

SIR Activity

Wine Tasting Party



Editor's Notes

Being Thankful

Erick Young

The speaker at today's (May 26) luncheon was Corry-Ann Kanzenberg of the Homeward Bound organization in Marin. They are the premier organization to support the homeless population in our county, and they have had great success in developing new housing facilities and helping this important population.

The talk reminded me of the importance of thankfulness. We in the SIRs organization are definitely fortunate. As people who have a roof that keeps out the rain and the financial ability to go to nice luncheons, we are certainly fortunate. Sometimes it takes just one unfortunate bump in the road to go from comfort to difficulty.

My suggestion for today is to go out in the morning and check out the trees and birds and air.

On May 8th, Branch 47 SIR Erick Young and Elaine Isner hosted a wine tasting party at their home in Novato. We were blessed with a Goldilocks Day, not too hot, not too cold, no wind, and lots of sunshine. Novato residents know how lucky we were (especially the no-wind part).

The wine tasting group has tried several formats, and this one seems to be popular. Generally, the mode has been to go to wineries in the Sonoma, Napa, and Marin where we could sample their fares. I recent years, wine tastings have become somewhat of a big production, particularly in Napa, so we've tried a different approach.

For this tasting, members brought a bottle of wine to share and, if energetic, also brought some

munchies. This format gave us ample opportunity to visit and chat in a relaxed environment.

We tried once to make the tasting a contest for the best wine brought, but it turns out the group was insufficiently competitive to make it a real contest. SIRs seem to much prefer to just enjoy the passage of time, preferably with friends.

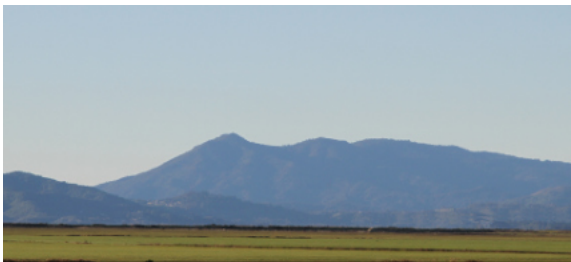
The wine tasting coordinators are Kurt Heilman and Erick Young. If anyone has good suggestions for future events, please contact Kurt (415-892-2460) or Erick (650-526-8079). We're open to wild and crazy ideas. We've even gone to microbreweries!

NEXT LUNCHEON TUESDAY JUNE 23, 2026 McInnis Park Club

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

Welcome to summer in Marin! Exciting spring and summer events are just around the corner. The Garden Party in San Rafael is planned for June 9th—unless it gets cancelled, it's about a week away and offers a great opportunity to invite friends, try Bocce, and enjoy lunch outdoors. Following that, we will gather for our picnic at Miwok Park on July 14th. For details about both events, check out Tamal Talk or visit our website at SIR47.org.

On May 1st, SIR State held a Zoom meeting focusing on marketing strategies to attract younger members. The group explored different approaches to connect with potential new members and launch initiatives aimed at boosting branch membership. Key recommendations involved setting goals, forming a Recruiting Committee, and engaging members with incentives and marketing materials.

Currently, our membership consists of 113 active members and 24 alumni, a decrease from last year. We thank everyone who has identified potential new

members this year. All members are invited to bring eligible guests for a complimentary lunch so they can discover our SIR events. To help with recruitment, we've provided new business cards at the check-in table and are considering an incentive program to reward members who recruit others.

The Branch Executive Committee meeting is open to all members and takes place at 9:30 am on the same day as our luncheon. If you'd like to attend, just let me know and I'll share the details.

Our next luncheon is on June 23rd, 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 June 23, 2026, 9:30 AM.

McInnis Club Restaurant; luncheon after meeting.

Little SIR Report



Little SIR Report for June 2026

Ron Nelson

Corry-Ann Kanzenberg, Development Director of Homeward Bound of Marin, spoke at our May 26th luncheon. She described the organization's many programs to help homeless individuals and families with job training, life skills and substance abuse recovery. They are particularly proud of their success in reducing the number of homeless veterans in Marin to near zero. They have an active culinary training program and serve restaurant meals to the public with the tutelage of professional chefs. Homeward Bound is also looking to develop housing for seniors who

are experiencing homelessness. It's a dynamic organization, and Corry's talk was warmly received by the audience.

The speaker at our July 28th luncheon will be Deepak Gulrajani, owner/winemaker of Nicholson Ranch Winery, located near the Carneros region in Sonoma County, and Gulrajani Family Estate in Napa. We should look forward to an interesting insider's view of winemaking and the wine industry

Ron Nelson

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May Speaker

Corry-Ann Kanzenberg: Homelessness and Homeward Bound- Marin



The May luncheon speaker was Corry-Ann Kanzenberg, the Development Director of Homeward Bound of Marin. Founded in 1974, Homeward Bound is Marin County's main provider of resources for homeless adults, families and veterans. They assist approximately 1,000 people per year through its 17 programs.

She spoke about the organization and its programs to help the homeless in Marin county. She highlighted several especially important programs. Homeward Bound is one of the rare

organizations that has programs that focuses on families, providing shelter and support for whole families including children. She also talked about two other initiatives. One was a program that focussed on homeless veterans. Through their efforts they have been able to bring down the homeless veteran population for over 100 to just a handful. The other exciting new project was the development of property purchased from the Dominican Sisters in San Rafael. The plan is to remodel the existing building into residences for seniors.

June 2026 Membership Report

Active Members	113
Alumni	24
Total Members	137
Honorary Life Members	4

Passings

John Quin-Harkin

We are saddened to report the passing of SIR John Quin-Harkin on May 1 at the age of 92. He was a member of SIRs since 2007.

Born in England, he was a resident of Marin since 1967. He led a rich life that included the military, oil, and travel industries. John is survived by his wife of 59 years Jean.

An obituary can be found at:

<https://www.valleymemorialpark.com/obituaries/Arthur-John-Quin-Harkin?obId=48309599>

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

Corry shared her contact information for those interested in more on their work for the homeless.

ckanzenberg@hbmf.org

The luncheon was also our annual Spouses and Partners event, where significant others were invited to our mysterious luncheons to find out what we were up to on the fourth Tuesday of the month. We are happy to report that 10 partners joined in the SIRs experience.



Poetry Corner

Galen Dunham

My poem, opposite this column, was inspired by a recent SIR club Hike. For members not familiar with the Hiking club, the Hiking Club consists of 10-14 members who gather Thursday mornings for a hike of 3-4 miles along well established trails and paths, weather permitting, concluding with a lunch. It was one of these recent SIR hikes that inspired this poem, while hiking a Nature trail in Marin.

The poem is a written art form consisting of rhymed or unrhymed lines of text, telling a story, an observation, thought, or point of view. Poetry is also a new hobby for me. My poems are just for fun.

Need some help writing a Poem? Give me a call, Galen Dunham, 415-924-4549.

The Sound of Silence

*By Galen Dunham
May 15, 2026*

I was on a SIR hike, the other day,
It was a wonderful day, what can I say,
The sky was as blue as the deep blue sea,
The fluffy white clouds were as white, as they could be,
The trail was level and smooth as glass,
From big tall trees to vibrant green grass,
To be surrounded by nature,
Is a wonderful adventure,
Listen to the quiet,
The quiet is so silent,
Do you hear that?
What I asked?
The silence, the silence,
Listen to the silence,
But there is nothing to hear,
We forget, when we are in nature,
Silence is everywhere.

June Luncheon Speaker

Dr. George Gallagher

From hay hooks and pitchforks to Precision Animal Agriculture– Technology in Food Production



We all have to eat, right? With around 8 billion souls currently living on planet earth, how can we feed them and their (and our) descendants? Dr. Gallagher will provide a fascinating glimpse of how agriculture is trying to meet this challenge.

George Gallagher is a native of New Mexico. He completed a BS degree in Animal Science, MS degrees in Genetics and in Experimental Statistics at New Mexico State University, and a PhD in Reproductive Physiology at Washington State University. Thereafter he spent

a over 20 years at Berry College, a private college in Northwest Georgia, where he was Dean of the Animal Science Department. He now serves as the Head of the Animal Sciences Department at Cal Poly University, San Luis Obispo.

May Menu Choices

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

- (1) Bay Shrimp Louie
- (2) Chicken Parmesan
- (3) Vegan Plate- Mushroom Risotto
- (4) TEXMEX Salad with Cilantro dressing

Reserve your spot at the luncheon at:

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



SIR Branch 47 Executive Committee Minutes

In Person Meeting, Tuesday, April 28, 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 the 2026 Board were present as follows: Charlie Panfely, Alan Lutsky, Jim Purvis, Ron Nelson, Bill Wickley, Ron Kosciusko, Dan Hurlbutt, Erick Young (Tamal Talk), Howard Foster, Frank Luttringer, Frank Metzler.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the Board agenda for April 28, 2026, and minutes for the BEC meeting of March 24, 2026.

Big Sir Report: See below

Little Sir Report: The speaker this month is Andrew Couch who will talk about the art of storytelling. From Storytime to Legacy.

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 4 months are as follows:

May: Corry-Ann Kanzenberg (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.

August: Brian Frack (Financial Aspects of Life Transitions)

Treasurer's Report. The check register for March and Form 28 reports were reviewed.

Secretary Report: Nothing to report.

Membership / Attendance Updates:

1. The Luncheon attendance report for 3-24-26 was reviewed.
2. The projected Luncheon attendance today is 71, which includes one speaker and one guest.
3. Charlie reported current membership at 114 active and 24 alumni members.
4. One prospective new member will be introduced today.
5. New member, James Scadden, will be sworn in today.

Area 8 Report: Nothing to report.

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

Old Business

Special Activities Schedule

1. 2026 Luncheon with spouses and guests – May 26 (Ron N.)
2. 2026 Garden Party – June 9 (Roger Burstrem)
3. 2026 Miwok BYO Picnic – July 14 (Tom Culhane and Kurt)
4. 2026 Senior Faire – September 16, registration opened on 4-22-26. (Frank)
5. 2026 Sept. Cruise – September 19 (Carl is coordinating this as an area 8 activity).
6. 2026 Christmas Party – December 8th (Kurt)

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Credit Card Payments: 24 paid and 2 Guest RSVPs were received on Zeffy. Cancellations for RSVPs paid on Zeffy will be credited toward future luncheons. Charlie will review the process for registering with a visitor at today's luncheon in preparation for our May luncheon with Spouses and Guests.

Website Updates:

1. Ron K. demonstrated that links to the Newsletters, Officers, and Directors pages have been moved to a Members Only tab with password protection.
2. Ron recommended not purchasing support for the Events Calendar due to poor service.
3. After discussion, it was decided not to add our Digital Roster to the Members Only tab. It will be emailed to members. This was voted on and approved.

Nominating Committee Updates – Nothing to report

State Policy B-14 – First Aid and Safety Requirements: McInnis confirmed they have an AED onsite as well as a First Aid Kit. Charlie presented the Red Cross First Aid Plus Kit purchased for SIR Activities where First Aid services may not be readily available.

State Policy B-15 – Photo Release Requirements: After discussion, it was decided to request clarification of requirements from Carl Dawson, our Area 8 Representative.

Branch Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation

1. Ron N. reported that we now have a full set of filed corporate documents on our Google Drive. Outdated documents on the drive will be deleted.
2. Still needed: (1) prepare and file a new Statement of Information with the Secretary of State; (2) prepare new Bylaws to replace the originals, which have been lost. Ron will prepare a draft by the May or June meeting and present it to the BEC for review and approval.
3. Two binders for the corporate documents will be maintained going forward by the Big Sir and the Secretary.

New Branch 47 Business Cards – Received and distributed by Charlie to BEC members

New Business

1. Website Activities Tab update: Will seek input from Activities Chairman, Kurt Heilman.
2. Poetry at Monthly Luncheons: It was discussed and decided that the Poetry Group will no longer recite poems at the monthly luncheon. Instead, they will be given space in the Tamal Talk newsletter to present poems.
3. Marin Senior Fair Participation: We will explore cooperation with other Area 8 Branches for a booth.
4. Management of bounced checks: Service charges incurred from bounced checks will be charged back to the member responsible.
5. Membership Drive: 2 BEC members will attend SIR State ZOOM training (Guerrilla Marketing and How to Attract Younger Members to SIR) on Friday, May 1st. We are looking for a volunteer to lead a Recruiting Team.
6. It was requested that the words of our luncheon song be displayed on the projection screen. Charlie will evaluate and report back.

Next BEC meeting is May 26, 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, May 26, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Lutsky
Secretary

Upcoming Events in 2026

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 27, 2026

Note New Date

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
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Alcohol Preferred		Tea OR Soda	
WINE		BEER Two Bottles	One Tea Unsweet ened
Red two 4 oz	White two 4 oz		

A	<u>Caprese Salad:</u> Fresh Mozzarella slices over tomato, basil and our Balsamic Vinaigrette (14 oz package), plus French roll and pad of butter		
B	<u>Spinach & Berry Salad with Grilled Chicken:</u> Chicken, Fresh Spinach, Fresh Blueberries, Fresh Strawberries, Pecan, Raspberry Vinaigrette Dressing. (12 oz. Package), plus French roll and pad of butter		
C	<u>Mollie's 8" Turkey Breast & Swiss Sandwich:</u> Turkey, Swiss, Mayonnaise, Mustard, Salt & Pepper on a freshly baked Baguette, plus 4 oz Spring Mix garden salad, plus a pickle		
D	<u>Mollie's 8" Napa Valley Panini Sandwich:</u> Ham, Brie, Spinach, Pesto & Tomato on a freshly baked Baguette, plus 4 oz Spring Mix garden salad, plus a pickle.		
E	<u>Mollie's 8" Parliament Sandwich:</u> Roast Beef, Havarti, Spinach, Dijon Mustard and Horseradish on a freshly baked Baguette, plus 4 oz spring mix garden salad, plus a pickle.		
F	<u>Mollie's 8" North Beach Panini Sandwich:</u> Three selections of Salame, Provolone, Pesto, Peppers with Balsamic Vinegar on a freshly baked Baguette, plus 4 oz spring mix garden salad, plus a pickle		

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 Rafeal, 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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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
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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 June 4, 2026. 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 June 12, 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

ACTIVITIES

Auto Enthusiasts' Group

Our planned visit to the Travis Air Force Base Aviation Museum on June 16 has been cancelled. Access requirements for non-military visitors to Travis have become more complex, necessitating the cancellation.

Branch 47 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.

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

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 ended on May 21st. The Monday Guiseppe Grasso team finished in 4th place and the Bravi Ragazzi SIR team finished in 5th place, both in the upper division. The Wednesday Piacevoli SIR team finished in 5th place in the upper division and the Gli Squali SIR team finished in 4th place in the lower division. The Thursday Boccismo team finished in 5th place and the I Mezzo Buoni team finished in 8th place, both in the upper division. The end of league tournament will be held next week with the summer league beginning the following week.

Several branch 47 members joined our teams and played bocce for the first time in league play and we hope that others who have expressed interest will join us in the future.

The deadline for adding players to our rosters is at the end of the 3rd week of the summer league. Contact me if you are interested in joining a team.

Jack Friesen, Bocce Chair

email: friesenjack7walter@aol.com



State Golf News

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

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Wine Tasting

The last wine tasting was held at the home of Erick Young. See lead article of this Tamal Talk.

We are now looking for ideas for the next event. If you have ideas or would like to join the group, please contact:

Erick Young at 650-526-8079 erickt.young@gmail.com or

Kurt Heilman at 415-892-2460 heilmanfour@comcast.net

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BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



June Birthdays

Name	Age
Lucky Lindbeck	71
Dave Kearnan	73
Dee Stuever	75
Tony Gerald	78
Alan Brickman	80
Frank Metzler	81
Doug Twitchell	81
Jack Fuller	81
Chuck McDevitt	87
Myron Puckett	88
Richard Charvat	88
Pikk Pikkarainen	91
Art Costamagna	93

June Anniversaries

Name	Years
Howie and Sharyn Foster	27
Gus and B1 Colenbrander	43
Ron and Shirley Kosciusko	47
Bruce and Faye Bernott	49
Dick and Bernice D'Addario	51
Ron and Maxine McGinnis	56
Carl and Lynn Dawson	56
Eric and Lenora Kwok	56
Rick and Noreen Coburn	56
Myron and Sheila Puckett	61
Mike and Priscilla Kelly	62
John and Marie Zeiter	64