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McINNIS GOLF CENTER, SAN RAFAEL
Fourth Tuesday of the month
Happy Hour at 11:00 am, as always

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BIG SIR'S MESSAGE

IMPORTANT NOTICE: LUNCHEONS TO RESUME SOON. YOU MUST HAVE YOUR WAIVER AND VACCINATION CARDS ON FILE WITH SIR BRANCH 47

You should have received the waiver form and the request to return this with your signature and a copy of your Covid vaccination card to Bob Gonzalez. We must have these documents on file before you will be able to participate in any in-person events (indoor or outdoor). The initial request was mailed to all members on May 5th. Please check your email inbox if you do not recall receiving this notice. **Thanks to the majority of our members that have already completed this task.**

Your branch board is actively beginning the process of restarting our normal functions. We are meeting with McInnis Restaurant management to arrange our first luncheon meeting and you also received a Save The Date email regarding our "bring your own" picnic at Miwok Park on July 14th. You will receive email announcements when the plans and details are finalized.

We will continue to have our monthly speakers through Zoom until the luncheon meetings resume. As noted previously, the hiking, golf and bocce activities are back to their normal scheduled events.

Continue to keep safe and well.

Doug Twitchell, BIG SIR BRANCH 47

BRANCH 47 BUSINESS

SIR Branch 47 Board Meeting

Tamalpais Branch

Zoom meeting from homes

May 24, 2021

Meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Big Sir Doug Twitchell and a quorum was determined to be logged in.

Attendees: Doug Twitchell, Frank Ghazzagh, Jake Solomon, Alan Thomas, Bob Gonzalez, Will Kaefer, George Miller, Rick Coburn, and Jim Kleiser. Those absent were Bill Stewart and George Brown. Visitors were Bill Wickley and Carl Dawson.

Minutes from Board meeting of April 26, 2021 were moved for acceptance and passed.

Big SIR Report:

Big Sir reported that all items included in a monthly report would be raised under specific topics.

Little SIR Report:

The speakers scheduled for April 27 were Lisa Scarsella and Debbie Toizer on the topic *Myth Busting in Marin* (related to racial justice and prejudice in Marin). The topic generated controversy to the extent that a follow up Zoom meeting was scheduled a week later. Concerned membership was invited to discuss their observations on the subject with several participants attending and offering anecdotal information. This also resulted in discussion at the Board meeting as to the appropriateness of controversial subject matter for programs. The conclusion was reached that perhaps the two speakers from April 27th may not have “understood” SIRs as an audience. The program for May 25th will cover the Underground Railroad related to the Civil War era. The June meeting will cover the French Underground related to World War II. The speaker for July has cancelled.

Treasurer’s Report:

There was no activity in May and all of the balances are the same as they appeared on the April report.

Committee Reports:

Jake Solomon reported and spoke on the current status of the nominating committee and stated three points: (1) the incumbent Board members who are leaving the Board have ably contributed their time and talents to the good of the Board (2) Will Kaefer in particular was noted to have contributed much and is thanked for sharing his considerable knowledge of SIR activity whenever needed (3) Jake was pleased to report that the slate of six officers and six directors has been completed to total the Executive Committee requirement of twelve members. Milestones to be completed are July for making the slate known to Branch 47 membership amounting to nomination, and for August to hold election. Detailed information will be released on future dates through Tamal Talk and individual notices to members.

Old Business:

Ron Kosciusko on eCommerce activity: Ron was not present so specific details are deferred. Discussion was raised on Google Drive for backups with further action deferred. The elimination of Drop Box was brought up with future consideration to follow. Further file transfers would have to be completed.

New Business:

Bob Gonzalez gave a report on the receipt status of Waiver/Vac forms. Out of 107 Branch members, currently 45 have not responded. It is difficult to plan for an opening meeting date when that many members have not yet complied with the SIR State requirement. Branch 47 does not want to be subjected to State closure if it is disclosed that many members are not yet in compliance. Doug said that he would call Members who have not yet sent in their completed forms. Doug stated that the monthly process of member telephone contact by the Board will be terminated.

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The proposed "brown bag" July 14th picnic at Miwok Park was discussed. Board members raised several questions regarding logistics, consideration as to how inclusive should our outreach to guests be, and to what extent the Branch be open to subsidizing with beverages, table décor, etc. Since Kurt Heilman is coordinating the event, Doug suggested that Kurt be sent a letter to clarify logistical questions. Doug will pick up needed items from COSTCO and asked that the Board approve expenditures up to \$200.00. Doug said that Big Sir also has a discretionary \$100, so that amount coupled with the \$200.00 could be combined if \$200 is exceeded. Motion was made and seconded that Big Sir be authorized to spend up to \$200 for purchases, motion passed. No motion was necessary regarding the \$100.00.

Resuming operations at McInnis will need oversight from a Board member and Will Kaefer volunteered to fill the position. Will has worked closely in the past with Eric Jensen, McInnis Club Manager, and all felt that this will be an advantage to forming good negotiations. Jim Kleiser also volunteered to assist Will with formulating the opening and the Board membership is grateful to Will and Jim for their interest.

Next Branch 47 Board meeting is scheduled for June 21, 2021 with the possibility of meeting in the Board Room at McInnis Golf Park. Board members will be informed. The May meeting was moved for adjournment at 12:10 p.m.

Alan Thomas
Secretary

We have reserved a picnic area at Miwok Park in Novato for a "brown bag" type picnic on Wednesday, July 14 from 12 Noon to 2 PM. There will be no charge to attend and you can bring guest(s). Due to SIR restrictions, we cannot have any shared dishes such as at a pot-luck.

Everyone attending must have a signed Waiver form and have received their final covid vaccine at least two weeks prior to the event. This applies both to SIR members and guests. Waiver forms will be available and copies of the covid vaccine card will be needed if you are not in the SIR 47 database.

See the attached Flier.

It will be great to finally be able to meet again as a group.

Doug Twitchell
Big SIR, Branch 47

Based on the SIR State requirements, all participants in any SIR event (indoors or outdoors) must have signed the Waiver document and provided proof of vaccination with the required two week waiting period after the final dose of the vaccine.

Participants from Branch 47 and all other branches must have met this requirement in order to participate.

Branch 47 now has a data base of those providing this information that is updated daily by Bob Gonzalez. Bob will provide you a copy of this upon request.

Al Springstead

SIR BR 47 BYO PICNIC

WEDNESDAY, July 14, 2021

From Noon to 2 pm @ Miwok Park in Novato



Unlike past BBQs, this will not be catered. So there is NO CHARGE for attending. **But we do need to know who is attending.** All attendees must prove that they have been vaccinated and signed the SIR Event Waiver in order to attend this picnic. When arriving at the picnic, attendees will need to provide their vaccine card and sign the Waiver, unless you have already provided this earlier to Bob Gonzalez @bobrags@gmail.com.

Please bring your own lunch, drinks, utensils, table cloth (?) for your party of attendees. The costs for rental and incidentals are paid for by SIR BR 47. Some soft drinks, water and desert will be provided at no cost. Note: This is not a pot-luck and the sharing of food is discouraged, except for maybe wine or beer.

We reserved the Trout BBQ Area @ Miwok Park for Br 47 members, spouses & other guests. Miwok Park in is Novato (*on Novato Blvd. between San Miguel Way & Eucalyptus*). *There is limited parking at Miwok Park. But you can park on Novato Blvd., or on San Miguel Way (from which you can also enter via the back of the Park).*

Contact Tom Culhane @ 415-310-0835 or Kurt Heilman @ 415-892-2460.

BRANCH 47 JUNE, 2021 ZOOM SPEAKER

Speaker Name: **Michael Barrington** is the Past Big SIR (2019) of Branch 116.

Originally from England, he joined a French missionary order of catholic priests and spent ten years in West Africa where he landed in a civil war and was stood up to be shot. He spent a year living as a hermit. He retired from his own company of international consultants, and is married to a French lady who is a painter.

On his bucket list is to fly a helicopter and drive across the Sahara desert. He speaks six languages. Academically he considers himself to be over engineered!!

He is the author of three books and is currently writing a spy story. His talk will be about his historical novel "Let the Peacock Sing" (2020) set against the history of the French Resistance in World War II. (The book is available from Amazon and Barnes and Noble)

SIR EVENT WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY FOR EXPOSURE TO COVID-19

Branch Name: Tamalpais Branch

Branch Number: 47

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the general unavailability of insurance to cover liability related to that matter, the SIR branch listed above ("Branch") is requiring members, visiting SIR members from other branches, guest speakers, guests, and spouses/significant others attending events sponsored by the Branch or by Sons in Retirement, Incorporated ("State Sir") to agree to the following:

In attending activities sponsored by the Branch or State SIR, the undersigned agrees to comply with mask, social distancing, and other Covid-19 protocols required by applicable government bodies, the Branch, State SIR, and the applicable venue. Failure to do so will result in the attendee being asked to leave the event.

Regardless of adherence to mandated protocols, requirements, recommendations, and vaccinations, the undersigned acknowledges that there is a risk of Covid-19 exposure whenever an individual enters a public space, a building with other people, or a group of other individuals.

Knowing the foregoing risk, the undersigned assumes the risk of Covid-19 exposure and accepts sole responsibility for any exposure to Covid-19 and resulting health conditions that may occur due to attendance at a Branch or State SIR event.

The undersigned hereby releases and holds harmless the Branch, State SIR, and their respective officers, directors, and members from any and all responsibility for illness, death, or other losses arising from exposure to Covid-19 at a Branch or State SIR event.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAS READ AND UNDERSTANDS THE ABOVE WAIVER AND RELEASE, UNDERSTANDS THE RISKS POSED BY COVID-19, AND SIGNS THE WAIVER AND RELEASE VOLUNTARILY.

Attendee's Name (print): _____

Attendee's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Once you sign this document, it is valid for all future Branch and or State activities.

GOOD NEWS

You will need to bring a copy of the roster so you can show proof of affiliation and a copy of this invitation. The next page explains what the store is all about and where it is located.



EXCLUSIVELY FOR: Sons in Retirement branch 47

ITEMS ARE MARKED WITH EMPLOYEE PRICING: 40-50% BELOW RETAIL

COLUMBIA IS DEDICATED TO THE SAFETY OF OUR EMPLOYEES AND SHOPPERS
CUSTOMERS ARE REQUIRED TO BRING THEIR OWN FACE COVERINGS TO WEAR WHILE SHOPPING

VALID DATES

05/14/2021 - 06/06/2021

VALID FOR YOU + 4 GUESTS

WHAT TO BRING

- THIS INVITATION
- PHOTO I.D.
- PROOF OF AFFILIATION
*business card | membership card |
company email signature | pay stub |
original email | other form of affiliation*

COVID-19 RESPONSE

- Sanitization of Checkouts
- Sanitization of Fitting Rooms
- Hand Sanitizer Stations
- 6' Marked Checkout Lines
- Limited In-Store Customers
- Employee Face Coverings

LOCATION & HOURS

1414 Harbour Way S.
Richmond, CA 94804

MON - FRI: 11A - 8P
SAT -SUN: 10A - 8P



Questions? Please email: richmondemployee@columbia.com

Valid for you and up to 4 guests for multiple visits during your invite period. Columbia reserves the right to modify or cancel this offer at any time. Please present this original invitation to the receptionist for entry and again at checkout. This invitation is non-transferable. You must be present during shopping. The products purchased are intended solely for the buyer's own personal use, including gifts to others. Resale of products is strictly prohibited. Offer may not be combined with any other offer or discount. Valid from dates listed above. ©2021 Columbia Brands USA, LLC.

EMPLOYEE STORE FAQ's:

What is an employee store?

- The Columbia Sportswear Company Employee Store is a private store for Columbia employees, friends and family. The store is not open to the public as the pricing is at *our* employee discount, about 40-50% below retail on current merchandise from our family of brands - Columbia, Mountain Hardwear, SOREL, and prAna.

What are the benefits of visiting the store?

- Accessing the store allows you to shop our brands at our employee pricing (40 -50% below retail).
- The store is always stocked with current season products across all of our brands.
- You will find apparel and footwear for men, women and children. In addition, the store has backpacks, sleeping bags, tents, yoga mats and accessories.
- In-store kiosk available to order items online (at the employee discount) that are not in stock on the sales floor and shipped domestically.

How do I get access to the store?

- Bring the invite (first page of this document) to the store during the active dates listed. Provide proof of affiliation with the invited group for store access (business card, employee badge, membership ID, etc.).
- You can bring up to four additional guests with each visit (children do not count as a guest and the store is dog friendly).

Where is the store located?

- Our Bay Area location is right next-door to our Mountain Hardwear HQ in Richmond, CA. It is a beautiful 14,500 sq ft retail space in a true hidden gem of The Bay.
- We also have locations at our Columbia HQ in Portland, our prAna HQ in Carlsbad, our distribution center in Henderson, KY and our Canada HQ in London, ON.

Additional questions?

- Contact - RichmondEmployeeStore@columbia.com

Store Location:

1414 Harbour Way South Ste 1010
Richmond, CA 94804
510-558-2995

Store Hours:

Monday - Friday: 11am - 8pm
Saturday - Sunday: 10am - 8pm



STATE SIR SANCTIONED ACTIVITIES



Chairman Ned Lawrence, 415 595-1092
18 Hole Golf 2020 Season

<i>Date</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>COURSE</i>	<i>Start Time</i>	<i>Comments</i>	
6/7	Monday	Petaluma CC	08:30	Sequential	\$41
6/14	Monday	Peacock Gap	07:00-08:00	Sequential	\$53
6/21	Monday	Blue Rock East	07:45	Sequential	\$39
6/28	Monday	oxtail North	08:00	Sequential	\$42



THURSDAY 09:45 WALKING/HIKING GROUP

- 1st week each month: Jake Solomon 415-472-3069**
- 2nd week each month: Pierre Terrier 415-785-4513**
- 3rd week each month: Al Springstead 415-250-3808**
- 4th week each month: Alan Thomas 415-457-4576**
- 5th week (if applicable): Dee Stuever 415-459-6751**

BRANCH 47 BOCCE

The first Monday of each month; no cost to play. Spouses and guests are encouraged to attend. We start with lunch at 12 noon @ the Swiss Hotel on the Sonoma Square. Then we play Bocce @ about 1:30 pm at Depot Park behind the Swiss Hotel. Bring your own Bocce balls, if you have them.

SIR Investors:

Great news : We will be returning to Sam’s Place Friday June 11 at 11:30. Some important steps must be completed before you can attend.

First, you must sign the Sir Waiver/Release form and **second** you must have a copy of your vaccination card on file with your SIR Branch.

Third, Sam’s Place requires all occupants in their meeting room to be vaccinated.

Fourth Your guests are welcome, but they will have to sign the Waiver/Release form and also provide a copy of their vaccination card. I will have blank copies of the Waiver/Release form at the luncheons. Bob Gonzalez of Branch 47 is maintaining the records for our Branch. I have reached out to other local branches that also have members attending our meetings. However, I am anticipating potential communication problems in that I may not have access to their very latest data or they may refuse to release it. To be on the safe side have a copy of your vaccination card with you and be prepared to sign the Waiver/Release form again, even if it to your best knowledge it is on file with your branch. I will return those documents to you so you can submit them to your branch.

I have a place on our attendance sheet to verify your compliance for future meetings, so this should be a one time happening.

Remember, this is a requirement of both SIR Inc, and Sam’s Place. I expect your cooperation and compliance. There will be no exception and you will be denied attendance to the luncheon and meeting if you cannot meet these requirements. Our ability to get back together and have lunch together is happening much faster than we had anticipated. Let us value this opportunity and support these requirements.

I will be sending out a meeting notice a week before the meeting.

Zoom is done; let’s get back to normal. Will Kaefer, Investors Chairman 415-927-1043

6/2
Foxtail
Sequential

SIRs BIRTHDAYS – JUNE

Badge # LAST NAME FIRST NAME MO. DAY YEAR AGE

<u>BADGE#</u>	<u>LAST NAME</u>	<u>FIRST NAME</u>	<u>MO.</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>AGE</u>
93	CHARVAT	RICHARD	6	18	1938	82
19	GERALDI	ANTHONY	6	23	1948	72
100	LOCKETT	WILLIAM	6	17	1924	96
110	MCDEVITT	CHARLES	6	15	1939	81
29	NYGARD	HAL	6	16	1937	83
8	PIKKARAINEN	GEORGE	6	5	1935	85
94	SCHEISER	DAVID	6	27	1933	87
134	SPRINGSTEAD	AL	6	19	1947	73
25	STUEVER	DEE	6	26	1951	69
53	TOM	SEE	6	2	1938	82

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Summary:

Actives - 106
Gains: 0
Losses: 1

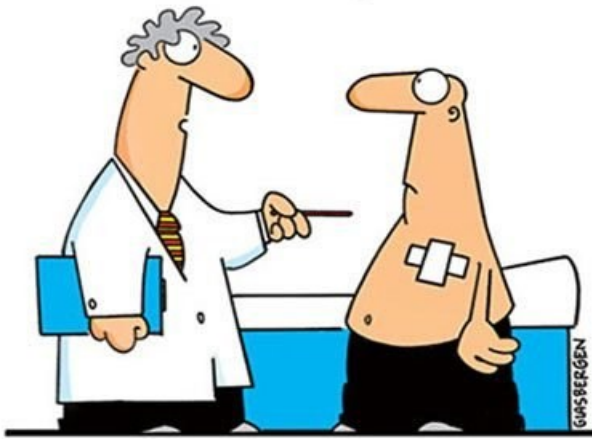
APRIL ZOOM ATTENDANCE REPORT

Total Members	106
Members Present	26
Guests:	2
Visitors:	0

ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Thursday	Jun	3	Hiking
Monday	Jun	7	BOCCE
Monday	Jun	7	18 Hole Golf (Weather Permits)
Thursday	Jun	10	Hiking
Friday	Jun	11	Investors' Lunch Bunch
Monday	Jun	14	18 Hole Golf (Weather Permits)
Thursday	Jun	17	Hiking
Sunday	Jun	20	Father's Day
Sunday	Jun	20	First Day of Spring
Monday	Jun	21	18 Hole Golf (Weather Permits)
Thursday	Jun	24	Hiking
Monday	Jun	28	18 Hole Golf (Weather Permits)
Monday	Jun	28	Executive Committee Meets
Tuesday	Jun	29	Branch 47 ZOOM meeting

HUMOR



"It's a pacemaker for your heart.
Plus, you can download apps for your liver."

Geezer Planet

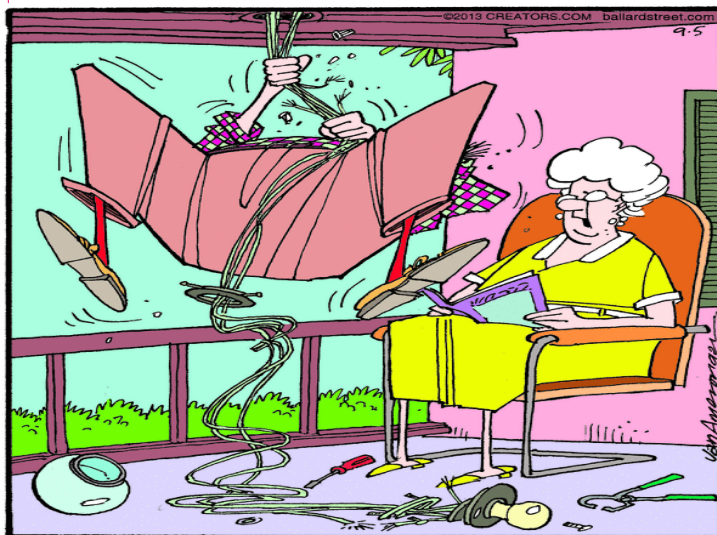


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"Carl, call an electrician."

