

Ignacio Pacheco Branch News

Independence, Dignity and Social Activities for Men

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LUNCH IS THE 11th NOT THE 4th.



BRANCH 22, *Ignacio Pacheco*

Price \$35

Roasted Tri Tip with Mushroom Sauce
Vegetables and Baked Potatoes
Alternative: Chinese Chicken Salad



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BIG SIR

Jim Sasse

JIM SASSE AND HIS THOUGHTS:

Jim's July Thoughts.

July already!

Wow time does fly.

Spring is over, summer is here, and

It's our country's birthday when 13 very diverse colonies came together and formed a new country. This affected the status of the colonies of four European countries, but only England tried to suppress our drive for independence. While losing the war it started, England gave us their language and much of our civil system of government. Toss in a little from France, Spain and the Netherlands, debate it, and write a Declaration of Independence and a Constitution that have lasted the tests of time. Quite an undertaking. Imagine the wide-open spaces, The need for rapid development that after over two hundred thirty plus birthdays on the 4th we will celebrate the vast country we live in today. That is our normal meeting day, but it seems more appropriate to celebrate with family, neighbors and friends. So please remember our July meeting and Lunch is on the 11th.

Another birthday is SIR's. We are 65 this year. SIR stretches from Redding to Bakersfield. There are over 10,000 of us in 90 branches. We are part of the fabric of Northern California Society. The bonds we create by sharing food and play serve our need for community as we age. However, if we look around our rooms, we are in need of becoming more inclusive and our state organization has recognized that so we will be our recruiting efforts are developing a membership like the people with whom we share our country. Your help is always needed. Talk us up, reach out to those you meet. That works if we do it.

Many of us will be on vacation over the next two months. These pages are for us to communicate with each other, tell stories about what we have done, where we went and what we found. It's important that we share our favorite restaurants at home, our golf games and skill at playing cards. But I hope you are like me and also want to know what else inspires you, I want to hear of your adventures and see your photos. Ask any member of you BEC to pass on these stories to our Editor so we can do what our folks used to call "Armchair Traveling".

Generosity and caring are also a part of the community. In 2019 SIR established a Foundation to help SIRs who had serious losses from the "Camp Wildfire". Forty-One Thousand dollars were collected and distributed to deserving SIR members. This Foundation continues to exist and is seeking our contributions to be ready to help our members when needed. Recently it has been helping us weather the Pandemic by funding our Zoom communications. Please donate whatever you feel comfortable doing. Its deductible SIR Jim Walton jwalton2176@gmail.com

Enjoy the summer and watch out for sunburn.



BEC DIRECTOR'S MINUTES

Bud Pflueger, Secretary

BRANCH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

SIRS IGNACIO PACHECO BRANCH 22

The Club at McInnis Park Golf Center, San Rafael, Ca.

Tuesday, June 6, 2023

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 10: thirty by Big Sir, Jim Sasse

ROLL CALL: Present: Officers: Big Sir: Jim Sasse; Secretary, Otto Pflueger, Treasurer, Dave Thornton, Directors: Jim Boughey, Floyd Heckman, Steve Miller, Bill Wilhelm, Jim Stein, Mike Dean

Absent: Director Jim Filippo

QUORUM: Present

MINUTES: The Minutes from the May 2, 2023, Board Meeting approved, MSP

TREASURER'S REPORT: Balance as reported by treasurer, Dave Thornton is \$5358.72 MSP. Subject to audit.

MEMBERSHIP: Membership currently stands at 70. Wilhelm is two- thirds through making a new Roster.

Sunshine and Shadows: Nothing to report.

Big Sir Report:

Jim Sasse, Jim Boughey, Jim Stein, and Wally Holmes attended a state zoom meeting discussing ways to increase membership. Bulletin Board postings, Newspaper ads, and many other options were discussed. Mike Dean mentioned social media platforms would be the most effective: Facebook, Next Door and Instagram were mentioned. This option was not discussed at the zoom meeting. Boughey volunteered to investigate this option, but no action was decided. There was a long open discussion on these points with no conclusive action taken. Sasse mentioned that the Bylaws do not permit women members, but this is overlooked by some branches in actual practice.

We have no area eight representative to whom we report such things as Minutes and Newsletters. These have been sent recently directly to the State. No volunteers from our board to accept this job were forthcoming.

Events: one. Dinner at Don Antonio's in Larkspur on July 17 at 5:00 pm. Bill is sending out a circular to membership about details. Price 70.00 including wine.2. The Picnic (Beach Party) is at Mike Deans on August 17. There was extensive discussion about the menu. Baby back ribs, chicken, pasta salad. Fruit salad was my favorite item. Debbie, who caters, will be contacted. Branch seven members will be invited, no other branches.

Activities: There was extensive talk about golf matters. Dave Thornton is thinking about putting together a Giants game group. Favored date August 3 vs the Diamondbacks. Ferry to park suggested.

Poker: Next Monday, June 11 at Indian Valley.

Speakers: Wally has a speaker for July. Steve Miller has a speaker for November.

Newsletter: Jim Boughey is abroad all of July but will manage Newsletter from wherever he is.

Sir of the Month: None decided.

The meeting adjourned at 11:25. MSP

Minutes prepared by Otto Pflueger and emailed to Board members on June 7,

[Editor's Notes]

BY THE TIME YOU GET THIS I WILL BE IN EUROPE WITH MY FAMILY. RICH SEYLER KINDLY OFFERED TO PUBLISH THE AUGUST NEWS FOR ME, BUT THAT SEEMED MORE FUSS THAN JUST SENDING IT OFF MY TABLET. IT MAY NOT LOOK GREAT, BUT JUST THINK I WILL BE IN VENICE EATING GREAT FISH. THANKS FOR YOUR FORGIVENESS. JIM BOUGHEY



JULY SPEAKER

By Wally Holms

Our Speaker for July 11th will be the Marin County Sheriff and Coroner

Jamie Scardina

As a native of Marin County, Jamie grew up in Corte Madera. He attended Marin Catholic High School, and he received an Associate of Arts degree from College of Marin as well as a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology with an emphasis in Criminology from the University of Montana, Missoula.



For more than 23 years, Jamie has dedicated himself to keeping the people of Marin County safe. In 1998, Jamie joined the Tiburon Police Department as a police officer before joining the Marin County Sheriff's Office in 2000. He steadily worked his way up through the ranks from Deputy to Sergeant to Lieutenant to Captain. In December 2018, Jamie was promoted to Undersheriff — the second in command in the office. Jamie also recently served as the Interim Chief of Police for the Tiburon Police Department from September 2020 to April 2021. Jamie was appointed to Sheriff in July 2022.

Jamie has graduated from the following Police Officer Standards and Training leadership courses: Sherman Block Supervisor Leadership Institute, 2012 P.O.S.T. Executive Development program and the 2015 P.O.S.T. Command College, Class 57.

Jamie currently serves as a board member of the Marin County Public Safety Officers Association for Widows and Orphans. Jamie has led fundraising activities to provide survivor benefits to the families of fallen Marin County public safety officers (police and fire).

Jamie has been married for more than 21 years to his wife, Ronelle. They are the proud parents of two adult children – Julia and Joseph. Jamie has spent many years volunteering and coaching youth athletics in Marin County, including CYO basketball for St. Isabella's, Las Gallinas Valley Little League, San Rafael Girls Softball and Smackers softball. Jamie is a member of the Italian Athletic Club of Marin.

He will speak on the duties and responsibilities of his Department and how he interfaces with the Police Oversight Committee appointed by the Marin County Board of Supervisors.



MARIN RESTAURANT ADVICE AND NEWS

Mike Dean

LET'S DO LUNCH

Restaurant Review by Mike Dean

Corte Madera Town Center
Just off 101 in Corte Madera

415.891.3265

I have a favorite spot to go for lunch following a workout at Piper Park and the new Larkspur dog park with Olive. It's not one restaurant, it's kind of like a food court featuring a variety of food choices. It's Town Center in Corte Madera.

Corte Madera Town Center has plenty of outdoor seating scattered around a giant courtyard with fountains and restaurants. Some of the seating is tied to a specific eatery that also contains some indoor seating and the rest is simply general seating with tables available to all. You can enjoy wraps, vegetarian food, Italian food, chicken, Hawaiian food, juices and more – all in a great people watching courtyard. Wednesdays comes with a small farmers' market and many times there's even live music to boot.



My go-to places are Blue Barn, Pig in a Pickle and Field works. The latter is a brewery serving flights of beer, wine, pizza and salads and appetizers. My favorite appetizer is baked goat cheese with stewed tomatoes and pita bread – but the pizza is good too. They have table service.

Blue Barn has a great menu of everything from hot dogs to middle eastern dishes and big salads of all kinds. They have a great bacon and tomato sandwich among many other creative sandwiches. You order at the counter and eat either inside or in the courtyard.

The Pig and the Pickle is known for its brisket and if you've been to a SIR event at my house, you've sampled their menu before! There's also a full bar at the Pig.

Sooo - Enjoy good weather at Town Center where you can enjoy a different

restaurant every day for a week. If you want action, go on Wednesday if you're not playing golf with the SIRS.



FOR BRANCH 22

***ERRATA: Note the Don Antonio Dinner will be July 17.
Please excuse last month's date error.***



Mike & Debbie Dean 07/05
Floyd & Marsha Heckman 07/11
John & Claire Vella 07/11
Bob & Diane Schneider 07/12
Gene & Pat Gallagher 07/30
Steve & Judith Miller 07/30



Steve Bettega 07/05
Bob Schneider 07/15
Tal Fletcher 07/25

Your Branch 22 has a WEB Page as part of the SIR INC web site. This page is maintained by Member Rich Seyler who is doing a very good job. Check it out with this hyper link.

[SIR Branch 22 \(sirinc2.org\)](http://sirinc2.org)



SIR, Inc.* State of the STATE and Other Branches July 2023

STATE NEWS: 2023 brings significant change to the SIR organizational structure. First off, the Region Director position will be discontinued. Secondly the title Area Governor will be replaced by Area Representative with major changes in the job description. Without a Region Director and with Area 8s continuing Area Governor vacancy there are concerns about the communication link between the Area 8 branches and those at the state level in SIR. It has been recommended that the branches in Area 8 elect an Area Representative ASAP. The new Area Representative reports to the Vice President of SIR. Please note it puts the new position in a less controversial position than the old A.G. requirements. There are no compliance issues to be dealt with, all overdue reports and documents required in our incorporation business will be done by another.

So far Group 8 (that is us) is the only Group to not yet elected such a representative and there is no news of a plan to do so! *We are losing out, if you want to be nominated talk to Mr. Sasse.*

See Full State News @ <https://sirinc.org/?s=Happenings>



The Second 2023 quarterly issue is still posted and contains news and these interesting articles among others:

1. Mike Dean’s restaurant reviews are featured in the Newsletter Quotes
2. Attracting new member ideas.
3. EV news summary.
4. More about Bias of several kinds.
5. Early 20th Century Slang, very outdated stuff of interest.

SIR STATE OFFICERS

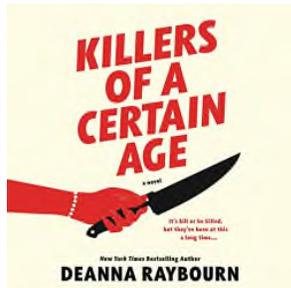
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TURNING PAGES

Bud Pflueger

“Killers of a Certain Age” “by Deanna Raybourn; 2022; fiction, action thriller



In November of 1979 Billie and three other young women are recruited by a secret “extra-governmental” organization whose purpose is to assassinate bad persons, mostly men, whose criminal activities elude the law. In short, by killing them the world becomes a better place. The story jumps to forty years later when the team of women are all seasoned killers and now find themselves in the crosshairs of the organization. Alternating between current time and the late seventies, and eighties, the background story of their special training and of several of their jobs is revealed.

This is a suspenseful, well-written novel by a popular author who has written many novels. This is a great read for all who enjoy such escape stories. It is reassuring to find another author who challenges age and female stereotypes.

“The Life and Times of the Thunderbolt Kid” by Bill Bryson, 2006 non-fiction



This humorous memoir is seen through the author’s eyes as a young child who was born in Des Moines in the early fifties. To such a child everything is huge, and the exaggerated humor of the adult author is truly funny. The fifties were booming time in America when all the arms manufacturers turned their factories to make large appliances. Refrigerators and TVs sold like hotcakes and the economy prospered. All aspects of the child’s life are recounted: family, school, relationships, and the small crimes of childhood. The book is filled with accurate data of just about everything, serious and revealing information which we have probably forgotten.

Footnoted at the end. This will be enjoyed by all of us aged, nostalgic guys to whom the 50s may seem like a paradise lost.

Thanks to Tom Atkin, who discovered the early Bryson in the library and enjoyed many a chuckle as did I.



POKER

WALLY HOLMES

THE NEXT SIR'S POKER GAME IS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY JULY 10, 2023

We had a good turnout for poker on June 12th. Four of us showed up and had a nice breakfast, Jim Stein, Steve Miller, Bud Pflueger, and me. We had 6 players show up for poker. They were Jim Stein, Steve Bettega, Steve Miller, Dan Bastian, Steve Bettega, and me. We sorely missed B Ed Marshall, Tom fox, Gene Gallagher, Mike Dean, and others. Again, the big winner was Bud Pflueger, and the minor winners were Dan Bastian and Steve Miller. The losers were me and Jimmy Stein with Steve Bettega just about breaking even.

If you don't play poker, and need a good breakfast, the Indian Valley 19th hole Bar and Grill, servers an excellent breakfast. Please join us for breakfast, we have a good view of the Lake and always enjoy getting together with good friends.



Also, if you do not know how to play poker and would like to learn, please contact us. We would love to have you join our poker group and we would be incredibly happy to collaborate with you and teach you how to play the various games.

The Sirs Poker Club plays poker on the first Monday after the regular Sirs luncheon. As members of Sirs, we have a great time. Please take the time to join us. If you think we can improve our games and get larger turnouts, give us your thoughts and comments? We would like to improve in the number of players and have a fun outing and enjoy good friends and food.

There is a \$50 buy in to play poker. The red chips are 50 cents, black chips dollar and the yellow chips are five dollars. There is a 3 raise maximum and it is dealer's choice on the game they would like to play. The deck has one joker, and it goes with aces, straights, and flushes. However, if you name a wild card game such as down and dirty, the joker automatically becomes wild unless you state at the beginning the joker is not wild.



TREASURER'S REPORT

Dave Thornton

Sirs Branch 22 Expenditures for the Month of May-23

<u>Date</u>	<u>Check Number</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Memo</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Deposits</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Balance</u>
<u>Ending Bank Balance April 31, 2023</u>							\$ 5,299.72
5/2/2023	1043	McInnis Golf	Monthly Lunch			816.00	\$ 4,483.72
5/4/2023			Lunch Collection		855.00		\$ 5,338.72
5/15/2023		SIR Inc	Quarterly Assessment			130.00	\$ 5,208.72
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<u>Totals</u>					\$ 855.00	\$ 946.00	\$ (91.00)
BANK BALANCE							\$ 5,208.72

Outstanding Checks

	\$ -
<u>Total Outstanding Checks:</u>	

Petty Cash Box

	\$ 150.00
NET BALANCE	\$ 5,358.72

**MEMBERS OF BR 22 ARE FREE TO SUBMIT
ARTICLE THEY WRITE TO THE EDITOR BUT
NONE OF YOU HAVE.**





GOLF

Bill Wilhelm

Score Cads by Rich Seyler

Blue Rock East - Low Net
6/7/2023
Gold Tees

Flight	Rank	Last	First	Index	Hdcp	Gross	Net		Points	Purse
1	1	Thomton	Dave	27.8	25	96	71	*	10	\$20.00
1	2	Yam	David	29.4	27	98	71	*	9	\$15.00
1	3	Harris	Ted	14.6	11	85	74		7	\$10.00
1	4	Lambertson	Peter	17.2	14	89	75		5	\$5.00
1	5	Collings	Ron	10.1	6	83	77		3	
1	6	Miller	Steve	25.8	23	101	78			
1	7	Wilhelm	Bill	23.8	21	101	80	*		
1	8	Rawles	Jeff	27.5	25	105	80	*		
1	9	Atkin	Thomas	30.2	28	110	82			
1	10	Gallagher	Gene	27.7	25	108	83			
1	11	Fox	Tom	14.9	12	96	84			
1	12	Mcguire	Tom	30.2	28	113	85			

* Tie Breaker Used

Closest to the Hole:

#2	David Yam	12' 3"	\$10.00
#11	Dave Thornton	8' 1"	\$10.00

TOTAL 34 \$70.00





Jorge Huerta

**Windsor
6/21/2023**

White Tees 4Man - 2 Best Ball

Rank	Last Name	First Name	Index	Hdcp	Gross	Net	Points	Purse
	Miller	Steve	25.8	24	98	74	10	\$10.00
2st	Rawles	Jeff	27.0	25	108	83	10	\$10.00
	Thomton	Dave	27.4	25	114	89	10	\$10.00
	Yam	David	29.0	27	114	87	10	\$10.00
	2 Best Balls				140			
	Collings	Ron	10.4	7	83	76	5	
4th	Fox	Tom	15.2	12	98	86	5	
	Gallagher	Gene	27.7	26	108	82	5	
	Harris	Ted	14.8	12	93	81	5	
	2 Best Balls				148			
	Holmes	Wally	28.0	26	105	79	7	
3rd	Lambertson	Peter	17.2	14	96	82	7	
	Ulloa	Bernard	27.6	26	106	80	7	
	Wilhelm	Bill	23.8	22	105	83	7	
	2 Best Balls				141			
	Atkin	Thomas	30.9	29	109	80	9	\$20.00
1st	Heckman	Floyd	29.1	27	118	91	9	\$20.00
	Blind Draw				114	114		
	Morrison	Tom	25.9	24	103	79	9	\$20.00
	2 Best Balls				139			
	* Tie Breaker Used							
	Closest to the Hole:							
			#5	None				
			#11	Tom Morrison	44' 0"			\$10.00
	TOTAL						115	\$110.00

TIME TO LIGHTEN UP



Brainhall's
NYDN



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"George said: 'About the cherry tree, I cannot tell a lie ... the Russians hacked it.'"

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