



Big Sir Report

My fellow Sirs:

Thanks to our diligent lunch venue team, we were able to hold our March meeting at the Blue Pheasant Restaurant in Cupertino for the first time. It seemed to work very well for our group. We learned all about the Sunnyvale Material Recovery and Transfer Station (SMaRT) from our guest speaker, Ms. Bailey Hall. The room was well isolated from the regular lunch crowd, so there was no problem with outside noise. The food and service were also very good.

As with every first time, there were a few minor things, like table arrangement, to work out. The area was about the right size for the 20 members who attended.

So, we decided that we will return there in April. Please mark your calendars.

On the recruiting front, the Branch 62 recruiters had a booth at the Sunnyvale Farmer’s Market in March. Kudos to Heber, Wally, and Dave for making that happen. We have two member prospects from their effort. Please volunteer to help if you have some Saturday morning time to give.

They are also planning to return to the DeAnza Flea Market in April and will need several volunteers to help. Better things happen when many chip in.

Spring is here, and we look forward to getting all our outdoor activities back into full motion. Personally, I’m looking forward to more golf. Wally Anderson has volunteered to bring back the 9-hole golf activity; by the time you read this, it will have begun. Kudos, Wally!

In conclusion, remember that bringing in new members to join us in our fun is everyone’s job!

Regards,

Mike Miller
2024 Big Sir

April 2024

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**

We meet on the 2nd Thursday of the month at:

Blue Pheasant Restaurant
22100 Stevens Creek Blvd
Cupertino, CA 95014

Next Meeting is Thursday April 11, 2024

Social Hour 11:30 AM Lunch 12:00

**Zoom Link: Zoom is available by request. Contact
Heber Slusser 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, you must contact **Bruce Edmundson** via email or call him to indicate your intent to attend the luncheon. Payment (\$32) may be made at the door.

The April Menu is found on page 4.

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State President: Dale Decker

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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**, 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**. If you haven't received the "Rooster" by e-mail, let John McGuire know.

BE A SIR!!! BE COMMITTED!!

BE ACTIVE!!! HAVE FUN!!

Bocce and Cornhole

Bocce and Cornhole are currently on hold until Spring.

Wally Anderson, Bocce and Cornhole Coordinator

Bridge

We meet on the first and third Tuesdays at Roger Falberg's home, 751 Silver Pine Court in Sunnyvale to play in person. On the other Tuesdays, we play online using the Bridge Base Online browser app.

We play every week on Tuesday at 1:30. Roger Falberg organizes the games for both the in person and online games. If you would like to play, let Roger Falberg know and he will work you into the game.

John Dieckman, Bridge Publicist

THE TOM CHATFIELD WALK

Roy Jordan

The Tom Chatfield walks will continue to be on the second and fourth Fridays, this month April 12 and 26. Our newest Branch 62 member, Felix Sy, has suggested a few new locations to walk, so for this month **the walk will be in the Sunnyvale Baylands Park**. We'll meet at 9:30 AM in the parking lot east of Caribbean (the northbound continuation of Lawrence Expressway) just north of Highway 237. Felix reports that they have a sign indicating a charge for parking, but he has not seen it collected on weekdays.

We will keep the rain contingency of walking through the big Westfield Mall Valley Fair, accessible from Winchester just north of Stevens Creek. Meet near the entrance to Macy's Men's store. If you would like a nice walk on either of these days, or have questions, please contact **Roy Jordan**. You could just show up, but if you make contact beforehand, we can give detailed directions or let you know when we are using the rain contingency. **Walking is good for you!**

18 HOLE GOLF

Walt Marwitz – Golf Reporter



SIR 18 Hole Golf February Recap

Inclement weather and soggy fairways had restricted our golf outings to just a couple of rounds which was highlighted by a good turnout for beautiful weather at Monterey Pines, Monterey. The good aspect of the rain is that it's putting the courses into pristine condition for play. The other aspect is that the rough is now very healthy and the ground crews can mow the greens close enough to create lightening quick putts and chips.

Our tentative upcoming schedule looks to be: Spring Valley, San Jose Muni, Moffett Field, Santa Teresa and Sunnyvale golf courses. We typically have openings for more members or guests, so come on out and join in the laughs and cheers.

Walt Marwitz

April Birthdays

Bobby Byers 8th Paul Goodwin 3rd
Rod Stafford 22nd

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 March winner was Roy Jordan.

BRANCH 62 TRAVEL

Chairman: Jim Hohenshelt

Assistant: Roy Jordan

Columbia and Snake River Cruise

April 28 – May 6, 2024

This trip is now filled. If you would like to try to get on a wait list, please contact Jim. There is a description on our web site (see link below).

State SIR – Prague to Budapest

Nov. 6 - 20, 2024

State SIR has organized a Grand Circle overland trip and river cruise from Prague to Budapest. The trip features Prague, Cesky Krumlov, Linz, Wachau Valley, Vienna, Bratislava and Budapest. Prices range from \$3195 to \$3995 pp/dbl. occ. depending on cabin, plus \$1100 air from SFO. Single Supplement is \$795. Pre-trips are available to Dresden & Berlin (\$995) and Warsaw & Krakow (\$1095) and a post trip in Budapest (\$745). Contact Milt Smith at (925) 258-2897 for information and to sign up. Contact Roy for more information or see our web site - link below.

Check our web site for up-to-date travel information, including trips from other branches - SF to Alaska cruise (May-June) & Spain + Portugal (Apr-May)

www.branch62.sirinc2.org/Travel/Travel.php

Help Needed!

We need 2 to 4 volunteers to man the Sunnyvale Farmer's Market booth on the 5 Saturdays in March. Please contact **Heber Slusser** if you can help.

SIR Bowling

President Tom Birley **Vice President** Phil Thomas **Publicist** Lynn Grilley



After week #4 of the 4th quarter, Team 8 is in 1st with 14 wins and 2 losses. Team #2 is in 2nd place with 13 wins and 3 losses.

There were no changes in the individual scores.

Team #2 bowlers are Ted Wadholm and Don Haythornwhite. Team #8 bowlers are Gwen Jeong, David Jeong, and Lynn Grilley.

Season High Scores are listed below.

	MEN	WOMEN
Scratch Series	Steve Bishop 650	Pat Hutton 517
Scratch Game	Lynn Grilley 237	Pat Hutton 190
Handicap Series	Jay Mark 696	Ruth Pettygrove 680
Handicap Game	Jack Pettygrove 262	Helen Rossler 256

Check the Branch 62 Bowling website for current team standings:

<https://www.branch62.sirinc2.org/Bowling/Bowling.php>

March Report

Membership 38
Meeting Attendance 20
New Members 1 (Felix Sy)

April Guest Speaker

Our April guest speaker will be from the Sunnyvale Environmental Resources Group. The topic is WATER—where it comes from and where it goes.

Wine Tasting

We will have a wine tasting event in April. Watch for an announcement in your email.

Dave Riopel – Wine Publicist

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>

Annual Member Dues

If you have not yet paid your 2024 SIR Membership dues of \$25, they are now past due. Send your check (payable to SIR Branch 62) to Treasurer Roger Falberg at:

751 Silver Pine Court

Sunnyvale, CA 94086-8256

Or bring your check to the March meeting.

April Menu

Pasta Primavera Chicken Caesar Salad
Broiled Salmon Roasted Loin of Pork

SUNNYVALE BRANCH 62

Abstract of the Minutes

BRANCH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Held on March 14th at The Blue Pheasant Restaurant

Big Sir Mike Miller: Opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mike welcomed everyone to our new venue, the Blue Pheasant Restaurant in Cupertino. He said we will probably continue here, if the members like the Luncheon. Wally Anderson will report on the venue options at the Luncheon and let the members vote where we should go. Mike said we will only do activity reports at the BEC meeting if it has to do with business and needs to be discussed.

Membership Bob Byers: Bob said we will be introducing and inducting our newest member Felix Sy at our Luncheon.

Other New Business: Mike asked Heber Slusser to report on our recruiting efforts at the Sunnyvale Farmers Market. Heber said we had 4 people sign up for a call backs, one was a no go but the other 3 we need to call and follow up. We had 6 members that came to help. Upon a motion by Wally Anderson and second by Mike Miller. it was decided to do it again next week. Only one person needs to be there at 6:30 AM to hold a spot with everyone else there at 7:45AM. We need to bring props like bowling, golf and bocce balls along with a picture board of our activities. There are 4 people who will be there next week.

Link to full reports:

<https://sirinc2.org/branch62/BoardMinutes/2024/March 2024.pdf>



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