



Big Sir Report

My fellow Sirs:

We had our third meeting and luncheon at the Blue Pheasant Restaurant in Cupertino in April, with 19 members and 2 guests attending. The food and service were once again very good. We had a great presentation by two gentlemen from the Sunnyvale Water Department telling us of the sources and destinations of our water.

We plan to meet at the Blue Pheasant once again in May. There is some concern that the room is a bit crowded and may not be suitable as we continue to grow. We've been told there is nowhere to expand there. We do have a larger venue on the hunt, so stay tuned.

We will be returning to Ortega Park in June this year for our Ladies Day Picnic. Heber has once again volunteered to coordinate the event. It will require a lot of hands to make it successful, so please let Heber know how you can help.

On the recruiting front, the Branch 62 recruiters had a successful booth at the Sunnyvale Farmer's Market in April. We have one new member and one or two prospects from their efforts. Please volunteer to help if you have a Saturday morning time to give.

Our outdoor activities are now back into full swing. 18 Hole and 9 Hole Golf are now going strong, thanks to our coordinators Paul and Wally, those participating, and the great Spring weather.

In conclusion, a reminder that it's everyone's job to bring in new members to join us in our fun.

Regards,

Mike Miller
2024 Big Sir

May 2024

The ROOSTER

The Monthly Newsletter of
Sunnyvale Branch # 62

SONS IN RETIREMENT

**A Non-Profit Organization of Retired Men
Devoted to the Promotion of Independence and Dignity
in Retirement**

We meet on the 2nd Thursday of the month at:

Blue Pheasant Restaurant

**22100 Stevens Creek Blvd
Cupertino, CA 95014**

Next Meeting is Thursday May 9, 2024

Social Hour 11:30 AM Lunch 12:00

**Zoom Link: Zoom is available by request. Contact
Heber Slusser a few days in advance of the meeting.**

Lunch Ordering Information

Tickets are sold in advance of the monthly lunch. If 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, you must contact Bruce Edmundson via email or call him to indicate your intent to attend the luncheon. Payment (\$32) may be made at the door.

Bruce Edmundson

(If no answer, leave a message)

The May Menu is found on page 4.

OFFICERS

Big Sir	Mike Miller		
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Secretary	Bob Pastorino	Asst. Secretary	Wally Anderson
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John Dieckman	Steve Burnham	Jack Pettygrove	Heber Slusser
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COMMITTEES

Attendance	Tom Birley	Lunch Tickets	Roy Jordan
Audit	Mel Waldman	Membership	Bob Byers
	Wally Anderson	Newsletter	John McGuire
	Heber Slusser		John Dieckman
Awards	Bob Byers		Mike Miller
	Tom Birley	Nominations	Phil Thomas
	Mike Miller		Heber Slusser
Bocce Ball	Wally Anderson		John Dieckman
Book Swap	Lynn Grilley	Photographer	Bob Pastorino
Bowling	Tom Birley	Program	John Dieckman
	Phil Thomas		Bruce Edmundson
	Lynn Grilley	Property	Henry Crossfield
Bridge	John Dieckman	RAMP	
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Poker	Mel Waldman	Recruitment	Jeff Bautista
Condolence	Wally Anderson		Heber Slusser
Directory	Heber Slusser	Activities	Need Volunteer
	Mike Miller	Membership	Bob Byers
Fishing	Heber Slusser	Publicity	Heber Slusser
	Wally Anderson	SIR Logo Items	Phil Thomas
Golf, 9 Hole	Wally Anderson	Songster	Roger Falberg
		Special Events	Bob Byers
Golf, 18 Hole	Paul Goodwin	Sunshine	Wally Anderson
Greeter	Dave Riopel	Transportation	Need Volunteer
Guests & Visitors	Dave Riopel	Travel	Jim Hohenshelt
Historian	Wally Anderson		Roy Jordan
Humorist	Paul Goodwin	Wine Tasting	Dave Riopel

STATE OFFICERS

State President: Dale Decker

Area 11 Representative: Phil Thomas

SONS IN RETIREMENT, INCORPORATED

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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, so that Branch 62 may respond.

Rooster:

If you haven't received the "Rooster" by mail by the 10th of the month, call John McGuire. If you haven't received the "Rooster" by e-mail, let John McGuire know.

BE A SIR!!! BE COMMITTED!!

BE ACTIVE!!! HAVE FUN!!

Bocce and Cornhole

Bocce and Cornhole are currently on hold until Spring.

Wally Anderson, Bocce and Cornhole Coordinator

Bridge

We meet on the first and third Tuesdays at Roger Falberg's home, to play in person. On the other Tuesdays, we play online using the Bridge Base Online browser app.

We play every week on Tuesday at 1:30. Roger Falberg organizes the games for both the in person and online games. If you would like to play, let Roger Falberg know and he will work you into the game.

John Dieckman, Bridge Publicist

THE TOM CHATFIELD WALK

Roy Jordan

For May of 2024, the Tom Chatfield Walk will be on the second and fourth Fridays, May 10th and 24th. For this month **the walk will be through Central Park in Santa Clara**. The meeting place will be the parking lot on the east side of Kiely just north of Homestead at 9:30 AM. We will also keep the rain contingency of walking through the big Westfield Mall Valley Fair, accessible from Winchester just north of Stevens Creek. In this case meet near the entrance to Macy's Men's store. If you would like a nice walk on either of these days, or have questions, please contact Roy Jordan. You could just show up, but if you make contact beforehand, we can give detailed directions or let you know if we are using the rain contingency. **Walking is good for you.**

18 HOLE GOLF

Walt Marwitz – Golf Reporter



SIR 18 Hole Golf April Summary

We have just returned from an enjoyable day of golf at Santa Teresa Golf Course. The course was in excellent condition. The deer seemed content and the squirrels were hyperactive. This capped a month of double visits to the Spring Valley and San Jose Muni venues where pleasantly warm weather contributed to a congenial atmosphere for our group play.

As several members of the 18 Hole Group will be traveling out of state for the next few weeks, we will not be resuming play until May 13th at the Sunnyvale Golf Course. Then the plans are for Deep Cliff on the 20th, followed by Los Lagos on Wednesday, the 29th. We normally have a spot for any guests who wish to join us.

Walt Marwitz

May Birthdays

Bob Cheney	20 th
Henry Crossfield	18 th

A \$25 cash birthday award is drawn at our Monthly Luncheon Meeting. Birthday boys must be present on Zoom or in person to be eligible to receive the award. The April winner was Bobbie Byers.

BRANCH 62 TRAVEL

Chairman: Jim Hohenshelt

Assistant: Roy Jordan

Columbia and Snake River Cruise

April 28 – May 6, 2024

When this “Rooster” comes out, fourteen of us will be on this trip. Hope for good weather.

State SIR – Prague to Budapest

Nov. 6 - 20, 2024

(We recently checked with State SIR travel chairman Milt Smith and there are still openings on this trip.) State SIR has organized a Grand Circle overland trip and river cruise from Prague to Budapest. The trip features Prague, Cesky Krumlov, Linz, Wachau Valley, Vienna, Bratislava and Budapest. Prices range from \$3195 to \$3995 pp/dbl. occ. depending on cabin, plus \$1100 air from SFO. Single Supplement is \$795. Pre-trips are available to Dresden & Berlin (\$995) and Warsaw & Krakow (\$1095) and a post trip in Budapest (\$745). Contact Milt Smith at (925) 258-2897 or miltsmith549@gmail.com for information and to sign up. Contact Roy for more information or see our web site - link below.

Check our web site for up-to-date travel information, including trips from other branches - SF to Alaska cruise (May-June) & Spain + Portugal (Apr-May)

www.branch62.sirinc2.org/Travel/Travel.php

SIR Bowling

President Tom Birley **Vice President** Phil Thomas **Publicist** Lynn Grilley



After week #6 of the 4th quarter, Team #4 is in 1st place with 18 wins and 6 losses. Team #5 is in 2nd place with 17 wins and 7 losses.

There were no changes in the individual scores.

Team #4 bowlers are Nina Middaugh, Pat Hutton and Phil Thomas.

Team #5 bowlers are Eleanor Barrett, Donna Diehl, and Steve Bishop.

Season High Scores are listed below.

	MEN	WOMEN
Scratch Series	Steve Bishop 650	Pat Hutton 517
Scratch Game	Lynn Grilley 237	Pat Hutton 190
Handicap Series	Jay Mark 696	Ruth Pettygrove 680
Handicap Game	Jack Pettygrove 262	Helen Rossler 256

Check the Branch 62 Bowling website for current team standings:

May Report

Membership 39
Meeting Attendance 19
Guests 2
New Members 0

May Guest Speaker

Our May guest speaker is J. Cambell Scott. The topic is climate change.

Wine Tasting

We will have a wine tasting event in the near future. Watch for an announcement in your email.

Dave Riopel – Wine Publicist

Branch 62 Web Site

Have you visited our web site lately?
Want to read the joke from the luncheon?
Forgot the luncheon's speaker details?
Want to read back issues of the Rooster?
Read meeting minutes and Treasurer Reports?

Get all of this and more on our Web Site at:
<https://sirinc2.org/branch62/index.php>

Annual June Picnic

Join us for an exciting day out at this year's SIR Branch 62 picnic, happening on June 13 at Ortega Park in Sunnyvale. The cost per person is \$32, which can be conveniently paid at the May luncheon or upon arrival at the picnic if you've already RSVPed. Get ready for a delightful spread of food and great camaraderie. Volunteers are the backbone of our event. If you're interested in lending a hand, please reach out to Heber Slusser.

May Menu

Pasta Primavera Shrimp Louis Salad
Breast of Chicken Roasted Sirloin of Beef

SUNNYVALE BRANCH 62
Abstract of the Minutes
BRANCH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Held on April 4th on a Zoom call

Big Sir: Mike Miller: Opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mike welcomed everyone to our Zoom Call. Mike apologized for the short notice. Mike said we need to move the B.E.C. meetings to Zoom calls while we are at the Blue Pheasant because they do not open till 11:00, and in order to have a full hour for socializing, we need to have Zoom meetings a week before, on the first Thursday of the month. After some discussion it was agreed upon. Mike said that the Luncheon committee were going to go to the Black Bear Diner in Sunnyvale to see if it is a viable place for our Luncheon and meetings.

Old Business: Bob Byers: *Wally Anderson has secured a second spot at Ortega Park in Sunnyvale for our annual Summer Picnic. It will be held on Thursday June 13th*

Other New Business: *Mike said Heber Slusser will take the lead at the June Picnic and will be looking for volunteers to help with the picnic. We are going to the De Anza Flea Market this weekend. Wally spoke to two people who signed up at Sunnyvale Farmer's Market, about coming to our luncheon.*



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