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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 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).

First, I want to wish all the members of Branch 47 a most happy New Year. 2021 was certainly “interesting” and challenging, and I look forward to better times ahead. I also want to thank Big SIR Doug Twitchell and Little SIR Frank Ghazzagh for the great leadership they showed in guiding our branch through the COVID times. They kept the branch active and together by holding virtual meetings, and they worked to keep us in compliance with State SIR mandates.

Welcome aboard to the Branch Executive Committee: LITTLE SIR Mark Bosch, SECRETARY Alan Thomas, ASST. SECRETARY Alan Lutsky, TREASURER Bill Stewart, ASST. TREASURER Mark Rudy and DIRECTORS Rick Coburn, Carl Dawson, Trevor Hughes, Jake Solomon, Doug Twitchell, and Bill Wickley. Remember that they and other members are the ones that keep the branch running.

As we start a new year, I wanted to tell you about some adjustments in SIR as the organization responds to the changing times. Recognizing maintaining a vigorous membership is the ultimate goal of SIR, it was interesting for me to learn that the state organization is now de-emphasizing the “retirement” part of our persona. Even the logo now reads “Social Activities for Men.” The main requirements for membership are the desire for good fellowship with other men aged 50+, and the time to participate in activities they enjoy. Participation by spouses is even encouraged more than ever.

Last year was challenging for the branch in terms of membership. While we are one of the more vigorous branches with more than 100 members, we lost a number of members for various reasons. We will need to keep growing our branch to maintain the health of the organization. I encourage ALL the members to take part in bringing in new potential members, and I’ll discuss with the Branch Executive Committee some of the incentives we can put in place. A goal will be to have more members in Branch 47 by this time next year.

SIR has been great for me personally in terms of the activities and friendships. I’m looking forward to an exciting year filled with great talks and activities. With your help, being Big SIR should be fun.

Erick Young, Big SIR Branch 47



**SIR BR 47 CHINESE NEW YEAR'S
CELEBRATION @ 11:30 AM ON TUES FEB 15, 2022 AT
YET WAH RESTAURANT, 1238 FOURTH ST., SAN RAFAEL**



This is our first party in 2022 to kick off the Year of the Black Water Tiger. This is a sit down Chinese Banquet with a **proposed menu to include**: WEST LAKE SOUP, WALNUT PRAWNS, SWEET AND SOUR PORK, MONGOLIAN BEEF, KUNG PAO CHICKEN, COD COOKED WITH BLACK BEAN SAUCE ON A BED OF CHINESE BROCCOLI, MIXED VEGETABLES WITH BEAN CURD, FRIED RICE, AND DESSERT. There will be food to eat and to take home.



Cost is \$32 including tax & tip. Please invite spouses and other guests to help us celebrate the New Year.

Tickets are on sale at the Br 47 January 25, 2022 luncheon.

Reservations required. Or **contact See Tom @ 415-378-3008** or seestom@gmail.com. You can also register at

[www.sir47.org/event calendar](http://www.sir47.org/event%20calendar).

<<<<< The deadline for making both reservations and payment is
Friday Feb. 11, 2022 >>>>>

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

BRANCH 47 JANUARY 25th, 2022 SPEAKER

Speaker Name: JON HAVEMEN

Jon Haveman, PhD, is our speaker for our first luncheon in the new year on January 25th, 2022.

Jon is a principle with the National Economic Education Delegation (NEED). He is also a Senior Research Fellow of the Marin Economic Forum . Jon is a widely recognized Bay Area economist having previously served as the Chief Economist at the Bay Area Council. He has also been on the faculty at Purdue University and he was a senior economist at the President’s Council of Economic Advisors. He has a Ph.D. in Economics for the University of Michigan and a BA in Economics for the University of Wisconsin.

His topic : "The Economics of Immigration"

MARK BOUCH, 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

Date Day COURSE Start Time Comments

2022 Schedule in Progress

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

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 , 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.

The plan on Jan. 3 is to have lunch @ 11:30 am @ Crave indoors (as that seemed to be successful on Dec 6.) with bocce following. Monica & I plan to go for lunch whether we play bocce or not (due to potential rain that day). Please respond if you prefer:

Lunch and bocce (if able to play) OR

Lunch only

Please let me know how many will be attend in your party.

Cheers and Happy New Year,

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 – JANUARY

BADGE#	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MO.	DAY	YEAR	AGE
58	BOSCH	MARK	1	28	1949	73
71	D'ADDARIO	RICHARD	1	19	1949	73
10	GRIFFIN	KEN	1	20	1933	89
11	KELLY	MICHAEL	1	20	1942	80
28	MCGINNIS	RON	1	23	1943	79
13	WINTER	NORBERT	1	28	1938	84

IN MEMORIAM

TOM BRADY

ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

SATURDAY	Jan	1	NEW YEARS DAY
Monday	Jan	3	BOCCE
Monday	Jan	3	9 Hole Golf
Tuesday	Jan	4	Board Mtg (Roster)
Thursday	Jan	6	Hiking
Monday	Jan	10	9 Hole Golf
Thursday	Jan	13	Hiking
Friday	Jan	14	Investors' Lunch Bunch
Monday	Jan	17	Martin Luther King Day
Monday	Jan	17	9 HoleGolf (Weather Permits)
Thursday	Jan	20	Hiking
Thursday	Jan	27	Hiking
Monday	Jan	24	9 HoleGolf (Weather Permits)
Monday	Jan	24	Board Meeting via ZOOM
Tuesday	Jan	25	Branch 47 Luncheon Meeting
Monday	Jan	31	9 HoleGolf (Weather Permits)

**NOVEMBER ATTENDANCE
REPORT**

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

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Summary:

Actives -	96
Gains:	0
Losses:	0

HUMOR

IKEA Job Interview



Never in my whole life would I imagine my hands would consume more alcohol than my mouth!!



"I can't see any sense in this! We passed about 10 fish markets on the way here."

off the mark.com

by Mark Parisi



It's a toe truck

