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TAMAL TALK

A SIR PUBLICATION

Luncheon Meeting:
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 RESUME ON AUGUST 24TH AT MCINNIS RESTAURANT

You must make a reservation to attend our monthly luncheon. Please call our Lunch Line at (415) 881-7477 or send an email to sirbranch47@gmail.com. Include your meal preference and information regarding any guest(s).

You should have already received your invitation for the August 24th luncheon. Please be sure to register using our Lunch Line (415) 881-7477 or by email to sirbranch47@gmail.com. As noted in the invitation, all members will receive either a bottle of wine or Martinelli's in recognition of the birthday(s) missed over the past 18 months. For the foreseeable future, all luncheons will now require a reservation in order to attend.

Our August luncheon meeting will not have a speaker since we want everyone to have the opportunity to meet with their friends. There will also be the election of officers and committee reports.

There are still a few members that have not submitted the waiver and proof of covid vaccination forms to Bob Gonzalez. Remember that these forms must be submitted before you will be able to attend any SIR functions. Check your email for these instructions that were initially sent to you on May 5th. Subject: SIR Waiver Form & Proof of Vaccination. These instructions and the Waiver Form were also included with the August 24th luncheon invitation.

Doug Twitchell, BIG SIR BRANCH 47

SIR BRANCH 47 – LUNCHEONS RESUME – TUESDAY, AUGUST 24

Our monthly luncheon will resume in August at the McInnis Restaurant. The start time is 11:45 but please arrive not later than 11:30 to permit time for check in and an opportunity to socialize. This is the same location and venue as before. Due to the fact that we have not met together for the past 18 months and the new requirements from the State SIR organization, we are implementing the following for those attending the luncheon.

1. Although most of you have already done this, you need to have signed the Waiver form (copy attached) and provide a copy of your covid vaccination card. These need to be submitted to Bob Gonzalez by email or postal mail. **You will not be permitted to attend the luncheon unless this has been done.** For your reference, Bob's email address is: bobsrags@gmail.com. The postal address is Bob Gonzalez, 26 Foremast Cove, Corte Madera, CA 94925. Note: any guests must also sign the Waiver form and provide proof of vaccination. Waiver forms will be available at the check-in table.
2. You must make a reservation for the luncheon using the branch lunch line (415) 881-7477 or send an email to sirbranch47@gmail.com. See below for what needs to be included in the phone message or email *.
3. The luncheon will cost \$32. Prepare your checks prior to arriving at the luncheon payable to: SIR Branch 47. No cash please.
4. Reservations must be received not later than the Friday prior to the luncheon (August 20).
5. If you need to cancel a reservation, this must be done not later than August 20.
6. A no-show for a reservation will be charged \$32.

Note: Since all of us have had at least one birthday since our last luncheon, a bottle of wine will be given to each member at the luncheon.

The luncheon menu is:

Choice 1: Salad, Pork Scallopini with panko crust, warm potato salad, rolls & dessert

Choice 2: Salad, Salmon, warm potato salad, rolls & dessert

Choice 3: Salad, Chicken Picatta, warm potato salad, rolls & dessert

Choice 4: Salad, Vegetarian pasta, rolls and dessert.

Choice 5: Caesar salad with chicken.

*In your email or phone message provide your name, member number and menu choice number. If you are bringing a guest, provide your guest's name and menu choice. Note: guests that are potential members are not charged for this meal.

Please make your reservations early as this will help the attendance function with their expanded record keeping requirements.

We hope to see all of you at our luncheon on August 24th.

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Visit the SIRs Branch 47 Web Site
For the monthly Tamal Talk and
Other Important Information

<http://sir47.org>

BRANCH 47 BUSINESS

SIR Branch 47 Board Meeting

Tamalpais Branch
Zoom meeting from homes

July 26, 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, Rick Coburn, Jim Kleiser and George Brown. George Miller and Bill Stewart were absent. Visitors were Bill Wickley, Mark Rudy, Erick Young, Dee Steuver and Trevor Hughes.

Minutes from Board meeting of June 21, 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.

The Board recognized a Branch 47 member who appeared and addressed his concern with expenditure of wine purchase. He was opposed to apportionment of his annual dues being directed toward wine purchase and the distribution of a bottle of wine to each member who will be present at the August 25th on-site meeting. After some discussion, Alan said that this issue had been previously raised about six years ago. At that time, the Board approved the purchase of Martinelli's cider, a non-alcoholic beverage that was then distributed to members who were given the option of accepting wine or a non-alcoholic beverage for birthday or other tribute. This previously observed remedy was again moved for acceptance by the Board, seconded and carried. The matter was considered closed by passage of the motion. As an aside, any member of SIR Branch 47 who is in good standing may be present at a Board meeting whether to observe or raise an issue. Issues should be first raised with the Big Sir for the purpose of inclusion with the agenda. Discussion will then take place when the item is reached on the agenda.

Little SIR Report:

Two speakers will be present for the July Zoom meeting entitled Carving Joy, Finding Peace. A recording will be available to the membership after its posting on YouTube. No speaker is planned for the on-site meeting scheduled for August 25th. The September program will be presented by Julie Syler based on her book The White Devil's Daughter, coverage of the slavery and virtual imprisonment of young Chinese women in San Francisco's Chinatown in the late 1800s and earlier years of the 20th century. There are no presentations scheduled beyond September.

Treasurer's Report:

Two expenditures were raised by Big Sir, picnic supplies of \$35.00 to \$40.00 and the wine purchase.

Committee Reports:

Slate of nominees was presented for July nomination, and for August to hold election at on-site meeting. Detailed information will be released on future dates through Tamal Talk and individual notices to members. At the present time, there is no designated Assistant Secretary and this is seen as incomplete coverage in the instance that the Secretary had to be absent. Secretary will attempt to remedy this matter to result in a complete Board.

Old Business:

With regard to Google Drive access for file backups, it is believed that all members who need access to the Google Drive should be skilled in this process. Big Sir said that ideally Google Drive access should be easy and he is willing to go to members' homes to impart the instructions to those in need.

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Bob Gonzalez reported that of our current membership of 103, 19 members still have not provided information that they have received COVID-19 vaccinations. Twenty-three members have not completed the waiver form. Tamal Talk or other means of communication should cover this matter so that full membership is apprised of its urgency and the potential for incomplete communication at future on-site gatherings will be minimized.

The Branch 47 picnic held at Miwok Park on July 14th was acclaimed to be a success. The possibility of the "bring your own meal" for future events was raised. Any event designated to be a SIR event will be covered by SIR insurance.

Long-standing member Chris Lewis has moved to Southern California. His status is now member emeritus. He will no longer be notified of future events and will not be included in active member tabulation.

The slate of officers for the 2022 term should be sent to all members by written communication.

The secretary bears the responsibility for forwarding a Form 20 to State SIR body in August informing whether Branch 47 election of officers has or has not taken place.

New Business:

For on-site August luncheon planning, care must be taken to cover check-in table, covid/waiver verifications, money drawing, greeter(s), book library, PA system setup and possibly other components to ensure a smooth resumption of our monthly on-site luncheon and program.

Meal tickets will be available since the luncheon meal will now include more choices. Color coding of tickets and numbering tickets for drawings will result in revised procedures for increased options.

Membership will be apprised of these revisions in a letter to soon go out.

Big Sir will be out of the country for the September board meeting and luncheon. Little Sir will pre-side at both events. Big Sir recommended that Board have a Zoom meeting prior to the August luncheon.

July 26, 2021 meeting was moved for adjournment at 11:53 a.m. The next board meeting will take place on Monday, August 23, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. Notification will include either Zoom or on-site at McInnis Golf Club.

Respectfully submitted,
Alan Thomas
Secretary

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

**Slate of Officers and Directors Nominated by the
BEC Selection Committee for 2022**

OFFICERS

BIG SIR	ERIC YOUNG
LITTLE SIR	MARK BOSCH
SECRETARY	ALAN THOMAS
ASST SEC	ALAN LUTSKY
TREASURER	BILL STEWART
ASSIST TREAS	MARK RUDY

DIRECTORS (6)

DOUG TWITCHELL

CARL DAWSON

RICK COBURN

TREVOR HUGHES

BILL WICKLEY

JAKE SOLOMON

BRANCH 47 AUGUST, 2021 ZOOM SPEAKER

Speaker Name: No scheduled speaker this month as we have a full agenda and it is the first time since Covid, that we are conducting a sit down luncheon at McInnis.

**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: _____

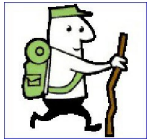
Once you sign this document, it is valid for all future Branch and or State activities.

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>
8/2	Monday	Chardonnay	07:48	Sequential \$40
8/9	Monday	Peacock Gap	07:00-08:00	Sequential \$53
8/16	Monday	Petaluma CC	08:30	Sequential \$41
8/23	Monday	Hiddenbrooke	07:45	Sequential \$48
8/30	Monday	Blue Rock West	07:45	Sequential \$39



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 (Currently Private NOT SIRs)

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 July 9 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

SIRs BIRTHDAYS – AUGUST

<u>BADGE#</u>	<u>LAST NAME</u>	<u>FIRST NAME</u>	<u>MO.</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>AGE</u>
1	COBURN	RICK	8	28	1944	77
78	COLENBRANDER	AUGUST	8	30	1931	90
16	GLOISTEIN	ROBERT	8	13	1940	81
33	KOSCIUSKO	RON	8	2	1942	79
11	LUTSKY	ALAN	8	29	1938	83
81	MELEIS	MAHMOUD	8	17	1937	84
65	SLONOFF	SCOTT	8	8	1948	73
72	STEDWELL	CHUCK	8	1	944	77
42	TOSTE	JOEL	8	1	1947	74

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Summary:

Actives - 103
Gains: 0
Losses: 0

JUIY ZOOM ATTENDANCE REPORT

Total Members 104
Members Present 27
Guests: 2
Visitors: 0

ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Monday Aug 2 BOCCE
 Monday Aug 2 18 Hole Golf(Weather Permits)
 Thursday Aug 5 Hiking
 Monday Aug 9 18 HoleGolf (Weather Permits)
 Thursday Aug 12 Hiking
 Friday Aug 13 Investors' Lunch Bunch
 Monday Aug 16 18 HoleGolf (Weather Permits)
 Thursday Aug 19 Hiking
 Monday Aug 23 18 HoleGolf (Weather Permits)
Monday Aug 23 Executive Committee Meets
Tuesday Aug 24 Branch 47 ZOOM meeting
 Thursday Aug 26 Hiking
 Monday Aug 30 18 HoleGolf (Weather Permits)

HUMOR



"What is this, some kind of joke?"



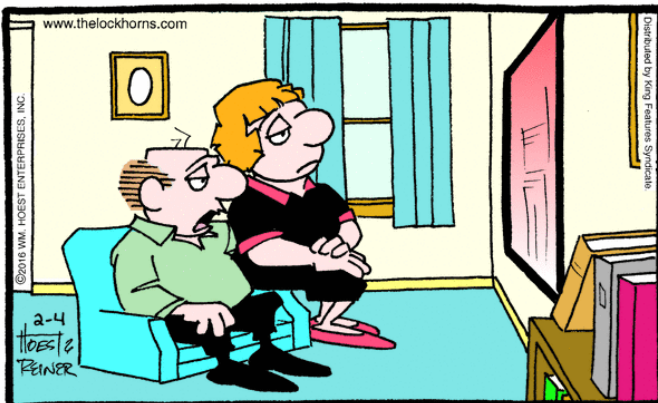
"I usually use hypnosis to help people with their psychological problems, not to help them remember where they left their car keys."



"Do you have any, 'Play in one more poker tournament and I'll kill you' cards?"



"No, you weren't downloaded. Your were born."



"I ALWAYS WORRY WHEN THEY SAY 'VIEWER DISCRETION ADVISED' BEFORE THE STOCK MARKET REPORT."

"Optimism is going after Moby Dick in a rowboat; chutzpah is taking the tartar sauce with you!"



"I see the Big Shooter in sand, trees and water. Either you're going on a beautiful vacation, or you're a lousy golfer."