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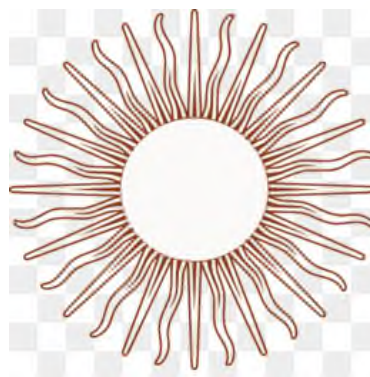
BRANCH 22, *Ignacio Pacheco*

Price \$35

Chicken Toscana
(artichoke hearts & mushrooms)
with Penne Pomodoro
Alternative: Grilled Salmon



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BIG SIR

JIM SASSE AND HIS THOUGHTS

May Thoughts.

I write this on Earth Day and Spring is in the air. Temperature nearing 80 degrees in the Sonoma Valley with the hills dark green and the streams still swollen with those wonderful winter rains. The Indian rain dances we all did were answered in a record way and the threats of serious draught no longer much of a concern. As I see our beautiful California poppies in bloom, I am truly grateful for this winter's storms. However, we all know our Golden State will return to droughts, thus while we enjoy washing our dusty cars, we should be mindful to practice water conservation so the severity of those future dry spells will be diminished.

As you all know we are again looking into a possible merger with branch 7. The plus column and the minus column will be explored by our pilot group as an open forum at our May 2nd lunch, instead of a guest speaker. to make our branch fully aware of the pros and cons, before our final decision when it comes time. Think of this as the now popular Town Hall meeting at election time. We are in a third meeting with Branch 7's team. Bob Bundy, Branch 7's Big Sir, has been asked for specific information for our review at our next meeting on Thursday the 27th of April. We are both good branches, and there are advantages and disadvantages to a merger. A vote in August will tell the story of our perspective as a group. That is the end of this process and for it to serve your interests we need your participation in this process. I hope for a good outcome from you over the next few months, starting with our meeting and lunch next Tuesday May 2nd.

Well, get out and enjoy this truly spectacular spring! It is absolutely beautiful!





BEC DIRECTOR'S MINUTES

Bud Pflueger, Secretary

SIRS IGNACIO PACHECO BRANCH 22
BRANCH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING; Tuesday, Apr. 4, 2023, The Club at
McInnis Park Golf Center, San Rafael, Ca.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 10:28 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, Asst. secretary: Jim Filippo, Absent: Director Mike Dean

QUORUM: The officers and directors in attendance constitute a quorum for the BEC

MINUTES: The Minutes from the March 7, 2023, Board Meeting were approved. MSP.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Balance as reported by treasurer, Dave Thornton is \$5400.11. MSP. An audit was done. Ted Harris and a CPA found all to be in order.

MEMBERSHIP: Membership currently stands at 55 Fred Fogh passed away. (Moment of silence at luncheon today.) Three members who have not paid their dues have been removed from membership. The average age of members increased from 72 in 2017 to 81 at present time.

Big Sir Report: Matters relating to possible merger with Branch 7 were discussed at length. 1. Secretary Bud Pflueger will write to State Sir treasurer and our secretary regarding missing Articles of Incorporation and the waiver from State of California granted for a non-profit corporation end, and the State Sir should have copies. 2. Joint lunch planned with Branch 7 on the 5th or 6th of July. It was finally agreed that we would proceed as usual in our manner of collecting funds and letting Wilhelm know of attendance, and that Branch 7 would employ their system. MSP along with 3. There will be a memo sent to all Branch 22 members listing the pros and cons of going forward with a merger. A vote of membership will then follow in August once all members have heard from the Board. An 80% majority is needed to proceed. (MSP along with 2 above) 4. Boughey is not aware of being part of several who are to be conduits to Branch 7 re. merger. That "committee" is now Jim Sasse, and Jim Stein.

Little Sir: Jim Sasse is continuing to arrange speakers and has several possibles for May.

Newsletter: Jim Boughey has arranged with Richard Seyler to publish the July Newsletter, since he is away all of July. Boughey wondered about a section for merger news. Held at this time.

Activities: Golf tomorrow. Rain has held up the previously planned play. On April 23 approximately there is an event planned for a group to perform show tunes. Details are unknown at this time, but Wilhelm may send out a memo to membership. No other events were mentioned due to time constraints.

Adjourned at 11:28. Minutes prepared and distributed by email to Board on April 4, 2023



MAY SPEAKER

In lieu of a speaker the speaker portion of our May meeting will be devoted to an in-depth discussion of the merger discussions and plans regarding Branch 7. The presentation will be by the team who have been meeting with their opposite numbers at Branch 7. These are Jim Sasse, Jim Stein, Jim Boughey and Wally Holmes. Our July Meeting would fall on the Fourth of July public holiday and needs to be moved. Branch 7 meets at McInnis Club Restaurant like we do, and we have agreed to have a joint meeting and lunch with Branch 7 on Thursday July 6. The Policies of SIR INC require a vote of our members by mail or email with a 21-day waiting period before ballots are counted. This process will be completed in August unless you tell us to abandon this process during our May meeting. So please come in May prepared to listen to our team, ask your questions and share your thoughts.



MARIN RESTAURANT ADVICE AND NEWS

Mike Dean

The Pacific Catch

Corte Madera Town Center

Restaurant Review

By Mike “The Gimp” Dean

SIR Branch 22



I haven't been mobile enough lately to investigate new restaurants, so I'll have to fall back to one of my more mundane restaurant hangouts that Debbie, Olive and I patronize frequently. It's a kinda “go to” place for us.

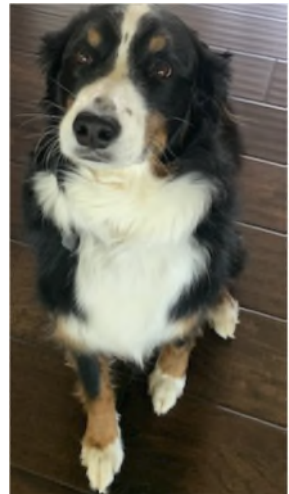
Although the ambiance is nice, it's nothing fancy, nothing extraordinary, just pleasing atmosphere and décor with covered outdoor space with a fireplace as well as a 2nd outdoor space. The full-service bar is pretty cool (featuring some exotic concoctions), and the rest of the inside is cozy and clean.

The main attraction of the place, however, is the varied & unusual menu and reasonable prices. It's called The Pacific Catch and it's located just down the street from us in Town Center, Corte Madera.

When I say the menu is unusual, I mean UNUSUA! because of its choices aplenty. You can get anything fishy including salmon, chowders, fish and chips, coconut shrimp, fish tacos, sushi, lobster rolls and on and on. There's meat and chicken too. Wagyu cheeseburgers, meat tacos, etc. If you order the sticky ribs, there's too many to count – you may want to share. AND, for you vegetarians out there, you'll not be short of choices (or poki bowls).



OK, it's in a shopping center, but a cute shopping center surrounded by many other food choices and outside dining areas. Town Center is a fabulous place to spend a warm afternoon and people watch. You may even be able to watch ME! I go there a lot with Miss Olive – my Dining Dog.





FOR BRANCH 22



SUNSHINE & SHADOWS

Bill Reid passed 21 April 2023



Jack & Mary Alice Hickey 09/05

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)



Alen Pickrel 02/05

Jeff Rawles 03/05

Jack Hickey 07/05

Bill McGrath 12/05

James Miller 28/05

More Branch 22 News last month attendance was up to 52.7% of our Members. We continue to hope this is a positive sign that we are continuing to come out of the Pandemic.



ATTENDANCE REPORT	
PRIL 2023	
TOTAL ACTIVE MEMBERS	59
GAINS LOSSES THIS MONTH	-4
TOTAL ACTIVE MEMBERS	55
EXCUSED	26
UNEXCUSED	0
TOTAL NOT ATTENDING	26
MEMBERS ATTENDING	29
GUEST & SPEAKERS	1
% OF MEMBERS ATTENDING	52.7%

Our speaker was related to the Army General who commanded the presidio and gave aid and comfort to the injured and homeless in 1906.





SIR, Inc.* State of the STATE and Other Branches May 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!

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



The first 2023 quarterly issue is still posted and contains news and these interesting articles among others:
Tech and future grocery shopping.
Update on Charles III.
Use of . . . nym words
The latest on Climate Change by member L. Pitts.
Which Generation Lies to Their Doctors the Most?

SIR STATE OFFICERS

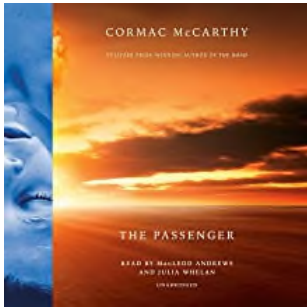
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TURNING PAGES

Bud Pflueger

“The Passenger” by Cormac McCarthy, 2022, fiction



In 1980 Bobby Western, a contract salvage diver, cuts into an undamaged corporate jet off the coast of Mississippi to find nine dead passengers, and the pilot and copilot, with the black box and the pilot’s flight bag missing. Later visited by men with badges, they reveal that there was a tenth passenger. He is then entangled in a mystery wherein he is threatened in both body and mind by men he does not know. The story delves into the past history of a father, now dead, who worked on the Manhattan Project, one of the creators of “the Bomb”, and, retreating in time, to the schizophrenic hallucinations of a beloved sister who died ten years previously.

McCarthy has no peer in modern American writing. His uniquely unparalleled writing style probes the nature of reality, morality and God, and ranges from long discourses on particle physics, to the intricate fabrications of modern diving, and to locations such as an abandoned oilrig in the Gulf. His naturalistic portrayals rival those of James Lee Burke, as does his primary location in New Orleans, where Bobby lives with scanty means, while visiting a host of friends in unknown bars and also, if gusted, the “famous” New Orleans restaurants and watering holes.

This brilliant novel will challenge your beliefs and perhaps change your thinking about historical events, such as the Kennedy assassination in 1963.

“The Half-Known Life In Search of Paradise”, by Pico Ayer, 2023 Non-fiction

This is a masterpiece by this renowned author, a lifelong world traveler, who, in all of his many books, portrays foreign lands and people in ways not seen by ordinary visitors. In this book, he challenges the mind of readers and also fellow travelers, to try to understand what we do not know or can only faintly begin to grasp. He describes visits to destinations, many of which have been historically deemed “paradise”, to uncover what the word means in a much deeper sense: Sri Lanka, Bali, Japanese monasteries, Varanasi, Kashmir, Jerusalem and Ladakh. Piqued by quotes from Melville and his friend the Dali Lama, the reader may begin to ponder whether he can truly know anything. This is a book for our troubled times, written in Ayer’s inimitable prose style. Do yourself a favor; read this book!





POKER

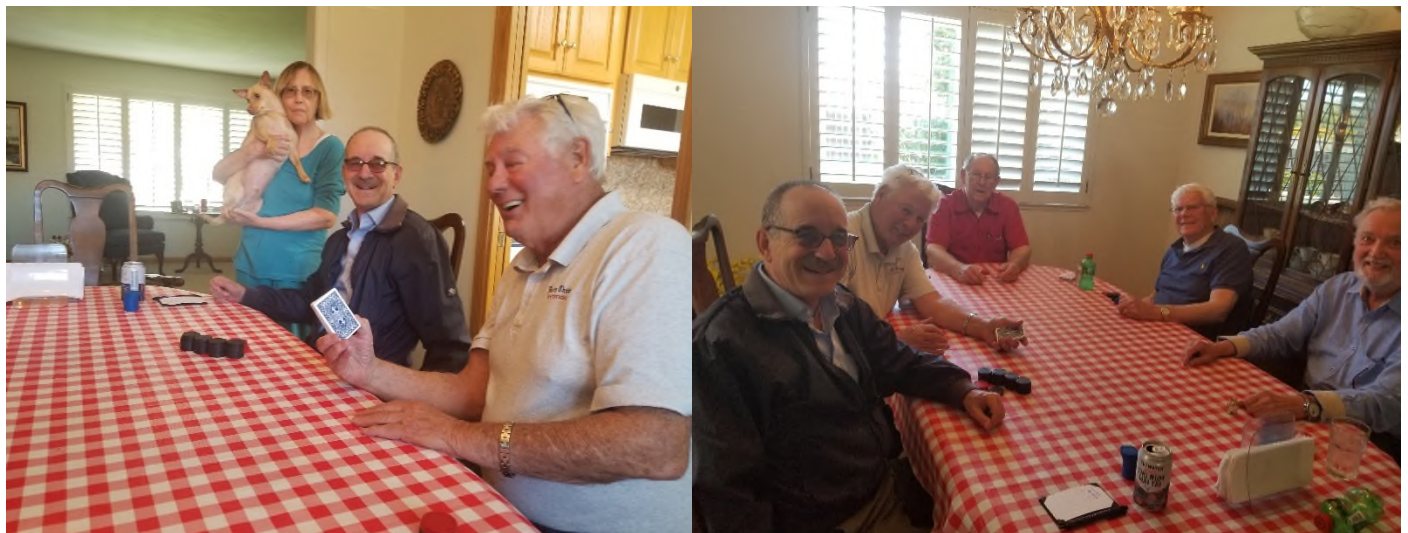
WALLY HOLMES

The Next Sirs Poker Game is scheduled for Monday May 8, 2023

We had a great turnout for poker on April 10th. Unfortunately, we received a last-minute notice from Indian Valley Golf Course stating the Golf Course and the Restaurant would be closed for the day to make repairs to the golf course. I sent out a quick e-mail to the players letting them know that the Restaurant would be closed, and the poker game had moved to my home. I forewarned everyone; however, I was not cooking breakfast since I am a terrible cook. However, we did provide soft drinks, Coffee, and donuts. I hope everyone had a great time. We had 5 players in the game. They were Steve Miller, Bud Pflueger, Ed Marshal, Steve Bettega, and me. We sorely missed Tom fox, Jim Stein, Dan Bastian. and a few others. There was only one big winner and that was Ed Marshal, and Dave Bettega being a small winner. In May the Poker game will be back at the 19th Hole Bar and Grill at Indian Valley.

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 work with you and teach you how to play the various games. Even if you don't play poker, join us for a great breakfast at the 19th Hole Bar and Grill. Also, if you would like to play cribbage, dominoes, pedro, just get a team together and we can get a table setup for you at the Restaurant. We don't just have to play poker.

Dan get the knees working and if you need a ride up the hill at Indian Valley, just let us know.



The Sirs Poker Club plays poker on the first Monday after the regular Sirs luncheon. Have member 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 <u>Mar-23</u>							
<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 February 28, 2023</u>							\$ 5,016.73
3/7/23	1038	McInnis Golf	Monthly Lunch			1190.01	\$ 3,826.72
3/9/23			Lunch Collection		1,255.00		\$ 5,081.72
3/9/23			Annual Dues		120.00		\$ 5,201.72
3/9/23			Reimburse Eronneous Check #1039		60.00		\$ 5,261.72
							\$ 5,261.72
<u>Totals</u>					\$ 1,435.00	\$ 1,190.01	\$ 244.99
BANK BALANCE							\$ 5,261.72
<u>Outstanding Checks</u>							\$ -
<u>Total Outstanding Checks:</u>							
<u>Petty Cash Box</u>							\$ 150.00
NET BALANCE							\$ 5,411.72

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





GOLF

Bill Wilhelm

Score Cads by Rich Seyler



Peacock Gap - Low Net
April 5, 2023
White Tees

Flight	Rank	Last	First	Index	Hdcp	Gross	Net	Points	Purse	
1	1	Fox	Tom	15.3	12	88	76	10	\$20.00	
1	2	Collings	Ron	9.8	6	86	80	9	\$15.00	
1	3	Harris	Ted	14.9	12	93	81	7	\$10.00	
1	4	Lambertson	Peter	15.0	12	95	83	5		
1	5	Miller	Steve	23.9	21	108	87	*	3	
1	6	Wilhelm	Bill	23.5	21	108	87	*		
1	7	Lynch	Jim	21.4	18	106	88			
2	1	Thomton	Dave	27.6	25	105	80	*	10	\$20.00
2	2	Mcguire	Tom	29.7	27	107	80	*	9	\$15.00
2	3	Yam	David	28.2	25	106	81		7	\$10.00
2	4	Ulloa	Bernard	26.5	24	107	83		5	
2	5	Gallagher	Gene	27.0	24	109	85		3	
2	6	Atkin	Thomas	29.1	26	113	87			
2	7	Heckman	Floyd	28.2	25	113	88			

* Tie Breaker Used

Closest to the Hole:

#6	David Yam	50' 0"	\$10.00
#10	Bill Wilhelm	8' 11"	\$10.00

TOTAL 68 \$110.00



Bennett Valley GC - Low Net
4/19/2023
White Tees

Flight	Rank	Last	First	Index	Hdcp	Gross	Net	Points	Purse
1	1	Fox	Tom	15.3	13	83	70	10	\$20.00
1	2	Collings	Ron	9.8	7	81	74	*	\$15.00
1	3	Morrison	Tom	25.1	23	97	74	*	\$10.00
1	4	Lynch	Jim	21.4	19	96	77		
1	5	Lambertson	Peter	15.0	13	92	79	*	
1	6	Miller	Steve	24.3	22	101	79	*	
1	7	Quinn	Brian	20.9	19	101	82		
1	8	Wilhelm	Bill	23.5	21	104	83		
2	1	Gallagher	Gene	27.0	25	95	70	10	\$20.00
2	2	Mamey	Alan	34.9	33	109	76	9	\$15.00
2	3	Holmes	Wally	27.5	25	102	77	7	\$10.00
2	4	Hickey	John	30.3	28	106	78	*	
2	5	Ulloa	Bernard	26.5	24	102	78	*	
2	6	Yam	David	28.5	26	105	79		
2	7	Heckman	Floyd	29.1	27	107	80		
2	8	Rawles	Jeff	29.9	28	111	83		
2	9	Murray	Mark	19.0	17	114	97		
								* Tie Breaker Used	
Closest to the Hole:				#6	Ron Collings	7' 6"		\$10.00	
				#11	Tom Fox	0' 10"		\$10.00	
TOTAL								68	\$110.00

TIME TO LIGHTEN UP



THE MOMENT
of BOB'S
CONVERSION
TO ZOOM
MEETINGS



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