



Big SIR Report

My fellow SIRs,

Our lunch meeting at the Black Bear Diner had an interesting presentation from the Sunnyvale Senior Center and the information should be on our website soon for those that were not able to attend. In March, we will have a talk about Health Through Outdoor Education; this should have useful information for our members.

In March, our recruitment chair, Heber Slusser, expects to restart our presence at the Sunnyvale Farmer's Market (probably on March 22 & 29). We will need some volunteers to help man the booth. Contact Heber if you are interested in helping out.

Spring will arrive this month, so we should be able to take advantage of the warmer weather to get the outdoor activities back in action.

Regards,
Bruce Edmundson
Big SIR

March 2025

The ROOSTER

The Monthly Newsletter of
Sunnyvale Branch # 62

SIR is

**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.**

March Lunch Ordering Info

Tickets are sold in advance of the monthly lunch. If possible, please buy your lunch ticket at the luncheon 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.

March Lunch Menu

1. *Chicken Cobb Salad*
2. *Open Faced Hot Turkey Sandwich*
3. *Tri Tip Dip*
4. *Bacon and Cheddar Burger*

(See [SIR Luncheons](#) for detailed descriptions).

Branch Officers

Big SIR Bruce Edmundson
Little SIR John Dieckman
Secretary Lynn Grilley Asst. Secretary John Dieckman
Treasurer Jim Hohenshelt Asst. Treasurer *Need Volunteer*

Board of Directors

Steve Burnham Jack Pettygrove Heber Slusser Mike Miller
Dave Riopel

Committees

Attendance	Tom Birley	Newsletter	John Dieckman
Audit	Mel Waldman		Dina Anderson
	Wally Anderson		Mike Miller
	Heber Slusser	Nominations	Wally Anderson
Awards	Bob Byers		Heber Slusser
	Tom Birley		John Dieckman
	Mike Miller	Photographer	Mike Miller
	Heber Slusser	Poker	Mel Waldman
Bocce Ball	Jeff Bautista	Program	Heber Slusser
Book Swap	Lynn Grilley	Property	Henry Crossfield
Bowling	Tom Birley	RAMP Chair	Jim Hohenshelt
	Phil Thomas	Recruitment	Jeff Bautista
	Lynn Grilley		Heber Slusser
Bridge	John Dieckman	Activities	<i>Need Volunteer</i>
Condolence	Wally Anderson	Membership	Wally Anderson
Chaplain	Mike Miller	Publicity	Heber Slusser
Directory	Heber Slusser	SIR Logo Items	Phil Thomas
	Mike Miller	Songster	<i>Need Volunteer</i>
Fishing	Heber Slusser	Special Events	Bob Byers
	Wally Anderson	Sunshine	Wally Anderson
Golf, 9 Hole	Wally Anderson	Transportation	<i>Need Volunteer</i>
Golf, 18 Hole	Walt Marwitz	Travel	Jim Hohenshelt
Greeter	Dave Riopel		Roy Jordan
Guest-Visitor	Dave Riopel	Wine Tasting	Dave Riopel
Health/Safety	<i>Need Volunteer</i>	Webmaster	Mike Miller
Historian	Wally Anderson		
Humorist	Paul Goodwin		
Lunch Tickets	Roy Jordan		
Membership	Wally Anderson		

State Officers

State President: Rich Carlston

Area 11 Representative: Phil Thomas

Sick Call & Condolence: Please report illnesses or the passing of any Branch 62 Member to the Sunshine Committee: Wally Anderson, so that we may respond.

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

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BE A SIR!!.. BE COMMITTED!!

BE ACTIVE!!.. HAVE FUN!!

Bocce and Cornhole

Wally Anderson

Jeff Bautista has volunteered to be the chairman of Bocce and Cornhole for Branch 62. Jeff will set a schedule and locations as the weather gets better. Thank you very much Jeff!

Bridge

John Dieckman

Until now, bridge has been based at Roger Falberg's home. Roger passed away in January, so that is no longer possible. Our bridge players need to meet and discuss how to keep bridge active in our branch.

The Tom Chatfield Walk

Roy Jordan

For March, the walks will explore a different environment. The City of Sunnyvale has published four maps of walking routes through the city that explore outdoor artworks and other points of interest. We will walk these tours, starting with the first walk on Friday, March 14th (the second Friday, the day after the March luncheon). We'll meet in front of the Sunnyvale Library at the northeast corner of Olive and Pastoria Avenue at our usual meeting time of 9:30 AM for a 2.3 mile walk. The second walk will be on the fourth Friday, March 28, the location has not yet been decided. In case of rain either walk will be delayed by a week.

If you are interested in a nice walk, contact Roy Jordan. Roy has a list of 6 walkers he sends reminders to and informs them of changes, rain contingencies, etc. We can add you to the list.

Walking is good for you!

See the photo on p.5.

18 Hole Golf

Walt Marwitz



After playing Monterey Pines on January 27th, the 18 Hole Golf folks, led by February's TC Paul Cole, stayed local for the following Monday at San Jose Muni. Clear skies and mild temperatures compensated for the several balls that decided to go their own way during our round at Deep Cliff in Cupertino on February 10th. Unfortunately, the weather at Spring Valley in Milpitas during our next outing turned wet and our soggy golfers surrendered to Mother Nature before completing the round. Overall, the weather has been mostly accommodating throughout the month, allowing us to enjoy the camaraderie and competition within the group.

We plan on finishing February at Santa Teresa Golf Course. Then I will be taking our group in March to Sunnyvale, Coyote Creek, San Jose Muni, Spring Valley and Crystal Springs in Burlingame.



Branch 62 Travel

Chairman: Jim Hohenshelt Assistant: Roy Jordan

Ruby Hill Winery – March 29, 2025

There are still spaces available for our trip to the Ruby Hill winery. This is a little higher level trip than our past ones, including tasting of higher end wines and snacks and a more elaborate tour of the vineyards in perhaps a more luxurious vehicle than the ex-Grateful Dead bus used on the last tour. To keep it simple and lower cost, we plan to drive to the winery, perhaps arranging carpools. The price is \$60 (higher end wines and tour). **More information and an opportunity to sign up at the March luncheon. or contact Jim after March 2nd.** There are pictures from a previous visit on our web site under Travel.

Romance of the Rhine & Mosel River Cruise

July 6 – July 21, 2025

Two of us are planning to take this cruise but we may 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, including air) range from \$6345 to \$7645. Single supplements are \$895. Pre-trip and post trip are available. If interested please contact Roy.

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. The 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. For more details, questions and to indicate interest, please contact Jim or Roy.

SIR Bowling

President
Tom Birley

Vice President
Phil Thomas

Publicist
Lynn Grilley



Individual High Scores as of February 25th are listed below.

	MEN	WOMEN
Scratch Series	Steve Bishop 647	Pat Hutton 517
Scratch Game	Lynn Grilley 266	Donna Diehl 190
Handicap Series	Phil Thomas 678	Helen Rossler 701
Handicap Game	Don Paulson 253	Ruth Pettygrove 262

The 3rd quarter has ended and team #5 won a very competitive quarter. There was only a four-game difference between 1st and 5th place. Next week is the start of the 4th and final quarter.

Check the website for current team standings:

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

Lynn Grilley

Bowlers Needed!

We have several vacancies. Contact Tom, Phil, or Lynn if you're interested in joining our fun league.

March Guest Speaker

Dr. Anne Ferguson represents the Bay Area Older Adults organization and will describe what **Health Through Outdoor Education** does and why it is synergistic with SIR Branch 62.

Wine Tasting

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

Dave Riopel – Wine Publicist

Recruiting Event – Need Helpers

We will be at the Sunnyvale Farmer's Market on a few Saturdays in March. Volunteers are needed to help man our booth. Please let Heber Slusser know if you can help.

9 Hole Golf

Wally Anderson

We continue to play 9 holes of golf at alternate Wednesday mornings at either Sunken Gardens or Blackberry Farms Golf Courses even with the chilly morning weather. We always have a great time and will always make room for anyone that would like to join us. The tee-times are around 10 am. We are usually done by noon in time for a nice lunch. The restaurants are the Blue Pheasant at Blackberry Farm, and the Old Greenwood BBQ at Sunken Gardens. This past Wednesday, Feb 12th, two brave souls (Paul and Alice Goodwin) were the only two golfers on a rain soaked course at Sunken Gardens. They claim to have had a great time. Really??

We play all year on every Wednesday.
Contact Wally to get on the mailing list.

February 2025 Statistics

Active Members	45
New Members	1
Inactive Members	0
Members Pending	3
Members Lost	2

Poker

Mel Waldman

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 the 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>

SIR State Newsletter:

[The Rooster Crows](#)

Help Needed

We have several positions open within Branch 62. This is a good opportunity for you to contribute to the success of our Branch.

Here's a list of open positions that need your help:

- [Assistant Treasurer](#)
- [Songster](#)
- [Activities Coordinator](#)
- [Transportation](#)
- [Health & Safety](#)

Please contact Big SIR Bruce Edmundson if you are ready to take on one of these important positions. Click on the job title to view the job description.

March Birthdays

Roy Jordan 17th Wally Anderson 19th
Ken Kawakami 20th

A \$25 cash birthday award is drawn at our monthly Luncheon Meeting. Birthday boys and girls must be present or on Zoom to be eligible to receive the award. The February birthday winner was Tom Birley.



SIR walkers pause before a map of the Sunnyvale Baylands Park on February 21st.

L to R: Mohammed, Felix, Walt, Roy, and Heber.

BRANCH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Location: Black Bear Diner

February 13, 2025

Officers in Attendance:

Big Sir: Bruce Edmundson

Little Sir: John Dieckman

Secretary: Wally Anderson

Ass/t Sec: John Dieckman

Treasurer: Jim Hohenshelt

Directors Present:

John Dieckman

Dave Riopel

Heber Slusser

Steve Burnham

Mike Miller

Area representative:

Phil Thomas

Committee Chairs:

Membership: Wally Anderson

Newsletter: John Dieckman

Golf: Paul Goodwin

Bowling: Lynn Grilley

Travel: Roy Jordan

Directors Absent:

None

Big Sir: Bruce Edmundson: Bruce raised the issue of membership. After discussion among the BEC members, a motion was made by Wally Anderson to approve the membership of women for SIR Branch 62. The motion was seconded by Dave Riopel and approved by all members of the board.

Membership: Wally Anderson: Mohammed Darwish and Natalie Slusser are waiting a formal induction at a Branch 62 Luncheon. Kenneth Wright has completed an application form but has not responded to inquiries regarding attendance at a meeting.

Treasurer Jim Hohenshelt: Jim indicated that the club had \$4915 at the end of January. Of that, \$2114 was for the SIR Golf account. Jim indicated that the search for a new bank for Branch 62 was on hold for the near term as he has a large number of checks to be used and would prefer to use these up before switching banks. There was a discussion about using

a Credit Union, however most Credit Unions will not work with non-profits. Jim said he would be collecting 2025 dues from members.

Recruiting: Heber Slusser: A recruiting event will take place at the Sunnyvale Farmers Market in March. The date will depend upon the weather. Volunteers are needed to make a recruiting presentation at the Chateau Cupertino. Wally Anderson and Dave Riopel volunteered. Heber suggested a formal presentation be prepared prior to the presentation.

General Discussion / Issues: Little SIR John Dieckman said he thought the Black Bear Server issue had been resolved. Phil Thomas (Area Representative) said that Form 65 needed to be sent into the state, and he had completed this task. Heber Slusser managed to recruit two of our current members to fill positions for Branch 62 officers. Felix Sy will be the new Assistant Treasurer. Lynn Grilley will take over as the Branch Secretary.

Speaker Reports: Heber Slusser: The speaker for this meeting is Trenton Hill. Mr. Hill is the Recreation Services Manager of the Sunnyvale Community Center.

Travel: Jim Hohenshelt: The Ruby Hill winery tour has been scheduled for March 29, and he has seven people signed up. There is room for five more on this tour.

Wally Anderson suggested a series of monthly day trips and we needed a coordinator. Jim Hohenshelt volunteered to be the coordinator but asked for a list of ideas to start the process. Wally agreed to send a list to Jim.

Phil Thomas suggested that our branch resumes going to different ethnic restaurants, noting that this started several years ago and was successful.

The BEC Meeting was adjourned by Big Sir Bruce Edmundson.



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