



Big Sir Report

My fellow Sirs:

As we begin another year, it is my privilege to be your Big Sir this year. Many thanks to Mike Miller for his service in 2024; I hope to follow in the footsteps of Mike and the others that served previously. Thank you also to John Dieckman for stepping up as Little Sir this year, and for all of those that are serving as officers and leaders of Branch 62 in 2025.

We had a fine dinner at the Blue Pheasant last month with 30 attendees. Thank you all for supporting this fine event. We will continue to have our lunch meetings at the Black Bear Diner, which has been a great place to meet.

A bit of introduction is in order. I am a retired engineer, having worked for National Semiconductor for over 36 years as an engineer, mostly working on various engineering-related software projects. At the same time, I have been involved with various non-profit organizations as a board member, bookkeeper, and officer since 1978. The group that I have been with the longest is the Northern California Bluegrass Society, which promotes bluegrass music and

puts on a small festival every August. I grew up in Southern California near Pasadena, graduated from both Claremont Men's College and Stanford University, and lived in Mountain View for 40 years before moving to Sunnyvale in 2014. I joined SIR in 2021, shortly after my wife of 38 years passed away.

My major focus in SIR is on the lunch meetings, but I will support those of you that are active in the various activities. I hope that we can continue the progress in membership growth that was started in 2024. We didn't quite get to last year's goal of 50 members, but we are well on the way and should reach that milestone in 2025. We can reach this goal if all of the members help with recruitment. I have enjoyed working with the BEC and ask that you continue to support me and the leaders of Branch 62.

Regards,
Bruce Edmundson
Big Sir for 2025

January 2025

The ROOSTER

The Monthly Newsletter of
Sunnyvale Branch # 62

SONS IN RETIREMENT

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

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

Black Bear Diner

415 E El Camino Real

Sunnyvale, CA 94087

Social Hour 11:00 AM Lunch 12:00

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

January Lunch Ordering Info

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. Whether you purchase an advanced ticket or not, you must contact John Dieckman via email or call him to indicate your intent to attend, menu choice, and how you will pay for your luncheon. Payment (\$32) may be made at the door.

John Dieckman

Call (Leave a message)

Or email John

The January Menu is found on page 3.

OFFICERS

Big Sir	Bruce Edmundson		
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Secretary	Wally Anderson	Asst. Secretary	John Dieckman
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	Wally Anderson	Special Events	N eed Volunteer
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Golf, 18 Hole	Walt Marwitz	Transportation	Roy Jordan
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Humorist	Paul Goodwin	Webmaster	

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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 Dieckman. If you haven't received the "Rooster" by e-mail, let John know.

BE A SIR!!! BE COMMITTED!!

BE ACTIVE!!! HAVE FUN!!

Bocce and Cornhole

We are currently on hold. If enough members are interested, we can start up again.

Wally Anderson, Coordinator

Bridge

We meet on the first and third Tuesdays at Roger Falberg's home in Sunnyvale 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



Five sunny day walkers on Dec 20th

The first Tom Chatfield walks for the new year will be on the second and fourth Fridays in January, the 10th and 24th. For January we plan to explore a new location, the **Sunnyvale Baylands Park**, off Caribbean Drive just north of Hwy 237. To get to the meeting place go north on Lawrence Expressway, cross Hwy 237 and turn right on Moffett Park Drive into the parking lot, then right again to where we'll meet at 9:30. During the winter, parking is free (there is a charge during the summer).

Walking is good for you.

18 Hole Golf

For many years, Paul Goodwin has guided the 18 Hole Golf Group as Tournament Chairman and we all greatly appreciate the efforts he undertook to make our weekly golf outings enjoyable. As Paul has since relinquished this role, I have been asked to step up as his replacement for 2025. However, recognizing that I would not be capable of duplicating his zeal and software command, our members have suggested a simpler format for our outings. We will no longer utilize the expensive Golf Genius software program for printing scorecards and tracking handicaps. Each member will post his own scores to the NCGA app after each round. Tournament winners will be determined by simply subtracting course handicaps (which I will provide) from the gross score. Annual membership dues are to be paid directly to the NCGA.

Members will be still asked to voluntarily chair tournaments for a month or more during the year as in the past. Wally Anderson will be responsible for conducting the tournaments in January and has selected the following venues for play: 01/06 San Jose Muni; 01/13 Spring Valley; 01/20 Santa Teresa and 01/27 Monterey Pines. Paul Cole has volunteered to conduct the February tournaments, and I will follow for March. I would appreciate the 18 Hole Golf members contacting me, Walt Marwitz, with your preferred monthly selection.

Branch 62 Travel

Chairman: Jim Hohenshelt

Assistant: Roy Jordan

The Douro River: Lisbon to Porto November 7 to 17, 2025

Jim, wife Margaret, and Roy have signed up for this trip, and we want to see if there is enough interest to make it a SIR trip. This trip begins with a visit to historic Lisbon, then goes to Porto, and a cruise up and down the especially scenic Douro River, with a visit across the border to Salamanca, Spain. The prices will range from about \$5145 to \$6745 pp/dbl. occ. including air fare. There is a pre-trip extension to Cascais and Tomar for \$1495 pp and a post trip to Santiago (in Spain) and Braga for \$1395 pp. Anyone interested in a single, note that Roy has a single, but we might be able to arrange sharing a cabin.

Romance of the Rhine & Mosel River Cruise July 6 – July 21, 2025

There are still two of us planning to take this cruise, but we need more travelers to keep it as a SIR trip. The cruise begins in Basel, Switzerland and goes down the Rhine and Mosel Rivers to Antwerp, Belgium, passing by many fine castles, towns and sights. Prices (pp. double occupancy, including air) range from \$6345 to \$7645. Single supplement is \$895. Pre-trip and post-trip are available.

January Menu

Taco Salad

Turkey Club Sandwich

Reuben Sandwich

Parmesan Sourdough Cheeseburger

SIR Bowling

President
Tom Birley

Vice President
Phil Thomas

Publicist
Lynn Grilley



After 3 weeks of the 2nd quarter team 2 is still in 1st place.

Team 2: Marlys Byers/Bobbie Byers/Helen Rossler

Individual High Scores are listed below.

	MEN	WOMEN
Scratch Series	Steve Bishop 647	Pat Hutton 517
Scratch Game	Lynn Grilley 225	Donna Diehl 190
Handicap Series	Armond King 675	Helen Rossler 701
Handicap Game	Jack Pettygrove 246	Ruth Pettygrove 262

Check the Branch 62 Bowling website for current team standings:

<https://sirinc2.org/branch62/Bowling/Bowling.php>

Lynn Grilley

January Birthdays

Marlys Byers 24th John Dieckman 21st
Hugh Moore 15th Tim Rohm 13th

A \$25 cash birthday award is drawn at our Monthly Luncheon Meeting. Birthday boys and girls must be present in person or on Zoom to be eligible to receive the award.

No December birthdays

January Guest Speaker

Mr. Mike Lynch has written a book about the famous escape from Alcatraz and will present details of that escape and what has happened since.

Wine Tasting

We hope to have an event in Spring of 2025. Watch for an announcement in your email.

Dave Riopel – Wine Publicist

Recruiting

There is no formal recruiting event planned this month. However, you are encouraged to do your own recruiting. There are friends, family and neighbors who would benefit from one or more of our activities. Maybe there's someone looking to expand their social life. You'll never know unless you ask!

9 Hole Golf

Wally Anderson

We continue to play 9 holes of golf on alternate Wednesday mornings at either Sunken Gardens or Blackberry Farm Golf Courses. We always have a great time, and will always make room for anyone who would like to join us. The tee-times are around 10 am and we are done by noon, in time for a nice lunch. The restaurants are Blue Pheasant at Blackberry Farm, and the Old Greenwood BBQ at Sunken Gardens.

We play every Wednesday.

Contact Wally to get on the mailing list.

December Membership Report

Active Members	45
New Members	0
Inactive Members	0
Members Lost	1
Members Pending	4
Dinner Attendance:	
Members:	17
Guests:	13

Poker

Mel Waldman is running the friendly poker table following our luncheons at the Black Bear Diner.

Chip buy-in is \$5.00 at the beginning of the game.

Bets are between \$.05 to \$.25 with a maximum of three raises on any one betting sequence. Games played are dealer's choice with the exception of no wild card games and no high-low split pots.

There are more details on our website.

Branch 62 Website:

<https://sirinc2.org/branch62/index.php>

George Center

November 11, 1922 – December 11, 2024



George Center November 11, 1922 – December 11, 2024 We will miss you! It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of a beloved member of our branch, George Center, who departed this world on December 11th, 2024, at the age of 102. George fell Wednesday night and broke his leg and was in the hospital Thursday having surgery when his heart stopped. He was a member of SIR Branch 62 for 29 years and was an active bowler for most of that time. He will be sorely missed.



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