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A Non-Profit Public Benefit Corporation of Retired Men Devoted to the Promotion of Independence and Dignity of Retirement.

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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

You must make a reservation (RSVP) to attend our monthly luncheon. Please call our Lunch Line at WWWW.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 great luncheon meeting on November 23rd and a most interesting speaker with his photos of famous music icons from the 70's to today. Much of this happened right here in our backyard of the North Bay.

By the time you read this, Thanksgiving will be past. Our hope is that you had a wonderful holiday with friends and family.

Our next luncheon will be January 25th. Since the holiday party is on December 7th, there is not a luncheon scheduled for December.

We will be publishing the roster book for 2022 which we hope to distribute at the January luncheon. 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. The monthly luncheon costs have increased by one dollar to \$33.

It has been an honor to have been your Big SIR for the past 2 years. With your ongoing support and the great leadership from our board, our club successfully navigated the Covid crisis and has emerged as strong as ever. We will have great leadership next year from our new Big SIR, Erick Young, and our new Little SIR, Mark Bosch. Our thanks to them for stepping up to these important positions and to the other board members serving for 2022.

Best wishes for the holidays to you and your family.

Doug Twitchell, Big SIR Branch 47



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Sons in Retirement branch 47

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*NO EMPLOYEE DISCOUNT ON STAR WARS PRODUCT

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VALID DATES

12/03/2021 - 12/26/2021

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**
- **Contactless Payment Options** Face coverings required for
- employees and customers

LOCATION & HOURS

1414 Harbour Way S. Richmond, CA 94804

MON - FRI: 10A - 8P **SAT -SUN: 9A - 8P**

Closed - 12/25 Christmas











Questions? Please email: richmondemployeestore@columbia.com

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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?

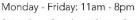
• Contact - RichmondEmployeeStore@columbia.com

Store Location:

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

♦ Columbia





Store Hours:

Saturday - Sunday: 10am - 8pm





SIR BRANCH 47 – LUNCHEONS

Our monthly luncheons have resumed at the McInnis Restaurant. The start time is 11:00 but please arrive not later than 11:30 to permit time for check in and an opportunity to socialize before the meeting starts at 11:45. This is the same location and venue as before. We are implementing the following new requirements from the State SIR organization 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 /Event Calender 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 \$33. 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 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 the Friday before the meeting.
- 6. A no-show for a reservation will be charged \$33.

*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 luncheons

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 & Tiramasu for desert.

< Holiday Entertainment will also be provided. >

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

Chuck McDevitt will also be taking reservations until Friday December 3rd.

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.

- Email <u>Sirbranch47@gmail.com</u> 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 **upcoming events should** appear on your screen. Click on the event you are interested in.. 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 October 26, 2021

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

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

Minutes from Board meeting of September 2021 were moved for acceptance and passed.

Big SIR Report:

Leadership training may be scheduled with no firm date yet.

Little SIR Report:

November speaker will be Bob Menken who had ties with many of the known bands and performers; his talk is entitled: *The Music Never Stopped.* There are speakers scheduled up to May 2022.

Treasurer's Report:

State SIR waived the 4th quarter assessment. Signature cards will be revised with all officers appearing in person will have financial responsibilities

Committies:

None reported

Old Business:

Google Drive: it was noted that the program will not recognize a new user's computer; Doug is the primary signer and would computer have to "approve" of the new user for that user to proceed in Google on his own. Doug said another primary signer should be designated.

It is uncertain if intention of delinquent members will be provided by such members, but self-addressed envelopes will be placed at table places for convenience of all members present at future meetings for submitting dues.

Fifty members and speaker as +1 show that fifty-one lunches will be served on October 26th.

More wine and Martinelli's cider will need to be purchased prior to November meeting.

Ron K. spoke on updates regarding the web-based reservation system. Some responses indicated that members did not receive e-mail confirmations. The system may need further adjustment.

Discussion involved the necessity for bringing our video/sound equipment to meetings which is kept in a portable case; result was that our equipment should be brought to meetings in the event the house system should be disrupted.

An issue was raised regarding the matter of entertainment at the Holiday dinner. Opposing views were taken that entertainment costs should be part of the dinner fee, and the contrary thought was that a more professional presentation should be made which would likely involve funds external to the dinner charge. After much discussion, a vote was taken which was found favorable to hiring a polished duo to provide background and dance music during and after the dinner. Some considerations arose from this discussion which follow:

The hire of outside entertainment is a one-time event for 2021 and does not set precedent.

The matter should be revisited in early 2022 as a debriefing to see if we will proceed in future years as in 2021 or if the event should revert back to a more modest presentation.

Costs incurred for the Holiday and other events may or may not currently come from guest reservations. It is suggested that perhaps costs should receive more scrutiny in the future.

The policy that all event charges must be built into the dinner fee may need rethinking and the matter should be revisited in early 2022.

It was moved, seconded and passed that membership dues remain at \$30.00 per member for calendar year 2022.

New Business:

Ron K. asked that a committee be appointed to assist in removal of obsolete items from the SIR Branch 47 website. All upcoming officers for 2022 must be in attendance for the November meeting for the installation ceremony. Eric Young will again oversee the production of the roster book for 2022 but since he will be filling the post of Big Sir, his further involvement on this project perhaps should revert to another member.

Octoer 25th meeting was moved for adjournment at 11:30 a.m. The next Branch 47 meeting will take place on Monday, November 22, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. Zoom process will continue.

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 (<u>vethelo@me.com</u>).

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 SPEAKER
Speaker Name:	No Speakers for I	December. See you at the Holiday Party.
	!	FRANK GHAZZAGH, LITTLE SIR
		SIR EVENT WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY FOR EXPOSURE TO COVID-19
Branch Name: Tan	nalpais Branch	Branch Number: 47
branch listed above	e ("Branch") is requiri cothers attending eve	general unavailability of insurance to cover liability related to that matter, the SIR ng members, visiting SIR members from other branches, guest speakers, guests, and ents sponsored by the Branch or by Sons in Retirement, Incorporated ("State Sir") to
ing, and o	other Covid-19 protoc	the Branch or State SIR, the undersigned agrees to comply with mask, social distanctols required by applicable government bodies, the Branch, State SIR, and the applicable result in the attendee being asked to leave the event.
acknowle		ted protocols, requirements, recommendations, and vaccinations, the undersigned risk of Covid-19 exposure whenever an individual enters a public space, a building of other individuals.
	sure to Covid-19 and	dersigned assumes the risk of Covid-19 exposure and accepts sole responsibility for resulting health conditions that may occur due to attendance at a Branch or State
members		nd holds harmless the Branch, State SIR, and their respective officers, directors, and sponsibility for illness, death, or other losses arising from exposure to Covid-19 at a
		DERSTANDS THE ABOVE WAIVER AND RELEASE, UNDERSTANDS THE RISKS POSED AND RELEASE VOLUNTARILY.
Attendee's Name (print):	
Attendee's Signatu	re:	Date:

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

STATE SIR SANCTIONED ACTIVITIES



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

Date	Day	COURSE	Start Time	Comments
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 Sequer	ntial \$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.

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.

Weather permitting) that we are playing bocce on Monday Dec. 6 the courts on Hill Dr, Novato, behind the Margaret Todd Senior Center/ Hill Middle school. Lynn Dawson suggested the we try Crave for lunch. So let's plan to meet @ Crave @ 11:30 for lunch followed afterwards by bocce @ around 1 pm. (Crave is located @ the old Bocca steak rest. on 340 Ignacio Blvd. 415-883-0901)

As I will not be attending - let Frank Ghazzagh know if you will be attending the Dec 6 lunch and/or bocce.

Frank, please will make reservations @ Crave beforehand. Exact count may not be needed. The area outside should be okay as they have heaters

Cheers, 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 – DECEMBER									
BAD	GE# 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

Thursday Hiking Dec **BOCCE** Monday 6 Dec Monday Dec 6 HANUKKAH ENDS Monday 9-Hole Golf (Weather permits) Dec 6 7 **HOLIDAY PARTY** Tuesday Dec Thursday 9 Hiking Dec

Friday Dec 10 Investors' Lunch Bunch

Monday Dec 13 9 Hole Golf (Weather permits)

Thursday Dec 16 Hiking

Monday Dec 20 9 HoleGolf (Weather Permits)

Thursday Dec 23 Hiking

21 FIRST DAY OF WINTER **Tuesday** Dec

Friday 25 CHRISTMAS EVE Dec Saturday 25 CHRISTMAS DAY Dec Sunday 26 Kwanzaa Begins Dec

Monday Dec 27 9 HoleGolf (Weather Permits)

Thursday 30 Hiking Dec

31 NEW YEARS EVE Friday Dec

NOVEMBER ATTENDANCE REPORT

Total Members 96 **50 Members Present Guests:** 3 Visitors: 0

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Summary:

Actives -96 Gains:

Losses: (a bunch)

HUMOR







