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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).

We had a good turnout of 57 members and three guests at our October luncheon. We are now beginning to return to our pre-covid attendance numbers. Our speaker, Duffy Jennings, gave a fascinating talk about his time as a SF Chronicle reporter during the turbulent 60's and 70's in San Francisco. Ron Kosciusko also provided us with a live demonstration of the new web-based reservation system. A special thanks to Ron for his dedication in getting this system up and running. All members are encouraged to use this process for making their reservations for SIR functions. The email and phone reservation system will continue with no changes.

The November luncheon will include the installation ceremony for the 2022 officers and directors.

The Holiday Party will be held Tuesday, December 7th at McInnis Restaurant. Reservations can be made using the new reservation system or in person at the November luncheon. Details will be provided in email and also within Tamal Talk. We hope to see many of you and your guests at this event. Great food, great music and many friends.

We will be publishing the roster book for 2022. Please take a few moments to review your personal information. If changes are needed, please send an email to Rick Coburn and Erick Young.

Dues are \$30 for 2022 and will be collected beginning at the January luncheon. This amount is unchanged from the last time dues were collected in 2020.

Doug Twitchell, Big SIR Branch 47

SIR BRANCH 47 – LUNCHEONS – TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23

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 November 19th.
6. A no-show for a reservation will be charged \$32.

The luncheon menu is:

Salad

CHOICE OF:

- (1) *Baked Ham with honey glaze, potatoes and veg*
- (2) *Grilled Salmon with rice and vegetables*
- (3) *VEGAN Penne pomodoro Pasta and vegetables*
- (4) *Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad*

Rolls and butter

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 November 23.



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,
Corte 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 **November 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, which is you the member**). **If you bring a guest , at the -1+ click +** and 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.

BRANCH 47 BUSINESS

SIR Branch 47 Board Meeting

Tamalpais Branch

Zoom Meeting from homes

September 27, 2021

Meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Little SIR Frank Ghazzagh, substituting for Big Sir Doug Twitchell in his absence. A quorum was determined to be logged in.

Attendees: Frank Ghazzagh, Jake Solomon, Alan Thomas, Bob Gonzalez, Will Kaefer, Rick Coburn, Jim Kleiser, George Brown and Bill Stewart. George Miller was absent and Doug Twitchell was excused. Visitors were Erick Young, Mark Bosch, Carl Dawson and Ron Kosciusko.

Minutes from Board meeting of August 2021 were moved for acceptance and passed. The August minutes included the provision that the publishing of minutes would occur only following board approval. Amendments to the August meeting were carried out and upon board approval would revert to Ron Kosciusko for publication in the October Tamal Talk.

Big SIR Report:

Frank reported that the annual SIR meeting took place on August 25, 2021. Elections will take place for the Area 8 body for 2022.

Little SIR Report:

The October meeting will feature Duffy Jennings presenting the Reporter's Note Book, a Journalist's Diary of the Shocking Seventies,

Treasurer's Report:

Current status of treasury includes sum of \$8,731 in combined accounts. Two free meals were covered, one for guest and one for a no-show member.

Committee Reports:

It was noted that there are no changes to the membership roster for the month of August 2021.

Old Business:

Google Drive: It was noted that the program will not recognize a new user's computer; Kurt Heilman would have to "approve" of the new user in order for that user to proceed in Google on his own.

Bob Gonzalez reported that 87 members have registered their vaccination records and 96 members have registered their waivers.

All components of the luncheon were scheduled to be in place as well as the members who cover specific responsibilities. The call-in process has gone well and the Board members expressed their satisfaction with receiving an e-mail acknowledgement.

WEB RSVP new procedures were published and distributed to the membership. Procedures cover RSVP methods and spread sheet will offer entrée choice. There is no option yet for future social events. Discussion covered possible future processes and substitute entry information. Rick Coburn is the current designated coordinator with backup designee to be determined. It was moved, seconded and passed that new procedures for RSVP be published in the upcoming Tamal Talk

New Business:

Very few members remain delinquent with regard to signing waivers or producing a vaccination card.

Finalization of a proposed Holiday Season party should take place at the October 25th meeting. The November meeting will be too close to the proposed party date of December 7th to allow for proper planning.

Discussion took place on having Branch 47 audio/video system available at meetings in case the in-house equipment is not working.

The new slate of officers will be installed at the November meeting. New officers will assume responsibility at the January 2022 meeting.

September 27th meeting was moved for adjournment at 11:30 a.m. The next Branch 47 meeting will take place on Monday, October 25, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. Zoom process will continue for the remainder of 2021.

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

2022 Dues Reminder

This is a reminder that in January we will be collecting dues of \$30 per member for 2022. Please remember to bring a check for \$30, payable to SIR Branch 47, to the January luncheon. A separate check for your dues makes our record keeping job much easier. Thanks for your help.

Bill Stewart, Treasurer Branch 47

**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 NOVEMBER 23, 2021 SPEAKER

Speaker Name: Bob Minkin

Bob Minkin has enjoyed unique access to incredible musicians and insights into the music scene we love. He has photographed thousands of concerts in clubs and arenas across the USA and Europe, and musicians such as Jerry Garcia, Carlos Santana, Eric Clapton and hundreds of others.

His photos have been featured in many books and publications including Rolling Stone, Time Magazine and in many music CDs and DVD packages. He photographs concerts at Terrapin Crossroads and Sweetwater Music Hall where he is the house photographer.

Bob lives with his family in Novato. In 2014, Bob's first coffee table book, *Live Dead, The Grateful Dead Photographed by Bob Minkin* was published. His second music photography book, *The Music Never Stopped* was published September 2017. His third book book, *Just Jerry* was published October 2019.

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>	
11/1	Monday	Chardonnay	07:48	Sequential	\$40
11/8	Monday	Indian Valley	08:00	Sequential	\$55
11/15	Monday	Peacock Gap	07:00-08:00	Sequential	\$53
11/22	Monday	Rooster Run	07:30	Sequential	

Final Event and Banquet

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 November 1 bocce with a BYO picnic @ 11:30 with bocce following @ the Margret Todd Center in Novato.

Thanks to all 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 – NOVEMBER

BADGE# LAST NAME FIRST NAME MO. DAY YEAR AGE

54	DAVEY	TREVOR	11	27	1931	90
14	GHAZZAGH	FARAD	11	26	1944	77
4	GONZALES	ROBERT	11	26	1940	81
61	HEILMAN	KURT	11	2	1944	77
60	JEW	TERRANCE	11	6	1946	75
43	MIZIS	MARVIN	11	6	1938	83
83	NASS	RON	11	9	1948	73
104	SCOTT	TERRY	11	13	1944	77
10	SOLOMON	JAKE	11	30	1935	86
87	WU	BERNARD	11	18	1935	86

SIRs BIRTHDAYS – DECEMBER

BADGE# LAST NAME FIRST NAME MO. DAY YEAR AGE

51	CULHANE	TOM	12	30	45	76
23	GIBBS	LEWIS	12	16	35	86
57	JENSEN	NORMAN	12	12	38	83
69	LUNDGREN	EDDY	12	20	40	81
37	MILLER	GEORGE	12	13	36	85
121	POLAN	DENIS	12	5	40	81
44	PRESCOTT	DELBERT	12	18	38	83
106	SIMON	EDWARD	12	26	24	97

ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Monday	Nov	1	BOCCE
Monday	Nov	1	18 Hole Golf (Weather Permits)
Monday	Nov	1	9 Hole Golf
Tuesday	Nov	2	Election DAY
Thursday	Nov	4	Hiking
Sunday	Nov	7	Daylight Saving Ends
Monday	Nov	8	18 Hole Golf (Weather Permits)
Monday	Nov	8	9 Hole Golf
Wednesday	Nov	10	US Marine Corps Established
Thursday	Nov	11	Valentines Day
Thursday	Nov	11	Hiking
Friday	Nov	12	Investors' Lunch Bunch
Thursday	Nov	18	Hiking
Monday	Nov	15	18 Hole Golf (Weather Permits)
Monday	Nov	15	9 Hole Golf (Weather Permits)
Monday	Nov	22	18 Hole Golf (Weather Permits)
Monday	Nov	22	9 Hole Golf (Weather Permits)
Monday	Nov	22	Executive Committee Meets
Tuesday	Nov	23	Branch 47 ZOOM meeting
Thursday	Nov	25	Thanksgiving
Thursday	Nov	25	Hiking
Sunday	Nov	28	Hanukkah Begins
Monday	Nov	29	18 Hole Golf (Weather Permits)
Monday	Nov	29	9 Hole Golf (Weather Permits)
Tuesday	Nov	30	Giving Tuesday

OCTOBER ATTENDANCE REPORT

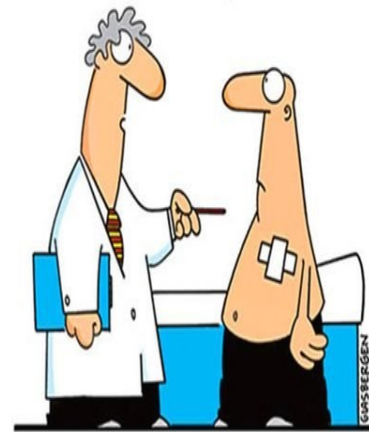
Total Members	101
Members Present	57
Guests:	3
Visitors:	0

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Summary:

Actives -	101
Gains:	0
Losses:	2

HUMOR



"It's a pacemaker for your heart. Plus, you can download apps for your liver, kidneys, lungs, and pancreas!"

