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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>  
**November 2018**

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ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS: If you do not attend three (3) consecutive meetings without 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 makeup if missing our Luncheon

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**MONTHLY ATTENDANCE REPORT  
SUNNYVALE BRANCH 62 SONS IN RETIREMENT  
MEMBERSHIP FOR OCTOBER 18, 2018**

Attending Meeting	37
Guests	0
Transferred In	0
Transferred Out (Past Month)	0
Resigned	0
Deceased	0
Active	65
Inactive	0
Returned From Inactive	0
Inducted This Month	0
Members in Process	1
Membership	65

Chuck Hart

**SIR WINE TASTING**

While the weather is still nice, I hope to plan another wine tasting trip to the Santa Cruz area to taste some locally grown and processed wines. Bonny Doon Winery is just over the hill in Santa Cruz and has some unique wine blends to sample. Their signature wine is called Le Cigare Volant which is a Granache, Sirah, Movedre blend similar to a Chateauneuf-du-Pape wine produced in the Rhone region of France. School House Winery is located on Summit Pass in the Santa Cruz Mountains and has some good wines to sample. I know there are other wineries close by, and I will get with some of our members and look at them as well. Rick Henderson has asked to join our wine tasting group, and I will keep him apprised of the next outing. Watch for my next email.

If anyone is interested in joining us on these wine tasting events, please contact me at [phil.thomas@alumni.usc.edu](mailto:phil.thomas@alumni.usc.edu) or 408-410-3626

Phil Thomas, Wine Tasting Publicist

## The Statesmen SIR Bowling

<u>President</u>	<u>Vice President</u>	<u>Secretary</u>	<u>Treasurer</u>
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After 8 weeks of our Winter League, we have Team 7, consisting of Dottie Birley, Armond King, Marlys Byers and Bobbie Byers, in first place. We have a 3-way tie for second place. Teams 4, 8, and 3 are just 1 game away from first place. This makes for a very competitive Winter League.

### Top Scores so far are:

Scratch Series: 616 Tom Birley and 523 Pat Hutton  
Scratch Game: 213 Lynn Grilley and 181 Mary Roth  
Handicap Series: 675 Jack Pettygrove and 661 Dottie Birley  
Handicap Game: 246 Russ Kohlrust and 236 Nina Middaugh

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

Phil Thomas, Bowling Publicist

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

George Center	Nov 5	John Shields	Nov 10
Frank Guyre	Nov 18	Heber Slusser	Nov 20
Walt Marwitz	Nov 19	Pete Tobias	Nov 18
Jim Mellenger	Nov 8		

## BRANCH 62 WEB SITE

Have you visited our web site lately? It's well worth a visit.

<http://branch62.sirinc2.org>

Heber Slusser [branch62sir@gmail.com](mailto:branch62sir@gmail.com)

## LUNCH MENU

**NOV** Chef Salad                      Roasted Turkey

**DEC** Christmas Party

### *Sick Call:*

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

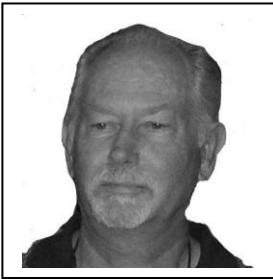
### *Rooster:*

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!!..***

## NOVEMBER SPEAKER

At our November meeting, Suds Jain will speak on "Climate Change, Its Cause and Effect". His talk is on the reality of climate change with a detailed slide presentation on the various factors which are causing the increase in global temperatures. He believes that a Cap and Trade Solution has its drawbacks and that a Carbon Fee and Dividend Program would be a better avenue to pursue. Come, listen, and see if you agree. Fascinating talk, very knowledgeable speaker!



*From Our  
Big Sir  
Phil Thomas*

Paul Goodwin gave us a very informative presentation of his work-related trips to Saudi Arabia. When I spent my tour of duty in Viet Nam, I came home with the realization that we have it really good here in this country. Paul also proved that point. There is a lot of tradition in that country and others that we don't agree with there and I guess that is their feeling of us as well.

I picked on John Dieckman at the last meeting so that all of us could get a better understanding of who our next Big SIR is. I have yet to stump anyone in this game, so I am going to have to try harder at the next meeting in November.

I have asked Jeff Bautista to look into our records to see if anyone else qualifies for a senior award. We are getting older and need all the recognition we can get. Speaking of such, the average age for our branch is creeping up there, so we need to bring new younger members into our fold. This means we need to start looking into the age group of our sons and their friends. Shortly, if not now, there will be no age limitation in our bylaws that restrict us from going after the younger crowd.

As your Big SIR, I ask that all of you to work harder to bring in younger men to our meetings with the knowledge that our purpose here is to have fun and meet new people. I can think of no better way to spend my retirement than with people I like and activities that I enjoy.

Your Big Sir, *Phil Thomas*

## **LUNCH ORDERING INFORMATION**

If you buy a ticket and cannot make the meeting, call or email John Dieckman one week before the meeting and he will get your ticket moved to a future meeting.

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

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. Luncheon price for 2018 is \$26.

**Please contact John Dieckman at 408-718-5527 or [john\\_dieckman@hotmail.com](mailto:john_dieckman@hotmail.com).**

## **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 \$26.00. Make check payable to SIR Branch 62.

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

Cut out and mail to: John Dieckman, 463 Juniper Court,  
Sunnyvale, CA 94086.

\*Use this form **for the November meeting**, if you did not buy a lunch ticket at the September meeting.

## 18 HOLE GOLF

Your chairman will attend a meeting put on by the NCGA on October 30. The meeting will cover some new software to be used for club management and the 2019 changes to the rules of golf. Most notable change is not requiring the flag stick to be pulled before putting. Currently, it is a 2 stroke penalty if you putt and sink it with the stick in. Another change is that you may drop out of a sand trap and take a 1 stroke penalty. There are some traps where I would gladly do that. Stay tuned for more changes...

Rumor has it that the Golfer of the Year leader didn't accumulate any 4-point rounds in the first 3 weeks of October. Will his big lead hold up?

November will be coordinated by Jeff Bautista

5 – Santa Teresa

12 – San Jose

19 – Regional at Spring Valley–Turkey Shoot for \$69 with lunch

26 – Los Lagos

Submitted by Paul Goodwin, 18 Hole Golf Chairman

## Do You Want to Car Pool?

Please visit our interactive Car Pool page on our web site at <http://branch62.sirinc2.org>. Click on the Car Pool “Post-It” on the left side of the home page. You will be able to see the locations of our members on a map and determine if a Car Pool is viable for you.

Heber Slusser, Webmaster [branch62sir@gmail.com](mailto:branch62sir@gmail.com)

## R & B 9 HOLE GOLF

Tom Birley/ Dave Riopel Co-Chairmen

### October 3<sup>th</sup> 9 Players

C.T.P. Dave Riopel 8'7”

1<sup>st</sup> Low Net: Dave Riopel 22

2<sup>nd</sup> Low Net: Henry Crossfield 23

3<sup>rd</sup> Low Net: John Howard, Don Stuedeman 29

Birds & Chip-ins: Mike Hastings, Jack Pettygrove ( B )  
John Howard ( C )

### October 10<sup>th</sup> 9 Players

C.T.P. Tom Birley 16'11”

1<sup>st</sup> Low Net: Roger Falberg 25

2<sup>nd</sup> Low Net: Jack Pettygrove 27

3<sup>rd</sup> Low Net: Bob Hebson 30

Birds & Chip-ins: NONE

### October 17<sup>th</sup> 8 Players

C.T.P. NONE

1<sup>st</sup> Low Net: Dave Riopel 26

2<sup>nd</sup> Low Net: Henry Crossfield 27

3<sup>rd</sup> Low Net: John Howard 28

Birds & Chip-ins: Jim Anderson ( B )

### October 24<sup>h</sup> 11 Players

C.T.P. NONE

1<sup>st</sup> Low Net: John Howard 28

2<sup>nd</sup> Low Net: Dave Riopel 29

3<sup>rd</sup> Low Net: Alex Fremling 31

Birds & Chip-ins: Dave Riopel ( C )

## BOCCE BALL

Seven Sirs played on October 12th. Next event is scheduled for November 9th at Lake Almaden Park in South San Jose at 1:00 p.m.

Jeff Bautista



## **SIR TRAVEL - BRANCH 62**

**Travel Chairman: Jim Hohenshelt at (408 394-7226).**

**Assistant: Roy Jordan at (408 735-8765).**

**Trip brochures are available from the travel chairmen or at the travel table at the monthly Branch 62 Luncheon.**

**Reminders:** Trips organized by Sons in Retirement (SIR) are available to SIR members and their spouses, also to guests and widows of SIR members.

Trips scheduled by other branches in SIR Area 11 are described in the Area 11 Travel Bulletin. Contact one of the travel chairmen if you would like to receive their Bulletin.

**May 2019, Casino Trip:** We are investigating a bus trip, probably to Reno, for one or two nights to enjoy shows and other activities. Contact Jim if you have a choice of dates, how many nights or suggestions for activities.

**June 3 – 18, 2019 Great Rivers of Europe:** Join us for a cruise from Vienna, along the Danube, Rhine-Main-Danube Canal and the Main and Rhine Rivers, ending in Amsterdam. Cost is \$5875 to \$7275 pp/dbl. occ., depending on cabin choice (single supplement is \$745) including air fare. Discounts available for full early payment. A pre-trip extension in Vienna for \$795 and a post trip extension to Bruges, Belgium for \$795 are available.

## **BRIDGE CLUB**

The next three scheduled meetings will be held on the 6th and 20th of November and the 4th of December. The hosts will be Phil Thomas, Roger Falberg and Russ Kohlrust, respectively.

For the first time ever, we had enough players to fill 3 tables of bridge. However, it took Roger's wife, Lynn, to help us fill the 3<sup>rd</sup> table. Hopefully, Richard Pope will be back to take her place. The game of bridge is starting to become more competitive for us as we continue to grow in players.

We normally 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

## **LET'S GO FISHING**

On October 10, six fellow Branch 62 Sirs enjoyed a very successful day fishing on a boat out of Half Moon Bay. We all caught our limits of Rock Fish (AKA Rock Cod) and Bob Cheney caught a ling cod which was the biggest fish of the day. We had a wonderful time and are now looking forward to our next outing (lake fishing for trout).

If you are interested, please contact Heber Slusser. Currently, we have about 11 members in this activity and are looking for more. No experience is necessary and equipment is available from other members. We hold Fishing Activity Meetings monthly following the Branch Luncheon.