

Recent Events

Perfect Weather for the Miwok Park Picnic

Erick Young



Thirty-seven people attended the annual summer picnic at Miwok Park, Novato on July 15. After a week of scorching heat, the weather was delightful for the event.

We were happy to welcome spouses, partners, and furry friends to the event. That made for many opportunities to visit and make new friends.

As has been the custom in recent years, this picnic was BYOB (Bring Your Own Basket [or Bottle or Beer or Bread...]) Participants were asked to make a \$4 donation to help cover the cost of the reservation.

Miwok Park is one of the gems in Novato, with nice facilities, including a playground, bocce courts, and a number of shaded trails. Novato Creek is another special feature. It runs from Safford Lake west of town, through the Park and Novato, and eventually to San Pablo Bay.

The Park also is home of the Museum of the American Indian and has some interesting information about the local Miwok tribe that inhabited the area.

Special thanks to Tom Culhane and Kurt Heilman for organizing the event.

Editor's Note



Budget Article

Erick Young

I hope everyone is enjoying the mid-summer season.

I wanted to call your attention to a special article on page 6 of this issue of Tamal Talk. A subcommittee of the Branch Executive Committee has gone over the Branch budget in detail and have come up with a recommendation of raising the monthly dues. Frank Luttringer and Kurt Heilman are sharing their rationale with the members in that article.

The other notable item is the list of candidates for next year's Branch Executive Committee. You should note that there are still some open slots. **Where are you, volunteers?**

NEXT LUNCHEON TUESDAY AUGUST 26, 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 August 2025

Frank Luttringer

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Bill Wickley	

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Activities Kurt Heilman

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Area 8 Gov. Carl Dawson

Our spring and summer events continue. The picnic at Miwok Park on July 15th was a success with 37 attendees whose voluntary contributions totaled a bit more than the cost of the event. We have added a new event, a guide dogs for the blind tour on August 30th. The September Bay Cruise is scheduled for September 20th. Please register early for these events so that the organizers can plan accordingly. You will find details on these events, as well as our other ongoing activities here in the Tamal Talk.

It is time to propose our list of officers and directors for our Branch Executive committee (BEC) for 2026. The proposed list can be found later in the Tamal Talk. You will see 5 positions highlighted. We would like to fill the 5 positions with new volunteers who will become BEC members as officers or directors. Please contact me at the email below to learn more about any of these positions. We will be reaching out to members to encourage participation in the BEC meetings for all newer members. We will vote on the proposed officers and directors at the August luncheon, so plan to attend if you have any comments on our proposed officers and directors for 2026.

As reported at our July luncheon, dues need to be increased in 2026. The BEC is reviewing options. Please see the budget article that follows later in the Tamal Talk for more information. We are making every effort to keep costs of dues, luncheons, and activities as low as possible to encourage participation, but just like everything else today, costs continue to rise, and we must keep up to provide the same level of service to all our members.

On August 26th Carl Dawson, Ron Nelson and I will be attending the annual SIRs State meeting. We will issue a report in the Tamal Talk to let you know what was discussed, but we don't anticipate any significant changes.

Since a number of us will be attending the State meeting, we will be having the August BEC meeting one day earlier at 10:30 AM Aug. 25 at McInnis. Please contact me if you are interested in attending.

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

Next Board Executive Committee Meeting
Monday August 25, 2025, 10:30 AM.
McInnis Club Restaurant; lunch after meeting.

Little SIR Report



Little SIR Report for August 2025

Charlie Panfely

In July we were privileged to welcome Marin County Sheriff Jamie Scardina to our luncheon and it was a treat. Sheriff Scardina touched on a broad range of issues faced by the Sheriff's organization from immigration and community relations to E-Bikes. He brought a wealth of experience and a spirit of openness and sincerity that resonated with all in attendance.

The speaker for August will be Zach Mendes from the Marin Agricultural Land Trust (MALT). He will provide a general

overview of MALT and discuss their current projects.

Then in September we will have John Geoghegan presenting White Elephant Technology: An Entertaining Look at Unusual Inventions.

Be sure to RSVP for our August luncheon on the 26th. I look forward to seeing all of you there!

Charlie Panfely
cpanfely@att.net

August 2025 Membership Report

Active Members	126
Alumni	20
Total Members	146
Honorary Life Members	4

Marin County Sheriff Jamie Scardina Speaks at July 22 Luncheon



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

Passing

Ara Apkarian

We learned that Ara Apkarian, member of Branch 47 since 2012, has passed away. Ara's celebration of life service will be held at 2pm on Sunday, August 3 at St. Lukes Presbyterian Church, 10 Bayview Drive, San Rafael, CA 94901. The service will last for approximately 45 minutes and will be followed by a reception in the social hall of the church with light food and beverages.

SIRs Branch 47

Proposed Officers and Directors for 2026

Officers:

Big SIR – Charlie Panfely

Little SIR – Ron Nelson

Secretary – Alan Lutsky

Assistant Secretary – **open** (newer member)

Treasurer - Bill Stewart

Assistant Treasurer – Howard Foster

Backup Treasurer - **open** (newer member)

Past big SIR – Frank Luttringer

Directors:

Carl Dawson (Area 8 Representative)

Bill Wickley

Bill McNicholas

Ron Kosciusko (Webmaster)

Kurt Heilman (Activities and Travel)

Other needed potential directors:

Membership: **open** (newer member)

Attendance: **open** (newer member)

Technology Assistant: **open** (newer member)

Branch Executive Committee Minutes

SIR Branch 47 Board Meeting Tamalpais Branch In Person Meeting June 24, 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, Alan Lutsky, Howard Foster, Kurt Heilman, Bill Wickley, Ron Kosciusko, Marshall Gross.

Tamal talk: Erick Young, Guests: Rick Coburn, Jack Fuller, Will Kaefer, Ron Nelson, Doug Twitchell.

Motion made, seconded and passed to accept Board agenda for June 24, 2025, and minutes for BEC meeting of May 27, 2025.

Big SIR Report:

Frank provided a form for guests receiving a free lunch to sign in. He reported that Ron Nelson has volunteered for the position of Little Sir for 2026 and recommended that he be added to the BEC as a director for the remaining portion of 2025. The budget for 2026 will be reviewed later in the meeting but needs attention.

Little SIR Report:

Luncheon speakers are now scheduled through the end of the year.

I am traveling on the date of our June luncheon. Kurt Heilman has volunteered to greet and introduce the speakers in my place.

Our speakers today are Steve Adami and Destiny Pletsch speaking on San Francisco's Drug and Homeless Crisis. Steve is the Executive Director of The Way Out, a recovery-focused homeless initiative of the Salvation Army and Destiny is the Deputy Director.

The speaker for July will be the Marin County Sheriff, Jamie Scardina. He will talk about the sheriff's organization and what they do. The hot topic of Immigration will be discussed as well as current trends in crime affecting Marin.

In August we will have Josh Mendes from the Marin Agricultural Land Trust (MALT). He will provide a general overview of MALT and discuss some of their current projects.

Treasurer's Report:

Nothing further to report – see Budget item

Membership Report:

Rick Coburn is handling attendance for the June luncheon. Rick and Doug will do July and August. The Luncheon attendance is 59 meals that includes 57 members and 2 speakers.

There are currently 128 active members.

We need a volunteer to print out badges for new members and handle new member orientation. Three new members will be sworn in today. There will be a brief orientation for them after the luncheon by Frank.

Secretary Report:

Nothing further to report.

Area 8 Report:

Carl was away.

Old Business:

Tamal Talk –Erick needs more input and photos from activity chairs.

Special Activities-Updates

- a) April 22nd lunch with spouses and guests – Charlie and Frank, done.
- b) Garden Party – Roger Burstrom, June 10th. Was a success with a budget surplus.
- c) Picnic – July 15th - Tom Culhane. There will be a voluntary \$4.00 charge. Ron has set it up for sign up on the website.
- d) Senior faire – September 17. 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 have found Little Sir candidates for 2026. He is Ron Nelson who introduced himself at the meeting. A motion to make Ron a director was made by Bill W., seconded by Kurt and approved by acclamation.

Technology Update:

Mark is on vacation. Carrying over notes from last meeting: Mark led a meeting of the Technology committee via Zoom. The Google drive will be updated per the list distributed to the BEC. The password to Google Workspace was 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. Mark is gone during June and July. He is requesting someone to help set up Tech meetings for those months. As yet, no one has volunteered.

Credit Card Payments:

Mark and Carl are on vacation. Carrying over notes from last meeting: Mark is reviewing the Zeffy credit card system used by Branch 7 to pay for luncheons. Zeffy requires a cost of \$2 added to the lunch fee. There are also “work arounds” that members need to use to avoid added fees. Mark requested that Carl set up a meeting with the reps from Branch 7 that understand how the credit card system works.

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

Senior Fair:

September 17. A reservation and a \$200.00 deposit were made by Mark. He was able to get the preferred location for our booth. Three volunteers are needed to man the booth. Howard and Ron Nelson volunteered to be on site for the fair. Frank will assist with compiling all the equipment required to set up the booth.

2026 Budget:

An increase in dues was discussed. A draft budget for 2026 using various dues scenarios using data from 2024 and 2025 to project the expected expenses. Right now, our only source of income is dues, but we can review other possible sources. Ideas for budget reduction and increasing income include limiting the birthday wine, have guests pay for lunch, increasing lunch cost to cover the speaker’s lunch, and printing fewer rosters. A committee of Bill Stewart, Howard, Frank and Kurt will review and propose an increase in dues and budget reductions at a future date.

Guide Dogs Tour:

Bill McNicholas is setting up a tour of the Guide Dogs for the Blind facility in August. A motion to make this an official activity was made by Frank, seconded by Kurt and approved by acclamation.

New Business:

Frank discussed the possibility of getting new members to attend a BEC meeting and/or work at a table for at least two luncheons.

Jack is interested in making Poetry an official activity. He read a poem entitled “Dawn.” He will ask if there is any interest at the luncheon.

Tamal Talk will list members who have died and link to memorials when appropriate per the discussion.

With no further topics to be raised, the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m. The next BEC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 22, 2025, at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Lutsky
Secretary

June Budget Review

As you may recall Branch 47 members paid \$35 dues before we lowered dues to \$30 in 2019. At that time, we had a large “cash” on hand, so this seemed like a good way to give this back to our members. Over this time, the State SIR has also increased the assessment that Branches pay to the State SIR from \$5 to \$11 per member. As a result, by this year's end, our Branch’s “cash” on hand will be below our target deemed to be fiscally sound, i.e. between \$5,000 and \$7,500 “cash”. This equates from 1X to 1.5X expected annual expenses.

In theory, if we had kept our dues @ \$35 and added the extra \$6 (to recover the increase in State assessment), our Br 47 dues would have already been \$41.

Therefore, we are recommending that 2026 dues be increased from \$30 to \$45, which will also help to replenish our “cash” on hand. The budgets for 2025 and 2026 would look something like this:

	2025* Projected	2026* Projected
Dues	\$30	\$45
Paid Members	121	130
 Beginning balance	 \$5,360.00	 \$3,238.00
Receipts (Dues)	\$3,630.00	\$5,850.00
 Expenses:		
State Assessment	(\$1,684.00)	(\$1,750.00)
Roster	(\$791.00)	(\$700.00)
Website	(\$300.00)	(\$300.00)
Other	(\$327.00)	(\$300.00)
Lunch speakers and guests	(\$1,600.00)	(\$1,600.00)
Birthday wine	(\$700.00)	(\$700.00)
Senior Fair	(\$300.00)	(\$300.00)
Other activities	(\$50.00)	\$0.00
Total Expenses	(\$5,752.00)	(\$5,650.00)
 Ending Balance	 \$3,238.00	 \$3,438.00
	* Pending review	

As you can see, we are not projecting a huge increase in our 2026 balance, but we could improve our balance by bringing in more paid members or trying to cut some of the expenses further. The budget is still under review, and we will have a further update next month. Feel free to send us your comments at the emails below.

Frank Luttringer
fluttringer1@gmail.com

Kurt Heilman
Heilmanfour@comcast.net



August 26, 2025 Luncheon Speaker

Zach Mendes, MALT Director of Land Protection



Zach Mendes is currently Director of Land Protection with the Marin Agricultural Land Trust (MALT). MALT is a nonprofit organization working to protect and steward agricultural land in Marin County. He is responsible for all aspects of ongoing and new land protection efforts, including compliance of MALT's agricultural conservation easements.

Zach joined MALT in 2014 and has over a decade of land trust experience, previously working with the Northern California Regional Land Trust.

He comes from a dairy farming family in Glenn County and holds a bachelor's degree in urban studies and planning from the University of California, San Diego.

Zach will provide a general overview of MALT and discuss their current projects.

Menu Choices

All choices include, bread or rolls, butter, and dessert

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

SUNSET BAY CRUISE

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 20, 2025

From 6 pm - 7:30 PM, Departing from Tiburon Ferry Terminal



We will cruise around Richardson Bay & Sausalito up to the Golden Gate. (We could pass under the Golden Gate, but only if the weather permits.) We are obtaining a group reservation at a cost of \$22 pp. However, you need to let Carl Dawson Dawsongroup@comcast.net know if you and any guests are attending by Sat. Aug 30 to secure this discount. If there is cruise seating available, we might still be able to get you the discount rate of \$22 vs. \$33, but after Aug. 30, this will be on a first-come basis.

As in the past, you may bring your own food and drinks (to share if you wish). Plan time for parking and be there by 5:40pm as we need to check you off our list as you queue up along with the other passengers. One of us will secure a place as you enter where you can place the food & drinks for people who want to share.

We will have a sign-up sheet at our Tues. BR 47 meeting and/or you will be able to sign up online at sir47.org (when that is available).

After sending an email you are welcome to mail your check for \$22 per person made out to SIR Branch 47 to:

Carl Dawson
759 Rowland Blvd
Novato, CA 94947



Saturday September 20, 2025

6:00 - 7:30 PM

Tiburon Ferry Terminal

Your Name	
Address	
email	
Phone	
	Names of Attendees
1)	
2)	
3)	
4)	
5)	
6)	

Please mail sign-up form along with check for \$22 per person to:

**Carl Dawson
759 Rowland Blvd.
Novato CA 94947**

SIR Multi-Branch Travel News

Glenn Breslin
SIR 146 Travel Chair
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GOOD NEWS !!!

Vietnam/Cambodia Trip Update: 12 SIRs are going. Only **2 slots** now available. Please inform if you are interested, before this trip sells out. See below for details.

New Trip Announced:

Many SIRs have mentioned interested in going to CUBA on 3/12/26 for a 7-day tour. If you are interested, then please let me know glennbreslin@gmail.com. Trip details will be sent to all SIRs soon.

Inside Vietnam

Oct. 19, thru November 7 2025

Hanoi, Halong Bay, Hué, Hoi An, Dalat, Nha Trang, Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon) Small SIR group of 16. Starting at \$3,795 including air.

Pre-trip to Hill Tribes of Vietnam 6 nights from \$1,095 and post trip to Cambodia Angkor Wat 5 nights from \$1,1695.

Make your reservation by calling OAT Travel and be sure to use the SIR Group Code is G5-30339 1-800-955-1925. There is still room on this great trip.

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

Link: <https://www.oattravel.com/trips/land-adventures/asia/inside-vietnam/2021/itineraries>

Australia/New Zealand

Jan 7, - Jan 25, 2026.

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

New Zealand : Te Anau.

Starting from \$6,495 including air. Free Single Supplement. Pre-trip 5 nights to Melbourne & the Outback From \$2,395. Post trip 4 nights to Fiji from \$1,995 SIR Group Code is G5-30339.

Contact Glenn Breslin glennbreslin@gmail.com Branch 146 for more information. Or call direct 1-800-955-1925 Be sure to use the SIR Group Code.

Link: <https://www.gct.com/trips/land-tours/south-pacific/australia-and-new-zealand/2021/itineraries>

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

For more information contact Glenn Breslin glennbreslin@gmail.com Branch 146

Link: <https://www.oattravel.com/trips/land-adventures/asia/south-korea-and-japan-temples-shrines-and-seaside-treasures/2021/itineraries>

Cuba

March 12-18, 2026

\$4611 with airfare included

Immersion into culture and history

Five star lodging. All Meals but one included

All tours included

Contact: glennbreslin@gmail.com



Guide Dogs for the Blind

Bill McNicholas has arranged for a tour of the facilities and attendance at the graduation ceremony at Guide Dogs for the Blind in San Rafael on Saturday, August 30, 2025.

Attendance is limited to 40 persons. Spouses and guests are welcome. Please contact Bill McNicholas if you are interested:

billmcn@pacbell.net

Date: Saturday August 30, 2025

Time: 12:15- 1:00 PM (tour) + graduation

Address: 350 Los Ranchos Rd., San Rafael CA 94903

Description:

Included on the tour are stops in the Learning Lab of our Puppy Center, the training courtyard, and the opportunity to see puppy play time! The length of this walking tour is up to 45 minutes and includes indoor and outdoor locations. The tour concludes at our graduation ceremony beginning at 1:30pm.

Please note:

We require a minimum of one adult per five minors on tour.

GDB does not have public eating facilities on our campus.

Most tours include opportunities to see program dogs and puppies.

Please note: we do not allow visitors to bring their pet dogs on our campuses.

Tours are free of charge; donations are always greatly appreciated.

Check out the explainer video at:

<https://staging.guidedogs.com/resources/explainer-videos>

Wednesday October 22, 2025. San Francisco Orpheum Theater

SIR's #7, 47, 58, & 147 invite you to a matinee performance of:

SUFFS
THE MUSICAL

COST: \$143/PP

COST IS BASED ON A MINIMUM OF 40 GUESTS



Show Description: Straight from Broadway, the sensational and Tony Award®-winning musical SUFFS is here to entertain and inspire! Dive into the vibrant world of brilliant, passionate, and witty American women who fought with flair and determination for the right to vote. Crafted by the talented Shaina Taub, who made history as the first woman to independently snag Tony Awards for Best Book and Best Score in the same season, this musical is a “thrilling, inspiring, and dazzlingly entertaining” (Variety) masterpiece.

It's a lively exploration of the victories and setbacks in the ongoing quest for equality, complete with catchy tunes and unforgettable performances.

Show Duration: 2 hours and 30 minutes

Pre-Show Experience: Lunch at Max's Opera Cafe, with your choice of entrée, soft drink, and dessert.

Bus will pickup/dropoff at 2 locations

- **Departs by 9:30am:** Petaluma Fairgrounds – directly across from the Petaluma Regional Library, 150 Fairgrounds Dr, Petaluma, CA 94952 – Groome Parking Lot
- **Arrival 10am:** Smith Ranch Park & Ride Lot, 2 Smith Ranch Rd, San Rafael, CA 94903
- **Departs 10:15am for Max's Opera Cafe**
- **After Show Return to Smith Ranch by 5:30pm**
- **Return to Petaluma by 6:30pm**

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 Suffs at the Orpheum Theater in San Francisco

All checks should be made out to TravelCenter Tours & Travel Trust Account
Mailed to: Bruce Scheibach 199 Haverfield Lane, Petaluma, CA 94952
Questions? Call Bruce at (707) 338-2593

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SUFFS AT ORPHEUM THEATER

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 22ND 2025 - \$143/PP

Sign-Up By Friday August 22nd, 2025 To Reserve your Space!

All checks made out to TravelCenter Tours & Travel Trust Account
Mailed to: Bruce Scheibach 199 Haverfield Lane, Petaluma, CA 94952

Name(s): _____ Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____ Branch: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____ Check #: _____

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

-Reuben Sandwich w/ Fries

-Veggie Wrap

-Chicken Cobb Salad

-Cheeseburger w/ Fries

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Upcoming Events in 2025

Guide Dogs for the Blind Tour & Graduation

Saturday August 30, 2025

Bill McNicholas, coordinator

BYO Dinner & Tiburon Bay Cruise

Saturday September 20, 2025

Branch 47 & Other Area 8 Branches

Contact Carl Dawson or Kurt Heilman.

SUFFS Musical and Lunch

Wednesday October 22, 2025

Branches 7, 47, 58, and 147

Bruce Scheibach, coordinator

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. With the warmer weather we will meet at 10:00 AM to play at the Margret Todd Senior Center. Lunch will follow at 11:30 AM at Mamita Cocina on 340 Ignacio Blvd., 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

The Branch 47 Auto Enthusiasts' Group will gather this Saturday Aug. 2 for a visit to the Al Engel Automotive Museum in Richmond .

Mr. Engel's private museum is one of the largest in Northern California, housing an impressive collection of vintage vehicles, hot rods, race cars, dragsters, motorcycles, boats, and airplanes. There's fascinating displays of automotive related memorabilia and even a venetian gondola.

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.

Poetry Group

Poetry is a somewhat new but enjoyable experience for me. My academic degrees and teaching experiences during my academic career have focused on "Applied Mathematics". That is why I chose to focus on something quite different, but very enjoyable, in retirement. I would like us to form a group to pursue poetry experiences at this time. This activity does not require experience with poetry, just an interest in the area.

If you have an interest in joining us to pursue this activity, please contact me.

Jack Fuller

Telephone or text : 415-798-7322

Email: jfuller@wvu.edu

League Bocce

Two weeks are left in the summer league plus the end of league tournament. The Monday Bravi Ragazzi SIR team is in 3rd place and the Guiseppe Grasso is in 6th place both in the upper division. The Wednesday Piacevoli SIR team is in 3rd place in the upper division and the Gli Squali SIR team is in 7th place in the lower division. The Thursday Boccismo team is in 6th place and the 1 Mezzo Buoni team is in 7th place both in the upper division.

Additions to the rosters of our SIR teams for the fall league must be made by the end of August. Our Branch teams are always interested in adding players to their rosters. 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

email: friesenjack7walter@aol.com



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

Travel

The SIRs 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 is a trip to Cuba. If you are interested, contact ASAP

Glenn Breslin

SIR146 Travel Chair

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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

AUGUST 2025

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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	31 9:45 AM - 2:00 PM THURSDAY 09:45 WALKING/HIKING GROUP	1	2
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BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



August Birthdays

Name	Years
John Felling	77
Charlie Salinas	78
Ron Dorville	78
Rick Coburn	81
Ron Kosciusko	83
Bob Gloistein	85
Alan Lutsky	87
Irwin Taranto	90
Gus Colenbrander	94

August Anniversaries

Name	Years
Richard and Veronica Charvat	28
Ray and Lori Crawford	48
John and Margy Eller	48
Ken and Marilyn Nemzer	49
Jack and Kathy Devlin	53
Jack and Pat Friesen	55
Serge and Margarita Glazunov	55
Russ and Kathie Flaum	57
Neil and Sydney Park	62
Jim and Jan Phelan	62