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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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## TAMALPAIS BRANCH NO. 47

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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](mailto:www.sirbranch47@gmail.com)**



Welcome to August, which was named after Augustus Caesar, the first emperor of the Roman Empire. It was originally 30 days in length, but an extra day was added so that it would equal the number of days in July, which was named after Julius Caesar. Now you know why there are two 31-day months in a row. Also, there is no other month that begins on the same day of the week as August, except in a leap year.

August is also known for its disasters: Pompeii in Italy was destroyed by a catastrophic volcanic eruption in 79 AD. Hurricane Andrew was the costliest disaster in United States History. The German Blitz began in London in August. Also, atomic bombs were dropped on 2 Japanese cities in August.

Speaking of disasters. The State governing body of SIR held a Town Hall Zoom meeting on June 26th to announce several changes that they wish to put in effect for the entire SIR organization. The reason stated for these changes is the continued decline of membership in the SIR organization. They are proposing to:

1. Change the name of the Organization
2. Change the Big and Little Sir to President and Vice-President
3. Change the Mission Statement and Logo
4. Rename Branches as "Chapters"
5. Eliminate the word "Retirement" from the organization
6. Change the By-Laws to include gender neutrality
7. Reorganize as a non-profit under the provisions of Internal Revenue Code §501(c)(3)

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(Big Sir comments continued)

We have placed 4 items on the SIR 47 Website (SIR47.org) under the following link : Web page link is [SIR State Suggests Changes \(sir47.org\)](https://sir47.org/sir-state-suggests-changes/) text to put in browser <https://sir47.org/sir-state-suggests-changes/>

Menu choice is SIR Resources, State Suggest Changes

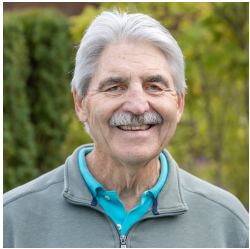
These include the Town Hall Summary, an opposition letter from SIR Branches 84 and 110, an individual proponent's letter and the response from your Branch 47 Executive Committee. Our hope is that State will survey the individual members, and you will have some information to make an informed decision. : The response letter from SIR 47 is also included in this Tamal Talk.

A big thanks goes out to Tom Culhane for organizing the annual SIR 47 picnic in July that was held at Miwok Park in Novato. Though the crowd was not large, it was a fun time had by all.

The Bay Cruise is coming up on September 21st for your entire family. Contact Doug Twitchell, [twitchellcd@comcast.net](mailto:twitchellcd@comcast.net), to confirm whether you are going. It is only \$20 for a 2-hour cruise under the Golden Gate Bridge. September usually has beautiful weather.

Thanks to all of you who have brought guests and new members to our Branch recently. Though the State has said that membership loss is a big reason to be making all the changes, we at Branch 47 have done a great job of maintaining and growing our membership. Keep that in mind as you talk to your friends and neighbors about the benefits of belonging to SIR.

Carl Dawson  
Big SIR, Branch 47



### Little Sir Report Frank Luttringer

I'll bet you didn't know how much we could learn from small worms that may someday allow us to live longer and better. Dr Bijoya Sen certainly explained the research well and I hope you all enjoyed hearing her presentation. Sorry about the sound for the video. We will keep working on solutions to solve the video sound issues. If you have interest in Visiting the Buck

Institute, here is the link: <https://www.buckinstitute.org/visit-us/>. If you would like us to arrange another group SIR visit to the Buck Institute, let me know and I will try to set something up for us.

Our August speaker will be Ted Gaebler (member of SIRs Branch 47) who will discuss "How to run a local government for fun and profit!" You can check out the SIR47.org website for details about Ted and his talk.

September brings us Phil Gioia author of "Danger Close!: A Vietnam Memoir" which will give us a boots-on-the-ground perspective of a young officer who served two tours in Vietnam.

October will take us to the bottom of the ocean with personal accounts of Tony Probst's visits to the Bounty lying on the ocean floor. The year finishes out with Kent Dutrieux who will keep us up in the air with his Fear of Flying presentation.

See you all next month.

You can email me with your comments at [Fluttringer1@gmail.com](mailto:Fluttringer1@gmail.com).

Frank Luttringer  
BRANCH 47 , Little Sir

## Branch 47 Luncheon August 27<sup>th</sup>

### **August Speaker: August Topic: How to run a local government for fun and profit!**

Ted Gaebler has been a member of SIRS branch 47 for three years. He is an internationally recognized authority on new approaches to government management and he has been changing governments for more than 50 years.

Mr. Gaebler is the co-author of the best-selling book “Reinventing Government,” which explores transforming governments from outdated, bureaucratic organizations, to flexible, customer-focused organizations. Ted’s book was translated into 23 languages and has sold more copies than any other book about government management. The successful practices in his book have been used throughout the world in helping local, state, and national governments rethink their roles in modern society and their means of providing governmental services.

There are 91,000 local governments in the USA and 4,494 local governments in California. They all have elected officials and the power to tax. Some have seasoned professional management. Some have leading edge entrepreneurial managers. They could use your help and support. Ted will be exploring questions like “WHAT IS GOOD GOVERNMENT?” and “HOW WILL WE KNOW ONE WHEN WE SEE GOOD GOVERNMENT?”. You will be shocked and proud to learn about how good governments can be managed.

Ted has a long history in government management. He started his government career in Vandalia, Ohio in 1972 as City Manager. He moved on to the City Manager position in Visalia, California and in 1985 was appointed to the City Manager role in San Rafael, California. In Nevada County, California he served as CEO and was the first appointed City Manager of Rancho Cordova where he served for 11 years. He led the new City of Rancho Cordova to become an All-America City in 2010, and to be selected in Fortune magazine’s Great Places to Work list (the first city government to ever make the list).

Mr. Gaebler graduated from Miami University in Ohio before earning his Master’s Degree in Government Administration from the University of Pennsylvania’s Wharton Graduate School of Business (Fels Institute of Government).

He and his wife, Bonne, reside at Villa Marin in San Rafael.

### **Menu Choices for this month are:**

- (1) Pork Roast and warm potato salad
- (2) Grilled Salmon mango papaya salsa with Rice and vegetables
- (3) Vegan Plate- Pesto Tortellini and vegetables
- (4) Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad

[Sign up at SIR47.ORG](http://SIR47.ORG)

## 2024 BYOL Picnic in Novato

Just another beautiful day in paradise. Tuesday July 16 was 72 degrees, and the sun was out. After finishing a couple of weeks of above average heat the SIR Branch 47 Bring Your Own Lunch Picnic fell on the best of days.

The group was somewhere between 20 and 30 people and the setting was the Trout BBQ area at Miwok Park on the edge of Novato. The group was very talkative, and we had a great time exchanging stories and events. Everyone brought their own lunch however drinks and dessert were provided.

This was a great couple of hours in a beautiful setting with good friends. We hope you can make it out next year and enjoy the fun with us. Tom Culhane is to be commended on a great job of putting this together.



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**The Branch 47 Board is looking for a Newsletter Editor and publisher as Ron Kosciusko is retiring from that post as of December 31st. Interested parties should contact Big Sir Carl Dawson.**

### **Bicycle ??**

**If you still ride a bike You might like to join me for a weekly ride on Tuesday or Wednesday, about 9:30 am. Mostly paved roads or bike paths, flat to short moderate slopes, relatively safe routes, distance about 8-12 miles. Examples: China camp loop, Tiburon loop, Rustic Bakery through Tunnel, bike path to San Rafael and San Anselmo and then route back to the bakery.**

**Contact George at [pikkdata@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pikkdata@sbcglobal.net)**



# San Francisco Bay Cruise From Tiburon

- **Date:** Saturday 21 September
- **Cruise Time:** 6:30 pm departure / 8:30 pm return. You should plan on arriving around 6

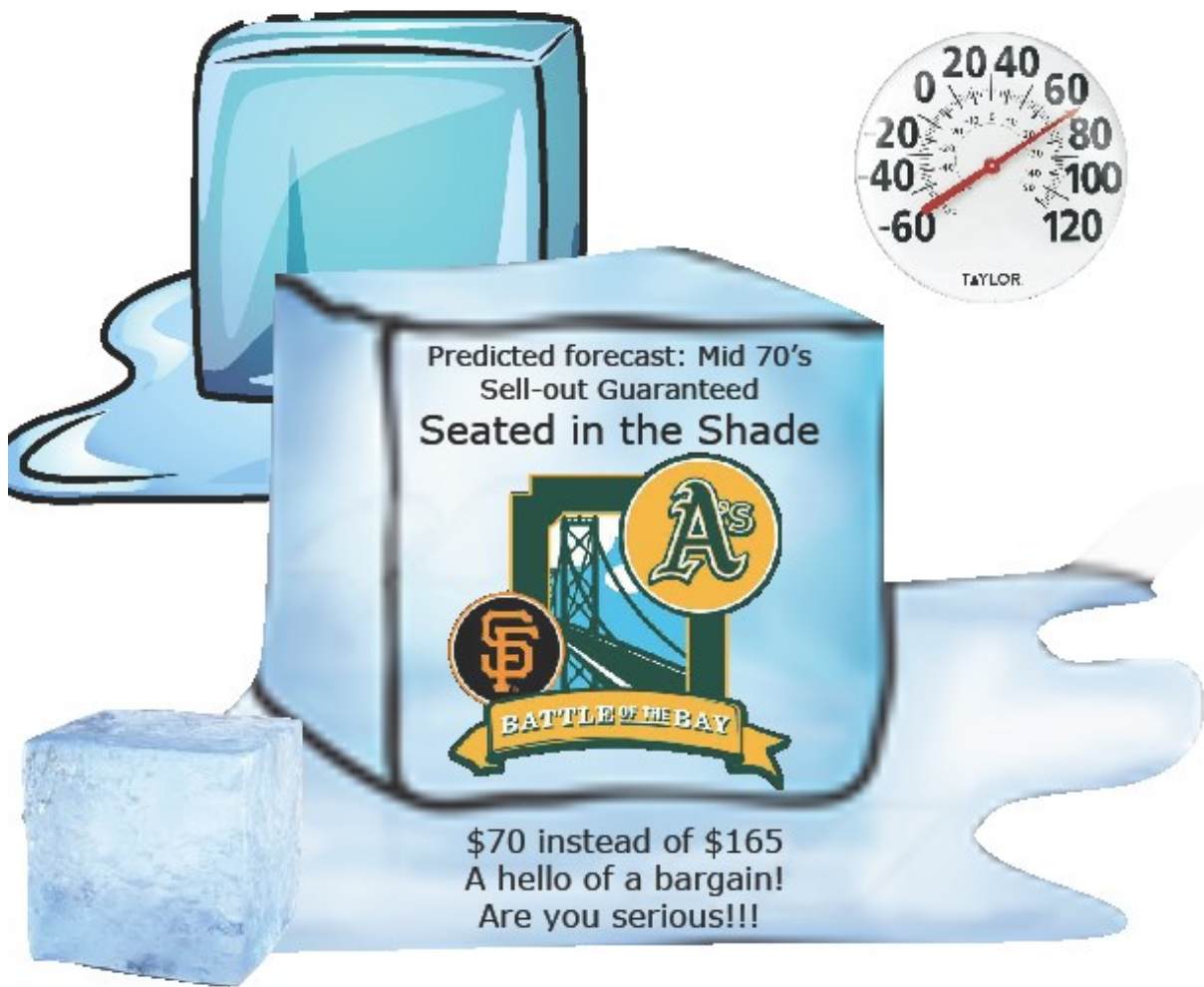
pm to allow for parking.

- **Location:** Tiburon Angel Island ferry dock in Tiburon - next to Sam's restaurant on the waterfront.
- **Cruise details:** Will cruise the SF Bay / go under the GG Bridge / go along the SF waterfront / past Alcatraz / under the Bay Bridge / back around Angel Island / return to Tiburon. Bring your own box lunch and drinks.
- **Cost** is \$20 each if we have reservations for 15 or more adults. Children 6-12 are \$15 and under 6 are \$5
- **Payment:** Make checks payable to SIR Branch #47.
- **Reservation Deadline:** Would like to have our reservations finalized by the end of July.

• **Questions:** Contact Doug Twitchell 415.320.9499 (phone or text) or to [TwitchellCD@comcast.net](mailto:TwitchellCD@comcast.net). Or enroll online at [www.sir47.org](http://www.sir47.org) or paste this in your Browser..

<https://sir47.org/event/san-francisco-bay-cruise/>

- **Let's have a big crowd there. It is a beautiful cruise!**



**Bay Bridge Series—SIR Day at the Ball Park—End of an Era  
Oakland A's hosting San Francisco Giants—8/18/24—1pm  
Coliseum—Field Level—Shaded Area—Section 105R**

Mail \$70 check made out to Lee Moy, 127 N. Helm Ave., Clovis, CA 93612  
Include a returned addressed & stamped envelope; include your phone# & e-mail address.





**June 2024**

**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 Branch 146 925-288-6520 [glennbreslin@gmail.com](mailto:glennbreslin@gmail.com)**

**Venice & Croatian Islands Cruise Sept. 30 – Oct. 12 '24 cost approx. \$6,645 - \$7,145pp. depending on cabin.** Highlights: 2 nights hotel each in Venice and Rijeka. 7 night cruise of the Croatian Islands Venice, Murano Island, Collio Wine Region, Hum, Olive Oil tasting, Farm to table dinner, Sailing through Kornati National Park and more. **Contact Bill Britton Branch 101, 925-200-1062 [bill.britton@comcast.net](mailto:bill.britton@comcast.net)**

**Fall Mexican Riviera Getaway Oct. 15 – 26, '24 11 Days. Branch 98 Cost \$844 - \$944 - \$1074 - \$1424 - \$6083pp. depending on cabin.** Highlights: Departs from and returns to San Francisco, ports of call Cabo San Lucas, Mazatlán, Puerto Vallarta, Manzanillo. **Contact Katherine Gervais Branch 98. 916-337-1623 [Kathig@shipsandtrips.com](mailto:Kathig@shipsandtrips.com)**

**Prague to Budapest River Trip November Dates: 11/6/24 thru 11/20/24 Cabin Prices Range from \$3195-\$3995 Air from SFO: \$1100. Ports and cities:** Prague, Linz, Krems, Vienna, Bratislava, Budapest. **11/23/24 Dresden and Berlin: \$995pp PRE-TRIPM - Warsaw and Krakow: \$1095 PRE-TRIP. Budapest: \$745 POSTTRIP. Contact Milt Smith 925-258-2897 ASAP for more info. [miltsmith549@gmail.com](mailto:miltsmith549@gmail.com) or book directly Group Code G4-23630 call 1-800-221-2610**

**Panama Canal Cruise San Francisco to Ft. Lauderdale. Jan. 20 – Feb. 5, 2025 17 days. Cost from \$4,185 - \$6,295 depending on cabin choice.** Ports of Call: Puerto Vallarta Mexico, Puerto Quetzal Guatemala, Puntarenas Costa Rica, Fuerte Amador Panama, Full Transit through the historic locks, and Cartagena Columbia. Includes transfers from Modesto to Port of San Francisco and airfare from Ft. Lauderdale to Sacramento. For more information **contact John Cordoza 209-483-7722 [johncordoza@hotmail.com](mailto:johncordoza@hotmail.com) Branch 143**

**29 Day Northern Lights Grand Adventure South Hampton (London) to Ft. Lauderdale Sept. 27 – Oct. 26 2025. Prices range from \$3797 - \$8264 pp. depending on cabin.** Is seeing the Northern Lights and visiting Norway on your bucket list? This is the trip for you join us on the Emerald Princess for a 29-day cruise. Five stops in Norway, additional stops in France and Spain. Additional costs, airfare, trip insurance & \$285 port taxes. **Contact [kathig@shipsandtrips.com](mailto:kathig@shipsandtrips.com)**



## BRANCH BUSINESS



Branch 47- Tamalpais

July 29, 2024

SIR State Board and Executives

Gentlemen,

The Executive Committee of Branch 47 has reviewed and discussed the proposed initiatives that were presented during the Zoom meeting of 6/26/24. Our Big and Little Sirs were present for the Zoom meeting, and we are very concerned that many initiatives such as the name change seem to be moving forward without additional input and agreement from the many branches and members throughout the state. These initiatives if implemented would change the core of SIRs as we know it and result in the immediate loss of many of our current members. We are a retired men's social group who want nothing more than new friends, fun, fellowship, and activities such as our luncheons, Bocce Ball, and golf outings. Our new members come primarily through word of mouth, although some marketing to let the community know we exist is ok. We want minimal rules and easy management simply to administer the activities that our branch enjoys while keeping costs and management time as low as possible.

Branch 84 and 110 forwarded us a letter that lists the initiatives being considered as follows (We have added our comments):

1. Changing the Mission Statement and Logo – **Our mission statement is simple and complete. “The Mission of SIR is to enrich the lives of our members through fun activities and events – while making friends for life”.**
2. Changing the name of the Organization – **SIRs has name recognition from our organization since 1958 which would be lost with a name change**
3. Relabeling Branches as “Chapters” - **This change would require a revision of existing information so the work and cost required would need to be justified.**
4. Eliminating the word “Retirement”- **We already eliminated the word retirement when we changed the logo to “Social activities for men”**
5. Changing the names of the Big and Little Sir to President and Vice-President – **This change would require revision of existing information so the work and cost required would need to be justified.**
6. Changing the By-Laws to include gender neutrality. – **This change was considered in the past couple of years and soundly defeated**
7. Reorganizing as a non-profit under the provisions of Internal Revenue Code §501(c)(3).- **A 501(c)(3) is defined as a nonprofit charitable organization that can have a very specific list of purposes. Our only purpose is fun and fellowship which is not the type of organization that fits under the 501(c)(3) umbrella. We do not need the extra charitable service requirements and donation tracking that come with a change to 501(c)(3).**
8. Adding paid management in the form of an executive director, a marketing firm, or an information technology firm. - **This change would add costs for all members reaping minimal rewards. We should keep management as simple as possible to allow volunteers to complete the needed activities.**

These initiatives are being considered to shore up the declining membership with the goal of bringing in younger members even if they are not yet retired and making activities more attractive to working people. We do not agree with this proposed approach. Instead, we agree with the statements made in the letter provided by branches 84 and 110. The members that we have talked to like SIRs as it currently exists, and any change should be slow and by the consensus of branches and members.

If change is needed, the “Summary from ChatGPT” 6 item action list is a good place to start. Any changes should begin with items **2. Conduct member surveys, 3. Increase communication, 5. Training programs, and 6. Advertise and recruit** before starting any of the pathways to the changes.

**PLEASE STOP** any implementation of initiatives or changes until each branch has an opportunity to vote on each of the initiatives proposed. Implementation without agreement will result in significant loss of membership.  
Sincerely,

Branch 47 Executive Committee - Carl Dawson, Frank Luttringer, Alan Lutsky, Charlie Panfely, Mark Rudy, Rick Coburn, Bill Wickley, Ron Kosciusko, Marshall Gross, Mark Bosch, Bill Stewart, Bill McNicholas, Howard Foster

## 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](mailto:jybitter@aol.com)) or phone 415 388-7897. . Players do not need a ghin number or golf handicap to play.

EIGHTEEN HOLES **Bill Wilhelm -[Bill@billbev.com](mailto:Bill@billbev.com)** 18 Hole Schedule for 2024 on [WWW.SIR47.org](http://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 Jim Larkin, Branch 134 Golf Chairman at [Jlark57@yahoo.com-or](mailto:Jlark57@yahoo.com-or)

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](http://WWW.SIRGOLF.ORG)

The information on other SIR golfing events can be found on the SIR State Golf website at [www.sirgolf.org](http://www.sirgolf.org).

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



### 18 Hole Golf 2024 Season

<i>Date</i>	<i>COURSE</i>	<i>Start Time</i>	<i>Comments</i>
August 5	Chardonnay	0806	\$50
August 12	Petaluma CC	0830	TBD
August 19	Foxtail North	0800	\$47
August 26	Rooster Run	0730	\$56

### 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](mailto:jybitter@aol.com)



## 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 an 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 <http://www.samsplacenovato.com/index.html>

Will Kaefar, [willmary@pacbell.net](mailto:willmary@pacbell.net)



### THURSDAY 09:45 WALKING/HIKING GROUP

1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday	Jake Solomon	415-472-3069
2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday	Mark Rudy	415-924-4219
3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday	Al Springstead	415-250-3808
4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday	Charlie Panfely	415-302-4391
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 be advised of any changes in the schedule by email. If you are not on the bocce email list and want to be included on our bocce email list, contact Kurt Heilman at [heilmanfour@comcast.net](mailto:heilmanfour@comcast.net), 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](mailto: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

Our Car Enthusiasts group will be visiting the San Rafael based World War II Vehicle Museum this October. All SIRs, spouses, and friends are invited to attend. The minimum number of attendees necessary to secure the tour is 50, so there's plenty of room for everyone. We'll be doing sign-ups at the August and September SIR luncheons, or you can email Joe Sauerland at [joesauerland@comcast.net](mailto:joesauerland@comcast.net) if you'll be attending. The museum contains a large selection of World War II tanks, military vehicles, artillery, uniforms, etc. You've probably seen some of the museum's vehicles at the Corte Madera or Novato 4th of July parades.

The SIR Car Enthusiasts group meets for lunch on the 3rd. Tuesday of each month at Sams Place Restaurant, 1545 South Novato Blvd., Novato. Meetings begin at 11:30 AM. If you enjoy automobiles, motorcycles, automotive memorabilia, car shows, etc., the Car Enthusiasts group is for you. Owning a classic vehicle is not necessary. Spouses and guests are always welcome. For more information contact Joe Sauerland at [joesauerland@comcast.net](mailto:joesauerland@comcast.net) or 415-479-8442.

### Federation Bocce

### SR Branch 47 League Bocce Report

July 27, 2024

The summer league will conclude in two weeks. Our six branch 47 SIR teams have mixed results as follows: The Guiseppe Grasso Monday team is in 6th place and the Bra-vi Ragazzi SIR team is in 7th place, both in the upper division. The Wednesday Piacevoli SIR team is in 4th place in the upper division and the Gli Squali SIR is in 5th place in the lower division. The Thursday I Mezzo Buoni SIR is in 4th place and the Boccismo team is in 7th place, both in the upper division.

The fall league will begin in mid-August and several of our teams would welcome new players both as regular team members as well as a substitute member. If you are interested, please contact me and I will put you in touch with the team that fits your schedule.

Jack Friesen  
Branch 47 Federation Bocce Chair



### POKER

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](mailto:heilmanfour@comcast.net)) or Erick ([erickt.young@gmail.com](mailto:erickt.young@gmail.com)).

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

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Chair</b>	<b>Email</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>Branch</b>
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	zybitter@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	Mark Rudy	mrudy356@gmail.com	415-924-4219	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	<b>wacline@comcast.net</b>	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	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday <sup>d</sup>	Frank Jamieson	Frank.Jamieson.0710@gmail.com	415-328-7692	134
Military History	Wednesday after 1st Tuesday	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 Discussion Group	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday @ 10:00 am	Don Pierce	Not listed	415-897-2701	134



## AUGUST SIR BIRTHDAYS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Birth Date</u>	<u>Age</u>
Charles, Stedwell	8/1/1944	80
Ron, Kosciusko	8/2/1942	82
Charlie, Salinas	8/2/1947	77
Bob, Gloistein	8/13/1940	84
Irwin, Taranto	8/21/1935	89
Ron, Dorville	8/21/1947	77
Terry, Jaskowski	8/22/1961	63
Rick, Coburn	8/28/1944	80
Alan, Lutsky	8/29/1938	86
Gus, Colenbrander	8/30/1931	93



## AUGUST SIR ANNIVERSARIES

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Years</u>
Richard and Veronica Charvat	8/2/1997	27
Ted and Bonne Gaebler	8/4/1963	61
Jack and Pat Friesen	8/8/1970	54
Neil and Sydney Park	8/11/1963	61
Lon and Carol Baldwin	8/13/1960	64
Ray and Lori Crawford	8/14/1977	47
Bob and Bonnie Gonzalez	8/15/1964	60
Carl and Jane Martin	8/18/1961	63
Jack and Kathy Devlin	8/19/1972	52
Ken and Marilyn Nemzer	8/23/1976	48
Russ and Kathie Flaum	8/24/1968	56
Jim and Jan Phelan	8/25/1963	61
John and Margy Eller	8/27/1977	47
Serge and Margarita Glazunov	8/30/1970	54
Walt and Pat Zebrowski	8/31/1957	67

### ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Thursday	Aug	1	Hiking
Monday	Aug	5	BOCCE
Monday	Aug	5	9 Hole Golf (Weather Permits)
Monday	Aug	5	18 Hole Golf (Weather Permits)
Tuesday	Aug	6	Wine Tasting
Thursday	Aug	8	Hiking
Friday	Aug	9	Investors' Lunch Bunch
Monday	Aug	12	9 Hole Golf (Weather Permits)
Monday	Aug	12	18 Hole Golf (Weather Permits)
Thursday	Aug	15	Hiking
Monday	Aug	19	National Aviation Day
Monday	Aug	19	9 Hole Golf (Weather Permits)
Monday	Aug	19	18 Hole Golf (Weather Permits)
Monday	Aug	19	PickleBall
Friday	Aug	21	Car Enthusiasts Meeting
Thursday	Aug	22	Hiking
Monday	Aug	26	9 Hole Golf (Weather Permits)
Monday	Aug	26	18 Hole Golf (Weather Permits)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>Board Meeting 9:30 McINNIS</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>Branch 47 Luncheon Meeting</b>
Tuesday	Aug	27	Poker after Branch Meeting
Thursday	Aug	29	Hiking

### JULY LUNCH ATTENDANCE REPORT

<b>Total Members</b>	<b>156</b>
<b>Members Present</b>	<b>72</b>
<b>Guests:</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Visitors:</b>	
<b>Speaker</b>	<b>1</b>

### JULY MEMBERSHIP REPORT

#### Summary:

<b>Actives -</b>	<b>156</b>
<b>Alumni</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>Gains:</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Losses</b>	<b>0</b>

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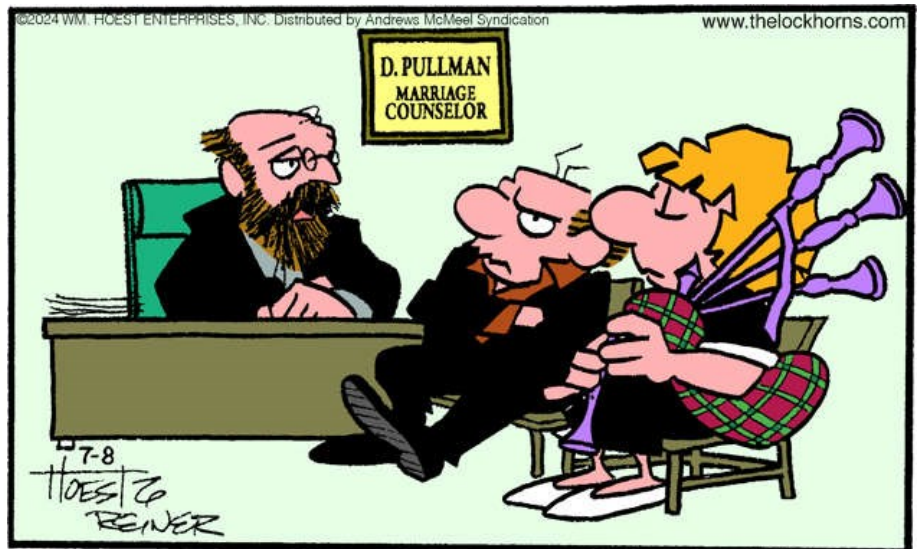
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HUMOR



"AND WHAT MAKES YOU THINK YOUR WIFE IS PURPOSELY TRYING TO ANNOY YOU?"



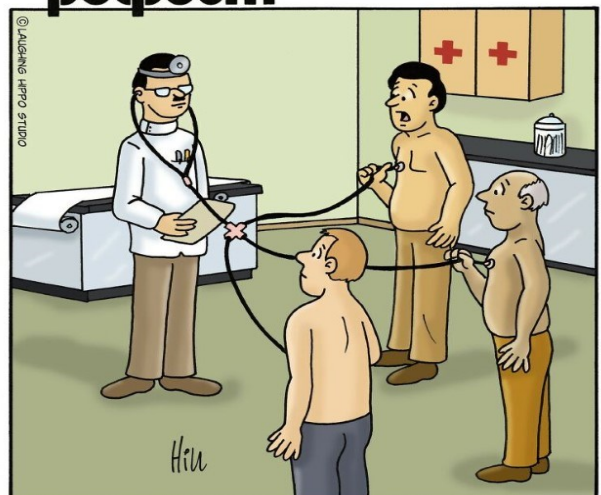
"I've been undercover too long, Johnny—I can't remember if I'm a cop, a criminal, or a rodeo clown."



potpourri



"Two 'round-the-world cruises in opposite directions."



"THIS GROUP MEDICAL PLAN LEAVES A LOT TO BE DESIRED!"