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# TAMAL TALK

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Luncheon Meeting:  
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](mailto:www.sirbranch47@gmail.com) or <https://SIR47.ORG/EVENT> CALENDAR, . Include your meal preference and information regarding any guest(s).

Wow! It's November already. This reminds me of two important things for this month. First, I want to remind everybody to vote in this year's election. Choosing our government, deciding on propositions, and deciding on funding for public endeavors are among the most important things we can do in the community. The other important November event is, of course, Thanksgiving. We in Marin County have much to be thankful for. Spend good time with family and friends, and I hope you have the opportunity to reflect on our many blessings.

I am very glad that we have been able to resume some of our normal activities in 2022, in particular the luncheons. 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. Please check out the website and register.

Branch 47 continues to add new members, and I want to welcome the latest member, Jim Swanson, sponsored by Ron Kosciusko. That brings the number of new SIRs this year to 9 and the total membership of our Branch to 98. I saw another application at the October luncheon, so we are achingly close to meeting our goal for the year of 100 members. Thanks to all the members who have told their friends and colleagues about SIR.

The next luncheon on November 22 should be very interesting. We will have Bill Hamilton who will talk on "Sailing from San Francisco to England." I'm sure he will explain how he solved the problem that San Francisco is on the wrong coast to go to England.

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I want to let you know about a new committee we formed at the last Board meeting. As I reported in a previous email, the State SIR Organization has removed all the state-wide mandates for COVID-19 restrictions. In particular, this includes vaccination and waiver requirements for activities. The State Board has left it up to the individual branches to decide how they want to do things. The goal of the committee is to come up with a set of questions regarding COVID-19 policies for the Branch. I can imagine there are strong opinions in many different directions, and it is important to get a sense of Branch 47.

We have a BONUS for the November luncheon! The Board has pulled the special Monopoly card, and the luncheon for this month only will be only \$23. The only catch is to take advantage of this discount that you have to come.

I hope to see you all at our November luncheon.

**Erick Young  
Big SIR, Branch 47**

### **BRANCH 47 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**

### **SIRs BIRTHDAYS – DECEMBER**

#### **BADGE# LAST NAME FIRST NAME MO. DAY YEAR AGE**

51	CULHANE	Tom J.	12	30	1945	76
23	GIBBS	Lewis	12	16	1935	86
57	JENSEN	Norman	12	12	1938	83
69	LUNGREN	Eddy	12	20	1940	81
37	MILLER	George	12	13	1936	85
121	POLAN	Denis	12	5	1940	81
44	PRESCOTT	Delbert	12	18	1938	83
66	SIMON	Eddie	12	26	1924	97
35	BLUMENTHAL	Ken	12	18	1956	66

## **NOVEMBER 22th MENU ENTREES**

All choices include Salad or Soup,

- (1) Baked Ham with honey glaze, potatoes and vegetables
  - (2) Chicken Marsala and penne pasta amatricana
  - (3) Grilled Salmon with lemon butter sauce, rice and vegetables
  - (4) Vegan plate – Pesto Tortellini and vegetables
  - (5) Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad
- bread or rolls, butter, and dessert

**November Surprise: Your Board subsidized your lunch by \$10, So bring your check for \$23 to the November Luncheon**

## **BRANCH 47 NOVEMBER 22th, 2022 SPEAKER**

**Speaker Name: Bill Hamilton**

**“Sailing from San Francisco to England”**

Bill Hamilton and his group of mariners set out to navigate from San Francisco to England. He will tell the story of the difficulties they encountered and the problems they faced in their quest. If you have ever sailed on the San Francisco Bay or any large body of water, then you won't want to miss this presentation. And, if your idea of sailing is floating on your inflatable innertube in your pool, you still should come to experience his adventure. Last presentation in 2022. Don't miss it.

**MARK BOSCH, LITTLE SIR**

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## BRANCH 47 BUSINESS

### **SIR Branch 47 Board Meeting**

Tamalpais Branch  
Zoom Meeting from homes  
September 26, 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 August 22, 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, Rick Coburn, Carl Dawson, Bill Stewart, Alan Thomas and Ron Kosciusko. Alan Lutsky, Jake Solomon, Mark Rudy and Doug Twitchell were absent. Visitor: Chuck McDevitt.

#### **Big SIR Report:**

Agenda for September 2022 meeting approved as presented.

**Motion made, seconded and passed to accept Board minutes for August 22, 2022.**

**Motion made, seconded and passed to accept Board meeting agenda for September 26, 2022.**

**Little SIR Report:** The program for September 27<sup>th</sup> will be a comedy presentation by waitress Linda Hepworth; scheduled program of Backstage of Jeopardy for October has been deferred due to health issues by presenter; October program will introduce Dick Spotswood from the Marin Independent Journal who will discuss measures included on the November ballot.

**Treasurer's Report from August meeting: Motion 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.** Further fine tuning was discussed at September meeting for October scheduling: message will go out with next Tamal Talk for members to bring checks made out in the usual amount of \$33.00 and each member will be given a rebate of a ten-dollar bill. Checks made out in the amount of \$23.00 will be accepted.

**Membership Report:** There are presently 96 members in Branch 47. **Proposed member Peter Brekhus was moved for membership in Branch 47, motion seconded, vote favorable to accept Peter Brekhus as new member.**

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

Special recognition was paid to Board member Ron Kosciusko for the high number of guests he has brought to our luncheon meetings

#### **Luncheon Checklist:**

Reservations – 58 reservations have been made for the September meeting; most responses are now carried out through website.

Speaker prepared as per Little SIR

Greeter will be in place

Mark Bosch made statement of appreciation for volunteers who have stepped in to help in the absence of usual members.

Song lead: In the absence of Kurt Heilman, either Dee Stuever or Pierre Terrier can lead song

Birthday wine – bottles are ready for distribution

McInnis logistics – all is prepared and ready

**Christmas Party:** The expenses for hiring live music and champagne for guests are not figured in with budgeted costs for the annual Holiday Season party. Discussion took place with Board members and Chuck McDevitt who has been coordinator for this event for several years. It was decided that the most advantageous method of covering these expenses is to build a slight increase into the dinner fee. With a good turnout for the event, the increase should cover champagne and live music expenses. **It was moved and seconded that Dinner Fee for Holiday Season event be increased from \$50.00 to \$55.00 per person to cover champagne and live music expenses. Vote taken, motion passed.** The Board members expressed their appreciation to Chuck McDevitt for his help and concern for this topic.

#### **New Business:**

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. Detailed breakout of ESCOM was posted for the benefit of Board members.

Since the San Rafael bowling alley has closed due to damages, consideration was given to possibly establishing a league to bowl at the Petaluma bowling alley. This could be in conjunction with the existing Sonoma Branch bowling league.

The next Board meeting will be held on Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. The meeting for September 27<sup>th</sup> was moved for adjournment at 11:55 a.m.

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 925-285-2897

### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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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[Nedlawrence9@gmail.com](mailto:Nedlawrence9@gmail.com)  
415-595-1092

<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>
November 7	Monday	Valley of the Moon	Seq 0700	\$43
November 14	Monday	Eagle Vines	Seq 0800	\$50
November 21	Monday	Rooster Run	Seq 0700	\$53

*Luncheon at Mary s Pizza Shack in Petaluma following final event at Rooster Run*

### **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](mailto:vethelo@icloud.com)**



**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](mailto: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](mailto: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><b><u>THURSDAY 09:45 WALKING/HIKING GROUP</u></b></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**

**NOTE:** With colder weather approaching, we are going back to eating lunch first - then playing bocce. Also we will be playing bocce only on the first Monday of each month for the foreseeable future.

The next BR 47 bocce is scheduled for Monday Nov. 7 with lunch @ 11:30 @ Boca Pizzeria @ 454 Ignacio Blvd. with bocce following @ the Margret Todd Center in Novato. Spouses and guests are always invited to play.

Please let me know how many in your party will be eating lunch and/or playing bocce afterwards.

Cheers,

Kurt Heilman  
415 892-2460 or [heilmanfour@comcast.net](mailto:heilmanfour@comcast.net)

PS Please bring your bocce balls if you have them

**BRIDGE GROUP**

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



## SIRs BIRTHDAYS – NOVEMBER

<u>BADGE#</u>	<u>LAST NAME</u>	<u>FIRST NAME</u>	<u>MO.</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>AGE</u>
14	GHAZZAGH	FARAD	11	26	1944	78
4	GONZALES	ROBERT	11	26	1940	82
61	HEILMAN	KURT	11	2	1944	78
60	JEW	TERRANCE	11	6	1946	76
43	MIZIS	MARVIN	11	6	1938	82
104	SCOTT	TERRY	11	13	1944	78
10	SOLOMON	JAKE	11	30	1935	87
87	WU	BERNARD	11	18	1935	87

### ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Thursday	Nov	3	Hiking
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Daylight Savings Time ends</b>
Monday	Nov	7	18 Hole Golf
Monday	Nov	7	9 Hole Golf (Weather Permits)
Tuesday	Nov	7	BOCCE
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>NOV</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>ELECTION DAY</b>
Thursday	Nov	10	Hiking
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>USMC BIRTHDAY</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>VETERANS DAY</b>
Friday	Nov	11	Investors' Lunch Bunch
Monday	Nov	14	18 Hole Golf
Monday	Nov	14	9 Hole Golf (Weather Permits)
Thursday	Nov	17	Hiking
Friday	Nov	18	Bridge?
Monday	Nov	21	18 Hole Golf
Monday	Nov	21	9 Hole Golf (Weather Permits)
Monday	Nov	21	BOCCE
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>Board Meeting via ZOOM</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>Branch 47 Luncheon Meeting</b>
Thursday	Nov	24	Hiking?
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>THANKSGIVING</b>

### OCTOBER ATTENDANCE REPORT

Total Members	98
Members Present	63
Guests:	5
Visitors:	

### MEMBERSHIP REPORT

#### Summary:

Actives -	98
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/>**

### *IN MEMORIAM*

**Bill Donnelly**

**Branch 47/68**

**HUMOR**



"It wasn't THAT under-cooked."

Crabby Road

11-24-11

