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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 email to www.sirbranch47@gmail.com



October comes from the Latin word Octo meaning eight. The old Roman calendar started in March, so October was the eighth month. When the Roman senate changed the calendar in 153 BCE, the new year started in January, and October became the tenth month. In Old England, the month was called Winmonath, which means "wine month," for this was the time of year when wine was made. National Dessert Day is on October 14th, and October has other sweet holidays like National Homemade Cookie Day, National Cinnamon Roll Day, and National Angel Food Cake Day.

The Marin County Senior Fare was held on September 18th, and, as you may suspect, there were a lot of people there. If any of you are planning any type of senior or assisted living, I highly recommend that you attend next year. Everyone was represented there. As was SIR 47. Mark Bosch and Frank Luttringer held the booth open all day and received names and contact information from almost 30 people. Great job and a lot of follow up, now.

A big thanks to Doug Twitchell who put together the Bay cruise on September 21st. A good time was had by all, though it was suggested to make it a little earlier in the year next time. What a beautiful bay we have in our own back yard.

Start planning now for the Holiday Party that will be held Thursday, December 12th at McInnis. Grab your favorite date and come join us for dinner, a little dancing and a Joyous time. Please sign up with Kurt Heilman at the October or November luncheon.

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(Big Sir comments continued)

I did miss the last luncheon, and your Little Sir Frank Luttringer did a fabulous job, as many shared with me. It is the suggestion of SIR State that the Big Sir take one luncheon off to allow the Little Sir to know what they are in for the following year. I think you are in great hands next year.

On the same day as the luncheon, State SIR held a statewide meeting and the election of new officers for next year. Will Kaefer and Mark Bosch represented Sir 47 there. See Mark's report pages 3 and 4.

I am glad you are in SIR 47.

Carl Dawson
Big SIR, Branch 47



Little Sir Report Frank Luttringer

Little Sir Report for August

From the feedback that I received, everyone enjoyed hearing Phil Gioia's excellent presentation of his military life. I wanted to pass on an opportunity that he discussed with me before lunch. Phil is an active member in the Old Guard – open to former military or anyone with an interest in national security, military history, or other similar topics. They meet quarterly on a Friday in the same room we use for SIRS at McInnis. The next meeting is 6 December. Anyone interested in being added to their email list can contact Phil at baystgrp@earthlink.net and he will put you on the master list. The cost is \$35 for lunch. Here is a link to the December luncheon information:

<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0?ui=2&ik=7621b400d4&attid=0.1&permmsgid=msg-f:1811193501551221313&th=1922a6e4bf74da41&view=att&disp=inline>

The Senior Fair SIRs booth was a success, generating about 29 men who are interested in membership. Thanks to all who participated.

We are considering doing one luncheon a year with spouses or other guests who do not want to be members. We are thinking that it might fit well in April. Let Carl, me, or another board member know if you have any comments about this idea.

The luncheon speakers for the last 2 luncheons of 2024 should be fun. In October Tony Probst will take us to the bottom of the ocean with survivor accounts of the Titanic via actual artifacts brought up from the ship as well as the complete records of one passenger. The year finishes out with Kent Dutrieux who will keep us up in the air with his Fear of Flying presentation or "Holy Crap! Did that just happen?" Information on both presentations is posted on SIR47.org.

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See you all next month.

You can email me with your comments at Fluttringer1@gmail.com.

Statewide SIR 2024 Annual Meeting Summary

[By Mark Bosch, September 27th, 2024]



The annual meeting was scheduled on the fourth Tuesday of September. Our Big Sir Carl Dawson was out of town and our Little Sir Frank Luttringer was in charge of our luncheon that day. Therefore, Will Kaefer and I were asked to represent Branch 47 at the 2024 Statewide SIR Annual meeting in Lafayette, California on September 24th.

It was the first in-person annual meeting since the covid pandemic. In attendance were around 100 members representing their branches. This annual meeting is for Big Sirs and Little Sirs because they are the voting members. Will and I were assigned to represent Branch 47, and we were duly registered to vote.

NO BIG CHANGES IN THE ORGANIZATION WERE VOTED UPON.

This is a summary of the main points of discussion.

The State Officers were elected (by affirmation).

Our new **President Rich Carlston** introduced himself and shared his background. Rich is a former mayor of Walnut Creek and continues to serve on the city council. He is a retired real estate lawyer with a national practice, representing local and national banks, national realtors, and title insurance companies. He managed complex issues like class actions and antitrust litigations in each of those industries. For ten years he represented the title industry across the country through their National Association in Washington DC. He collaborated with them on their major litigations. The largest of which was a \$3billion claim.

Most recently, after his retirement, Rich was asked to run for Walnut Creek City Council. His opponents withdrew and he was appointed rather than having to be elected to the council. (His background is very impressive. Will and I agreed that he is the right man for the job in 2025)

Next Andy Danver, Director of Marketing /Communications gave us an excellent history of SIR with slides and video.

From then on, President Carlston ran the meeting, introducing the state officers and noting that they work sometimes 40+ hours per week and their wives think they are widows all because of SIR.

The various officers gave us their reports on the condition of our organization,

President Carston summarized the issues and introduced his plan to establish an advisory committee. The committee will hammer out a strategic plan to save SIR and put us on a sustainable footing. This committee will include branch representatives and will meet via zoom. The strategic plan will be presented at the next annual meeting. Our Big Sir Carl Dawson and Rich Carlston, our 2025 State President, have been communicating about the issues that face SIR. They are aware of the big issues facing us. To name a few: declining membership, average age of membership, insurance costs, tight budgets, and the role women will have in our future plans.

Our Big Sir Carl Dawson has agreed to be a member of this advisory committee.

Thank you, Carl!

President Carlston stressed his focus in 2025.

1) Re-examination of who we are (with advisory committee and officers)

a) What changes if any to the organization (6 month project)

b) 2) Training

a) To learn the new tools and procedures put in place.

i) Several forms are now online.

(1) Improving efficiency and saving time

(2) An example, an AI program that records meetings and quickly turns the minutes into text, ready to edit.

3) Growth

a) Focus on younger members.

- i) By using modern marketing like QR codes, social media, activities, etc.

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- (1) “Younger members like to be active. Getting them to the activities. It may not be the best thing to do to invite them to the lunch at the beginning. I've had a couple of people that I worked with invited who came to the lunch and they said I'm not that old.”

4) Staffing the State with more help to prevent a leadership spiral.

- a) The State Officers are staffing two jobs each and starting to suffer burnout. We need more volunteers to step up from the branches and help.

President Rich Carlston gave us a list of vacancies that need to be filled.

Note: The following is an edited transcript summarizing his words.

“We need an assistant Treasurer. Carl needs help. We also need that person so that they can step forward. Any assistant needs to be there for good planning to step forward and take care. We need an assist secretary. And with this AI stuff, that is not a hard job.”

“We need a director of State documents. So, Jeff does not have to do two jobs next year. We need an assistant for that person.”

“We need an assistant for Branch support. To help Jim Cragg support the branches.”

“We need a director of activities. And we need an assistant director of activities.”

“We need more than one assistant, if Andy is going to do what his goal is, as a Director of Marketing and Communications.”

“We need an assistant for the newsletter.”

“We need a lawyer who knows non-profit organizations. I need one, so I can have that person work with and be the person who runs the outside Law Firm that we have. If we do not have somebody like that, we're going to spend more money on the outside Law Firm that we should. If we do have that person, they'll make sure that the rights steps are done, and we get the right advice that we need. And I know they are lawyers out there. I am not one of them. I did not do any work for nonprofits. I've served in a lot of non-profits, but I didn't do the legal works.”

“A lot of hands make light work. Wives will appreciate that. Families will appreciate that.”

A Question-and-answer session followed.

For more information go to the State SIR website at <https://sirinc.org/>

[End of the Summary]

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Branch 47 Luncheon October 22nd

October Topic: *The Story of a Titanic Survivor and more Sunken Treasures*

Speaker

Tony Probst grew up sailing around the world for 14 years, from age 6 to 21, with his brother, sister, mother and father. At the age of 12 he was introduced to sunken shipwrecks by Luis Marden who discovered the HMS Bounty of Mutiny on the Bounty fame back in the 1950's. Lewis gave him a nail from the Bounty which started Tony on a lifelong quest to collect artifacts. He has focused his attention on the Bounty and Titanic over the years and now has one of the largest collections of Titanic artifacts in private hands and possibly the largest collection of Bounty artifacts. The collection has been shown in the maritime museum on Catalina Island, the Ronald Reagan Library in Simi Valley, The National Geographic Museum in Washington DC and a few Titanic museums. Part of the collection is temporarily on display in Australia. When the collection is not on the road it can be found in his store Audio Video Integration in San Rafael on where it is on free public display.

Tony will bring some of the fascinating artifacts that he has collected to have on display for our meeting. He will be telling tell us some of the stories he has gathered from the survivors of the Titanic including a brief video about one Titanic survivor who passed away in 1962. Please join us for a trip to the bottom of the sea and to hear about those who lived on after their ship was gone.

Menu Choices for this month are:

- (1) Roasted Turkey with Cranberry & gravy Peas and carrots, sweet Potatoes (stuffing on the table)
- (2) Grilled Salmon mango papaya salsa with Rice and vegetables
- (3) Vegan Plate – Penne pomodoro and vegetables
- (4) Spinach Salad with Chicken

Sign up at SIR47.ORG

At this luncheon we will also be voting to approve the officers and directors for 2025 for Branch 47. They are as follows:

Officers

Big Sir – Frank Luttringer
Little Sir – Charlie Panfely
Secretary – Alan Lutsky
Assistant Secretary - open
Treasurer - Bill Stewart
Assistant Treasurer – Howard Foster
Past big sir – Carl Dawson

Directors

Mark Bosch
Bill Wickley
Bill McNicholas
Ron Kosciusko
Marshall Gross

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SIR Branch 47 Afternoon Beer Tasting On Wed. Oct. 2 at 3 pm:

Br 47 is going to have our first beer tasting at Indian Valley Brewing, 1016 Railroad Av. in Novato. We are doing this at 3 pm - hopefully to avoid commute traffic.

You can order individual beers from their many beers on tap or you can try a sampler of various beers. They have an outside location at the back where we can sit & chat. Plan about 1 to 1.5 hour, but feel free to come and go as you please.

This is a chance to get together to discuss (or debate) our various beer palates. Even if you informed me at the Tues. BR 47 luncheon, let me know via email how many in your party will be attending.

**Cheers, Kurt Heilman
Email: heilmanfour@comcast.net**

The 2025 slate of officers for Branch 47 to be announced at our next general meeting of August 27th, 2024 are as follows:

To be published in our monthly Tamal Talk newsletter for September- 2024

To be announced at the August 27th, meeting

Big Sir - Frank Luttringer

Little Sir - Charles Panfely

Treasurer - William Stewart

Secretary - Alan Lutsky

Assistant Treasurer - Howard Foster

Assistant Secretary - Vacant *

Directors

Mark Bosch

Bill Wickley

Bill McNicholas

Ron Kosciusko

Marshall Gross

*** Duties to be filled by BEC members as needed until office is filled.**

Offices slate to be elected at the October 22nd, 2024 meeting.

Our BEC members are not required to take the oath.

Thank you guys for your continued service to Branch 47

Mark A. Bosch

Past Big Sir

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 pikldata@ sbcglobal.net

BRANCH BUSINESS

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

The BEC Meeting was called to order at 9:35 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, Mark Bosch, Charlie Panfely, Bill Stewart, Mark Rudy, Rick Coburn, Bill Wickley, Ron Kosciusko, Marshall Gross, Howard Foster. Membership: Kent Dutrieux. Guests: Galen Dunham and James Cloud

Motion made, seconded and passed to accept Board agenda for Aug 27, 2024 and minutes for BEC meeting of July 23, 2024.

Big SIR Report:

The SIR 2024 Annual Meeting will be held on September 24, 2024 in Lafayette, CA. That is the same day as our September luncheon. Mark Bosch and Will Kaefer will attend as our representatives. Carl will send out a copy of the agenda.

Little SIR Report:

Speakers for the remainder of the year are filled. We have Ted Gaebler scheduled today to discuss "How to run a local government for fun and profit!". We have Phil Gioia, author of "Danger Close!: A Vietnam Memoir" in September and Tony Probst to talk about the Titanic in October. We finish the year with Kent Dutrieux and his Fear of Flying presentation.

Treasurer's Report:

Nothing to report

Membership Report:

Kent reviewed a new Luncheon Attendance Report which will automatically generate after each luncheon. He reports 4 guests today, no new members, no applications, one leaving (George Aster, deceased). Total 156 active members, 20 Alumni, median age is 81.5 years.

Secretary Report:

Charlie Panfely will do the minutes today. Alan Lutsky is traveling.

Old Business:

Website – Kent reported that leaders for the Car Enthusiasts, Hikers and League Bocci activities were submitting information for the new website. Others will need more encouragement.

Tamal Talk – Erik Young has agreed to take over Tamal Talk.

Bay Cruise – Doug Twitchell reports 27 attendees signed up. His request for funding of \$46.20 additional expenses was approved.

SIR 2024 Annual Meeting – Mark Bosch and Will Kaefer will represent us.

Next Year's Board – Mark Bosch sent out the Slate of Officers for 2025. Assistant Secretary position to be filled as needed. Carl will present the Slate of Officers to the members at today's luncheon. The vote will be in September.

New Business:

Spouses at 1-2 luncheons a year – Kent suggested a co-ed luncheon in May with 4 months prior notice and an appropriate speaker. Concern was expressed for the 125 person limit at McInnis Club Restaurant. The issue was tabled for next month.

Travel – Glen Breslin from Branch 146 is trying to re-establish a SIR travel group. Carl will solicit a travel representative from our branch at the luncheon.

Marin Senior Fair – Frank mentioned the SIR booth at the Senior Fair on September 18 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Members are encouraged to stop by. Mark will announce at luncheon.

Holiday Party – Four dinners for the band costing \$248 and the entertainment fee of \$300 was approved. We will limit champagne to one case this year. Final price of tickets is pending negotiations with restaurant.

Google Voice – To maintain our Google Voice number it must be used for a call out at least once per month. Kent will respond to reservations phoned in to meet the usage requirement.

With no further topics to be raised, it was moved, seconded, and passed to adjourn meeting at 10:38 a.m. Next BEC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept 24, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlie Panfely



Branch 47's Annual Holiday Party
On Thursday, December 12, 2024
At McInnis Golf Club, San Rafael



Cost is \$62 per person:



**Social Hour: 5:00 pm — 6:00 pm Includes
Appetizers and Champagne**

Cash Bar: \$6 for Beer & \$10 for house wine

<<< *Holiday Entertainment will be provided* >>>

6:00 pm: Sit-down Holiday Meal with Choice of:

(1) Prime Rib,

(2) (2) Grilled Salmon with Lemon sauce,

(3) (3) Lamb Shank Risotto, or

(4) Vegetarian Risotto

(5)

(6) with Coffee-Tea-Decaf, Ice Cream & Brownie for Desert

Make a reservation by logging onto sir47.org under the Events calendar and RSVP at sirbranch47@gmail.com. You can also contact Kurt Heilman by Email at heilmanfour@comcast.net or by phone at (415)-892-2460.

**Reservations or cancellations must be made by Monday Dec. 9
Kurt Heilman will also be collecting money and reservations at
our Oct. 22 and Nov. 26 luncheons.**





June 2024

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

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

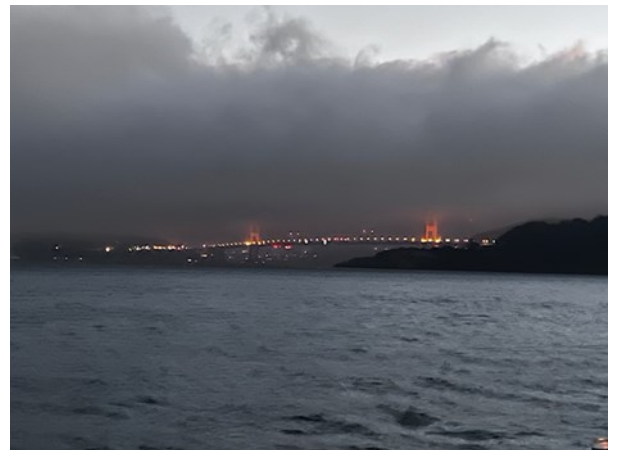
Prague to Budapest River Trip November Dates: 11/6/24 thru 11/20/24 Cabin Prices Range from \$3195-\$3995 Air from SFO: \$1100. Ports and cities: Prague, Linz, Krems, Vienna, Bratislava, Budapest. **11/23/24 Dresden and Berlin: \$995pp PRE-TRIPM - Warsaw and Krakow: \$1095 PRE-TRIP. Budapest: \$745 POSTTRIP. Contact Milt Smith 925-258-2897 ASAP for more info.** miltsmith549@gmail.com 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 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

San Francisco Bay Sunset Cruise

Saturday September 21st was the night for the Bay Cruise. Fog was building up all around the bay and the day had been kind of chilly. Kind of the perfect day for the “Last Day of Summer” in the Bay Area. We all arrived by 6:00 pm on main street in Tiburon. It was a pleasant evening downtown with a lot of people out and about at the restaurants and walkways. Boarding the Angel Island Tiburon Ferry for the Sunset Cruise started right on time and while most of the group found comfortable seating below decks some of us decided to face the chill and ride the upper deck for a better view. The one and a half hour had some spectacular views of the Tiburon, Belvedere, Sausalito area. We even saw the Golden Gate at dusk but was unable to pass under the bridge because of winds and chop, we instead took a pleasant pass by Angel Island before returning to the Tiburon pier. We all brought along dinner to enjoy while catching a glimpse of the sunset before it hit the fog. Doug Twitchell did an excellent job organizing this event and we hope to do this again next year.



BAY CRUISE CONTINUED



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 Wilhelm -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 Jim Larkin, Branch 134 Golf Chairman at 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.

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>
October 7	Petaluma CC	0830	TBD
October 14	Rooster Run	0730	\$56
October 21	Foxtail South	0800	\$47
October 28	Chardonnay	0806	\$50

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



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



THURSDAY 09:45 WALKING/HIKING GROUP

1 st Thursday	Jake Solomon	415-472-3069
2 nd Thursday	Mark Rudy	415-924-4219
3 rd Thursday	Al Springstead	415-250-3808
4 th Thursday	Charlie Panfely	415-302-4391
5 th 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, 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 WORLD WAR II VEHICLE MUSEUM TOUR SATURDAY OCTOBER 26 2024 10:30

SIRS, spouses, and guests are invited to attend our Branch 47 guided tour of the World War II Vehicle Museum on Saturday, October 26, at 10:30 AM. The museum is located at 1050 Andersen Drive, San Rafael (Marin Sanitary Service site). Admission is free, and there's plenty of parking in the adjacent parking lot. The museum (a.k.a. The Joe Garbarino WW II Museum - the Rolling Museum of Freedom) contains a large selection of WW II tanks, military vehicles, artillery, uniforms, etc. You've seen many of the museum's vehicles at the Corte Madera or Novato Independence Day parades. RSVPs are required. Contact Joe Sauerland at joesauerland@comcast.net.

Branch 47 Car Enthusiasts Group Lunch

Our Br. 47 car enthusiast group meets for lunch on the 3rd. Tuesday of each month at Sam's 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. For more information contact Joe Sauerland at 415-479-8442, or joesauerland@comcast.net.

Federation Bocce

SR Branch 47 League Bocce Report September 26th, 2024

The summer league has two weeks left plus the end of league tournaments. Our six branch 47 SIR teams have mixed results as follows: The Bravi Ragazzi SIR Monday team is tied for 3rd place and the Guiseppe Grasso team is in 7th place, both in the upper division. The Wednesday Piacevoli SIR team is in 1st place in the upper division and the Gli Squali SIR team is in 2nd place in the lower division. The Thursday Boccismo team is in 5th place and the I Mezzo Buoni SIR team is in 9th place, both in the upper division.

The end of league tournament marks the end of the 2024 league season which began in mid-March. As we did last year, we will be holding bocce practices each Wednesday morning at 10am beginning October 23rd and will continue each Wednesday weather permitting until league play resumes in mid-March 2025. The cost is \$15.00. Bill Risch (rischbill@gmail.com) (415/454-7815) is the coordinator of these practices. If you are on his list from last year, there is no need to contact him. If you were not on his list and wish to participate, please email or call him with your contact information so that can include you in his group emails each week.

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) or Erick (erickt.young@gmail.com).

TOUR THE WORLD WAR II VEHICLE MUSEUM



**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26
1050 ANDERSEN
DRIVE, SAN RAFAEL
(MARIN SANITARY
SERVICE) 10:30 AM.**

JOIN SIR BRANCH 47 FOR OUR TOUR OF THE MUSEUM. SIRS, SPOUSES, AND FRIENDS ARE WELCOME. ADMISSION IS FREE. RSVP REQUIRED. CONTACT JOE SAUERLAND AT JOESAUERLAND@COMCAST.NET TO RSVP

**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 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	Mark Rudy	mrudy356@gmail.com	415-924-4219	47
Hiking	4 th 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 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	Inactive	Bob Mauceli	bmauceli@comcast.net	585-734-3856	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 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 rd Thursday @ 10:00 am	Don Pierce	Not listed	415-897-2701	134



OCTOBER SIR BIRTHDAYS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Birth Date</u>	<u>Age</u>
Bob, Swenson	10/6/1928	96
Bruce, Abbott	10/7/1933	91
Phil, Hallstein	10/9/1948	76
Harry, Miller	10/10/1943	81
Carl, Martin	10/13/1938	86
Serge, Glazunov	10/15/1946	78
John, Nygren	10/15/1940	84
Ed, Troy	10/16/1938	86
Jack, Friesen	10/17/1938	86
Ned, Lawrence	10/17/1940	84
Bruce, Bernott	10/18/1944	80
Wally, Chipman 1	0/18/1932	92
Jim, Waltz	10/25/1942	82
Ernie, Ganas	10/27/1942	82
Filippo, Lococo	10/28/1941	83
Reg, Ricci	10/31/1937	87



OCTOBER SIR ANNIVERSARIES

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Years</u>
Bill and Chris Schroeder	10/8/1977	47
Mark and Zenetta Bosch	10/10/1969	55
Jim and Kathy Harais	10/10/1994	30
Joe and Sharon Sauerland	10/11/1963	61
Austin and Marcy Brink	10/13/1979	45
T and Pat Winfrey	10/19/1958	66
Charles and Carla Stedwell	10/22/1988	36
Bill and Becky Stewart	10/23/1965	59
Paul and Carolyn Hacker	10/23/1983	41
Curt and Cathy Huettinger	10/27/1984	40

ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Wednesday	Oct	2	Rosh Hashana
Thursday	Oct	3	Hiking
Monday	Oct	7	BOCCE
Monday	Oct	7	9 Hole Golf (Weather Permits)
Monday	Oct	7	18 Hole Golf (Weather Permits)
Thursday	Oct	10	Hiking
Friday	Oct	11	Investors' Lunch Bunch
Friday	Oct	11	yom Kippur
Monday	Oct	14	9 Hole Golf (Weather Permits)
Monday	Oct	14	18 Hole Golf (Weather Permits)
Friday	Sep	17	Car Enthusiasts Meeting
Thursday	Oct	17	Hiking
Monday	Oct	21	9 Hole Golf (Weather Permits)
Monday	Oct	21	18 Hole Golf (Weather Permits)
Monday	Oct	21	PickleBall
Tuesday	Oct	22	Board Meeting 9:30 McINNIS
Tuesday	Oct	22	Branch 47 Luncheon Meeting
Tuesday	Oct	22	Poker after Branch Meeting
Thursday	Oct	24	Hiking
Monday	Oct	28	9 Hole Golf (Weather Permits)
Monday	Oct	28	18 Hole Golf (Weather Permits)
Thursday	Oct	31	Hiking
Thursday	Oct	31	Halloween

SEPTEMBER LUNCH ATTENDANCE

Total Members	156
Members Present	74
Guests:	2
Visitors:	
Speaker	1

SEPTEMBER MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Summary:

Actives -	156
Alumni	20
Gains:	0
Losses	0

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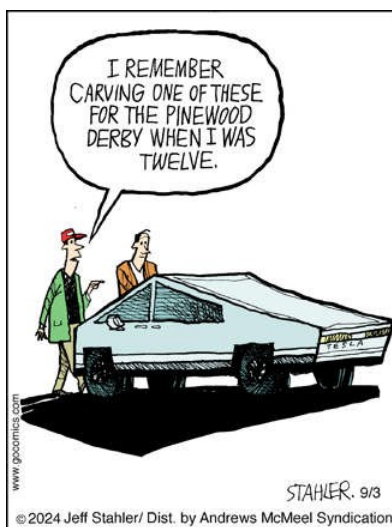
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HUMOR



"Let's start with the basics."

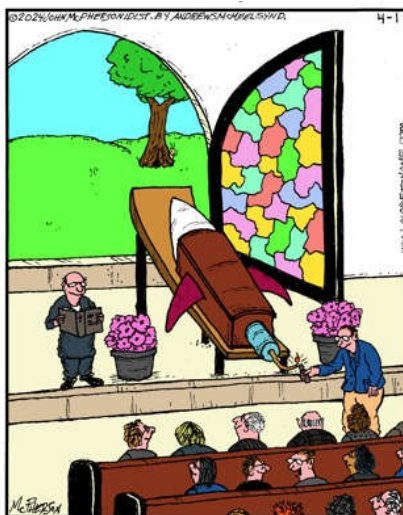


"How about that! My father is a baseball bat, and my mother is No. 2 pencil."

Statewide SIR 2024 Annual

[By Mark Bosch, September 27th, 2024]

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"I told you this is one funeral you don't want to miss!"

Meeting Summary

the fourth Tuesday of September. Our and our Little Sir Frank Luttringer was asked to represent Branch 47 at the 2024 yette, California on September 24th. the fourth Tuesday of September. Our and our Little Sir Frank Luttringer was asked to represent Branch 47 at the 2024 yette, California on September 24th.