



Big Sir Report

March 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 Rd STE 130, Cupertino, CA 95014 Park in the back parking lot and enter from there. Next Meeting Thursday March 9, 2023

Social Hour 11 AM Lunch 12 Noon

Zoom Link: See page 5 for information on joining the meeting using Zoom.

Branch 62 Sirs,

Good news! We are moving to Holder's Country Inn on Wolfe Ave in Cupertino for our next and future BEC meetings and Luncheons. I thank the continued effort by our diligent "Venue Committee" (Wally Anderson, John Dieckman, Mike Miller, and others).

As we look at the calendar for 2023, we are discovering conflicts and issues that we will resolve. The first is the "June" Picnic date. We determined that too many of our critical picnic volunteers will not be available in June due to unmovable commitments; therefore the BEC has decided to move the Picnic to July on our regular meeting day. It will be held at Ortega Park as usual.

The weather has been better so our activities are doing better too. 18 Hole Golf, Bocce, Bowling (2 teams), Bridge and Walking are all going strong. There will be a Wine tasting event and Fishing in March. If you are interested in Pickle Ball, please let me know and we can discuss how to make this one of our activities.

We currently have 42 members in Branch 62. It is very difficult to get enough volunteers from this small number to effectively run our branch. We need two things:1) More members, 2) More of our existing member to volunteer to

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 or call him at 408-505-5670 (Leave a message if no answer.) to indicate your intent to attend the luncheon. Payment (\$28 or \$6 if you have a \$22 ticket) may be made at the door.

Barry Boole 284 W. Eaglewood Ave. Sunnyvale, CA 94085-3662 408-505-5670 (Leave a message) bboole@aol.com

fill existing positions. Branch 62's permanent positions are: 11 officers, 1 area representative, 22 committees, 10 activities for a total of 44 positions – but only 42 members in our branch. It is obvious that some of our members shoulder much of the work. If you are not currently holding a position, please consider signing up by contacting me.

I am making a special plea to all our members to do whatever you can to help increase our membership. Consider discussing our Branch with your children, neighbors, close friends, not so close friends, and anyone else that you can think of. We really need to increase our membership.

Thank all of you for your support. Heber Slusser, 2023 Big Sir

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Big Sir	Heber Slusser	Asst. Secreta	ıry	Jim Hohenshelt			
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		Wally Anderson		Mike Miller		
		Heber Slusser	Nominations	Phil Thomas		
	Bocce Ball	Wally Anderson		Heber Slusser		
	Book Swap	Lynn Grilley		John Dieckman		
Bowling T		Tom Birley	Photography	Bob Pastorino		
		Phil Thomas	Program	John Dieckman		
		Lynn Grilley	Property	Henry Crossfield		
	Bridge	John Dieckman	RAMP			
	Chaplain	none	Chair	Jim Hohenshelt		
	Poker	Mel Waldman	R ecruitment	Jeff Bautista		
	Condolence	Wally Anderson	<u>A</u> ctivities	Volunteer Wanted		
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STATE OFFICERS

State President: Richard K. Kindle Area 11 Representative: Phil Thomas

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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.v3 Members and guests will participate at their own risk. V2jmcg

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.

BE A SIR!!.. BE COMMITTED!!

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

Bocce and Cornhole

Due to the weather and other factors, and after talking to a few of the other BOCCE players, I plan on reducing our BOCCE outings to the 1st Thursday of each month at the Almaden Lake Bocce Courts. If others want to play at other times, I will be glad to lend them a set of BOCCE balls. Our next outing will be on Thursday March 2nd at Almaden Lake BOCCE court. Cornhole is optional.

Wally Anderson
Bocce and Cornhole Coordinator

Bridge

We meet the 1st and 3rd 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

March Birthdays

Wally Anderson 19th
Don Coletti 7th (99Years)
Chuck Hart 6th
Roy Jordan 17th
Ken Kawakami 20th



March 12th

18 Hole Golf

Not much to report for February at this writing. The round at San Jose was the first of a 4 round Eclectic (best score on each hole over 4 games).

Five players are signed up for the Area Tournament at Spring Valley Feb 27....stay tuned for results.

Some of our golfers may have been billed \$39 by the NCGA as I have – don't pay it. Their system is screwy. Let me know if you have been charged. I am working with them to clean this up.

UPCOMING EVENTS – TC is Walt Marwitz

Mar 6 – Sunnyvale

Mar 13 – Coyote Creek

Mar 20 – San Jose Muni

Mar 27 – area event at San Jose

Paul Goodwin – Golf Chair 408-480-4900

AWAYCHAIR9@HOTMAIL.COM

SIR 62 Fishing Program Salmon Fishing in Alaska 2023

The Fishing Activity is currently planning a Salmon/Halibut/Rock Fish trip to Ketchikan, Alaska June 19-23, 2023. If you are interested, please contact Heber Slusser or Wally Anderson. It will be an enjoyable adventure (even if you don't fish). Last year we saw whales, sharks, sea lions, orca, numerous sea birds including a rare puffin. Ketchikan is best known for three things: feisty salmon, idyllic scenery, and an incredibly rich Alaska Native culture.

Heber Shusser Fishing Chairman

9 Hole Golf

Nine Hole Golf has been suspended for the time being.

Tom Birley, 9 Hole Golf Chairman



SIR TRAVEL – BRANCH 62

Travel Chairman: Jim Hohenshelt (408 394-7226). jim_hohenshelt@yahoo.com Assistant: Roy Jordan (408 735-8765)

jordan_roy_s@yahoo.com

There is no Branch 62 travel activity at this time

Other Branches' Trips

State SIR occasionally sends out a newsletter which includes some trips put on by other branches. There is still one trip which may be open from the last newsletter we received.

Autumn Colors trip to East Coast, Oct. 13-22, 2023. 2 nights in Boston, visit Manchester and Burlington, Vermont; North Conway and Portsmouth, New Hampshire; Bar Harbor, Maine, and Acadia National Park; take scenic drives along the Mohawk Trail and Kancamagus Highway. \$4330 pp/dbl. occ. plus air fare. Roy has the contact information to get brochures and additional information.

There may be information about trips sponsored by other branches on our web site https://sirinc2.org/branch62 under Travel. Roy may also have access to information about these trips.

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

TIME TO PAY MEMBER DUES

Membership fees of \$20 are past due. Pay to Roger at the March meeting, or mail check ("SIR Branch 62") to:

Roger H. Falberg 751 Silver Pine Court Sunnyvale, CA 94086

SIR Bowling

PresidentVice PresidentPublicistTom BirleyPhil ThomasLynn Grillley(408) 489-4815(408) 410-3626(408) 482-3845

Team 7 is still in 1st place after four weeks and Team 5 is still close behind.

Changes in the Individual Scores are shown below.

Men Women

Scratch Series: John Cochren 638 Pat Hutton 571 Scratch Game: Don Haythornewhite 233 Mary Roth 205 Handicap Series: Ted Wadholm 699 Donna Diehl 690 Handicap Game: Armond King 268 Nina Middaugh 267

Lynn Grilly, 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.

Remember, 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.

February Winners:

Birthday Award: Roger Falberg Attendance Award: Dave Riopel



March 17th

Branch 62 Web Site

Have you visited our web site lately?
Want to read the joke from the luncheon?
Need to contact the speaker?
Forgot the luncheon's speaker details?
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

Wine Tasting

Dave will have a wine tasting at his home on Friday, March 3, 2023, 2 to 4 PM. Bring something to share and talk about. 10516 Whitney Way Cupertino, next to Library Park Dave Riopel, Wine Tasting Program Coordinator.

2023 Picnic Date Change

The regular June Picnic will be held on the second Thursday of July this year due to many personnel conflicts. More details will be provided as we get closer to the event.

Volunteers ARE REQUIRED. Please step up and help out - you will find it very rewarding.

Membership Report

Active Members 42 February Attendance 17

Help Needed!!

Volunteers are needed in Branch 62: RAMP Activities Chairman 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.

Walking Program

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

ZOOM Information for the March 9th Meeting

Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5901729440?pwd=RFZwQmI3eFZY0FRHc1R2ZGVxbUtlUT09

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 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 you wish to join followed by the # key.
- 3. You will be asked to enter your participant ID. Simply press the # key.

Abstract of Minutes of the February Branch Executive Committee (BEC)

Big Sir: Heber Slusser: Opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Heber welcomed everyone to our BEC meeting. The meeting was opened with a discussion about having our Luncheons at Holder's again. After much discussion, it a was agreed upon to start having the luncheons at Holder's starting in March. The cost of the meal will be \$28.00. We will need to get a Speaker for the Luncheon.

Other New Business: It was brought up that Tom Birley, Bob Byers and Heber Slusser will not be available in June for our Picnic. It was agreed upon that we move the Picnic to July 13th. We need volunteers to help to make it a success again. It was agreed upon that we will have a DJ at the Christmas Party this year.

It was brought up that we need to find more ways to attract new members. Some suggestions were a booth at Flea Market and a presentation at Assisted Living Facilities.

18 Hole Golf: Paul Goodwin: Branch 62 hosting Area Tournament in July.



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