

# Ignacio Pacheco Branch News

Social Activities for Men  
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**December 2025**



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Bill Wilhelm

### Sunshine and Shadows

Bud Pflueger

### Newsletter

Dave Thornton

**Lunch on December 3rd, 2025**

## *Wives and Guests Invited!*

### *Lunch Menu*

Baked Ham, Scalloped Potatoes  
and Pea Soup

Alternative: Bay Shrimp Salad

**Lunch Price \$35.00 Per Person**

**RSVP for Lunch:** To *Wally Holmes* no later than Sunday, November 30 [WallyHolmes@comcast.net](mailto:WallyHolmes@comcast.net) or phone (415) 892-1260.

### *Sunshine and Shadows*

## *Birthdays for December 2025*

*Gene Gallagher*

*Floyd Heckman*

*Jim Stein*

*Lee Sterne*

*Dave Thornton*

## *Anniversaries*

*Tom and Cynthia Atkin*

*David and Paula Yam*

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL !!**





## President's Report

Happy Holidays my fellow SIRs!

As I am writing this I am thinking about the next few weeks. Monday is our final golf game of the season, and following that is Thanksgiving. One of my sons lives in New York, and the other in San Francisco. My wife and I will join one of my sons-in-laws in the South Bay. So, I feel very fortunate to have some place to go and will be with family and my granddaughters.

On December 2nd will have our Branch Christmas luncheon which will include the swearing in of officers and some Christmas music. Spouses and friends are cordially invited. The officers for next year will be a continuation of the same slate as who served this year. Hopefully next year we can get some more people interested in volunteering to serve our branch. In addition to our officers, other important people to keep things running are Dave Thornton, newsletter editor and Wally Holmes, who has been scheduling lunches and poker. Wally as many of you know has recently had surgery and will need to step away from some of his duties for a while. I hear he is home and walking about and so happy to hear that news.

Then comes Christmas for my family and we are all scheduled to go to Tahoe for a few days. If my knees allow, I may ski with my granddaughters: Hopefully when I see you all January I can still walk. But you know I feel so fortunate because last time I whined about my knees to our golf group at Indian Valley, all I got was laughter and jokes about welcome to old age. How good is that 😊 Happy Holiday everyone-Enjoy!

*Jeff Rawles*



## **Vice President's Report:**

**Editor's Note:** Seeing that we will not be having a speaker at our December lunch, I'm giving Ted the day off. Having said that, I want to thank Ted for the terrific job he did this year. As any past Little Sir (VP) will tell you, it is not easy to find interesting speakers, and Ted, you "hit it out of the park." Thanks for signing up next year, and I'm looking forward to listening to the speakers to come.



### **BRANCH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

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SIRS IGNACIO PACHECO BRANCH 22

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

Tuesday Nov 4, 2025

Call to Order at 10:40 by President Jeff Rawles

**Treasurer's Report:** \$ 4,307.71. MSP subject to audit

**Membership:** Stands at 38. No more news since Wilhelm absent

**Presidents Report:** There was long discussion about issues relating to Matt Petri's new website. Response to join should be referred to Wilhelm and probably one other person. Many ideas to advertise. App "Next Door" is a neighborhood site which can be used to promote membership. Eric, the McInnis restaurant manager, has allowed an outside sign. Other sign sites mentioned by Petri. All congratulated Matt on the new website and the job he is doing.

**Vice President's Report:** Ted Harris talked about today's speaker and the visit to follow to San Quentin for those signed up. More discussion about membership and the future of the Board and Officers. This subject under "Old Business". Question of today lunch for speaker and assistant. Speaker does not want lunch and the assistant will be served a lunch.

**New Business:** Wally Holmes will not continue sending out lunch notice and collecting who will attend. He has agreed to continue doing this through end of year. Bill Wilhelm is expected to take over this job.

**Old Business:** Ted Harris spoke at length about what might happen in Dec, 2026 when, again, faced with the problem of Board Officers. The Officer slate will remain the same. MSP. At year's end there will hopefully be new members, and the question of a merger will again be addressed if there are no new members.

**Activities:** Ted Harris will be the new poker chairman. Poker next Monday. (Wally will send out notice.)

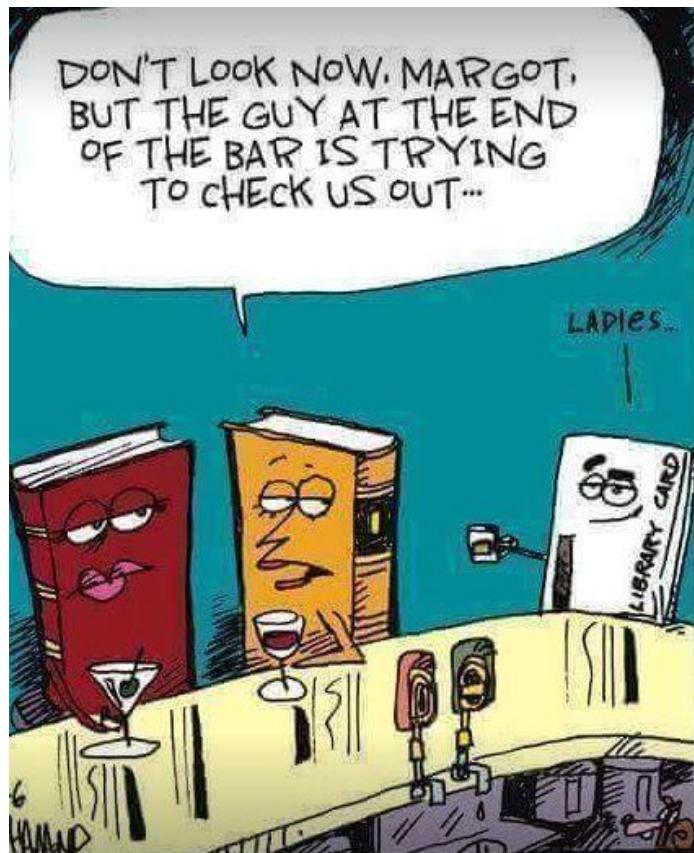
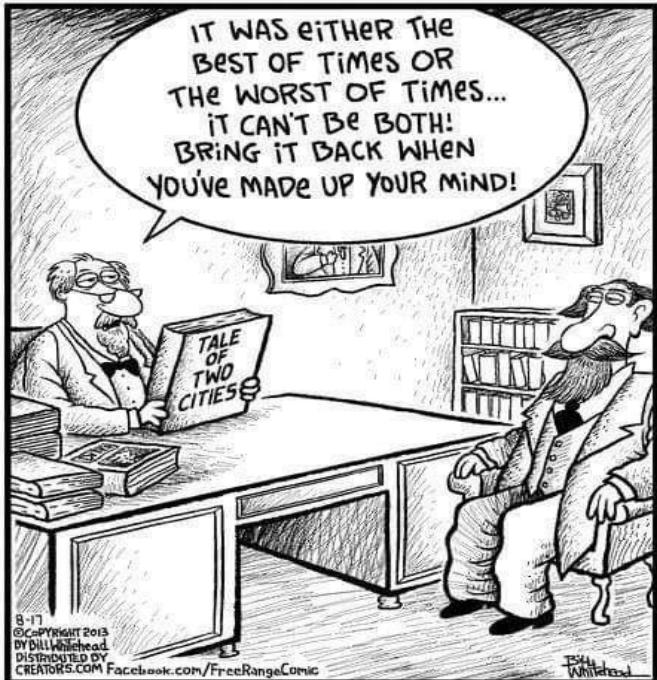
**Events:** The Christmas luncheon next month will not be preceded by a meeting. Business at the lunch podium is: Installation of the new (same) officer slate. Mike Dean will reach out to Jim Filippo; whether he is attending and what to do otherwise. Jim Sasse will sing a medley of Christman carols, but all will sing silent night together.

**Sunshine and Shadows:** Nothing to report.

# TURNING PAGES

By

Bud Pflueger



### The Flight Portfolio” by Julie Orringer 2019, Historical Fiction genre

Marseilles, 1940. Varian Fry is employed by the U.S. Emergency Rescue Committee to extract important refugees from France to the U.S..under the eyes of the Vichy French directed by Petain. This is a long story about the trials. successes and failures of Varian and colleagues to do just that. His American bosses do not realize the extent to which he needs to bend or break French laws to achieve their goals. The personal side of the story is his relationship with an old friend who turns up, Grant, a former lover of his during college days. Fry is also married to an understanding woman back home.

This is a very suspenseful, occasionally hilarious story which is based on real people and happenings. Though Grant is fictional, Varian was a real person who later received many awards for his time in France, returning to America a hero.

I highly recommend this novel. It is informative with historical fact, suspenseful as any good thriller.

### “The Emperor of Gladness” by Ocean Vuong, 2025; fiction

In 2009, Hai, a Vietnamese whose family had emigrated to American, was nineteen and about to plunge into the river from a bridge in East Gladness, Connecticut , but is rescued by Grazina an elderly widow, whose caretaker and companion he becomes. Given a second chance in his so far failed life, he endures, finds a job and new friends, while seeking to discover himself. His capacity for compassion and caring is boundless.

## Bud Pflueger



## Marin Restaurant Advice And Review

## *Mike Dean*

**Editor's Note:** Since Mike is running out of restaurants to rate, maybe he could invite us over to his house for Thanksgiving, and we could rate the dinner for him.

**Happy Thanksgiving Mike and Debbie!**

### **SIRS POKER** **Submitted by Ted Harris**

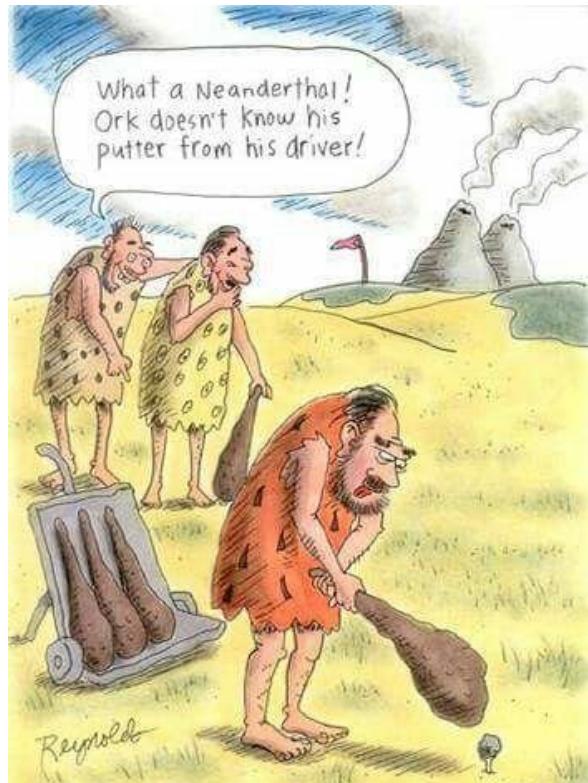


**Editor's note:** Wally Holmes will step down from his poker duties and Ted Harris will take over starting in January. Wally will continue to sit in, and hopefully win a little money for a change. I'm going to miss the invitations to non-players to sit-in and play a few hands. I'm thick at times, but even I can tell when I am getting jobbed!

# Branch 22 Golf

By

## Bill Wilhelm



# Rancho Solano

10/8/25

Gold Tees

## First Flight

RANK	LAST	FIRST	HDCP	GROSS	NET	POINTS	PURSE
1	Lynch	Jim	19	91	72	10	\$15.00
2	Morrison	Tom	27	100	73	9	\$10.00
3	Petri	Matt	16	90	74	7	5.00
4	Collings	Ron	9	85	76*	5	
5	Fox	Tom	14	90	76*	3	
6	Lambertson	Peter	15	91	76*		
7	Thornton	Dave	26	103	77		

## Second Flight

1	Rawles	Jeff	28	102	74	10	\$15.00
2	Yam	David	29	104	75	9	\$10.00
3	Ulloa	Barney	28	104	76	7	\$5.00
4	Gallagher	Gene	28	108	80	5	
5	McGuire	Tom	32	115	83	3	
6	Cabral	Pat	48	133	85		
7	Wilhelm	Bill	27		DNF		

Closest to the Hole #8 Tom Fox \$5.00

#17 Barney Ulloa \$5.00

## Tournaments Schedule for November

<b>20</b>	<b>12-Nov</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Low Net</b>	<b>9:00</b>	<b>Indian Valley</b>
	<b>10-Dec</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Awards Lunch</b>	<b>11:30</b>	<b>San Rafael Joe's</b>

## Editor's Notes

