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BRANCH # 62**



The ROOSTER

The Monthly Bulletin of
Sunnyvale Branch #62

Meets on the third Thursday of the month
Sunnyvale Elks Lodge
375 N. Pastoria

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

March 2013

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ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS

If you do not attend three (3) consecutive meetings without a suitable excuse, or if you fail to attend seven (7) meetings within the last twelve (12) months, you may be dropped from the membership. The latter rule applies even though you may have reported your absences to the Attendance Committee. You can attend another Branch's Luncheon as a make up for missing our Luncheon

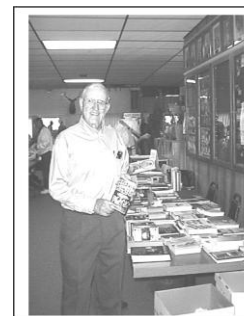
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**MONTHLY ATTENDANCE REPORT
 SUNNYVALE BRANCH 62 SONS IN RETIREMENT
 MEMBERSHIP FOR FEBRUARY 21, 2013**

ATTENDING	71
GUESTS.....	02
TRANSFERRED IN.....	00
TRANSFERRED OUT (PAST MONTH).....	00
RESIGNED.....	00
DECEASED.....	00
INACTIVE.....	10
RETURNED FROM INACTIVE	00
INDUCTED THIS MONTH	00
MEMBERS IN PROCESS.....	01
MEMBERSHIP.....	109

BOOK SWAP



Recycle those books that you have enjoyed. Bring them to the luncheon and place them on the table at the entrance. Help yourself to one or two and enjoy! We would appreciate any "Large Print" books you may have.

Happy Reading!

SPEAKER PROGRAM

Our Speaker for March 21, 2013 is Bob Walker. He is a marketing consultant for the ADS Wine Family. Prior to joining the ADS Team, he held senior marketing and sales positions at the Wine Group, Inc., E & J Gallo, and a well known chain of fine wine and spirits stores. He also is the owner of a wine exporting company, R.W.Wines, LLC. The title of his presentation is "Fine Wine and the Wine Industry!"

FUTURE SPEAKERS:

Apr. 18th- Wendy Lynn—"Physical Balance Among Seniors"

May 16th- Mary Jane Hodges—"Successful Aging/Wellness and How Senior Housing Plays a Part"

Travel (continued from page 6)

Rhone American (WWII) Cemetery. At Arles, we board the Grand Circle 5-star rated cruise ship "Provence," and after touring Arles, we depart for an 8-day (7-night) cruise of the Rhone and Saone Rivers, with stops, day tours, and free time in Avignon, Viviers, Lyon, and Macon, also with overnight stops in Tournon and Trevoux. After disembarking in Macon, we board a bus for Paris, with a stop and walking tour in Beaune en route. We have three nights in Paris at the Moderate First Class Novotel Paris Eiffel Tower (or similar) hotel. Our stay in Paris includes a panoramic tour, passing by the Champs Elysees, Eiffel Tower, Cathedral of Notre Dame and other landmarks, and a guided tour of Versailles. Another day will feature an optional tour of the Louvre and a half day free. The cost is approximately \$4510 to \$5210 pp/dbl occ. (depending on the cabin category), including air fare, transfers, accommodations, taxes, cruise meals, and breakfasts, Paris and Versailles tours. For those wanting to explore further, there may be an optional extensions in Nice (3 days) for \$645 and Paris for about \$695.

We are considering the following trips: Please contact Jim or Roy to help us determine which ones to pursue:

Palm Springs Follies, Branch 21 is going to the Follies and the Rose Parade the end of this year. Brochure out soon.

Edna Valley Wine Trip and Hearst Castle— a day at Hearst Castle followed by a couple of days in the Edna Valley Wine Region

Los Angeles Air Museum – new home of the last space shuttle and the SS Iowa

Cache Creek Casino- a day trip to Cache Creek Casino to get in a little gambling. Probably in May or June.

Luncheon Menu

For March 21, 2013



Corned Beef & Cabbage or Shrimp Salad

Free Beer!!

Ordering Salad:

Call Mal Hopkins by 6PM Sunday before the meeting.

Permanent Salad List:

If you are on this list, you must call if you will NOT attend the luncheon by 6PM Sunday before the meeting. If you fail to call two consecutive times you will be taken off the list.

All salads are made to order.

Attendance:

If you cannot attend a luncheon, you must call Mal Hopkins, no later than 6PM Sunday before the meeting.

Mal Hopkins, 408 720-0849 or rothmary@comcast.net.

Sick Call:

Please report illnesses of any Branch 62 member to the Sunshine Committee: Mal Hopkins, (408) 720-0849.

Rooster:

If you do not receive 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!!..

From Our Acting Big Sir Phil Thomas

Well fellow Sirs. I bet you thought you had heard the last of me but here I am back for one last hurrah.

This was a momentous meeting for the month of February. I was finally able to get our State SIR President, Rich Dettmer, to attend and award Tom Birley the prestigious Honorary Lifetime Member Certificate. Congratulations Tom, I believe you are deserving! Also, in attendance we had our Area Governor, Gene Elliott, who handed out three Senior SIR awards to: George Center, Jack Martin and Ralph Robinson. Congratulations to them and keep doing what you do to stay young. Next month Jay Smolik, if he is able to attend, will also be awarded the Senior SIR Certificate.

Sad to say, there were no guests at our meeting and no new members to induct. We need new blood in our organization to stay alive and well. I would like to paraphrase what our Big SIR, Harvey McAninch, wrote to you in the last newsletter: "There's money to be won by bringing a guest to our meeting and significant monetary reward if that person becomes a member." To prime the pump, Harvey is donating his money to a drawing to be held twice a year for those who bring new members into our fold. There have been rumors up to \$50 can be won by the lucky member whose number is drawn from the pot. His goal is 15 per cent increase in membership so let's do what we can.

New Membership Directories were handed out at the last meeting but if you were not in attendance you should be able to pick one up at the March meeting. Once again there were not a lot of new faces in the book so let's change that.

Don't forget that we have two new activities at our Branch: Bridge and Wine Tasting. I was contacted by a Sir from a San Jose Branch saying that he has a member who is willing to help us start up a Bocce Ball group. For those interested please see me at the March meeting.

As my parting statement I would like to, as always, challenge all members to bring one person to our meeting this year. We will all be rewarded by the induction of new members into our branch. The more members, the more camaraderie and fun we will have.

See you all at the March meeting.

Your Acting Big Sir for February,

Phil Thomas

The Statesmen SIR Bowling

<u>President</u>	<u>Vice President</u>	<u>Secretary</u>	<u>Treasurer</u>
Harvey McAninch (408) 984-5305	Jim Long (408) 735-9362	Dave Jeong (650) 493-9132	Leon Kowaleski (408) 446-1129



The second part of a three part winter league finished on February 12th. The Diplomats (Team 5) have placed in the top spot. The bowlers on Team 5 are: Sherm Owens, Bobby Byers, and Phil Thomas. The Judges (Team 9) are in second place, just 3 games behind. The Chiefs (Team 3) are in third place, 4 games behind the Diplomats.

Top Scores for the Season

Scratch Series: 792 Steve Bishop; 664 Lee Wriglesworth
Scratch Game: 267 Tom Birley; 246 Bob Byers
Handicap Series: 862 Phil Rossignol; 844 Sherm Owens
Handicap Game: 332 Harold Thiede; 306 Marvin Hirschel

We still need more Bowlers, Don't sit at home; come on down to Homestead Lanes. If you are unable to bowl, we welcome you to visit us and fellowship with us. The coffee pot is always on.



REMINDER

Daylight Savings
Time begins on
Sunday, March 10th.
Set your clocks
ahead one hour!!!

SIR Branch 62 Eighteen Hole Golf

Weather continues to be favorable so that Richard Pope has not had to cancel too many rounds. Remember to call the course if there are questionable conditions – rain, snow, sleet, frost, hail...

A brief note on the technical side. Now that we have our INDEX, where does the handicap come in? As you know, some courses are tougher than others. Sunnyvale Muni is a “normal” course with a slope of 114 from the white tees. The slope at the Ranch is 150 from the black tees. Deep Cliff is 92 from the blue tees. There are two ways to get your handicap. Tables are published in the Blue book, at the course, and elsewhere. Enter the table for the slope you are playing and next to your index is the handicap. Or you can calculate it – $\text{Handicap} = \text{index} \times \text{slope} / 113$ rounded to a whole number. There you have it!

Mel Waldman is running March and yours truly will run April. I will be trying some courses we don't play much as group, but I think they relieve the boredom of the ho-hum flat courses.

Next Tournament Coordinators

MAR MEL WALDMAN – (408) 532-1814

APRIL PAUL GOODWIN (408) 739-5254

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAR 4 SAN JOSE

MAR 11 SANTA TERESA

MAR 18 SANTA CLARA

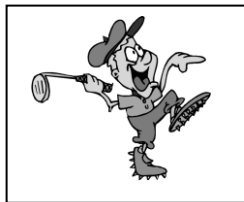
MAR 25 SUNNYVALE or

MOFFETT REGIONAL 8:30 SHOTGUN

Paul Goodwin 408-739-5254

867 Trenton Dr, Sunnyvale, 94087

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February Luncheon Awards Ceremony



SIR State President Rich Dettmer presents Tom Birley a certificate awarding him the title “Honorary Life Member”. Dottie Birley presented Tom with a pin recognizing his new rank in the SIR Organization.



SIR Area Governor Gene Elliott presented Senior Sir Certificates acknowledging achievement of their 90th birthday to (left to right) George Center, Ralph Robinson, and Jack Martin.

ROOSTER E-MAIL UPDATE

If you are receiving the print edition of the Rooster but would prefer the email edition, please send your email address to John McGuire at jpmcguiresr@aol.com.

Because of the increased e-mail subscriptions, we have less frequent need for the Bucket Brigade Collections at our meetings. Congratulations!

R & B 9 HOLE GOLF
Henry Crossfield / Tom Birley-Co Chairmen

“Relax? How can anybody relax and play golf? You have to grip the club, don’t you?”..... Ben Hogan

Golfing opportunities were cancelled by frost on December 19th, January 2nd and 16th, February 6th, 13th and 20th. A Boxing Day cancellation occurred on December 26th.

January 9, 2013

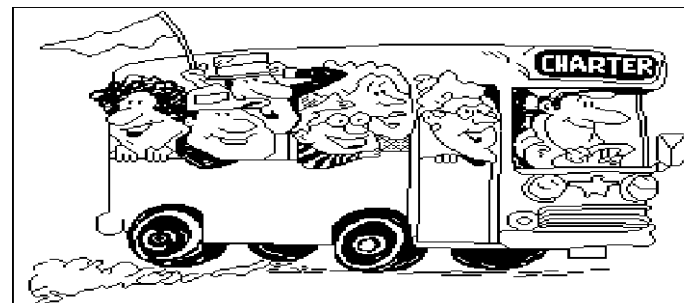
CTP: Alex Fremling 9’-2”
 1st Low Net: Ken Clark 26; 2nd Low Net: Vern Miller 28
 Chip-In: Vern Miller
 10 Hardy Souls played.

January 23, 2013

CTP: John Parker 11’-7”
 1st Low Net: John Parker 18; 2nd Low Net: John Howard 25
 Chip-In: John Howard
 11 Hardy Souls played.

January 29, 2013

CTP: Ken Clark 33’-6”
 1st Low Net: John Parker 21; 2nd Low Net: Ken Clark 25
 Birdies & Chip-Ins: Gene Bunzel (2), Fred Carlson
 12 Players on a Spring-like day.



SIR TRAVEL - BRANCH 62

Escorts: Jim Hohenshelt (408-394-7226 or 408-241-4421) and Roy Jordan (408-735-8765).

September 7, 2013 ♦America’s Cup Finals♦ Watching America’s Cup races in San Francisco Bay may be a once in a lifetime experience. We plan to take a cruise on the Bay to watch the Oracle Team defend the Cup against the winner of the Challenge Elimination Series. The finals are a best of 9 race series; we tentatively plan to watch the first race on September 7. The details and cost are still being worked out; they may be changed from what was described in previous bulletins. However, we expect to include the cruise, round trip transportation from San Jose, and perhaps a lunch. If you are interested or have questions, call escort Jim Hohenshelt (408-394-7226) or Roy Jordan (408-735-8765). We may go on multiple days if there is sufficient interest. Also, we are considering trips in July or August to watch races in the Challenge Elimination Series. If you are interested, please call one of the escorts.

October 13, 2013 ♦Fleet Week♦ We are planning a cruise on the Bay to watch the Fleet Week air show (featuring the Blue Angels) again this year. The cost this year is will be \$195.00. If we don’t get 40 signed up by April, 15, 2013, the trip will need to be cancelled and money will be refunded. If you would like to go with us or have questions, call escort Jim Hohenshelt (408-394-7226) or Roy Jordan (408-735-8765).

November 13-25, 2013 ♦Paris, Rhone River, and Provence♦ Escorts Jim Hohenshelt (408-394-7226) and Roy Jordan (408-735-8765). We are proposing a less expensive version of the Rhone River cruise previously listed. We fly from San Francisco to Nice for an overnight stay and short exploration. The next day a motor coach takes us to Arles, with a stop at the

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MARCH BIRTHDAYS

John Brownie	3 rd
Don Coletti	7 th
Norm Cote	13 th
Bob Fair	14 th
Wally Anderson	19 th
Joe Abousselman	25 th
John Steele	25 th
Joe DeRoche	27 th
Jerry Nieto	31 st