



Big Sir Report

Hello Branch 62 Members,

Our branch remains vibrant with a variety of exciting activities! The 18 Hole Golf, Bocce, Bowling, Bridge, Poker, Fishing, and Walking groups are thriving, providing wonderful opportunities to stay active and enjoy each other's company.

By the time you read this, our second De Anza Flea Market booth, aimed at introducing Branch 62 to a wider audience, will likely have taken place. Spearheaded by Wally Anderson, we anticipate hearing about its success shortly.

Regarding attendance drawings, we've decided to discontinue them as they haven't shown a significant impact on our attendance. However, birthday drawings will persist, so keep those birthdays coming!

After dedicated searching and effort, we've decided to change our luncheon venue once again. We'll now gather at Macara Café, located at the Sunnyvale Golf Course (605 Macara Ave, Sunnyvale). Check your luncheon reminder for more details. The September meal will cost \$25 and feature sandwiches or a salad.

Kudos to the diligent work of the "Lunch Venue" committee.

For the foreseeable future, Zoom will be available upon 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.

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.

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

September 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.

Macara Restaurant

605 Macara Avenue at Sunnyvale Golf Course
Sunnyvale, CA 94085

Next Meeting is Thursday September 14, 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 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 (\$25) 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

Bocce and Cornhole

Bocce and cornhole take place on the first Monday of the month at Almaden Lake Park.

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

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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.

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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.

BE A SIR!!.. BE COMMITTED!!

BE ACTIVE!!.. HAVE FUN!!

THE TOM CHATFIELD WALK

Roy Jordan

Tom Chatfield started a walking activity that has been going on for a while now, usually 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, perhaps Tom's Walk for short, in tribute to and memory of Tom.

These walks start 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. They proceed out the Stevens Creek trail either to McClellan Road or on to Linda Vista Park, depending on the mood of the walkers.

For September, I propose a change to the **2nd and 4th Fridays, September 8th and 22nd**, to stay away from the Labor Day weekend.

If you would like a nice walk on either of these days, or have questions, please contact Roy Jordan.

18 HOLE GOLF August Recap

Since the last update, the 18 Hole Golf Group has enjoyed Monday outings at a geographic mix of golf venues. Starting on July 24th, several members participated in the Area Tournament at Poppy Ridge in Livermore, where our own Paul Goodwin took the honors in his flite. We then traveled to Monterey Pines, Monterey (obviously), where the cool ocean breezes contributed to a very enjoyable day for all. Los Lagos in San Jose and Spring Valley in Milpitas followed with toasty, but fun rounds. We then made sure to plant numerous Callaway and Srixon golf balls in the forests surrounding the challenging De Laveaga Golf Course, nestled in the foothills overlooking Santa Cruz. The beautiful setting and a nice respite from the heat of the Bay Area was more than enough to offset the investment in balls.

After replenishing our basic load of balls, we are planning to play on August 28th at Coyote Creek. The following week will see a Wednesday round (due to Labor Day) at Deep Cliff. Then on Mondays, we will be at the San Jose Muni, and Sunnyvale golf courses. On September 26th we will partake in the Area Tournament at the Pacific Grove Golf Links, where local fauna grazing the links may be in jeopardy. If you can find that dusty old bag of clubs hidden in the garage, please come join in the fun.

Walt Marwitz – Golf Reporter

September Birthdays

Bruce Edmundson 23rd John McGuire 30th
Dave Riopel 20th

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 July winner was Mike Miller. There was no August winner. The final (August) Attendance Award winner was John McGuire.

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

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** at the phone number or email address above, and discuss it, what dates and direction of trip you might prefer, etc. Let's see if we can get enough interest to pursue this trip (we'll need five cabins to go as a group).

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** at the number or email above & discuss preferred dates, etc. There are pictures from a previous visit on our web site <https://sirinc2.org/branch62> under Travel. (There may also be information about trips sponsored by other branches on the web site.)

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SIR Bowling

President
Tom Birley

Vice President
Phil Thomas

Publicist
Lynn Grilley



Today (8-22) was sweepers no tap bowling. What that means is everyone is bowling for money only. No tap means if you get 9 pins on the 1st ball it is counted as a strike. Money is paid out for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place to both men and women. We bowl three games plus handicap to determine scores. 1st place \$20, 2nd place \$15, 3rd place \$10.

	Men	Score	Women	Score
1 st	Lynn Grilley	830	Pat Hutton	809
2 nd	Tom Birley	808	Ruth Pettygrove	760
3 rd	Phil Thomas	802	Nina Middaugh	733



Autumn Begins

September 23rd

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>

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.

Attendance Report

Membership 39
August Attendance 21

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.

Anniversary

Steve Burnham 5 Years

SUNNYVALE BRANCH 62

BRANCH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FOR AUGUST 10, 2023

Big Sir: Heber Slusser: The first order of business was our moving to another venue for our luncheons. We will be moving to Macara Restaurant at the Sunnyvale Golf Course. We will have our first Luncheon on September 14th. After some discussion, it was agreed that the cost of the lunch will be \$25.00; it may change depending on the final cost from the Macara. For now, it will be \$25.00. The menu will have 4 items to choose from. It was agreed upon to continue to have a Birthday drawing; but we will discontinue the attendance drawing starting next month. Since Macara does not have video or audio equipment, we will have to provide our own. We have a projector and screen, but will have to buy audio equipment unless someone has one. Heber gave us the results of the State SIR survey from the branches about allowing women to join SIR. The results were 84 percent against and 14 percent in favor. The State said you can add women, but they cannot pay dues or be counted on as members. It was decided that we would revisit this again in the new year.

Other New Business: Heber brought up that we need to get new members. Wally Anderson is heading up a group to set up a booth at the De Anza Flea Market again on September 2nd. They will meet to set it up and it starts at 7:00. Wally will have a sign-up sheet for anyone who is interested. There will be brochures to hand out and business cards with our members' names and email address or phone number to give out to those that sign up. Heber made up a nice brochure and Phil Thomas will print out 50 of them. We also discussed other places to set up a booth. Jim Hohenshelt said he would get information on getting one at the Kaiser Santa Clara Farmers Market. It was also discussed about putting Brochures at Churches and Senior Centers if that is allowed. Paul Goodwin brought up a bring a friend day at one of our luncheons. It was decided that we would do it after we had been at Macara for a couple of months. Also, a motion was made to give a free lunch to any member who recruits a new member. Upon a motion by Heber Slusser and second by Wally Anderson the motion was approved. We also discussed what to do about our Christmas party. There was some discussion about having luncheon instead of dinner. There was also discussion of a Potluck Luncheon at a Community Center for our Christmas Party. We will discuss it more next month.

Travel, continued from page 3.

Last SIR Day at the Races – Sep 25, 2023

Most or all of you should have received an email from the State SIR with an invitation to a last SIR Day at the Races at Golden Gate Fields – GG Fields is closing. Attendance is to be arranged directly with Lee Moy. If you don't have his original email, it is on our web page, <https://sirinc2.org/branch62>, under Travel. We will keep a list of Branch 62 people who plan to go. Call or email Roy Jordan at the addresses above if you are thinking of going. This way we can let members know who is going, possibly suggesting carpools. At present, Paul Goodwin and his wife, and Roy Jordan are thinking of going. Note the September 20th deadline to sign up, likely means get your check to Lee Moy by that date.

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



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