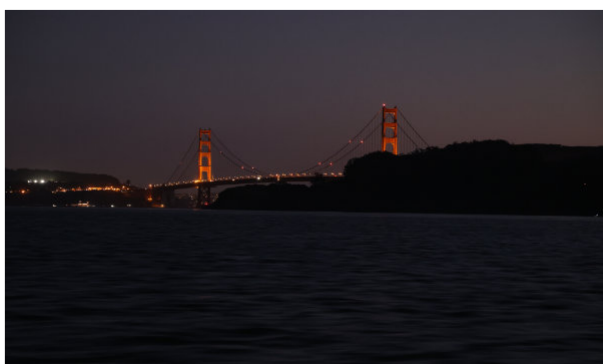


Recent Events



Delightful Evening on San Francisco Bay

Erick Young



The weather was perfect as 53 SIRs and guests were treated to a beautiful sunset cruise. The cruise was a joint event that included members from four SIRs branches: 47, 58, 134, and 147. It was a great opportunity to meet some of our Area 8 neighbors.

As with previous Bay Cruises, participants were encouraged to bring their dinner and drinks to enjoy on the boat. People had a choice of finding an outside table on the upper deck or a more sheltered venue below.

The ferry pulled away from the Tiburon dock at 6:30 PM and headed north past Sausalito toward the Golden Gate.

On the way, we were treated to an aerial show by a squadron of pelicans, dive bombing a school of fish. They deserved high marks on the Olympic diving scale.

As we went under the Golden Gate Bridge, Kurt Heilman led the SIRs in a rousing chorus of "California Here I Come" :

*California, here I come
Right back where I started from
Where bowers of flowers bloom in
the spring
Each morning at dawning, birdies
sing and everything
A sun-kissed miss said, "Don't be
late"
That's why I can hardly wait
Open up that Golden Gate
California, here I come*



The ferry then returned through the Golden Gate Bridge. After a short cruise past the restaurants and boats on Richardson Bay, we landed at Tiburon.

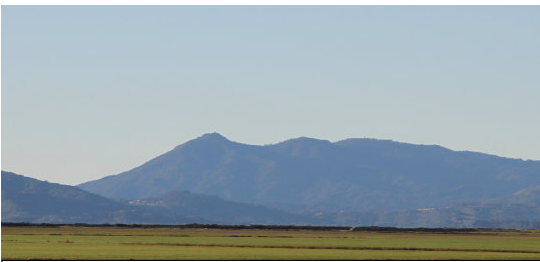
The trip was put together by Carl Dawson and Kurt Heilman, and the Branch should give them a big Hurrah for their efforts for making this a wonderfully organized event.

NEXT LUNCHEON TUESDAY OCTOBER 28, 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 October 2025

Frank Luttringer

Tamal Talk A SIR Publication

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Directors	Mark Bosch
	Marshall Gross
	Bill McNicholas
	Ron Kosciusko
	Bill Wickley

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Activities	Kurt Heilman
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Membership	Open
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Attendance	415-881-7477
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Happy Halloween! The ghosts and witches will be out very soon. 2025 is slipping away with only 3 months left.

Our September luncheon was attended by almost 70 members who were treated to a discussion of White Elephant Technology – extraordinary inventions that never quite caught on, featuring a jet train and a one wheeled automobile.

The Annual Holiday Party, which is the last major activity of the year, is scheduled for Tuesday December 9th. It promises to be a fun and entertaining evening with members and spouses in attendance. Don't miss it! There is plenty of time to get signed up to attend, so check out the details listed later in this issue.

September's activities were well attended with about 20 members attending the Guide dogs for the Blind event. The Bay Cruise was also well attended with 54 members attending representing 4 SIRs branches. The weather was fabulous, and the views were incredible. This event was the first of many multi-branch

activities that Carl Dawson, our area 8 representative, is planning.

As we get ready for 2026, technology is at the forefront with many initiatives aimed at improving our branch and state communication. We are reviewing our database options, looking at improving our email systems, and trying to find a cost-effective way to allow members to register for our luncheons and activities with a credit card. Let us know if you can volunteer to help us to upgrade the Branch 47 technology.

Charlie will, once again, be stepping in to lead the October lunch, as I will be in New Orleans. Thank you, Charlie!

Cheers,
Frank

Frank Luttringer
Big SIR 2025 for Branch 47
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Next Board Executive Committee Meeting

Tuesday October 28, 2025, 9:30 AM.

McInnis Club Restaurant; luncheon after meeting.



Little SIR Report for October 2025

Charlie Panfely

In case you missed our September luncheon, we were privileged to welcome John J. Geoghegan. He spoke on his book **White Elephant Technology: An Entertaining Look at Unusual Inventions**. From a Jet powered Train to a Birthing Wheel and an emergency Toilet breathing apparatus, he had us all engaged and laughing at the creative talents of past inventors. The talk was illustrated with rare photographs and film clips. It was lighthearted fun for all.

Coming up in October we will have Ki Siadatan. His topic is titled: Revolutionizing Aging: How Innovation and Emerging Technologies are Shaping the Future of Longevity and Healthcare. His presentation will explore the impact of emerging technology on aging and

healthcare over the next 5, 10, and 20 years.

Our final speaker for 2025 in November will be Alan Baker from SIR State. Alan is the SIR State webmaster and his presentation entitled Staying Safe on the Internet should be of benefit to us all. Alan has presented internet security topics to many other SIR branches and community groups.

Our next luncheon will be on October 28th. Don't forget to RSVP. I look forward to seeing everyone there!

Charlie Panfely

cpanfely@att.net

October 2025 Membership Report

Active Members	127
Alumni	19
Total Members	146
Honorary Life Members	4

Passing

Art Boudreault

Sadly we report the passing of **Art Boudreault**. A resident of San Rafael, Art was a member of SIRs since 2012. He served as Big SIR for Branch 68 in 2019, prior to the merger with Branch 47.

Passing

Al Springstead

A longtime member of SIRs since 2007, **Al Springstead** passed away on September 4, 2025. He was active in the branch as one of the organizers for the hiking group.

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

SIRs Branch 47

Elected Officers and Directors for 2026

Officers:

Big SIR – Charlie Panfely

Little SIR – Ron Nelson

Secretary – Alan Lutsky

Assistant Secretary – Jim Purvis

Treasurer - Bill Stewart

Assistant Treasurer – Howard Foster

Directors:

Carl Dawson (Area 8 Representative)

Frank Luttringer (Past Big SIR)

Bill Wickley (Backup Treasurer)

Bill McNicholas

Ron Kosciusko (Webmaster)

Kurt Heilman (Activities and Travel)



Branch Executive Committee Minutes

SIR Branch 47 Board Meeting Tamalpias Branch In Person Meeting August 25, 2025

The BEC Meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Big Sir Frank Luttringer. A quorum was determined to be present. Frank, Carl Dawson and Ron Nelson will be at the State's SIR meeting on Tuesday the usual BEC meeting day.

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

Guests: Jim Swanson, Ted Vogelaar, Rob Ruby, Jim Pervis. Motion made, seconded and passed to accept Board agenda for August 25, 2025, and minutes for BEC meeting of July 22, 2025.

Big SIR Report: Deferred to items on agenda.

Little SIR Report: Luncheon speakers are now scheduled through the end of the year.

Our speaker today will be Josh Mendes from the Marin Agricultural Land Trust (MALT). He will provide a general overview of MALT and discuss some of their current projects.

In September John Geoghegan will present White Elephant Technology: An Entertaining Look at Unusual Inventions. This will be a light-hearted showcase of inventor's talents in building things no one asked for.

In October the speaker will be Ki Siadatan. His topic is entitled: Revolutionizing Aging: How Innovation and Emerging Technologies are Shaping the Future of Longevity and Healthcare. His presentation will explore the impact of emerging technology on aging and healthcare over the next 5, 10 and 20 years.

Treasurer's Report: Nothing further to report – see Budget item

Membership Report: Doug Twitchell is doing lunch sign in today.
Mark Bosch will do attendance for September through November.
The Luncheon attendance is 71 meals that includes 4 guests and 1 speaker.
There are currently about 127 active and 19 alumni members.
No new members will be sworn in today.

Secretary Report: Nothing further to report.

Area 8 Report: See below.

Old Business:

Tamal Talk –no report

Special Activities-Updates

- a) Senior faire – September 17. See below.
- b) Bay Cruise -Sept 20th - area 8 activity. Carl and Kurt will be the chair.
- c) Guide Dogs for the Blind – tour on August 30th – Bill McNicholas chair 14 people signed up. The list is closed.
- d) Christmas Party - Kurt – Tuesday December 9th. See below.

Branch Executive Committee Minutes - 2

Technology Update: Ron Kosciusko is leading website training for several of our members. A database meeting will be held on 8-27-25.

Credit Card Payments: Carl is continuing work to find a fit for credit card payments that will work for Branch 47. Ron is researching possible Plug-ins for credit card usage.

Nominating Committee: We continue to need volunteers for the many activities we support. We encourage members to attend the BEC meetings.

Many calls were made to members in August resulting in 4 guests at the August BEC meeting. As a result, we were able to fill out Backup Treasurer position and our Assistant Secretary position. We have interest in the membership, attendance, and technology positions with roles to be designated.

The role of Little Sir for 2027 was mentioned as it is never too early to start looking. Mark Bosch expressed interest in a second round as Little Sir starting in 2030.

Senior faire – September 17. A reservation and a \$200.00 deposit were made by Mark. He was able to get the preferred location for our booth. Howard, Ron Nelson and Carl volunteered to man the booth. Frank and Mark will assist with compiling all the equipment required to set up the booth. The hours are 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Other members are welcome to join in at the event.

2026 Budget - A budget for 2026 using data from 2024 and 2025 to project the expected income and expenses for 2026 was presented. A motion to approve the budget and include \$200.00 for Big Sir's discretionary fund was made by Ron seconded by Charlie and approved by acclamation. A budget update will be included in the Tamal Talk.

Dues Increase for 2026 - A motion to increase dues to \$45.00 and accept the "Dues and Membership Plan for 2026" was made by Kurt, seconded by Mark and approved by acclamation. Kurt, Frank, and Erick will draft an article for the Tamal Talk to address the increase in dues. This will be presented to the membership at tomorrow's luncheon.

Proposed Officers and Directors for 2026 – A proposed list of Officers and directors for 2026 was presented. A motion to approve the list was made by Kurt, seconded by Mark and approved by acclamation. The list will be presented at the luncheon for approval by the membership. The approved list will be included in the Tamal Talk.

New Business:

Member Surveys – Additional member surveys were proposed. It was decided that we should wait till early next year to do our next Survey.

With no further topics to be raised, the meeting was **adjourned at 12:35 p.m.** The next BEC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 23, 2025, at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Lutsky
Secretary

Editors Note: Although this and the following item appeared in the September Tamal Talk, I thought it was worthwhile to repost them since they should be of interest to all.

Dues and Membership Plan for 2026 Adopted by BEC August 25, 2025

1. Set an ongoing goal of cash reserves at 1 to 1.5 times the net operating yearly cost (\$5,000 to \$7,500).
2. Increase dues to \$45 per year for active members to begin to achieve cash reserves while covering expenses in 2026. At these rates it may take 2 or more years to get us into the desired range of cash reserves. The BEC will reevaluate cash reserves annually and report to the membership.
3. Have new members who join prior to August 1st pay yearly dues.
4. Continue free lunches for guests, birthday wine, printed roster, and other general expenses.
5. All activities should support themselves without support from the general fund except monthly luncheons and the Senior Fair.
6. Senior fair participation will be reviewed after this year's results are recorded.
7. Lunch will remain at actual restaurant cost for members.
8. Alumni members are past members who no longer can attend activities or luncheons (usually due to health-related issues) but would like to continue to receive our newsletter. They do not have to pay dues and can attend one luncheon at their expense if they are able. If they want to attend a second luncheon, they need to pay dues and become an active member.
9. Guests are defined as men who are sponsored by a current active member who wants to introduce a friend to SIRs Branch 47 due to their interest in joining. Their sponsor will register them for lunch and attend the luncheon with them. They will receive a guest welcome package that will include an application for membership. They will receive only one free lunch. Sponsors will report back to the membership chair as to the status of their guest's possible membership status.
10. Visitors are defined as non-members who want to attend one of our luncheons due to their relationship with a member and interest in the speaker that month or to assist the member in attending the luncheon due to health issues. Visitors are not encouraged except when special meetings are announced where we encourage spouses or friends to join us for a special luncheon. Visitors must pay the member rate for lunch and be registered by a member.
11. Each luncheon will have 1 or 2 speakers arranged by the Little Sir. Branch 47 will pay for their lunch.
12. Organizers of SIRs Branch 47 activities (not including monthly luncheons) can choose to allow members to bring nonmembers to any activity if they choose to do so.

Branch 47 Condensed 47 Budget

We have reviewed SIRs State recommendation for cash reserves, and they say that “Branch cash reserves should be budgeted at about \$40.00 per member minimum at year end”. Currently, we have 127 active members so our minimum cash reserves should be about \$5,080. Our projection for the end of 2025 is \$2,559 which is only about half of what we should have as a minimum. The BEC wants to gradually get up to the minimum amount while maintaining our current level of service to our members and keeping the luncheon cost at actual cost paid to the restaurant per person. So, we have decided to raise dues to \$45 per year.

Previously Branch 47 members paid \$35 dues, but we lowered dues to \$30 in 2019. At that time, we had a large “cash” balance, and this seemed like a good way to give this back to our members. Since then, the State SIR has 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”, which equates from 1X to 1.5X expected annual expenses.

The adopted plan will put us back on track to maintain a healthy cash reserve.

Frank Luttringer
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	2024 Actual	2025 Projected	2026 Budget
Assumptions for Budget:			
Dues			\$45
Members			125
Luncheon Cost			\$37
Luncheon Attendance			65
General Accounts			
Dues	\$4,753	\$3,695	\$5,625
State Assessment (1)	(\$1,720)	(\$1,684)	(\$1,500)
Branch Expenses (2)	(\$997)	(\$1,471)	(\$1,300)
Net General Accounts	\$2,040	\$540	\$2,825
Custodial Accounts			
Luncheon Receipts	\$32,401	\$31,736	\$26,455
Luncheon Costs (3)	(\$34,900)	(\$34,208)	(\$28,373)
Luncheons Net	(\$2,499)	(\$2,472)	(\$1,918)
Events Receipts (4)	\$8,769	\$10,011	\$9,570
Events Costs	(\$9,525)	(\$10,376)	(\$9,730)
Events Net	(\$756)	(\$365)	(\$160)
Net Custodial Accounts	(\$3,255)	(\$2,837)	(\$2,078)
Branch 47 Net for Year	(\$1,215)	(\$2,297)	\$748
Beginning Cash	\$6,071	\$4,856	\$2,559
Ending Cash (5)	\$5,080	\$2,559	\$3,307

Notes:

- 1) State SIRS assessment is \$3 per member each quarter or \$12 per year.
- 2) Branch expenses include postage, travel to State meetings, Roster Book, and software.
- 3) Luncheon costs include cost of meals, birthday wine, and meals for speakers and guests.
- 4) Events and parties are expected to be financially neutral, except Senior Fair.
- 5) Goal is to end up with 1x to 1.5x annual net operating costs as a cash reserve (\$5000-\$7500).

September 23 Luncheon Speaker

Author John Geohegan Gave a Fun Talk About Inventions That Didn't Quite Make the Grade

John Geohegan is the author of the book *White Elephant Technology: 50 Crazy Inventions That Should Never Have Been Built, And What We Can Learn From Them*. He gave an engaging account of inventors that were perhaps a bit too clever. All the inventions he talked about were actually built and tested in the real world. Of course, the real world is a tough taskmaster.

The first invention he described

was the M-497 jet-powered experimental train, built by NY Central Railroad. Although it reached a record speed of 183 mph, the concept was never used because of some fatal flaws. It was too loud, it kicked up a huge amount of dust, and the jet engines mounted on the top of the train were too big for the existing train tunnels....

John also recalled the tale of the amphibious Sherman tanks that were developed for the

Normandy invasion of WWII. They were fitted with flotation collars that nominally allowed them to float. Sadly, because of the high waves at Normandy, most of the tanks were lost to the sea.

John also talked about lighter topics like the long history of making a better mousetrap, the single-wheeled auto, making for a very entertaining luncheon.



Guide Dogs for the Blind Tour



A group of SIRS and guests were treated to a tour of the world headquarters for **Guide Dogs for the Blind** in San Rafael on August 30. The organization is a non-profit that completely relies on donations. The mission of GDB is to provide guide dogs for visually impaired people at no cost.

We had a nice walking tour of the beautiful San Rafael campus and learned about the training of the dogs. The dogs are raised as

puppies by surrogate families for 1 - 2 years, and then returned to the campus for serious training. We watched the graduation ceremony, which was very emotional. Surrogate families had to say good bye to their dogs, and the blind recipients got their new life partners. Many a tear of joy was shed.

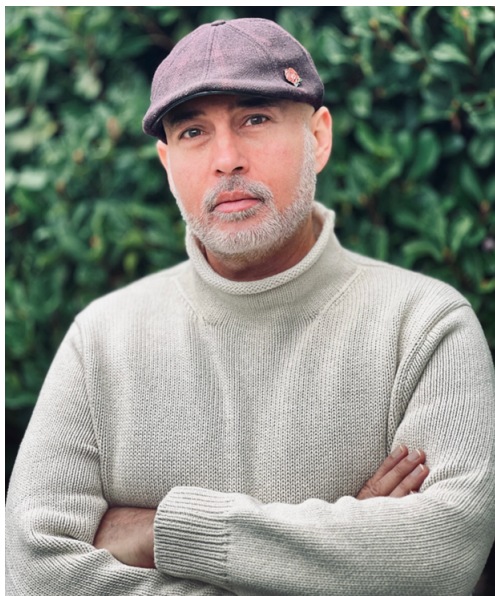
Special thanks to Bill McNicholas for arranging the tour.

New Member Frank Metzler



We want to welcome the latest Branch 47 member, Frank Metzger, who was inducted at the Sept. 23 luncheon. He was sponsored by Roger Burstrem.

The editor of TT notes that he had the fortitude to sit through a BEC meeting even before joining SIRS, a very good sign.



October 28, 2025 Luncheon Speaker

Ki Siadatan

Revolutionizing Aging: How Innovation and Emerging Technologies are Shaping the Future of Longevity and Healthcare

Ki considers himself a mission-driven health executive, a gerontechnologist, innovator and health and aging futurist. He currently serves as the Co-Founder and COO of Kairahn, a global consultancy that exists to transform the global experience of aging. He is also co-founder and managing partner of Brain Meets Bytes, a premier digital publication focused on the latest advancements in brain health, longevity and the innovations poised to revolutionize these fields.

His presentation will explore the impact of emerging technology on aging and healthcare over the next 5, 10, and 20 years. It highlights advancements such as telemedicine, remote

monitoring, smart homes, and AI-driven healthcare solutions in the near term, with robotics, genomics, and personalized medicine shaping the decade ahead. Looking 20 years into the future, the presentation delves into breakthroughs like regenerative medicine, organ printing, nanotechnology, and the game-changing potential of quantum computing. Ultimately, these advancements promise a future where aging is redefined, healthcare is more predictive and personalized, and innovation transforms every aspect of longevity and well-being.

Menu Choices

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

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

SIR Multi-Branch Travel News

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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.

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 G6-30339.

Contact Glenn Breslin glennbreslin@gmail.com Branch 146 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>



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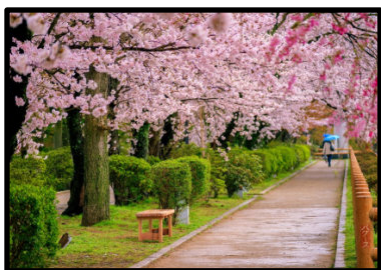
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April 1, - April 26, 2026

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 G6-30339

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Nov. 27-Dec. 8, 2026

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Contact: Bill Britton Br. 101 bill.britton@comcast.net (925) 200-1062

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Upcoming Events in 2025

Holiday Party at The Club at McInnis Park

Tuesday December 9, 2025

Kurt Heilman, coordinator



Branch 47's Annual Holiday Party

On Tuesday, December 9, 2025

At McInnis Golf Club, San Rafael



Cost is \$65 per person:



Social Hour: 5:00 pm — 6:00 pm Includes Appetizers

Cash Bar: \$6 for Beer, \$12/glass for house wine (\$30 for bottle), \$4 soft drink
(other cocktails may be ordered at the main bar)

<<< Holiday Entertainment will be provided >>>

6:00 to 8:00 pm: Sit-down Holiday Meal starts with House Salad of mixed organic greens. Then your Choice of: (1) Prime Rib with potatoes & veggies: (2) Grilled Salmon with Lemon butter sauce over rice & veggies: (3) Chicken Toscana (artichoke hearts / mushrooms) over rice & veggies: or (4) Vegetarian pasta Pomodoro. Sourdough at each table. Coffee-Decaf-Tea and Ice Cream & Brownie for Desert.

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

Reservations or cancellations must be made by Saturday Dec. 6.

Kurt Heilman will also be collecting money and reservations at our Oct. 28 and Nov. 25 luncheons.



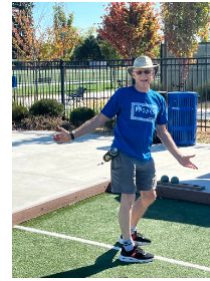
ACTIVITIES

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 meet at 10:00 AM to play at the Margaret Todd Senior Center. Lunch follows at 11:30 AM at Mamita Cocina on 340 Ignacio Blvd. Since October 6 is on the cusp of the summer and fall weather, there is the possibility of eating first at 11:30 and then playing bocce. Please double check with Kurt as the date nears.

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. Also bring a good appetite for delicious Mexican food.

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, 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.

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.

ACTIVITIES

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

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League Bocce

The fall league is at the 6 week point with 3 weeks to go plus the end of league tournament. The Bravi Ragazzi SIR Monday team is in 4th place and the Guisepppe Grasso team is in 10th place both in the upper division. The Wednesday Piacevoli SIR is in 3rd place in the upper division and the Gli Squali SIR is in 7th place in the lower division. The Thursday Boccismo is in 5th place and the 1 Mezzo Buoni is in 7th place both in the upper division. The Thursday league was rained out this morning and it is doubtful that a make up date will be possible as we approach the end of the 2025 season.

We are in the process of organizing our practice schedule for the winter months after the conclusion of league play. We are probably going to have these practices at 10 am on both Tuesdays and Thursdays, weather permitting, as opposed to Wednesdays as we did last year. Bill Risch will be organizing these practices and I will put the final practice plan in the November newsletter. If you are interested and are not on his list from last year please contact him. His contact information is in the roster.

Jack Friesen, Bocce Chair

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State Golf News

We are reaching the end of the 2025 SIR State Golf season. There are only 2 remaining events for you to improve your scores for the Annual Championships. Remember, its the 3 lowest net scores for individuals and the 3 lowest net scores for Teams in. 4 man 2 best-ball events. A Team may have up to 6 different individual players, but any player may only play on one team during the year. This allows for a team to make substitutes where necessary, but prevents a player from playing for 2 different teams in the competition.

The State Individual Championships (7 flights) is on October 2 at The Reserve at Spanos Park. Registration for this event is already closed.

The final event of the season is the Monterey Week. We will hold a one day Individual play tournament at Monterey Pines on Monday Nov. 2, followed by a 2 day tournament at BlackHorse/Bayonet at Fort Ord. These 2 days will be 4man 2 best-ball events, and we will have prizes for each day and prizes for the 36 hole total net score. Also, if anyone still has the energy to play on Thursday, we will help make reservations for the players at either Poppy Hills or Pacific Grove. These will just social outings.

I want to thank all of the volunteers that helped make our 2025 tournaments operate smoothly.

Looking forward to seeing everyone for these great courses!!"

Additional Information and registration forms can be found on the State Golf website at www.sirgolf.org

Ben Gikis, 2025 State Golf Chairman

ACTIVITIES

Thursday 09:45 Walking/ Hiking Group

1st Thursday	Jake Solomon	415-472-3069
2nd Thursday	Mark Rudy	415-924-4219
3rd Thursday		
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.

**We will miss our dear friend Al Springstead who passed away last month.
We are looking for a new leader to help organize future hikes.**

Chairman: Jake Solomon at j_solomon@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 is a trip to Cuba. If you are interested, contact ASAP

Glenn Breslin

SIR146 Travel Chair

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Wine Tasting

I am suggesting that we do a wine tasting at my home on Friday Oct. 24, 2025 at 11:30 AM. The address is 457 Fieldstone Dr., Novato.

I ask those attending to bring a bottle of wine, that we all can share – couples need only to bring one bottle. We will do a simple wine tasting for the best red or white wine. No prizes given except for the recognition that you have really, really good taste in wine. If you wish, you can bring something to share to nibble on when we are tasting. Please let me know by Oct. 17 if you and/or a guest are planning to attend. I should be able to handle up to 40 attendees on a first-come basis.

We can also talk about where we may want to do another wine tasting (maybe at a winery next time). Or we could talk about having a beer or tequila tasting sometime in the future.

I look forward to a successful get together.

Contact: Kurt Heilman

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415-892-2460

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28	29 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM 📅 18 HOLE GOLF 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM 📅 9 HOLE GOLF AT McINNIS GOLF PARK	30	1	2 9:45 AM - 2:00 PM 📅 THURSDAY 09:45 WALKING/HIKING GROUP	3	4
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October Birthdays

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Phil Hallstein	77
Serge Glazunov	79
Bruce Bernott	81
Harry Miller	82
John Nygren	85
Ned Lawrence	85
Ed Troy	87
Jack Friesen	87
Reg Ricci	88
Bruce Abbott	92
Wally Chipman	93

October Anniversaries

Name	Years
Jim and Kathy Harais	31
Martin and Lynn Wahl	51
Mark and Zenetta Bosch	56
Bill and Becky Stewart	60
Joe and Sharon Sauerland	62
T and Pat Winfrey	67