



## Big Sir Report

Dear Members of Branch 62,

I am sad to report death of Tom Chatfield in June. Tom was a valued member of our branch since he joined us from Branch 32 back in 2019. He had been a member of SIR for about 25 years in various branches. Many of us fondly recall his leadership in the Walking Activity and the meaningful friendships he nurtured. He expressed a desire for the Walking Activity to continue. He will be deeply missed.

In June, we took a big step forward by setting up a booth at the De Anza Flea Market to promote Branch 62 to a wider audience. The response was promising, and we're grateful to all the participants and a special shout-out to Wally Anderson for making it happen. We plan to build on this experience and try again in September.

Our annual Picnic was nothing short of a triumph! With 33 people in attendance, we all had a wonderful time under comfortable weather conditions. The success of this event wouldn't have been possible without the dedication of our entire picnic staff. From purchasing food to volunteering time, lending equipment, providing advice, handling money, and securing serving items, our faithful volun-

teers truly went above and beyond. A special thanks to the chefs, Bob Pastorino, Phil Thomas & Wally Anderson who did an excellent job barbequing over hot coals on a very warm day.

Now, let's talk about some exciting changes! Our September BEC and Luncheon will take place at the Macara Café, nestled in the lovely Sunnyvale Golf Course. We hope this move will enhance the ambiance of our luncheons and make it easier for everyone to enjoy the presentations. Speaking of which, we'd love to hear your ideas for future presentations. If you have any thoughts or suggestions, don't hesitate to contact John Dieckman or Bruce Edmundson.

Best regards,

*Heber Slusser, 2023 Branch 62 Big Sir*

# August 2023

## 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 second Thursday of the month.

### Holder's Country Inn

10088 N Wolfe Road, Suite 130,  
Cupertino, CA 95014

Park in the back parking lot and enter from there.

**Next Meeting is Thursday August 10, 2023**

Social Hour 11 AM Lunch 12 Noon

**We encourage those who are hearing impaired to  
sit in front near the Speaker**

Zoom Link: See page 4 for information on joining  
the meeting using Zoom.

### Lunch Ordering Information

Tickets are sold in advance of the monthly lunch. If at all possible, please buy your lunch ticket at the luncheon meeting preceding the one you plan to attend. For those who have not purchased an advance ticket for the luncheon, please contact Barry Boole via email at [bboole@aol.com](mailto:bboole@aol.com) or call him at 408-505-5670 (Leave a message if no answer.) to indicate your intent to attend the luncheon. Payment (\$28) may be made at the door.

Barry Boole 284 W. Eaglewood Ave.  
Sunnyvale, CA 94085-3662  
408-505-5670 (Leave a message)  
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Attendance	Tom Birley	Newsletter	John McGuire
Audit	Mel Waldman		John Dieckman
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	Heber Slusser	Nominations	Phil Thomas
Bocce Ball	Wally Anderson		Heber Slusser
Book Swap	Lynn Grilley		John Dieckman
Bowling	Tom Birley	Photographer	Bob Pastorino
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	Lynn Grilley	Property	Henry Crossfield
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Bridge	Hugh Moore	Chair	Jim Hohenshelt
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	Wally Anderson	SIR Logo Items	Phil Thomas
Golf, 9 Hole	Tom Birley	Songster	Roger Falberg
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Golf, 18 Hole	Paul Goodwin		
Greeter	Dave Riopel	Sunshine	Wally Anderson
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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 may 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 haven't received the "Rooster" by mail by the 10th of the month, call John McGuire (408) 248-4620. If you haven't received the "Rooster" by e-mail, let John McGuire know at: [jpmcguiresr@aol.com](mailto:jpmcguiresr@aol.com).

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

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

# Bocce and Cornhole

The next outing is scheduled for Thursday August 7<sup>th</sup>. Due to the hot weather, we will have the next Bocce outing at Questa Park in Mountain View. We will switch back to Almaden Lake in September.

*Wally Anderson*

*Bocce and Cornhole Coordinator*

## Bridge

We 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 to play in person. On the other Tuesdays, we play online using Bridge Base Online browser app.

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 either on line or face to face play. If you want to join us, let Roger know ahead of time so he can arrange the player tables.

*John Dieckman - Bridge Publicist*

## Membership Report

Active Members 40

July Picnic Attendance 33

## 18 HOLE GOLF

There appears to be a small group of the SIR membership who refuse to accept their physical and emotional limitations. They adamantly believe that they can realize accomplishments that, against all odds, exceed their meager abilities. Doing so, they frequently expose themselves to grave disappointment and frustration. On occasion, however, they manage to attain that elusive goal and can then proudly exclaim for all around to hear - "Give me a Par!" These folks are referred to as Duffers and proudly carry that title.

Two foursomes of Duffers attacked three courses in the last four weeks with vigor and abandonment. We chased the young foxes (kits) around the Los Lagos fairways; swept over the hills of Spring Valley and perspired at San Jose Muni. And yes, we occasionally heard the resounding call of Par and even a rare Birdie echoing through the trees.

### UPCOMING EVENTS – TC is Alice Goodwin

Aug. 7 – Los Lagos      Aug. 14 – De La Viega  
Aug. 21 – Spring Valley    Aug. 28 – Pacific Grove

*Walt Marwitz – Golf Reporter*

### August Birthdays

Paul Forney                      27<sup>th</sup>

### August Anniversaries

Lynn Grilley                      10 years  
John Dieckman                    15 Years  
Tom Birley                         25 Years

## SIR TRAVEL – BRANCH 62

**Travel Chairman: Jim Hohenshelt**

**Assistant: Roy Jordan**

### Columbia-Snake River Cruise

Some members requested we investigate a river cruise on the Columbia and Snake Rivers, likely in June, July, or August of 2024. This would start in Clarkston, Washington on the border with Idaho, proceed down the Snake River to the Columbia and on through the Columbia River Gorge to Astoria on the coast, then turn around and end in Portland, Oregon. Alternatively, the trip could be in the opposite direction. Along with some wonderful scenery along the rivers there will be side trips to Mt. Hood, Mt. St. Helens, Multnomah Falls, and Pendleton, Oregon. The trip is 11 days, the first night in a hotel and the rest of them on the river boat. More details including pricing later, but **if you might be at all interested contact Jim**, and discuss it, what dates and direction of trip you might prefer etc.

### Ruby Hill Winery – early 2024

Several people who have been on our previous visits to the Ruby Hill Winery have requested we look into another visit, probably in early 2024. This features a tour of the vineyard in an old school bus which once transported the Grateful Dead Rock Band and was obtained by the winery and converted for vineyard tours by replacing the seats with cut out wine barrels, fully cushioned and swiveling for good views. There is also tasting and snacks. To keep it simple and inexpensive, we'll plan to drive to the winery – perhaps arranging carpools. **If you might be interested, please contact Jim** and discuss preferred dates, etc.

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

## SIR Bowling

**President**  
Tom Birley

**Vice President**  
Phil Thomas

**Publicist**  
Lynn Grilley



Team #4 won the first half of the summer league.  
Team #7 finished second.

**Come join us at Homestead Bowl!**

Every Tuesday at 10:30AM.

*Lynn Grilley, Bowling Publicist*

## Meeting Cash Awards

Remember that, in addition to one \$25 cash birthday award at our Monthly Luncheon Meeting, there will be one additional \$25 cash attendance award.

You must be present on Zoom or in person to be eligible to receive an award. Be involved and have a shot at these riches.

## Lunch Speaker Ideas?

Do you have a subject you think would be interesting to our SIR group, such as travel, work, or hobby - or - do you have an interesting topic to present? Please contact John Dieckman or Bruce Edmundson.

## Branch 62 Web Site

Have you visited our web site lately?  
Want to read the joke from the luncheon?  
Forgot the luncheon's speaker details?  
Want to read back issues of the Rooster?  
Read meeting minutes and Treasurer Reports?  
Get all of this and more on our Web Site at:  
<https://sirinc2.org/branch62/index.php>

## ZOOM Information for the Lunch Meetings

When possible, we will make our monthly meetings available on Zoom.

Link to Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5901729440?pwd=RFZwQmI3eFZYOFRHc1R2ZGVxbUtlUT09>

*If the above link does not work for you, please try the following link and enter the ID and Password manually*

<https://zoom.us/join> or type [zoom.us/join](https://zoom.us/join) into your browser address line

**Meeting ID: 590 172 9440**

**Password: 62**

**Zoom - Telephone Call into a Zoom Meeting**

1. Audio conferencing participant will need to call: (415) 762-9988 or (408) 638-0968, AND follow the verbal instructions.
2. Enter the meeting ID followed by the # key.
3. You will be asked to enter your participant ID. **Simply press the # key.**

## Help Needed!!

**Volunteers are needed in Branch 62:**

- **RAMP Activities Chairman**
- **Transportation**

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.

**SUNNYVALE BRANCH 62  
BRANCH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**No BEC Meeting in July.**



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