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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@](http://www.sirbranch47.com)

Wow, what a great turnout to our first luncheon of the new Branch 47. On April 25th, over 100 guys enjoyed lunch while making new friends and sharing stories. It took a big effort to plan and execute such a large luncheon. I've received several positive comments and it was noted that there was a lot of energy in the room.

A special shout out to Carl Dawson (Little Sir), Rick Coburn (Membership), Kurt Heilman (Activities), Kent Dutrieux (Past Big Sir), Alan Thomas and Wayne Colyer (Music), and all of the activity and event chairmen.

We realize that there were a few mix-ups with reservations. The BEC is always looking at ways to improve the efficiency and accuracy of our online system. The good news is that approximately 83% of the reservations were made through our website. Thanks to Ron Kosciusko, Kent Dutrieux and Rick Colburn who are working to improve the system.

Our next luncheon is May 23rd. Our speaker is *Lynn Dawson* who will speak about Novato. The title is *Novato the Teenage Years*.

Our next big event is the bocce and garden party on June 13th which takes place at the Marin Bocce Federation courts in San Rafael. Roger Burstrem described how the courts were recently renovated by the experts from Italy. Look for another registration email that you can fill out and send or bring to the May luncheon. You can drop off your registration forms and payment at the event table next to the check-in table. This event is open to all members and guests who are 21 years and older.

You may ask, "Why do our luncheons and events require a reservation?"

ANSWER: The bottom line is money \$\$\$. We can no longer afford the luxury of guys not following the procedures. All SIR branches in Marin County are working on the same problems of no-shows and guys showing up without a reservation. McInnis Golf Club Restaurant and The Country Club Restaurant, where Branch 134 has their luncheons, require us to tell them exactly how many orders of each entrée to prepare. If the numbers are off, we lose money. Simple as that.

Since our luncheons are larger, starting this month (May), the deadline for reservations will be the 3rd THURSDAY OF THE MONTH AT 5:00 PM .

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We are planning to hold one or two more educational slide shows on how to register for events. Stay tuned or ask someone who knows how to do it. It will become more user friendly as the system is improved. Stay safe and healthy and I will see you on May 23rd.

Cheers,
Mark Bosch, Banch 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.

Garden / Bocce Party 2023

SIR Summer Bocce Gathering - 2nd Tuesday in June



Rose Garden



Includes 4 - 6 Courts,
SIR Instructors,
Box Lunch, Snacks,
Beverages.

Tea, Soda, Water

Wine & Beer

Only \$45

Guests of SIR members are welcome!

Choice of Four Boxed Lunches & Drink

**Please fill in the attached selection form with your contact info,
your lunch choice(s) plus drink selection and return with your payment.**

PBS Roger Burstrem, Bob McLaughlin & PBS Jim Phelan

will be collecting order forms & payment at our luncheons on April 25th & May 23rd

Date:

Tuesday, June 13, 2023

Time: 10 AM—2 PM

Location:

Marin Bocce Federation Courts
550 B St., San Rafael



Soft soled shoes or sneakers only on courts
No food or beverages on the courts

MAY 23 MENU ENTREES

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

Tri-Tip topped with balsamic onions, mashed potatoes and vegetables

Vegan Plate - Mushroom Risotto

Grilled Salmon mango papaya salsa with Rice and vegetables

Chicken Caesar Salad

JUST A REMINDER THAT IF YOU DO NOT CANCEL YOUR RESERVATION BY THURSDAY 5pm ,BEFORE THE LUNCHEON YOU WILL BE CHARGED AND EXPECTED TO PAY THE \$34 FEE

BRANCH 47 MAY 23rd, 2023 SPEAKER

Speaker Name: Lynn Dawson

Lynn Dawson attended Leadership Novato and their team created a film for the Novato Historical Guild entitled "Novato, The Teenage Years". It is a look at the growth of Novato between 1950 and 1970. Lynn will share the film with you as well as what went into the creation of the film. There will be some time to hear some of your memories of that time.

CARL DAWSON, LITTLE SIR

ANNIVERSARIES

T-109	Dauphin	Robert	Karen	5	5	1977	46
T-79	Nelson	Ronald	Tina	5	7	1994	29
T-114	Dorville	Ronald	Sue	5	9	1971	52
T-107	Shaw	Don	Tam	5	14	2016	7
T-103	Kaefer	William	Mary	5	17	1975	48
T-141	McLaughlin	Robert	Katharine	5	19	2012	11
T-92	Bitter	James	Elizabeth	5	24	2009	14
T-74	Addeo	Edmond	Jovita	5	28	1960	63
T-10	Griffin	Ken	Hildegard	5	30	1959	64

Didn't see your anniversary here? Send the date to Kent Dutrieux at kent.dutrieux@outlook.com (our Data Base Manager)

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 25th.

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 27th was moved for adjournment at 11:54 am.

**Respectfully submitted,
Alan Lutsky
Assistant Secretary**

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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 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 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
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>
May 1	Monday	Chardonnay	0806	\$50
May 8	Monday	Indian Valley	0830	\$56
May 15	Monday	Napa/Kennedy	0730	\$55
May 22	Monday	Petaluma CC	0830	\$55
May 29	NO GOLF	Memorial Day	*****	

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

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:

We play Bocce on the first Monday of each month. Our BR 47 Family bocce group is usually scheduled to eat @ 11:30 am @ Mamita 340 Ignacio Blvd. Novato. We will play bocce @ the Margret Todd Center in Novato around 1 pm. If you are on Kurt's bocce email list you will be advised of any changes in the schedule by email.

Let all know how many in your party will be eating lunch and/or playing bocce afterwards.

If you are not on the bocce email list and want to 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.

Verified Branch 47 and Area 8 Activities
(as of 4/21/2023 MAB)

Activity	Frequency	Chair	Email	Phone	Branch
18 Hole Golf	Monthly	Richard Seyler	rseyler41@gmail.com	415-479-6028	22
18 Hole Golf		Jim Larkin	JLARK57@YAHOO.COM	707-364-7225	134
9 Hole Golf	Weekly	Ron Dorville	vethelo@att.net	415-612-4289	47
Bocce (League)	Weekly	Bob McLaughlin	b7o2b1aol.com	415-897-0639	47
Bocce (Co-Ed)	1 st Monday	Kurt Heilman	heilmanfour@comcast.net	415-408-8489	47
Investors Lunch	2 nd Friday	Will Kaefer	willmary@pacbell.net	415-927-1043	47
Vintage Cars	Varies	Joe Sauerland	joesauerland@comcast.net	415-479-8442	47
Hiking/Walking	Thursdays	Jake Solomon	J_KSolomon@comcast.net	415-845-1645	47
Hiking		Bill Long		415-883-0261	134
Book swap	Monthly @ Luncheons	Pikk Pikkarainen Lonn Baldwin	pikkdata@sbcglobal.net lwaldwin@aol.com	415-454-3843 415-453-4295	47
Bridge member & couples	4 th Thursday	Bill Cline	wacline@comcast.net	415-892-0209	134
Genealogy	2 nd Thursday	Jeff Vailant	topspinut@yahoo.com	415-897-7808	134
Gardening	1 st Friday	Bill Walker	walker@gmail.com	415-883-5780	134
Foreign Policy	2 nd Wednesday	Bill Medigovich	billandky@comcast.net	415-827-1262	134
Military History	1 st Wednesday	Alan Dunham	alnberta@comcast.net	415-897-8886	134
Poker	After meeting	Jim Waltz	Geezer831-home@yahoo.com	415-408-8695	47
Tennis		Robert Chandler Bill Cline	robertchandler33@comcast.net not listed	415-464-7794 415-892-0209	47
Rolling Roamers (RV)		Ray Canziani		415-453-4463	22
Bowling*					
Bicycling (many use E-bikes)	Wed's @ 9:30 later coffee	Jim Barden	jbarden@aol.com	415-897-6537	134
Book Club	Wed	Dick Locke	rflocke@comcast.net	415-897-1572	134
Science Discussion Group	3rd Thursday @ 10:00 am	Don Pierce	Not listed	415-897-2701	134

Bowling League possibly for Fall '23 and Winter '24 - in Petaluma (Need to contact Branches 58 and 147 in Petaluma)

SIRs MAY BIRTHDAYS

<u>BADGE#</u>	<u>LAST NAME</u>	<u>FIRST NAME</u>	<u>MO.</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>AGE</u>
T-6	Brink	Austin	5	2	1942	81
T-142	McNicholas	William	5	4	1942	81
T-52	Linwood	Michael	5	4	1941	82
T-103	Kaefer	William	5	7	1943	80
T-162	Texeira	Edmund	5	9	1929	94
T-131	Hacker	Paul	5	14	1936	87
T-153	Sadasue	Hajime	5	17	1937	86
T-92	Bitter	James	5	17	1944	79
T-113	Simon	Roald	5	19	1953	70
T-147	Phelan	James	5	22	1938	85
T-39	Swanson	Jim	5	26	1948	75
T-9	Reizman	Victor	5	26	1938	85
T-43	Sawhney	Viney	5	30	1947	76
T-107	Shaw	Don	5	31	1941	82

APRIL ATTENDANCE REPORT

Total Members	169
Members Present	103
Guests:	3
Visitors:	

ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Monday	May	1	BOCCE
Monday	May	1	18 Hole Golf
Monday	May	1	9 Hole Golf (Weather Permits)
Thursday	May	4	Hiking
FRIDAY	May	5	CINCO de MAYO
Monday	May	8	18 Hole Golf
Monday	May	8	9 Hole Golf (Weather Permits)
Thursday	May	11	Hiking
Friday	May	12	Investors' Lunch Bunch
SUNDAY	MAY	14	MOTHER'S DAY
Monday	May	15	18 Hole Golf
Monday	May	15	9 Hole Golf (Weather Permits)
Wednesday	May	17	Bridge?
Thursday	May	18	Hiking
Monday	May	22	9 Hole Golf (Weather Permits)
Monday	May22	18	Hole Golf
Monday	May	23	Board Meeting 9:30 McINNIS
Tuesday	May	23	Branch 47 Luncheon Meeting
Thursday	May	25	Hiking
Monday	May	25	9 Hole golf (Weather permits)
Monday	May	25	18 Hole golf
MONDAY	May	29	MEMORIAL DAY

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Summary:

Actives -	169
Gains:	68
Losses:	0

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

HUMOR

