



Big Sir Report

My fellow Sirs:

We had an interesting year's start. Upon arrival at Macara for our January meeting, we discovered that the restaurant has been closed indefinitely - without prior notice. So, once again, we had to begin a search for another place to meet. For January, we were able to secure a room at Hobe's in Sunnyvale one week later. Thanks to your willingness to be flexible, this meeting was a success with 22 attending. We had an interesting guest speaker, Mr. Tom Kramer, who gave us a great talk about the history of golf.

Unfortunately, the logistics of the Hobe's room will not work for future meetings. However, our diligent venue team was able to make an arrangement with Café Vitale (where we held our Christmas dinner). Beginning in February, we will hold our monthly meetings there. The cost is slightly more than last year, but I think you will find the meal value and room worth a few extra dollars.

I am excited about the year ahead. Once again, I encourage you to continue being involved in the many activities that our branch offers. The weather has slowed things at times, but take advantage of every good day when you can. Don't be a couch potato! Stay active.

Let's spend a few minutes this week making a list of those people you know who you would like to join us. Then follow through by inviting them to the next meeting.

Best regards,
Mike Miller
Your 2024 Big Sir

February 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.

Café Vitale Restaurant

987 Fremont Avenue
Los Altos, CA 94024

Next Meeting is Thursday February 8, 2024

Social Hour 11 AM Lunch 12 Noon

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

hebers@comcast.net or (408) 769-1851

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 (\$32) may be made at the door.

Barry Boole
(408) 505-5670 (Leave a message)

bboole@aol.com

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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!!!

Bocce and Cornhole

Please contact Wally Anderson if you would like to play. It is more fun if we can get at least 4 players at the courts, so come on out. Bocce is normally held on the 1st Friday of each month. Bocce is not currently played until the weather warms.

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 on line 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 on line 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 February 2024 Tom Chatfield walks will be on the first and third Fridays, February 2 and 16. For this month the starting point will return to the Blackberry Farm golf course parking lot, off Stevens Creek Boulevard at 9:30 AM. The walks will proceed out the Stevens Creek trail either to McClellan Road or on to Linda Vista Park, depending on the mood of the walkers. If you would like a nice walk on either of these days, or have questions, please contact Roy Jordan at jordan_roy_s@yahoo.com or at (408) 757-1132 (cell). Roy will be out of town and miss the first walk. Suggest you contact Walt Strach at wjstrach@pacbell.net for that walk. You could just show up, but if you make contact beforehand, we can tip you off for cancellation (such as for rain). **Walking is good for you.**

18 HOLE GOLF

Walt Marwitz – Golf Reporter



SIR January 18 Hole Golf Review

When the course is wet and golf carts are restricted to the paths, why does it always seem that your ball will eventually come to rest at a point as far away as possible from the cart path? Having judged the distance for the next shot and selected a club or two, you navigate around the muddiest spots and gingerly climb a slippery grass slope to eventually locate your muck covered ball. Only then do you realize that you have the wrong club. There's no way in hell that you are going back for another one, so you swing and just hope you're lucky. We accept this providence because we very much enjoy playing the game, especially with friends who are subjected to the same maladies.

Bookended around the Holidays, the weather permitted us to get in rounds at Spring Valley, Monterey Pines and Los Lagos. On the docket are Santa Teresa, Gilroy, Spring Valley, Los Lagos and San Jose Muni.

Walt Marwitz

February Birthdays

Tom Birley 13th Roger Falberg 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. John Dieckman was the January winner!

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).

We did not get enough interest to pursue the proposed September **Lower Mississippi River Cruise**.

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. There are pre-trips available to Dresden & Berlin (\$995) and Warsaw & Krakow (\$1095) and a post trip in Budapest (\$745). **Good News** – discount of \$1000 off the price above if the trip is booked by February 9. Contact Milt Smith at (925) 258-2897 or miltsmith549@gmail.com for information and to sign up. Contact Roy for more information or possibly see our web site link below.

Check our web site for up to date travel information.

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

SIR Bowling

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After the 3rd week of quarter team #7 is in 1st place with 9 wins and 3 losses and Team #8 is in 2nd place with 8.5 wins and 3.5 losses. There was a large change in the women's high scratch game status. Ruth Pettygrove, who has a 106 average bowled a 190 game to take over the scratch game spot. With her 94 pin handicap added, she would have 284 score. I will adjust scores below next week.

Season High Scores are listed below.

Men

Women

Scratch Series Lynn Grilley 628 Donna Diehl 498

Scratch Game Steve Bishop 236 Pat Hutton 189

Hncp Series Jay Mark 696 Ruth Pettygrove 676

Hncp 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>

Lynn Grilley

January Report

Membership 38
Meeting Attendance 20
New Members 0

February Guest Speaker

The Luncheon Speaker for February will be Joe Burdick from the Santa Clara County District Attorneys Office. He will speak about elder financial fraud, including common scams, protective measures for prevention, and reporting fraud.

Wine Tasting

We will have a wine tasting event in the Spring. 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

It is time to pay your annual SIR Membership dues of \$25.00. 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 February meeting.

SUNNYVALE BRANCH 62
BRANCH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Held on January 13 via Zoom.

Big Sir: Mike Miller opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mike welcomed everyone to our Zoom BEC meeting. Mike thanked everyone for being on the call and talked about the issue that happened at Macara. He said they closed for the winter since there are not a lot of golfers during the winter. He said we will have our luncheon on January 18th at Hobbies off Matilda Ave. at 12:00. Heber Slusser will email out an invitation to our members with limited menu choices. He said he will send invitations to former members.

Secretary: Bob Pastorino confirmed that a quorum was present to conduct business. November meeting minutes were presented and approved.

Heber brought up what do we do about pay for lunches for new members and their sponsors. After much discussion, these will be our guidelines. If you are a Sponsor and you bring a possible member as a guest, you will pay for the lunch. If the guest becomes a member, you will be reimbursed by the branch. If you bring a guest, wife or friend you decide among yourselves who pays for lunch. There will be no incentives for recruiting a new member. If a guest comes from a recruiting exercise and a non-sponsored guest, the branch picks up the lunch.

Treasurer Roger Falberg reported that we have \$4,000.00 in the bank. Roger said that we netted \$200.00 from the Christmas party, which helped offset the loss from our Picnic. The treasurer's report was approved.

Program reports were given by the committee heads.

Heber said the new directories are out and some have been distributed and he will bring the rest to our luncheon. Heber also had new business cards printed and said all members will be given some to keep and handout if someone is interested in knowing more about SIR. Heber said he took the recruiting package from the De Anza booth and called the people on the list. He had some interest from a couple of people, and we got a new member, so Heber said we should do it again. We also discussed trying the Sunnyvale Farmers Market. We also suggested trying Craig's List to recruit. Heber will put on the site, looking for Bowlers. Heber said he would like to find Sponsors to help pay for some of our activities, like Christmas parties and picnics. He also hoped they would help with the cost of the directories through advertising in it. On a motion, was approved to explore getting Sponsors.

It was also brought up to look for a new Luncheon Venue. While we were in discussion, Wally Anderson talked to the Manager of Cafe Vitale, and they were interested in us having luncheons there. Wally and John Dieckman will meet with the Manager next week. The Manager said they have speakers, a screen and audio there. Also brought up was the possibility of having Zoom BEC meetings going forward. After much discussion it was decided to have the Zoom BEC meeting on the first Thursday of the month at 11:00.

The meeting was adjourned.



Our golfers, Bob Pasterino, Jack Pettygrove, Wally Anderson, Mike Miller, and Walt Marwitz enjoying a day on the links.



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