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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

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).

As we approach the official beginning of Spring later this month, I have a hopeful feeling of things getting better as the days get longer. The case numbers for COVID continue to improve, and the various health restrictions are being relaxed. And the warming weather means more opportunities where we can enjoy the beautiful climate of Marin and environs. Let's hope this trend continues.

I would like to share two items from the last Branch 47 Executive Committee meeting. With the resignation of Trevor Hughes from SIR, we had an opening for a Director. The Executive Committee appointed and would like to welcome Ron Kosciusko to the Board as a replacement. Ron, as many of you know, is our intrepid webmaster and Tamal Talk editor. The second item is a new standing committee being organized by Director Carl Dawson. The object of the committee is **recruitment**. They will explore ways the branch can bring in new members. State SIR has also provided a lot of tools that can help us increase our membership. Little SIR Mark Bosch and Director Rick Coburn are also on the committee, but we encourage any interested members to join in the fun. (Please!!)

The experience and interests of the members of Branch 47 are deep and varied. Think about organizing an activity, and you might find other members with similar interests. Some recent suggestions where we need organizers are astronomy, photography, bridge, and pickle ball. More ideas?

I want to remind people to make their luncheon reservations for March 22, either by website, email, or telephone. The attendance for the February luncheon was up again from the previous month, and I'm looking forward to seeing even more of you in person next time. The next luncheon will have a very interesting talk from Steve Almy, a retired CIA operative. He will tell us about "Being a CIA Spy". I assume we will be able to leave the luncheon after the talk.....

Erick Young
Big SIR Branch 47

BRANCH 47 MARCH 22nd, 2022 SPEAKER

Speaker Name: Steve Almy

Steve is a retired CIA operative,. He will speak on being a Central Intelligence Agency Spy.

Come to our luncheon, and he may tell you the difference between the white hats and the black hats. Have no fear, he will not have to shoot you after his talk.

See you there.

Make a reservation.

The February Homeward Bound ZOOM presentatiuon can be seen on this link <https://youtu.be/QknLY8rv19I>

MARK BOUCH, LITTLE SIR

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.

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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.

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**SIR Br 47 May Party Tuesday May 17, 2022
Luncheon at San Rafael Joes, 931 4th Street**

**11:30 am social time and 12:00 for lunch
Please invite your spouse and friends to join us.**

The cost is \$36 / person. Lunch is served with a mixed green salad, vegetables, bread, ice cream, coffee or tea. The main course choices are:
Chicken Breast Piccata, (2) Roast Sirloin of Beef,
Shrimp Salad, or (4) Pasta Primavera (vegetarian)

There is a no host bar for those interested (\$26 per bottle for house wine).



How many of you remember giving and receiving May Baskets?
Join us to celebrate the coming of summer with good friends.

**Please make your check payable to SIR Branch 47 and send to:
Kurt Heilman, 457 Fieldstone Dr., Novato, CA 94945.**

**<< Reservation and payment must be received by noon Friday,
May 13. Cancellations will not be honored after Friday.**

Contact Kurt Heilman @ 415-892-2460

or heilmanfour@comcast.net. >>

**You can make reservations at our BR 47 Mar. 22 luncheon
or directly online @ SIR47.com**



EXCLUSIVELY FOR:
Sons in Retirement branch 47

ITEMS ARE MARKED WITH EMPLOYEE PRICING: UP TO 50% OFF RETAIL PRICING

**COLUMBIA IS DEDICATED TO THE SAFETY OF OUR EMPLOYEES AND SHOPPERS
CUSTOMERS ARE REQUIRED TO BRING THEIR OWN FACE COVERINGS TO WEAR WHILE SHOPPING**

VALID DATES

03/04/2022 - 03/27/2022

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: 11A - 8P
SAT - SUN: 10A - 8P



Questions? Please email: richmondemployeestore@columbia.com

Valid for you and up to 4 guests for multiple visits during your invite period. Columbia reserves the right to modify or cancel this offer at any time. Please present this original invitation to the receptionist for entry and again at checkout. This invitation is non-transferable. You must be present during shopping. The products purchased are intended solely for the buyer's own personal use, including gifts to others. Resale of products is strictly prohibited. Columbia Sportswear limits the number of items purchased to no more than 10 of the same style. For team and company purchases, please speak to a member of our store management team. Offer may not be combined with any other offer or discount. Valid from dates listed above. ©2022 Columbia Brands USA, LLC.

Additional information about the Columbia Employee Store

[Senior Shopping Tuesdays](#) – all seniors, 65+, have store access every Tuesday

[Military Access](#) – Active, Retired, Reserves, Veterans, & Dependents have year-round store access



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

Store Hours:

Monday - Friday: 11am - 8pm
Saturday - Sunday: 10am - 8pm



BRANCH 47 BUSINESS

SIR Branch 47 Board Meeting

Tamalpais Branch
Zoom Meeting from homes
January 24, 2022

Meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Big Sir Erick Young. A quorum was determined to be logged in. The minutes of Board meeting of November 22, 2021 were moved for passage, seconded and passed.

Attendees:

Officers and Directors of 2022 Board: Erick Young, Mark Bosch, Alan Lutsky, Carl Dawson, Bill Wickley, Doug Twitchell, Jake Solomon, Alan Thomas, Rick Coburn and Bill Stewart. Absent was Mark Rudy. Ron Kosciusko was present as a visitor.

Big SIR Report:

Actions brought forward by Big Sir were disbursed within the agenda.

Little SIR Report:

Little SIR plans to put PA system items on a cart for easy transport for use at meetings. A lavalier microphone has been ordered for meeting use.

Treasurer's Report:

A table will be set up at the January meeting to facilitate payment of membership dues. A reminder will be sent out by e-mail to membership to bring checks to the luncheon in the amount of \$33.00 for luncheon fee and \$30.00 for dues for 2022.

Membership Report:

Our current branch membership is 98 and the number scheduled for the January meeting is 42. Printed rosters for 2022 have arrived and can be mailed to those members who plan to forego the meeting. Branch 47 has 150 rosters for distribution. It was moved, seconded and passed that rosters be mailed to those members who could not attend the January 25th luncheon.

Luncheon Checklist:

Reservation process is still undergoing fine tuning and noted errors in Wordpress program should be brought to the attention of Ron K.

Speaker scheduled for January is Jon Haveman to present the topic "The Economics of Immigration." February speaker will be Mary Kay Sweeney of Marin based Homeward Bound.

A greeter will not be posted for January meeting and discussion took place as to posting future greeters; placing new members as greeters was decided not to be a positive idea.

Song meetings on a voluntary basis. Big SIR has option of coordinating vocal soloist which can occur prior to the meeting.

Wine presentation will be available to members celebrating birthdays and is coordinated by Frank G. and Rick Coburn.

McInnis Logistics covered the topic of whether the entire monthly meeting should be recorded for future viewing or if just the speaker portion. Lead brought up topic of those who provide music at regular meetings: Kurt Heilman, Pierre Terrier and Dee Stuever have been rotating vocalists for leading the group in patriotic songs; Joel Toste and Alan Thomas have been providing occasional instrumental music at should be recorded. Topic also covered specific responsibility of member who will expand on full meeting recording and will be further discussed at February meeting.

Holiday Party: Ron K. affirmed that the Chinese New Year Celebration Luncheon will be held at Yet Wah Restaurant on February 15, 2022.

Treasurer confirmed that the annual audit has been completed.

The resignation of Trevor Hughes as elected director has revised the Board total number to eleven; customarily, the Board has functioned at twelve with six officers and six directors. The vacancy will be made known to the membership at the January luncheon. With the possibility of a high-functioning member volunteering to fill the director vacancy, the matter will be finalized at the February meeting.

Big Sir aspires to increase size of Branch 47, have members bring membership candidates to luncheon meetings, and in general seek new incentives from Board members. Current activities will be considered for future revision.

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BRANCH BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

Entertainment fees continued in discussion that was brought before Board in October 2021. The summation of the discussion is whether to have fee for Holiday party cover all items budgeted for in admission fee, or to have treasury cover possible shortfalls as occurred in December 2021. Suggestion arose in which coordinator for Holiday Season event be invited to confer with Board in September 2022. The matter hangs in the balance of whether a higher door charge would be a deterrent to attendance, or a subsidized fee would be more of an incentive to attend. As a matter of principle, the most ideal situation would be to have the event be self-supporting. The matter will be revisited as we approach the fall season.

The next Board meeting will take place on February 21, 2022, 10:30 am. with Zoom transmission.

The January meeting was moved for adjournment at 12:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Thomas
Secretary

**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: _____

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.

Mpnday March 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 – MARCH

BADGE#	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MO.	DAY	YEAR	AGE
15	APKARIAN	ARA	3	29	1932	90
102	BROUSSEAU	PETER	3	23	1943	79
2	HUSEN	HERB	3	13	1929	93
59	KUCHTA	DON	3	3	1932	90
76	LEVEQUE	TIM	3	16	1943	79
49	TERRIER	PIERRE	3	18	1938	84
84	VAIO	GEORGE	3	26	1938	84

ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Wednesday	Mar	2	ASH WEDNESDAY
Thursday	Mar	3	Hiking
Monday	Mar	7	BOCCE
Monday	Mar	7	9 Hole Golf
Thursday	Mar	10	Hiking
Friday	Mar	11	Investors' Lunch Bunch
Sunday	Mar	13	Daylight Savings Begins
Monday	Mar	14	9 Hole Golf
Thursday	Mar	17	Hiking
Thursday	Mar	17	St. Patrick's Day
Sunday	Mar	20	First Day of Spring
Monday	Mar	21	9 HoleGolf (Weather Permits)
Monday	Mar	21	Board Meeting via ZOOM
Tuesday	Mar	22	Branch 47 Luncheon Meeting
Thursday	Mar	24	Hiking
Monday	Mar	28	9 HoleGolf (Weather Permits)

FEBRUARY ATTENDANCE REPORT

Total Members	97
Members Present	54
Guests:	1
Visitors:	0

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Summary:

Actives -	97
Gains:	0
Losses:	1

HUMOR

Waiter: "How do you like your steak, sir?"

Sir: "Like winning an argument with my wife."

Waiter: "Rare it is!"



Gentleman, want to make your lady feel special? Place her picture in the kitchen, and write employee of the month. She'll love it!

Follow me for more relationship tips



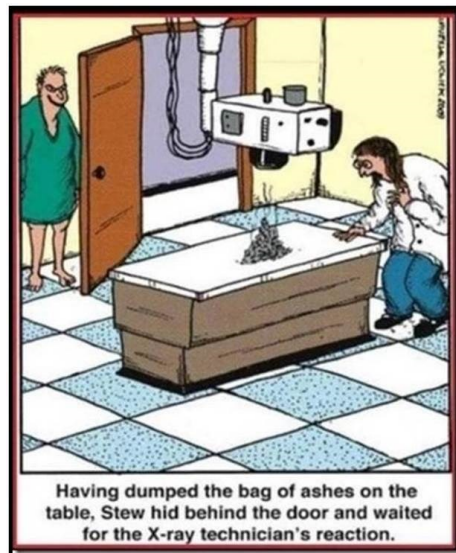
My husband, being unhappy with my mood swings, bought me a mood ring the other day so he would be able to monitor my moods.



We've discovered that when I'm in a good mood, it turns green.

When I'm in a bad mood, it leaves a big red mark on his f**ng forehead.

Maybe next time he'll buy me a diamond.



Having dumped the bag of ashes on the table, Stew hid behind the door and waited for the X-ray technician's reaction.

ME: ALEXA, REMIND ME TO GO TO THE GYM.

ALEXA: I HAVE ADDED GIN TO YOUR SHOPPING LIST.

ME: CLOSE ENOUGH.