

Recent Events



SIRs Visit Geissler Automobile Museum

Joe Sauerland



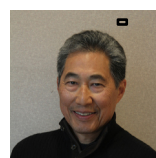
SIR's, spouses, and friends recently visited Rohnert Park's Geissler Automobile Museum. The private museum, owned by Ralph Geissler, houses a stunning collection of rare pre-World War II Packards, the oldest dating back to 1918. After enjoying a video presentation, we admired the collection of nineteen magnificently restored automobiles, followed by a tour of the restoration workshop. Known as America's Rolls Royce, Packards were



celebrated for their engineering excellence, innovation, and superior craftsmanship.

It was a great outing, followed by lunch at Cotati's Redwood Cafe. Thanks to Ron Simon for arranging the museum trip. Our car enthusiast's group has more adventures planned for later this year. Check future Tamal Talk's for details. SIR's, spouses, and friends are always welcome.

Editor's Note



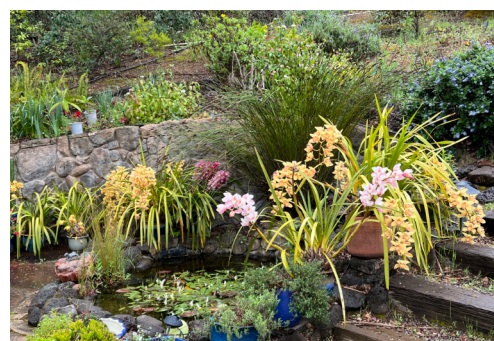
Welcome to Spring

Erick Young

As the Earth continues on its trip around the Sun, we welcome the arrival of Spring and the longer days. We can also welcome the arrival of the baseball season with anticipation for the Giants and sadness for the former Oakland A's. Apparently, they aren't even allowed to claim Sacramento as their temporary home.

You may notice that Joe Sauerland has another article on the front page. That's because he is great about providing pictures and copy for the newsletter. I invite all the members of Branch 47 to join the party. I know there are many more activities going on that your fellow SIRs would like to know about.

Finally, in keeping with the Spring theme, I'd like to share a picture of orchids gone crazy in the back yard.



NEXT LUNCHEON TUESDAY April 22, 2025 McInnis Park Club

***** Spouses and Guests are Invited – Sign Up Early *****

Reservations: <https://sir47.org/monthly-luncheon/>

Or call 415-881-7477

Please bring a check for \$36 per person



Big SIR Report



Big SIR Report for March 2025

Frank Luttringer

Tamal Talk A SIR Publication

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Activities	Kurt Heilman
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Membership

Attendance	415-881-7477
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President	Rich Carlston
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Happy Easter! Spring is here rain or shine. Get your grandkids ready for an easter egg hunt, but make sure you have their parent's permission if you plan on getting them a real bunny for Easter. Branch 47 is hosting our first luncheon with wives and guests invited. For the first time we are inviting others see what we really do at lunch. Sign up early as this event may be sold out because we are limited to about 115 attendees.

Annual dues continue to come in slowly. We still have about 21 members to reach who have not let us know their membership status for 2025. If you have not yet paid, please mail a check today to our treasurer Bill Stewart. His address is listed in the new roster and in the 3rd quarter electronic roster that you all received. Please email me at the address below if you need additional information.

I hope that everyone has a new 2025 Roster Book by now. The March Luncheon was the last opportunity to pick one up. If you still need one arrange with Erick Young to bring one to the next luncheon for you or if you can't make it to the luncheons, please contact Erick Young at erickt.young@gmail.com and he will get you one.

Thanks to all who took the time to fill out a "Branch 47 2025

Member Survey RE: McInnis Park Restaurant for Luncheons / Parties". The results are here in the Tamal Talk. Overall, everyone seemed happy with the luncheons and the Christmas party, but we did receive many great comments which we are reviewing, and we are looking for ways to improve wherever we can.

We are continuing our campaign to get volunteers to help with some of our committees. Please consider helping us to shape the future of SIRs Branch 47 to keep it successful. Our committees include luncheon speaker selection, branch history, budget, technology, and member surveys. We thank Dace Kearnan for agreeing to take the position of assistant newsletter editor. We are especially encouraging members who joined in 2023 or 2024 to join a committee and one of our BEC members will be contacting you in the coming months to check in and answer any question you may have about SIRs. Let me or any BEC members know if you would like to volunteer to help with one of these committees and we can put you in touch with the leader of each.

Frank Luttringer
Big SIR 2025 for Branch 47
Fluttringer1@gmail.com



Little SIR Report



Little SIR Report for March 2025

Charlie Panfely

I hope everyone who attended our March luncheon enjoyed Col. Brendan P. Kearney's talk on the war in Ukraine. It was quite timely given the recent political changes between the United States and Ukraine. Questions were many after his talk and continued well after the meeting ended. For those who did not have the opportunity to ask a question, he can be reached via email at kearneybp@aol.com.

This month we have our special luncheon event with spouses and other guests invited. Our speaker will be Jane Flower from Guide Dogs for the Blind. Jane is the Youth Outreach Specialist for GDB. She and her guide dog Pilaf travel throughout the U.S. and Canada sharing the mission and vision of Guide Dogs for the Blind to perspective guide dog users. We have a 115-person limit at McInnis and reservations will be First Come First Served, so be sure to register early! Also,

please be aware as you make your reservation that you will be paying the cost of your meal as well as that of your guests, at \$36 per person.

In May we have Dr. Angelo Capozzi, a board-certified plastic surgeon and co-founder of Rotaplast International. Dr. Capozzi will speak to us about his international humanitarian missions to treat children with the cleft lip and palate anomaly who would otherwise not receive surgical intervention.

Don't forget to RSVP early this month for our April luncheon on the 22nd. I look forward to seeing all of you there!

Charlie Panfely
Little Sir 2025
cpanfely@att.net

March 2025 Membership Report

Active Members	155
Alumni	19
Total Members	174
Honorary Life Members	4



Col. Brendan P. Kearney
March 2025 Luncheon

If you haven't paid yet, we will be collecting **dues** at the April luncheon. They remain at \$30.00.

To send a check for dues, mail it to
Bill Stewart
2 Paseo Mirasol,
Tiburon 94920

Luncheon Cost are now \$36.00 indicative of the \$1.00 raise seen each year. If paying by check, please bring **Two**, one for the luncheon and one for the dues made out to SIR Branch 47.

Branch Executive Committee Minutes

SIR Branch 47 Board Meeting

Tamalpais Branch

In Person Meeting

Feb 25, 2025

The BEC Meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. by Big Sir Frank Luttringer. A quorum was determined to be present.

Attendees: Officers and Directors of 2024 Board were present as follows: Frank Luttringer, Charlie Panfely, Alan Lutsky, Kurt Heilman, Bill Stewart, Howard Foster, Bill Wickley, Ron Kosciusko, Bill McNicholas and Mark Bosch.

Tamal talk: Erick Young, Guests: Tim Leveque, Rick Coburn, Will Kaefer

Motion made, seconded and passed to accept Board agenda for Jan 28, 2025, and minutes for Special BEC meeting of Jan 14, 2025.

Big SIR Report:

Form 63 **Caterer Insurance** has been sent into state. The Area 8 meeting was held in Petaluma.

Frank will ask members at the luncheon for greater participation.

Little SIR Report:

Our speaker today is Dr. Andrew Reddie from UC Berkeley who will speak on Military AI.

In March we will have Marine Colonel Brendan P. Kearney (Ret). His talk is titled "The War in Ukraine: Causes and Current Status with emphasis on Conflict Resolution."

The April meeting will be coed. The presentation will be by Jane Flower. Her talk will be "Guide Dogs for the Blind."

The first 125 signups will be allowed.

Treasurer's Report:

Bill presented the budget report "Review of Branch 2024 Revenue and Expenses." How to remove the deficits for the different activities will be discussed after getting back the McInnis Park surveys. In addition, the budget is to be reviewed each month.

79 members have paid membership dues.

Form 28 was sent to state.

Membership Report:

Rick Coburn will handle membership for the January and February luncheons.

The Luncheon attendance 89 meals, 4 guests and 1 speaker.

Form 65 will be sent to state by the end of March.

Prior members Eddie Simon and Norbert Hudobnik have passed away. Frank will announce their passing at the luncheon and ask for a moment of silence.

Ron will set up March luncheon registration on the website. Erick provided a list of new members in 2024 for possible contact and committees. Kurt and Tim will work on talking points to contact members not attending luncheons. Mark, Howard, Bill S., and Frank will work on a script and contacting new members for both 2024 and 2023. We need to combine these calls with calls to those who have not yet paid dues.

We need someone to print out badges for new members and handle new member orientation.

Secretary Report:

Nothing further to report.

Area 8 Report:

Carl was not present.

Old Business:

Tamal Talk – Erick Young still needs to recruit a person to serve as his backup.

Special and Regular Activities- Previously Voted on and Approved

- a) Chinese New Year – Erick – Feb 11th
- b) April 22nd lunch with spouses and guests – Charlie and Frank
- c) Garden Party – Roger Burstrom? June 10th
- d) Picnic – July 15th - Tom Culhane
- e) Senior faire – September TBD
- f) Bay Cruise -Sept 20th - Doug Twitchell, area 8 activity
- g) Christmas Party - Kurt – Tuesday December 9th
- h) Beer and Wine Tasting- TBD

Branch Executive Committee Minutes

A list of our Regular activities is attached. It was noted that per our bylaws all activities should independently cover their cost without any significant contribution from our general funds.

The **Nominating Committee** reported that they are still searching for possible Little Sir candidates for 2026.

Website Update: Mark is in charge of the Access DB, Ron said he can assist. A workshop was recommended to cover Google Docs; email; word press; Access DB. Several members agreed to join the workshop. Mark will set a date to meet.

Member surveys and history-Ron and Kurt. What works and doesn't at McInnis. Ron and Kurt will hand out and pick up the survey at the luncheon. Ron will send out an email with the survey to be filled out by those who did not attend the luncheon.

Tim will give a brief **"Go Bag" presentation** the luncheon. He will hand out an emergency evacuation document outlining items to gather and documents to take/store on the cloud.

Our **Google voice** account was kept up to date by Mark.

New Business:

See **Treasurer's Report above.**

Chinese New Year – Erick – Feb 11, 2025. 46 people attended. There was a motion by Mark to make up the lunch shortage of around \$300.00 caused by not accounting for tax on the meal costs. Seconded by Bill Wickley. Approved.

Alan Baker will provide a speaker from the state to give a presentation on E-mail scams and security TBD.

Frank will contact Frank Ghazzagh to attend the March BEC to discuss the cost of wine and the activities of the Sunshine committee that he leads. Frank will also contact Roger Burstrom to attend the March BEC to discuss the budgeting for the Garden Party.

There was a discussion of methods for early payment for luncheons and special activities. Options included payment via mailed checks like Old Guard uses and credit card payment. Branch 134 is using a credit card system. Frank will contact the treasurer for Branch 134 to review the process that they are using.

The Special Committees are as follows:

- (i) Speakers - Charlie
- (ii) Tamal Talk - Erick
- (iii) History / BEC Regulations - Kurt
- (iv) Technology - Mark
- (v) Surveys of members – Kurt, Ron, Tim
- (vi) Budget – Tim, Bill, and Will

With no further topics to be raised, it was **moved, seconded, and passed to adjourn meeting at 10:30 a.m.** Next BEC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 25, 2025, at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Lutsky
Secretary



April 22 Luncheon Speaker

Jane Flower: Guide Dogs for the Blind

Jane Flower worked with older adults in the field of low vision for over 12 years before taking her position at Guide Dogs for the Blind in 2013. Her previous role as Program Supervisor with Dayle McIntosh Center's Aging with Vision Loss Program in Southern California and her Masters in Gerontology afforded her the opportunity to share her personal and professional knowledge on such topics as Daily Living Skills, Assistive Technology, Braille Reading and Writing, and Self-Advocacy Training. Jane was born legally blind, and at the age of five was diagnosed with a retinal degenerative eye disease called Leber's Congenital Amaurosis (LCA). Because of her personal life experience with vision loss, she was also able to provide peer support to the older adults she assisted.

Jane is so blessed to be a part of the Guide Dogs for the Blind family. She received her current and third guide dog Pilaf in November of 2017. In her current role as Youth Outreach Specialist, she and Pilaf travel throughout the U.S. and Canada sharing the mission and vision of Guide Dogs for the Blind to perspective guide dog users and their families, and professionals in the field of low vision. Jane is excited to begin working on her second Master's degree in Vision Rehabilitation Therapy at Western Michigan University, which she began in the Fall of 2023.

Outside of work, Jane and her husband Wayne live with their pet dog KC and of course little Pilaf. They love to travel, hike, go for long walks with their dogs, camp, and spend time with friends and family.

Menu Choices:

- (1) Pork Chop with Potato and vegetables
- (2) Grilled Salmon with lemon butter sauce, rice and vegetables
- (3) Vegan Plate – Penne pomodoro and vegetables
- (4) Chicken Caesar Salad

Remember:

For this special luncheon, spouses and guests are invited

SIR Garden / Bocce Party 2025



Rose Garden

**Includes 6 Bocce Courts
Wine, Beer, Tea, Soda,
Water + Snacks**

Only \$47

**catered by
Mollie Stone Grocery**

Date: Tuesday, June 10, 2025

Time: 10AM—2 PM

Location: Marin Bocce Federation Courts,
550 B St., San Rafael



Bob McLaughlin, PBS Jim Phelan, & PBS Roger Burstrem will be collecting at our luncheon on April 22nd & May 27th.

You can also mail in the registration form with check, or complete your selections on line and deliver your payment at the luncheon "Party table".

Be sure to Advise drink preferred when completing the registration form: Red or White wine, Beer, Soda, or TeaGuests are welcome!



A) Caprese Salad:

Fresh Mozzarella slices over tomato, basil and our Balsamic Vinaigrette, (14 oz package) plus French roll and pad of butter.



B) Spinach & Berry Salad with Grilled Chicken:

Chicken, Fresh Spinach, Fresh Blueberries, Fresh Strawberries, Pecan, Raspberry Vinaigrette Dressing. (12 oz. Package), plus French roll and pad of butter

Each Sandwich includes Spring mix garden salad with cucumber, tomato, onion and balsamic vinaigrette dressing



C) Mollie's 8" Turkey Breast & Swiss Sandwich: Turkey, Swiss, Mayonnaise, Mustard, Salt & Pepper on a freshly baked Baguette, plus 4 oz spring mix garden salad, plus a pickle



D) Mollie's 8" Napa Valley Panini Sandwich: Ham, Brie, Spinach, Pesto & Tomato on a freshly baked Baguette, plus 4 oz spring mix garden salad, plus a pickle.



E) Mollie's 8" Parliament Sandwich: Roast Beef, Havarti, Spinach, Dijon Mustard and Horseradish on a freshly baked Baguette, plus 4 oz spring mix garden salad, plus a pickle.



F) Mollie's 8" North Beach Panini Sandwich: 3 selections of Salame, Provolone, Pesto, Peppers with Balsamic Vinegar on a freshly baked Baguette, plus 4 oz spring mix garden salad, plus a pickle

EVENTS

Marin Bocce Federation, 550 B St, San Rafael; 10 am- 2 pm

\$47 - per attendee, includes a lunch from the selections below, court rentals, snacks, wine, beer, tea, soda and bottled water.

Each Lunch is individually boxed with disposable utensils, napkin, salt & pepper,

All attendees age 21 & up, can choose between two - 4 oz glasses of wine OR two beers

All others can select a bottle of tea or two sodas for their drink - bottles of water will be available for all

NAME(S): _____ Phone # _____ - _____ - _____ Branch # _____ Total Attendees _____ @ \$47 each = _____ <i>Check Preferred#</i> _____ Cash _____		Attendee's First Name _____ Qty _____		Alcohol Preferred <table border="1"> <tr> <th colspan="2">WINE</th> <th rowspan="2">BEER Two Bottles</th> </tr> <tr> <th>Red two 4 oz</th> <th>White two 4 oz</th> </tr> </table>			WINE		BEER Two Bottles	Red two 4 oz	White two 4 oz	Tea or Soda <table border="1"> <tr> <th>One Tea Unsweet ened</th> <th>Two Diet Sodas</th> </tr> </table>		One Tea Unsweet ened	Two Diet Sodas
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All SIR members & guests are welcome

Only soft soled shoes on courts - NO food or drink on courts

Please return this form with your order and payment at our April or May luncheons

OR mail by
May 30th to
Either:

Bob McLaughlin, 45 Andreas Circle, Novato, CA 94945

PBS Jim Phelan, 1106 Via Horqueta, San Rafael, CA 94903

PBS Roger Burstrem, 51 Captain Nurse Cir, Novato, CA 94949

**Please make checks payable to
"Sir Branch 47"**

SIR's #7, #47, & #22, invites you to a matinee performance of: *Mamma Mia!* Wednesday May 7th 2025

A Mother. A Daughter. 3 possible Dads?!?
All culminating into a trip down the aisle you'll never forget!
Set on a Greek island paradise where the sun always shines, a tale of love, friendship, and identity is beautifully told through the timeless hits of ABBA. On the eve of her wedding, a daughter's quest to discover the father she's never known brings three men from her mother's past back to the island they last visited decades ago. For nearly 25 years, people all around the world have fallen in love with the characters, the story, and the music that make MAMMA MIA! the ultimate feel-good show.



COST: \$117/PP

**Bus will leave Park & Ride at Lucas Valley Road at 10AM
Approx. Return 5:30pm**

Cost Includes: Luxury Motorcoach Transportation, Bus Fees (Parking, Driver Gratuity, Bridge Toll, Fuel), Lunch at Max's Opera Cafe (Please make meal choice at registration), Rear Orchestra Seats for the matinee showing of Mamma Mia! at the Orpheum Theater in San Francisco

**All checks should be made out to SIR Branch 7
Mailed to: Ted Pullen, 455 Cedar Hill Drive, San Rafael, CA 94903
Questions? Call Ted at (415) 499-4610**

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Name(s): _____

Phone: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

Check # _____

Circle Entrée Choice(s): All Entree's Served w/ Soft Drink & Dessert

-Reuben Sandwich w/ Fries

-Veggie Scramble w/ Potatoes

-French Toast w/ Bacon

-Cheeseburger w/ Fries

-Chicken Cobb Salad

Multi-Branch SIR travel

Based upon both the SIR Multi-Branch travel questionnaire results and the related member interview input, these travel destinations have been chosen for future SIR Travel through **Overseas Adventure Travel**

Vietnam/Cambodia (Price/Price with Air)	Australia/ New Zealand (Price/Price with Air)	Japan/Korea (Price/Price with Air)
10/19/25 to 11/7/25 (\$3495/\$4695) Angor Wat Post-Trip Included available LINK HERE Group code is G5-30339	1/7/26 to 1/25/26 (\$5295/\$7645) Both Melbourne Pre-Trip and Fiji Post-Trip available LINK HERE Group code is G6-30339	4/1/26 to 4/16/26 (\$7495/\$9095) Hiroshima post trip available LINK HERE Group code is G6-30339

NOTES:

- If you able to book Vietnam/Cambodia by Feb 28th, please use Group Code G5-30339 and pay your \$500 deposit. \$500 Discount expires Feb 28: Please convey Discount Code DOBE354 for \$500 per person with an immediate discount.
- OAT Grand Circle is saving space, exclusively, for SIRs Travelers until March 9th. After March 9th, the general public can book these previously saved SIRs slots on the Vietnam/Cambodia, Australia/New Zealand and Japan/Korea trips.
- Any 2026 reservations by 3/31/25 will be price-protected against any OAT future price increases over the year.

Travel Quotes:

“There is an unspoken bond you create with the friends you travel with”

“You can pack for every occasion, but a good friend will always be the best thing you could bring”

“A good friend listens to your adventures. A best friend makes them with you”

Glenn Breslin
SIR146 Travel Chair
glennbreslin@gmail.com
925-788-6520

Upcoming Events in 2025

Special April Luncheon

Speaker: Jane Flower from Guide Dogs for the Blind

Tuesday April 22, 2025

Spouses and other guests are invited.

Charlie Panfely, coordinator

Garden/Bocce Party at Marin Bocce,

550 B St., San Rafael.

Tuesday June 10, 2025

Roger Burstrem & Jim Phelan, Coordinators

BYO Picnic at Miwok Park, Novato

Tuesday July 15, 2025

Tom Culhane, coordinator

BYO Dinner & Tiburon Bay Cruise

Saturday September 20, 2025

Branch 47 & Other Area 8 Branches

Holiday Party at The Club at McInnis Park

Tuesday December 9, 2025

Kurt Heilman, coordinator

ACTIVITIES

Area 8 Activities- updated 3/28/2025

Activity	Frequency	Chair	Email	Phone	Branch
Billiards	1st & 3rd Thursday	Bob Bundy		415-342-4935	7
Biking	Friday Morning	Bob Bundy		415-342-4935	7
Coffee Klatch	Monday 9 AM Bayside Café	Al Wuthnow		415-640-6747	7
Golf		Ron Radtke		415-559-8995	7
Hiking	Thursday AM	Michael Sommer		415-264-0166	7
Snapshots Book Group	2nd Tuesday	Dave Cooke		415-305-3173	7
18 Hole Golf	Twice Monthly	Bill Wilhelm	Bill@billandbev.com	415-479-6028	22
9 Hole Golf	Weekly on Monday at 9:30am	Jim Bitter	jybitter@aol.com	415-388-7897	47
Bocce (Co-Ed)	1 st Monday	Kurt Heilman	heilmanfour@comcast.net	415-408-8489	47
Bocce (League)	Weekly	Jack Friesen	friesenjack7walter@aol.com	415-226-8896	47
Book Swap	Monthly at Luncheons	Pikk Pikkarainen Lon Baldwin	pikkdata@sbcglobal.net lwaldwin@aol.com	415-454-3843 415-453-4295	47
Car Enthusiasts	3rd Tuesday 11:30 am	Joe Sauerland	joesauerland@comcast.net	415-479-8442	47
Hiking / Walking	Thursdays	Jake Solomon	J_Solomon@comcast.com	415-845-1645	47
Investors Lunch	2 nd Friday	Will Kaefer	willmarv@pacbell.net	415-927-1043	47
Poker	After Luncheon	Jim Waltz	geezer831-home@yahoo.com	415-408-8695	47
18 Hole Golf		Jim Larkin	jlark57@yahoo.com	707-766-8402	134
Bicycling including 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
Bridge member and couples	4 th Thursday	Bill Cline	wacline@comcast.net	415-892-0209	134
Foreign Policy	2 nd Wednesday	Frank Jamieson	frank.jamieson.0710@gmail.com	415-328-7692	134
Gardening	Inactive	Bob Mauceli	bmauceli@comcast.net	585-734-3856	134
Genealogy	2 nd Thursday	Jeff Vailant	topspinut@yahoo.com	415-897-7808	134
Hiking	4 th Thursday	Jim Gloystein	jimg@gloyboy.com	415-717-3163	134
Military History	1 st Wednesday	Alan Dunham	alnberta@comcast.net	415-897-8886	134
Science Discussion Group	3rd Thursday at 10am	Don Pierce	Not listed	415-897-2701	134
Tennis		Bill Cline	wacline@comcast.net	415-892-0209	134

ACTIVITIES

Family Bocce

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. This month, we meet on April 7 at 11:30 AM at Mamita Cocina on 340 Ignacio Blvd. and play bocce around 1 pm at the Margret Todd Senior Center in Novato. Please let Kurt know of your interest so he can make the appropriate restaurant reservation.

In the warmer weather, we play bocce first at 10 am, and eat afterwards at Mamita Cocina at 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. 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 at heilmanfour@comcast.net, or call Kurt at 415-892-2460.

SIR State Bowling Committee

April SIR Bowling Meeting

Hi fellow Sirs.

This is a reminder that we will be meeting on Saturday April 5 from 10 AM to Noon. An agenda and the Zoom links will be emailed to you next week.

Participants: State Bowling Committee and Tournament Managers and SIR Branch League Chairs.

Please submit topics that you would like to discuss.

I will be at the Clayton Valley tournament Wednesday if you want to do some face to face. By the way, we are expecting 90 bowlers which is 25% more than last year. That's good news.

Dan Weller, Chairman

925-935-5510 dweller@astound.net

Investors Lunch Bunch

Come join us every second Friday of the Month at Sam's Place in Novato at 11:30. You can order any menu item and receive a separate check. No reservations are required. Try to get there a bit early as we are filling up the room quickly.

<http://www.samsplacenovato.com>

Will Kaefer, willmary@pacbell.net

Pickle Ball

We 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.

ACTIVITIES

Auto Enthusiasts' Group

Branch 47's car enthusiasts meet 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 motorcycles, automobiles, automotive memorabilia, car shows, etc., the car enthusiasts' group is for you. Guests are always welcome. Owning a classic vehicle is not necessary. For more information contact Joe Sauerland at 415-479-8442 or joesauerland@comcast.net.



Poker

We meet after the Branch meeting. If interested in the poker group, call Jim Waltz,

Geezer831-home@yahoo.com or call 415-408-8695

League Bocce

The spring league started as scheduled the week of March 24th. All SIR branch 47 teams are playing in the spring league. All of the teams would like to have several substitute players on their roster. Teams have until after the third week of play to add players to their roster. Please let me know if you are interested in being a substitute player.

At the opening day of the Wednesday morning league on March 26 our Piacevoli SIR team was awarded their gold medals for coming in first place in the fall league. Pictured are team members Bruce Bernott, Brian Johnson, Joe Sauerland and myself at the award ceremony. Not pictured are team members Don Gregory and Dick Somers.

Jack Friesen, Bocce Chair



ACTIVITIES

Thursday 09:45 Walking/ Hiking Group

1st Thursday	Jake Solomon	415-472-3069
2nd Thursday	Mark Rudy	415-924-4219
3rd Thursday	Al Springstead	415-250-3808
4th Thursday	Charlie Panfely	415-302-4391
5th Thursday	Rotation of leaders in the same order as above	

Call leaders for details about future walks and hikes.

Chairman: Jake Solomon at j_solomom@comcast.net

9-Hole Golf at McInnis Park

Every Monday (Weather Permitting and except Holidays) 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).

Contact Jim Bitter at jybitter@aol.com

Branch 47 Roster Book



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The Branch 47 Roster Book for 2025 is now available. They have been distributed at the luncheons, and they will be available again at the next luncheon. If you would like your copy of the book otherwise, just send a note to Erick Young, and we will make sure one is sent to you.

The book provides contact information and pictures for all the members of Branch 47 as well as information about our many activities.

Contact: Erick Young at erickt.young@gmail.com

APRIL 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30	31 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM 18 HOLE GOLF 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM 9 HOLE GOLF AT McINNIS GOLF PARK	1	2	3 9:45 AM - 2:00 PM THURSDAY 09:45 WALKING/HIKING GROUP	4	5
6	7 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM 18 HOLE GOLF 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM 9 HOLE GOLF AT McINNIS GOLF PARK 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM BRANCH 47 FAMILY BOCCIE	8	9	10 9:45 AM - 2:00 PM THURSDAY 09:45 WALKING/HIKING GROUP	11 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM INVESTORS LUNCH BUNCH	12
13	14 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM 18 HOLE GOLF 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM 9 HOLE GOLF AT McINNIS GOLF PARK	15	16 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM Car Enthusiasts Lunch	17 9:45 AM - 2:00 PM THURSDAY 09:45 WALKING/HIKING GROUP	18	19
20	21 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM 18 HOLE GOLF 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM 9 HOLE GOLF AT McINNIS GOLF PARK	22 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM BRANCH 47 APRIL 2025 LUNCHEON (WITH SPOUSES AND GUESTS) \$36	23	24 9:45 AM - 2:00 PM THURSDAY 09:45 WALKING/HIKING GROUP	25	26
27	28 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM 18 HOLE GOLF 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM 9 HOLE GOLF AT McINNIS GOLF PARK	29	30	1 9:45 AM - 2:00 PM THURSDAY 09:45 WALKING/HIKING GROUP	2	3

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



April Birthdays

Name	Age
Curt, Huettinger	66
Ray, Crawford	74
Erick, Young	76
Marshall , Jainchill	78
Don, Drummond	79
John, Davis	79
John, Noren	81
Ron, Nelson	81
Robert, Chandler	82
Al, Thomas	84
Bill, Wickley	85
Erik, Bodtker	85
John, Zeiter	90

April Anniversaries

Name	Years
Ron and Ann Gurich	2
Art and Diana Sanborn Bourdreault	13
Frank and Nasrin Ghazzagh	40
Roger and Arlene Burstrem	51
Charlie and Susan Salinas	54
Marshall and Shelby Gross	58
Les and Rosemarie Folk	61