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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 enter the Fall season, I look forward to cooler weather, more rain (!), and the upcoming SIR activities. One of our most popular activities is hiking, which takes place every week. The Fall weather should make for some very nice opportunities for walks. I also particularly want to remind members that we will be holding our Holiday Party on December 6, 2002 at The Club at McInnis Park. It will feature music, bubbly, and a fine menu. Signups will begin at this month's luncheon on the 25th.

Our branch continues to add new members, and I want to welcome the latest member, Peter Brekhus, sponsored by Bob Gloistein. That brings the number of new SIRs this year to 8 and the total membership of our Branch to 97. Early on we set a goal of 100 members by the end of the year. That seemed challenging given the attrition due to various pandemic related issues, but we are actually very close to achieving the goal. Thanks to all the members who have told their friends and colleagues about SIR. I'm now asking for on more push to hit the century mark! (Sorry if I sound like a KQED pledge drive...)

Members of the Board are exploring possibilities for cross-branch activities. There may be some activities where we may not have a critical mass within our branch, but would have a sustaining interest across several branches. For example, Mark Bosch is looking into the possibility of collaborating with other branches in a bowling activity in Petaluma. Please let us know if you have any other ideas.

The next luncheon on October 25 should be very timely and interesting. We will have Dick Spotswood, who will be speaking on "The Midterm Elections in Marin and Beyond". He is a long time politics and government columnist for the Marin Independent Journal, and has served in a number of public positions, including Mayor of Mill Valley and a Director for the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway & Transportation District. I hope to see you all then.

**Erick Young
Branch 47, Big SIR**

OCTOBER 25th MENU ENTREES

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

Roasted Turkey with Cranberry & gravy Peas and carrots, sweet Potatoes
(stuffing on the table)

Vegan Plate- Penne Pomodoro pasta and vegetables

Grilled Salmon mango papaya salsa with Rice and vegetables

Spinach Salad with Chicken

Stay Tuned for the November Surprise (WTH???)

BRANCH 47 OCTOBER 25th, 2022 SPEAKER

Speaker Name: DICK SPOTSWOOD

DICK SPOTSWOOD is the politics and government columnist for The Marin Independent Journal. His IJ columns appear every Sunday and Wednesday.

In politics, Dick is a registered independent and his occasional IJ blog is called "The Militant Centrist." He's a former council member (1980-1992) and three-term Mayor of the City of Mill Valley. He served for ten years (1982-1992) as a Director of the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway & Transportation District representing Marin's eleven cities and towns. In 1992-1993 he was chair of the Doyle Drive Commission and previously a 101 Corridor Committee member. In government, his specialty was transportation. A San Francisco native (born in 1947), he is a graduate of St. Ignatius College Preparatory, the University of San Francisco, and its School of Law. Dick, now a retired trial attorney, is the former president of the Rotary Club of Mill Valley, Mountain Play Association, Marin Forum, and College of Marin Foundation. He's a member of the Order of Malta and a past director Calif. Planning & Conservation League. Dick is the current chair of the San Francisco political salon, The Sacramento Seminar.

MARK BOSCH, LITTLE SIR

BRANCH 47 SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 2023

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

DIRECTORS

Erick Young
Rick Coburn
Bill Wickley
Ron Kosciusko
Marshall Gross

BRANCH 47 BUSINESS

SIR Branch 47 Board Meeting

Tamalpais Branch
Zoom Meeting from homes
August 22, 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 July 25, 2022 were moved for passage, seconded and passed.

Attendees:

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

Big SIR Report:

Agenda for August 2022 meeting approved as presented.

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

Motion made, seconded and passed to accept Board meeting agenda for August 22, 2022.

Little SIR Report: Cyrus Thomas, Chapter 47 member, will make the presentation for August 2022. September speaker will be a comedy presentation by a waitress and October will be a presentation of Backstage of Jeopardy.

Treasurer's Report. Suggestion was made that some content regarding the Branch finances be shown in membership figures, or other particulars related to our financial and/or membership status. There is no update for the month of August 2022. Discussion was raised involving the largesse of our treasury and how we could benefit membership in some way with use of funds for encouragement for higher attendance. **It was moved, seconded and passed that we have a "sale" in the form of a ten dollar reduction on luncheon cost. The discussion included the factor that we have members pay the usual \$33.00 but we would be prepared to give each paying member a ten dollar rebate. Motion passed.** Additionally, it was raised that e-mails with the new price of \$23.00 for the meal should be sent out. We then would have some \$10.00 bills for those who brought checks for the original amount. Discussion included plan that implementation would work well for the October meeting.

Membership Report: There are presently 94 members in Branch 47. It was reported that member Marvin Mizis had passed since the July meeting. Our July membership figure was 95 members.

Recruiting Committee: Members will be reminded to bring their friends to luncheon meetings.

Nominating Committee: At the November meeting, a vote will be cast regarding the individual members who have been nominated for office.

State Board: The annual State meeting will take place on August 25, 2022. The election of State officers will take place along with minor revisions to the by-laws. Term limits will be in place with a maximum number of three terms to occur. At this point, Mark Bosch was thanked for his assistance as acting Big Sir during Erick Young's absence.

Luncheon Checklist:

Reservations – Discussion took place regarding recent occurrences during luncheons. Members should complain to Rick Coburn and not McInnis staff, so matters can be handled with decorum and courtesy. Discussion included the necessity to have a back up person be in place in the event that Rick is absent when an issue is raised. Discussion did not result in anyone being considered for a backup. This discussion concluded with the recommendation that two members should be trained to support those members with luncheon responsibilities such as sign in and payments. Two members should be trained to support members with sign in or luncheon responsibilities who are absent.

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Speaker prepared and ready to make presentation
Greeter—prepared to greet membership at entry
Song lead – One or more song leaders are prepared to have a community song
Birthday wine – bottles are ready for distribution
McInnis logistics – all is prepared and ready

New Business:

Al Anderson would like to attend luncheons but relies on his care taker to drive him to club. A telephone call is needed to discuss with Al the details of his care taker joining him for luncheon and meeting so Board will decide on logistics.

ESCOM: Stands for Emeritus Students College of Marin; both Indian Valley and Kentfield campuses have space allocated for them. Space is available for any individuals or groups who sign on as ESCOM members. SIR has this option and further discussion will take place at a future meeting.

The topic of women joining SIR will be deferred until 2023. No further discussion or involvement is necessary for the remainder of 2022.

The SIR Manual dated 7/22/2022 – Policy 8.1 COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROJECTS states that community involvement is encouraged by SIR branches. This citation was raised in response to discussion that SIR branches should consider community assistance or fun events for more community involvement.

The next Board meeting will be held on Monday, September 26th at 10:30 a.m. The meeting for August 22, 2022 was called for adjournment at 12:05 p. 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

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.

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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<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>
October 3	Monday	Rooster Run	Seq 0700	\$53
October 10	Monday	HOLIDAY		
October 17	Monday	Indian Valley	Seq 0830	\$55
October 24	Monday	Valley of the Moon	Seq 0700	\$43

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

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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



Branch 47's Annual Holiday Party
Tuesday, December 6, 2022
At McInnis Golf Club, San Rafael



Cost: \$55 per person:



**Social Hour: 5:00 pm — 6:00 pm Includes
Appetizers and Champagne**

**Cash Bar: Beer \$6 House Wine \$9 Cocktails \$10
House Wine Bottle \$28**

Holiday Entertainment will be provided

**6:00pm Sit-down Holiday Meal
with Choice of:**

**Prime Rib, Grilled Salmon with Lemon sauce
Rack of Lamb, Pasta Pomodoro
With Coffee-Tea-Decaf, Tiramisu Desert**

**Make a reservation by logging onto <https://sir47.org> under
The Events Calendar or RSVP at sirbranch47@gmail.com or call
(415)881-7477.**

**Chuck McDevitt will also be collecting checks and reservations at
our Oct. and Nov. luncheons. You can also send payment to Chuck
at 101 Golden Hind, Corte Madera, 94925.**


**CHECKS ONLY PLEASE. NO REFUNDS WITHIN 48 HOURS OF THE
EVENT**

Chuck can be contacted at : Mcdev095@aol.com or 415 420-2299

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

	<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

So the plan is to play bocce @ 10: 00 am at the Margret Todd Senior Center courts in Novato on Tuesday Oct. 3rd. 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 Oct. 3 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 – OCTOBER

<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

ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Monday	Oct	3	18 Hole Golf
Monday	Oct	3	9 Hole Golf (Weather Permits)
Tuesday	Oct	3	BOCCE
Tuesday	Oct	4	Yom Kippur begins
Wednesday	Oct	5	Yom Kippur ends
Thursday	Oct	6	Hiking
Monday	Oct	10	COLUMBUS DAY
Monday	Oct	10	18 Hole Golf HOLIDAY
Monday	Oct	10	9 Hole Golf (Weather Permits)
Thursday	Oct	13	Hiking
Friday	Oct	14	Investors' Lunch Bunch
Monday	Oct	17	18 Hole Golf
Monday	Oct	17	9 Hole Golf (Weather Permits)
Monday	Oct	17	BOCCE
Thursday	Oct	20	Hiking
Friday	Oct	21	Bridge
Monday	Oct	24	18 Hole Golf
Monday	Oct	24	9 Hole Golf (Weather Permits)
Monday	Oct	24	Board Meeting via ZOOM
Tuesday	Oct	25	Branch 47 Luncheon Meeting
Thursday	Oct	27	Hiking
Monday	Oct	31	18 Hole Golf
Monday	Oct	31	9 Hole Golf (Weather Permits)
Monday	Oct	31	Halloween

SEPTEMBER ATTENDANCE REPORT

Total Members	97
Members Present	57
Guests:	1

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Summary:

Actives -	97
Gains:	1
Losses:	0

ESCOM

The Emeritus Students College of Marin (ESCOM), was founded at the College of Marin (COM) in 1973. A pioneer in the innovative use of community colleges for adults, the organization enhances the lives of its greater community with a diverse selection of clubs, events and classes offered online or at COM's Kentfield and Indian Valley campuses. Check it out at:

<https://escom.marin.edu/>

HUMOR



I'm going to hang a Batman costume in my closet just to screw with myself when I get Alzheimer's

