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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 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).

I hope the New Year (both Solar and Lunar) finds you well and enjoying a new start. As with all things recently, the impact of COVID-19 has been very real. We've been keeping close track of the statistics and guidance provided by the health authorities, and based on the favorable situation in Marin County, we decided to move ahead with the January luncheon as an in-person event. With an attendance on 45 people and an excellent talk on the "Economics of Immigration" by Jon Haveman, I would rate the luncheon a fine success. I hope to see more of you next time at McInnis.

I want to extend a hearty SIR welcome to two new members of Branch 47! Alan Brickman, sponsored by Russ Flaum, is a retired network engineer. Michael "Lucky" Lindbeck, sponsored by Ron Kosciusko, is a retired software engineer. Special thanks to Russ and Ron for introducing them to SIR. I hope the other members follow the lead and bring in prospective new members to a luncheon. There really is such a thing as a "free lunch."

Since we're on the topic of lunches, I want to remind people to make their reservations for February 22, either by website, email, or telephone. McInnis Park Club Restaurant, like all eating establishments, has found the past year a challenge to staffing. It would be a great help for them to have an accurate headcount. Let's make it a big count for February.

You should all soon have your copies of the Branch 47 Roster Book, either by mail or in person at the luncheon. I want to thank Doug Twitchell and Bill Stewart for help in the distribution of the books.

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We have a Chinese New Year's party on February 15, 2022. The coordinator is See Tom, and you should contact him if you want to join in the celebration for the Year of the Tiger.

I would like 2022 to be a year when Branch 47 adds many new members and starts some new activities. This can only happen with the active help of all the members. I'm sure there are a lot of great potential activities and a lot of expertise out there. Think about organizing an activity, and you might find other members with similar interests. The only requirement is that the activity is fun (or at least non-toxic).

Erick Young
Big SIR Branch 47

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



**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.

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 >>>>>

BRANCH 47 FEBRUARY 22nd, 2022 SPEAKER

Speaker Name: Mary Kay Sweeney, PhD

Mary is executive director of Homeward Bound. She has served Homeward Bound for more than two decades and has received a Nonprofit Leadership Award from the North Bay Business Journal and the Heart of Marin Award for Excellence in Nonprofit Leadership.

In 2016, Mary Kay was inducted into the Marin Women’s Hall of Fame.

Her topic : **HOMEWARD BOUND**

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.

Monday Feb 7 Br 47 lunch @ 11:30 @ Crave with bocce afterwards @ the Margret Todd Senior Center in Novato 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 – FEBRUARY

BADGE#	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MO.	DAY	YEAR	AGE
97	ANDERSON	AL	2	14	25	97
136	BENSON	MARTY	2	13	48	74
45	DUNHAM	GALEN	2	24	51	71
89	FOLK	LAZLO	2	21	37	85
12	GROSS	MARSHALL	2	7	40	82
48	SCHMID	HANS	2	28	40	82
62	STEWART	BILL	2	27	43	79

ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Thursday	Feb	3	Hiking
Monday	Feb	7	BOCCE
Monday	Feb	7	9 Hole Golf
Thursday	Feb	10	Hiking
Friday	Feb	11	Investors' Lunch Bunch
Saturday	Feb	12	LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY
Monday	Feb	14	VALENTINES DAY
Monday	Feb	14	9 Hole Golf
Thursday	Feb	17	Hiking
Monday	Feb	21	9 HoleGolf (Weather Permits)
Monday	Feb	21	PRESIDENTS' DAY WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY
Monday	Feb	21	Board Meeting via ZOOM
Tuesday	Feb	22	Branch 47 Luncheon Meeting
Thursday	Feb	24	Hiking
Monday	Feb	28	9 HoleGolf (Weather Permits)

JANUARY ATTENDANCE REPORT

Total Members	98
Members Present	44
Guests:	1
Visitors:	0

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Summary:

Actives -	98
Gains:	0
Losses:	0

HUMOR



"I'll have to open you up again; that watch has great sentimental value."



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