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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

**JANUARY 2023
OUR 50TH 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 prefer

My name is Mark Bosch, and I am Big Sir for 2023. I have been a SIR since 2018. I enjoy photography, golf, bowling and hiking. I also enjoy our luncheons and speakers.

Thank you, Big Sir Erick Young, for your leadership this past year.

We enjoyed our monthly luncheons and activities. We also continued to grow in membership. Thanks to all who brought guests to lunch last year. Let's continue to bring guests so our branch will continue to grow. We will announce the 2022 winner of the recruitment prize at our next luncheon on January 24th.

Our Christmas Party on December 6th was a terrific way to start the holiday season. We enjoyed champagne, fine food, music, and dancing. A great big thanks to Chuck McDevitt for organizing our Christmas Party. Great job Chuck! Alan Thomas and his trio sounded great and provided some excellent dance music.

Join us on Tuesday January 24th for our next luncheon. Our guest speaker will be Janis Couvreur. Her topic is: Sail Cowabunga - Sailing For Ten Years.

Just around the corner is the Chinese New Year Lunch at Yet Wah restaurant on February 7th at 11:30. Contact See Tom to reserve a spot.

**Thanks to our Officers and Board Members who contributed to our success last year.
Bill Stewart - Treasurer, Alan Thomas – Secretary, Mark Rudy – Asst. Treasurer, Alan Lutsky – Asst. Secretary.**

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Board members Rick Coburn – Membership, Carl Dawson – Recruitment, Ron Kosciusko - Tamal Talk, Internet and Facilities Contract, Jake Solomon, Doug Twitchell and Bill Wickley.

A special thanks to:

Roster Production – Erick Young

Luncheon: Attendance and Drawing- Jack Brandon, Lon Sykes, Wine, and Sunshine - Frank Ghazzagh, Song Leaders – Kurt Heilman, Dee Stuever and Pierre Terrier. Lending Library – ‘Pikk’ Pikkarainen and Al Springstead

Activity Chairmen: Will Kaefer – Investor’s Lunch Bunch, Kurt Heilman – Bocce, Jake Solomon, Al Springstead, Alan Thomas, Pierre Terrier, and Dee Stuever - Hiking Group , Carl Dawson Bridge, Ned Lawrence - Golf

Party organizers: See Tom, Chinese New Year Party – Tom Culhane, BYO Picnic – Chuck McDevitt Christmas Party-

As you can see, it takes many guys to keep the branch running. I encourage our newer members to step up and volunteer to help. Just contact me or one of our board members.

Wishing you a Happy and Healthy 2023.

Mark Bosch
Branch 47, Big SIR

JANUARY 24th MENU ENTREES

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

- (1) Pot Roast with mashed potatoes and vegetables
- (2) Grilled Salmon with lemon butter sauce, rice and vegetables
- (3) Vegan Plate – Mushroom Risotto
- (4) Chicken Caesar Salad

BRANCH 47 JANUARY 24th, 2023 SPEAKER

Speaker Name: Janis Couvreur *"Sail Cowabunga - Sailing For Ten Years"*

An award-winning writer and journalist, Janis Lasky Couvreur is a Franco-American, lover of languages, travel and adventure addict, sailor, mom, and grandmom. Formerly a newspaper reporter and freelance journalist, Janis currently blogs at Huff Post, Pryme Magazine, and The Lady Alliance, where she writes about living bilingually, crossing oceans, backpacking adventures, and raising kids outside the box. In an earlier lifetime, she lived and sailed for 10 years on a sailboat with her husband and two small boys from France to San Francisco.

CARL DAWSON, LITTLE SIR

BRANCH 47 SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 2023

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

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Erick Young
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Ron Kosciusko
Marshall Gross



**SIR BR 47 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 RABBIT. This is a sit down Chinese Banquet with a **proposed menu to include**: WEST LAKE SOUP, WALNUT PRAWNS, MUSHU PORK, MONGOLIAN BEEF, KUNG PAO CHICK-EN, COD COOKED WITH BLACK BEAN SAUCE ON A BED OF CHINESE BROCCOLI, MIXED VEGETABLES WITH BEAN CURD, FRIED RICE, AND DES- SERT. There will be food to eat and to take home.



Cost is \$35 including tax & tip. Please invite spouses and other guests to help us celebrate the New Year.

Tickets are on sale at the Br 47 January 24, 2023 luncheon. Reservations re- quired. Or **contact See Tom @ 415-378-3008** or seestom@gmail.com.

You can also register at [HTTPS://SIR47.ORG/EVENT](https://sir47.org/event) CALENDAR or email sirbranch47@gmail.com.

<<<<< The deadline for making both reservations and payment is Friday Feb.3rd
2023 >>>>>

BRANCH 47 BUSINESS

SIR Branch 47 Board Meeting
Tamalpais Branch
Zoom Meeting from homes
November 21, 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 October 24, 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, Bill Stewart, Alan Thomas, Alan Lutsky, Ron Kosciusko, Jake Solomon, Doug Twitchell, Rick Coburn and Mark Rudy. Carl Dawson was absent.

Big SIR Report:

Agenda for November 2022 meeting approved as presented.

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

Motion made, seconded and passed to accept Board meeting agenda for November 21, 2022.

Little SIR Report: The program for November 21st will be a presentation by Bill Hamilton on his Atlantic sailing adventure. He will be the last speaker for 2022.

Treasurer's Report: Ten dollar bills are ready to present to members whose checks are made out for the usual luncheon fee of \$33.00. November has been designated to accept luncheon checks in the amount of \$23.00, the amount decided to offer members as a discount for this one month. Collection of annual dues will begin in January 2023.

Membership Report: There are presently 100 members in Branch 47. Two new members have been accepted thereby reaching the goal of 100 members as set earlier in 2022. New members are Viney Sawhney and John Davis by reinstatement.

Recruiting Committee: Carl Dawson is traveling and report is deferred.

State Board: The State Board as of meeting of November 8, 2022, will search for ways to improve membership numbers. Current by-laws may be revised. Discussions will continue with regard to admitting women members but a recent survey responded to by some branches currently shows a negative response.

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

Holiday Entertainment: Alan Thomas moved to receive authorization from the Board to draw treasury funds to pay the musicians who will provide entertainment at the Holiday Season party, motion carried and passed.

Website Update: There have been recent issues with the website whereby an RSVP has not been generated to acknowledge luncheon payments. Ron K. has been troubleshooting and believes the problem has been fixed. Use of Google forms may ensure continued success. Ron plans to have a short informational video to present to members at the November 22 luncheon for further clarification on registering for luncheons or other events.

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COVID Policy: State Board currently encourages membership to be vaccinated but there is no longer an existing requirement. It is now up to individual branches to generate their own policy and the former waiver request is now a moot issue. Short discussion developed about possible contact made to former members who dropped due to opposition to then current waiver policy.

Luncheon Checklist:

Reservations – 60 reservations have been made for the November 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

New Business: None

The next Board meeting will be held on Monday, January 23, 2023, at 10:30 a.m. The meeting for October 24th was moved for adjournment at 11:42 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 BEGINS JANUARY 9, 2023

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 NO 2023 SCHEDULE YET

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.

2024 dues are collectible now if a golfer wants to have a state sponsored handicap and their scores recorded to show their current shot making ability. For those interested, send a check for \$39.00 if you are continuing a handicap number and \$59.00 if you are new to Sirs golf. Send to:Ned Lawrence, 1905 Mar West Street , Tiburon, Ca. 94920.

SIRS STATE GOLF WEBSITE-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>
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NO SCHEDULE YET

9 Hole Golf at McInnis Park

We play on Monday January 9th 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

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): Charlie Panefly 415 3024591</p>
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BRANCH 47 BOCCE

On the first Monday Jan 2, we are scheduled to 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 how many in your party will be eating and/or playing bocce afterwards.

Cheers,

Kurt Heilman

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 BIRTHDAY JANUARY

<u>BADGE#</u>	<u>LAST NAME</u>	<u>FIRST NAME</u>	<u>MO.</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>AGE</u>
58	BOSCH	MARK	1	28	1949	74
34	BREKHUS	PETER	1	1	1938	85
20	COLGATE	KEVIN	1	16	1948	75
71	D'ADDARIO	RICHARD	1	19	1949	74
10	GRIFFIN	KEN	1	20	1933	90
17	KELLY	MICHAEL	1	20	1942	81
28	MCGINNIS	RON	1	23	1943	80
13	WINTER	NORBERT	1	28	1938	85

ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Sunday	Jan	1	NEW YEARS DAY
Monday	Jan	2	BOCCE
Thursday	Jan	5	Hiking
Monday	Jan	9	Hole Golf (Weather Permits)
Thursday	Jan	12	Hiking
Friday	Jan	13	Investors' Lunch Bunch
Monday	Jan	16	9 Hole Golf (Weather Permits)
Monday	Jan	16	Martin Luther King Day
Thursday	Jan	19	Hiking
Monday	Jan	23	9 Hole Golf (Weather Permits)
Thursday	Jan	26	Hiking
Friday	Jan	18	Bridge?
Monday	Jan	23	Board Meeting via ZOOM
Tuesday	Jan	24	Branch 47 Luncheon Meeting

NOVEMBER ATTENDANCE REPORT

Total Members	99
Members Present	57
Guests:	1

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Summary:

Actives -	99
Gains:	1
Losses:	0

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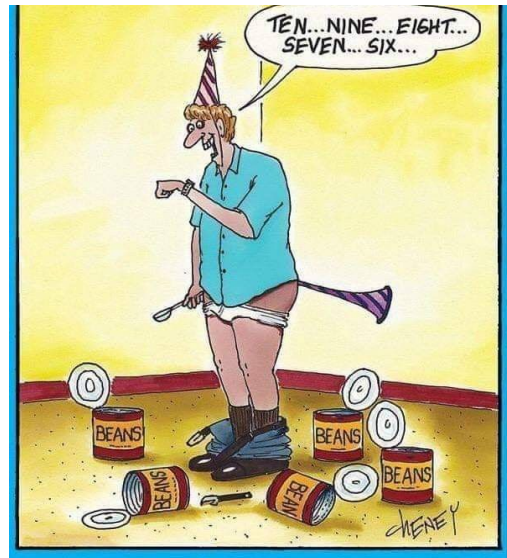
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<https://escom.marin.edu/>

HUMOR



"Hurry! Our New Year's resolutions start in ten minutes."



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