

Recent Events

Wine Tasting and Good Company

Erick Young



Many thanks to Kurt Heilman for hosting a wine tasting at his home on October 24. Kurt set up tables in his nicely landscaped back yard, and we were treated to perfect weather for the event.

People were asked to bring a bottle of wine (one per couple) and optionally, a snack to nibble on. The response was good with a nice selection of both wines and treats.

The treats turned out to be more than just nibbles, and there was no need for a post-tasting lunch that day. The food contributions included a large selection of cheeses, a Spanish tortilla, shrimp, and some outstanding desserts.

It was pretty clear that SIRs 47 is a red wine Branch, since nobody

brought a white. There was indeed a nice collection of cabs and pinots.

There was an informal competition for the best wine. Per Kurt, “no prizes except the recognition that you have really, really good taste in wine.” Unfortunately, this reporter was too busy enjoying the wine and snacks to learn the identity of the consensus winner.

We already have a volunteer for the next wine tasting. The name and location will be revealed when the actual date is set. The format of holding these wine tastings at member’s homes seems popular.

The wine tasting committee (Kurt and Erick) is also interested in possibilities at wineries. Any members? Also, any ideas on alternate beverages are welcome.



Editor’s Notes

Erick Young

Amazingly, it’s already November, in the home stretch of the year. We should all pause a moment and think about the many things we should be grateful for.

I read about a mental exercise that is very good at bringing perspective to things. Start with one thing that you are grateful for. Then trace back all the events (sometimes unlikely) that led up to that nice result. My example of something to be grateful for is joining SIRs.

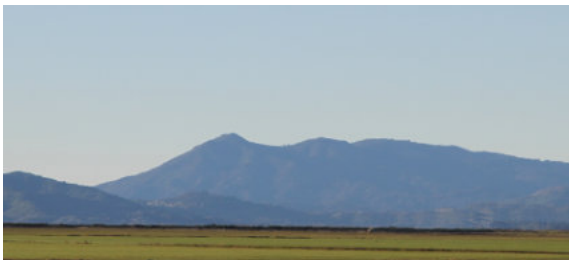
I lived in Tucson and was on the faculty of the University of Arizona for many years. A colleague suggested I consider a (*continued p2*)

NEXT LUNCHEON TUESDAY NOVEMBER 25, 2025 McInnis Park Club

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

Or call 415-881-7477

Please bring a check for \$36 per person



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Activities	Kurt Heilman
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Membership	Open
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 position at NASA in California. It was a very desirable opportunity since it was a chance to move back to California where I had grown up and to be closer to my family. After landing the position, I retired from Arizona and headed west to Mountain View.

After eight years at NASA, it was time to retire for real. After considering many locations in the Bay Area, we moved to Novato, a much more serene place than the heart of Silicon Valley.

The day we moved to Novato, Kurt and Monica Heilman just happened to taking a walk in the neighborhood. They introduced themselves and we became fast friends. Kurt, of course, introduced me to SIRS and the great group of members. I'm thankful for the long chain of events that led to my working on the Tamal Talk.

In this season of giving thanks, it's good to consider the intricate web of events that led to our current situations. Overall, I think those of us in SIRs are very fortunate and have much to be thankful for.

Big SIR Report



Big SIR Report for October 2025

Frank Luttringer

Thanksgiving is upon us, and we have one more luncheon for 2025 just a few days before Thanksgiving. Please join us for this final 2025 luncheon.

I am writing this report as I prepare for a trip to New Orleans so I will keep my comments short. We will be spending a few days in New Orleans followed by a river cruise up the Mississippi to Memphis. Charlie will be leading the October luncheon so I am sure you will enjoy it.

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! Please come prepared to pay for the party at the November lunch where Kurt will be collecting your payments.

Our technology group had 2 meetings in September and October. We are looking for ways to improve communication with all our members as everything seems to be moving toward more electronic mediums. We will have more updates in November and into 2026.

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

Tuesday November 25, 2025, 9:30 AM.

McInnis Club Restaurant; luncheon after meeting.

Little SIR Report



Little SIR Report for October 2025

Charlie Panfely

Plans changed abruptly for our October luncheon after the scheduled speaker was hospitalized and canceled his presentation one day prior to the event. The luncheon was rescued by Galen Dunham, one of our own Branch 47 members. With only 24 hours notice Galen put together a captivating presentation on the American Civil War. Dressed in an authentic uniform of a Union Army Private, he shared stories of life at that time, demonstrated weapons, and explained personal items which he had on display for us to see. It was an outstanding presentation, very informative, and seemingly enjoyed by all.

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.

In December we will celebrate the Branch 47 Annual Holiday Party on December 9th. Cost is \$65 per person and it will be from 5:00 to 9:00 pm. You can RSVP now on the sir47.org website.

Our next luncheon will be on November 25th. Don't forget to RSVP. See you there!

Charlie Panfely

cpanfely@att.net

November 2025 Membership Report

Active Members	127
Alumni	17
Total Members	144
Honorary Life Members	4

Passing

George Martinez

Sadly we report the passing of **George Martinez** on September 12 at the age of 91. A resident of Novato, George was a member of SIRs since 2017.

George was a prominent San Francisco attorney and worked on many nationally-important cases.

An obituary can be found at:

<https://www.marinij.com/obituaries/george-c-martinez-novato/>

SIRs Branch 47

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)

Dan Hurlbut (Technology)

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 Tamalpias Branch In Person Meeting September 23, 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 Stewart, Bill Wickley, Ron Kosciusko, Carl Dawson, Marshall Gross, Mark Bosch

Tamal talk: Erick Young

Guests: Rick Coburn, Jim Purvis, Frank Metzler.

Motion made, seconded and passed to accept Board agenda for September 23, 2025, and minutes for BEC meeting of August 25, 2025.

Big SIR Report: Frank reviewed some of the highlights of the state meeting of August 12, 2025. In particular: the word retirement will be eliminated and the word seniors kept; SIRs will be expanded to southern California. See Tamal Talk article for more information.

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

Our speaker today will be John Geoghegan who 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.

Our final speaker for 2025 will be Alan Baker from SIR's state. Alan is the SIR's state Webmaster and his presentation is entitled: Staying Safe on the Internet.

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

Membership Report: Mark Bosch will do attendance today through the end of the year. The Luncheon attendance is 73 meals that includes 1 visitor from branch 62 and 1 speaker.

There are currently about 127 active and 19 alumni members.

A report showing the status of no shows was reviewed and discussed. Most have paid or were excused. Officers and directors for 2026 were voted in at the August lunch. Database meeting is set for 9/27.

Galen will keep the cones and A frame to use at lunches.

We will test adding a second greeter at the table in front of Bill.

One new member today and no guests today.

Al Springstead and Art Boudreault have passed away and will be remembered today.

Secretary Report: Kurt will do the minutes for October.

Area 8 Report: See below.

Old Business:

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

Special Activities-Updates

- a) Senior faire – September 17. See below.
- b) Bay Cruise -Sept 20th - area 8 activity. See below.
- c) Guide Dogs for the Blind – tour on August 30th – See below.
- d) Christmas Party - Kurt – Tuesday December 9th. See below.

Technology Update: A database meeting and review will be held on 9-27-25 led by Kent Dutrieux.

Branch Executive Committee Minutes - 2

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 list was shown of about 25 people that signed up. A draft greeting letter to be sent was reviewed. Carl, Rick, Mark, and Kurt will revise the letter, make calls, and send emails to those who expressed interest in Branch 47 at the Senior fair.

Bay Cruise - September 20. Bay cruise had 54 people from 4 branches. Carl will encourage more multi-branch activities.

Guide Dogs for the Blind -August 30. It was very poignant as the puppies were returned to the center for the next chapter of being readied to be guide dogs.

Christmas Party - December 9. The flyer was reviewed and approved with some modifications. Alan Thomas will provide piano music. Meals will be provided to Alan, his wife, and Patrick Leveque who will sing. There will be no champagne included but there will be a cash bar. Cost is \$65 per person

2026 Budget - The budget for 2026 and the Dues and Membership Plan for 2026 as approved last month were distributed in the Tamal Talk.

Dues Increase for 2026 - Dues will be increased to \$45.00. This will be in the Tamal Talk. This will be presented again to the membership at today's luncheon.

Proposed Officers and Directors for 2026 – The list for 2026 officers and directors was reviewed. The list will be presented again at the luncheon. The list will be included in the Tamal Talk.

New Business:

Membership Application – The membership application will be reviewed and updated by a small group of Charlie, Mark, Bill W., and Marshall. They will look at the possibility of a digital application.

Member Surveys – Additional member surveys are deferred till early next year.

With no further topics to be raised, the meeting was **adjourned at 10:37 a.m.** The next BEC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 28 2025, at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Lutsky
Secretary

October 28 Luncheon Speaker

SIRs Branch 47 Member Galen Dunham Becomes a Civil War Calvary Private

The originally scheduled speaker for the October luncheon, Ki Siadatan, was unable to come due to his hospitalization after an auto accident. His topic was to be longevity research.

Fortunately, SIRs Branch 47 member Galen Dunham was able to fill in at the last minute, and presented an example of extreme longevity (175+ years).

Galen has participated in over 200 Civil War re-enactments, as evidenced by his medals,

and he became Private Dunham of the Calvary of the Union Army for his presentation.

During the Civil War, 80% of the troops were infantry, with the remaining troops split between artillery and calvary. He described how being in the calvary was the best assignment since they had a horse and better weaponry.

Galen also talked about many of the aspects of daily life for a soldier at the time, bringing the past to life.



Poetry by Jack Fuller

Halloween

By Jack Fuller



Jack Fuller is a Branch 47 member who had a career as an applied mathematics professor, but decided to try something completely different in retirement. He became interested in poetry and is trying to start a SIRs Poetry group for those members with an appreciation for verse. See Activities section for more.

Jack gave a reading of his recently penned poem "Halloween" at the luncheon.

*Halloween is here.
Boo! Boo! Boo! Boo! Boo!
Ghosts, goblins arrive!
Kids trick and treating.
Frightening things are
Coming down the street.
Are they real creatures?
Or just costumed things?
Hard to tell apart.
Makes me quite nervous.
Should I run or stay?
Wait! I see laughing.
See bags of candy!
Costumed creatures knock
On doors of houses.
What does this all mean?
Someone answers door.
I hear "Trick or Treat".
What does a "trick" mean?
What does a "treat" mean?*

*Person at door says:
Please take a few treats.
Treats look like candy.
What do trick look like?
I follow children.
Knock on one more door.
Someone answers door.
Says "Have some great treats!"
Children leave porch.
Still no sign of tricks.
Very curious!
Kept following them.
Never saw a trick.
Are there really any tricks?
Perhaps, just a word.
So, what do you think?
I only saw treats.
Could tricks occur if
No treats were offered?*

Area 8 Joint Activity



SIRs Attend Performance of Broadway Show SUFFS

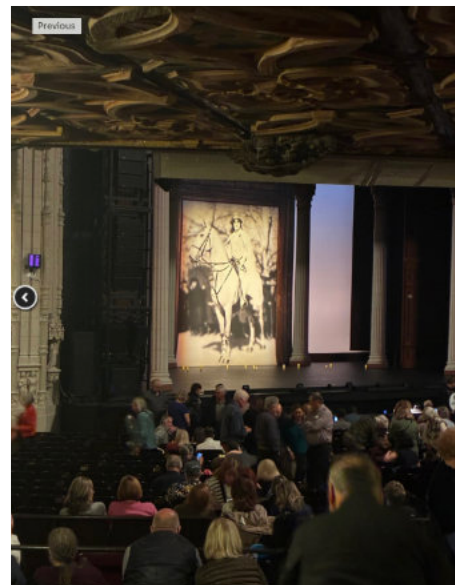
Bruce Scheibach (Branch 58 Little SIR)

On Wednesday, October 22, 2025, forty-six members and friends from Sonoma and Marin traveled to the Orpheum Theatre to attend a performance of SUFFS. The musical was a moving portrayal of the women's suffrage movement and the passage of the 19th Amendment.

Before the show, we stopped for lunch at Max's Opera Café, where there was initially a mix-up with our reservation. Fortunately, it was quickly resolved, and everyone enjoyed a pleasant lunch before heading to the theater.



Attached to the newsletter is a flyer for The Phantom of the Opera on Thursday June 18, 2026. June is a long way away, but you may want to consider purchasing your tickets early for this classic musical.



Activities Highlight

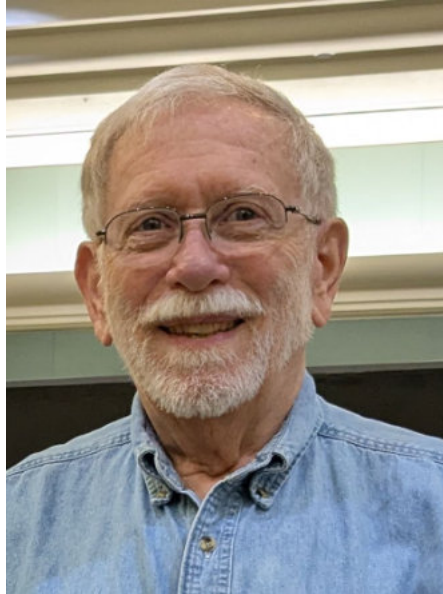
Hiking Group Visits Lands End

The Branch 47 hiking group meets every Thursday for a hike in the Bay Area. Typically the hikes are 3-4 miles over not-too-crazy terrain (i.e., mainly flat), followed by a nice lunch at a restaurant in the vicinity.

The picture is a contribution from Bill Wickley. It documents a recent hike at Lands End in San Francisco.

Please check out the information in the Activities Section of the Tamal Talk for the Walking/Hiking Group if you would like to be on the email list for the group.





November 25, 2025 Luncheon Speaker

Alan Baker

Staying Safe On The Internet

Alan Baker was a Senior Information Technology Specialist at IBM, a USAF pilot in Vietnam, and a small business manager. He spends the cool months in California and the warm months in Vermont. He provides education through AARP Fraud Watch Network and helps nonprofits with technology in both states.

Alan is the SIR's state webmaster and he helps branch webmasters throughout California. He has presented internet security topics to many SIR branches and other community groups. In 2022 he was awarded SIR's Honorary Life Membership for his contributions to SIR.

Menu Choices

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

- (1) Baked Ham with honey glaze, potatoes and vegetables
 - (2) Grilled Salmon with lemon butter sauce, rice and vegetables
 - (3) Vegan Plate – Pesto Tortellini and vegetables
 - (4) Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad
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Note: There will be no December luncheon. Instead, why don't you join the other members at the December 9 Holiday Party?

Upcoming Events in 2025

Holiday Party at The Club at McInnis Park

Tuesday December 9, 2025

Kurt Heilman, coordinator

Not in 2025 but not that far in the future:

Chinese New Years Luncheon

February 2026

Erick Young, 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.



SIR Multi-Branch Travel News

Glenn Breslin
SIR 146 Travel Chair
glennbreslin@gmail.com
 925-788-6520



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.

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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

For more information contact Glenn Breslin glennbreslin@gmail.com

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



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Christmas on the Danube

Nov. 27-Dec. 8, 2026

with a 2 day Christmas Markets of Prague extension. Six night Danube River Cruise including Christmas Markets in Vienna, Wurzburg, Rothenburg, Nuremberg, Regensburg, Passau, Wachau Valley, gluhwein party.

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Show Duration: 2 Hours & 30 Minutes

Time Boarding at - Smith Ranch Rd
Park & Ride 945am Depart BY 10am

Return Home Approx 530pm

DATE THURSDAY JUNE 18TH, 2026

COST: \$143/PP

COST IS BASED ON A MINIMUM OF 56 GUESTS

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

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Name(s): _____ Branch: _____

E-mail Address: _____ Meal Choice:

☐ Reuben Sandwich w/ Fries

☐ Cheeseburger w/ Fries

☐ Chicken Cobb Salad

☐ Veggie Wrap

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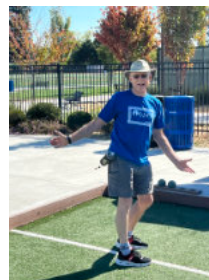
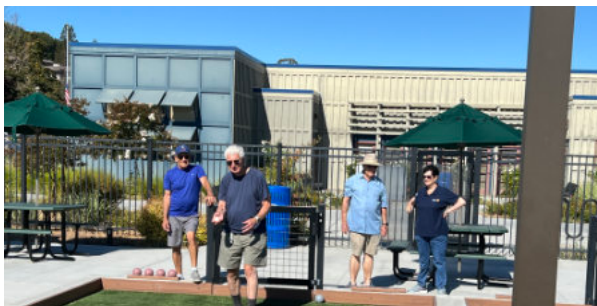
ACTIVITIES

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.

We meet at 11:30 AM at Mamita Cocina on 340 Ignacio Blvd. for lunch. Bocce follows at approximately 1 PM. 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. A number of museum tours are in the works.

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 ended on October 27th as did the 2025 league season. The Bravi Ragazzi SIR Monday team finished in 5th place and the Guiseppe Grasso team finished in 6th place both in the upper division. The Wednesday Piacevoli SIR finished in 2nd place in the upper division and the Gli Squali SIR finished in 4th place in the lower division. The Thursday Boccismo finished in 4th place and the 1 Mezzo Buoni finished in 6th place both in the upper division. Thirty four members of branch 47 participated in league play in 2025.

We are in the process of organizing our practices for the winter months beginning November 1st. We are 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 is organizing these practices. The cost to participate is \$15.00. 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

email: friesenjack7walter@aol.com



State Golf News

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 in September.
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.

Please check out the page in Tamal Talk about the current opportunities.

Glenn Breslin

SIR146 Travel Chair

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925-788-6520

Wine Tasting

We had a great wine tasting/party at my home on Oct. 24. Plenty of good wine and plenty of great snacks. We also talked about possible future events, and we have at least one in the pipeline. We're always looking to good suggestions.

Contact: Kurt Heilman

heilmanfour@comcast.net

415-892-2460

NOVEMBER 2025

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November Birthdays

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Frank Ghazzagh	74
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Roger Burstrem	80
Kurt Heilman	81
Walt Coe	83
Bob Gonzalez	85
Jim Harais	86
Jake Solomon	90
John Quin-Harkin	92
Hank Behar	101

November Anniversaries

Name	Years
Walt and Christine Coe	13
Dave and Suzanne Smith	43
Al and Barbara Thomas	49
Doug and Carla Twitchell	53
Knut and Ragnhild Larssen	54
Bill and Patricia Smith	58
John and Janet Quin-Harkin	59
George and Rose Miller	62
Irwin and Arlene Taranto	69