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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>  
**July 2016**

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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 JUNE 16, 2016**

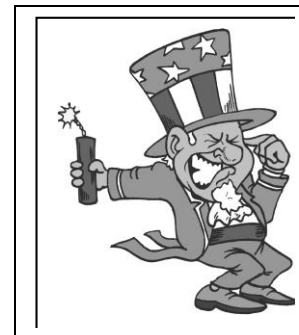
Attending	35
Guests (Picnic)	41
Transferred In	0
Transferred Out (Past Month)	0
Resigned	0
Deceased	0
Active	71
Inactive	19
Returned From Inactive	0
Inducted This Month	0
Members in Process	3
Membership	90

**Wine Club Report (continued from page 9)**

Another trip will be scheduled for Ruby Hill Winery in the August time frame. This winery is in the Livermore area and, time permitting, we can stop by Concannon Winery for a tasting as well. Concannon was one of the first wineries to produce the Petite Syrah wine.

If anyone is interested in joining this club, please let me know at the next meeting or give me a call at 408-410-3626. You can also email me at phil.thomas@alumni.usc.edu.

Phil Thomas, Wine Tasting Publicist



**JULY 4<sup>th</sup>  
HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
AMERICA**

## 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

We have just completed the first half of our summer league with the Generals, consisting of Al Delfino, Harold Kaye, Charles Bailey, and Tom Birley, taking first place. The Chiefs, consisting of Leon Kowaleski, George Center, Dave Jeong, and Phil Thomas, while winning all 4 games against the Generals in the position round, still came up short and had to concede a second place.

### Top Scores for the Season are:

Scratch Series: 672 Tom Birley  
Scratch Game: 254 Phil Thomas  
Handicap Series: 733\* Bob Hebson  
Handicap Game: 265\* Leon Kowaleski

\* Scores not verified at the time this article was written.

We meet on Tuesdays at 9:15 at Homestead Lanes in Cupertino. Come by and root for your favorite team.

Phil Thomas, Bowling Publicist

## Branch 62 Wine Tasting Club

By the time you read this, we will have tried the wines at MJA winery located on the summit road in Santa Cruz mountains. The owner is a retired businessman who purchased a coffee plantation in Hawaii and after years of success at this enterprise, decided to come back to Northern California to try his hand at wine making. He purchased several parcels up in Napa and several locally here in the Monterey and Santa Cruz area. Time permitting, we can go a little further down Highland Way to the Loma Prieta Winery.

In July I'm thinking about going back to J. Lohr wine tasting room to try their award winning wines. They are located in San Jose so it cuts a lot of the travel time down to a minimum. They allow for six wines of your choice on the menu to sample for free. You just can't beat that today in the winery business. I am looking at Friday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of July to have all of us meet there at 2:00, (If I make it always at 2:00 it makes it easier for us old folks to remember.) lol

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## LUNCH MENU

JULY 21, 2016

**Fruit Boat Salad or Rosemary Baked Chicken**

## Our July Speaker is Jerilyn Lightfoot

She is a mother of a Special Forces active duty Marine (Recon-Sniper), and she truly understands what it means to be "touched by war". The hidden impact of military conflict is quite real!

Quilts of Valor are a powerful tactile, comforting "Thank You" for our Veterans and Troops. She is in awe of the power of our Quilts, having witnessed the healing power in action as servicemen and women are enveloped in a loving cocoon by the Quilts. Many Veterans, upon being awarded their QOV, state it was the first time they were ever really thanked for their service.

Jerilyn is currently employed as the Publication Specialist with the Sunnyvale- Cupertino Adult & Community Education since 1998. She organizes Quilts of Valor Community Sewing Events.

**She will present three Quilts of Valor to three of our Branch Veterans!**

### Sick Call:

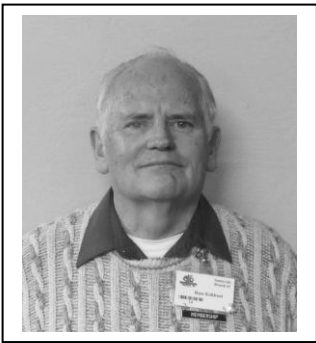
Please report illnesses of any Branch 62 member to the Sunshine Committee: Mal Hopkins, (408) 720-0849.

### 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  
Russ Kohlrust*

Fellow Sirs,

If you were unable to make the June luncheon at SV Ortega Park, you missed a great time. Attendance was high, food was delicious, desserts were provided by the lady attendees, and the marinade tri tip & chicken quarters were grilled to perfection by four previous Big Sirs under the watchful eye of top chef Bob Byers (2005 Branch Big Sir). Oh yes . . . I forgot to mention corn on the cob, grilled garlic bread, and heated baked beans. Lunch began with appetizers — grilled brats with sauce for dipping, chips with dips, veggies for dipping, and peanuts. The food was delicious and nobody left hungry. After lunch, two raffles were held, one for the ladies who brought dessert and one for the Sirs. The ladies with a winning ticket received a beautiful flower arrangement and the winning Sirs received a bottle of vino. Many thanks to the chairman of our newest activity, wine tasting, Phil Thomas (2012 Big Sir) for his choices.

Changing subjects, I'm expressing Branch 62's appreciation to former 2010 Big Sir, Wally Anderson, who brought four guests to our previous meetings. All men submitted branch membership applications. One has joined and the remaining three are expected to pass BEC review and join our branch at the July 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.

*Russ Kohlrust, Big Sir*

**LUNCH ORDERING INFORMATION**

Tickets are sold in advance of the monthly lunch. If at all possible, please buy your lunch ticket at the meeting preceding the one you plan to attend.

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 you have not purchased a ticket for the upcoming meeting and wish to attend, you must submit the Luncheon Order Form (*below*), 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 questions, please contact Little Sir Jim Hohenshelt at 408 241 4421.

**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.

## 18 Hole Golf

In Match Play, Frank Doyle beat Dave Riopel at the Gilroy Club, 10 and 8. Needless to say, Dave did not have his A game. But Jeff Bautista beat Paul Goodwin 4 and 2 and now gets to play Dave Riopel for the chance to challenge Frank Doyle for all the marbles. Who knows, Dave may have his A+ game, beat Jeff, and come around again against Frank?

### Leader board for Player of the Year Standings thru June 13

Doyle, Frank	26
Pastorino, Robert	23
Birley, Tom	22
Marquez, Jim	22
Freitas, Dan	20

Some players are gypping themselves by not taking proper relief from a cart path. If your ball ends up on a cart path or the cart path interferes with your stance or swing, you can take relief no nearer the hole. You do this by taking a stance with a club in a position where the cart path wouldn't interfere. Set the club head down and drop the handle away from you. Drop your ball within the handle length. So now you know.

July is coordinated by John Dieckman (408) 718-5527 and we will play ----  
 4 – Deep Cliff  
 11 – Moffett field  
 18 – We play the regional event at Aptos Seascapes. Contact Paul to play.  
 25 – San Jose Muni

Submitted by Paul Goodwin, 18 Hole Golf Chair 408-480-4900

## R & B 9 HOLE GOLF

Tom Birley/ Dave Riopel Co-Chairmen

### May 25<sup>th</sup> 13 Players

C.T.P. None  
 1<sup>st</sup> Low Net: Gene Bunzel, Bill Crosby, Vern Miller 28  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Low Net: Bob Hebson, Dave Riopel 29  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Low Net: Mike Hastings 30  
 Birds & Chip-ins: Leon Kowaleski (C)

### June 1<sup>st</sup> 16 Players

C.T.P. None  
 1<sup>st</sup> Low Net: Jack Pettygrove 26  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Low Net: Roger Falberg 27  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Low Net: Bob Hebson, Vern Miller 28  
 Birds & Chip-ins: Bill Crosby, Alex Fremling (C)

### June 8<sup>th</sup> 13 Players

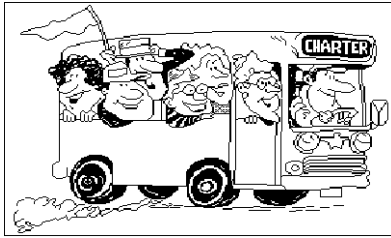
C.T.P. Henry Crossfield 21'5"  
 1<sup>st</sup> Low Net: Roger Falberg 20  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Low Net: Don Stuedeman 24  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Low Net: Gene Bunzel, John Parker, Dave Riopel 27  
 Birds & Chip-ins: John McGuire (B)

### June 15<sup>th</sup> 13 Players

C.T.P. Bill Crosby 6'4"  
 1<sup>st</sup> Low Net: Roger Falberg 23  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Low Net: Vern Miller 25  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Low Net: John Parker 27  
 Birds & Chip-ins: Leon Kowaleski, Vern Miller (2) (B)

### June 22<sup>nd</sup> 16 Players

C.T.P. Leon Kowaleski 5'6"  
 1<sup>st</sup> Low Net: John McGuire 26  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Low Net: Vern Miller 27  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Low Net: Leon Kowaleski 28  
 Birds & Chip-ins: None



## 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).**

**Although the escorts will be away on the Danube cruise, brochures will be available at the July luncheon**

**Oct. 9, 2016 Fleet Week Air Show Cruise (1 day):** Watch the 2016 Air Show from San Francisco Bay on a buffet lunch cruise aboard the iconic San Francisco Belle. Complementary coffee and tea, soft drinks, sparkling wine are included. Price is \$185 per person, includes bus transfer from the Capitol VTA parking lot in San Jose. **Bus leaves promptly at noon.**

**Oct. 22, 2016: A Day in Sausalito – Tall Ship Bay Cruise:** This day in Sausalito features an audio tour of the SF Bay Model, a hosted lunch at Saylor's Landing, and a two hour cruise on the square rigged tall ship Lady Washington. The Bay Model covers over 1.5 acres representing SF Bay and the Delta from the Pacific Ocean to Sacramento. The Lady Washington is a full scale replica of the late 18<sup>th</sup> century ship that was the first American vessel to round Cape Horn, make landfall on the west coast (in 1788), and visit Honolulu, Hong Kong, and Japan. The price of \$200 includes the tour and cruise, lunch, and round trip bus transfer from the Capitol VTA parking lot in San Jose. **The bus will depart San Jose at 7:30 AM.**

**Nov 12 - 23, 2016: Panama and Canal Passage:** Panama City, Chitre, rain forest, Expansion Project Visitor Center, plus a 2- day Canal passage on a small ship with overnight in Gatun Lake. Optional extensions to the wild archipelago of Bocas del Toro and Cartagena, Columbia available. \$4770 pp/dbl. occ. includes air from San Jose.

## JULY BIRTHDAYS

John Howard	6 <sup>th</sup>
Armond King	6 <sup>th</sup>
Phil Leffel	22 <sup>nd</sup>
Bill McTiernan	22 <sup>nd</sup>

What are the odds that our four July Birthday Boys split into two groups sharing the same birth dates?

HAPPY BIRTHDAY Sirs

## BRIDGE UPDATE

The next three scheduled meetings will be held on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of July and the 8<sup>th</sup> of August. The hosts will be Phil Thomas, Bob Hebson and Russ Kohlrust respectively. 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 or 5 rounds before having to call it quits.

Yours truly had a very rewarding hand dealt to him. He was dealt 26 high card points just enough for a game in a suit or notrump. His partner however had a total of 1 point so we had to settle for a game in 3 notrump instead of a slam. Oh well.

We play every first and third Tuesday at the Garrett Business Center on 3375 Scott Blvd. Park in the rear, closest to Suite 332.

Phil Thomas. Bridge Publicist