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TAMALPAIS BRANCH NO. 47

# 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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## 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](mailto:www.sirbranch47@gmail.com) or <https://SIR47.ORG/EVENT CALENDAR>, .**

It is official. The merger of Branch 68 and Branch 47 is complete. A hearty welcome to our brothers from branch 68. We look forward to our combined enjoyment of activities and special events. Our first special event will be the Bocce Tournament and Garden Party on June 13<sup>th</sup>. This is a popular event with excellent weather. Look for more information coming soon.

At our March Luncheon, The Novato Chief of Police, Beth Johnson gave us an overview of her department. The Chief also showed us some of the high-tech tools that the Novato Police Department can deploy. Her talk was followed by a question-and-answer session. Beth Johnson is a highly qualified officer and Novato is fortunate to have her as the Chief of Police.

A big welcome to our newest member Phil Hallstein.

On April 24<sup>th</sup>, there is a golf tournament at Stone Tree Golf Course which benefits the Boots to Books organization which provides services to veterans making the transition from active duty to civilian life.

To register google <https://boots-to-birdies-4402.perfectgolfevent.com/>

With the merger, we have enhanced our activities. The combined activities are listed in the Tamal Talk with the contact information. There are now more opportunities to have fun.

Our April 25<sup>th</sup> luncheon will be a celebration of the merger. Be sure to register and attend. Hope to see you there.

**Mark Bosch**  
**Big Sir Branch 47**

# 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](http://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](mailto:marin49er@comcast.net) or 415-310-0835 if you need help.

## **APRIL 25th MENU ENTREES**

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

**Pork Chop with Potato and vegetables**

**Grilled Salmon with Lemon butter sauce, rice and vegetables**

**Vegan Plate - Penne pomodoro and vegetables**

**Chicken Caesar Salad**

**JUST A REMINDER THAT IF YOU DO NOT CANCEL YOUR RESERVATION BY FRIDAY BEFORE THE LUNCHEON YOU WILL BE CHARGED AND EXPECTED TO PAY THE \$34 FEE**

## **BRANCH 47 APRIL 25th, 2023 SPEAKER**

**Speaker Name: NO SPEAKER THIS MONTH**

**IT'S GET ACQUAINTED TIME WITH OUR NEW MEMBERS**

**CARL DAWSON, LITTLE SIR**

## **SIR Branch 47 Board Meeting**

Tamalpais Branch  
Zoom Meeting from homes  
February 27, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Big Sir Mark Bosch. A quorum was determined to be logged in.

**Attendees:** Officers and Directors of 2023 Board were present as follows: Mark Bosch, Carl Dawson, Alan Thomas, Alan Lutsky, Bill Stewart, Mark Rudy, Eric Young, Rick Coburn, Marshall Gross and Ron Kosciusko. Bill Wickley was absent.

**Big SIR Report:** *Mark made reference to the progress of the Merger Committee and the Feb 20, 2023 minutes of the Merger Board meeting.*

Agenda for February 2023 meeting approved as presented.

**Motion made, seconded and passed to accept Board minutes for January 11, 2023.**

**Little SIR Report(Carl):** The program for February 28th will be a presentation by Marcus Combs on how the Headland protected and affected Marin. The speaker for March will be Novato's police chief Beth Johnson.

**Treasurer's Report(Bill):** Collection of annual dues will continue in February 2023.

Luncheon Dues \$34.00, Membership dues \$30.00.

**Membership Report(Rick):** There are presently 100 members in Branch 47.

**The Chinese New Year's celebration on 2-7-23 at Yet Wah was a huge success.**

### **Luncheon Checklist:**

Coordination with Eric Jansen (mgr of club restaurant): main room configured, minimum of 2 waiters and two bussers for 100+ attendees. If needed, use of an extra room along with an extra projector and screen to show the featured speaker.

Reservations (Rick & Ron) – 68 reservations have been made for the February luncheon. The majority of responses are now carried out through the website.

Speaker (Carl) prepared as per Little Sir

Greeter will be in place

Song lead: Words will be on screen

Birthday wine – bottles are ready for distribution

McInnis logistics – all is prepared and ready.

### **Old Business:**

Approved and voted by acclamation to accept 2 new BEC Directors Frank Luttringer and Bill McNichols from Branch 68. This will be effective for March BEC meeting.

Approved and voted by acclamation in order to recover costs from luncheon no shows. Starting in March a message on the web site will appear "**Unless the reservation is cancelled by Friday, you will be charged for it.**"

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.

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. There was a short discussion about possible contact made to former members who dropped due to opposition to then current waiver policy.

### **New Business:**

In person BEC meetings prior to the luncheon. This will commence on 4-25-23 @09:30 am at the McInnis Golf Center Cafe.

Planning the first Combined Branch Luncheon on April 25<sup>th</sup>.

Approved and voted by acclamation Picnic Funding not to exceed \$200.00

Big Sir recommended that starting in March each Board member call approximately 5 members of Branch 68 who regularly attend luncheons to help orient them to Branch 47. They will be strictly information guides and will never use the word "Sponsor."

**The meeting for February 27<sup>th</sup> was moved for adjournment at 11:54 am.**

**Respectfully submitted,  
Alan Lutsky  
Assistant Secretary**

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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 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](mailto: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 18 Hole Schedule on [https://sir47.org/activities/golf/2023 18 Hole Golf schedule](https://sir47.org/activities/golf/2023%2018%20Hole%20Golf%20schedule)**

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](mailto:Jlark57@yahoo.com) 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](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>
April 3		Hiddenbrooke	Monday 0800	TBD
April 10		Napa/Kennedy	Monday 0730	\$55
April 17		Eagle Vines	Monday 0730	\$52
April 24		Rooster Run	Monday 0700	\$55

**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](mailto: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](http://boots2books.com), or email [director@boots2books.com](mailto: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](http://boots2birdies.com), or contact [director@boots2books.com](mailto:director@boots2books.com). If you are interested in volunteering, email [director@boots2books.com](mailto:director@boots2books.com).

## Looking for Players, Sponsors, and Volunteers!

Contact us with any questions!  
[director@boots2books.com](mailto:director@boots2books.com)

[www.boots2birdies.com](http://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 Br 47 Bocce on 1st Monday April 3 lunch @ Mamita @ 11:30 am with Bocce following @ 1 pm @ Margret Todd Senior Center in Novato

If you are not on the bocce email list and want be put on our bocce email list contact Kurt Heilman, [heilmanfour@comcast.net](mailto: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](mailto:heilmanfour@comcast.net)

PS Please bring your bocce balls if you have them

**The Marin Bocce Federation**

My name is Robert Mc Laughlin and I was the Branch 68 bocce chairman.

There are seven bocce teams that play a Spring, a Summer and a Fall session - including a tournament at the end of each session.

The Marin Bocce Federation facility is located at 550 "B" Street in San Rafael.

To date; a contractor from Italy resurfaced two indoor courts, and six of the eight outdoor courts.

Rain has delayed the project and the start of the Spring session by one week. The Spring session will begin on Monday, April 3rd.

Each bocce team typically has six players in addition to a couple of alternate players. Currently three teams are interested in adding a regular or an alternate player to their team. Marin Bocce permits a two week grace period from the start of the bocce session to add an additional player.

The deadline to add an additional player to a team is Friday, April 14th. If a Branch 47 bocce player is interested in playing; please contact me at (415) 209-3609 or by e-mail at [b7o2b1@aol.com](mailto:b7o2b1@aol.com).



## 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.**

### BRANCH 47 & AREA 8 ACTIVITIES BRANCH 47 & AREA 8 ACTIVITIES BRANCH 47 & AREA 8 ACTIVITIES

Area Code 415

Bicycling	Jim Barden	Br 134 897-6537
Bocce Ball	Bob McLaughlin	Br 47 897-0639
Bowling	Roger Burstrem	Br 47 234-6018
Computers		
Digital Cameras	Art Costamagna	Br 47 456-7031
Fly Fishing ````	Bill Walker	Br 134 883-5780
Genealogy	Jeff Vailant	Br 134 897-7808
Golf - 18 Hole	Jim Larkin	Br 1 707 364-7225 (Cell)
Golf - 9 Hole	Ron Dorville	Br 47 612-4289
Great Books Club	Dick Locke	Br 134 897-1572
Hiking	Bill Long	Br 134 883-0261
Investors Lunch	Will Kaefer	`Br 47 927-1043
Men's Bridge	Bill Cline	Br 134 892-0209
Rolling Roamers (RV's)	Ray Canziani	Br 22 453-4463
Tennis	Robert Chandler	Br 47 464-7794
Travel	Jim Phelan	Br 47 472-2330
Vintage Cars	Joe Sauerland	Br 47 479-8442
Walking	Kent Dutrieux	Br 47 (510) 233-7421

### SIRs BIRTHDAY APRIL

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

T-144	Noren	John	4	1	1944	79
T-91	Thomas	Alan	4	7	1941	82
T-79	Nelson	Ronald	4	11	1944	79
T-136	Huettinger	Curt	4	12	1959	64
T-129	Crawford	Ray	4	12	1951	72
T-115	Young	Erick	4	18	1949	74
T-167	Zeiter	John	4	20	1935	88
T-67	Wickley	William	4	21	1940	83
T-120	Bodtker	Erik	4	25	1940	83
T-102	Chandler	Robert	4	26	1943	80
T-86	Davis	John	4	28	1946	77

#### ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Monday Apr 3 BOCCE  
 Monday Apr 3 18 Hole Golf  
 Monday Apr 3 9 Hole Golf (Weather Permits)  
**Wednesday Apr 5 Passover Begins**  
 Thursday Apr 6 Hiking  
**Friday Apr 7 Good Friday**  
**Sunday Apr 9 Easter**  
 Monday Apr 10 18 Hole Golf  
 Monday Apr 10 9 Hole Golf (Weather Permits)  
 Thursday Apr 13 Hiking  
**Thursday Apr 13 Passover Ends**  
 Friday Apr 14 Investors' Lunch Bunch  
 Monday Apr 17 18 Hole Golf  
 Monday Apr 17 9 Hole Golf (Weather Permits)  
 Wednesday Apr 19 Bridge?  
 Thursday Apr 20 Hiking  
**Wednesday Apr 22 Ramadan Ends**  
**Saturday Apr 22 Earth Day**  
 Monday Apr 24 9 Hole Golf (Weather Permits)  
 Monday Apr 24 18 Hole Golf  
**Monday Apr 24 Board Meeting via ZOOM**  
**Tuesday Apr 25 Branch 47 Luncheon Meeting**  
 Thursday Apr 27 Hiking

#### MARCH ATTENDANCE REPORT

Total Members	101
Members Present	68
Guests:	3
Visitors:	

#### MEMBERSHIP REPORT

##### Summary:

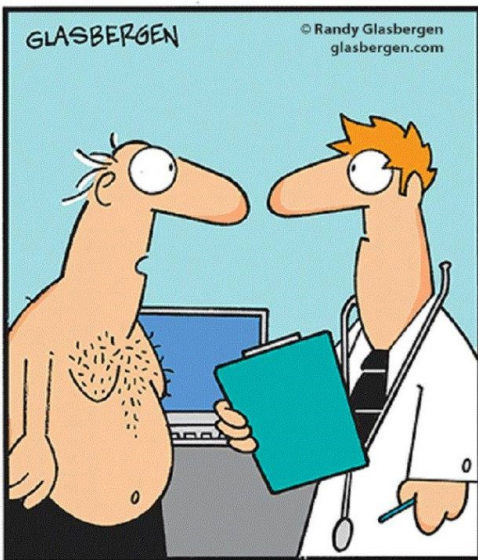
Actives -	101
Gains:	0
Losses:	0

#### 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



"Gravity has lowered my chest, my stomach and my butt. Why hasn't it lowered my cholesterol?!"

