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Recent Events

Branch 47 Holds a Successful Luncheon with Spouses and Guests

Erick Young



SIRs Branch 47 held its first-ever luncheon where spouses and guests were invited to attend. To make it more general interest, the talk was not about football or military tactics. Little SIR Charlie Panfely set up a great talk by Jane Flower of Guide Dogs for the Blind. Jane was born legally blind, and she shared both her personal experiences as well as the work of her organization. Jane was an engaging speaker and definitely made a connection with the audience.

Guide Dogs for the Blind, we learned, is an amazing

organization that not only provides dog training and dogs for the visually impaired, but also provides continuing veterinary care for the animals. We also learned that the guide dogs are very much workers, trained to forgo their usual dog behaviors (no squirrel chasing!) and to focus on taking care of their charges.

Jane was accompanied by husband Wayne, and Pilaf, who proved to be one of the stars.

The comments heard from spouses and guests was uniformly positive.

Editor's Note



May Day 2025

Erick Young

I'm sorry to have taken over the first page of the Tamal Talk again, but I guess that's the prerogative (or the burden) of the editor. The real reason is that I don't have any additional contributions that I could put in their place (hint, hint).

I did want to share some words from Roger Rosenblatt who just recently had an opinion piece in the NY Times "10 Tips for Being Happily 85 Years Old (Like Me)"

#8. Join a gang.

This advice is meant for men more than women, because women are always part of one group or another. The value of socializing comes to women naturally, which is why the world would be better if women ran it. They know how to get along in groups. Men, on the other hand, are solitary, static things. Generals without wars, astride iron horses. They don't band together naturally, but they ought to, especially when too much solitude leads to self-conscious gloom. Join a gang — that's what I say. I do not mean a motorcycle gang, simply a group of guys who share an interest. Joining a gang also serves society at large. It keeps us off the streets.

Sounds like SIRs to me!

NEXT LUNCHEON TUESDAY May 27, 2025 McInnis Park Club

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 May 2025

Frank Luttringer

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Branch 47 hosted our first monthly luncheon with spouses and guests invited. I thought that it was very successful with about 60 members and 23 guests (mostly spouses) in attendance. Members whose spouses did not attend seemed to find tables with mostly members as usual. Our speaker from Guide Dogs was incredible. She held everyone's attention and generated many of good questions.

Based upon survey results, we made several changes to our luncheon this month including entrance through the restaurant which seemed to expedite check-in, pitchers of iced tea on every table, and cones to reserve 2 additional handicapped spaces. You will also notice some variation in future lunch menus to try out new entre options. We may follow up with a second survey to make sure that we are listening to what our members want.

We have received comments about mixing up the people at our tables for one meeting so that we can all meet new members. Our thought is to have at least one board member at each table and randomly select who will be at each table. We know that a lot of members like to sit with old friends but thought that once a year it would be good to broaden our horizons. Please send me any comments that you may have on this topic at the email below.

Annual dues continue to come in slowly. We still have a few members that we have not been able to contact. We also have a few who have said they are continuing as members but have not yet sent in a payment. 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 from 2024 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. I have 10 roster books, so contact me at the email below and I will get you one if you have not yet received one.

We are continuing our campaign to recruit volunteers to help with some of our committees and the BEC. Please consider helping us to shape the future of SIRs Branch 47 to keep it successful. Our committees include luncheon speaker selection, technology, and membership. We are reaching out to members as we look for volunteers to fill all our open positions. One of our BEC members may be contacting you in the coming weeks to check in, answer any question you may have about SIRs, and review current volunteer opportunities. Volunteering and participating keeps you young and sharp, so jump in and help to make our branch the best it can be. Let me or any BEC members know if you would like to volunteer to help and we will help to find the right fit for you.

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

Little SIR Report



Little SIR Report for May 2025

Charlie Panfely

I hope everyone who attended our April luncheon enjoyed hearing Jane Flower speak on Guide Dogs for the Blind. It was our first monthly luncheon with spouses and guests invited and I thought it was a complete success. Jane shared her personal experience with vision loss and how Guide Dogs for the Blind was able to help her. There were lots of questions and interest was high. For those who did not have an opportunity to ask a question, she can be reached via email at jflower@guidedogs.com.

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.

Coming up in June we will hear from Steve Adami and Destiny Pletsch. Steve is a recovering addict and former convict whose recovery and transformation began in 2010. He is now the Executive Director of The Way Out, a recovery-focused homeless initiative of The Salvation Army. It should be a good one!

Don't forget to RSVP for our May luncheon on the 27th. I look forward to seeing all of you there!

Charlie Panfely
Little Sir 2025
cpanfely@att.net

April 2025 Membership Report

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



April birthday SIR, John Zeiter
Congratulations on your 90th.

Important reminder. We are in the process of updating the membership rolls and removing the names of unpaid members. If you haven't paid yet, we will be collecting **dues** at the May 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

Mar 25, 2025

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Tamalpais Branch

In Person Meeting

Mar 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, Bill Wickley, Ron Kosciusko, Bill McNicholas and Mark Bosch.

Area 8 Representative: Carl Dawson

Tamal talk: Erick Young

Guests: Rick Coburn, Will Kaefer, Frank Ghazzagh.

Motion made, seconded and passed to accept Board agenda for Mar 25, 2025, and minutes for BEC meeting of Feb 25, 2025.

Big SIR Report: See below.

Little SIR Report:

Our speaker today is 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 115 signups will be allowed. A message will be sent out if we get sold out.

The speaker for May is Dr. Angelo Capozzi, a plastic surgeon and co-founder of Rotaplast International.

Luncheon speakers are booked through October 2025.

Treasurer's Report:

How to remove the deficits for the different activities was discussed using the "Branch 47 Monthly Luncheon Survey Report."

99 members have paid membership dues.

The Form 28 sent to state in October 2024 will be used from November 2024 to October 2025 to calculate the quarterly payments to the state SIRs. Our Form 28 for October had 153 members.

To preclude payment shortfalls for our special activities, a prototype payment contract was recommended that includes tip and taxes. Will Kaefer will prepare a draft.

Membership Report:

Rick Coburn and Mark Bosch are handling memberships for the March and April luncheons.

The Luncheon attendance is 75 meals, 4 guests and 1 speaker.

6 people made calls to 54 dues delinquent members. There are currently 21 members who have not replied.

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

Secretary Report:

Nothing further to report.

Area 8 Report:

DSA pins will be awarded today to Mark Bosch and Carl Dawson, our 2 past Big Sirs.

Old Business:

Tamal Talk:

Erick Young has found Dave Kearnan to act as his backup. Erick also needs more input and photos from activity chairs..

Special Activities-Updates

- a) April 22nd lunch with spouses and guests – Charlie and Frank

Branch Executive Committee Minutes

- b) Garden Party – Roger Burstrom June 10th, Other branches are invited. Roger is preparing a price f for this event to break even. We will get an update on progress next month.
- c) Picnic – July 15th - Tom Culhane
- d) Senior faire – September TBD
- e) Bay Cruise -Sept 20th - area 8 activity. Doug Twitchell has resigned. Kurt will be the interim chair. We will look for a 3-person committee to take over.
- f) Christmas Party - Kurt – Tuesday December 9th

The Nominating Committee:

Reported that they are still searching for possible Little Sir candidates for 2026. Charlie and Frank will assist Carl in the search. Carl will set up a 3-person meeting.

Technology Update:

Mark is working with Kent to transition the Access DB. A DB workshop was conducted with Kent Dutrieux and attended by Mark, Frank, Charlie, and Dave Kearnan. Mark will set a meeting of the Technology committee in April.

The Google voice account was kept up to date by Mark.

Credit Card Payments:

Frank contacted Branch 134 about using a credit card system to prepay for activities. The Branch 134 system would require a new website and may not be practical. Mark will review the credit card system used by Branch 7.

McInnes Survey:

Ron and Kurt compiled and summarized the results of last month's survey. Ron will review possible adjustments as recommended by our members with Eric who manages our events at McInnes. Free champagne will no longer be provided at the Christmas party. Other changes are being reviewed.

Volunteers:

We continue to need volunteers for 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
- (vii) Bay Cruise - Kurt

New Business:

As a result of Survey comments, check in for April will be through the main dining vestibule entrance. This Change should be posted on the website and listed in Tamal Talk and emails to members.

Birthday Wine and Sunshine Chair:

Frank Ghazzagh discussed the cost of wine and the activities of the Sunshine committee that he leads.

Birthday wine will remain unchanged. Sunshine activities include card to members who are ill or to the families of members who have passed away. Everyone needs to let Frank G know if someone needs a card. Erick should be copied to put in Tamal Talk. Membership should be copied to update current membership. Mark will write up a paragraph for the Tamal Talk about our Sunshine activities.

With no further topics to be raised, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m. Next BEC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 22, 2025, at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Lutsky
Secretary



April 22 Luncheon Speaker

Dr. Angelo Capozzi, Rotoplast International

Dr. Angelo Capozzi is a Board Certified Plastic Surgeon and co-founder of Rotoplast International.

In 1971, Dr. Capozzi became a member of the San Francisco Rotary Club and now belongs to Tiburon/Belvedere Rotary Club. In 1992, Dr. Capozzi and PDG Peter Lagarias founded Rotoplast International in collaboration with the Rotary Club of San Francisco to facilitate a surgical program in La Serena, Chile. This initial historic mission to treat children with the cleft lip and palate anomaly, who would otherwise not receive surgical intervention, took place in January of 1993.

As a project of the Rotary Club of San Francisco, and for the first three years of its existence, Rotoplast completed one surgical mission a year. The following

two years, Rotoplast completed two missions a year. In 1996, Rotoplast became a separate non-profit corporation and has since consistently expanded its number of annual missions. In December 2023, Rotoplast sent its 258th mission and to date has served over 21,000 patients. Twenty-six countries have hosted Rotoplast teams, including Vietnam, Colombia, Chile, Argentina, Mexico, Venezuela, Bolivia, Peru, Guatemala, Ecuador, El Salvador, Romania, China, Ethiopia, India, Nepal, Brazil, Bangladesh, Mali, Togo, Liberia, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Tanzania, Myanmar, and the Philippines.

Dr. Capozzi now devotes his practice to humanitarian medicine and international service. To date, he has been on 76 international surgical trips

with Rotoplast, including Sylhet five times and eight trips to Bangladesh. Dr. Capozzi currently serves as Rotoplast's Medical Director and International Committee Chair.

Menu Choices:

- 1) Tri-Tip topped with balsamic onions, mashed potatoes and vegetables
 - (2) Grilled Salmon mango papaya salsa with Rice and vegetables
 - (3) Vegan Plate – Mushroom Risotto
 - (4) Chicken Caesar Salad
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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 = _____ *Check Preferred#* _____
Cash _____

Attendee's First Name

Qty

Alcohol Preferred

WINE

Red
two
4 oz

White
two
4 oz

BEER
Two
Bottles

Tea or Soda

One Tea
Unsweet
ened

Two Diet
Sodas

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

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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"

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TUESDAY, July 15, 2025

From Noon to 2 pm @ Miwok Park in Novato



Members, spouses and any other guests are invited, but we would like to know who is attending for planning purposes.

Please bring your own lunch, drinks, and utensils for your party.

Upon arrival, we are asking for a donation of \$4/per person to help pay for the costs for the park rental, table cloths, water (and maybe a surprise).

We have reserved the Trout BBQ Area at Miwok Park for Br 47 members, spouses & other guests. Miwok Park is in Novato (on Novato Blvd. between San Miguel Way & Eucalyptus). There is limited parking in Miwok Park. However, you can park on Novato Blvd., or on San Miguel Way (from which you can also enter via the back of the Park).

You can enroll on line at SIR47.org. You can also enroll at our May 27 and June 24 luncheons. If you have difficulty, contact Tom Culhane at 415-310-0835 for help.

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

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

In April we had a nice joint bocce gathering with members of Branch 58 from Petaluma. A half dozen of our Petaluma friends joined us for a lunch at Mamita's and bocce afterwards.

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 May 5th 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.

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

SIR Bowling

Hi fellow Sirs.

For information, contact:

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

We are mid-way through the spring league. All SIR branch 47 teams are playing in the spring league and at this point there are mixed results. The Monday Bravi Ragazzi SIR team is in 4th place and the Guiseppe Grasso team is in 5th 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 7th place in the lower division.

Several of our teams have been successful in adding both regular players and substitute players to their rosters in some cases from our branch membership. One new player who joined our Wednesday group.

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	

First hike in May is on May 1 at Hamilton Field.

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

Travel

The SIRSs Travel activities are primarily arranged by the the State organization. For example, check out the page on Multi-Branch travel. Kurt Heilman has agreed to be the Point of Contact for Branch 47, so the state activities can be distributed to the members of Branch 47.

One interesting possibility that has come up—a trip to Cuba. If you are interested, contact ASAP

Glenn Breslin

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Branch 47 Roster Book



TAMALPAIS BRANCH NO. 47
ROSTER OF MEMBERS
2025

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A non-profit public benefit corporation of men devoted to
enriching the lives of its members through fun activities,
luncheons, events, and friendships.

Organized February, 1974

<https://SIR47.org>

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.

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MAY 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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
4	5 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 BOCCE	6	7	8 9:45 AM - 2:00 PM THURSDAY 09:45 WALKING/HIKING GROUP	9 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM INVESTORS LUNCH BUNCH	10
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18	19 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM 18 HOLE GOLF 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM 9 HOLE GOLF AT McINNIS GOLF PARK	20	21 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM Car Enthusiasts Lunch	22 9:45 AM - 2:00 PM THURSDAY 09:45 WALKING/HIKING GROUP	23	24
25	26 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM 18 HOLE GOLF 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM 9 HOLE GOLF AT McINNIS GOLF PARK	27 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM Branch 47 MAY 2025 Luncheon	28	29 9:45 AM - 2:00 PM THURSDAY 09:45 WALKING/HIKING GROUP	30	31

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



May Birthdays

Name	Age
Rick Bartolacelli	70
Ron Simon	72
Jim Swanson	77
Viney Sawhney	78
Jim Bitter	81
Will Kaefer	82
Austin Brink	83
Bill McNicholas	83
Mike Linwood	84
Jim Phelan	87
Vic Reizman	87
Paul Hacker	89

May Anniversaries

Name	Years
Bob and Katharine McLaughlin	13
Jim and Elizabeth Bitter	16
Ron and Tina Nelson	31
Bruce and Sidsel Abbott	47
Will and Mary Kaefer	50
Ron and Sue Dorville	54
Hank and Phyllis Behar	68