



## Big Sir Report

Hello Branch 62 Members,

Here is a shout out to our “Lunch Venue” committee for all their effort and diligence in finding Macara Cafe. We held our first Luncheon there, and it was a success. It was less noisy, which made for a more comfortable and enjoyable meeting where we could all hear the presenter. I have heard only good comments. Since it was our first experience at this place, we realize that there are some minor glitches that need to be ironed out, but nothing that can’t be resolved.

Our second De Anza Flea Market recruiting booth was a qualified success. Nine people showed a special interest in Branch 62 and at least three have indicated that they will join us for a luncheon in the future. We may have another De Anza event on the first Saturday of October. Please contact Jeffrey Bautista if you can help out.

As a special incentive, any member successfully recruiting a new branch member (confirmed by the new member's dues payment) will receive a complimentary lunch.

For the foreseeable future, Zoom will be available by request only. If you plan to attend the luncheon via Zoom, kindly inform me a few days in advance, and I'll do my best to arrange it.

Best Regards,  
*Heber Slusser, 2023 Big Sir for Branch 62*

# October 2023

## The ROOSTER

The Monthly Newsletter 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.

### Macara Restaurant

605 Macara Avenue at Sunnyvale Golf Course  
Sunnyvale, CA 94085

**Next Meeting is Thursday October 12, 2023**

Social Hour 11 AM    Lunch 12 Noon

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

**Zoom Link: Zoom is available on request. Contact  
the Big Sir a few days in advance of the meeting.**

### Lunch Ordering Information

Tickets are sold in advance of the monthly lunch. If 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 or call him to indicate your intent to attend the luncheon. Payment (\$25) may be made at the door.

Barry Boole  
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Sunnyvale, CA 94085-3662  
(408) 505-5670 (Leave a message)  
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**OFFICERS**

Big Sir	Heber Slusser		
Little Sir	Mike Miller	Asst. Little Sir	Barry Boole
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John Dieckman	Steve Burnham	Jack Pettygrove	Wally Anderson
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**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

Bocce will be at Almaden Lake on October 5th at 2pm. Contact Bob Pastorino if you want to play.

*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 online 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*

## THE TOM CHATFIELD WALK

Roy Jordan

Tom Chatfield started the walking activity that has been going on for a while now. We usually go on the first and third Fridays of the month. Tom wished that the walks would continue, and now that Tom is gone, I (Roy Jordan) will be trying to coordinate them.

I propose to call the activity *The Tom Chatfield Walk*, Tom's Walk for short, in tribute to and in memory of Tom.

Our walk starts at the Blackberry Farm Golf Course parking lot, off Stevens Creek Boulevard in the hollow between Foothill Boulevard and De Anza College, at 9:30 AM. Then proceed out the Stevens Creek trail either to McClellan Road or on to Linda Vista Park, depending on the mood of the walkers.

For any questions, please contact Roy Jordan at:

[jordan\\_roy\\_s@yahoo.com](mailto:jordan_roy_s@yahoo.com) or at:

(408) 735-8765.

## 18 HOLE GOLF September Recap

Branch 62 eighteen holers were at it again this past month. Fortunately, not one canine appeared to threaten our group at Coyote Creek. Our area bombardment of Callaway Supersofts apparently scared the canines off. Many of us did, however, discover at Deep Cliff that golf balls don't float nor penetrate the bark of overhanging branches. San Jose Muni was bright and sunny with not much of a breeze to be used as an excuse for an errant approach shot.

On the 18<sup>th</sup>, we will surely find the very few sand bunkers at Spring Valley. Then it's the Pacific Grove Golf Links on Tuesday of the following week where the resident deer don't know if it's safer to be in the trees or on the fairway.

### October Lineup

Mondays in October will find us at Los Lagos, Spring Valley, San Jose Muni, Aptos Seascapes (on Tuesday) and Sunnyvale Muni, in that order.

*Walt Marwitz – Golf Reporter*



### October Birthdays

Barry Boole 13<sup>th</sup> Mal Hopkins 31<sup>st</sup>  
Walt Strach 19<sup>th</sup>

A \$25 cash birthday award is drawn at our Monthly Luncheon Meeting. Birthday boys must be present on Zoom or in person to be eligible to receive an award.

The September winner was Bruce Edmundson.

### BRANCH 62 TRAVEL

**Chairman: Jim Hohenshelt (408 394-7226)**  
jim\_hohenshelt@yahoo.com

**Assistant: Roy Jordan (408 735-8765)**  
jordan\_roy\_s@yahoo.com

### April 2024 - Columbia-Snake River

We are investigating a river cruise on the Columbia and Snake Rivers. It now appears that the best dates are in April 2024, due to considerably better pricing. We are investigating the 11-day and 8-day cruises. We expect the price for the lowest category cabin on the 8-day cruise will be about \$5100 per person double occupancy including air fare. We have the choice of going either direction. One direction 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.

**If interested, please contact Jim** and discuss what dates and trip direction you prefer etc.

**We will need five cabins to go as a group.**

### January 24, 2024 - Ruby Hill Winery

Several people who have been on our previous visits to the Ruby Hill Winery have requested we investigate another visit. We've picked a date. It's the last Saturday in January of 2024. This trip features a tour of the vineyard in an old school bus which once transported the Grateful Dead Rock Band. There is also tasting and snacks. To keep it simple and inexpensive, we'll plan to drive to the winery – perhaps arranging carpools. **If interested, please contact Jim. We need 8 people minimum.**

There are Ruby Hill pictures from previous trips on our website. There is also information about trips sponsored by other SIR branches.

Check the website for all up-to-date Travel info:

[www.branch62.sirinc2.org/Travel/Travel.php](http://www.branch62.sirinc2.org/Travel/Travel.php)

## SIR Bowling

**President**  
Tom Birley

**Vice President**  
Phil Thomas

**Publicist**  
Lynn Grilley



The SIR Statesmen 2023-2024 Winter League got off to a great start on September 5th. Once again, we have 8 teams.

The season will be 34 weeks long with 4 quarterly winners. We will bowl for 7 weeks plus a position round for each quarter. So, the season will be 32 weeks plus a 4 team roll off for 1st thru 4th place on week 33. Week 34 will be a no tap sweepers.

### **We still have room for more players!**

Please contact Tom or Phil or Lynn if interested.

Check the Branch 62 Bowling website for current team standings.

*Lynn Grilley*

### **Lunch Speaker Ideas?**

Do you have a subject you think would be interesting to our SIR group? Do you know of someone who would be an interesting speaker for our luncheons? Is there a topic you would like to present - like work, travels, or a hobby?

Please contact John Dieckman or Bruce Edmundson.

### **September Report**

Membership 39  
Meeting Attendance 22  
New Members 0  
Lost Members 0



Halloween is on  
October 31<sup>st</sup>

### **Wine Tasting**

#### **Thursday October 19th**

There will be a wine tasting event at Dave and Lora Riopels on Thursday October 19th. Contact Dave and Lora if interested.

### **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>

### **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.

### **SIR Anniversary**

Jeff Bautista – 10 Years

**SUNNYVALE BRANCH 62**  
**BRANCH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FOR**  
**September 14, 2023**

**Present:** Slusser, Miller, Riopel, Hohenshelt, Burnham, Dieckman, Pettygrove

**Absent;** Boole, Pastorino, Anderson

**Big Sir Heber** opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

**A motion** was made by Heber and seconded by John D to approve the treasurer's report. **Motion passed.**

We currently have 39 members. A question was asked if Phil Smith is still a member?

**A motion** was made by Heber and seconded by John D to approve Form 27. **Motion passed.**

**Heber** discussed per meal pricing with Macara rather than a flat cost per meal. John D. checked with the manager of Macara, and it was refused. The cost remains at \$25 per meal.

**A motion** was made by Heber to offer a candidate to join SIRs a free meal when they attend their first lunch. Our current tradition is for the sponsor to pay for the candidate's meal, then be reimbursed by the branch after the candidate joins. A very lively discussion followed. The **motion was later withdrawn.**

**A motion** to increase our annual dues was made by Jack P and seconded by Paul G. After some discussion, the **motion passed.** We need to discuss the dues amount with Roger F (not present).

**Heber** reported that our branch had picked up 11 possible candidates for membership at the De Anza flea market recruiting effort. Some will attend our luncheon meeting today.

One of the candidates, Christine Hempler, is coming to today's lunch meeting. Heber recommended we allow women to join as associate members and pay \$20 per year as a contribution (not dues). After some discussion, our group agreed.

**The BEC** discussed awards, and how we had not done any for quite a while. An award committee was created. Its members include Mike Miller, Tom Burley, and Bobbie Byers.

**Heber** emphasized the importance of having speakers at our luncheon meetings. John D. pointed out that the September and October meetings are covered, and he and Bruce E, have split the search for speakers for November and 2024.

**Heber** then called on our various committees to report on activities.

**Heber** said we should remove references to requirements for attendance at our meetings from the Rooster since we no longer enforce them. (Mike M took an action to make that change in the October Rooster).

Bruce Edmundson won the birthday drawing.



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