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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>
February 2016

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SONS IN RETIREMENT, INCORPORATED SunnyVale Branch #62

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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 JANUARY 21, 2016**

| | |
|------------------------------|-----|
| Attending | 54 |
| Guests | 1 |
| Transferred In | 0 |
| Transferred Out (Past Month) | 0 |
| Resigned | 0 |
| Deceased | 0 |
| Active | 88 |
| Inactive | 32 |
| Returned From Inactive | 0 |
| Inducted This Month | 0 |
| Members in Process | 0 |
| Membership | 120 |

FEBRUARY SPEAKER

Our February Speaker is Mariane Snider. Mariane is Director of Community Outreach at Barron Ross Corp, which is the community leader in asset protection.

Her speech is "Long Term Care Planning". She will cover understanding long term care, how to pay for long term care, and understanding how Medicaid works. She will also illustrate these concepts by taking us through a real life story of the Johnson family.

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

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|----------|----------------------------|
| 5 years | Wally Anderson |
| 10 years | Lee Wriglesworth |
| 25 years | Joe Aboussleman (inactive) |
| 30 years | Bill Salocks (inactive) |

The Statesmen *SIR* Bowling

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

As of 1/19 the Sultans, consisting of Al Draeger, Ron Olson, and Don Paulson are in first place in this quarter.

Top Scores for the Season are:
 Scratch Series: 647 Tom Birley
 Scratch Game: 235 Bob Hebson
 Handicap Series: 823 Mal Hopkins
 Handicap Game: 335 Lynn Grilley

We still have some openings in our Winter League. 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.

Bob Hebson for Phil Thomas,
Bowling Publicist

BOCCE BALL UPDATE (Continued from page 4)

Currently, there are fourteen members in our branch who are interested in playing the sport and four-person teams can play competitively. Looking in my crystal ball, I can forecast we'll be ready to challenge our other four SIR branches in Area 20 leading up to the yearly state Bocce tournament.

Russ Kohlrust,
Bocce Chairman

Luncheon Menu FEBRUARY 18, 2016

Fruit Boat Salad or Roasted Pork Loin

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: Jim Hohenshelt, 2626 Estella Dr., Santa Clara, CA 95051 or call (408) 241-4421

*Use this form if you did not buy a lunch ticket at the last meeting.

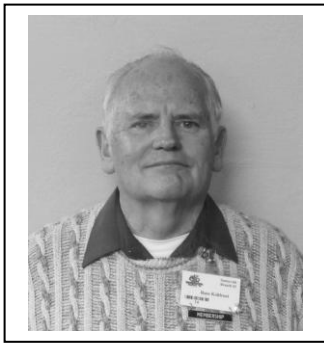
Sick Call:

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. 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
Russ Kohlrust*

Fellow Sirs:

My thanks to Harvey McAninch (Big Sir 2013) who escorted our January luncheon speaker retired Brigadier General Chester Ward to our meeting and to Gene Bunzel who coordinated the program. I discovered General Ward and I were in Vietnam at the same time and in the same area but our paths had not crossed until the January luncheon. What a pleasure it was “sharing war stories” with him at lunch! His presentation was excellent and brought back memories.

In last month’s Big Sir letter, I mentioned the importance of increasing branch membership participation. State has provided each SIR branch with a new approach to develop increased branch participation and increased membership called RAMP which I discussed in greater detail at the January 21st branch’s Executive Meeting. One segment of RAMP is increasing the number of branch activities. I have a self-imposed goal this year of adding at least five new activities. The first new activity is in process and is wine tasting under the leadership of Phil Thomas (our Big Sir in 2012). Watch for further details in the Rooster. Other activities I’m looking into are photography, computers, and walking. What are your thoughts on what new activity would be fun and enjoyable? Give me a call at 408.306.8335 and please leave a message.

In closing this month’s words of wisdom, I remind you that you are welcome to attend the branch Executive Meeting and see/hear your officers in action. The meeting starts at 10:30 in the room to your right just as you enter the room where we eat lunch.

Russ Kohlrust, 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 Jim Hohenshelt at 408 241 4421.

NOTICE

Annual dues are due 1/31/2016.

If you did not pay at the January meeting please send a check for \$25 to our Treasurer made out to SIR Branch #62:

Roger Falberg
751 Silver Pine Ct
Sunnyvale, CA 94086

SIR Branch 62 Eighteen Hole Golf

December was a good month for Monday 18 hole golf. Rain was not in the cards and the grass started to green up for us.

On the 7th at Santa Teresa, we had a tie for first with net 60 between Dan Freitas and Frank Doyle out of 11 players. The 14th, at San Jose, netted a first out of 12 players for Bob Byers with a net 70. Dan Freitas did it again on the 21st at Spring Valley, besting 12 players with a net 61. Dan tied Jim Marquez to beat 12 golfers at Los Lagos on the 28th with net 70 and had to share first place. The handicap system has noted Dan's improvement and lowered his Golfer Index by 1.4 points.

The golfer's index is an indication of his potential. It is based on a comparison of his scores versus the course rating and adjusted for the slope of the course and tees being played. The rating is what the average professional would score. The slope is an adjustment for the degree of difficulty. More on index next month.

February is coordinated by Jeff Baustista (408) 732-2983.

February 18 hole Golf

- 1 – Sunnyvale Muni
- 8 – San Jose Muni
- 15 – Deep Cliff GC
- 22 – Santa Teresa GC
- 29 – Los Lagos GC also the regional event is at Los Positas. Contact Paul to play the regional.

Paul Goodwin, Tournament Chairman
408-480-4900

R & B 9 HOLE GOLF

Tom Birley/ Dave Riopel Co-Chairmen

December 23rd 7 Players

C.T.P. Dave Riopel 12' 8"
1st Low Net: John Parker 24
2nd Low Net: Dave Riopel 29
3rd Low Net: Don Stuedeman 32
Birds & Chip-ins: Dave Riopel (B)

Dec. 30th, Jan. 6th, Jan 13th 0 Players

RAINED OUT

January 20th 4 Players

C.T.P. Rex Krivanek 6' 12"
1st Low Net: Rex Krivanek, Jim Anderson 31
2nd Low Net: Henry Crossfield 33
3rd Low Net: Mike Hastings 34
Birds & Chip-Ins: None

January 27th 6 Players

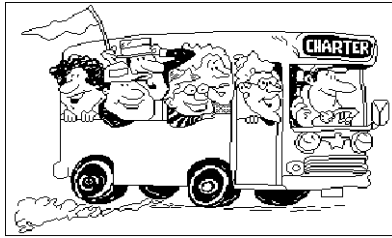
C.T.P. None
1st Low Net: John Parker 28
2nd Low Net: Vern Miller 30
3rd Low Net: Tom Birley, Rex Krivanek 31
Birds & Chip-Ins: None

BOCCE BALL UPDATE

Our next play is **FEBRUARY 12th at 1:00** at the Lake Almaden Park Bocce Courts off of Winfield, south of Blossom Hill Road in San Jose. We usually play on the center courts where there is shade.

We had a great time playing two-men teams with alternating partners last month.

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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 and widows of SIR members.

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

Brochures for the following trips are available from the escorts or at the travel table

July 11 - 23, 2016: Eastern Europe to the Black Sea: Danube River cruise from Budapest to Bucharest with interesting & historic tours including; Belgrade, Iron Gates and Danube-Black Sea Canal. There are optional extensions available to Vienna or Prague, and Transylvania or Istanbul. \$4670 pp/dbl. occ. with air from San Francisco.

Nov 12 - 23, 2016: Panama and Canal Passage: Panama City, Chitre Rain Forest, Canal Administration Building, plus a 2 day Canal passage on a small ship with an overnight on Gatun Lake. Optional extensions available to the wild archipelago of Bocas del Toro and Cartagena, Columbia. \$4770 pp/dbl. occ. includes air from San Jose. Early signup discounts up to 4% are available.

Trip in planning – Oct. – 2016 Fleet Week Air Show Cruise - Watch the 2016 Air Show from San Francisco Bay on a lunch cruise aboard the iconic San Francisco Belle. Precise date of Fleet Week TBD. Price TBD (last year \$170) will include bus transfer from San Jose.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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|---------------|--------|
| Tom Birley | Feb 13 |
| Warren Dunn | Feb 06 |
| Roger Falberg | Feb 20 |
| Gene Gilman | Feb 21 |
| Bob Hebson | Feb 06 |
| Russ Kohlrust | Feb 15 |
| Ed Moskalik | Feb 11 |
| Jay Smolik | Feb 24 |

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. Feb. 2nd will be hosted by Dick Tillenger. The play will be duplicate bridge style. Feb. 16th will be hosted by Leon Kowaleski and will not be played at the Garrett Business Center. Leon will notify the other players of the location.

We start at 1:00 and play for about 3 1/2 hours.

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

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

Phil Thomas, Bridge Publicist