

April Luncheon Speaker

Andrew Couch: From Storytime to Legacy : Making sure the grandkids get the story right



Andrew Couch is co-founder of Sound Legacy, an author, podcast host, and audiobook producer, who has spent more than a decade in the storytelling business. Sound Legacy is a company that produces audio-only interviews, video interviews, films, and podcasts with the aim to archive family and personal history for

future generations.

Andrew gave a very interesting talk about the key elements of an effective interview. For him, the key thing was to develop and empathy and understanding of your subject.

His talk focused on what makes a great interview. Important skills are to know when to be quiet,

Editor's Notes

May Ruminations

Erick Young



I had a nice lunch today with two of my college roommates from UC Davis. We will soon be celebrating 60 years as friends, and we had a good time recalling the great rock bands of the era. The value of friends cannot be overestimated, and that's one of the great things about SIRs. This meshes nicely with a new area of Tamal Talk. Jack Fuller and Galen Dunham have agreed to produce a short "Poetry Corner" for the newsletter. Fittingly, the first poem is entitled "A Very Good Friend."

I also wanted to call people's attention to some May events. Since it's the editor's prerogative, I want to mention a wine party at my house on May 8. Check out the Activities section.

Finally, don't forget Mothers Day (5/10) and Memorial Day (5/25).

giving emotional support to the subject, and always looking for the bigger picture while still gathering the details.

He reminded us that since we all have smartphones these days, anyone can be a historian.

For those of us of a certain age, this was a very relevant talk.

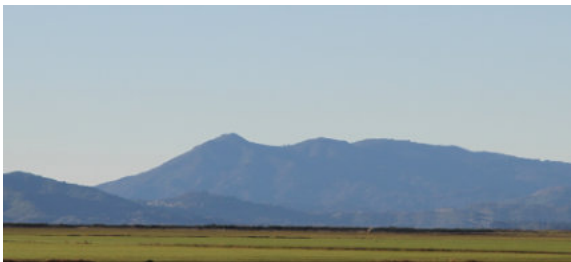
NEXT LUNCHEON TUESDAY MAY 26, 2026 McInnis Park Club

Special Spouses and Partners Luncheon

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

Or call 415-881-7477

Give the online payment method a try. Otherwise bring a check for \$37 per person.



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Big SIR Report



Big SIR Report for May 2026

Charlie Panfely

I'd like to extend a warm welcome to Jim Scadden, who recently became part of Branch 47 and was inducted during our April Luncheon. We are always delighted to add new members, particularly in light of recent decreases in membership. Now is an ideal time for everyone to help boost our membership by inviting eligible friends and neighbors to join our activities and attend a monthly luncheon as a sponsored guest.

The search is also on for a volunteer to be Little SIR in 2027. Serving as Little SIR involves a commitment of time and energy that is not to be taken lightly. However, it can be an extremely rewarding and satisfying experience which is not all that difficult. Basic computer skills and an ability to communicate with others are all that is required.

If I can do it, then it is well within anyone's reach.

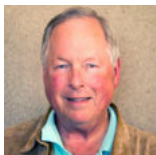
The upcoming Spouses and Visitors Luncheon is scheduled for May 26th, featuring guest speaker Correy-Ann Kanzenberg from Homeward Bound. At this event we welcome spouses and other visitors to join us and see what SIR is all about. Last year we tried this for the first time and it was quite popular. We have a registration limit of 125 people at McInnis and it's first come, first served, so register early and don't miss out.

I hope to see you all there.

Charlie Panfely
Big SIR 2026 for Branch 47
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Next Regular Branch Executive Committee Meeting
Tuesday May 26, 2026, 9:30 AM.
McInnis Club Restaurant; luncheon after meeting.

Little SIR Report



Little SIR Report for April 2026

Ron Nelson

Andrew Couch, the speaker at our April luncheon, presented a highly entertaining and thought-provoking talk about the power of story-telling and its value as a legacy gift to our children and family now living and yet to be born. Andrew pointed out that with the invention of the smart phone, everyone can record stories of their lives to pass on to future generations. The ability to learn directly from our elders about their lives and to actually hear their voices is a precious gift. Our members were very engaged with the talk and gave Andrew a warm round of applause when he finished.

The speaker at our May 26th luncheon will be Corry Kanzenberg, the Development Director of Homeward Bound of Marin. As Marin County's main provider of resources for homeless adults, families and veterans, Homeward Bound of Marin welcomes approximately 1,000 people per year through its 17 programs. It provides

safe accommodation, compassionate support and job training for people who are experiencing chronic homelessness. Corry joined Homeward Bound in 2016 where she builds meaningful connections with donors, partners, and the community to support shelter, housing, and job training programs. She has overseen fund development at Homeward Bound for four major capital projects totaling \$60 million, which created over 100 new homes and a job training center. She will tell us about what Homeward Bound is doing to address the persistent problem of homelessness in Marin County.

Ron Nelson

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May 2026 Membership Report

Active Members	114
Alumni	24
Total Members	138
Honorary Life Members	4

New Member

Welcome Jim Scadden



We would like to extend a SIRs welcome to the latest member of Branch 47. Jim Scadden was sworn in by Big SIR Charlie Panfely at the April luncheon. A resident of Tiburon, Jim is a retired attorney. He was sponsored by Myron Puckett. Jim has expressed interest in fishing and hiking.

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



Poetry Corner

Jack Fuller

Dear members of SIR Branch 47,

Certain members of our Sir Branch have been encouraging us to develop some Poetic activities in our Branch. So far three members have joined us in our poetry action (Galen Dunham, Kurt Heilman, and myself). The current members of the poetry group are wanting to expand our poetry membership and show others our thoughts and variations on poetry. The activities of the group are to understand the various things involved in developing poetry. Poems are not all the same in terms of size, rhyming or not rhyming, and lots of other things. If anyone is interested in joining us to explore the many aspects of poetry and learn how to write your own poems, please contact Jack Fuller at jack.fuller@mail.wvu.edu or by calling me at 415-798-7322.

You may wonder what kind of background do you need to write poetry? Any academic or real-life experiences are quite suitable. I myself have degrees in electrical engineering and applied mathematics, which do not seem related to poetry. But, I love to write poems. Here is a poem I recently wrote.

Sincerely,
Jack Fuller

A Very Good Friend

*By Jack Fuller
April 15, 2026*

A very good friend!
We could really blend.

You count on a friend.
To the bitter end.

If you feel lousy,
Or life seems drowsy.

A friend can help you.
With something quite new.

By sensing problems.
To place in columns.

Whatever bad comes,
Remember you're chums.

Friends can do much more.
Than walk out the door.

Friends have great value.
Are you a pal too?

May Luncheon Speaker

Correy-Ann Kanzenberg

Responding to Homelessness with Compassion and Action



May's luncheon will be our special event where spouses and partners are invited to see what the SIRs members are up to on the fourth Tuesday of the Month.

The topic should be of great interest to all. May's speaker will be Correy-Ann Kanzenberg, the Development Director of Homeward Bound of Marin. Homeward Bound is Marin County's main provider of resources for homeless adults, families and veterans, welcoming approximately 1,000 people per year through its 17 programs. It provides

safe accommodation, compassionate support and job training for people who are experiencing chronic homelessness. Correy joined Homeward Bound in 2016 where she builds meaningful connections with donors, partners, and the community to support shelter, housing, and job training programs. She has overseen fund development at Homeward Bound for four major capital projects totaling \$60 million, which created over 100 new homes and a job training center.

May Menu Choices

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

- 1) Tri-Tip topped with balsamic onions, mashed potatoes and vegetables
- (2) Vegan Plate – Mushroom Risotto
- (3) Snapper Picatta with rice and vegetables
- (4) Chinese Chicken Salad

Reserve your spot at the luncheon at:

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



SIR Branch 47 Executive Committee Minutes

In Person Meeting, Tuesday, March 24, 2026

The BEC meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Big Sir Charlie Panfely. A quorum was determined to be present.

Attendees: Officers and Directors of 2026 Board were present as follows: Charlie Panfely, Alan Lutsky, Jim Purvis, Ron Nelson, Bill Wickley, Ron Kosciusko, Dan Hurlbutt, Carl Dawson, Erick Young (Tamal Talk), Howard Foster, Frank Luttringer, Frank Metzler.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the Board agenda for March 24, 2026, and minutes for the BEC meeting of February 24, 2026.

Big Sir Report: See below

Little Sir Report: The speaker this month is John Gulick who will talk about his adventures as a Navy SEAL in Viet Nam.

1. We have speaker commitments through January 2027, with the exception of November.
2. All speakers have or will be informed about the photo formatting issue (our inability to show photos taken in HEIC format). If their presentations contain such photos, they need to be converted to jpeg format by the speaker or by us (Lucky) in advance of the luncheon.

Speakers for the next 5 months are as follows:

April: Andrew Couch (“From Storytime to Legacy - Making sure the grandkids get the story right”).

May: Paul Fordham (Homeward Bound) . This will be our annual co-ed lunch.

June: Dr. George Gallagher, Chair of the Animal Sciences Department at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo. (Topic TBD)

July: Tentative: Deepak Gulrajani, Owner/Winemaker of Nicholson Ranch Winery, Sonoma.

September: Wes Radez, Bay Nature Magazine (Environmental Journalism in a Changing World)

Treasurer’s Report. The proposed budget for 2026 and unpaid dues reports were reviewed

Secretary Report: As part of Policy B-13 – Record Retention, all minutes going back five years will be retained.

Alan is accumulating them and standardizing their names so they appear in alphabetical order. When done Charlie will assist in moving them to Google. Alan also signed the authorized signatories document for the checking account maintained with US Bank.

Membership / Attendance Updates:

- The Luncheon attendance report for 2-24-26 was reviewed.
- The projected Luncheon attendance is 80, which includes one speaker and wife plus two new prospective members.
- Charlie reported current membership at 122 active and 20 alumni members.
- Two prospective members will be introduced today.
- Distinguished Service Award Forms 45B for Bill Stewart and George Pikkarainen were voted on and approved. They will be presented at today’s luncheon.

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- Dues status: 109 collected and 10 unpaid. It was discussed that after March, dues will be delinquent and luncheons cannot be attended. Members wishing to be reinstated can do so by paying their dues.
- **In Memoriam:** Hale Prather will be remembered at the luncheon.

Area 8 Report: Nothing to report.

Tamal Talk Report: 2026 Member Rosters are still available at the luncheon meeting.

Old Business

Special Activities Schedule

- a. 2026 Chinese New Years Party – Complete-2 no shows are still responsible (Erick)
- b. 2026 Luncheon with spouses and guests – May 26 (Ron N.)
- c. 2026 Garden Party – June 9 (Roger Burstrem)
- d. 2026 Miwok BYO Picnic – July 14 (Tom Culhane and Kurt)
- e. 2026 Senior Faire – TBD, Frank will report in April
- f. 2026 Sept. Cruise – September 19 (Carl is coordinating this as an area 8 activity).
- g. 2026 Christmas Party – December 8th (Kurt)

Credit Card Payments: Email instructions were sent to active members on Zeffy usage for luncheon reservations. 29 paid and 2 Guest RSVPs were received on Zeffy as of March 18, 2026.

Website updates: In March the Newsletters and Contact Us pages were updated and password protected for security purposes. There was discussion on creating a Members Only area for these pages. This will be referred to the technology group.

Officer Name Badges: Charlie distributed new Officer and Director badges today.

Member Surveys Upcoming: Nothing new contemplated at this time.

Special Committees: Looking for volunteers to lead a Recruiting Team as suggested in the new State Policy 15.

Google Authenticator Implement: Complete, installed on four BEC member phones.

Gmail Cleanup Plan: Complete, some emails with Hiker labels will be retained.

Google Workspace Password Change: Accomplished on March 13.

Addition to BEC Regulations/History: Charlie wrote the following statement restricting use of SIR branch email to promote non-SIR activities or other organizations:

“The sirbranch47@gmail.com account is designated exclusively for SIR Branch 47 business and will not be used to promote non-SIR activities or organizations to our members. Members who wish to receive announcements from non-SIR organizations may subscribe to them independently of SIR Branch 47.”

The above was voted on and approved.

State Policy B-14 – First Aid and Safety Requirements from SIR State: This was discussed in a general manner for different scenarios. We will check the McInnis restaurant for what **First Aid** they can provide. \$50.00 will be appropriated by Charlie for a first aid kit to accompany different SIR functions.

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New Business

1. Need Branch Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation (Ron N.) Original incorporated in 1974. A statement of information to be filed May 1st and 3rd.
2. BEC approval requirement for participation in Area 8 Special Events. The Branch 7 baseball game for 5-27-2026 was voted on and approved.
3. Book Exchange discontinued due to low participation
4. A Proposal from Erick to add the Digital Roster to a Password Protected website page will be referred to the Technology Group.
5. State Policy B-15 – Discuss new Photo Release Requirements. The photo Release Form 66 is required for use of photographs and images. A signed copy is to be given to the Secretary prior to use.
6. New business cards are being looked at for Branch 47. Frank, Bill B., Ron N., Charlie, and Kurt will discuss and make recommendations.

Next BEC meeting is April 28, 2026

With no further topics to be raised, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m. The next BEC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 28, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Lutsky, Secretary



Upcoming Events in 2026

Special Luncheon for SIRS and Spouses and Partners

May 26, 2026

Topic: Homeward Bound of Marin

Giants vs Diamondbacks Baseball Game

May 27, 2026

Joint Event with Branches 7, 22, 47, 58, 134, and 147

Kurt Heilman, Branch 47 coordinator

Bocce/ Garden Party

June 9, 2026

Roger Burstrem & Jim Phelan, coordinators

Miwok Park BYO Picnic

July 14, 2026

Tom Culhane & Kurt Heilman, coordinators

Bay Cruise

September 19, 2026

Carl Dawson, coordinator

2026 Holiday Party

December 8, 2026

Kurt Heilman, coordinator

2026 Bocce / Garden Party - SIR Branch 47



Rose Garden

**Includes 6 Bocce Courts
Wine, Beer, Tea, Soda,
Water + Snacks**

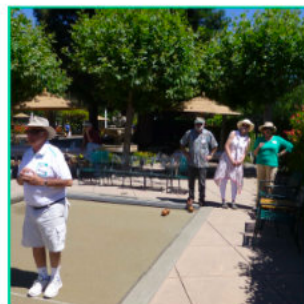
Only \$48

**Boxed Lunches by
Mollie Stone Grocery**

Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026

Time: 10 AM—2 PM

Location: Marin Bocce Federation Courts,
550 B St., San Rafael



Bob McLaughlin, PBS Jim Phelan, & PBS Roger Burstrem will be collecting at our luncheons on March 24th, April 28th, and May 26th.

You can also mail in the registration form with check, or complete your selections on line and deliver your payment at the luncheon "Party table".

Be sure to *Advise drink preferred* when completing the registration form: Red or White wine, Beer, Soda, or Tea **Guests are welcome!**



A) Caprese Salad:

Fresh Mozzarella slices over tomato, basil and our Balsamic Vinaigrette, (14 oz package) plus French roll and pad of butter.



B) Spinach & Berry Salad with Grilled Chicken:

Chicken, Fresh Spinach, Fresh Blueberries, Fresh Strawberries, Pecan, Raspberry Vinaigrette Dressing. (12 oz. Package), plus French roll and pad of butter

Each Sandwich includes Spring mix garden salad with cucumber, tomato, onion and balsamic vinaigrette dressing



C) Mollie's 8" Turkey Breast & Swiss Sandwich: Turkey, Swiss, Mayonnaise, Mustard, Salt & Pepper on a freshly baked Baguette, plus 4 oz spring mix garden salad, plus a pickle



D) Mollie's 8" Napa Valley Panini Sandwich: Ham, Brie, Spinach, Pesto & Tomato on a freshly baked Baguette, plus 4 oz spring mix garden salad, plus a pickle.



E) Mollie's 8" Parliament Sandwich: Roast Beef, Havarti, Spinach, Dijon Mustard and Horseradish on a freshly baked Baguette, plus 4 oz spring mix garden salad, plus a pickle.



F) Mollie's 8" North Beach Panini Sandwich: 3 selections of Salame, Provolone, Pesto, Peppers with Balsamic Vinegar on a freshly baked Baguette, plus 4 oz spring mix garden salad, plus a pickle

EVENTS

SIR Annual Bocce / Garden Party, Tuesday, June 10, 2025

Marin Bocce Federation, 550 B St, San Rafael; 10 am - 2 pm

\$48 - per attendee, includes a lunch from the selections below, court rentals, snacks, wine, beer, tea, soda and bottled water.

Each Lunch is individually boxed with disposable utensils, napkin, salt & pepper,

All attendees age 21 & up, can choose between two - 4 oz glasses of wine OR two beers

All others can select a bottle of tea or two sodas for their drink - bottles of water will be available for all

NAME(S): _____
 Phone # _____ - _____ - _____
 Branch # _____ Total # Attendees _____
 @ \$48 each = _____ **Check Preferred # _____**
 Cash _____ **Payable to SIR Branch 47**

Attendee's Name

Qty

Alcohol Preferred

WINE

Red
two
4 oz

White
two
4 oz

BEER
Two
Bottles

Tea OR Soda

One Tea
Unsweet
ened

Two Diet
Sodas

A Caprese Salad: Fresh Mozzarella slices over tomato, basil and our Balsamic Vinaigrette (14 oz package), plus French roll and pad of butter

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All SIR members & guests are welcome

Only soft soled shoes on courts - NO food or drink on courts

Please return this form with your order
and payment at our April or May
luncheons

OR mail by
May 28th to
Either:

Bob McLaughlin, 45 Andreas Circle, Novato, CA 94945

PBS Jim Phelan, 1106 Via Horqueta, San Rafael, CA 94903

PBS Roger Burstrem, 51 Captain Nurse Cir., Novato, CA 94949

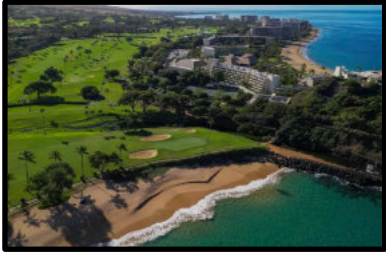
SIR Multi-Branch Travel News

Glenn Breslin

SIR 146 Travel Chair

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925-788-6520



Golf in Hawaii, June 1-5 (approximate dates) Maui Join us for 5 days, 4 nights at the Outrigger Kaanapali Beach Resort. We have reserved golf tee times at the Royal Kaanapali and Kaanapali Kai Golf Courses. 4 nights at the Outrigger Kaanapali Beach Resort – newly renovated facility. Deposit of \$1931.32 is due at time of booking, remaining balance is due April 17, 2026. Single rates are available. Contact Michael or Katherine Gervais, Ships and Trips Travel Agency. (916) 337 1623 or kathig@shipsandtripstravel.com



16 Night Hawaiian Island Cruise aboard Ruby Princess round trip from San Francisco: Oct. 23 thru Nov. 8 '26 From \$3,750 to \$6,055 pp. depending on cabin. Ports of call Hilo, Kahului, Maui, Honolulu, Oahu, Nawiliwili, Kauai, and Ensenada Mexico. Contact John Cardoza area 18 branch 143 209-483-7722
john@storageauctionexperts.com
<https://sirinc.org/uploads/travel/2026HawaiiCruise.pdf>



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.

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>

ACTIVITIES

Area 8 Activities- updated 3/31/2026

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
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
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



SIR State Golf Update and Schedules

Our 2026 SIR State Golf season is off to a fantastic start. We welcomed nearly 100 golfers in Napa, competing at Chardonnay (Scramble) and Eagle Vines (4-man, 2 best ball). With over \$3,500 in prizes being paid out, the energy and competition have been outstanding.

We have two more upcoming spring tournaments in the North Bay area: Fairfield (May 20–21) at Paradise Valley and Rancho Solano. This event was extremely popular last year, so be sure to get your entry in soon—the deadline is May 9. The format will again be 4-man / 2 best ball, with both Team and Individual prizes awarded. The final Spring tournament will take place at Blue Rock Springs in Vallejo on June 24–25, featuring both the East and West courses in the same 4-man, 2 best ball format.

It was great to see the strong SIR spirit on display in Napa. Many players showed up wearing their Championship jackets or polo shirts, and several teams even sported matching “uniforms.” Socially, the week was just as enjoyable—many groups gathered for dinner on Wednesday night, including a 24-person turnout from Branch 35 and the Santa Cruz SIRs. At Eagle Vines, the shotgun start allowed everyone to finish around the same time, leading to a large group spending a couple of hours together afterward in the restaurant. It was a great opportunity to reconnect with old friends and meet new ones.

For more information and entry forms, please visit the State SIR website (www.sirgolf.org). You’ll also find the full second-half schedule posted there, including:

- Team Scramble at Hiddenbrooke
- Two-day Sacramento event in September at Lincoln Hills and Turkey Creek
- State Individual Championships at Teal Bend on Thursday, October 1
- The season finale: Monterey tournament at BlackHorse and Bayonet courses at Fort Ord on November 10–11

Don’t miss these great opportunities to play excellent courses, enjoy camaraderie, and build lasting connections. We look forward to seeing many of you at the upcoming events.

P.S. The State Golf Committee is looking for additional volunteers to help run these events. If you’re interested, please contact Ben Gikis, SIR State Golf Chairman, at gikisben@yahoo.com or 408-802-0794.

Ben Gikis, 2026
State Golf Chairman
408 802-0794

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ACTIVITIES

Family Bocce

Our BR 47 Family plays non-competitive bocce on the first Monday of each month. The next gathering for 2026 will be May 4, 2026. May the fourth be with you!

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. Next meeting is on May 8, 2026.

No reservations are required. Try to get there a bit early as we are filling up the room quickly. <http://www.samsplacenovato.com>

Will Kaefer, willmarv@pacbell.net

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, 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.



We will be visiting the Travis Air Force Base Aviation Museum (located in Fairfield) on Tuesday, June 16. Our docent led tour begins at 10:30 AM. Plan on two hours for the tour. This is an RSVP event...free admission. SIR's, spouses, and guests are invited.

Indoor exhibits include aviation displays of WW II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, and milestones in space exploration. Outside you'll find 23 aircraft displayed including a B-29, B-52, & C-141. There's also 20 aircraft engines to view from WW I pistons to modern jet engines.

Because Travis is a secure military installation, there's strict visitor requirements for entry. I'm working with the Visitor Control Center Passive ID Office to make our base access as simple as possible. If you're thinking of attending (no firm commitment required at this time) it would be helpful to know who has a Department of Defense or Military ID card, as you and your guests may have direct museum access.

Currently, all others must present a California

Real ID or passport and go thru screening at the Visitors Control Center.....then a shuttle ride to the museum. We're working to simplify this.

More information forthcoming as the event draws closer. Thanks to Bruce Bernott for suggesting this outing. It should be informative, and fun.

Our visit to the Collectors Museum in San Rafael is on hold...awaiting a firm visit date from the museum's owner.

For more information contact Joe Sauerland at 415-479-8442 or joesauerland@comcast.net.

ACTIVITIES

Poetry Group

The Poetry Group currently includes SIRs Galen Dunham, Kurt Heilman, and myself. We now have a new venue-- The Poetry Corner in Tamal Talk (see page 4). Please contact me if you would like to join our group.

Jack Fuller

Telephone or text : 415-798-7322

Email: jfuller@wvu.edu

League Bocce

The 2026 spring league is at the midpoint with 4 weeks to go. The Monday *Bravi Ragazzi* SIR team is in 4th place and the *Giuseppe Grasso* team is in 6th place both in the upper division. The Wednesday *Piacevoli* SIR team is in 4th place in the upper division and the *Gli Squali* SIR team is in 4th place in the lower division. The Thursday *Boccismo* team is in 5th place and the *I Mezzo Buoni* team is in 9th place 9th both in the upper division.

Jack Friesen, Bocce Chair

email: friesenjack7walter@aol.com



State Golf News

Please look at page 14 of this issue of the Tamal Talk for information about the many State golf activities.

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		
3rd Thursday		
4th Thursday	Charlie Panfely	415-302-4391
5th Thursday		

Call leaders for details about future walks and hikes.

Since we are down to two hike leaders, we are now doing leaderless hikes twice a month. The leaderless hikes have been successful, but we would still invite new leaders to step up. Interested parties will meet at the designated spot and hike on their own. Contact Jake Solomon to find out the latest plans and to get on the mailing list.

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

glennbreslin@gmail.com

925-788-6520

Wine Tasting

The next wine tasting will be at Erick Young's house. Using the same general format as the last party at Kurt's house, we ask people to bring a wine to share and, if you are ambitious, some munchies. One bottle per couple will be more than enough for tasting. SIRS, partners, and friends are all welcome.

Weather in early May should be nice, and hopefully we will be able to enjoy the afternoon on the deck among the flowers and oak trees. There will be room indoors if necessary.

If you are interested, please contact Erick at 650-526-8079 or erickt.young@gmail.com by May 6. We'll try to make it cozy and limit attendance to 30 or so, first come first serve.

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BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



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Rick Bartolacelli	71
Ron Simon	73
Jim Swanson	78
Jim Bitter	82
Will Kaefer	83
Bill McNicholas	84
Mike Linwood	85
Jim Phelan	88
Vic Reizman	88
May Anniversaries	
Name	Years
Bob and Katharine McLaughlin	14
Ron and Tina Nelson	32
Will and Mary Kaefer	51
Ron and Sue Dorville	55
Hank and Phyllis Behar	69