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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 I write this, I'm looking at an unusual sight—a wet yard from the rain. I'll take it as a good sign for the spring days ahead. With the weather turning nice, there's no excuse not to play bocce ball, take a hike, or play golf with your fellow SIRs.

In March we had a good get-together for the luncheon at McInnis. It was the best attended luncheon so far this year, and it featured an interesting talk by Steve Almy, a retired CIA operative, who gave us a peek at how things really worked in the world of spies. We also welcomed our newest member, Dr. Cyrus Thomas.

The meeting was also notable because we had five guests who were potential members, the most ever in my memory. I want to thank all the SIRs of Branch 47 who made the effort to introduce their friends and colleagues to the world of SIRs. I am hopeful that we will exceed our goal of 100+ members by the end of the year.

The new Recruitment Committee headed by Carl Dawson has started their work. They will be printing some SIRs business cards for all the members of the branch. If you talk with a potential new member, the card will have contact information on the branch, the website, and the application procedure. Another incentive I want to announce is the Recruiter of the Year Prize. It will go to the member who brings in the greatest number of potential members to the branch this year. The prize will consist of a bottle of wine, one free luncheon, and free membership for a year.

I want to remind people to make their luncheon reservations for April 26, either by website (<https://www.sir47.org>), email, or telephone. The next luncheon will have a very interesting talk on stem cell research. Unfortunately, I won't be able to attend since Gale and I will be on a trip, but the branch will be in the capable hands of Little SIR Mark Bosch.

Erick Young
Big SIR Branch 47

BRANCH 47 APRIL 26th, 2022 SPEAKER

Speaker Name: Kevin McCormack

Will speak about: **CIRM**

The **California Institute for Regenerative Medicine's** goal is to fast-track stem cell treatments for patients with unmet medical needs. They promote and encourage the growth of the stem cell biotechnology sector. The agency is also helping attract the best scientists to the state and establishing California as a global leader in stem cell research

See you there. **Make a reservation.**

The February Homeward Bound ZOOM presentation can be seen on this link <https://youtu.be/QknLY8rvl9I>

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.

Ned

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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.

Al Springstead

**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 April 26th luncheon
or directly online @ SIR47.com**

BRANCH 47 BUSINESS

SIR Branch 47 Board Meeting

Tamalpais Branch
Zoom Meeting from homes
February 21, 2022

Meeting was called to order at 10:31 a.m. by Big Sir Erick Young. A quorum was determined to be logged in. The minutes of Board meeting of January 24, 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. 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 has currently speakers lined up for 2022, except for July, Aug and Nov.

Treasurer's Report:

A table was set up at the February meeting to facilitate payment of membership dues. Reminders were sent out by e-mail to membership to bring checks to the next luncheon in the amount of \$33.00 for luncheon fee and \$30.00 for dues for 2022.

Membership Report:

Our current branch membership is 96. Members and guests scheduled for the February meeting is 53. Branch 47 has 150 rosters for distribution. Printed rosters are being prepared for paid dues members. Printed rosters for 2022 can also be picked up by paid up-dues members.

Lunchon Checklist:

Reservation process is still undergoing fine tuning and noted errors in Wordpress program. Ron K. will be fine tuning by removing plug-ins.

Speaker scheduled for February is Mary Kay Sweeney of Marin based Homeward Bound to present the topic "Homeward Bound." March speaker will be Steve Almy, a retired CIA operative. His topic will be "Being a CIA spy."

A greeter will be posted for February meeting and as a rule it will not be a new member.

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 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 better coordination between the published menu and the chef's menu ensure enough pantry items are on hand for the default selection of Caesar salad. 5 people showed up without reservations.

Holiday Party: Ron K. affirmed that a Luncheon will be held at San Rafael Joes Restaurant (931 4th Street) on **May 17, 2022.**

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. Ron K was appointed to fill the vacancy.

Big Sir aspires to increase size of Branch 47. SIR pins are now available for members that bring in new members. In addition, a permanent standing recruitment committee was established effective 2-21-22. They will report to the board.

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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.

SIR certificates are available for SIRs members who have reached 90 years old.

A new digital photo club will be established. Standby for further news.

The next Board meeting will take place on March 22, 2022, 10:30 am. **with Zoom transmission.**

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

**Respectfully submitted,
Alan Lutsky, ASST 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: _____



NEW SIR STATE TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES

Time to see some more stuff...

Travel seems to be building up all around the globe, particularly with smaller groups as considerable savings can be had. Here are three trips organized by Sir Branches where there is space available. For details, please use the email address or phone number listed for the organizer of each trip below.

I need someone to help me design a survey we can send to our membership regarding travel. If you have some experience in developing surveys or know someone who does and might be interested please let me know ASAP. Also, if you'd like to help me out with some marketing ideas let me know about that too. Now is the time to start looking toward 2023.

Some good news, the state board has reinstated the foreign travel insurance. Travelers will need to pay \$27pp to offset the cost.

I hope to hear from you soon.

Very best regards,

Milt Smith. State Travel Chair 925-285-2897c

ALASKA LAND & SEA May 23 - June 4th. 2022 SPACE AVAILABLE

8-DAY CRUISE Aboard the Majestic Princess " Anchorage/Whittier " Hubbard Glacier Scenic Cruising " Glacier Bay Cruising " Skagway " Juneau " Ketchikan " Vancouver Anchorage

CONTACT Larry Yarberry (925) 890-9245 l.yarberry42@comcast.net Or Talbot Tours 800 662-9933 [in-fo@talbottours.com](mailto:info@talbottours.com) Land & Cruise including roundtrip Airfare \$2995. DBL. OCCUPANCY \$4250. SINGLE

8 Night Columbia and Snake River Cruise May 12, 2022, via the American Harmony of the American Cruise Lines. Explore the Pacific Northwest with your fellow SIR members following the path of Lewis and Clark. Unpack once and enjoy the beauty of the lush forest of the River Gorge and the high desert bordering the Snake River and Hells Canyon. Prices range from \$5,600 pp. double occupancy.

For more information

CONTACT Tan Matosian Branch 128. tmat54@gmail.com Or contact The Travel Center in Pleasant Hill directly at 925-937-2223 be sure to mention Branch 128.

Discover the Magical Rhine and Moselle Rivers Sept. 12-15, 2022 with Bill Britton from SIR 101. 14 Days 25 meals. Amsterdam, night River Cruise, Cologne, Moselle River, Cochem, Wine Tasting, Koblenz, Rudesheim, Siegfried's Music Museum, Mannheim, Speyer, Strasbourg, Lucerne, Zurich. Prices range from \$5,999 - \$9,199pp depending on cabin. Includes round trip air from San Francisco.

CONTACT Bill Britton 925-443-9913 bill.britton@comcast.net

Sir Branch 47 Chairman
Ned Lawrence 415-595-1092
AREA 8 GOLF CHAIRMAN

SIR BRANCH 47 OFFERS GOLFERS A WIDE VARIETY OF CHOICES.

NINE HOLES

Every Monday a group of golfers plays nine holes of golf at McInnis Park Public Golf Course. McInnis offers golf, a putting green, a driving range, pull carts and electric carts((which must be reserved)

The coordinator is Ron Dorville,(email is vethelo@me.com). Golfers who pan to play must have their eligibility confirmed by Bob Gonzalez which includes proof of vaccination and have signed the waiver from holding the club responsible of any responsibility. Players do not need a ghin number or golf handicap to play. Our branch currently has 16 members eligible to play nie holes at McInns.

EIGHTEEN HOLES

Also on Monday morning golfers can join Sir Branch 134 for golf competition at 10 courses throughout the county. In order to play and enjoy different courses a player needs a ghin number and an updated handicap card along with proof of vaccination and a signed waiver. Contact either Jim Larkin, Branch 134 Golf Chairman at Jlark57@yahoo.com-or Ned Lawrence at 415-595-1092.

AREA 8 QUALIFYING TEAM SCRAMBLE

This year's event will be held May 26 at Foxtail North Golf CourseCourse in Rohnert Park. Winners of this year's event will be invited to play-fees covered by state golf committee- at Rancho Solano in Fairfield.

SIRS STATE GOLF [WEBSITE-WWW.SIRGOLF.ORG](http://WWW.SIRGOLF.ORG)

Sirs has a very active state golf committee that has organized several interesting golf outings at a subsidized rate for interested golfers. Here is a wonderful way to play some new courses and some even invite spouses and friends to play. The nest tournament is April 19 and 20 at Eagle Vines on Tuesday and Chardonnay on Wednesday.

Take a look at the website and download the attached flyers to use as a signup or talk to other golfers about this opportunity to play. New rules for this year's scramble tournament enable C and D players to play fro the forward tees. Branch 47 can enter as many teams as we want so lets talk it overa nd win this yer's tournament.

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Nedlawrence9@gmail.com
415-595-1092

<https://sir47.org/>



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>
April 4	Monday	Chardonnay	Seq 0806	\$45
April 11	Monday	Indian Valley	Seq 0830	\$55
April 18	Monday	Napa/Kennedy	Seq 0750	\$45
April 25	Monday	Petaluma CC	Seq 0800	\$50

9 Hole Golf at McInnis Park

We play on Monday at Mcinnis. Golf Park First tee time is 9:00.weather permitting
Contact Ron Dorville will be running the nine holes golf.
Ron's email is vethelo@icloud.com

STATE SIR SANCTIONED ACTIVITIES

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



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 April 4th 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

SIRs BIRTHDAYS – APRIL

BADGE#	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MO.	DAY	YEAR	AGE
120	Bodtker	Eric	4	25	1940	82
79	Nelson	Ron	4	11	1944	78
91	Thomas	Al	4	7	1941	81
67	Wickley	Bill	4	21	1940	82
87	Young	Eric	4	18	1949	73

ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Friday	Apr	1	April Fools' Day
Monday	Apr	4	BOCCE
Monday	Apr	4	18 Hole Golf
Monday	Apr	4	9 Hole Golf (Weather Permits)
Thursday	Apr	7	Hiking
Friday	Apr	8	Investors' Lunch Bunch
Sunday	Apr	10	Palm Sunday
Monday	Apr	11	18 Hole Golf
Monday	Apr	11	9 Hole Golf (Weather Permits)
Thursday	Apr	14	Hiking
Friday	Apr	15	Good Friday
Friday	Apr	15	Passover begins
Sunday	Apr	17	Easter Sunday
Monday	Apr	18	18 Hole Golf
Monday	Apr	18	9 Hole Golf (Weather Permits)
Thursday	Apr	21	Hiking
Saturday	Apr	23	Passover ends
Monday	Apr	25	18 Hole Golf
Monday	Apr	25	9 Hole Golf (Weather Permits)
Monday	Apr	25	Board Meeting via ZOOM
Tuesday	Apr	26	Branch 47 Luncheon Meeting
Thursday	Apr	28	Hiking

MARCH ATTENDANCE REPORT

Total Members	91
Members Present	59
Guests:	5
Visitors:	1

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

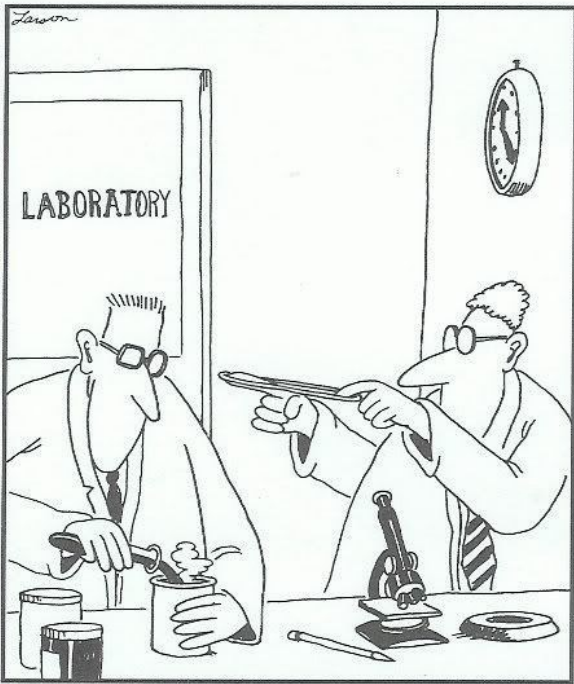
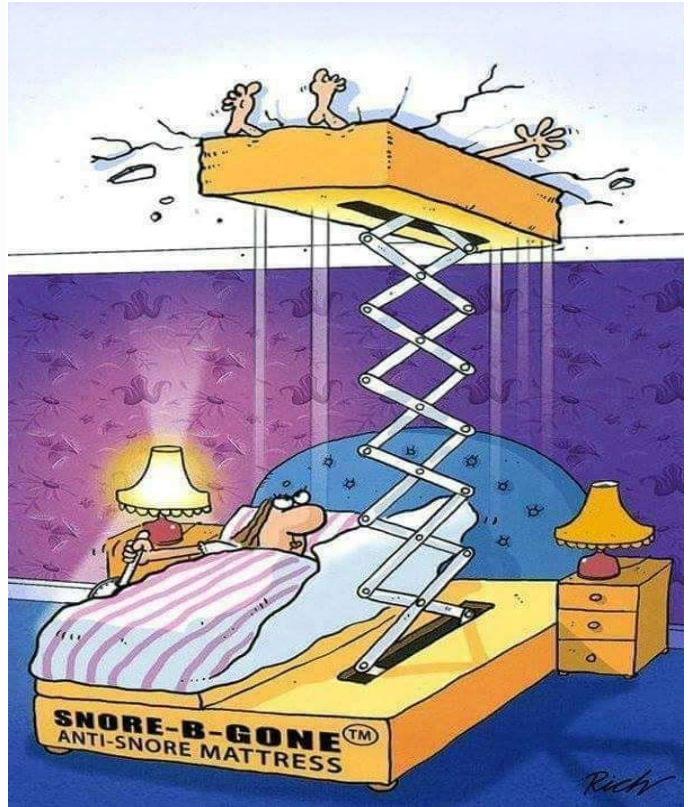
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Actives -	91
Gains:	1
Losses:	1

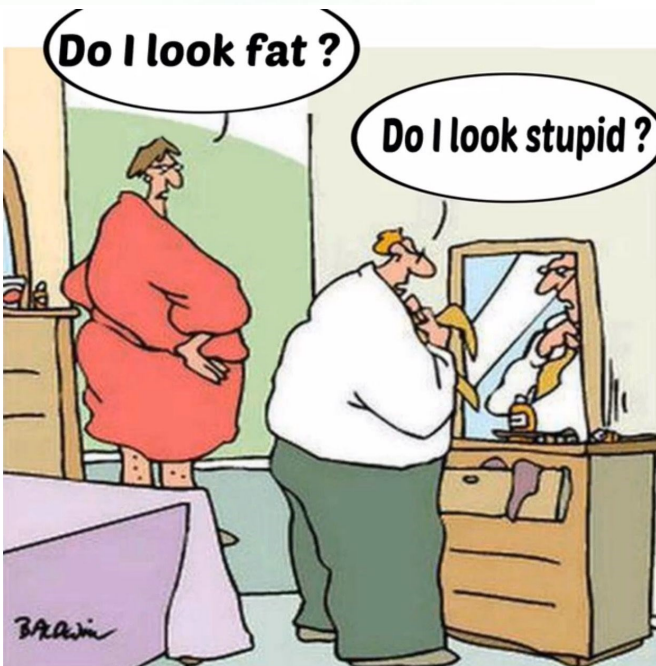
HUMOR



"What did you take away from the meeting?"



On Oct. 23, 1927, three days after its invention, the first rubber band is tested.



"Pardon Me."