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TAMAL TALK

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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 eil to www.sirbranch47@gmail.com or <https://SIR47.ORG/EVENT CALENDAR>, .

By the time you receive this Tamal Talk, we will have had our February Luncheon and enjoyed our Speaker Marcus Combs who gave us a history of our Marin Headlands. He emphasized the importance of the headlands and its unique past. Each month we gather to enjoy each other's company over a good meal and to tell a joke or too, or to 'catch up' with our SIR friends. Because our February meeting falls on the very last day of the month, I'm writing this on 2/23 to meet the publishing deadline.

As you know we are in the process of merging with our fellow Branch 68. Your Merger Board has been working hard to make it a smooth transition. On Monday 2/20 we met and officially voted on several items that are required by the State SIR. The merger will officially occur on March 28th. The minutes of that meeting are published here in Tamal Talk, thanks to the diligent efforts of Alan Thomas our secretary and Ron Kosciusko our Tamal Talk editor/publisher. Give the minutes a good read and you will see how some things will be changing. Yes, in life, the only thing you can count on is change.

It is important to note that Branch 68 members did not need to register for lunch. We are planning a campaign to inform them of the registration process.

If you already know a transferring member, please help him (them) understand the process. It is vitally important for the restaurant to have an accurate count and number of each requested entrée. That is the only way we can control the luncheon costs.

Two members of Branch 68 will join our BEC. This will bring our BEC to 13 members for the remainder of 2023. The Merger Board will again meet on April 3rd to finalize the details. At that meeting, I anticipate the Merger Board will be dissolved and all powers will be returned to our combined Branch Executive Committee. So, what does this mean for our expanded branch? On April 25th we will hold our first luncheon together and we expect close to 100 or more members attending.

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(Big Sir Comments continued)

It is very important that each and every one of us open our arms to our 'new' fellow members of branch 47. Remember how it was when you first joined SIR or any group for the first time. Your sponsor introduced you around and in short order you began to feel more comfortable. At the April luncheon please make sure you circulate and introduce yourself to as many of the 'new' members as possible.

There will be several additional tables set and I would like to see every table have at least three guys from branch 68. Please try to see that it happens. Mix it up and meet some new faces. You will have a fun time getting to know some new guys and soon the BS will be flying as never before.

Please don't be surprised if you are asked to sit at a different table. For the first few luncheons, we will attempt to make the transition easy for the branch 68 members.

I know that they are genuinely pleased to join our branch and are looking forward to being active members in Branch 47. Our branches match up very well when it comes to activities and interests and they are our neighbors too.

Cheers,

Mark Bosch
Branch 47, Big SIR

SIR BR 47 BYO PICNIC

TUESDAY, July 11, 2023

From Noon to 2 pm @ Miwok Park in Novato

This is our summer Br 47 event. There is NO CHARGE for attending. Members, spouses and any guests are invited.

But we do need to know who is attending.

Please bring your own lunch, drinks, and utensils for your party. The costs for the park rental and incidentals are paid for by SIR BR 47. Table cloths, soft drinks, water and desert will be provided at no cost.

We have reserved the Trout BBQ Area @ Miwok Park for Br 47 members, spouses & other guests. Miwok Park in is Novato (*on Novato Blvd. between San Miguel Way & Eucalyptus*). There is limited parking in Miwok Park. However, you can park on Novato Blvd., or on San Miguel Way (from which you can also enter via the back of the Park).

You can enroll on line @ SIR47.org. Go onto Event Calendar or Special Events and make a reservation for you and your guest(s). Contact Tom Culhane @ marin49er@comcast.net or 415-310-0835 if you need help.



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MARCH 28th MENU ENTREES

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

- (1) Chicken Toscana with penne pomodoro**
- (2) Grilled Salmon with rice and vegetables**
- (3) Vegan Plate – Pesto Tortellini and vegetables**
- (4) Club Salad with Chicken**

BRANCH 47 MARCH 28th, 2023 SPEAKER

Speaker Name: Beth Johnson – Novato Chief Of Police

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

A Bay Area native with a 28-year career in law enforcement, starting out as a community service officer and then as a dispatcher before accepting a position as a police officer, Johnson has worked her way through the ranks specializing in investigations, field training, community policing, and youth outreach programs.

CARL DAWSON, LITTLE SIR

**Minutes of the Merger Board Meeting of SIR Branches 68 and 47
February 20, 2023**

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:

**Minutes of the Steering Committee Meeting of January 23, 2023
Branches 47/68 Agenda for meeting of February 20, 2023**

Meeting was called to order. All committee members were present.

Motion made and discussed to change the committee's name to Merger Board. Motion seconded and passed to refer to Steering Committee from this point as Merger Board. The Board's authority gives the respective BECs' votes as Merger Board full authority to made decisions for the new branch.

Motion made by committee member to approve minutes of Steering Committee Meeting of January 23, 2023. Motion seconded and carried.

Motions made, seconded and passed to change or retain features of the merged branch:

The newly created branch will continue as Tamalpais Branch No. 47, monthly meeting day to continue as Fourth Tuesday, meeting location to continue as McInnes Park Club Restaurant, 350 Smith Ranch Road, San Rafael.

December luncheon to be deleted as is the custom of Branch 47.

Retention of Alumni Members in accord with the custom of former Branch 68. Refer to addendum for details.

Former Branch 68 membership will be excused from paying 2023 annual dues as was determined by the per member value of transferred monies.

An expanded BEC will include former Branch 68 members Frank Luttringer and Bill McNichols. Since the former Branch 47 Board had not filled a Board vacancy for 2023, the additional BEC members will comprise thirteen members with no vacancy.

The newly merged branch will establish a new Board Executive Committee who will approve updated Form 20 to be sent to SIR State Secretary.

The newly formed branch will approve minutes resulting from the merger. Members from the newly formed branch will join board as Directors at Large.

March 27, 2023, is the scheduled date for the merger to be completed. The transfer of monies to Branch 47 Treasurer estimated to occur on March 21.

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(Merger Minutes continued)

It was voted and approved to restart in person BEC meetings at 10:00 am before each luncheon. The date for the first meeting of the newly established BEC will be April 25, 2023, 10:00 a.m. followed by the first luncheon of the two merged branches.

The newly established BEC will develop a list of activity chairmen to coordinate similar functions and to combine the official activities of the new branch.

The newly established BEC will approve and finalize the establishment of two Bocce groups. One group meeting weekly for competition comprised of members only and another group meeting monthly which will continue to be a co-ed group.

The next and final Merger Board meeting will be on April 3rd @10:30 via Zoom.

The normal Branch 47 BEC meeting will be in Zoom format on March 27th @10:30am

Adjournment took place at 11:48 a.m.

**Respectfully submitted,
Alan Thomas
Notetaker
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). 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 Mondays at Mcinnis Golf Park. First tee time is 9:00.weather permitting
Ron Dorville will be running the nine holes golf.
Ron's email is vethelo@icloud.com



Boots to Birdies Golf Fundraiser

Date / Time: April 24th at 9 AM PST

Location: Stonetree Golf Club, Novato, CA

Event: The event is an 18 hole, 72-player golf scramble tournament. During the event, teams of four will get to play on the gorgeous course, and we will serve breakfast, lunch, and drinks! In addition to two great meals, the tournament, and drinks, there will be a hole-in-one and longest drive competition!

At the event you will get to learn more about the nonprofit you are supporting through speeches from the individuals who founded it, as well as meet a group of other individuals devoted to empowering our veterans to achieve their dream education and employment! Boots to Books, the nonprofit being supported, provides competitive education and employment opportunities to our nation's veterans and their families through job-seeker skills training, including resume reviews and interview preparation, scholarships for textbooks and test preparation, technical trainings from Lean Six Sigma to Cybersecurity, and hiring fairs with the nations best companies. If you want to learn more about the nonprofit being supported, please visit boots2books.com, or email director@boots2books.com.

Opportunities to Get Involved: The event is looking for players who want to enjoy a day on the beautiful course, two meals, and a great time all to benefit our nation's veterans! Additionally, we are seeking event-day volunteers as well as sponsors! Companies can support our military community while gaining fantastic exposure as a supporter of our veterans, there are limited sponsorship slots remaining! If you are interested in sponsoring or playing, please go to boots2birdies.com, or contact director@boots2books.com. If you are interested in volunteering, email director@boots2books.com.

Looking for Players, Sponsors, and Volunteers!

Contact us with any questions!
director@boots2books.com

www.boots2birdies.com

9 Stone Tree Ln,
Novato, CA, 94945


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 Panfely	415 302-4391

BRANCH 47 BOCCE

BOCCE PLAYERS:

On the first Monday of each month, we are scheduled to eat at a restaurant @ 11:30 am with Bocce following @ the Margret Todd Center in Novato around 1 pm. The restaurants may vary, but on March 6 we will eat @ the Board Room in Novato @ 11:30 am.

If you are not on the bocce email list and want be put on our bocce email list contact Kurt Heilman, heilmanfour@comcast.net, or call Kurt @ 415-892-2460. Members, spouses and all guests are always invited.

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 MARCH

<u>BADGE#</u>	<u>LAST NAME</u>	<u>FIRST NAME</u>	<u>MO.</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>AGE</u>
15	APKARIAN	ARA	3	29	1932	91
2	HUSEN	HERB	3	13	1929	94
59	KUCHTA	DON	3	3	1932	91
76	LEVEQUE	TIM	3	16	1943	80
49	TERRIER	PIERRE	3	18	1938	85
84	VAIO	GEORGE	3	26	1938	83

ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Thursday	Mar	2	Hiking
Monday	Mar	6	BOCCE
Monday	Mar	6	Hole Golf (Weather Permits)
Thursday	Mar	9	Hiking
Friday	Mar	10	Investors' Lunch Bunch
SUNDAY	Mar	12	DAYLIGHT SAVINGS
Monday	Mar	13	9 Hole Golf (Weather Permits)
Wednesday	Mar	15	Bridge?
Thursday	Mar	16	Hiking
FRIDAY	Mar	17	St PATRICKS DAY
Monday	Mar	20	9 Hole Golf (Weather Permits)
Wednesday	Mar	22	RAMADAN BEGINS
Thursday	Mar	23	Hiking
Monday	Mar	27	Board Meeting via ZOOM
Tuesday	Mar	28	Branch 47 Luncheon Meeting
FRIDAY	Mar	31	CEASAR CHAVEZ DAY

FEBRUARY ATTENDANCE REPORT

Total Members	100
Members Present	66
Guests:	3
Visitors:	

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Summary:

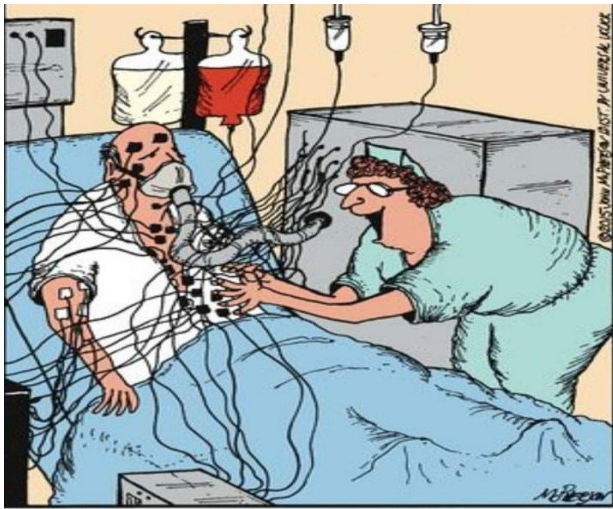
Actives -	100
Gains:	1
Losses:	0

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

HUMOR



"Sorry to be a nuisance, but I think my phone charger got mixed up in here somehow."



"I sometimes wonder if you hear one word I say!"



"When you review your retirement fund then wet your pants and cry — that's liquidity."



"Your pulse is very, very weak!"



"I don't want to worry you, but the guy who delivered the pizza was your financial planner."



"Your résumé is bloated with half-truths, false praise, exaggeration and unsubstantiated accomplishments. I'd like to hire you to write our Annual Report."