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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

You must make a reservation (RSVP) to attend our monthly luncheon. Please call our Lunch Line at WWW.SIR47.ORG/EVENT CALENDAR, or (415) 881-7477, or send an email to www.sirbranch47@gmail.com. Include your meal preference and information regarding any guest(s).

Back in September we had a good turnout of 50 members and one guest for our first luncheon since February 2020. We expect a similar number for the October Luncheon.

Annual Multi-Region SIR Inc. meeting was held via Zoom on August 25th, 2021. In this meeting, among other items, the following were covered.

2022 Elections for SIR Inc. were held. The new President is Richard Kindle. Vice President is Dave Gonzales.

SIR Branding and recruitments will be conducted through social media, such as Facebook and Nextdoor, and help from all SIR branches.

A new UCSF Wellness program is available to all SIR members. Members can sign up for this program, whose health is checked and followed. This program is beneficial to each member, and also helps the research UCSF is doing for our age group. It takes twenty minutes to fill out the health survey. Details are available at SIRinc.org

The new web-based reservation system at www.sir47.org/calendar is currently being used and is available for all members beginning with the October luncheon and for all special events. This will be in addition to the existing Lunch Line and email system. More details on this new system can be found on page 4.

Frank Ghazzagh, Little SIR For Doug Twitchell, Big SIR Branch 47

SIR BRANCH 47 – LUNCHEONS – TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26

Our monthly luncheons have resumed 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, www.sir47.org 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 (October 22nd). Any late RSVPs will be offered the Chicken Caesar Salad only
5. If you need to cancel a reservation, this must be done not later than October 22nd.
6. A no-show for a reservation will be charged \$32.

The luncheon menu is:

Choice 1: Salad, Roasted Turkey with Cranberry & gravy Peas and carrots, sweet Potatoes (stuffing on the table)

Choice 2: Salad, Grilled Salmon with rice and and vegetables, rolls & dessert

Choice 3: Caesar salad with chicken rolls, and dessert.

Choice 4: Salad, Chicken Marsala with mozzarella and Pasta , rolls and dessert

Choice 5: Salad, Vegan Dish Pasta Pomodoro, rolls and dessert

*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 October 26th.

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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's Annual Christmas Holiday Party
Tuesday, December 7, 2021
At McInnis Golf Club, San Rafael



Cost: \$50.00 / person



**Social Hour: 5:00 pm—6:00 pm Includes
Appetizers and Champagne**

Cash Bar: Beer \$6, House Wine \$8, Cocktails \$8-10, House Wine Bottle \$26

**Dinner: 6:00 pm Sit-down Holiday Meal with
Choice of: (1) Prime Rib, (2) Grilled Salmon with
lemon sauce, (3) Rack of Lamb, or
(4) Eggplant parmesan (Vegetarian)
With Coffee-Tea-Decaf & Tiramisu for desert.**

< Holiday Entertainment will also be provided. >

**Make a reservation by logging onto SIR47.org under the Events
Calendar and RSVP, email sirbranch47@gmail.com or call
(415) 881-7477.**

**Chuck McDevitt will also be collecting money and reservations at the Tues.
Oct. 26 and Tues. Nov. 23 Br 47 Luncheons**

**Send payment to Chuck McDevitt @ 101 Golden Hind Passage, Cor-
te Madera 94925. Or phone Chuck @ 415 420-2299, or email @
mcdev095@aol.com**

No refunds within 48 hours.

Three ways to RSVP for Calendar Events

The three ways to RSVP are email sirbranch47@gmail.com, Phone 415 881 7477 or www.sir47.org/Event Calendar.

1. Email Sirbranch47@gmail.com – Provide your name and choice of menu or event, if applicable. (The assumption is if don't email you are not coming)
2. Phone 415 881 7477 - Provide name and choice of menu or event, if applicable. (The assumption is if don't call you are not coming)
3. www.sir47.org/Event Calendar - In an effort to streamline the monthly luncheon signup, we have developed a reservation sign-in system that is an integral part of our Branch 47 website. This RSVP system will greatly aid the chairmen of our special events and Luncheons. Below are the procedures involved in registering for the luncheons on the website. (Please note that if you do not have a computer or cannot use one you can always make a reservation by calling 415 881 7477 and leaving a voice message with your name, Member Number, and menu choice.)

3.a. Go to www.sir47.org

At the **Home** screen, put your cursor on **Calendar** so that the **Event Calendar** appears. Click on the **Event Calendar**.

Depending upon the speed of your internet connection, the list of Events may take a moment to load.

The **October Luncheon** should appear on your screen. Click on **RSVP Now**.

This will take you to the Registration or **Ticket** Screen.

3.b. If you are not going to be able to attend, click on **CAN'T GO**. Complete the required information, your name and email address, and then click **FINISH**. You should receive an email confirming that you will NOT be able to attend the luncheon. (It is important to let us know if you cannot attend. We need to inform McInnis of the number of lunches required.)

3.c. If you can attend, click on **GOING**. Complete the required information, your name and email address, This should take you to the Attendee Registration screen. (**Attendee** equates to **MAIN GUEST** If you bring a guest , at the **-1+** click + to 2 and each of you will be asked for name, email and menu choice for you and your guest.

Select the meal you want. Click **FINISH** to complete your reservation.

You should receive a confirmation email shortly afterward from Wordpress not Branch 47.

NOTE: If you want to cancel or change a reservation, add a guest or change a meal, the system provides for all these functions.

The new procedures are only meant to enhance our legacy systems as they are integral to ensuring we have an ability to serve our members. In the event, for instance, that the website is unavailable we will have a legacy process that works to continue.

BRANCH 47 BUSINESS

SIR Branch 47 Board Meeting

Tamalpais Branch

Zoom Meeting from homes

August 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, Rick Coburn, Jim Kleiser, George Miller and Bill Stewart. George Brown was absent. Visitors were Bill Wickley, Mark Rudy, Erick Young, Mark Bosch, Alan Lutsky and Ron Kosciusko.

Minutes from Board meeting of July 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.

Minutes will be transmitted to full membership but only on approval of finalized minutes by the Board. Members not sitting on the Board may attend Board meetings, but only Board members can move and pass motions, issue completed minutes or revise the minutes in any way. Policy is now in effect whereby minutes of a particular month will not be published until the Branch Executive Board has reviewed the minutes of the previous month. On the completion of the Board review, a motion to approve the minutes will be passed, discussion may follow, and the Board will approve the motion to accept if all are in accord. This is to allow for alterations by the Board but further changes subsequent to the publishing of the minutes will not be permitted. Hypothetically, the September Tamal Talk newsletter will include the minutes of the July meeting and the October TamalTalk will include the minutes of the August meeting.

Little SIR Report:

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. The October meeting will also include a scheduled speaker.

Treasurer's Report:

Current status of treasury includes sum of \$8,959.37 in combined accounts. Wine expenditure and picnic expenditures are on the books.

Committee Reports:

Jake Solomon spoke on the election process to take place at the August 25th meeting. New officers are to be elected at the meeting including requests for nominations from the floor. Swearing in will take place at a later date. The number of directors cannot exceed six. The slate of officers was made available to the Board and will be made available to members present at the luncheon.

Bowling is on hold with major roof damage at bowling alley.

Bocce will be held in Sonoma with Frank Ghazzagh heading up the activity.

Old Business:

Big Sir said that ideally Google Drive access should be easy and he has gone to members' homes to impart the instructions to those in need. New participants can log in with a new password and the process is not viewed as difficult.

Bob Gonzalez reported that about fifteen members do not have branch closure on vaccination record on file or signed waiver.

Fifty-one members will be attending the August 24th luncheon. Branch 47 has not been charged in the past by McInnis if the number projected for attendance had exceeded actual number that attended. Will Kaefer volunteered to check vaccination or waiver information for members who do not have completed information on file and will be conducted at the entrance.

All components of the luncheon were scheduled to be in place as well as the members who cover specific responsibilities. The call-in process went well and the Board members expressed their satisfaction with receiving an e-mail acknowledgement. Thanks are extended to Rick Coburn for ably handling this task.

All wine will be set in place at the luncheon tables and the non-alcoholic beverages will be announced as on hand if member (s) want to make an exchange.

Those wishing to make a reservation for an upcoming event are referred to SIR47.org. Board members are encouraged to make reservations for the September 28th luncheon so everyone is on board with this process. To address the ambiguity of "guest", the member signing on is one guest and each added guest continues the count. If a member brings a spouse to an event, that is two guests. Guests are added on with a "+" symbol. It is Ron's hope to end up with one event calendar; a single calendar and a standardized notification system should simplify the whole process.

(Continued)

(Board Meeting continued from page 4)

New Business:

Branch 47 will continue to maintain diligence in admitting members to in-person activities with proof of vaccination and a signed waiver form. There will be no exceptions.

Meeting was moved for adjournment at 12:08 p.m. The next board meeting will take place on Monday, September 27, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. Zoom will continue to be the meeting source unless a later change is made. Frank Ghazzagh will preside in Doug Twitchell's absence.

Respectfully submitted,
Alan Thomas
Secretary

MESSAGE FROM GOLF CHAIRMAN NED LAWERENCE

McInnis Park has agreed to host 9 hole golf for the Sirs and the "new" season has started and some of you are already playing. The coordinator for Monday morning golf is Ron Dorville (vethelo@me.com).

He has been instructed by McInnis to list the names playing 8 days in advance and McInnis discourages no shows. Please email Ron if you want to play and he will ultimately publish your tee times if he has room for you. If anyone else that you know in the branch who wants to play nine holes at McInnis, Ron Dorville will accept Iphone photos of your vaccine card and signed waiver form in order to comply with Sir state requirements.

let me know if any of you are interested in playing 18 holes within Branch 47 in a very low key fashion. If we have a few who want some exercise, let me know and I will get a tee time at a local course.

Ned

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Nedlawrence9@gmail.com

415-595-1092

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 Approved Unanimously by the
Membership at the August Meeting 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 OCTOBER 26, 2021 SPEAKER

Speaker Name: Duffy Jennings:

My memoir, "[Reporter's Note Book: A San Francisco Chronicle Journalist's Diary of the Shocking Seventies](#)," is a behind-the-scenes book about a turbulent era in the city's history, when I covered the Moscone-Milk murders, the Zodiac and Zebra killings, the Patty Hearst kidnapping, the Dan White trial/verdict/riot, the Jonestown mass suicides, the Golden Dragon Restaurant massacre, and many more of the big stories of that time.

Here's an [article the Chronicle published](#) about the book in August.

There is much more information about the book, my background and several interviews on my website, www.duffyjennings.com. The book is available on [Amazon](#) and will soon have a Kindle version.

FRANK GHAZZAGH, LITTLE SIR

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>	
10/4	Monday	Petaluma CC	08:30	Sequential	\$41
10/11	Monday	<i>HOLIDAY</i>		<i>Columbus Day</i>	
10/18	Monday	Napa/Kennedy	08:00	Sequential	\$37
10/25	Monday	Blue Rock East	07:45	Sequential	\$39

9 Hole Golf at McInnis Park

Play starts Monday September 13 at Mcinnis. First tee time is 10:00.weather permitting
Contact Ron Dorville will be running the nine holes golf.
Ron's email is vethelo@icloud.com



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

"I was just informed by the BR 47 Board that Bocce attendees must be in full compliance with the State SIR requirement for providing proof of vaccination and signing the SIR waiver.
This is also reaffirmed by our survey where the majority of responses said that they are not comfortable eating or playing bocce with unvaccinated attendees.
So for the next bocce on Oct 4th, all attendees (members, spouses or guests) must provide proof of vaccination and sign the SIR waiver – unless they already provided such proof to Bob Gonzalez.
Frank will be coordinating the Oct 4 bocce with a BYO picnic @ 11:30 with bocce following @ the Margret Todd Center in Novato.
Thanks to all for you for your input to our survey."
Kurt

Investors Lunch Bunch

We have returned to live monthly luncheon meetings at Sam's Place, Novato. Our luncheon meetings are every second Friday at 11:30. Please note that unless you have previously provided a copy or view of your Covid vaccine card and a signed SIR Wavier, you will have to bring that information. Sam's requires that everyone in their meeting room be fully vaccinated. If you bring a guest, they will have to meet the same requirements. Will Kaefer, Chairman 415-927-1043

SIRs BIRTHDAYS – OCTOBER

BADGE#	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MO.	DAY	YEAR	AGE
6	CHIPMAN	WALLY	10	18	32	89
77	GANAS	ERNIE	10	27	42	79
27	GLAZUNOV	SERGE	10	15	46	75
73	HANCOCK	JAMES	10	22	40	81
41	KOCH	ROBERT	10	26	37	82
101	LAWRENCE	NED	10	17	40	81
117	MARTIN	CARL	10	13	38	83
82	MILLER	HARRY	10	10	43	78
36	RICCI	REGINALD	10	17	40	81
54	SULLIVAN	RICHARD	10	24	51	70
18	SYKES	LAURENCE	10	12	35	86

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Summary:

Actives - 101
Gains: 0
Losses: 2

SEPTEMBER ATTENDANCE REPORT

Total Members 101
Members Present 51
Guests: 1
Visitors: 0

ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Thursday Oct 7 Hiking
Monday Oct 4 BOCCE
Thursday Oct 14 Hiking
Friday Oct 8 Investors' Lunch Bunch
Monday Oct 4 18 Hole Golf (Weather Permits)
Monday Oct 4 9 Hole Golf
Monday Oct 11 **Columbus Day**
Monday Oct 11 **NO 18 Hole Golf Holiday**
Thursday Oct 21 Hiking
Monday Oct 18 18 HoleGolf (Weather Permits)
Monday Oct 18 9 HoleGolf (Weather Permits)
Thursday Oct 28 Hiking
Monday Oct 25 18 HoleGolf (Weather Permits)
Monday Oct 25 9 HoleGolf (Weather Permits)
Monday Oct 25 Executive Committee Meets
Tuesday Oct 26 Branch 47 ZOOM meeting

HUMOR



"Okay, which one of you has been laying the hard boiled eggs?"



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GIBBLEGUTS.COM By Dan Gibson



Elmer seemed to get a lot more attention from the ladies after he started wearing his colostomy bag to the front.