



## Big Sir Report

My fellow Sirs:

August was our second luncheon at Black Bear Diner in Sunnyvale. We had 20 members and 4 guests who attended. The service and food were once again great.

Our guest speaker, Mr. Nan Su, gave a powerful talk about China’s plan to dominate the China Sea region, and how we need to be prepared to face this powerful nation.

I’m excited to report that we welcomed three new members to Branch 62 at this meeting: Dina Anderson, Marlys Byers, and Frank Deal. Dina and Marlys are our first women members! Please give them and Frank a warm welcome when you have the opportunity (see photos on p.7).

On the recruiting front, our Branch did another Farmer’s Market event in August. Looks like we have several who expressed interest for us to do follow-up. Let’s remember to actively welcome them when they arrive.

The weather has allowed us to continue our outdoor 9-hole and 18-hole golf activities.

Once again, I’m reminding you that it’s everyone’s responsibility to bring in new members to join us in our fun.

Have you invited anyone lately? We’re going to ask you at the September meeting!

Regards,

Mike Miller  
2024 Big Sir

# September 2024

## The ROOSTER

The Monthly Newsletter of  
Sunnyvale Branch # 62  
**SONS IN RETIREMENT**

**A Non-Profit Organization of Retired Men  
and Women Devoted to the Promotion of  
Independence and Dignity in Retirement**

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

**Black Bear Diner**  
**415 E El Camino Real**  
**Sunnyvale, CA 94087**

**Next Luncheon is Thursday September 12th, 2024**

Social Hour 11:00 AM    Lunch 12:00

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

### September Lunch Ordering Info

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. Whether you purchase an advanced ticket or not, you must contact Bruce Edmundson via email or call him to indicate your intent to attend, menu choice, and how you will pay for your luncheon. Payment (\$32) may be made at the door.

Bruce Edmundson

The September Menu is found on page 3.

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## 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!



***Congratulations, Bobbie  
Byers! Bobbie has been a  
member of Branch 62 for  
25 years this month.***

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**OFFICERS**

Big Sir	Mike Miller		
Little Sir	Bruce Edmundson		
Secretary	Bob Pastorino	Asst. Secretary	Wally Anderson
Treasurer	Roger Falberg	Asst. Treasurer	Jim Hohenshelt

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

John Dieckman	Steve Burnham	Jack Pettygrove	Heber Slusser
		Dave Riopel	

**COMMITTEES**

Attendance	Tom Birley	Lunch Tickets	Roy Jordan
Audit	Mel Waldman	Membership	Bob Byers
	Wally Anderson	Newsletter	John McGuire
	Heber Slusser		John Dieckman
Awards	Bob Byers		Mike Miller
	Tom Birley	Nominations	Wally Anderson
	Mike Miller		Heber Slusser
	Heber Slusser		John Dieckman
Bocce Ball	Wally Anderson	Photographer	Bob Pastorino
Book Swap	Lynn Grilley	Program	John Dieckman
Bowling	Tom Birley		Bruce Edmundson
	Phil Thomas	Property	Henry Crossfield
	Lynn Grilley	<b>RAMP</b>	
Bridge	John Dieckman	Chair	Jim Hohenshelt
Chaplain	Hugh Moore	<b>Recruitment</b>	Jeff Bautista
Poker	Mel Waldman		Heber Slusser
Condolence	Wally Anderson	<b>Activities</b>	<b>Need Volunteer</b>
Directory	Heber Slusser	<b>Membership</b>	Bob Byers
	Mike Miller	<b>Publicity</b>	Heber Slusser
Fishing	Heber Slusser	SIR Logo Items	Phil Thomas
	Wally Anderson	Songster	Roger Falberg
Golf, 9 Hole	Wally Anderson	Special Events	Bob Byers
		Sunshine	Wally Anderson
Golf, 18 Hole	Paul Goodwin	Transportation	<b>Need Volunteer</b>
Greeter	Dave Riopel	Travel	Jim Hohenshelt
Guests & Visitors	Dave Riopel		Roy Jordan
Historian	Wally Anderson		Dave Riopel
Humorist	Paul Goodwin	Wine Tasting	

**STATE OFFICERS**

State President: Lee Lamp (acting)

Area 11 Representative: Phil Thomas

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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

We have not had either Bocce or Cornhole for some time due to lack of participation. If enough members are interested we can start up again.

*Wally Anderson, Bocce/Cornhole Coordinator*

## Bridge

We meet on the first and third Tuesdays at Roger Falberg's home, 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 September 2024 Tom Chatfield walks will be on the second and fourth Fridays, September 13th and 27th. For this month, the walk will be through **Central Park** in Santa Clara. The meeting place will be the parking lot on the east side of Keily just north of Homestead at 9:00 AM, not 8:30 or 9:30. If you would like a nice walk on either of these days, or have questions, please contact Roy. You could just show up, but if you make contact beforehand, we can tip you off to any changes.

Walking is good for you.

## **18 HOLE GOLF**

*Walt Marwitz – Golf Reporter*  
**SIR 18 Hole August Recap**

The 18 Hole Golf Group enjoyed another month of golf promoted by clear skies and mild breezes. We played the San Jose, Spring Valley and Pacific Grove courses with unrequited aspirations of producing scores lower than the current temperatures. Clear blue skies illuminated the Pacific Grove Golf links while a myriad of buck and doe observed with a mix of disinterest and disdain. Enjoying nature's beauty is just one of the humbling privileges we can enjoy while meandering the verdant refuges scattered throughout the confines of our concrete encrusted metropolises.



We will finish August at Santa Teresa, followed in September by San Jose Muni (on the 3rd), Spring Valley, Sunnyvale Muni, Santa Teresa and Los Lagos courses.

### **A Note to Our SIR Golfers**

Sir Paul Goodwin has been our 18-hole golf chairman for as many years as I can remember. His leadership is one reason why I began golfing again. Paul has recently decided to retire due to the many other things going on in his life. He will be hard to replace. Thank you, Paul, for your many years of service!

*Mike Miller – on behalf of your fellow golfers*

### **September Lunch Menu**

1. Classic Diner Cheeseburger Basket
2. Crispy Chicken Cobb Salad
3. Tuna Melt
4. Chicken Strips

See our website for a full description:

[Luncheons \(sirinc2.org\)](http://www.sirinc2.org/Luncheons)

## **BRANCH 62 TRAVEL**

*Chairman: Jim Hohenshelt*

*Assistant: Roy Jordan*

### **The Douro River: Lisbon to Porto November 7-17, 2025**

Jim and wife Margaret have signed up for this trip, and we want to see if there is enough interest to make it a SIR trip. This trip begins with a visit to historic Lisbon, then goes to Porto and a cruise up and down the especially scenic Douro River, with a visit across the border to Salamanca, Spain. The prices will range from about \$5145 to \$6745 pp/dbl. occ. including air fare. There is a pre-trip extension to Cascais and Tomar for \$1495 pp and a post trip to Santiago (in Spain) and Braga for \$1395 pp. For questions and to indicate interest, contact Roy.

### **Romance of the Rhine & Mosel River Cruise**

**July 6 - 21, 2025**

There are still two of us planning to take this cruise, but we need more travelers to keep it as a SIR trip. The cruise begins in Basel, Switzerland and goes down the Rhine and Mosel Rivers to Antwerp. Belgium. Prices (pp. double occupancy, including air) range from \$6345 to \$7645. Single sup. is \$895. Pre-trip and post-trip are available. If interested contact Roy Jordan.

### **State SIR – Prague to Budapest**

**Nov. 6 - 20, 2024**

State SIR has organized a Grand Circle trip from Prague to Budapest, featuring Prague, Cesky Krumlov, Linz, Wachau Valley, Vienna, Bratislava and Budapest. Prices range from \$4295 to \$5095 pp/dbl. occ. depending on cabin, including air from SFO. Single Supplement is \$795. Pre-trips available to Dresden & Berlin (\$995) and Warsaw & Krakow (\$1095) and a post trip in Budapest (\$745). Contact Milt Smith for information and to sign up. Contact Roy for more information or see our web site - link below.  
[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



Week five is completed. Teams #6, #4, and #2 are tied for 1<sup>st</sup> place with 12 wins and 8 losses. Members of teams 6, 4, and 2 are shown below.

Team #6: Eleanor Barrett, Donna Diehl, and Steve Bishop. Team # 4: Ruth Pettygrove, Jack Pettygrove, and Tom Birley. Team #2: Helen Rossler, Armond King, and Jay Mark.

Individual High Scores are listed below.

	<b>MEN</b>	<b>WOMEN</b>
<b>Scratch Series</b>	Lynn Grilley 599	Donna Diehl 479
<b>Scratch Game</b>	Jay Mark 221	Pat Hutton 186
<b>Handicap Series</b>	Armond King 713	Helen Rossler 645
<b>Handicap Game</b>	Phil Thomas 252	Nina Middaugh & Gwen Jeong 229

Check the Branch 62 Bowling website for current team standings:

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

Lynn Grilley

### August Membership Report

Membership 43  
Lunch Attendance:  
Members 20  
Guests 4  
New Members 3

## September Guest Speaker

Our September speaker will be our own Heber Slusser who will talk to us about cybersecurity and how it affects us.

### Wine Tasting

We hope to have an event in September. Watch for an announcement in your email.

Dave Riopel – Wine Publicist

### Branch 62 Web Site:

<https://sirinc2.org/branch62/index.php>

## 9 HOLE GOLF

Wally Anderson

### Come join us!

We continue to play 9 holes of golf on alternate Wednesday Mornings at either Sunken Gardens or Blackberry Farms Golf Courses. We always have a great time and will always make room for anyone that would like to join us.

**We play every Wednesday.**

## September Birthdays

Bruce Edmundson 23<sup>rd</sup>

John McGuire 30<sup>th</sup>

Dave Riopel 20<sup>th</sup>

Jean-Claude Roy 16<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 the award.

There was no August winner.

SUNNYVALE BRANCH 62  
BRANCH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
Held on August 8, 2024

**Big Sir: Mike Miller:** Opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mike welcomed everyone to our meeting. Mike said that Jim Hohenshelt and Wally Anderson have agreed to be Treasurer and Secretary next year. Upon a motion by Mike Miller and a second by Heber Slusser, they were approved for next year. Mike said we still need a couple more spots to be filled.

**Secretary: Bob Pastorino:** Confirmed that a quorum was present at the start of the meeting to conduct business. July meeting minutes were presented for approval. Reported minutes were published for July. Upon a motion by Bob Pastorino and second by Heber Slusser, the minutes were approved.

**Membership Bob Byers:** Bob said we have 4 applications for membership, with 3 to be inducted and introduced today. The new members are Tim Rohm, number 9, motion by Bob Byers and second by Heber Slusser. Frank Deale, number 32, motion by Bob Byers and second by Heber Slusser. Dina Anderson, number 7, motion by Bob Byers and second by Heber Slusser. And Marlys Byers, number 6, motion by Bob Byers and second by Wally Anderson. By a vote all were approved to be inducted. Bob said our membership now is at 44. Heber Slusser said he would submit a plan to allow women in our branch.

Heber Slusser talked about recruiting and showed a potential member chart with a status sheet. Heber said we will be at the Sunnyvale Farmers Market on Saturday August 10<sup>th</sup>. He showed brochures to hand out along with business cards. Heber said we will have a booth again at the De Anza Flea Market on September 6. We need volunteers to help out. Heber mentioned that he has fliers for members to put out at Churches, Gyms and Senior Centers where they are allowed.

**Treasurer Roger Falberg:** Roger sent out the Treasurer report for July for approval. Upon a motion by Roger Falberg and second by Heber Slusser, the Treasurer Report for July was approved. Roger said Form 28 was sent out and upon a motion by Bob Pastorino and second by Wally Anderson. Form 28 was approved. Roger said that Assistant Treasurer Jim Hohenshelt has agreed to be our new Treasurer, as Roger is stepping down. Mike Miller congratulated Roger on his years of service as Treasurer.

**Program Reports: John Dieckman:** Speaker this month is Nan Su, from the Epoch Times. His talk will be about China's Global Expansion, past and future.

**18 Hole Golf: Paul Goodwin:** Paul said that we have 20 golfers signed up, but only around 8 play regularly. We will have to make a decision on next year whether to continue with Golf Genius, as the fee is \$300.00. Paul brought up as something we could do is join another Sirs Golf group for golf only. We will discuss it next meeting.

**Bridge: John Dieckman:** Meeting on the first and third Tuesday at Roger's Home at 1:30 and online for the second and fourth Tuesdays each month.

**Little Sirs Report: Bruce Edmundson:** Mike Miller said there are two Birthdays in August.

**Area Governor Report Phil Thomas:** Sir there is going to be an in person Big Sir meeting in September.

SUNNYVALE BRANCH 62  
BRANCH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
(Continued)

**Other New Business:** Big Sir Mike Miller submitted for approval, a “Doing My Part” award for Roy Jordan. Upon a motion by Mike Miller and second by Bob Pastorino, the motion was approved. We all congratulated Roy.

Wally Anderson said we need to vote on whether to have a sit down or Buffet dinner at the Christmas party. Upon a motion by Bob Byers and second by Jack Pettygrove it was brought up for a vote. A vote of 11 to 3 it was agreed that we would have a sit-down dinner.

**Old Business:** Heber Slusser said we still have 5 members who have not paid their dues yet. John Dieckman said he would call the members. It was brought up that one of them, Paul Forney, has a luncheon credit of \$28.00. Upon a motion by Heber Slusser and second by Wally Anderson, it was agreed that we would use it to pay his dues and send him a check for \$3.00.

**Comments by past Big Sirs:** Wally Anderson said we have 2 guests for the luncheon from another branch.

There being no further business, on a motion by Bob Pastorino and a second by Wally Anderson, the meeting was adjourned.

*Respectfully submitted*  
*Bob Pastorino Secretary*

### Recruiting Update

Our recruiting team had a fantastic time at the Sunnyvale Farmers Market in downtown Sunnyvale. It was a great day of camaraderie, and we had the pleasure of meeting and engaging with many interesting visitors at our booth. We believe this event was another success. If you're interested in joining us for our next outreach, we'll be at the DeAnza Flea Market on September 7. Please reach out to Heber Slusser for more details.



*Our August Sunnyvale Farmer's Market Booth*



**August Speaker Mr. Nan Su**



**New Member Dina Anderson**



**New Member Frank Deal**



**New Member Marlys Byers  
(with husband Bobbie)**

## **Fishing at Loch Lomond**

By the time you read this we will have gone fishing at Loch Lomond reservoir in the Santa Clara Mountains on August 27<sup>th</sup>. I can't give you a 'catch report' yet, but I can assure you that we will have had a great time.

Our next adventure hasn't been planned yet but please be assured that it will happen, and suggestions are welcome.

We invite you to join us for another year of fishing fun. Whether you're a seasoned angler or a newcomer, there's nothing like the thrill of a great catch and the camaraderie of fellow fishing enthusiasts. Stay tuned for more details on upcoming trips and get ready to cast your lines for an unforgettable adventure!

*Heber Slusser*



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