



TAMAL TALK

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Recent Events

Branch 47 May Luncheon Featured Dr. Angelo Capozzi from Rotoplast International as Speaker

Erick Young



Seventy-five Branch 47 members and guests were treated to a very interesting talk by Dr. Angelo Capozzi. Dr. Capozzi is a board-certified plastic surgeon and spoke about the mission and his role with Rotoplast International. The organization was founded in 1992 by Dr. Capozzi and Peter Lagarias with the support of the Rotary Club of San Francisco. The mission of Rotoplast is to provide, for free, surgical treatments to children with cleft lip and palate anomaly. Surprisingly, the world-wide incidence of the anomaly is 1 in 700, meaning there is a huge need for treatment.



Starting with a single mission to La Serena, Chile in 1993, Rotoplast has now conducted 258 missions to 26 countries. To date, Rotoplast has served over 21,000 children.

He gave interesting insights on the logistics involved with setting up a mission, which essentially means setting up a surgical hospital in a remote location.

There were many questions after the talk, including queries about the cases of the condition (part genetic, part environmental, part nutrition.) and the most challenging missions he was on.

Editor's Note



Under the Hood

Erick Young

I wanted to call the Members' attention to a few meetings that have happened in the past month that might be of interest to some of you.

The first was small training session by Ron Kosciusko about administrative duties on the SIR Branch 47 website. It was attended by the Big SIR, Little SIR, and myself. First of all, thanks to Ron for being the Webmaster. It's clear, though, that Webmaster is a big duty, and Ron could use help and backup. Frank, Charlie, and I are frankly amateurs in this business, and we are hoping for some volunteers in the Branch.

The second meeting was a Zoom call led by Mark Bosch. He's taken the lead on coordinating regarding the Branch 47 technology, namely the Branch databases and other information resources. Since the world is all digital these days, any expertise in this area is certainly welcome.

Finally, I wanted to point out a couple of items from this month's Branch Executive Committee meeting. It looks like we have a full summer, with plenty of activities. There are a couple of events that could use some help. Kurt Heilman could use a few members to help in coordinating the Bay Cruise in September.

The bottom line is that it should be more than a few guys doing all the work. One of the keys to a fulfilling life is to get involved with friends.

NEXT LUNCHEON TUESDAY June 24, 2025 McInnis Park Club

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

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Big SIR Report



Big SIR Report for June 2025

Frank Luttringer

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Our monthly luncheon was well attended with about 70 members including 3 new members. We also had 3 prospective members in attendance. We will have at least 2 more new members who will be inducted in June. Our speaker was again excellent and generated much interest as evidenced by the many questions following his talk. Don't miss our June Luncheon with 2 speakers that Charlie will tell you about in his report.

Our spring and summer events are coming up very soon. There is still time to sign up for the June 10th Garden Party in San Rafael, which is a great opportunity to bring guests, learn about Bocce and have a great lunch outdoors. We already have about 60 attendees signed up with more sign ups all the time. That will be followed up by our July 15th picnic at Miwok Park. You will find more information on both events in the Tamal Talk and you can register at our website [SIR47.org](https://sir47.org).

Carl Dawson, our area 8 representative, hosted an area 8 meeting of officers from 4 Marin and 2 Petaluma branches. We are beginning to coordinate our events with other branches and learn how we can all improve our branches. Our first multi-branch event may be the September Bay Cruise which is in the planning stage. There was also some renewed interest in attending a Giants game. Look at the expanded list of activities listed in the Tamal Talk to see many activities available through other branches.

Our current membership now stands at about 127 active members and about 20 alumni members. Thanks to our members who have brought in 5 new members so far this year

with several more prospective members who may join soon. We encourage all members to invite new members to join us for a free lunch and learn about all our SIRs events.

We still have the 2025 Roster Books available with contact information for all our members and information about all our 2025 events. 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 our activities. Have you enjoyed our speakers so far this year? You can participate in speaker selection assisting Charlie, our current Little Sir, and bring in the speakers that you are most interested in hearing. You can also have a role at the check in table for the monthly lunches which will give you an opportunity to meet many of our members that you may not yet know. If you think our technology needs improvement, join our technology group and see how the website and our Google Workspace works. Just contact me at the email below and I will be happy to get you in touch with any of our leaders in your area of interest. All members are also invited to our Branch Board meeting that occurs at 9:30 on the day of the monthly luncheon. Just let me know that you would like to attend, and I will provide all the details.

Frank Luttringer
Big SIR 2025 for Branch 47
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Little SIR Report



Little SIR Report for June 2025

Charlie Panfely

I hope everyone who attended our May luncheon enjoyed hearing Dr. Angelo Capozzi speak to us about Rotoplast International and his humanitarian missions to treat children with cleft lip and palate anomalies. Dr. Capozzi devotes his practice to humanitarian medicine and international service. To date, Rotoplast has changed the lives of almost 22,000 patients.

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.

Then in July our speaker will be the Marin County Sheriff, Jamie Scardina. We all better be on our best behavior for his talk!

Don't forget to RSVP for our June luncheon on the 24th. See you there!

Charlie Panfely
Little Sir 2025
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Welcome to the New Members of Branch 47

Walter Coe

Walter lives in Tiburon and was marketing and facilities manager in the banking industry. Walter has a lot of interests including bocce, bowling, hiking, and dining.



Bill Pratt

Living in San Rafael, Bill worked in Financial Services Sales. Bill served in the Air Force and is interested in bocce.



Rick Scripture

Rick lives in Novato. He was an auto dealer and bookkeeper before retiring. Rick is interested in golf.



June 2025 Membership Report

Active Members	127
Alumni	20
Total Members	147
Honorary Life Members	4

Passages

Recent losses in the SIR group.

Lonne Baldwin

Lonne was a member of Branch 47 since 2008. He served as co-organizer of the Book Swap at the Luncheons. Lonne was 86.

Ronald Crook

Ronald Crook lived in San Rafael and became an Alumnus Member in 2022.

Ernie Ganas

Ernie served in the US Army and lived in Novato. He was a member of Branch 47 since 2019. Ernie was 82.

There will be a celebration of Ernie's life at the Trek Winery, Novato on June 18, 2025 between 2-5 PM. All are invited to attend.

John Peterson

John lived in Fairfax and became an Alumnus member in 2022.

Ken Kauer

Although Ken was a member of Branch 7, he was a friend of many in Branch 47.

Sunshine Committee

If you know of any SIR who has passed, is ill, or just needs contact, please call **Frank Ghazzagh**, Chair of the Sunshine Committee. He will make sure the Branch provides the needed contact.

415-505-7931

Branch Executive Committee Minutes

SIR Branch 47 Board Meeting

Tamalpais Branch

In Person Meeting

Mar 25, 2025

The BEC Meeting was called to order at 9:30 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 Wickley, Ron Kosciusko, Bill McNicholas, Marshall Gross and Mark Bosch.

Area 8 Representative: Carl Dawson, Tamal talk: Eric Young, Guests: Rick Coburn, Will Kaefer, Jack Fuller.

Motion made, seconded and passed to accept Board agenda for April 22, 2025, and minutes for BEC meeting of Mar 25, 2025.

Big SIR Report:

See below.

Little SIR Report:

Our speaker today is Jane Flower. Her talk will be "Guide Dogs for the Blind."

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

This organization collaborates with the Rotary Club of San Francisco to run a surgical program in La Serena, Chile treating children with cleft lip and palate abnormalities.

In June, we have Steve Adami and Destiny Pletsch speaking on San Francisco's Drug and Homeless Crisis. Steve is a recovering addict and former prisoner who is now the Executive Director of The Way Out, a recovery-focused homeless initiative of the Salvation Army.

Luncheon speakers are booked through October 2025.

Kurt will greet and introduce the speakers in June since Charlie will be away.

Treasurer's Report:

Nothing further to report.

Membership Report:

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

The Luncheon attendance is 86 meals that includes 63 members and 23 special guests that includes 2 speakers. 6 people made calls to 54 dues delinquent members. There are currently 12 members who have not replied. 18 members have resigned.

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

A 90th Birthday award will be presented to John Zeiter.

Secretary Report:

Nothing further to report.

Area 8 Report:

Nothing further to report.

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
- b) Garden Party – Roger Burstrem June 10th, Other branches are invited. Roger is preparing a price 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 17. The cost TBD. See below.
- e) Bay Cruise -Sept 20th - area 8 activity. Kurt will be the interim chair. We will look for a 3-person committee to take over.
- f) Christmas Party - Kurt – Tuesday December 9th. See below.

Branch Executive Committee Minutes

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. Calls are being made to find volunteers.

Technology Update: Mark is working with Kent to transition the Access DB. Mark led a meeting of the Technology committee. The Google drive will be updated per the list distributed to the BEC. The password to Google Workspace will be changed and a list compiled of those who have access. All BEC and other members can have access as needed, but we want to maintain security and a list of those who have access. The Google voice account was kept up to date by Mark. Ron will continue paying for yearly updates to keep our software current and submit for reimbursement.

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 is reviewing the credit card system security used by Branch 7. He reported that they have made it work with a cost of \$2 added to the lunch fee. There are also “work arounds” that members need to use to avoid added fees. Mark will continue research.

Volunteers: We continue to need volunteers for Special Committees are as follows:

- (i) Speakers - Charlie
- (ii) Technology - Mark
- (iii) Bay Cruise - Kurt
- (iv) Membership / Attendance - Frank

Survey Reports were discussed (see attached)

Lunches - Alternatives to Chicken are being added to the menu for future lunches. Other changes have been implemented.

Christmas Party - Kurt – Tuesday December 9th. Board members to be introduced. There will be no champagne included. A no host bar will be available in the room. The question of the band vs recorded music is still in question. The menu will be reviewed as we get closer to the date.

New Business:

Senior faire – September 17. It was decided that we will sponsor a booth at the Senior Fair. The actual cost TBD. A budget cost of \$300.00 was proposed, motion made by Kurt, seconded by Bill and approved by acclamation. Mark will proceed with application for the Senior Fair and submit for reimbursement of the actual cost.

A new Catering/Dining Room form created by Will Kaefer was discussed. A motion to use it for agreements between SIR branch 47 and vendors was made by Kurt, seconded by Bill and approved by acclamation.

New members do not have to pay first year's dues per current branch policies. Frank will review policies to consider changing this policy.

Per the **Rooster Crows state newsletter** comments, Branch 47 does not think that any nonmembers including spouses have any rights within our organization except when invited to special events that include guests. Carl will note this opinion in future area 8 and state meetings.

An increase in **dues** will be discussed at next month's meeting.

Kurt has volunteered to be our **Travel Chair**. His role will include only communication of travel available through the state or other branches. Branch 47 will not initiate travel.

With no further topics to be raised, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m. Next BEC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 27, 2025, at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Lutsky
Secretary

Member Survey



Report on Member Survey 2025

Kurt Heilman

At the February 2025 Luncheon, we distributed a survey soliciting comments from the members about how we were doing with the luncheons and the Holiday Party. The response was good, and there was no shortage of comments and opinions. This report aims to summarize the survey and give a progress report on what we've to listen to the members.

Luncheons

Takeaways from the Survey:

1. Generally positive overall re meals, ambience, service, VA & sound, WEB, speakers & running of meetings
2. Some individual comments were captured with the number of member responses noted in ()

Suggested mitigations or editorial comments shown in red.

Individual comments noted below

1. Faster check in. **McInnis agreed to move the check-in to main dining vestibule entrance.**
2. Could use more mikes (1) **McInnis has a lavalier we can use, but suggests only persons familiar with it use it, like speakers**
3. Some mentioned too loud problem with those with hearing aids & echo makes hearing aids useless. **Difficult issue to resolve**
4. Find ways to improve interaction among members
Open for suggestions here
5. Reduce wine cost e.g. by drawing for one bottle for all birthdays & one bottle for all anniversaries (as Br 68 did)
Will continue providing wines for all birthdays
6. More spacing between tables. Hard to maneuver a walker or aide through tables. **We have changed to the front entrance to help with this.**
7. More handicap parking. **We now have 2 yellow cones for us to make extra handicap parking on lunch day**
8. Tea and water at tables. **Erick agreed to provide both**
9. Have small salad/soup vs. desert (1) **McInnis is open to having salad (maybe soup in the winter) instead of desert**
10. Have small salad (3) and pay more (1). **Cost would be \$3 more for soup or salad and desert**
11. Would like Healthier meals (1) **McInnis tries to to provide healthy meals.**
12. (5) wanted to vary menu or include specific options, like pasta or burgers and fries. and to vary the menu on occasion
We will work with McInnis to provide more varied meals.
13. Have more servers (3) or too slow (2) **The number of servers depends on the number of meals served. The cost to add one additional server is \$2/pp. Will be discussed at BEC meeting.**

Member Survey

Holiday Party Findings from 21 of 66 responses

Suggested mitigations or editorial comments shown in **red**

1. The Holiday Party was very enjoyable as expressed by attendees
2. Generally positive overall re meals, ambience, entertainment, drinks, service
3. There is a general consensus (17 of 21) that we can eliminate the free champagne
4. There is willingness to either eliminate the band or reduce the band cost. Maybe try recorded music or virtual band on AV screen

5. There was an even split re paying \$18/p.p. more to continue as is without BR 47 funding support.

Since the BEC is no longer helping to financially support the Holiday party, we can eliminate the free champagne and reduce/eliminate the band cost to help to keep cost down. We will discuss with Alan Thomas if he still wants to play or has other ideas to keep costs band down.

More specifics below:

A. Meals - sometimes vary the meal choices. We will talk to McInnis about making changes to the 2025 menu

B. Ambience - a bit higher rating than at our monthly luncheons

C. Entertainment - discussed above

D. Drinks - one commented that the Bartender not stay

McInnis has agreed to keep a bartender there for drinks if champagne is not served

E. Service - generally good, but 2 mentioned the need for more servers. Again another item to discuss with McInnis , but depends upon the # attending

F. Add a prayer to open ceremonies. This is a Holiday Party, however SIRS does not promote religion, politics, etc.

G. Reserve tables. FYI we do not do this at our luncheons. Furthermore attendees can just get there early to reserve tables themselves

H. Just toast the outgoing BIG SIR and the incoming BIG SIR. Understood, but this is the only time we can recognize members with their spouses present



June 24 Luncheon Speaker

Steve Adami with 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.

San Francisco's drug and homeless crisis continues to get worse and community members are sounding the alarm. As San Franciscans raise issues of safety, the city has lost 4,000 people to fatal overdose since 2020. Although San Francisco has poured millions of dollars into proposed solutions, our public systems continue to fail the community. Many continue to deny the link between addiction, homelessness, and crime, while others with lived

experience are calling for balanced, common-sense strategies. The Way Out's programs are coordinated through a Recovery System of Care and include detox and withdrawal management; residential drug treatment; post treatment recovery housing, career development and life skills; independent living and an alumni support network. The pilot project launched in FY24 with an astonishing 76% success rate.

Menu Choices:

- (1) BBQ Baby back ribs and chicken, Cole Slaw, and corn
- (2) Grilled Salmon mango papaya salsa with Rice and vegetables
- (3) Vegan Plate – Penne pomodoro and vegetables
- (4) Club Salad with Chicken

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Time: 10AM—2 PM

Location: Marin Bocce Federation Courts,
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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

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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

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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.



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For more information from a SIR contact Milt Smith Branch 146. 925-285-2897 miltsmith549@gmail.com

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Australia/New Zealand

Jan 7, - Jan 25, 2026.

Australia: Cairns, Great Barrier Reef, Sydney Arrowtown, Queenstown, Rotorua, Auckland.

New Zealand : Te Anau.

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South Korea & Japan: Temples, Shrines & Seaside Treasures.

April 1, - April 26, 2026

Korea: Seoul, Japan: Tokyo, Toba, Kyoto. '26. Starting from \$7,495 including air. Pre-trip Mongolia:

Ulaanbaater & the Gobi Desert. 9 nights from \$1495. OR...Vietnam: Hanoi & Halong Bay Cruise 5 nights from \$1,495. SIR Group Code G5-30339

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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

In need of people to help coordination. Contact Kurt Heilman.

Holiday Party at The Club at McInnis Park

Tuesday December 9, 2025

Kurt Heilman, coordinator

ACTIVITIES

Area 8 Activities- updated 5/28/2025

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	pikkdata@sbcglobal.net	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	willmary@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 June 2 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. 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
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, willmarv@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 nine-week spring league ended on May 26th. The Monday Bravi Ragazzi SIR team finished in 3rd place and the Guiseppe Grasso finished in 6th place both in the upper division. The Wednesday Piacevoli SIR team finished in 3rd place in the upper division and the Gli Squali SIR team finished in 5th place in the lower division. The Thursday Boccismo team finished in 2nd place and the 1 Mezzo Buoni team finished in 8th place both in the upper division.

The end of league tournaments for the Wednesday and Thursday teams were held this week and while several of our SIR teams made it to the semifinals no gold medals were won. The end of league tournament for the Monday teams will be held on June 2nd.

Our Branch teams are always interested in adding players to their rosters. The deadline for adding players to the rosters for the summer league is June 15th. If you are interested in joining a team, please contact me and I will put you in touch with the team captains.

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

SIR146 Travel Chair

glennbreslin@gmail.com

925-788-6520

Branch 47 Roster Book



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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.

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<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.

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

JUNE 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 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	3	4	5 9:45 AM - 2:00 PM THURSDAY 09:45 WALKING/HIKING GROUP	6	7
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15	16 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM 18 HOLE GOLF 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM 9 HOLE GOLF AT McINNIS GOLF PARK	17 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM Car Enthusiasts Lunch	18	19 9:45 AM - 2:00 PM THURSDAY 09:45 WALKING/HIKING GROUP	20	21
22	23 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM 18 HOLE GOLF 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM 9 HOLE GOLF AT McINNIS GOLF PARK	24 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM BRANCH 47 JUNE 2025 LUNCHEON	25	26 9:45 AM - 2:00 PM THURSDAY 09:45 WALKING/HIKING GROUP	27	28
29	30 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

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



June Birthdays

Name	Age
Lucky Lindbeck	70
Dave Kearnan	72
Dee Stuever	74
Tony Gerald	77
Al Springstead	78
Alan Brickman	79
Doug Twitchell	80
Jack Fuller	80
Chuck McDevitt	86
Myron Puckett	87
Richard Charvat	87
Art Boudreault	88
Pikk Pikkarainen	90
Art Costamagna	92
David Schieser	92

June Anniversaries

Name	Years
Howie and Sharyn Foster	26
Gus and B1 Colenbrander	42
Ron and Shirley Kosciusko	46
Bruce and Faye Bernott	48
Dick and Bernice D'Addario	50
David and Gail Berkowitz	54
Carl and Lynn Dawson	55
Eric and Lenora Kwok	55
Rick and Noreen Coburn	55
Myron and Sheila Puckett	60
Mike and Priscilla Kelly	61
John and Marie Zeiter	63
Wally and Sylvia Chipman	66