

# September 2019

## The ROOSTER

The Monthly Bulletin of  
Sunnyvale Branch # 62

### SONS IN RETIREMENT

**A Non-Profit Organization of Retired Men**

**Devoted to the Promotion of Independence and Dignity in Retirement**



Meets on the third Thursday of the month at  
Mariani's Restaurant  
2500 El Camino Real, Santa Clara  
Fellowship at 11 AM, Luncheon begins at 12 Noon

### **BIG SIR REPORT**

On Tuesday, August 21<sup>st</sup>, I attended the Sir Annual State Meeting in Lincoln, CA. Our 2020 state officers were elected unanimously. Likewise, the entire rewrite of the Policies and Procedures Manual was adopted unanimously.

Next, the Big Sir, Little Sir, Golf, Bowling, and Bocce Ball Chairmen gave presentations on their respective jobs and how they can help our branches.

Some time was spent on recruiting. Every SIR area except one lost membership this past year.

Finally, there was a presentation to the Big and Little Sirs of the best branch in each area. The best branch was selected by the Area Governor and had to be nominated to win. In Area 11, it was Branch 125.

As always, if you meet men who are interested in our activities, invite them to come to our lunch and meet our coordinators who guide those activities.

Your Big Sir,  
*John Dieckman*

### **SEPTEMBER SPEAKER**

Our speaker for September was to be Leslie Frates. Unfortunately, Leslie had to cancel her presentation. Amanda Keith has agreed to speak at our September 19th meeting. Her topic: "Dispelling the Misconceptions About Reverse Mortgages".

It's likely many of us are misinformed about today's reverse mortgages. Learn the facts. Tired of making monthly mortgage payments while on a fixed income? Unsure of how to pay for unexpected expenses during retirement? The truth is that the average retiree holds 70% of their net worth in home equity. A federally-insured reverse mortgage allows you to tap into that wealth.

In this talk, Amanda will educate us on how a reverse mortgage can:

- Eliminate monthly mortgage payments.
- Eliminate credit card or tax debts.
- Pay for in-home care or home improvements.
- Fund that dream vacation.
- And more...

**OFFICERS**

Big Sir	John Dieckman	Asst. Secretary	Wally Anderson
Little Sir	Dave Riopel	Treasurer	Roger Falberg
Secretary	Bob Pastorino	Asst. Treasurer	Leon Kowaleski

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Jeff Bautista	John Howard	Gerhard Schneider
Ron Olson	Mike Miller	

**COMMITTEES**

Attendance	Tom Birley	Newsletter	Jim Mellenger
Audit	Mel Waldman		John McGuire
	Wally Anderson		John Dieckman
	Heber Slusser	Nominations	Phil Thomas
Book Swap	Ted Crutchfield		John Steele
Bowling	Tom Birley	Photography	Rick Henderson
	Leon Kowaleski	Program	Walt Strach
	Phil Thomas	Property	Henry Crossfield
Bridge	Phil Thomas	<b>RAMP</b>	
Chaplain	Bob Hebson	Chair	Jim Hohenshelt
Poker	Mel Waldman	<b>Recruitment</b>	Jeff Bautista
Condolence	Wally Anderson	<b>Activities</b>	<b>Volunteer Wanted</b>
Directory	Heber Slusser	<b>Membership</b>	Heber Slusser
Fishing	Heber Slusser	<b>Publicity</b>	Heber Slusser
	Wally Anderson		
Golf, 9 Hole	Tom Birley		
	Dave Riopel	Sir Logo Items	Phil Thomas
Golf, 18 Hole	Paul Goodwin	Songster	Leon Kowaleski
Greeters	Dave Riopel	Special Events	Tom Birley
Guests & Visitors	Dave Riopel		Bob Byers
Historian	Wally Anderson	Sunshine	Wally Anderson
Humorist	Don Coletti	Transportation	<b>Volunteer Wanted</b>
Lunch Tickets	Roy Jordan	Travel	Jim Hohenshelt
Membership	Heber Slusser		Roy Jordan
		Wine Tasting	Phil Thomas
		Webmaster	Heber Slusser

**STATE OFFICERS**

State President: Ed Benson  
 Region 4 Director: Patrick O'Keefe  
 Area 11 Governor: Bob Grandey

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ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS: If you do not attend five (5) meetings without a suitable excuse within the last twelve (12) months, you may be dropped from the membership. You can attend another Branch's Luncheon as a makeup for missing our Luncheon.

**NON-RESPONSIBILITY CLAUSE**

All tours and activities arranged for or by Sons In Retirement, Inc. through its branches and committees or agents are for the convenience and pleasure of the members and their guests who desire to participate. However, Sons In Retirement, Inc., and its branches, do not assume any responsibility for the well being and safety of the participants or their property in matters pertaining to said tours and activities. Members and guests will participate at their own risk. v4jhd

**Sick Call & Condolence Notification:**

Please report illnesses or the passing of any Branch 62 member to the Sunshine Committee: Wally Anderson, (408) 736-6408, so that Branch 62 may respond.

**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 [jpmcguires@aol.com](mailto:jpmcguires@aol.com).

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

**Branch 62 Wine Tasting Club**

Sadly I have nothing new to report, but I will be putting together a wine tasting trip soon. Watch for an e-mail in the near future.

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

**18 Hole Golf**

Unfortunately, Carl Mendel needs our prayers to heal his body. I am taking his September assignment as tournament coordinator.

Since I have not been in the area for three months, I want to thank Wally Anderson for taking over my job and doing well. Since I have only seen local courses chosen on e-mail, I thought we could branch out to some more remote courses that I believe to be fun and cost effective. If there are not eight or more interested in playing, I will change the venues.

September will be coordinated by Paul Goodwin -408-480-4900

- 9/2 - Deep Cliff - Labor Day and will have good rates but may have slow play
- 9/9 - Santa Clara - course closes forever next month. Only \$35 with cart
- 9/16 - Crazy Horse- 1 hr down 101 to Crazy Horse Cyn, \$75 w/cart
- 9/23 - Las Positas - 50 Min. in Livermore, under \$40 w/cart
- 9/30 - Area tourney at Pacific Grove being run by me, \$70 w/cart

Paul Goodwin, 18 Hole Golf Chairman

# SIR FISHING

## August 6 - 8, 2019 Trout Fishing in Sierra Mountain Lakes and River



Four sirs left Sunnyvale around noon on Tuesday for Heber's cabin in Arnold. There, we met Wally Anderson, who had already arrived at his cabin. After a less than perfect first night's sleep, we got up shortly after 4 AM to get on the road for fishing by 5. We picked up another well-seasoned fly fisherman, Lloyd, at his cabin and Bob, Mel, John, Wally, and Heber headed for Alpine Lake at about 8000 feet elevation. The weather was great and the cool air was welcome but the fishing left a lot to be desired. Wally caught a nice second year rainbow trout and three smaller ones while the rest of us just observed with envy. That evening, the four of us consumed Wally's catch. On Thursday, the four Sirs again arose early and fished the Stanislaus River. And once again, no fish were caught.

On Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, the fishing group plans to rent skiffs at the Capitola Pier and fish Monterey Bay.

Heber Slusser, Fishing Publicist



## 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.**

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

**Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019, Beach Blanket Babylon Holiday Show: This trip is essentially full** (1 ticket left as of this writing). The news says this will be the last ever Beach Blanket Babylon performance. Lunch is served at Swiss Louis Restaurant on Pier 39 prior to the show. Transportation from the South Bay area is provided (depart 12:30 PM, return approximately 8:30 PM). If you would like to go on a standby list in case of cancellations, email Jim at [jim\\_hohenshelt@yahoo.com](mailto:jim_hohenshelt@yahoo.com). Contact escorts for information or a brochure.

**Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020: Paris to Normandy:** Travel from Paris via Caen to Honfleur and meet our river cruise ship. Tour the D-Day invasion beaches and the American cemetery. Then depart on a cruise up the Seine River to Paris, calling at Rouen, Les Andelys, Vernon (Giverny), and Pontoise. More information and brochures available soon. Contact the escorts.

## SIR BOWLING

**President** Secretary Treasurer  
**Tom Birley** **Phil Thomas** **Mal Hopkins**  
**408-736-8869** **408-410-3626** **408-720-0849**

After 12 weeks into our Summer League, we have Team 2 consisting of Dottie Birley, Ursel Turner and Steve Bishop in first place.

**Top Scores of the season are:**

**Scratch Series:** 629 Steve Bishop and 511 Pat Hutton

**Scratch Game:** 238 Lynn Grilley and 194 Mary Roth

**Handicap Series:** 707 Bob Byers and 688 Dottie Birley

**Handicap Game:** 256 George Center and 235 Nina Middaugh

I am in the process of creating teams for our Winter League. We currently have 2 openings for new bowlers, but there will be more; so see me or Tom Birley if you are interested in taking up the sport. We meet on Tuesdays at 9:15 at Homestead Lanes in Cupertino. Come by and root for your favorite team.

Phil Thomas, Bowling Publicist

### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Fred Carlson	9/04
John McGuire	9/30
Carl Mendel	9/05
Dave Riopel	9/20
Mike Sanchez	9/12

### 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**

July 3<sup>rd</sup> 6 Players

C.T.P. Dave Riopel 11' 10"  
 1<sup>st</sup> Low Net: Tom Birley, Dave Riopel 28  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Low Net: Henry Crossfield 29  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Low Net: Jim Anderson 31  
 Birds & Chip-ins: NONE

July 10<sup>th</sup> 9 Players

C.T.P. Henry Crossfield 9'11"  
 1<sup>st</sup> Low Net: Dave Riopel 28  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Low Net: Henry Crossfield, Tom Birley, Jack Pettygrove 31  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Low Net: Alex Fremling 32  
 Birds & Chip-ins: Roger Falberg (C)

July 17<sup>th</sup> 7 Players

C.T.P. Leon Kowaleski 25'5"  
 1<sup>st</sup> Low Net: Leon Kowaleski 25  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Low Net: Tom Birley 28  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Low Net: Dave Riopel 29  
 Birds & Chip-ins: Anderson, Jim (C)

June 26<sup>th</sup> 6 Players

C.T.P. NONE  
 1<sup>st</sup> Low Net: Tom Birley 27  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Low Net: Don Stuedeman 29  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Low Net: Jim Anderson 30  
 Birds & Chip-ins: NONE

### 2020 BRANCH 62 OFFICERS

Big Sir: Dave Riopel  
 Little Sir: Jeff Bautista  
 New Directors: Mike Miller & Gerhard Schneider  
 Returning Directors: Alex Fremling  
 John Howard & Ron Olson

### ATTENDANCE REPORT

August 15, 2019

Members Attending	36	Guests	2
Active	65	In Process	0

## BRIDGE CLUB

The next three scheduled meetings will be held on the 3rd of September, the 17th of September and the 1st of October. The hosts will be Jeff Bautista, Dave Riopel and Leon Kowaleski, respectively.

We continue to fill two tables of bridge, but with the end of Summer approaching, we may be filling three tables.

If anyone is interested in learning or getting back into the game of bridge, please see Roger Falberg or myself and we will get you started.

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

### NEXT MEETING

September 19, 2019

Menu: Caesar Chicken Salad

Bay Shrimp Carbonara

Oct.: Boat Fruit Salad

Spaghetti Marinara w/Meatballs

### 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 ORDERING INFORMATION

If you buy a ticket and cannot make the meeting, call or email Dave Riopel 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 Dave Riopel 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 2019 is \$26.

**Please contact Dave Riopel at  
408-482-1454 or  
driopel@msn.com**

### SONS IN RETIREMENT

**Branch 62**

**LUNCHEON ORDER FORM\***

**MUST BE RECEIVED AT LEAST ONE  
WEEK PRIOR TO THE MEETING**

I wish to order a salad ( ) or entrée ( ) of the month for the meeting in the month of \_\_\_\_\_.

Included with this form is payment of \$26. Make check payable to SIR Branch 62.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

Cut out and mail to: Dave Riopel

10516 Whitney Way

Cupertino, CA 95014

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

**Sons in Retirement  
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