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SUNNYVALE  
BRANCH # 62



# The ROOSTER

The Monthly Bulletin of  
**Sunnyvale Branch #62**  
Meets on the third Thursday of the month at  
Mariani's Restaurant  
2500 El Camino Real, Santa Clara  
A Non-Profit Organization of Retired Men  
Devoted to the Promotion of Independence  
and Dignity in Retirement  
<http://branch62.sirinc2.org>  
**August 2015**

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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.

**NON-RESPONSIBILITY CLAUSE**

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**MONTHLY ATTENDANCE REPORT  
 SUNNYVALE BRANCH 62 SONS IN RETIREMENT  
 MEMBERSHIP FOR JULY 16, 2015**

Attending	(Picnic est.)	35
Guests	(Picnic est.)	31
Transferred In		0
Transferred Out (Past Month)		0
Resigned		0
Deceased		1
Active		89
Inactive		32
Returned From Inactive		0
Inducted This Month (Frank Fiala)		0
Members in Process		0

**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

Jerry Ammerman	13 <sup>th</sup>	Bill Andersen	31 <sup>th</sup>
Paul Forney	27 <sup>th</sup>	Alex Fremling	19 <sup>th</sup>
Jack Parker	17 <sup>th</sup>	Gary Sellers	18 <sup>th</sup>

**AUGUST SPEAKER**

Our speaker is Steve Blank, who will tell us about how World War II set the stage for the creation and growth of Silicon Valley. He will describe the role that Frederick Terman and Stanford had in working with government agencies, including the CIA and National Security Agency to set up companies in this area and how that then sparked the creation of hundreds of other enterprises.

**Luncheon Menu  
August 20, 2015**

**Grilled Ham w/Cherry Sauce  
Or Chicken Spinach Salad**

**The Statesmen SIR Bowling**

<u>President</u>	<u>Vice President</u>	<u>Secretary</u>	<u>Treasurer</u>
Tom Birley (408) 736-8869	Charlie Gray (408) 253-0606	Phil Thomas (408) 410-3626	Leon Kowaleski (408) 446-1129

After 10 weeks of our summer league, the Admirals consisting of Al Delfino, Tom McDonough, Lynn Grilley, and Tom Birley are in First Place. The Chiefs (Charlie Gray, Dave Jeong, and Steve Bishop) and the Kings (Leon Kowaleski, Marvin Hirschel, Bud Collinson, and Phil Thomas) are both 1 game behind the Admirals. (Publicist's note: Go Kings!!!!)

**Top Scores for the Season are:**

Scratch Series: 634 Steve Bishop  
Scratch Game: 255 Tom Birley  
Handicap Series: 714 Al Delfino  
Handicap Game: 266 Dave Jeong

We still have some openings in our Summer League; so if you want to take up the sport, please see me or email me at phil.thomas@alumni.usc.edu and I will gladly add you to a team. We readily accept all those who want to learn as well. We meet on Tuesdays at 9:15 at Homestead Lanes in Cupertino.

I would like to take this time to let everyone know that Frank McElroy is in a nursing home and is not doing very well. Frank was one of my mentors in bowling when I first started. Also, Richard Thomas is going through a bout with cancer and had to drop out of the Summer League. Indirectly, I heard that he is planning on coming back for the Winter League. We wish them well and hope for the best.

Phil Thomas, Bowling Publicist

**SONS IN RETIREMENT—Branch 62  
LUNCHEON ORDER FORM\*  
MUST BE RECEIVED AT LEAST 1 WEEK PRIOR TO  
THE MEETING**

I wish to order a salad ( ) or the entrée of the month ( ) for the meeting in the month of \_\_\_\_\_.  
Included with this form is payment of \$21. Make check payable to SIR Branch 62.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Badge Number \_\_\_\_\_

Cut out and mail to: Russ Kohlrust, 2561 Lancaster Ct, Santa Clara, CA 95051 or call (408) 306-8335

\*Use this form if you did not place an order at the last meeting.

***Sick Call:***

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

***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](mailto:jpmcguiresr@aol.com). To switch to e-mail delivery, send your e-mail address to John McGuire. E-mail subscriptions reduce Branch expenses.

***BE A SIR!!.. BE COMMITTED!!  
BE ACTIVE!!.. HAVE FUN!!..***



*From Our  
Big Sir  
Bob Hebson*

Fellow Sirs:

Well, August is here and we are ready to go back to Mariani's for lunch. I think that all of you who went to the picnic will agree that Tom Birley and Bob Byers did an excellent job of putting the picnic together. I also appreciate the way that the club members come together to help with these functions. There were quite a few hands making light work getting Ortega park ready for the rest of the people. More of the members should come because it is a great function and the food is great also. I was glad to see so many desserts from the wives, so let's give them a big hand also.

I would like to see our attendance increase from the 60% to 65% range to above 70%. I know people can't make it every month but how about putting in some effort to make the meetings. This is the main and only chance you have to socialize with people that do not go to the same activities that you do. The lunches are good and a fair price. so it should not be a burden to come.

Again, my parting words about membership. LET'S BRING IN SOME NEW MEMBERS.

Well, that's all for now folks. See you at Mariani's on August 20<sup>th</sup>. Don't forget that we will be voting for new Officers.

*Bob Hebson, Big Sir*

## MARIANI'S LUNCH INFORMATION

Tickets are sold in advance of the monthly lunch at Mariani's (2500 El Camino Real, Santa Clara, CA 95051).

If at all possible, please buy your lunch ticket at the meeting preceding the one you plan to attend.

If you cannot buy your meal for the next month at the luncheon or send your money to the Little Sir at least one week in advance (that's the Thursday before the meeting), then don't come to the meeting expecting to eat. If you buy a ticket and cannot make the meeting, call the Little Sir one week before the meeting and he will get your ticket moved to the following month. If there is an emergency and you can't make the meeting, call the Little Sir and he will decide if it is a true emergency and will forward the ticket to the following month. This is going to be enforced and if you buy a ticket and don't show up without letting the Little Sir know, you will lose your money.

If you have not purchased a ticket for the upcoming meeting and wish to attend, you must submit the Luncheon Order Form (*found on page 2*), with your payment, **so that the Little Sir receives it no later than Thursday, one week prior to the meeting.** Lunch orders received less than one week before the meeting will not be processed and your money will be refunded.

If you have any other questions, please contact *Little Sir* Russ Kohlrust at 408 306-8335

## **SIR Branch 62 Eighteen Hole Golf**

### August Golf Course Lineup

3 – Boulder Creek  
10 - Sunnyvale  
17 – Santa Clara  
24 - San Jose Muni  
31 – Santa Theresa

Area event: The Villages on Aug. 24th  
Tournament Chairman – Phil Thomas  
408-410-3626

May you hit them long and straight.

## **BOCCE BALL UPDATE**

No report was available for this month.

Here's a brief history of the game.

Bocce ball, also called bocci or boccie, is a relaxed but strategic game with an ancient lineage. Although probably emerging from ancient Egypt, bocce started to hit its stride with the Romans and Emperor Augustus. It gained massive popularity with the influx of Italian immigrants at the turn of the 20th century. Today, bocce is a calming, competitive way to spend a few hours outdoors in the pleasant company of friends.

## **R & B 9 HOLE GOLF** **Tom Birley & Dave Riopel, Co-Chairmen**

### **June 29<sup>th</sup> 13 Players**

C.T.P. Vern Miller  
1<sup>st</sup> Low Net: Vern Miller 24  
2<sup>nd</sup> Low Net: Henry Crossfield, Dave Riopel 27  
3<sup>rd</sup> Low Net: Jim Anderson, John McGuire 28  
Birds & Chip-ins: John Howard (C)

### **July 8<sup>th</sup> 14 Players**

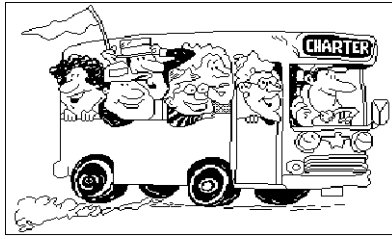
C.T.P. Tom Birley 12'5"  
1<sup>st</sup> Low Net: Tom Birley 27  
2<sup>nd</sup> Low Net: Gene Bunzel, Bud Collinson,  
Don Stuedeman 29  
3<sup>rd</sup> Low Net: Rex Krivanek 30  
Birds & Chip-Ins: Tom Birley (B)

### **July 15<sup>th</sup> 17 Players**

C.T.P. Alex Fremling 9'7"  
1<sup>st</sup> Low Net: Fred Carlson 26  
2<sup>nd</sup> Low Net: Bill Crosby, Roger Falberg 29  
3<sup>rd</sup> Low Net: Tom Birley, Bud Collinson,  
Rex Krivanek 30  
Birds & Chip-Ins: John Howard (C)

### **July 22<sup>nd</sup> 14 Players**

C.T.P. Mike Hastings 12'5'  
1<sup>st</sup> Low Net: John McGuire 25  
2<sup>nd</sup> Low Net: Roger Falberg 28  
3<sup>rd</sup> Low Net: Tom Birley, Vern Miller 31  
Birds & Chip-ins: Alex Fremling (C)



## SIR TRAVEL - BRANCH 62

**Reminder:** Trips organized by Sons in Retirement (SIR) are available, not only to SIR members and their spouses, but also to guests of SIR members and widows of SIR members.

**Escorts: Jim Hohenshelt (408-394-7226), Roy Jordan (408-735-8765)**

**October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015 – 2015 Fleet Week Air Show Cruise** - Watch the 2015 Fleet Week Air Show from San Francisco Bay on a lunch cruise aboard the iconic San Francisco Belle. The price of \$170 includes bus transfer from San Jose. If interested, please call Jim ASAP.

**January 9 – 19, 2016: Mexican Riviera:** Grand Princess cruise from San Francisco (no flights). Per person double occupancy cost ranges from \$1455 (Interior) to \$1995 (Balcony), includes home pick up, cruise meals & entertainment, taxes, fees, some gratuities.

**July 11 - 23, 2016: Eastern Europe to the Black Sea:** Danube River cruise from Budapest to Bucharest with interesting & historic tours, Belgrade, Iron Gates, Danube-Black Sea Canal. From \$4670 pp/dbl. occ. with air from San Francisco. Early signup discounts up to 10% available

**Nov 12 - 23, 2016: Panama and Canal Passage:** Panama City, Chitre, rain forest, 2 day Canal passage on small ship. \$4770 pp/dbl. occ. includes air from San Jose. Early signup discounts up to 10% available.

## The following are the Branch 62 Officer Nominees for 2016

Big Sir.....Russ Kohlrust  
Little Sir..... Jim Hohenshelt  
Secretary.....Dave Riopel  
Assistant.....Bob Pastorino (pending)  
Treasurer..... Roger Falberg  
Assistant.....Leon Kowaleski

## The following are the Director Nominees for 2016

John Howard                 Frank Guyre  
Ron Olson                    Bud Collison  
Alex Fremling               Phil Thomas

## BRIDGE UPDATE

We play every first and third Tuesday at the Garrett Business Center on 3375 Scott Blvd. Park in the rear, closest to Suite 332. The next get-togethers will be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 18th of August. Bob Hebson will be hosting on the 4<sup>th</sup> and Roger Falberg will be hosting on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

We start at 1:30 and play for about 3 hours. We are still looking for that bid and made Grand Slam contract.

We play 4 rounds of bridge per table and the losers move to the next table. We get in about 3 or 4 rounds before having to call it quits.

On June 21<sup>st</sup>, due to bridge players going on vacation, etc., we only had 4 players. And still no grand slams to be played. We still had fun though.

Roger has agreed to teach a few fellow Sirs the game of Bridge. Roger's students are progressing very well and we look forward to playing with them in the near future.

If anyone else is interested in playing a party style type of Bridge, please let me know at the next meeting or give Roger or me a call.

Phil Thomas, Bridge Publicist