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## The ROOSTER

The Monthly Bulletin of

Sunnyvale Branch # 62

### SONS IN RETIREMENT

A Non-Profit Organization of Retired Men



### BIG SIR REPORT

My fellow Sirs,

I hope all of you are enjoying the wonderful weather here in the Santa Clara Valley. It really is a great place to live and to enjoy the many different activities offered by SIR Branch 62. If you haven't participated, please do, as you will enjoy the company of these great guys in Branch 62.

Regarding our monthly luncheons, although we enjoyed and appreciated the hospitality of Branch 54 at Three Flames, the BEC has picked Holders Country Inn on De Anza Blvd as the location for our Monthly meetings. It is on the 2nd Thursday of each month as the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday was already booked by the restaurant. Mark your calendars for August 12 at 11am.

Thank you. Your Big Sir,

Wally Anderson

### Walking Program

Tom Chatfield has organized a Branch Walking Group. Contact Tom at 408 736 8044 or by e-mail at [tchatfield761@gmail.com](mailto:tchatfield761@gmail.com) if you have interest or comments.

### SPECIAL NOTICE

The August Branch 62 SIR Luncheon is IN PERSON at Holders Country Inn at 998 S. De Anza Blvd., San Jose, across from Home Depot, on August 12. **Social Hour 11 AM & Lunch at noon.**

**Lunch is \$28** –The meal choices include: Salmon, Sicilian Chicken, Yankee Pot Roast, Chinese Chicken Salad, or a Cheese Burger. You order your meal at the restaurant.

**COVID-19 Special Requirements:** At your first luncheon at Holders, you will have to show your COVID-19 **proof of vaccination** (this will be recorded by our Branch 62 ticket takers).

### Guest Speaker

The title of the talk on August 12<sup>th</sup> will be: "Amateur Radio, Fun and Public Service."

Rod will detail what activities amateur radio operators are involved in, how we are licensed and stressing the fun aspects of being a ham radio operator, including the ability to help out with communications during disasters.

As far as a bio for me goes, Rod retired from Superior Court, County of Santa Clara in 2009 and continued to work in the Assigned Judge Program until March 13, 2020 when the Courts closed down as a result of the pandemic.

Rod has been a licensed amateur radio operator for approximately 46 years and have held a number of offices in the national association of amateur radio operators known as the ARRL (American Radio relay League).

Rod Stafford – One of Us!

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**Bridge**

Now that we are transitioning out of COVID-19 isolation, we will meet the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of the month at Roger Falberg’s office, 3375 Scott Blvd. office 332 in Santa Clara starting July 6<sup>th</sup>. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays, we will continue to play online using Bridge Base.

We play every week on Tuesdays at 1:30. Roger Falberg organizes the play and sends each player the table positions and hosts prior to our gathering time for online play. If you want to join us, let Roger know ahead of time so he can arrange the player tables. If you want to learn how to register or use BBO, contact Roger or me.  
 John Dieckman – Bridge Publicist

**SIR TRAVEL – BRANCH 62**

**Travel Chairman: Jim Hohenshelt (408 394-7226).**  
**Assistant: Roy Jordan (408 735-8765).**

We (Branch 62) hope to reschedule our one-day trip to the Chinese Exhibit at Blackhawk Museum - Terra Cotta Warriors to Friday, either October 29 or November 5th. More information at the August 12<sup>th</sup> Branch luncheon. We are also investigating the possibility of a bus tour (approximately 2.5 weeks) along the eastern shore of the Adriatic – Croatia, Montenegro, Bosnia, Slovenia, perhaps Albania, around March of 2022. Trip would likely include Dubrovnik, Kotor, Sarajevo, Zagreb, Ljubljana, Lake Bled. If you might be interested in such a trip, we suggest you call Jim, indicate your interest, and discuss the possibilities.

There are a few trips in the July 2021 State SIR Travel Opportunities newsletter. Roy can provide a little more info about these trips or forward the newsletter. The travel chairmen will be traveling from August 13<sup>th</sup> until September 5<sup>th</sup>, any travel questions please contact before (or after).

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

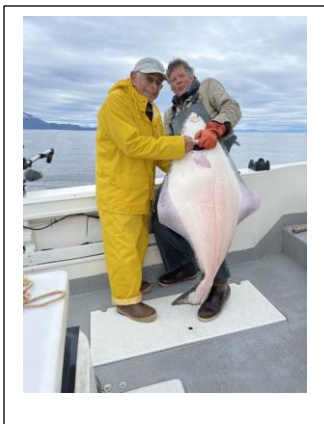
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ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS: If you do not attend five (5) meetings without a suitable excuse within the last twelve (12) months, you may be dropped from the membership. You can attend another Branch’s Luncheon as a makeup for missing our Luncheon.

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## SUSPENDED ACTIVITIES

Please note that **BOCCE BALL** and **WINE TASTING** activities have been suspended for the time being.

### Membership Report

Active Members 58

July Meeting Attendance: 26

### SIR BOWLING

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Tom Birley Phil Thomas Leon Kowaleski  
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After 15 weeks we are in the second half of the Summer League have Team 1, consisting of Dottie Birley, Leon Kowaleski, and Tom Birley, is in first place with 13 wins and 3 losses. Team 8, consisting of Chas Baily, David Jeong, and Gwen Jeong, is in second place with 11 wins and 5 losses.

Top Scores so far: Scr. Series: 605 Stephen Bishop and 561 Pat Hutton Scr. Game: 246 Lynn Grilley and 187 Nina Middaugh Hand. Series: 697 Bob Byers and 686 Dottie Birley Hand. Game: 264 Dave Jeong and 256 Marlys Byers

Tom Birley  
League President

### The winners of the prizes at the July Luncheon were:

**Mike Miller – Birthday**  
**Roy Jordan – Attendance**

Branch 54 gives SIRS apparel as prizes.  
Think About it!

### 9 HOLE GOLF

Nine-hole golf is played at Sunken Gardens at 9AM each Wednesday. We currently have three players and can get tee times for more. We don't play as a tournament; we just enjoy a round of golf and the friendship of our fellow Sirs. Come out and play. Please let me know if you want to join us.

Tom Birley, 9 Hole Golf Chairman

### 18 HOLE GOLF

We have 8 players participating in the Area event at Los Lagos. Four will sign up for the state individual championship qualifier. We wish them happy fairways and friendly greens.

It was good to see Jeff Bautista back on the course this month. Hopefully, we will see more returnees as the conditions return to 'normal'. Charlie Hart is in the process of getting cataracts removed. Chet Hayes is recovering from back surgery. Paul Goodwin is recovering from total knee replacement. Maybe SIR should open their own hospital.

Tournament Coordinator for August is Bob Pastorino.

Aug 2 – San Jose Muni

Aug 9 – Monterey Pines

Aug 16 – Spring Valley

Aug 23 – Area Tournament at Dublin Ranch \$40

Aug 30 – Santa Teresa

Paul Goodwin, 18 Hole Golf chairman

### August BIRTHDAYS

Paul Forney - August 27

Just show up!

We like your chances of winning!

### Branch 62 Web Site

Have you visited our web site lately?

Want to read the joke from the luncheon?

Need to contact the speaker?

Forget the luncheon's speaker details?

Want to see what other members are doing during COVID-19?

Want to read back issues of the Rooster?

Get all of this and more on our Web Site at:

<https://sirinc2.org/branch62/index.php>

Heber Slusser

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## Help Needed!!

**Volunteers are needed in Branch 62:**  
**RAMP Activities Chairman**  
**Bowling Publicist**  
**Transportation**  
**Health & Safety**

Increase your enjoyment by actively participating in our branch. We are 100% dependent on volunteers. Being a volunteer will help you become more acquainted with other members and provide the satisfaction of helping your fellow members.

### *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 [jpmcguiresr@aol.com](mailto:jpmcguiresr@aol.com).

***BE A SIR!!.. BE COMMITTED!!***

***BE ACTIVE!!.. HAVE FUN!!..***

## SUNNYVALE BRANCH 62

### BRANCH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES (Abstract)

July 1, 2021

**Big Sir: Wally Anderson:** Opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Wally welcomed everyone to our Zoom meeting. Wally said that after our emergency meeting on June 25<sup>th</sup> and his and Mike's meeting with Holder's owner Efren that everyone is on board with us having our luncheons at Holder's Country Inn on the second Thursday of each month starting August 12<sup>th</sup>. Wally asked Leon to come up with four possible menu choices for the lunch. Heber said we should get the menu out early in the Rooster, if possible, so members get an idea what they would like.

Here is what Wally and Mike agreed to

1. Cost is \$28 Per person.
2. A minimum three days prior to the luncheon, Br 62 (Little SIR or alternate? ) will pick four items off the menu that are to be made available for the luncheon and give Efren an estimate of the number of Sirs expected for the luncheon. He said that he is very flexible and the number can go up or down with no problem.
3. As each Sir checks in they will pick one of the items from menu for that day.
4. Coffee, Tee, Water, soda are included.
5. Alcoholic Drinks are available at an additional cost.
6. Dessert is extra **or** can be provided for everyone but the per person price goes to \$30.
7. They can accommodate a Christmas Dinner Dance.
8. They will arrange the tables in a horseshoe format so all can face the front of the room.
9. There is a large screen TV at the front of the room with a 60 ft HDMI cable available.
9. They will make a podium available.
10. A flag holder is in the room.

Wally will mail Leon the Menu that you can choose items from for each luncheon.

Wally thanked Mike for doing all the prep work in getting this deal done.

Wally also asked about the status of our phone calls to members who have been absent from our luncheons either in person or on zoom calls in the past year or so. There were still calls to be made. Wally said that after he receives the results of the calls, he will get the information to Heber Slusser and Leon Kowaleski. Wally asked our opinion on whether we should remove nonpaying members from our roster. We all agreed that we should wait until they have been called to see if they want to continue or not. It was decided that a decision whether to remove or not would be made at next month's BEC meeting.

**New Business:** Wally asked Secretary Bob Pastorino about getting past Big Sir pins for those that need them. Heber said he would send an email out to past Big Sirs to find out who has not received one. Bob said that the time to order them is in October. Bob also brought up that Form 20 needs to be updated and sent to the state by August, with the names of the Officer and committee chairs for 2022. Heber Slusser wanted to give a hat's off to Mike Miller for doing a great job updating our website and for the pictures of branch activities he has put on the site. It was determined that we would make the website a program on our activity report each month.



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