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TAMALPAIS BRANCH NO. 47**

TAMAL TALK

A SIR PUBLICATION

Luncheon Meeting:
McINNIS GOLF CENTER, SAN RAFAEL
Fourth Tuesday of the month
Happy Hour at 11:00 am, as always

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MARIN COUNTY

**SEPTEMBER 2022
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 would like to express my thanks to the members of Branch 47 for all the friendship and support in the past two months. In particular, I want to thank Little SIR Mark Bosch who ably took over my Big SIR duties while I was out of town.

Our branch continues to add new members, and I want to welcome them all. The vast majority of new members are friends of current members, so please continue the good work and bring in your buddies. I'm sure you all know of people who would enjoy the comradery of Branch 47. Of course, one of the keys to having a growing organization is to have lot of good activities. I wanted to thank those who have stepped up to lead activities. We had a successful trial of having a second bocce ball lunch last month, and Carl Dawson has organized a restart of the bridge group. Let's organize some for fun activities.

We had the election of the Branch 47 officers at the last luncheon, and I want to congratulate the new leadership team for next year: Big SIR, Mark Bosch; Little SIR, Carl Dawson; Secretary, Alan Thomas; Treasurer, Bill Stewart; Assistant Secretary, Alan Lutsky; Assistant Treasurer, Mark Rudy, and Directors, Rick Coburn, Marshall Gross, Ron Kosciusko, Bill Wickley, and Erick Young. I also want to thank Jake Solomon and Doug Twitchell, who are rolling off the Board, for all their service to SIR.

The state SIR Annual Meeting was held on August 25. A new slate of officers was elected, and you can find out about them at the state website: sirinc.org Of note was a discussion of possible changes in the SIR State Bylaws and Rules.

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The biggest proposed changes involve allowing Branches to open the membership to women and to introduce community service as part of the mission of SIRs. There is no timeline yet for consideration of these changes, and there will be opportunity for the Branches to provide input on these important topics. I welcome any feedback from the members

The next luncheon promises to be a change of pace from the serious topics we've covered in the past few months. This month we have Linda Hepworth, the Jokerster Waitress, who has written two books about her experiences in the restaurant world. It should be an entertaining talk, and I hope to see you all then.

Erick Young
Big SIR

BRANCH 47 SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 2023

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

DIRECTORS

Erick Young
Rick Coburn
Bill Wickley
Ron Kosciusko

SEPTEMBER 27th MENU ENTREES

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

- (1) Chicken Marsala and penne pasta amatricana
- (2) Grilled Salmon mango papaya salsa with Rice and vegetables
- (3) Vegan Plate- Mushroom Risotto
- (4) Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad

BRANCH 47 SEPTEMBER 27th, 2022 SPEAKER

Speaker Name: Linda Hepworth

The Jokester Waitress: Laughing Through the Decades

Take a break from the news. It is time for some humor.

Linda Hepworth, The Jokester Waitress, was born in New York State, grew up in Florida, and studied in England. She's an author with a mathematics degree and an accomplished competitive swimmer but ultimately refers to herself as a waitress. She is a resident of Rohnert Park now, after living in San Rafael for 22 years and then in Petaluma until 2020. For employment, she has been serving fine food at Le Chalet Basque for 42 years. In line with her Jokester Waitress personality, when asked about the length of time she has been at Le Chalet Basque, she responds. "I used to be the young one. Now I'm the old one." Her resume includes other well-known establishments such as the Palace Hotel in San Francisco, the old Hilltop Café in Novato, the Casino 101 in Petaluma, and most recently helping her English friend Angela run The Tudor Rose Tea Room in Santa Rosa. She has written two books about her experiences in the restaurant world, entitled *If These Tables Could Talk* and *Turning the Tables*. She has published a third volume chronicling her return to competitive swimming after a 40-year hiatus, titled, *The Water Beckons*.

MARK BOSCH, LITTLE SIR

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BRANCH 47 BUSINESS

SIR Branch 47 Board Meeting

Tamalpais Branch
Zoom Meeting from homes
July 25, 2022

Meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Acting Big Sir Mark Bosch. A quorum was determined to be logged in. The minutes of Board meeting of June 27, 2022 were moved for passage, seconded and passed.

Attendees:

Officers and Directors of 2022 Board were present as follows, Mark Bosch, Bill Wickley, Doug Twitchell, Jake Solo mon, Rick Coburn, Carl Dawson Mark Rudy and Ron Kuosciusko. Absent were Erick Young, Alan Thomas, Alan Lutsky and Bill Stewart.

Big SIR Report:

Agenda for July 2022 meeting approved as presented.

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

Motion made, seconded and passed to accept Board meeting agenda for July 25, 2022.

Little SIR Report: Our speaker for July 26, 2022, is a foremost expert on military strife and global relationships; he will be accompanied by a uniformed Army NCO. Cyrus Thomas, Chapter 47 member, will make the presentation for August 2022.

Treasurer's Report: Report is deferred until August meeting.

Membership Report: There are presently 95 members in Branch 47. A new membership application was submitted for Kevin Colgate. **Acceptance by Board for membership of Kevin Colgate was moved for acceptance, seconded and passed.**

Recruiting Committee: Membership will be brought up to date on the results of the Branch 47 recruitment committee at the July 26th meeting. Ron Kosciusko was commended for the large number of new members that he has recently brought into Branch 47

Nominating Committee: Board member Doug Twitchell will bring the membership up to date on the position of the nominating committee; the vacancies that need to be filled are two directors for 2023.

State Board: Alan Lutsky, assistant secretary, will report on the position regarding State Form 20 at a later meeting.

Luncheon Checklist:

Reservations – Did not record number

Speaker – Speaker and his associate will be in place for the luncheon

Song lead – Song leader will be in place

Birthday wine – Wine and cider available

McInnis Logistics – all in place

Other New Business:

Action on gender issue is deferred until 2023. No further action is required from individual branches at this time.

The next Board meeting will be held on Monday, August 22, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. The meeting for July 27, 2022 was called for adjournment at 12:00 p. m. Adjournment carried as moved.

Respectfully submitted,
Alan Thomas



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WHAT TO BRING

THIS INVITATION

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PROOF OF AFFILIATION

*business card | membership card |
company email signature | pay stub |
original email | other form of affiliation*

Columbia Employee Store Perk Details:

- **Sons in Retirement branch 47 offer is valid August 26th - September 18th!**
- Store is stocked with current season products from our family of brands – Columbia, Mountain Hardwear, SOREL and prAna – marked up to 50% off retail pricing
- For store access, please provide your digital invite (printed or shown on your mobile device) + proof of affiliation (business/membership card, badge, pay-stub, signature of work email, uniform, merged email from organization, etc.)
- Invited guests can bring up to four additional guests with each visit
- Military personnel have year-round access with valid military ID
- Seniors (65+) can visit every Tuesday with photo ID



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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Nedlawrence9@gmail.com

415-595-1092

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>September 5</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>HOLIDAY</i>		
<i>September 12</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Foxtail South</i>	<i>Seq 0730</i>	<i>\$34</i>
<i>September 19</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Napa/Kennedy</i>	<i>Seq 0750</i>	<i>\$45</i>
<i>September 26</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Eagle Vines</i>	<i>Seq 0800</i>	<i>\$50</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 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 (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

Nedlawrence9@gmail.com

415-595-1092

<https://sir47.org/>

State Sirs Golf Outing at Rancho Solano

There is a great benefit to winning the Area golf tournament which was held earlier this year at tough 18 hole course at foxtail golf club. Our team won the event and was automatically granted the right to play against the other clubs in California who have many golfers and even have a their own golf day to play against their own members.

Our team played well and was a surprise winner of the scramble tournament, the winner gets an automatic invite with all fees paid by the state golf committee.

We played the finals match against 144 golfers at Rancho Solano in Fairfield about an hour away from Marin. A beautiful course owned and maintained by the city and well staffed for this event by Sir olunteers and employees.

Our team consisted of one golfer, Don Shaw, who plays three or four times a week and his play is highlighted by an event held annually at Brandon Dunes, a world class spot in Oregon.

Another golfer whose fame has risen by his annual visit to a family place in Michigan. Norm Nixon leaves this week for a lengthy stay in a beautiful part of the world.

A third golfer is our current Little Sir, Mark Bosch. He always plays above his handicap and will soon begin to play better as he finds the time now for golf.

Our fourth, Ned Lawrence, doubles as a golfer and the Golf director for Marin County Sirs.

Our team played great Monday, the 8th, but could not putt well enough to be a winner. But knowing that the Sirs organization is so involved with golf we will be ready to win the Area scramble tournament next year and perhaps putt better in the finals.

Ned Lawrence
Golf Chairman for Branch 47

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



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.

Since Monday Sept. 5 is labor day and maybe a bit warmer, we will try to play bocce first – but on the next day Tues. Sept. 6. So the plan is to play bocce @ 10: 00 am at the Margret Todd Senior Center courts in Novato on Tuesday Sept. 6. We will then eat @ Boca Pizzeria in Novato –not Crave.

Please let all know how many will attend in your party for bocce @ 10 am on Tues Sept. 6 with lunch following @ noon @ Boca.

Cheers

Kurt

415 892-2460 or heilmanfour@comcast.net

BRIDGE GROUP

Bridge (a card game) Monthly, every 3rd Friday, at different members home, from 11 to 2pm. Bring your favorite lunch and the host has drinks. Contact Carl Dawson (DawsonGroup@comcast.net) if you would like to play. It is fun, entertaining and a great learning experience.

SIRs BIRTHDAYS – SEPTEMBER

<u>BADGE#</u>	<u>LAST NAME</u>	<u>FIRST NAME</u>	<u>MO.</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>AGE</u>
124	ANCELL	HERB	9	19	1941	81
3	BRANDON	JACK	9	21	1942	80
7	FLAUM	RUSSELL	9	22	1946	76
80	LARSEN	KNUT	9	20	1945	77
116	LING	NANSING	9	14	1929	93
21	MINOIA	FRANK	9	11	1945	77
40	OHM	GLEN	9	22	1936	86
41	PANFELY	CHARLIE	9	3	1955	77
55	RUDY	MARK	9	9	1951	71
50	SMITH	BILL	9	16	1935	87
85	WATT	JAMES	9	19	1938	84

ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Thursday	Sep	1	Hiking
Monday	Sep	5	LABOR DAY
Monday	Sep	5	18 Hole Golf HOLIDAY
Monday	Sep	5	9 Hole Golf (Weather Permits)
Tuesday	Sep	6	BOCCE
Thursday	Sep	8	Hiking
Friday	Sep	9	Investors' Lunch Bunch
Monday	Sep	12	18 Hole Golf
Monday	Sep	12	9 Hole Golf (Weather Permits)
Thursday	Sep	15	Hiking
Friday	Sep	16	Bridge
Monday	Sep	19	18 Hole Golf
Monday	Sep	19	BOCCE
Thursday	Sep	22	Hiking
Thursday	Sep	22	First Day of Autumn
Sunday	Sep	25	Rosh Hashanah begins
Monday	Sep	26	18 Hole Golf
Monday	Sep	26	9 Hole Golf (Weather Permits)
Monday	Sep	26	Board Meeting via ZOOM
Tuesday	Sep	27	Branch 47 Luncheon Meeting
Sunday	Sep	27	Rosh Hashanah ends
Thursday	Sep	29	Hiking

AUGUST ATTENDANCE REPORT

Total Members	95
Members Present	52
Guests:	1
Visitors:	

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Summary:

Actives -	95
Gains:	0
Losses:	1

IN MEMORIAM

MARVIN MIZIS

HUMOR

