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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).

Erick Young was not able to attend today's luncheon, so I am filling in. I am delighted to report that our July luncheon was well attended and well received. Here we are well into the second half of 2022 and we are still fortunate to be able to meet for lunch in-person.

I want to thank the officers and board of directors for their support. We are lucky to have guys willing to step up and keep our branch vibrant. That said, our branch membership is growing again.

A big welcome to our newest member, Kevin Colgate. As was mentioned by our recruitment chair, he is another member introduced to SIR by Ron Kosciusko who now is the leader of our recruitment contest. The secret, just asking your friends or their friends if they might be interested. We now have the updated wallet cards which give a potential guest all the information they need to get a free lunch and hear a quality speaker.

Our July speaker was Gil Sanborn and he gave a terrific presentation on the connection between the Northern California National Guard and the Ukraine and NATO forces. He presented a quick but inciteful description of the Soviet Union and NATO countries in 1991 and described the current geopolitical situation in the Eurasian region today. He told the story of Putin, a KGB station operator in East Germany when the Berlin Wall was breached, and nearly taken prisoner by an angry mob. Putin's calls to Moscow went unanswered, so he announced to the crowd that there was an armed militia inside and the protestors would be shot if they went inside the KGB outpost. The gambit worked. He was defenseless.

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It saved his ass. As a result, the strongest democratic country in that region, Ukraine, finds itself under attack by a mentally unstable leader.

To help us understand the situation in Ukraine, he sent me the following links:

The Suppliants

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Suppliants_\(Aeschylus\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Suppliants_(Aeschylus))

Theatre of War "The Suppliants"

<https://youtu.be/jU0iXjZI2AU>

Institute for the Study of War

<https://www.understandingwar.org/>

U.S. Army Europe

<https://www.europeafrica.army.mil/>

U.S. Army Europe Joint Exercises

<https://www.europeafrica.army.mil/Exercises/>

HIMARS Phoenix Ghost

<https://www.defense.gov/News/News-Stories/Article/Article/3103655/more-himars-phoenix-ghost-drones-bound-for-ukraine/>

You may share these links as they are not classified.

Our Speaker on August 23rd, 2022, is our own branch 47 member, Dr. Cyrus Thompson on the "History of Medicine"

Don't miss it. Register early

Mark Bosch - Little Sir

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BIG SIR:	Mark Bosch
LITTLE SIR:	Carl Dawson
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AST SEC:	Alan Lutsky
TREAS:	Bill Stewart
AST TREAS:	Mark Rudy

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**Erick Young
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Ron Kosciusko**

August 23rd MENU ENTREES

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

- (1) Pork Scallopini with Pankocrust and warm potato salad
- (2) Chicken Picatta with rice and vegetables
- (3) Grilled Salmon mango papaya salsa with Rice and vegetables
- (4) Vegan Plate- Pesto Tortellini and vegetables
- (5) Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad

BRANCH 47 AUGUST 23rd, 2022 SPEAKER

Speaker Name: Our Own Dr. Cyrus Thomas will present: “The History of Medicine”

A little different than the history you thought it was.

Dr. Cyrus Thomas has been working as a chiropractic physician for 42 years practicing nutrition and homeopathy alongside chiropractic, using blood and other body fluid tests to determine a person’s health. He has worked with a number of famous medical physicians in the country over the years from Florida to San Francisco and has been a teacher of alternative medical principles and practice in several different colleges.

Another must not miss presentation

MARK BOSCH, LITTLE SIR

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BRANCH 47 BUSINESS

SIR Branch 47 Board Meeting

Tamalpais Branch
Zoom Meeting from homes
June 27, 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 May 23, 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, Carl Dawson and Ron Kuosciusko. Mark Rudy was absent. Visiting was Will Kaefer.

Big SIR Report:

Agenda for June 2022 meeting approved as presented.

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

Little SIR Report: Speakers for meetings through November 2022 have been lined up for luncheon meetings.

Treasurer's Report: Discussion was raised for the possibility of making Form 28, financial tracking, available to the membership. Consideration was given to the current access the membership has for bank balances. Processing of Form 28 will continue as in place currently.

Membership Report: There are presently 94 members in Branch 47. A new membership application was submitted for Carl Van Doyne. **Acceptance for membership of Carl Van Doyne was moved for acceptance, seconded and passed.**

Recruiting Committee: Newly printed cards for SIR introduction were completed and would be distributed at the June luncheon meeting. Discussion of results of handing out previous cards was raised.

Nominating Committee: There is no update from the Nominating Committee.

State Board: Will Kaefer was present and raised topic of COVID developments. New developments had not yet been communicated to Branch 47 membership but need to bring membership up to date was stressed. Big Sir said that he would put out information to membership on current COVID protocol. An unrelated topic was raised under this header concerning the admission of women to Branch 47 membership. Other branches have already admitted women to their membership. The topic raised much discussion and Big Sir said that he would give it coverage in subsequent Tamal Talk. Further unrelated topic concerned possibility of late submission of Form 65 from Branch 47 to State Board; Membership Chairman said he would look into the allegation. Discussion also included reference to "gender" and "retirement" and new developments have resulted in questioning usage of these terms. Discussion will continue.

Website: There is no change in recent membership. For purposes of lunch tally, discussion was raised regarding semantics of attendance reporting; the word "guest" apparently had more than one connotation and clarification is needed for reporting purposes. Substituting the word "attendee" where needed was felt to remedy recent confusion.

Tamal Talk: Ron K. requested input for Tamal Talk by Wednesday in order to him to complete Tamal Talk coverage by the 30th. Depending on circumstances, he may need an extension.

Entertainment for June Luncheon: Motion made, seconded and carried to have musical entertainment provided by Joel Toste and Alan Thomas for June luncheon with gratis lunch for their performance.

BRANCH 47 BUSINESS

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Speaker request for July Luncheon: Motion made, seconded and carried to allow July speaker to bring guest with luncheon provided for guest.

Luncheon Checklist:

Reservations – (Unknown) reservations had been made

Speaker – Speaker for June luncheon will be coverage of history of rigid airships

Greeter – Cyrus Thomas will be in place

Song lead – Song leader will be in place

Birthday wine – Wine and cider available

McInnis Logistics – all in place

Other New Business:

None noted.

The next Board meeting will be held on Monday, July 25, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. The meeting for June 27, 2022 was called for adjournment at 11:50 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.

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

Autumn Colors trip to East Coast October 13 - 22, 2023 Price: \$4,330 double occupancy

Air Fare to be added in December 2022

Deposit of \$500 per person to hold reservation

Highlights: 2 nights stay in Boston. Tour of city, free time on own.

Visit Manchester, Vermont; Burlington, Vermont; North Conway, New Hampshire; BarHarbor, Maine; Acadia National Park; Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

Scenic drives along the Mohawk Trail and Kancamagus Highway.

Professional local tour guide for entire trip.

9 nights of First-Class Hotel accommodations.

14 meals including a regional lobster feast.

This trip will fill up fast, so sign up early.

Call Bill Stires at 209-988-5445 or email at bstires46@gmail.com to receive brochure.

SCENIC IRELAND

Trip through Ireland and Northern Ireland April 14-27, 2023

Price: \$5,395 Double Occupancy Single \$6,195

\$500.00 Deposit to hold your place.

Final payment due on December 15, 2022

This is a small group Departure limited to 24 passengers.

Sign up early to reserve your spot on this exciting trip.

Highlights: 12 nights in First Class Hotels Accommodations

1 night in Limerick, 1 night in Clifden, 1 in Sligo, 2 nights in Belfast in Northern Ireland, 2 nights in Dublin, 1 night in Waterford, 1 night in Kinsale, 2 nights in Killarney, 1 night in Limerick.

18 meals. Includes gratuities on tour for Tour Manager & Bus Driver

Visit Cliffs of Moher, local farms, an Abbey, Giant's Causeway, Titanic Experience, Hillsborough Castle, Belfast's O'Connell Street, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Trinity College, House of Waterford Crystal, Blarney Castle and the Kissing Stone, Garnish Island, Ring of Kerry, Dingle Peninsula, and much, much more.

Leisure time to explore most of the towns and villages.

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 plan 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 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)

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 lets 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>
August 1	Monday	Rooster Run	Seq 0700	\$53
August 8	Monday	Foxtail North	Seq 0730	\$51
August15	Monday	Indian Valley	Seq 0830	\$55
August 22	Monday	Petaluma CC	Seq 0750	\$50
August 29	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

MESSEGE FROM GOLF CHAIRMAN NED LAWRENCE

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.

Ned

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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, AUGUST 1 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 – AUGUST

<u>BADGE#</u>	<u>LAST NAME</u>	<u>FIRST NAME</u>	<u>MO.</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>AGE</u>
1	COBURN	RICK	8	28	1944	78
78	COLENBRANDER	AUGUST	8	30	1931	91
16	GLOISTEIN	ROBERT	8	13	1940	82
33	KOSCIUSKO	RON	8	2	1942	80
11	LUTSKY	ALAN	8	29	1938	84
81	MELEIS	MAHMOUD	8	17	1937	85
72	STEDWELL	CHUCK	8	1	1944	78
42	TOSTE	JOEL	8	1	1947	75

ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Monday	Aug	1	18 Hole Golf HOLIDAY
Monday	Aug	1	9 Hole Golf (Weather Permits)
Tuesday	Aug	1	BOCCE
Thursday	Aug	4	Hiking
Friday	Aug	12	Investors' Lunch Bunch
Monday	Aug	8	18 Hole Golf
Monday	Aug	8	9 Hole Golf (Weather Permits)
Thursday	Aug	11	Hiking
Monday	Aug	15	18 Hole Golf
Monday	Aug	15	9 Hole Golf (Weather Permits)
Thursday	Aug	18	Hiking
Monday	Aug	22	18 Hole Golf
Monday	Aug	22	9 Hole Golf (Weather Permits)
Monday	Aug	22	Board Meeting via ZOOM
Tuesday	Aug	23	Branch 47 Luncheon Meeting
Thursday	Aug	25	Hiking
Monday	Aug	29	18 Hole Golf
Monday	Aug	29	9 Hole Golf (Weather Permits)

JULY ATTENDANCE REPORT

Total Members	96
Members Present	58
Guests:	2
Visitors:	

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Summary:

Actives -	96
Gains:	1
Losses:	0

HUMOR

