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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 (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).

As we approach the 4th of July weekend, I see than many people are enjoying the warm (sometimes hot!) weather and taking part in outdoor activities. SIRs Branch 47 is no different, and we will feature our party on July 19 at Miwok Park. It will be a Bring-Your-Own-Food gathering, it will be a good opportunity to see others in a nice venue. As an all-outdoor event, this is a good time to remind everyone of the SIRs COVID protocols. Waivers are still required for all SIRs events, both indoors and outdoors, but completely outdoor events do not have a vaccination or testing requirement.

I want to welcome our newest member, Carl Von Dyoimi. He is a retired airline pilot and joined officially this month. Regarding new members, we now have SIRs business cards for all the members. The cards will have contact information and application information for Branch 47, and the idea is to give them out to prospective members. We are in the middle of a new member drive, and remember that the top recruiter will get prizes that include a free membership next year.

Author John Geoghegan gave an excellent history of American rigid airships at our last luncheon. In particular, he covered the Macon, which was stationed at Moffett Field. I heard a lot of positive comments about how interesting a talk it was.

We are still looking for two additional members to serve on the Branch Board. The one Zoom meeting a month is a great way to get plugged into what's happening in Branch 47.

Our next luncheon is July 26, and continues our talks that have proven to be extremely timely. Our speaker is Gil Sanborn, a Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army for Northern California. His topic will be "Defending Democracy in Eastern Europe", covering the expansion of NATO after the fall of the Soviet Union. 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](https://SIR47.org/event%20clendar). If you have difficulty enrolling on line, contact Tom Culhane @ 415-310-0835 or Kurt Heilman @ 415-892-2460 for help.

JULY 26TH MENU ENTREES

All choices include Salad or Soup, bread or rolls, butter, and dessert

(1) Bay Shrimp Louie

(2) Chicken Rosmarino with Rice and vegetables

(3) Vegan Plate- Penne pomodoro and vegetables

(4) Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad

BRANCH 47 JULY 26th, 2022 SPEAKER

Speaker Name: Gil Sanborn will speak on “Defending Democracy in Eastern Europe”

He is a Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army for Northern California. Gil has lectured at West Point, the Army War College, the Marine War College, and the National Defense University

Gil will discuss the expansion of NATO after the fall of the Soviet Union, Putin’s background and aggression in Eastern Europe, the role of the U.S. Army in supporting NATO, and the 28-year partnership between the California National Guard and Ukraine. Considering the ongoing invasion of Ukraine by Putin’s war machine, Gill will provide more perspective on the role of NATO and our own California National Guard.

Another must not miss presentation

MARK BOSCH, LITTLE SIR

BRANCH 47 BUSINESS

SIR Branch 47 Board Meeting

Tamalpais Branch
Zoom Meeting from homes
May 23, 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 April 25, 2022 were moved for passage, seconded and passed.

Attendees:

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

Big SIR Report:

Agenda for May 2022 meeting approved as presented.

Discussion centered on highlighting written record of votes taken for easier reference;

Motion made to record written information in minutes in bold print, motion seconded and carried.

Motion made, seconded and passed to accept Board minutes as revised for April 2022.

Little SIR Report: Mark Bosch thanked the Board membership for their assistance during his tenure as acting Big Sir.

Treasurer's Report:

No activity for previous month.

Membership Report: There are presently 94 members in Branch 47. One new membership application is anticipated.

Recruiting Committee:

Mark Bosch spoke in absence of Carl Dawson: Cards have been printed for distribution to membership; motion was made to accept cards, but discovery was made that the State URL had been omitted and additionally, security inclusion was flawed. Due to the discovery of errors, the motion to accept cards was withdrawn. Discussion ended with conclusion that the cards should be revised.

Nominating Committee:

Doug Twitchell and Jake Solomon will be rotating off for 2023 regarding both Board membership and nominating committee participation. Announcement to be made at future membership meeting that two board vacancies must be filled for 2023.

Retention of Records:

The retention of records varies depending on the type of record that is under consideration.

For those records under the auspices of the treasurer, a five year retention will be maintained with a yearly update.

Spring Party:

Big Sir reported that 17 were present including members and spouses.

Luncheon Checklist:

Reservations – 62 reservations had been made

Speaker – former ambassador will make presentation on Russia/Ukraine strife

Greeter – new permanent greeter is in place; Cyrus Thomas is thanked for his voluntarism

Song lead – rotation of Dee Stuever, Pierre Terrier and Kurt Heilman will remain in place

Birthday wine – Frank Ghazzagh will continue to monitor availability of wine

McInnis Logistics – all in place

Other New Business:

Discussion was raised regarding approval time for admitting new members. Action should be taken within two weeks of receiving a membership application. Quorum will make final decision with quorum number depending on total numbers present. Point was raised that business conducted outside of the Board should not be accepted. An E-ballot should be accepted. Discussion concluded with the decision that Board issues should not be decided outside of the meeting forum.

The next Board meeting will be held on Monday, June 27, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. The meeting for May 23, 2022, was called for adjournment at 11:30 a. m. Adjournment carried as moved.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Thomas
Secretary



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. For details, please use the email address or phone number listed for the organizer.

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.

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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>
<i>July 4</i>	<i>Monday</i>		<i>HOLIDAY</i>	
<i>July 11</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Valley of the Moon</i>	<i>Seq 0700</i>	<i>\$43</i>
<i>July 18</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Indian Valley</i>	<i>Seq 0830</i>	<i>\$55</i>
<i>July 25</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Hiddenbrooke</i>	<i>Seq 0800</i>	<i>\$49</i>

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

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 (yethelo@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.

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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.

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 Waiver, 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

	<p><u>THURSDAY 09:45 WALKING/HIKING GROUP</u></p> <p>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</p>
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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.

Tuesday, JULY 5 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 – JULY

<u>BADGE#</u>	<u>LAST NAME</u>	<u>FIRST NAME</u>	<u>MO.</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>AGE</u>
24	COLYER	WAYNE	7	2	1939	83
70	DAWSON	CARL	7	8	1948	74
30	KLEISER	JAMES	7	13	1944	78
96	MARTINEZ	GEORGE	7	27	1934	88
47	SAMUELSON	EDWARD	7	18	1943	79
5	SCHOFIELD	PAUL	7	25	1942	79
	VON DYOIMI	CARL	7	23	1943	79

ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Monday	Jul	4	18 Hole Golf HOLIDAY
Monday	Jul	4	9 Hole Golf (Weather Permits)
Tuesday	Jul	5	BOCCE NOTE DATE CHANGE
Thursday	Jul	7	Hiking
Friday	Jul	8	Investors' Lunch Bunch
Monday	Jul	11	18 Hole Golf
Monday	Jul	11	9 Hole Golf (Weather Permits)
Thursday	Jul	14	Hiking
Monday	Jul	18	18 Hole Golf
Monday	Jul	18	9 Hole Golf (Weather Permits)
Tuesday	Jul	19	BYO PICNIC MEWOK PARK
Thursday	Jul	21	Hiking
Monday	Jul	25	18 Hole Golf
Monday	Jul	25	9 Hole Golf (Weather Permits)
Monday	Jul	25	Board Meeting via ZOOM
Tuesday	Jul	26	Branch 47 Luncheon Meeting
Thursday	Jul	28	Hiking

JUNE ATTENDANCE REPORT

Total Members	95
Members Present	58
Guests:	2
Visitors:	

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Summary:

Actives -	95
Gains:	1
Losses:	0

