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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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# <u>BIG SIR'S MESSAGE</u>

You must make a reservation (RSVP) to attend our monthly luncheon. Please call our Lunch Line at (415) 881-7477or send an email to www.sirbranch47@gmail.com



April Fools Day. Did you get fooled, or did you do the fooling?

The best prank of all? In 1957, the BBC's Panorama said that with spring coming early, the Switzerland spaghetti harvest would be early too. They then showed women in the background who looked to be picking spaghetti from trees. Tons of viewers called the BBC to find out where they could buy spaghetti plants.

You know what is great about being part of SIR? It provides the opportunity for a bunch of guys to get together and talk and laugh. It is fun to listen to the crowd before each meeting and hear the talk and laughter. Providing the space for Companionship is one of the purposes of SIR.

Speaking of opportunities, your SIR State offered a SIR Branch Leadership Workshop in March. It was a chance for over 50 of the branches to send representatives to Lafayette to share their successes and failures. The workshop emphasized attracting new members, volunteer operations for SIRs, and the improved communication between State and the Branch. It also shared ideas of how to make each branch a more vital part of each member's lives. I came away appreciating the strong board that we have and the amount of leadership that we have in Branch 47. We are very fortunate. And thank you all.

I just want to remind you of all of the opportunities that you have coming up in the next few months. Blackhawk Museum on April 12th, Buck Institute on April 16th, Memorabilia Museum on May 13th, Bocce Garden Party on June 18th, Our Annual Picnic on July 16th and September has the Bay Cruise. Look for information in this Tamal Talk to sign up for these activities.

Have fun.

**Carl Dawson** 

Big SIR, Branch 47

# Little Sir Report Frank Luttringer

Thanks to all who attended our March luncheon. I am sure that we all learned new information about the early days of California living and mining. New Almaden is available on Amazon. I have requested contact information for anyone who wants to visit the New Almaden Museum and mines. I will list it in next month's report.



With the primary election in our past and the presidential election coming up in November, we are scheduled to hear from our local political reporter Dick Spotswood in April. He is known as "The Militant Centrist". He has chosen the topic of "The 2024 presidential campaign. How did we get here and how do we get ourselves out of this bottomless hole". What more can I say? You'll just have to be there to hear this presentation. More information on Dick Spotswood is available on the SIR47.org website under the Monthly Luncheon tab.

We still have room for more people to tour the Buck Institute for Research on Aging with us on April 16th at 11am. Spouses and friends are welcome, but they need to be on our list of attendees for that day. If you signed up at the March meeting and have not yet received an email update, please contact me at the email below to be sure you are on our list of attendees. I will be forwarding additional information via email.

Other upcoming topics will include updates from The Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority and The Buck Institute. We will also hear baseball stories about the San Francisco Giants from Eric Grey, Vietnam combat experiences from Phil Gioia author of Danger Close, and stories about the Fear of Flying from Kent Dutrieux. Most of our speakers are either recommended by one of our members or presented by one of our members, so keep up the good work. Let me know if there are topics that you might want to hear about or speakers that you would like to recommend. You can email me with your comments at Fluttringer1@gmail.com.

Frank Luttringer

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

# **Branch 47 Roster**

If you haven't had a chance to pick up the printed copy of the Branch 47 Membership Roster at the luncheons, please send an email to Erick Young, and he will mail one out to you.

The Roster has members' pictures and contact information and many find it useful for keeping in touch with other SIRs.

Erick Young erickt.young@gmail.com

# **APRIL LUNCHEON MENU**

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

Pork Chop with Potato and vegetables Grilled Salmon with llemon butter sauce, rice and vegetables Vegan Plate - Penne pomodoro and vegetables Chicken Caesar Salad



Big Sir presents the Super Senior Presidents award to Hubert Husen on his 95<sup>th</sup> birthday.

# **BRANCH BUSINESS**

SIR Branch 47 Board Meeting Tamalpais Branch In Person Meeting February 27, 2024

The BEC Meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Big Sir Carl Dawson. A quorum was determined to be present. Attendees: Officers and Directors of 2024 Board were present as follows: Carl Dawson, Frank Luttringer, Alan Lutsky, Bill Stewart, Charlie Panfely, Mark Bosch, Rick Coburn, Bill Wickley, Ron Kosciusko, Howard Foster. Absent were Bill McNicolas, Mark Rudy and Marshall Gross.

Motion made, seconded and passed to accept Board agenda for February 23, 2024 and minutes for BEC meeting of January 23, 2024.

Big Sir report incorporated into portions of these minutes.

Little SIR Report: Little Sir gave a report on speakers who will make presentations over the next few months. February speaker will be Jody Lewen president at Mount Tam College in San Quentin.

Upcoming speakers will include some history with Art Boudreault and Michael Boulland – The Story of the First Mining Community in California - mining mercury 2 years before the gold rush; some 2024 election politics as we hear Dick Spotwood, IJ columnist; and a wildfire update from Mark Brown, executive director of the Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority.

Treasurer's Report: Bill Stewart reported that treasury is in a status quo mode. January payments were submitted to the state. An "Update of Authorized Signatories for Bank Accounts" was submitted to US Bank, San Rafael.

Membership Report The number of members for Branch 47 now stands at 163. 102 attendees will be present for lunch on February 27th. There are 94 members, 2 speakers and 6 guests. Kurt Heilman will be presented a Distinguished Service Award, and 5 new members will be sworn in. Kent will do the honors. 17 people are not attending the luncheons.

There will be a Stop Date of 3-31 to pay dues. Treasurer will give list to Membership to remind the delinquents during April, afterwards they will be dropped. This was voted on by acclamation. New members will have a red dot affixed to their name tags for 3 months.

Old Business: A search is in progress for someone to maintain the Branch 47 web site. Numerous recommendations were made including looking at the COM for a student and recruiting existing members. A committee (Frank, Ron and Carl) was set up to explore setting up a new website. Buying a WordPress license will also be looked at. Alan Baker is the Sirs IT consultant.

New Business: Starting in May, after the luncheon there will be a new member orientation.

Carl will help set up a meeting of Big and Little Sirs in Marin. There will be a state meeting on March 15th.

A new recruiting and retention brochure was presented at the meeting.

Frank will organize a Buck Institute tour for 4-16-24.

Carl will look into getting officer's badges.

At the luncheon a poll will be taken to determine desirability of 18-hole golf.

A Bay Cruise organizer is needed. Several names were suggested.

Tom Culhane will organize the picnic on 7-16-24.

Will Kaefer will be contacted to find a copy of the Bylaws. They will be updated with the past 2 years of minutes.

With no further topics to be raised, it was moved, seconded and passed to adjourn meeting at 10:45 a.m. Next meeting is scheduled for March 26, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Lutsky, Secretary



SIR Branch Travel Chair Trips and News Milt Smith State Travel Chair <u>miltsmith549@gmail.com</u> 925-285-2897c

August 2023

**Best of Spain and Portugal April 27 – May 12. 2024. Branch 146. Cost \$7,895pp.** Madrid, Segovia, Porto, Lisbon, Seville, Gibraltar, Costa Del Sol, Alhambra, Valencia, Barcelona, round trip airfare, 15-day guided tour with Travel Director, 14 nights at centrally located 4star hotels, 5 dinners and 2 lunches including wine, all tips, transfers and baggage handling. Contact Glenn Breslin 925-288-6520 glennbreslin@gmail.com

Memorials of WWII Tour Sept. 6 – 15, 2024 Cost \$4,972pp dbl.Occ. London, Portsmouth, Paris, D-Day Museum, Landing R/T air, motor coach, ferry from England to France. 8 brkfst. 4 dinner. Contact Glenn Breslin 925-288-6520 glennbreslin@gmail.com

# Grand Circle River Trip Prague to Budapest 2024

Here is information about a river trip Prague to Budapest 11/6-11/20 2024, discounted by \$1000 if booked by 12/31/23; also pre and post trips are available, see below. I have attached a video at the end. Do not pay attention to those prices in the video the prices I have listed in the email body are correct for SIRs. Along with the group number etc.

This trip has an additional \$1000 off my listed prices if you book by December 31. So act now, If you have any questions call or email Milt Smith State Travel Chair. Br 146, 925-285-2897<u>miltsmith549@gmail.com</u>

Take a look let us know what you think. We can give you chapter and verse on shipboard life, cabins, weather, air etc. I am sending this to all SIRs statewide, we could get a large group. Also, excellent prices for solo travelers.

Dates: 11/6 thru 11/20 Pre-trip to Dresden and Berlin US departure date: 11/1/24 Pre-trip to Warsaw and Krakow US departure date: 11/1/24 Post-trip to Budapest return date: 11/23/24

Per person pricing, by cabin level: \$1000 OFF IF CONFIRMED BY 12/31/23 Serenade A: \$3995 Serenade B: \$3895 Sonata C: \$3795 Sonata D: \$3695 Cantata E: \$3595 Cantata F: \$3495 Prelude G: \$3395 Prelude H: \$3195

Air from SFO: \$1100

Dresden and Berlin: \$995 Warsaw and Krakow: \$1095 Budapest: \$745

#### TRAVEL CONTINUED

Bruce Scheibach of Br 58 in Petaluma set this up. He has 16 attendees now and can handle up to 30 attendees. So he is reaching out to other SIR Branches to join them. You need to make a \$300 deposit to secure attendance. Final payment is due May 20, 2024.

This looks like a great five day trip from July 23-27 that covers many great sights for only \$1,785/pp for a couple, or \$2,265 for a single. (Note: If you are a single and willing to share a room with another SIR, then the two of you only pay \$1785/pp). July 23-27 custom 5-day tour to Santa Barbara, Getty Museum, Catalina, Petersen Auto Museum, Griffith Park, Huntington Library & Gardens

Although we depart on the train from Emeryville and return five days later to the Santa Rosa airport, transportation will be provided to/from a San Rafael Park & Ride.

Sign up quickly if you want to be included. Also let me know if you are single and willing to share a room to obtain the lower price.

I will have handouts at our Tues March 26 luncheon that provide the details and application.

Cheers, Kurt Heilman

# **GOLF ACTIVITIES**

NINE HOLES (Weather Permitting)

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). If you are a member of a SIRs Branch and you wish to play 9 hole golf on Monday morning at McInnis contact coordinator, Jim Bitter, (jybitter@aol.com) or phone 415 388-7897. Players do not need a ghin number or golf handicap to play.

# EIGHTEEN HOLES Bill Willhelm -Bill@billbev.com 18 Hole Schedule for 2024 on WWW.SIR47,org

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 <u>Jlark57@yahoo.com-or</u>

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.

SIRS STATE GOLF WEBSITE-WWW.SIRGOLF.ORG

the 2024 Napa Golf Tournament sponsored by Branch's 35, 149 and SIR State Golf. The links below provide the announcement and registration form for our first State Golf tournament of the year to be held in April. I'd ask that you inform you members by sending out email blasts to your golfing members, placing this information in your March and April newsletters, providing flyer information at your golf tournaments and luncheons.

Any assistance you can provide will be greatly appreciated in helping to make this SIR event a great opportunity for all interested members to participate in.

The information on this event and other SIR golfing events can be found on the SIR State Golf website at <u>www.sirgolf.org</u>.

Ben Gikis, 2024 SIR State Golf Committee Chair https://sir47.org/



# 18 Hole Golf 2020 Season

Date	COURSE	Day Star	t Time	Comments
April 1	Chardonnay	Monday	08:06	\$50
April 8	Petaluma CC	Monday	08:30	TBD
April 15	Valley of the Moon	Monday	09:30	\$49
April 22	Eagle Vines	Monday	09:45	\$57
April 29	Indian Valley	Monday	08:30	\$57

# 9 Hole Golf at McInnis Park

We play on Mondays at Mcinnis Golf Park. First tee time is 9:30.weather permitting Jim Bitter will be running the nine holes golf. Jim's email is jybitter@aol.com

# **EXCLUSIVELY FOR:**

# STATE SIR SANCTIONED ACTIVITIES



# **Investors Lunch Bunch**

Join us on the second Friday of every month for lunch followed by an hour discussion on various investment topics such as current market conditions, specific investment strategies, market cycles, and specific investments (stocks, bonds, real estate, funds, ETFs, limited partnerships, options). This is not a traditional Investment Club. It's purpose is to share knowledge and experiences of managing investments. We encourage attendees to ask questions and share their knowledge. We have had discussions on Estate Planning, appropriateness of specific types of investments, investment performance calculation tools, laddering bonds, risk management, broker selection, various internet resources, and tax issues.

Our attendees collectively have broad experience and share their specific knowledge with the group. If you have limited investment experience this is a excellent resource to learn the basics and make you more fluent with financial terms and products. This knowledge is especially useful whether you manage your own investments or use an individual or firm to manage your finances.

Join us at 11:30 AM the second Friday every month at Sam's Place, Nave Shopping Center, 1545 South Novato Blvd. Novato, . We use their private room for our lunch and discussion. You can order any breakfast or lunch item on their extensive menu. You will receive a separate check. We will conclude promptly at 1:30. See link below for menu and directions <a href="http://www.samsplacenovato.com/index.html">http://www.samsplacenovato.com/index.html</a>

Will Kaefar, willmary@pacbell.net



1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday	Jake Solomon
2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday	Pierre Terrier
3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday	Al Springstead
4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday	Charlie Panfely
5 <sup>th</sup> Thursday	Rotation of leaders in the same order as above

# **BRANCH 47 FAMILY BOCCE**

# FAMILY BOCCE PLAYERS:

Our BR 47 Family plays non-competitive bocce on the first Monday of each month. In the colder winter weather, we eat first and play bocce afterwards. Usually, we eat @ 11:30 am at Mamita Cocina on 340 Ignacio Blvd. and play bocce around @ 1 pm at the Margret Todd Senior Center in Novato. In the warmer weather, we play bocce first @ 10 am, and eat afterwards at Mamita Cocina @ noon.

If you are on Kurt's bocce email list, you will advised of any changes in the schedule by email. If you are <u>not</u> on the bocce email list and want be included on our bocce email list, contact Kurt Heilman at <u>heil-manfour@comcast.net</u>, or call Kurt @ 415-892-2460. Members, spouses and all guests are invited.

PS. There is no charge for playing bocce, but we do ask you to bring your bocce balls if you have them.

Cheers,

Kurt Heilman

# **BRIDGE GROUP**

Br 47 BRIDGE GROUP. Future bridge games have not been determined, but likely be at a rotating host's home. If you would like to play bridge, contact Kurt Heilman (heilmanfour@comcast.net) directly. Also he will put you on the bridge email list of players.

#### ACTIVITIES CONTINUED

# Pickle Ball -

Pickleball now has a fixed schedule. We will play on the Third Monday of the Month at the Margaret Todd Recreation Center in Novato at 2 pm. The Novato courts have six dedicated pickle ball courts.

Please see the video on pickle ball basics on YouTube if you are not experienced before you come to play

Please bring your paddles and pickle balls and wear court shoes.

#### Car Enthusiasts -UPCOMING VISIT TO THE BLACKHAWK MUSEUM

Our Branch 47 Car Enthusiasts group will be visiting the Blackhawk Museum in Danville, on Friday April 12. You, your spouse, and guests are invited to join the car enthusiasts for this outing. The tour begins at 10:30 AM, and includes a docent led tour of both the Classic Car, and Spirit of the Old West exhibits. Cost is \$15.00 per person. For more information or to sign up please contact Joe Sauerland at joesauerland@comcast.net or 415-479-8442.

Our Car Enthusiasts group meets for lunch on the third Tuesday of each month at Sam's Place Restaurant, 1545 South Novato Blvd., Novato. Meetings begin at 11:30 AM. If you enjoy automobile related activities, automotive memorabilia, car museum tours. etc., then the car enthusiasts group is for you. Spouses and guests are always welcome. Contact Joe at joesauerland@comcast.net or one of the other group members for additional information.

# Federation Bocce

SR Branch 47 Bocce Report

# March 31, 2024

League play resumed the week of March 18th and all SIR teams are continuing to participate. The rosters for the SIR teams cannot be added to for the Spring league after the 3rd week of play which is the week of April 1st. However if any branch member who is not already on a team as a regular player or a substitute would like to play in either the Summer or Fall league, please let me know and I will let our team captains know of your availability.

Jack Friesen

Temporary bocce chair

# <u>POKER</u>

After the Branch meeting. If interested in the poker group, call Jim Waltz, Geezer831-home@yahoo.com or call 415-408-8695

# BRANCH 47 WINE TASTING

Contact Kurt (heilmanfour@comcast.net) or Erick (erickt.young@gmail.com).

#### Verified Branch 47 and Area 8 Activities (as of 2/29/2024)

Activity	Frequency	Chair	Email	Phone	Branch
18 Hole Golf	Twice Monthly	Bill Wilhelm	Bill@billandbev.com	415-479-6028	22
18 Hole Golf		Jim Larkin	jlark57@yahoo.com	707-766-8402	134
9 Hole Golf	Weekly	Jim Bitter	jybitter@aol.com	415-388-7897	47
Bocce (League)	Weekly	Jack Friesen	friesenjack7walter@aol.com	415-491-1086	47
Bocce (Co-Ed)	1 <sup>st</sup> Monday	Kurt Heilman	heilmanfour@comcast.net	415-408-8489	47
Investors Lunch	2 <sup>nd</sup> 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	4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday	Jim Gloystein	jimg@gloyboy.com	415-717-3163	134
Book Swap	Monthly at Luncheons	Pikk Pikkarainen Lon Baldwin	pikkdata@sbcglobal.net lwbaldwin@aol.com	415-454-3843 415-453-4295	47
Bridge Member & Couples	4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday	Bill Cline	wacline@comcast.net	415-892-0209	134
Genealogy	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday	Jeff Vailant	topspinut@yahoo.com	415-897-7808	134
Gardening	Inactive	Bob Mauceli	bmauceli@comcast.net	585-734-3856	134
Foreign Policy	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday	Bill Medigovich	billandky@comcast.net	415-827-1262	134
Military Histo- ry	1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday	Alan Dunham	alnberta@comcast.net	415-897-8886	134
Poker	After Luncheon	Jim Waltz	geezer831-home@yahoo.com	415-408-8695	47
Tennis		Robert Chandler	robertchandler33@comcast.net	415-464-7794	47
		Bill Cline	wacline@comcast.net	415-892-0209	134
Bowling	Possible in 2024				
Bicycling (incl. E-bikes)	Wednesday @9:30 Later Coffee	Jim Barden	jbarden@aol.com	415-897-6537	134
Book Club	Wednesday	Dick Locke	rflocke@comcast.net	415-897-1572	134
Science Discus- sion Group	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday @ 10:00 am	Don Pierce	Not listed	415-897-2701	134

# APRIL SIR BIRTHDAYS

Name	Birth Date	Age
John , Noren	4/1/1944	80
Alan, Thomas	4/7/1941	83
Donald , Drummond	4/7/1946	78
Ronald , Nelson	4/11/1944	80
Curt , Huettinger	4/12/1959	65
Ray , Crawford	4/12/1951	73
Erick , Young	4/18/1949	75
Marshall, Jainchill	4/19/1947	77
John , Zeiter	4/20/1935	89
William , Wickley	4/21/1940	84
Erik , Bodtker	4/25/1940	84
Robert , Chandler	4/26/1943	81
John , Davis	4/28/1946	78

APRIL	SIR	ANN	VERS	ARIES

Name Anniversary	Date	Years
Shelby & Marshall Gross	4/2/1967	57
Marj & John Robinson	4/10/1962	62
Carol & Charles Salinas	4/10/1971	53
Rosemarie & Laszlo Folk	4/11/1964	60
Ellen & Bruce Hall	4/15/1967	57
Nasrin & Farzad Ghazzagh	4/20/1985	39
Arlene & Roger Burstrem	4/27/1974	50
Diana Sanborn & Arthur Bou-		
dreault	4/27/2012	12

#### **ACTIVITY SCHEDULE**

Monday	Apr	1	BOCCE
Monday	Apr	1	9 Hole Golf (Weather Permits)
Thursday	Apr	4	Hiking
Monday	Apr	8	9 Hole Golf (Weather Permits)
Monday	Apr	8	TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE
TUESDAY	Apr	9	RAMADAN ENDS
TUESDAY	Apr	9	Eid al-Fidr begins
Thursday	Apr	11	Hiking
Friday	Apr	12	Investors' Lunch Bunch
Friday	Apr	12	Car Enthusists Blackhawk Mus
MONDAY	APR	15	TAX DAY
Monday	Apr	15	PickleBall
Monday	Apr	15	9 Hole Golf (Weather Permits)
Tuesday	Apr	16	Buck Institue
Wednesday	y Apr	17	Car Enthusiasts
Thursday	Apr	18	Hiking
MONDAY	Apr	22	PASSOVER BEGINS
Monday	Apr	22	9 Hole Golf (Weather Permits)
MONDAY	APR	22	EARTH DAY
Tuesday	Apr	23	Board Meeting 9:30 McINNIS
Tuesday	Apr	23	Branch 47 Luncheon Meeting
Tuesday	Apr	23	Poker after Branch Meeting
Thursday	Apr	25	Hiking
Monday	Apr	29	9 Hole Golf (Weather Permits)

# MARCH LUNCH ATTENDANCE REPORT

<b>Total Members</b>	175
Members Present	93
Guests:	2
Visitors:	2

MARCH MEMBERSHIP REPORT				
Summary:				
Actives -	175			
Alumni	20			
Gains:	2			
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/

# <u>HUMOR</u>



"Not what I meant when I said, 'You're the mortician, work your magic."



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