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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 or <https://SIR47.ORG/EVENT> CALENDAR,

Since this is the December Big SIR message, it will be my last one as Big SIR of Branch 47. I want to take this opportunity to say that it has been privilege to serve in this capacity. I particularly want to thank the members of the Branch Executive Committee who did so much to help keep the branch humming. I especially want to thank Little SIR Mark Bosch who filled in for me during my difficult times this past summer. I also know he will do a great job as Big SIR in 2023.

At the last Board meeting, the BEC voted to remove COVID-19 vaccination and waiver requirements for the branch. This was following the lead of the State SIR Organization which has similarly removed all the state-wide mandates. Since all the members of Branch 47 are already vaccinated, it's mainly a moot issue. The relaxation does work for guests, spouses, and new members at future events, and should make things simpler in the future. That being said, I still urge everyone to get your boosters since they still provide significant protection against severe illness in the event of an infection.

I want to welcome two additions to the membership in November. The newest member is Viney Sawhney, sponsored by Mark Bosch. A not so new member is John Davis, who has rejoined the branch after a year and a half hiatus. Welcome back. That brings the total membership of our Branch to 99. Thanks to all the members who have helped to recruit for SIRs. We'll be presenting the Top Recruiter Award at the January luncheon.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our Holiday Party on December 6, 2002 at The Club at McInnis Park. It will feature music, bubbly, and a fine menu, and should be an enjoyable evening. If I don't see you then, I wish you all a joyous holiday season and all the best for the New Year.

Erick Young
Branch 47, Big SIR

BRANCH 47 BUSINESS

SIR Branch 47 Board Meeting

Tamalpais Branch

Zoom Meeting from homes

October 24, 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 September 26, 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, Alan Lutsky, Ron Kosciusko, Jake Solomon and Doug Twitchell. Rick Coburn was absent. Visitor: Kevin Colgate.

Big SIR Report:

Agenda for October 2022 meeting approved as presented.

Motion made, seconded and passed to accept Board minutes for September 26, 2022.

Motion made, seconded and passed to accept Board meeting agenda for October 24, 2022.

Little SIR Report: The program for October 25th will be a political presentation by Dick Spotswood from the Marin Independent Journal who will discuss measures included on the November ballot. The program for November 22nd will be a presentation by Bill Hamilton on his Atlantic sailing adventure. He will be the last speaker for 2022.

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. This is done to encourage attendance at the next luncheon.

Membership Report: There are presently 97 members in Branch 47. **Proposed member Jim Swanson was moved for membership in Branch 47, motion seconded, vote favorable to accept Jim Swanson as new member.**

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

Swearing In: At the November luncheon, individual members who have been nominated for office will be sworn in.

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

Luncheon Checklist:

Reservations – 64 reservations have been made for the October meeting; most responses are now carried out through website.

Speaker prepared as per Little SIR

Greeter will be in place

Song lead: Kurt Heilman

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 now figured in with budgeted costs for the annual Holiday Season party. **The Dinner Fee for Holiday Season event is increased from \$50.00 to \$55.00 per person to cover champagne and live music expenses.**

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New Business:

California no longer has a vaccination requirement, but Branch 47 does. What to do? A committee will review this, perhaps with a survey to determine future action.

Kevin Colgate made a presentation of activities under ESCOM.

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. ESCOM is coed and includes numerous activities such as Bridge, Book Club, Astronomy, etc.

The next Board meeting will be held on Monday, November 21st at 10:30 a.m. The meeting for October 24th was moved for adjournment at 11:55 a.m.

**Respectfully submitted,
Alan Lutsky
Assistant Secretary**



SAVE THE DATE

**SIR Br 47 2023 Chinese New Year's
Celebration**

11:30 am on Tues Feb 7, 2023 at Yet Wah restaurant, 1238 fourth St., San Rafael



This is our first party in 2023 to kick off the Year of the RABBIT

The proposed menu and cost includes: TBD



Please invite spouses and other guests to help us celebrate the New Year.

Reservations required.

Contact See Tom @ 415-378-3008 or seestom@gmail.com.

More information to follow.



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11/25/2022 -12/18/2022

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**THIS INVITATION PHOTO I.D.
PROOF OF AFFILIATION**

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

YEAR ROUND ACCESS

Valid for you and up to 4 guests for multiple visits during your invite period. Columbia this original invitation to the receptionist for entry and again at checkout. This invitation is purchased are intended solely for the buyer's own personal use, including gifts to others. number of items purchased to no more than 10 of the same style. For team and company Offer may not be combined with any other offer or discount. Valid from dates listed above.



MILITARY: EVERY DAY
SENIORS (65+):
TUESDAYS

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HOURS**

1414 Harbour Way S. Suite
1010 Richmond CA, 94804

MON - FRI: 10A - 8P SAT -
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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). 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. 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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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>
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Season Over

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



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.

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

Monday Dec. 5, we will eat @ 11:30 am @ Mamita Cocina Mexican Rest. (used to be Crave Rest.) on 340 Ignacio Blvd. Novato. We will play bocce <<weather permitting>> @ the Margret Todd Center in Novato around 1 pm. Let all know if you are wanting to eat and/or play bocce afterwards.

Cheers,

Kurt Heilman
415 892-2460 or heilmanfour@comcast.net

PS Please bring your bocce balls if you have them

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 – DECEMBER

<u>BADGE#</u>	<u>LAST NAME</u>	<u>FIRST NAME</u>	<u>MO.</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>AGE</u>
36	BLUMENTHAL	KEN	12	18	56	66
51	CULHANE	TOM	12	30	45	77
23	GIBBS	LEWIS	12	16	35	87
57	JENSEN	NORMAN	12	12	38	84
69	LUNDGREN	EDDY	12	20	40	82
37	MILLER	GEORGE	12	13	36	86
121	POLAN	DENIS	12	5	40	82
44	PRESCOTT	DELBERT	12	18	38	84
106	SIMON	EDWARD	12	26	24	98

ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Thursday	Dec	1	Hiking
Monday	Dec	5	9 Hole Golf (Weather Permits)
Monday	Dec	5	BOCCE
Tuesday	Dec	6	BRANCH 47 HOLIDAY PARTY
Thursday	Dec	8	Hiking
Friday	Dec	9	Investors' Lunch Bunch
Monday	Dec	12	9 Hole Golf (Weather Permits)
Thursday	Dec	15	Hiking
Monday	Dec	19	9 Hole Golf (Weather Permits)
Thursday	Dec	22	Hiking?
Friday	Dec	20	Bridge?

NOVEMBER ATTENDANCE REPORT

Total Members	99
Members Present	57
Guests:	1

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Summary:

Actives -	99
Gains:	3
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

