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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>, .

2023 is off to a rapid start. Our January luncheon was well attended and our speaker Janis Couvreur told us about her family's 10 years adventures on a sailboat. Her husband, two young boys and she sailed from France to several destinations. Eventually, they ended up in Sonoma County. Their trip(s) are documented in her book "*Sail Cowabunga - Sailing For Ten Years*". Her book is available on Amazon.com.

Congratulations are in order for Ron Kosciusko who was the winner of our 2022 membership challenge. It seemed that one quarter of the room stood up when I asked the members that he sponsored to stand up! A big THANK YOU to Ron for his efforts. He was awarded a bottle of red wine, a free lunch and free dues for 2023.

Speaking of dues, your 2023 dues are now due and payable by sending a check for \$30 to our treasurer Bill Stewart. His address is in the Branch 47 roster.

When you come to our February luncheon, be sure to pick up your copy of new roster. It is a high quality printing with all the information you will need to stay in contact with your fellow members as our branch continues to grow. Our Big Sir emeritus, Erick Young, did a fantastic job again this year. Thank you Erick.

Speaking of growth, in December we were approached by Branch 68 with an invitation to merge. Our Little Sir Carl Dawson and I were invited to their January BEC meeting and luncheon.

We consulted Will Kaefer before we visited their BEC. Will is one of our two Honorary Life Members and he prepared a list of questions for us to ask. Will has experienced two mergers and his advice was valuable.

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(Big Sir Comments continued)

After our meeting with Branch 68, we agreed that both branches could benefit from a merger. We have established an ad hoc Steering Committee comprised of key guys from both branches. The committee has met will meet again in February to delegate some sub-committees based on branch operations and logistics.

We have agreed to move forward with the merger and to have it completed by March 31st. You may be assigned to one of the sub-committees that will have members from both branches. If so, please note that they are ad hoc and will be active until all activities are integrated and the 2024 officers and board members are nominated.

Participation is the life blood of our organization, whether you enjoy the activities or agree to serve as an officer or board member. At the very least you will be asked to welcome the members of Branch 68 with open arms. Stay tuned to this channel, "Film at 11:00" as they used to say on the evening news.

It's not too late to contact See Tom for a seat at our Chinese New Year Lunch @ Yet Wah in San Rafael. The cost is \$35 and will be a feast to celebrate the Lunar New Year of the Rabbit

Our Speaker for our February 28th luncheon will be Novato's new Police Chief, Beth Johnson. Your parole officer will let you come to ask questions.

**Mark Bosch
Branch 47, Big SIR**



**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, WAL-NUT 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.

Reservations required. Or **contact See Tom @ 415-378-3008** or seestom@gmail.com.

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

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

FEBRUARY 28th MENU ENTREES

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

- (1) Corned Beef, boiled red potatoes and cabbage
- (2) Vegan Plate - Penne Pomodoro and vegetables
- (3) Grilled Salmon mango papaya salsa with Rice and vegetables
- (4) Chicken Caesar Salad

BRANCH 47 FEBRUARY 28th, 2023 SPEAKER

Speaker Name: Novato's new Police Chief, Beth Johnson

Her career in the police departments and her vision for the future.

Chief Beth Johnson has been in law enforcement for 28 years. She began as a Community Service Officer and Police Dispatcher for the Arcata Police Department in 1994 while attending Humboldt State University. During that time she also became a Firefighter/EMT for the Arcata Volunteer Fire Department. She served at APD and AVFD for five years before moving back to the Bay Area to accept a Police Officer position with the Walnut Creek Police Department in 1999.

In her 21 years of service with WCPD, Beth served as a patrol officer, a detective specializing in investigating crimes against children, a member of the Community Policing Team, and a Field Training Officer. She promoted to sergeant in 2012 where she served in patrol and the Investigations Bureau. She promoted to Lieutenant in 2016 and served as a patrol watch commander. Beth was hired as the Captain at Martinez PD in 2019 where she served as the sole second in command overseeing the Operations and Support Services Divisions.

On July 4, 2022 Beth was appointed Chief of Police for the Novato Police Department in Marin county. She leads of staff of 60 sworn officers and 30 professional staff and volunteers.

Beth has a Master's in Business Administration with a concentration in Public Administration, a Bachelor's of Science in Criminal Justice Management, and is a graduate of the Executive Leadership Institute from Drucker's School of Management – Claremont Graduate University. She served as the Northern California Associate Member on the California Police Chiefs Association Board of Directors and is a member of the Women Leaders in Law Enforcement Committee, CPCA Wellness Committee, CPCA Training Committee, and is a co-chair for the WLE Mentoring Program Committee.

Beth is married to Kenny Hart, a lieutenant with the Benicia Police Department. She has a daughter, son, and two stepdaughters.

BRANCH 47 BUSINESS

Minutes of the Steering Committee Meeting of January 23, 2023 Regarding Merger of SIR Branches 68 and 47

A quorum was determined to be present with the full committee of eight members being in attendance.

Committee members present were Co-Chairman Mark Bosch (47- Big Sir) , Co-Chairman Kent Dutrieux (68 – Big Sir), John Zeiter (68- Secretary), Bill Wickley (47-Board Member), Art Boudreault (68- Treasurer), Bill Stewart (47- Treasurer), Will Kaefer (47- Honorary Life Member) and Alan Thomas (47-Secretary).

Pertinent materials were made available to the membership prior to the meeting and comprise the following:

**Agenda for meeting
Branch 68 and Branch 47 Merger/Board and Committees
Branch Merger Process (Option (2) and related policies**

Big Sir of Branch 68 presented current policies and details of dues payment and other financial matters.

Discussion continued regarding maintenance of spreadsheets and handling after merger. Critical timeline dates and actions were discussed and subsequent assignment of tasks will occur after branch 68 vote to merge.

No votes or policy changes were taken or acted upon.

Discussion continued regarding the list of volunteers and related duties. Modification of the Membership function may be separated into two distinct functions to be identified as Membership Spreadsheet Maintenance and Attendance and Tally. Other blending of offices was discussed related to secretarial duties, treasurer duties, website responsibilities and newsletter production.

No actual changes were made, but the discussion focused on anticipated changes and membership who now have assigned responsibilities in both branches.

Discussion continued with incumbents who were present with regard to their responsibilities after the merger is completed.

The actual mechanics of the merger are fairly simple. After a positive vote of 80% of Branch 68 membership , a notification will be made to State of California SIR Board that 68 has merged into branch 47. The name will remain as branch 47 Tamalpais. Branch 68 corporation will be vacated.

Discussion of subsequent meeting was brought up with meeting to take place after February 14, 2023 with the date of February 21, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. put forth.

Respectfully submitted,
Alan Thomas
Note Taker
Secretary, Branch 47



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

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.

2023 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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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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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



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):	Charlie Panefly	415 3024591

BRANCH 47 BOCCE

On the first Monday Feb 6, 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

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 BIRTHDAY FEBUARY

<u>BADGE#</u>	<u>LAST NAME</u>	<u>FIRST NAME</u>	<u>MO.</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>AGE</u>
136	BENSON	MARTY	2	13	48	75
45	DUNHAM	GALEN	2	24	51	72
89	FOLK	LAZLO	2	21	37	86
12	GROSS	MARSHALL	2	7	40	83
48	SCHMID	HANS	2	28	40	83
62	STEWART	BILL	2	27	43	80

ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Thursday	Feb	2	Hiking
THURSDAY	FEB	2	GROUNDHOG DAY
Monday	Feb	6	BOCCE
Monday	Feb	6	Hole Golf (Weather Permits)
Thursday	Feb	9	Hiking
Friday	Feb	10	Investors' Lunch Bunch
Monday	Feb	13	9 Hole Golf (Weather Permits)
TUESDAY	FEB	14	VALENTINES DAY
Thursday	Feb	16	Hiking
Monday	Feb	20	9 Hole Golf (Weather Permits)
MONDAY	FEB	20	PRESIDENTS DAY
Wednesday	Feb	22	Ash Wednesday
Thursday	Feb	23	Hiking
Wednesday	Feb	15	Bridge?
Monday	Feb	27	Board Meeting via ZOOM
Tuesday	Feb	28	Branch 47 Luncheon Meeting

NOVEMBER ATTENDANCE REPORT

Total Members	100
Members Present	63
Guests:	4

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

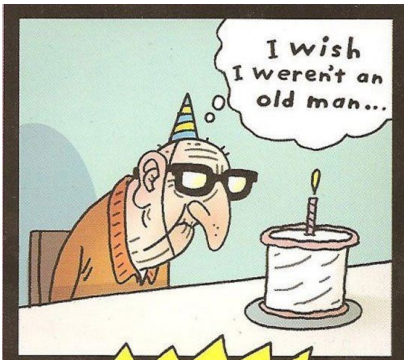
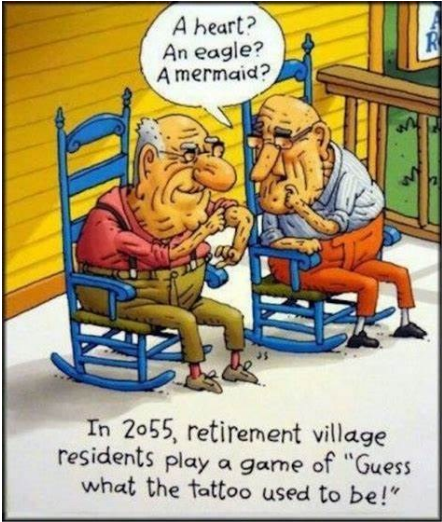
Summary:

Actives -	100
Gains:	1
Losses:	0

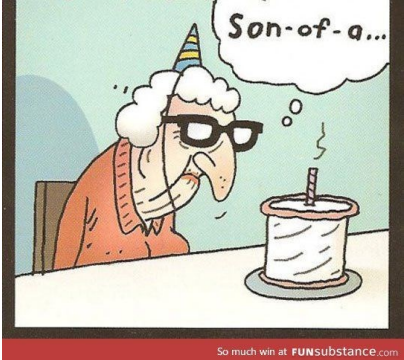
ESCOM

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:

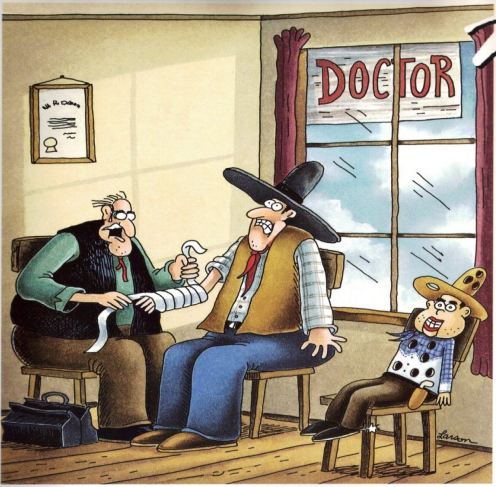
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POOF!



HUMOR



"You're gonna be OK, mister; but I can't say the same for your little buddy over there. ... The way I hear it, he's the one that mouthed off to them gunfighters in the first place."



"Do it again, Grandpa. Do it again!"

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"When you're retired, you'll have plenty of time to do more reading...mostly prescription labels."

