

Ignacio Pacheco Branch News

Social Activities for Men
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Sunshine and Shadows

Bud Pflueger

Newsletter

Dave Thornton

Lunch on February 3rd 2026

Lunch Menu

Chicken Parmigiana or Salmon

Lunch Price \$35.00 Per Person

RSVP for Lunch: To *Bill Wilhelm* no later than
Sunday, February 1st
bill @ bill and bev.com, or phone 415-786-6150

Sunshine and Shadows

Birthdays for February 2025

Dan Bastian

Ron Collings

Steve Miller

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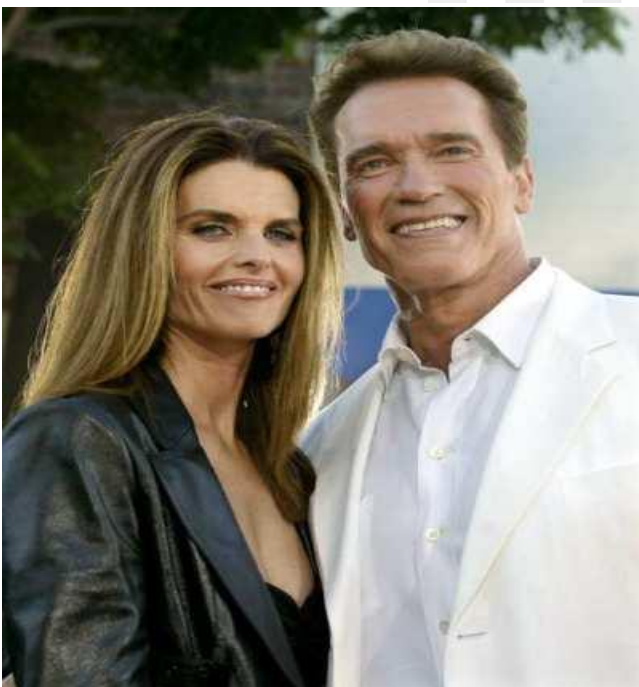
Alan Marney

Aniversaries

Tal and Sarah Fletcher

Tom and Joan McGuire

HAPPY VALENTINES DAY





President's Report

Happy New Year fellow SIRs!

For those who missed it, our January 2026 meeting started the year off with a very fun meeting. Your Vice President Ted Harris came through again with terrific entertainment in the form of a musical duo that had everyone cheering and headed off for their afternoon with smiles on their faces. Saying a musical duo does not adequately describe the professional quality of the entertainment-seemed like a Las Vegas act combined with the TODAY show.

We had a pretty good turnout for the meeting, but unfortunately there were a handful of people who had made reservations to come but were not able to attend. The McInnis restaurant is now charging Branch 22 for those lunches and you individually will have to reimburse the club.

So just a reminder to be sure to let Bill Wilhelm know in the event you need to cancel.

Our membership has remained stable this last month with one member leaving a new member signing up. February is right around the corner, and a new year of golf begins!! Hope springs eternal 😊



Vice President's Report:

This month's speaker is Andrew Standly. Andrew started his career during the last remnants of the British Overseas Administration in the New Hebrides (now Vanuatu) in the South Pacific, in the 3 years preceding independence in 1980, serving, among other positions, as secretary to the Committee charged with drawing up the country's Constitution.

Following a 2-year assignment with the UN Population Fund in Bangladesh, he began a 30-year career with the European Union's diplomatic service, with postings in EU HQs in Brussels as well as India, China, Pakistan and Costa Rica during which time his focus was on the design and implementation of economic cooperation programs. He was then appointed successively as EU Ambassador to Bolivia, Israel and Mexico, responsible for deepening the EU's political and economic relations with those countries. He is a British national, educated at Cambridge University (BA, Art History) and Columbia University (MA, International Relations). He retired to the Bay Area in 2017 with his American wife, Judith.



BRANCH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

SIRS IGNACIO PACHECO BRANCH 22

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

Tuesday January 6th 2025

Call to Order at 10:40 by President Jeff Rawles

ROLL CALL Present: Officers:, President: Jeff Rawles, Vice President: Ted Harris, Secretary , Bud Pflueger; Treasurer: David Yam, Directors: Jim Sasse, Steve Miller, Mike Dean, Bill Wilhelm

Absent: Directors Matt Petri, Jim Stein, Floyd Heckman

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

Minutes: There was no meeting in December

Treasurer's Report: November 2025: 3629.29, December: 3606.31. MSP subject to audit. Yam reported on Lunch payments and whether guest artists today both are covered for lunch. Yes.

Membership: Stands at 39, One new member: Mark Stevens . Approved MSP. Absent today. President will announce his name at podium. One resignation . Another new member pending receiving his application.

Presidents Report: mentioned Sunshine and Shadows. (See below)

Vice President's Report: Ted Harris talked about today's musical artists, described with bios in previous report. Feb speaker : Andrew Standley, an ambassador to the EU, will speak about topics affecting Europe.

New Business: Nothing to report

Old Business: No discussion

Activities: Ted Harris will send out query to poker members attending or not next

Events: There was lengthy discussion regarding arranging a dinner - out venue at the end of March. Question: Wait for Daylight Savings Time ?. No decision. Expense of restaurants new to us? Return to old venues such as Chalet Basque, Piazza D'Angelo. Perry's in Larkspur suggested. To be determined later. The outing will be mentioned at the podium.

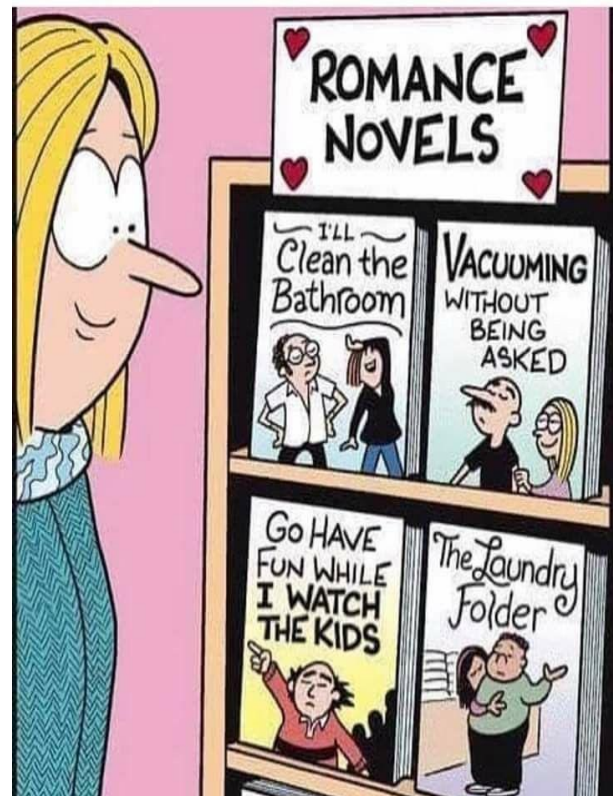
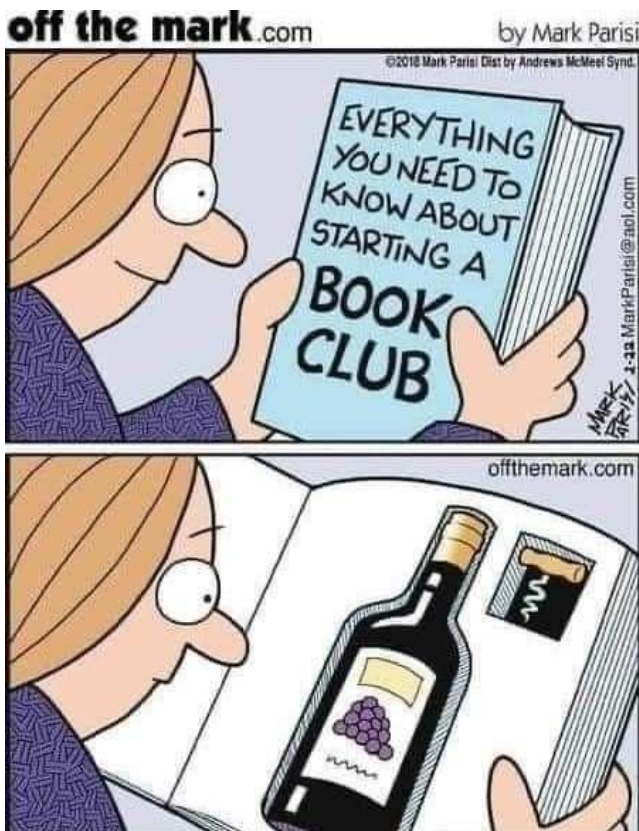
Sunshine and Shadows: Jim Filippo's sister, Corky, passed away early December. There will be a memorial for her at McGinnis on Jan 16. This will be announced at the podium.

Adjournment: 11:23

Minutes prepared by Secretary, Bud Pflueger and emailed to all board members on Jan 7.

TURNING PAGES

Bud Pflueger





“The Listeners”, by Maggie Stiefvater, 2025; Mystery/ Historical Fiction

June Porter Hudson is the general manager of a prestigious West Virginia hotel catering to every need of the rich. This protagonist is a mountain girl rising to this high position by circumstances connected to the now deceased previous owner, Francis Gilfoyle. The year is 1942, and the federal government has taken over the hotel as a luxurious incarceration of foreign diplomats, journalists and other axis powers related people from Germany, Japan , Italy. The new overseers are a high government official, Pennybacker, two FBI officers and two Border Patrol agents. Previous guests were expelled. There is a special relationship which exists between the all- pervasive mineral springs water and June. It is as if the “water” has a soul , one that can be controlled to some extent by June. This is the only fantastical element in the story.

What is historical about the novel is that U.S. Government did actually incarcerate such worrisome aliens in a few hotels at this time to prevent sabotage and spying, although this hotel, “The Avalon Hotel and Spa,” is fictitious. This is a wonderful story about relationships, power and love . Very well-written and suspenseful, and I recommend the novel highly.

“The Woman in Suite 11” by Ruth Ware; 2025 Murder/Thriller genre

Jo Blacklock has been out of her work in travel journalism for more than ten years, with the confinement of covid, the birth of two sons and their care, when she receives an invitation to attend a press opening of a luxurious hotel on the shores of Lake Geneva from the offices of Marcus Leidmlan, a reclusive billionaire. Supported by her loving husband, Judah, she attends this vacation getaway only to discover that she is entrapped into a game that threatens her life and will cover several countries. This is a great thriller by a master of the genre and is recommended highly for those who enjoy thrillers.



“One of these hot dogs fell on the floor.
You’ll have to toss a coin.”



Marin Restaurant Advice And Review

Mike Dean

SIR RESTAURANT REVIEW

by Mike Dean SIR Branch 22

SUZETTE

633 Bridgeway

Sausalito, CA

415 324-7070

Bud Pfluger asked me a while back to try a little French bistro on Bridgeway in Sausalito called Suzette, So Debbie, Olive and I decided to try it out. We went there late morning/early afternoon on a warm fall day a couple of months ago and had a wonderful experience.

First of all, I forgot how wonderful Sausalito can be - sitting outside enjoying a leisurely day, good food, wonderful views and great people-watching. I tend to stay away from Sausalito during tourist season, but I found out that tourists made it a much more enjoyable outing. Although Suzette is mainly locals, it's still great to watch people from all over the world march around while reminding me of being a tourist myself on many vacation occasions. (Ahhh, dreaming of that day now while freezing my ass off at home and watching flood waters receding from my back yard).

Now, about the cute little place called Suzette. The restaurant is a small and charming French bistro/café with great views of the bay because it's right on Bridgeway. There is seating inside and out so naturally we sat outside because Olive, my Bernadoodle and my wife Debbie wanted to be up close and personal with the weather and interesting and funny people strolling by.

They have a GREAT breakfast/brunch menu, so I had the "7 Hour Pork Confit Benedict" with ground mustard sauce and hollandaise, while Debbie enjoyed the "Crispy Inside-Out omelette", consisting of pesto and Emmental cheese, and Olive had plain chicken.

The dinner and lunch menus look good too, with many choices like burgers, croque madam, bouillabaisse, mussels, oysters, brisket beef bourguignon, etc. You'll have to ask Mr. Pfluger about dinner. Anyway, great place for a get-a-way meal with wonderful surroundings. I'm thinking about sitting there on a warm sunny day right now and I miss it.

SIRS POKER

Submitted by Ted Harris



The next SIRS 22 poker game will be on Monday, February 9th

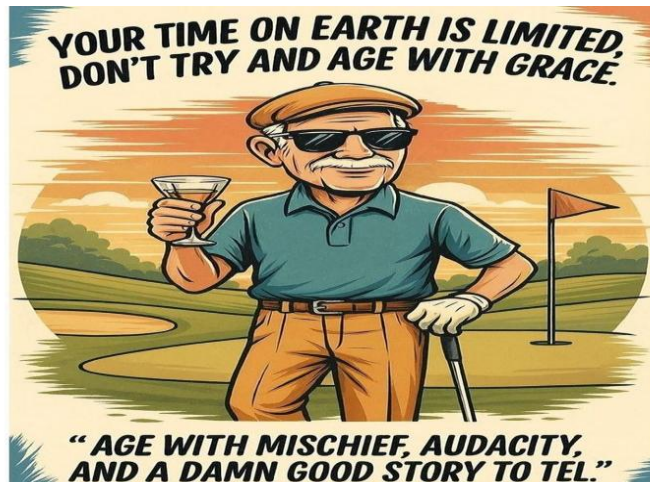
Bud was kind enough to treat the early-birds to breakfast. Steve Miller and Bud Pflueger were the big winners, while the big loser was yours truly.

We want to invite everyone who is interested in playing poker to please come and join us. We have a great breakfast at 9 AM and we begin playing poker at 10 AM and play until 2 PM.

Usually, our Sirs Group plays poker on the first Monday after our 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 increase the number of players and enjoy a fun outing and with good friends and food. Also, please invite a friend to play as a guest with the potential of joining Branch 22 as a member of Sirs. There is a \$50 buy-in to play poker.

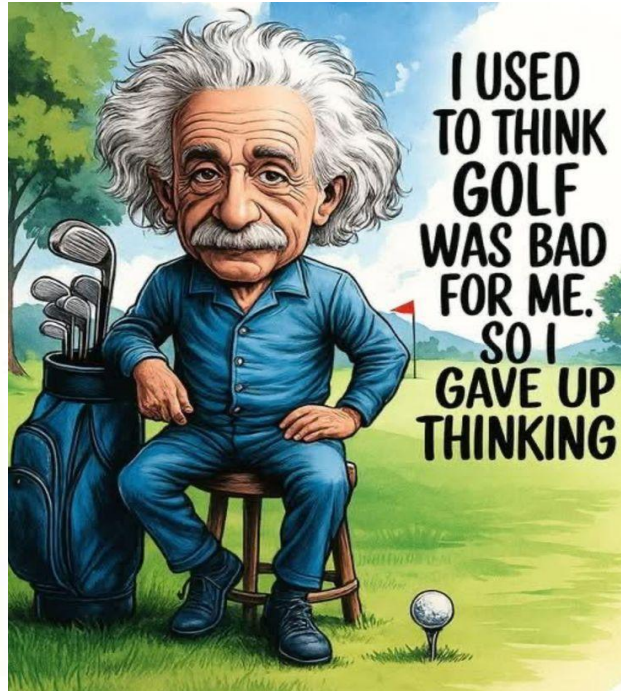
Red chips are 50 cents, Black chips \$1 dollar and the yellow chips five dollars. There is a 3-raise maximum and it is dealer's choice of the game they would like to play. The deck has one joker, and it goes with aces, straights, and flushes. However, if you name a wild card game such as Down and Dirty or other Wild Card Game, the joker automatically becomes wild unless you state at the beginning the joker is not wild. Hope to see everyone on February 10th.

Bill Wilhelm Branch 22 Golf



Tournaments Schedule through February and March

1	11-Feb	Wednesday	Low Net	10:00	Rancho Solano
2	25-Feb	Wednesday	Low Net	9:00	Blue Rock East
3	4-Mar	Wednesday	Low Net	9:00	Foxtail North
4	18-Mar	Wednesday	Low Net	9:00	Blue Rock West



Editor's Notes



