



Big Sir Report

Hello Branch 62 Sirs,

I am Heber Slusser and have been a member of SIR Branch 62 for 11 years and enjoyed every one of them. As your newly appointed Big Sir for 2023, I'm going to do my best to fulfill the duties of this office. But I'm depending on all of you to help. Following Big Sir 2022, Steve Burnham, will be a daunting task as he was well organized and a fabulous leader. I'm fortunate to have Mike Miller supporting me as Little Sir and Barry Boole as Little Sir Assistant in charge of lunches.

One of our most urgent tasks this year will be to find a place to hold our BEC meetings and luncheons. Holder's Country Inn has established a new facility on Wolfe Road since its long-standing restaurant burned down and we would like to transfer to the new place, if it can be made suitable. Our Venue Committee is actively continuing its research, looking for other possible alternates in order to keep our options open.

Our primary goal in 2023 will be to increase our ranks. Due to COVID, our demographics, and social trends, our Branch has atrophied dramatically. We need new blood! This will require the participation of all our members and I'm going to make this our collective goal for the year. Please reconsider all your contacts and children that may be interested in becoming a member of our fine organization.

I'm looking forward to being Big Sir for 2023 and hope that I can live up to your expectations.

Heber Slusser
Big Sir

January 2023

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.
(A Joint Meeting with Branch 54)

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

**Next Meeting
Thursday January 12, 2023
Social Hour 11 AM
Lunch 12 Noon**

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81733752578?pwd=WXZoSjJFTmxHUEY1a2FUR2ZsRko1Zz09>

Meeting ID: 817 3375 2578
Password: 673989

Lunch Ordering Information

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

Barry Boole
284 W. Eaglewood Ave.
Sunnyvale, CA 94085-3662
408-505-5670 (Leave a message)
bboole@aol.com

**Happy New Year!
2023**



OFFICERS

Big Sir	Heber Slusser	Asst. Secretary	Jim Hohenshelt
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Secretary	Bob Pastorino	Asst. Treasurer	Paul Goodwin

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COMMITTEES

Attendance	Tom Birley	Newsletter	John McGuire
Audit	Mel Waldman		John Dieckman
	Wally Anderson		
	Heber Slusser	Nominations	Phil Thomas
Bocce Ball	Wally Anderson		Heber Slusser
Book Swap	Lynn Grilley		
Bowling	Tom Birley	Photography	Bob Pasterino
	Phil Thomas	Program	John Dieckman
		Property	Henry Crossfield
		RAMP	
Bridge	John Dieckman	Chair	Jim Hohenshelt
Chaplain	none	Recruitment	Jeff Bautista
Poker		Activities	Volunteer Wanted
Condolence	Wally Anderson	Membership	Heber Slusser
Directory	Heber Slusser	Publicity	Heber Slusser
Fishing	Heber Slusser	Sir Logo Items	Phil Thomas
	Wally Anderson	Songster	Roger Falberg
Golf, 9 Hole	Tom Birley	Special Events	Tom Birley
	Dave Riopel		Bob Byers
Golf, 18 Hole	Paul Goodwin	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

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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!!..

Bocce and Cornhole

The past couples of months have been a little cold, but let's hope for nice weather in January.

The January outings are as follows: Thursday January 5, 2PM at Questa Park, Thursday January 19, 2PM at Almaden Lake Park.

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 the player tables.

John Dieckman – Bridge Publicist

18 Hole Golf

December golf is always difficult to get players out. Even when an inexpensive and centrally located course like Los Lagos is scheduled for 3 of the last 5 rounds of the year, we end up with fewer than 8 players. Personally, I find the course too difficult to play in wet conditions due to the steep inclines that must be traversed in order to get to the greens from the cart path. I would suggest the TCs avoid it during the wet season.

I will be initiating a cash-less method of handling the prize money at the course. This will allow the TCs to focus on getting ready to play as well as those who need to leave at the end of the round to do so and still collect their winnings. *Continued on page 3.*

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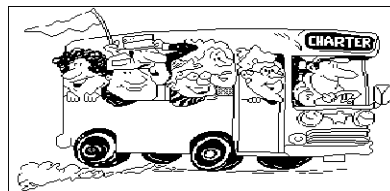
I want to thank the Tournament Coordinators (TCs) for doing a great job this year. They are Wally Anderson, Walt Marwitz, Rod Stafford, Robert Pastorino and Alice Goodwin. They each arranged tee times, collected player names and handled prize money at the course.

Season's Greetings from your Golf Chair. May your 2023 be full of fairway tee shots and rounds with less than 36 putts.

UPCOMING EVENTS – TC is Wally Anderson

Jan 3 – Spring Valley
Jan 9 – San Jose
Jan 16 – Monterey Pines
Jan 23 – Gilroy
Jan 30 - Baylands

Paul Goodwin – Golf Chair
408-480-4900
AWAYCHAIR9@HOTMAIL.COM



SIR TRAVEL – BRANCH 62

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

Assistant: Roy Jordan (408 735-8765)

jordan_roy_s@yahoo.com

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 June 19-23, 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 Birley, 9 Hole Golf Chairman

TIME TO PAY MEMBER DUES

Once again membership fees of \$20 are due January 15, 2023. Pay to Roger at the January meeting, or mail check ("SIR Branch 62") to:

Roger H. Falberg
751 Silver Pine Court
Sunnyvale, CA 94086

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 as of December 20th. Team 5 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	Nina Middaugh 267

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.

November Winners:

Birthday Award: Heber Slusser

Attendance Award: Bud Collinson

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

December Dinner-Dance

Attendance 30

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.

January Birthdays

Bud Collinson 14 th	Huey Moore 15 th
John Dieckman 21 st	Rick Simpson 6 th

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 December XX Branch Executive Committee
(BEC)**

Big Sir: Next Year's Big Sir Heber Slusser, opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Heber welcomed everyone to our Zoom BEC special meeting. Heber said the reason for the special meeting was to discuss returning to Holder's Country Inn at their new location for our Luncheons. A few of our board members have been there to talk to the manager and others to eat and see if it is a viable location. Heber said that there are only a couple of drawbacks that he was concerned about, the noise level and access entering the facility. Wally Anderson said that the manager said that they are going to soundproof the ceiling and install partitions to separate us from the regular customers. We still need to find out how they will address entering the restaurant while we are meeting. Wally said he and John Dieckman would meet again with them manager to get an update on fixing our concerns. On a motion by Wally Anderson and seconded by Mike Miller it was agreed upon that we will continue to meet next month at 3 Flames Restaurant with Branch 54 and revisit going back to Holder's at our January BEC meeting after we have received more information on Holder's fixing the noise level issue. We would like to get issues resolved so we can return there, starting with our February Luncheon. We also went over questions on needs for our luncheons and meetings.

Cost of Luncheon will remain at \$28.00

There is a ramp access for mobility challenged members.

Menu options will be the same as before, 4or 5 options to choose from.

There will be audio and video equipment provided including for Zoom.

There will be an area for our BEC meetings.

A table for purchasing tickets for luncheon.

Lectern/podium will be provided.

There is adequate parking there.



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