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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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OUR 48TH YEAR**

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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 (415) 881-7477, or send an email to www.sirbranch47@gmail.com or <https://SIR47.ORG/EVENT CALENDAR>, . Include your meal preference and information regarding any guest(s).

I'm writing this month's message over a bittersweet Memorial Day weekend. It's the unofficial start of the summer season and a chance to enjoy many outdoor activities. But, it's also a time to reflect on how precious our families and friends are, particularly in these challenging times. Let's look forward to better days ahead for our branch, country, and world.

We were extremely fortunate to have an interesting and very timely speaker at our last luncheon. Ambassador Steven Pifer gave a talk on the Russian invasion of Ukraine. He was Ambassador to Ukraine from 1998-2000 and was in the Foreign Service for 25 years. Ambassador Pifer gave us an inside view of the situation, and he made all of us smarter.

May was a banner month, and I want to welcome our newest members. Myron Pucket, Charles Panfely, Ed Samuelson, and Ken Blumenthal are now part of Branch 47. That brings our membership at 94, and we are on the way to recovery after a couple years of COVID-induced inactivity. We should be getting SIRs business cards for all the members by the next meeting. The cards will have contact information and application information for Branch 47, and the idea is to give them out to prospective members. Let's keep the new members coming.

Now that we are halfway through the year, it's already time to think about leadership positions in the branch. Two members of the Branch Executive Committee (BEC), Jake Solomon and Doug Twitchell, will be rolling off the committee, and it would be great to have some new Directors.

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The BEC meets once a month by Zoom, so the time commitment is not huge. It would be a great opportunity to learn more about what's happening with the branch.

Our next luncheon is June 28. Author John Geoghegan will give a history of American rigid airships. We will also have a summer gathering in Miwok Park July 19. You can check out the activities online at the branch website <https://sir47.org> . See you then.

Erick Young
Big SIR Branch 47

SIR BR 47 BYO PICNIC

TUESDAY, July 19, 2022

From Noon to 2 pm @ Miwok Park in Novato



Like last year, there is **NO CHARGE** for attending. Members, spouses and guests are invited. **But we do need to know who is attending.**

Please bring your own lunch, drinks, and utensils for your party.

The costs for the park rental and incidentals are paid for by SIR BR 47. Table cloths, soft drinks, water and desert will be provided at no cost.

We have reserved the Trout BBQ Area @ Miwok Park for Br 47 members, spouses & other guests. Miwok Park in is Novato (*on Novato Blvd. between San Miguel Way & Eucalyptus*). *There is limited parking in Miwok Park. However, you can park on Novato Blvd., or on San Miguel Way (from which you can also enter via the back of the Park).*

You can enroll on line at <https://SIR47.org/event> clendar. If you have difficulty enrolling on line, contact Tom Culhane @ 415-310-0835 or Kurt Heilman @ 415-892-2460 for help.

BRANCH 47 JUNE 28th, 2022 SPEAKER

Speaker Name: John Geoghegan will speak on *“When Giants Ruled the Sky”:The Brief and Tragic Demise of the American Rigid Airship”*

John J. Geoghegan is an editor, journalist, and author of three non-fiction books including, “Operation Storm” and the memoir, “Hear Today, Gone Tomorrow” He is the Director of The SILOE Research Institute’s Archival Division. John reports on unusual inventions that fail in the marketplace despite their innovative nature. According to John, almost everything you know about airships is wrong!

MARK BOUCH, LITTLE SIR

MESSEGE 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). Ron 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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<https://sir47.org/>

NEWS FLASH!!!

Congratulations to the winning team of Don Shaw, Norm Jensen, Mark Bosch and Ned Lawrence for their first place finish in the Area 8 scramble tournament held May 26 at Foxtail North golf course. They competed against teams from other branches in Area 8 who were unable to match our score of three under par. Six teams competed and our team was not used to playing 18 holes so their win was a complete surprise. The Sirs State Golf Committee published the rules and is paying entry fees for the winning team in the finals which will be held at Rancho Solano on August 8th. Our team will compete against branches with 100 golfers so another surprise may be needed for victory.

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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BRANCH 47 BUSINESS

SIR Branch 47 Board Meeting

Tamalpais Branch
Zoom Meeting from homes
April 25, 2022

Meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Little Sir Mark Bosch. A quorum was determined to be logged in. The minutes of Board meeting of March 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, Rick Coburn, Bill Stewart and Ron Kosciusko. Erick Young and Alan Thomas were absent.

Big SIR Report:

Little Sir was filling in for Big Sir. Actions brought forward by Little Sir were disbursed within the agenda.

Little SIR Report:

Speakers are scheduled through November.

Treasurer's Report:

Five members are currently in delinquent status regarding dues payment for 2022. A final letter will be sent to pay or be dropped.

Membership and Dues Report:

Membership applications were reviewed for 4 new members who were then voted for membership. They are: Myron Pucket; Ed Samuelson; Ken Blumenthal; Charles Panfely.
SIRS business card design is in process and should be completed within 4-5 days.

Luncheon Checklist

For April 26, luncheon tally shows 56 paying members and 1 guest for a total of 57 present. The paying members are 60% of the 94 members on the roster.

Speaker will be Kevin McCormack from the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine's. His topic will be stem cell research.

The greeter will be Cy Thomas for the April meeting.

Discussion was held for upgrading the desert to an ice cream pie.

BEC Membership Committee:

This a carryover from the BEC discussion of 3-21-22

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:

Please use <https://sir47.org> and not <http://sir47.org>

(Further information follows)

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, May 23, 2022, 10:30 a.m. with Zoom transmission.

The April meeting was moved for adjournment at 11:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Alan Lutsky
Assistant Secretary



**FATHER'S DAY IS JUNE 19
GET DAD OUTSIDE**

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Sons in Retirement Branch 47**



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VALID DATES

05/27/2022 -06/19/2022

VALID FOR YOU + 4 GUESTS

Questions? Please email: richmondemployeeestore@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



COLUMBIA SPORTSWEAR EMPLOYEE STORE

EMPLOYEE STORE FAQs:

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, up to 50% off retail pricing 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 (up to 50% off retail pricing).
- 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 kiosks are 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).

PORTLAND EMPLOYEE STORE

14100 NW Science Park Dr.
Portland, OR 97229

HOURS:

Mon-Fri: 10a-8p
Sat-Sun 9a-8p

HENDERSON EMPLOYEE STORE

2480 US Hwy 41 North
Henderson, KY 42420

HOURS:

(CST) Sun-Thur: 10a-6p
Fri-Sat 10a-7p

CARLSBAD EMPLOYEE STORE

13209 Lionshead Ave
Carlsbad, CA 92010

HOURS:

Mon-Sun: 10a-7p

WEST COVINA EMPLOYEE STORE

970 Lake Drive
West Covina, CA 91790

HOURS:

Mon-Sun: 10a-8p

RICHMOND EMPLOYEE STORE

14114 Harbour Way South, STE 1010
Richmond, CA 94804

HOURS:

Mon-Fri: 11a-8p
Sat-Sun 10a-8p

LONDON CANADA EMPLOYEE STORE

1-1425 Max Brose Dr
London, ON N6N 0A2

HOURS:

Mon-Fri: 10a - 8p
Sat-Sun: 10a - 5p



**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

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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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>
June	6	Monday	Hiddenbrooke	Seq 0800 \$49
June	13	Monday	Foxtail North	Seq 0800 \$51
June	20	Monday	Eagle Vines	Seq 0800 \$50`
June	27	Monday	Napa/Kennedy	Seq 0750 \$45


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 JUNE 6 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 – JUNE

BADGE#	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MO.	DAY	YEAR	AGE
31	BRICKMAN	ALAN	6	12	1946	76
93	CHARVAT	RICHARD	6	18	1938	82
19	GERALDI	ANTHONY	6	23	1948	72
26	LINDBECK	MICHAEL	6	27	1955	67
110	MCDEVITT	CHARLES	6	15	1939	81
29	NYGARD	HAL	6	16	1937	83
8	PIKKARAINEN	GEORGE	6	5	1935	85
46	PUCKETT	MYRON	6	27	1938	84
94	SCHEISER	DAVID	6	27	1933	87
134	SPRINGSTEAD	AL	6	19	1947	73

ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Thursday	Jun	2	Hiking
Monday	Jun	6	BOCCE
Monday	Jun	6	18 Hole Golf
Monday	Jun	6	9 Hole Golf (Weather Permits)
Thursday	Jun	9	Hiking
Friday	Jun	10	Investors' Lunch Bunch
Monday	Jun	13	18 Hole Golf
Monday	Jun	13	9 Hole Golf (Weather Permits)
Thursday	Jun	16	Hiking
SUNDAY	Jun	19	FATHER'S DAY
Monday	Jun	20	18 Hole Golf
Monday	Jun	20	9 Hole Golf (Weather Permits)
Thursday	Jun	23	Hiking
Monday	Jun	27	18 Hole Golf
Monday	Jun	27	9 Hole Golf (Weather Permits)
Monday	Jun	27	Board Meeting via ZOOM
Tuesday	Jun	28	Branch 47 Luncheon Meeting

MAY ATTENDANCE REPORT

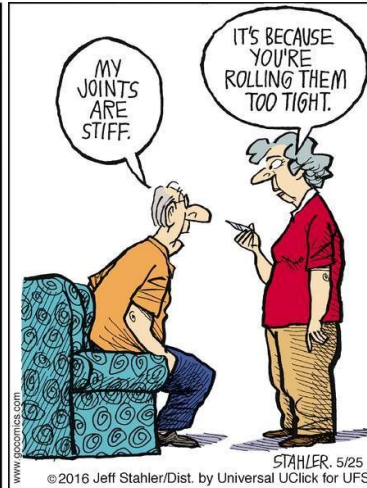
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Members Present	54
Guests:	1
Visitors:	

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

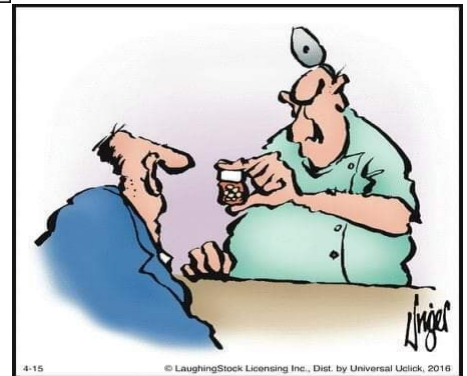
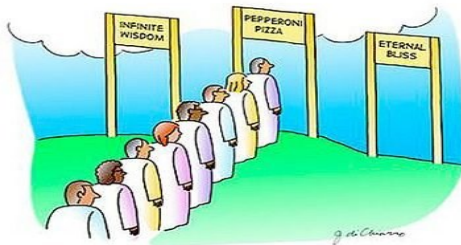
Summary:

Actives -	94
Gains:	0
Losses:	0

HUMOR



"The last thing I remember is being thrown into the dryer."



"As soon as you feel a headache coming on, give your wife two of these."

A woman brought a very limp duck into a veterinary surgeon. As she laid her pet on the table, the vet pulled out his stethoscope and listened to the bird's chest.

After a moment or two, the vet shook his head and sadly said, "I'm sorry, your duck, Cuddles, has passed away." The distressed woman wailed, "Are you sure?" "Yes, I am sure. Your duck is dead," replied the vet.

"How can you be so sure?" she protested. "I mean you haven't done any testing on him or anything. He might just be in a coma or something."

The vet rolled his eyes, turned around and left the room. He returned a few minutes later with a black Labrador Retriever. As the duck's owner looked on in amazement, the dog stood on his hind legs, put his front paws on the examination table and sniffed the duck from top to bottom. He then looked up at the vet with sad eyes and shook his head.

The vet patted the dog on the head and took it out of the room. A few minutes later he returned with a cat. The cat jumped on the table and also delicately sniffed the bird from head to foot. The cat sat back on its haunches, shook its head, meowed softly and strolled out of the room.

The vet looked at the woman and said, "I'm sorry, but as I said, this is most definitely, 100% certifiably, a dead duck."

The vet turned to his computer terminal, hit a few keys and produced a bill, which he handed to the woman.. The duck's owner, still in shock, took the bill. "\$150!" she cried, "\$150 just to tell me my duck is dead!"

The vet shrugged, "I'm sorry. If you had just taken my word for it, the bill would have been \$20, but with the Lab Report and the Cat Scan, it's now \$150."