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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).

Erick Young is away on vacation, so I am writing the Big Sir Message for May. Erick returns next month. Until then, I am learning the job so that I can better serve our membership next year.

At our April 26th luncheon, Kevin McCormack from the California Institute of Regenerative Medicine, gave us an inside look at their efforts in funding ongoing stem cell research. He presented several cases of break through biotechnology achievements, funded by CIRM. It was a highly informative presentation.

Committee reports were given by the Golf, Investment and Hiking Group leaders. Our Golf chair Ned Lawrence, reminded our golfers to sign up for the upcoming

SIR AREA 6 STATE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP
SCRAMBLE QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT
FOXTAIL GC - NORTH COURSE
THURSDAY, MAY 26, 2022

Will Kaefer reminded us of the current swings in the stock market. The Investment group meets the second Friday of the month at Sam's Restaurant in Novato.

The Hiking group meets every Thursday at 10:00 am followed by lunch at a local restaurant.

Thanks, to one of newest members, Dr. Cyrus Thomas, for stepping up to be the greeter at our April luncheon. He is also scheduled to give us a presentation at the August Luncheon. Look to our website for more information in July. Thanks, Cyrus, for your active participation. **Participation is the key to enjoyment.** The more you participate, the more enjoyment you will get from SIR.

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If you are interested or have experience serving on a board, a leadership role, or support role, please **contact Doug Twitchell**. He is the chair of the nominating committee. Thank you, Doug.

Our branch is growing again, thanks to the efforts of our Membership Chair and our Recruitment Chair. Many thanks to Rick Coburn and Carl Dawson. Help them to meet our goal of new members. **I encourage you to invite someone to lunch**. Do you know someone who you would like to spend more time with but whom you have not seen in a good while? An invitation is a great opportunity to “catch up” over lunch. Or, do you **owe someone a favor**? Someone who likes to get out and enjoy an activity with other men. A free lunch would be a welcomed pay-back.

At our May luncheon, the new recruitment wallet cards will be available. Be sure to grab a few as they are a handy way to introduce potential new members to the SIR experience. One on one is the most effective tool for recruiting new members. The new cards will have the updated SIR logo and updated branch information. They can also be given to spouses and significant others for use in response to inquiries from other individuals.

Keep in Mind the **Recruiter of the Year Prize**. The prize will consist of a bottle of wine, one free luncheon, and a free membership for the next calendar year.

Might I suggest you make a reservation for our next luncheon on May 24th. Our speaker is scheduled to be Ambassador Steven Pifer, who served as the U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine, 1998-2000. Given the current events in Europe, I am positive you will learn something and get a new perspective on the horrific invasion of Ukraine by Russia.

Mark Bosch
Little SIR Branch 47

Speaker Name: Ambassador Steven Pifer

Steven Pifer served as the U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine, 1998-2000.

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 <https://SIR47.org>

BRANCH 47 BUSINESS

SIR Branch 47 Board Meeting

Tamalpais Branch

Zoom Meeting from homes

March 21, 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 February 21, 2022 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, Bill Stewart and Ron Kosciusko. Mark Rudy was absent.

Big SIR Report:

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

Little SIR Report:

Speaker is scheduled for July; speakers are needed for August and November.

Treasurer's Report:

Five members are currently in delinquent status regarding dues payment for 2022. Doug Twitchell was thanked for phone calls made to delinquent members.

Membership and Dues Report:

Membership assessment is ongoing and Big Sir will send letters to members continuing in delinquent status. Membership application was reviewed for Cyrus Thomas who was then voted for membership.

Luncheon Checklist

For March 22, luncheon tally shows 56 paying members and five guests with a total of 62 present.

Speaker will be Steve Almi, former operative for the CIA.

Since the greeter post remains vacant, Doug will fill in for the April meeting.

McInnis overhead projector has been repaired with no other matters pending.

BEC Membership Committee:

Membership Committee is a new standing committee headed by Carl Dawson. Discussion focused on pending needs such as having revised cards made up, polo shirts arranged for wear by board members, and recruiting ideas and possibilities. Current membership goal is to add nine to ten new members annually. Motion was made to incur expenditure for cards to be printed with noted revisions from formerly used cards. Motion seconded and passed. Discussion continued with the establishment of Recruiter of the Year, the honoring of the Branch 47 member who brings in the most new members within a year. A combination of free lunch, a bottle of wine or cider, and free dues will be awarded to the person designated as recruiter of the year at the end of 2022.

Website Update:

Wordpress code will be updated on April 30 or May 1st.

Possible Merger raised:

A possible merger of Branch 22 with Branch 47 is under exploration and further updates will be discussed as they occur.

The next Board meeting will take place on Monday, April 25, 2022, 10:30 a.m. with Zoom transmission.

The March meeting was moved for adjournment at 12:15 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: _____



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 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 want 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 nine holes at McInnis.

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 Course 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 next 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 from the forward tees. Branch 47 can enter as many teams as we want so let's talk it over and win this year'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>
May 2	Monday	Rooster Run	Seq 0700	\$53
May 9	Monday	Chardonnay	Seq 0806	\$45
May 16	Monday	Indian Valley	Seq 0830	\$55
May 23	Monday	Petaluma CC	Seq 0800	\$50
May 30	Monday	HOLIDAY		

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 MAY 2nd 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 – MAY

BADGE#	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MO.	DAY	YEAR	AGE
103	KAEFER	WILLIAM	5	7	43	79
9	REIZMAN	VICTOR	5	26	38	84
107	SHAW	DON	5	31	41	81
113	SIMON	RONALD	5	19	53	69

ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Monday	May	2	BOCCE
Monday	May	2	18 Hole Golf
Monday	May	2	9 Hole Golf (Weather Permits)
Thursday	May	5	Hiking
Sunday	May	8	MOTHERS DAY
Friday	May	13	Investors' Lunch Bunch
Monday	May	9	18 Hole Golf
Monday	May	9	9 Hole Golf (Weather Permits)
Thursday	May	12	Hiking
Monday	May	16	18 Hole Golf
Monday	May	16	9 Hole Golf (Weather Permits)
Tuesday	May	17	MAY PARTY SR JOES
Thursday	May	19	Hiking
Monday	May	23	18 Hole Golf
Monday	May	23	9 HoleGolf (Weather Permits)
Monday	May	23	Board Meeting via ZOOM
Tuesday	May	24	Branch 47 Luncheon Meeting
Thursday	May	26	Hiking

APRIL ATTENDANCE REPORT

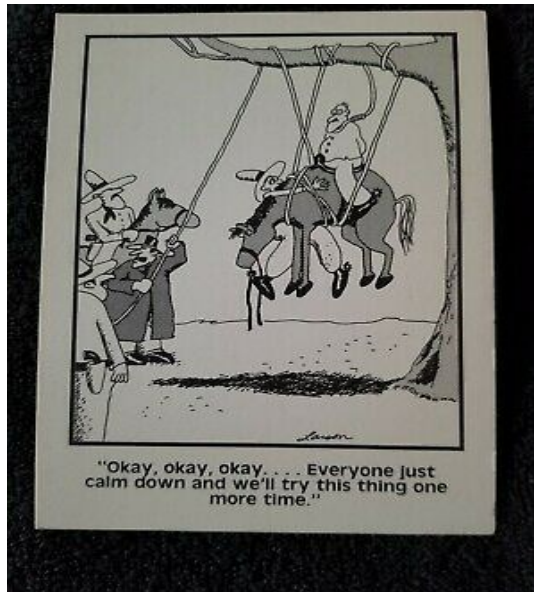
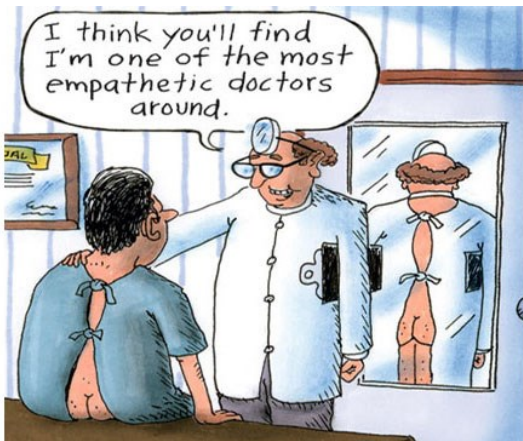
Total Members	94
Members Present	56
Guests:	1
Visitors:	

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Summary:

Actives -	94
Gains:	4
Losses:	1

HUMOR



"Thanks to wireless technology, I can hate my job almost anywhere."

