



TAMAL TALK

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Recent Events

Branch 47 Holiday Party a Fun Gathering

Erick Young



Sixty-five SIRs, partners, and guests lived up to the SIRs oath of being “fun-loving people.” The annual holiday party was held at the familiar venue of The Club at McInnis Park Golf Center on December 9, and it was a festive event.

Special thanks go to Kurt Heilman, who organized the event with the venue and arranged for the evening’s entertainment. He also served as the Master of Ceremonies for the evening.

Entertainment that evening was provided by our own Alan Thomas at the electric piano, who provided music for much of the evening. We also were treated with vocals by

Patrick Leveque, son of SIR Tim Leveque. Since he had control of the microphone, Kurt even joined in with a song and poetry reading, which was enjoyed by everyone.

Based on the results of the survey to members, the menu this year was adjusted to try to give SIRs what they wanted. The choices were prime rib, salmon, chicken Toscana, and vegetarian pasta Pomodoro. The food was nicely prepared, and the choices seemed to cover the range of tastes.

Although no one was seen dancing, a good time was had by everybody. The party was a great way to celebrate the end of 2025 and to kick off the holiday season.



Editor’s Notes

Erick Young

First, I want to wish everyone a very Happy New Year with hopes for a great coming year. Be at peace and try to enjoy Nature.

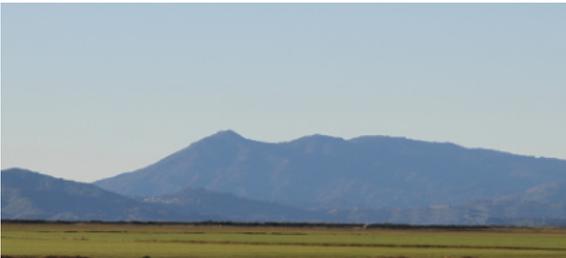
Since I’m the coordinator for the next Branch 47 party, I want to call your attention to the Chinese New Years party for 2026. Since everyone seemed pleased with China Palace in Novato, we will do an encore of last year’s event. To celebrate the Year of the Horse, we will have a great range of dishes (pot stickers, Mongolian chicken, braised tofu, beef with green beans, almond prawns, hot spiced fish, and vegetable chow mein. **Take a look at page 9 of the Tamal Talk to find out how to sign up for this fun event.**

NEXT LUNCHEON TUESDAY JANUARY 27, 2026 McInnis Park Club

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

Or call 415-881-7477

Please bring a check for \$37 per person and a check for \$45 for the annual dues.



Big SIR Report



Big SIR Report for January 2026

Charlie Panfely

Tamal Talk

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Happy New Year and welcome to another exciting year of fun-filled activities with SIR Branch 47. I hope that all of you enjoyed a Merry Christmas and a Happy New year, celebrating with family and friends.

We are so lucky for all the volunteers and leaders that make this organization work. I would like to start by thanking Frank Luttringer and our Branch Executive Committee who successfully led us through the many challenges and accomplishments of 2025. During the past year we increased our membership numbers, added spouses to attend our April luncheon, improved our website, strengthened Area 8 communication with other branches, and so much more. Big thanks go out to Mark Bosch, Marshall Gross, and Bill McNicholas, our retiring directors, for their years of leadership on our board.

Our Holiday party in December was a resounding success. Sixty-five people attended to enjoy a festive evening of good food and the music of Alan Thomas. Patrick Leveque joined Alan for an impromptu session and sang a wonderful assortment of holiday songs. Kudos to Kurt Heilman who not only organized the entire event but also served as Master of Ceremonies. His enthusiasm set the tone for the

evening, and he even treated us to a song, much to the delight of all in attendance.

Now is an ideal moment to encourage everyone to volunteer, based on your available time and interests. Our organization's many activities rely on the dedication and effort of volunteers to thrive. If you have not yet had the opportunity to participate, I invite you to jump-in wherever there is a need. Every contribution, no matter the size, helps make our activities successful and better.

Through the year we will solicit your input on activities, luncheons, events and direction. All members are welcome at our board meetings which are held at McInnis Park Restaurant at 9:30 AM on the day of our luncheon. Just let one of us know you are coming to be sure there is no meeting change for that month. You may also contact one of your board members to get an idea on the meeting agenda.

Coming up is our January Luncheon on the 27th and in February we have the Chinese New Year Celebration, our first special event of 2026. I hope to see you all there!

Charlie Panfely
Big SIR 2026 for Branch 47
cpanfely@att.net

Next Regular Branch Executive Committee Meeting

Tuesday January 27, 2026, 9:30 AM.

McInnis Club Restaurant; luncheon after meeting.

Little SIR Report



Little SIR Report for January 2026

Ron Nelson

I am looking forward to the new year and serving as Branch 47 Little Sir in 2026. I hope you all had a joyous holiday season with family and friends and are ready for an outstanding 2026. Working over the last couple of months to contact potential speakers has been a great experience and allowed me to meet some very interesting folks. So far, so good.

If you weren't able to attend the Holiday Party on December 9th, you missed a good one. It was festive, well-attended and enjoyed by all. Thanks go to Kurt Heilman for his work organizing the event, and to our stellar entertainers. Don't forget to RSVP for the Chinese New Year banquet lunch when the signup sheets are available.

Our speaker for the January 27th luncheon will be Richard Holmboe speaking about his US Navy submarine experiences during the Vietnam War, which should be fascinating and confirm one's belief that only a very few of us would fit for such service.

February's speaker will be John Chiosso, who will tell us about his remarkable feat of hiking every named trail in Marin County. You may recall that last April we opened the luncheon to spouses and guests, which was a great success. This year, we will do the same in the month of May.

I hope to arrange accomplished speakers this year who will talk about varied topics of interest to our members. Charlie Panfely is a tough act to follow, but I'll do my best. Charlie and Frank Luttringer have worked hard to get me up to speed on how to succeed as Little Sir, and I appreciate their efforts.

Don't forget to RSVP for the January 27th luncheon. If anyone has any comments or suggestions about our speakers, please see me at the luncheons or email me at rnelson2914@comcast.net.

Ron Nelson

rnelson2914@comcast.net

January 2026 Membership Report

Active Members	129
Alumni	17
Total Members	146
Honorary Life Members	4

Sunshine Committee

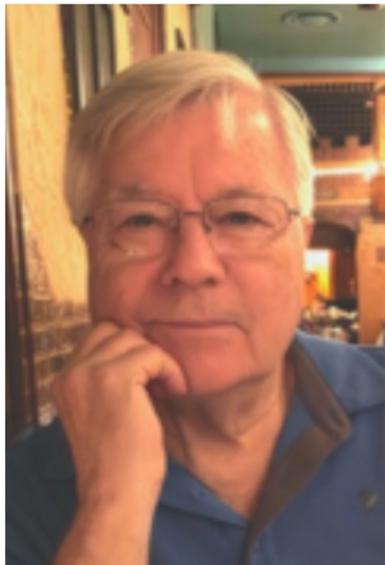
If you know of any SIR who has passed, is ill, or just needs contact, please call **Frank Ghazzagh**, Chair of the Sunshine Committee. He will make sure the Branch provides the needed contact.
415-505-7931



January Luncheon Speaker

Richard Holboe

My Submarine Life – or Living on a Pig Boat (Vietnam War Era)



Richard Holmboe will present his US Navy submarine experiences during the Vietnam War. This is a light-hearted presentation that includes information about submarines and about his experiences in two trips overseas. The talk will include many interesting and colorful slides.

Richard is retired and living in San Jose with his wife Arlene. In his civilian career, he worked mostly for HP and Agilent Technologies. He spent a good part of that career writing high-tech manuals

and training courses. He also spent 22 years in the navy and naval reserve – in submarines, surface navy and naval air.

He has been a popular docent at the Pigeon Point lighthouse near Pescadero for seven years. He has spoken to groups many times on the subjects of the lighthouse, on whales, and on his submarine experience. Additionally, he presents popular poems in a dramatic and meaningful way.

January Menu Choices

- (1) Pot Roast with mashed potatoes and vegetables
- (2) Grilled Salmon with lemon butter sauce, rice and vegetables
- (3) Vegan Plate – Mushroom Risotto
- (4) Chicken Caesar Salad

Reserve your spot at the luncheon at:

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

Branch Executive Committee Minutes

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

SIR Branch 47 BEC Meeting Minutes

Tamalpias Branch
In Person Meeting
Tuesday, November 25, 2025

The BEC Meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Big Sir Frank Luttringer. A quorum was determined to be present.

Attendees: Officers and Directors of 2025 Board were present as follows: Frank Luttringer, Charlie Panfely, Alan Lutsky, Kurt Heilman, Bill Stewart, Bill Wickley, Ron Kosciusko, Marshall Gross, Mark Bosch, Carl Dawson **Guests:** Jim Purvis, Ron Nelson, Dan Hurlbut, Erick Young (Tamal Talk), Alan Baker (SIR State).

A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the Board agenda for November 28, 2025, and minutes for BEC meeting of October 28, 2025.

Big SIR Report: Bill McNicholas has decided to resign from his role as director as of the end of the Year. A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to accept Dan Hurlbutt as a director for 2016.

Little SIR Report: 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 & Budget Report: Bill Stewart reviewed Form 28. The budget will be published quarterly in the Tamal Talk.

Secretary Report: Nothing to report.

Membership / Attendance Updates:

- Mark Bosch will do attendance today. Frank will take over attendance in January.
- The Luncheon attendance is 75 meals, that includes 5 guests and 1 speaker
- There are currently 127 active and 17 alumni members.
- 3 new members will be sworn in today.
- Dues will be increased to \$45.00. We will start requesting mail in dues payments in December to expedite receipt of dues. It was discussed that after March dues will be late but there will be no penalty or added fees. Added fees for late dues payment may be reviewed for next year.
- Walt Zebrowski passed away and will be remembered today.

Tamal Talk / Roster update: Erick Young needs input to update our roster book by mid-December. Discussion occurred around the number of rosters to print vs. sending on-line. It was agreed upon that 150 rosters will be printed at a cost of \$609.

Luncheon menu update: Ron Kosciusko discussed dining options and any changes to the 2026 luncheon menu. Menu revision 2 with more salad and fish variety was approved. McInnis is to increase our luncheon from \$36 to \$37 for 2026.

Nominating Committee update: It is never too early to start looking for the Little Sir for 2027.

Branch Executive Committee Minutes - 2

Special Activities-Updates – need to determine the 2026 party schedule.

- Christmas Party – Dec. 9, 2025 – members to sign up online.
- 2026 Chinese New Years Party – Erick is looking at the China Palace for mid-February
- 2026 Luncheon with spouses and guests – Ron is lining up Homeward bound for the May luncheon.
- 2026 Garden Party – Roger Burstrem will set a June date
- 2026 Miwok BYO Picnic – Tom Culhane and Kurt on a July date.
- 2026 Senior Faire – TBD.
- 2026 Sept. Cruise – Carl is coordinating this activity as an area 8 activity to get our own boat. This may require over 100 participants.
- 2026 Christmas Party – Kurt on December 8th.

Technology update – Mark / Ron / Frank / Charlie

Credit Card Payments: Dan met with Branch 134 and found that their system probably won't work for us because it requires a new website. Frank and Charlie met with Branch 7 and found that the Zeffy application that they are using is working well for them and that we can consider using it some time in 2026. More discussion will follow.

Website updates – Ron and other tech group member will meet with Alan Baker today to review options.

Google Workspace - Frank, Charlie, and Ron K. working on improvements.

Member Surveys, History, Program Adjustments – Kurt has now placed in the Gmail sheets

Future Surveys – to be determined as needed.

Branch 47 Membership Application review and revisions

There are 2 different applications in our Google Workspace. Charlie will select the one he wants to use and delete the other one. The one without color was preferred.

New Business:

Book Table: A motion was made, seconded and passed to continue to have a book table. Membership expressed interest in keeping the book table during the October lunch.

Luncheon

- November
- Reservations (Mark)
- Treasurer (Bill)
- Speaker (Charlie)
- Birthday Wine and Martinelli's option for both Nov. & Dec Birthdays (Frank G)

Special BEC meeting. A special 2026 planning BEC meeting will be held on 1-13-26 @11:30 at Mamita's in Novato.

Next BEC meeting is 27, 2025

With no further topics to be raised, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m. The next BEC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 27, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Lutsky
Secretary

December 6 Holiday Party
More pictures



Upcoming Events in 2026

Chinese New Years Luncheon

February 18, 2026

Erick Young, coordinator

Special Luncheon for SIRS and Spouses and Partners

May 26, 2026

Topic: Homeward Bound of Marin

Bocce/ Garden Party

June

Roger Burstrem, coordinator

Miwok Park BYO Picnic

July

Tom Culhane and Kurt Heilman, coordinators

Bay Cruise

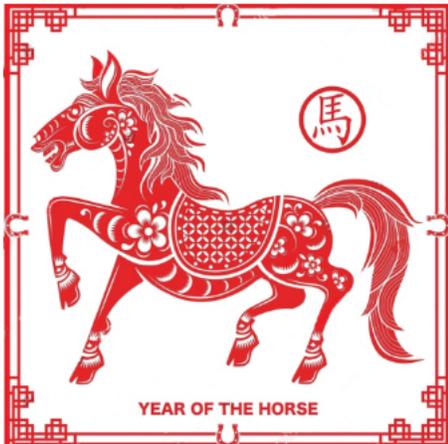
September

Carl Dawson, coordinating

2026 Holiday Party

December 8, 2026

Kurt Heilman, coordinator



SIR Br 47
Chinese New Year's Celebration
12:00 PM on Wednesday Feb 18, 2026

China PALACE Restaurant
7089 REDWOOD Blvd. Novato

This is our first party in 2026, and it kicks off the Year of the Horse. Since there were so many good comments last time, we've decided to have our celebration at the same venue as 2025. So now is the time to gallop to our Chinese Buffet.

The menu includes: POT STICKERS, MONGOLIAN CHICKEN, BRAISED TOFU WITH VEGETABLES, BEEF WITH GREEN BEANS, ALMOND PRAWNS, HOT SPICED FISH, and VEGETABLE CHOW MEIN, RICE, TEA OR SODA. There should be left over food to take home.

The cost is \$46 / person.

Please invite spouses and other guests to help us celebrate the Chinese New Year.

Tickets will be on sale at the Br 47 January 28, 2025 luncheon or online at sir47.org in the near future.

The contact is
Erick Young
@ 650-526-8079 or
erickt.young@gmail.com

Reservations are required.

SIR Multi-Branch Travel News

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SIR 146 Travel Chair
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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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April 1, - April 26, 2026

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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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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.

Pricing: \$5896-\$7497 p.p., double occupancy.

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

Link: <https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1271367>

SIR MULTI-BRANCH TRAVEL SURVEY

1. Where do you want to travel to ?
2. What duration (# of days) works best for you ?
3. Do you prefer a land trip or a cruise trip ?
4. What are your preferred Land Tour companies or Cruise Companies ?
5. Can you please provide any other comments about SIR Travel ?
6. If your preferred trip(s) turn out to be candidates for future SIR Travel, then I would like to learn more about how you like to travel. Can you please list your contact information below ?
 - a. Name, Email, Phone Number, SIR Branch Number and Location

Thank You Very Much In Advance !!

Glenn Breslin

SIR Branch146 – Activities and Travel Chair

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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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Questions? Call David at (415) 483-6303

Name(s): _____ Branch: _____

E-mail Address: _____ Meal Choice:

Reuben Sandwich w/ Fries

Chicken Cobb Salad

Cheeseburger w/ Fries

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. The first gathering for 2026 will be January 5.

We meet at 11:30 AM at Mamita's 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 car enthusiasts will be visiting the Cobra Experience Museum in Martinez on Wednesday, January 21, 2026. Fellow SIR's, spouses, family, and friends are invited to attend. Our two-hour docent led tour begins at 11:00 AM. Cost is \$27.50 per person. The museum houses a collection of rare Shelby Cobras and Ford Mustangs from the 1960's along with racing engines, artifacts, and other memorabilia.

The museum recommends tickets be purchased on-line (at least two weeks prior to our visit). Contact Joe Sauerland if you'll be attending, and for ticket purchasing information joesauerland@comcast.net or 415-479-8442.

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, vintage vehicles, automotive memorabilia, car shows, etc. the car enthusiasts' group is for you. Guests are always welcome, and owning a classic vehicle is not necessary.

Joe 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

Telephone or text : 415-798-7322

Email: jfuller@wvu.edu

League Bocce

With league play over for the year we are conducting practices for the winter months which began on November 1st. These practices are 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. We have had a very good turnout for the practices so far and we hope it continues throughout the winter months until league play resumes in late March. If you are interested and are not on Bill's list from last year, please contact him. His contact information is in the roster.

Jack Friesen, Bocce Chair

Jack Friesen, Bocce Chair

email: friesenjack7walter@aol.com



State Golf News

The next SIR State sponsored event is the Spring Fling Tournament at the Chardonnay & Eagle Vines Golf Club in Napa. The two-day event takes place on April 22 and 23. The cost is \$175 per person for both days or \$90 per person for single days. Ladies and guests are invited.

Additional Information 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 still 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 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.

Please check out the page in Tamal Talk about the current opportunities, and consider filling out the questionnaire.

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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.

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JANUARY 2026

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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	31	1 New Years	2	3
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11	12 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM ☞ 18 HOLE GOLF 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM ☞ 9 HOLE GOLF AT McINNIS GOLF PARK	13	14	15 9:45 AM - 2:00 PM ☞ THURSDAY 09:45 WALKING/HIKING GROUP	16	17
18	19 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM ☞ 18 HOLE GOLF 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM ☞ 9 HOLE GOLF AT McINNIS GOLF PARK	20 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM ☞ Car Enthusiasts Lunch	21	22 9:45 AM - 2:00 PM ☞ THURSDAY 09:45 WALKING/HIKING GROUP	23	24
25	26 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM ☞ 18 HOLE GOLF 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM ☞ 9 HOLE GOLF AT McINNIS GOLF PARK	27 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM BRANCH 47 JANUARY 27, 2026 LUNCHEON	28	29 9:45 AM - 2:00 PM ☞ THURSDAY 09:45 WALKING/HIKING GROUP	30	31

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



January Birthdays	
Name	Age
Dick D'Addario	77
Mark Bosch	77
Kevin Colgate	78
Richard Anderson	79
Bill Bunderson	81
Steven Klansko	81
Ron McGinnis	83
Mike Kelly	84
Jack Sramek	86
Pete Brekhus	87
T Winfrey	87
Bill Risch	88
Norbert Winter	88
Dick Somers	93
January Anniversaries	
Name	Years
Ron and Peian Harness	24
Reny and Terri Brown	46
Chuck and Marie McDevitt	64