port dessert wine that was paired with chocolate. Both were superb. This was especially appropriate as Roy, Margaret and I are trying to schedule a trip to Portugal (Lisbon and Porto) and the Douro Valley (cruising on the Douro River) in the next year or so. This is the region where Port Wine was first produced and is still what the region is known for. This trip has been on my bucket list for quite a while and I am really looking forward to removing it from that list ASAP.

This is not my first time to do this tour and I enjoy it (and learn) each time. If anyone would enjoy doing this tour, I would be very happy to do it again. It takes a minimum of 8 people and the bus maximum is 14 people at a cost of \$45 per person. Usually, a couple of weeks' notice is all that is needed to schedule a tour. Please reach out to me if you are interested. Thanks. Jim Hohenshelt  
408-394-7226.



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