

Ignacio Pacheco Branch News

Social Activities for Men
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Newsletter

Dave Thornton

Lunch on March 3rd 2026

Lunch Menu

Corn Beef, Potatoes and Cabbage

Alternate: Fish and Chips

Lunch Price \$35.00 Per Person

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

Sunshine and Shadows

Birthdays for March 2026

Tom Atkin

Richard Johnson

Jim Lynch

Bud Pflueger

Aniversaries

None

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Whether You're Irish or Not!



*Three irishmen in a pub.
Barman says,
"Are you all related?"
Mick said,
"Yeah we're triplets."
Barman Says,
"Triplets, how come you
and Pat are six foot tall
and Tat is only four foot
tall?"
"Well" said Mick "Me and Pat
were breast fed,
so there was no tit for Tat".*



 **Irish Joke**

Finnegan drunk as usual walks into the church confessional. The priest waits and waits for Finnegan to say something. Finally the priest pounds on the wall of the confessional box.

"Ain't no use in knocking," Finnegan yells back!
"There's no paper on this side either!"

A drunk goes to court. The judge says, 'You've been brought here for drinking.'
The drunk says, 'Great. Let's get started.'

An Irish Sense of Humor



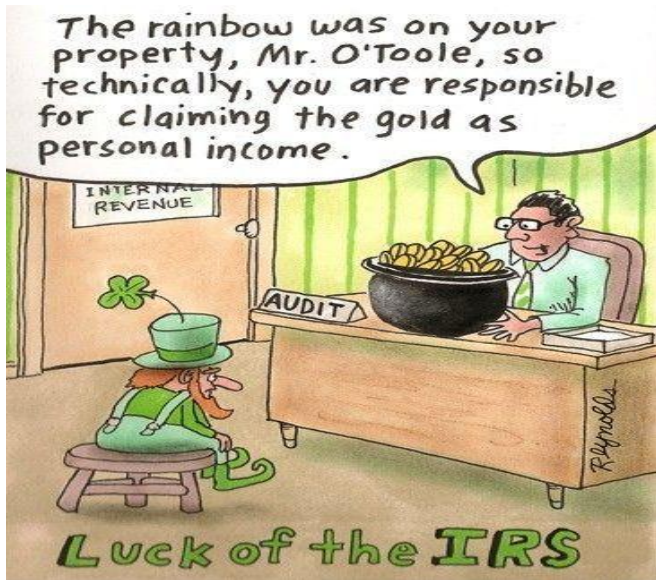
President's Report

In February, our Board approved new member Garry Lawler. Welcome Garry! Garry was brought to us by Brian Quinn. Brian seems to be a natural ambassador who consistently brings new members to our club. Welcome Garry! Good job Brian!

At our meeting Matt Petri showed us new visuals including a new pamphlet to give to prospective members along with new signs he will be locating at likely locations to advertise Branch 22. Please let Matt know if you have ideas or locations to place signs. They are very professionally done and include QR codes to bring applicants to our new website that Matt has already revamped.

As I am sitting here writing this report it is raining outside and just received news our golf for February was cancelled. Guess we need the rain, and one of my sons is up in Tahoe enjoying the ski week, so I guess I will be thankful they are having fun. I am working on my wife and hopefully I can convince her to maybe take off to Mexico for a few days.

As a final note I recall Bill Wilhelm reporting we have 40 members and dues were all paid 🥳. Bill also showed us a new membership application he has written (and Garry Lawler broke it in:).



Vice President's Report:

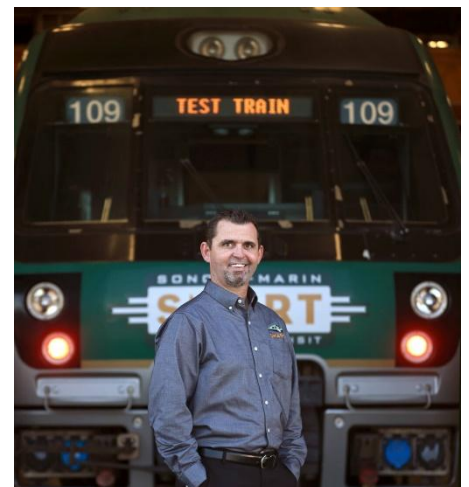
Our speaker Eddy Cumins is the General Manager of the Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit (SMART) District. As General Manager he is responsible for overseeing day-to-day operations of SMART's transit and freight services. Eddy is also responsible for the planning, development, and construction of SMART's multi-use pathway network and rail extensions.

Prior to joining SMART as General Manager on November 29, 2021, Eddy served as Chief Operating Officer of the Utah Transit Authority (UTA). As UTA's Chief Operating Officer, he led 2,234 employees who provided commuter rail, light rail, fixed route bus, route deviation, paratransit, vanpool, rideshare and coordinated mobility management services to 43 million riders annually. He was also responsible for the agency's asset management program, maintenance of way, and transit police. His area of responsibility included seven counties covering nearly 1400 square miles with a population of 2.3 million residents.

Prior to his role as UTA's Chief Operating Officer, Cumins was the Regional General Manager of UTA's Mt. Ogden Business Unit.

Eddy began his career at UTA in 2011 after a distinguished 20-year military career in the United States Air Force. During his time in the Air Force, Eddy served in numerous capacities in the Vehicle Management field and 4 years as an Airman Leadership School Commandant. His assignments included bases in California, Alaska, Portugal, Utah, and Japan.

Eddy earned a Master of Science Degree in Organizational Leadership from Colorado State University and holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Human Resource Development from Southwestern College.





BRANCH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

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SIRS IGNACIO PACHECO BRANCH 22

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

Tuesday , Feb. 3, 2026

Call to Order at 10:38 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, Matt Petri, Jim Stein, Floyd Heckman, Bill Wilhelm

Absent: Director Mike Dean

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

Minutes: January minutes were approved: MSP.

Treasurer's Report: \$4,340.18 MSP, subject to audit. Yam reported on Lunch and dues payments.

Membership: Is 40. One new member: Garry Lawler . He will be introduced at lunch. Three dues owing expected to be paid today by members. Bill has written a new member application form which was passed on.

Presidents Report: Nothing to report.

Vice President's Report: Ted Harris spoke about today's speaker: Andrew Standley, an ambassador for the EU, who will speak about topics affecting Europe. There is no speaker yet scheduled for March.

New Business: Nothing to report

Old Business: Matt Petri showed his new visuals to boost membership: A sign advertising Branch 22 and a pamphlet designed to fit into a pocket on the sign with a QR code leading to

more information about our branch. Matt was warmly congratulated for all his efforts and contributions .

Activities: Ted Harris will send out query to poker members whether they plan attending or not next Monday , Feb 9. Bud Pflueger rewrote a template originally written by Wally Holmes describing details of play which always follows the report on the actual meeting: Players, big winners or losers, and so on. This template was sent to Ted and to Dave Thornton.

Golf: Begins Feb. 11.

Events: Steve and Mike are arranging a dinner out to be in Sausalito , possibly at The Spinnaker for the end of March and beginning at 5::30. Details will come later and be announced to the membership by Bill.

.Sunshine and Shadows: Mike Dean’s sister, Sandy, passed away. This will be announced at the podium with a moment of silence.

Adjournment: 11:15

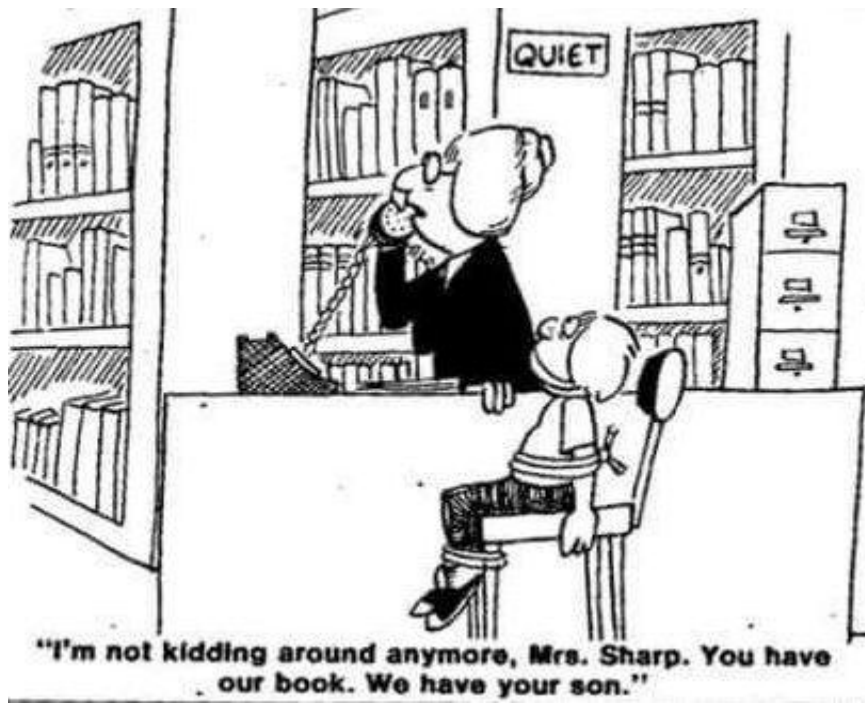
Minutes prepared by Secretary, Bud Pflueger and emailed to all board members on Feb. 3.

TURNING PAGES

Bud Pflueger



Animal book club



“The Impossible Fortune” by Richard Osman; 2025 Mystery genre

The four eighty-year-old retirees of the Thursday Murder Club are invited to Joyce’s daughter’s wedding. Joanna is marrying Paul. Elizabeth, the senior member of the four and an ex-spy, is asked by a man for their help in protecting his life, which was threatened by a car bomb he noticed in time not to drive his car. Thus begins an entangled mystery involving an underground vault which allegedly holds a bitcoin code worth millions of pounds sterling, which can only be accessed by two people who hold the secret codes for entering the vault.

The characters of the TMC: Elizabeth, Joyce, Ibrahim, and Ron are joined in the plot by old friends: A con artist, Connie, her protege, Tia and other relatives. An often hilarious and suspenseful story has another subplot involving a threatening abusive husband and a third subplot involving Connie and Tia. Although previous novels by the author supply useful background into the characters, this novel can be read as a stand-alone. I have previously reviewed one or two TMC novels all brilliantly written, and this new adventure is also not to be missed.

“The Black Wolf” by Louise Penny; 2025. Mystery genre

Armand Ganache, head of Montreal’s Suerte and his team, seek to uncover the identity of the leader (the Black Wolf) of a complicated, possibly absurd, scheme to create a war between the U.S. and Canada. The idea is to orchestrate, by massive Canadian wildfires, widespread smoke/ash pollution of important U.S. cities, in water-depleted America. Since Canada has an endless water supply, America would steal it by taking over the country.

This idea for this complicated, often confusing plot, was inspired by our current President’s remark that he would like to make Canada our 59th State.

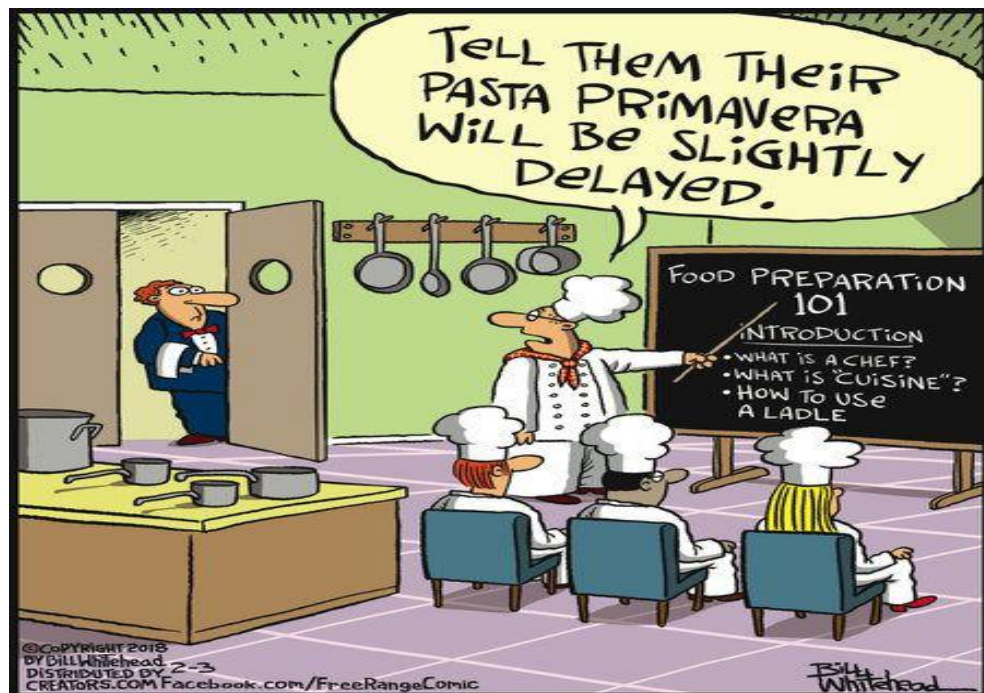
This is the twenty- seventh novel involving Gamache and, confessed by the author, the last of the Gamache series... Beautifully penned , even if a bit sentimental, with Three Pines characters, the novel is highly recommended for lovers of the genre and the author. However, the idea for creating However, the idea for creating the war seems far-fetched and unrealistic. .

Marin Restaurant Advice And Review

Mike Dean

SIR RESTAURANT REVIEW

by Mike Dean SIR Branch 22



SIRS NIGHT OUT

Thursday, March 19, 5:00

Spinnaker Restaurant

Sausalito

I know I've reviewed the Spinnaker in the past, but I'm going to revisit it to refresh your memory and show you the beautiful menu we have for this fun event. "SIRS NIGHT OUT" will be held March 19th during Sausalito Restaurant Week.

Most of us are familiar with the beautiful and delightful setting of the Spinnaker, located right on the water with a dining room offering 90-degree views of the bay including the Golden Gate Bridge, San Francisco, Tiburon and Belvedere and Sausalito. It's the perfect spot for a special night out. The dining room not only has the views, it has a great classy bar and there is free valet parking to boot.

WINE is included with the following choices – cocktails available at your cost

STARTER

Choice of:

Boston Clam Chowder or Lobster Tomato Bisque (with Crème Fraiche)

Barbecued Oysters with Smokey Uni Butter

Endive and Chicories with Fresh Sliced Pear, Candied Walnuts, Honey Mustard

Vinaigrette & Point Reyes Blue Cheese

Ahi Tuna Tartare with Cucumber, Red Onions, Cilantro, Lime Juice on Sourdough

ENTREE

Choice of:

Mussels Marineros in a White Wine, Garlic, Parsley and Shallots with Garlic Bread

Seared Salmon skin on with a Cauliflower Pur'ée, diced Carrot Chorizo and Fine Herb Oil

Baja Prawns tossed in Squid Ink Spaghetti with chopped Tomatoes, Garlic, Shallots

Capers and Basil

Vegan Butternut Squash Risotto with Chanterelle Mushrooms, Pearl Onions, Green Beans, Butternut Squash, Sage & Vegan Mozzarella Cheese

Roast Brick Chicken with Avacado, Jalapeno Lime Crème Fraiche, Risotto Cake and Sauté Seasonal Vegetables

Marinated “Creek Stone” New York Steak, sliced with Chimichurri Sauce, Asparagus Truffle French Fries

DESSERT

Choice of:

Angel Island Chocolate Decadence Cake with Crème Anglaise & Fresh Berries

Coco Loco Bread Pudding with a Bourbon Butter Sauce

Silberman’s Mano & El Corazon Sorbet Meyer Lemon Tart with Meringue and Berry Coulis

You will be receiving an Email Invitation from Bill Wilhelm. Be sure to reserve quickly as space is limited. This will give you a great opportunity to enjoy the Spinnaker Restaurant with your SIR friends.



SIRS POKER
Submitted by Ted Harris



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

We had a big turnout for February's poker game. SRO. Wally was kind enough to pick up breakfast for those who arrived early. The last couple of hands were pretty big pots, so there were reversals of fortune. For some reason I was a big winner. I guess it helps when you

know how to deal off the bottom of the deck. Will try to send you a short poker video, but not sure if you can pass it on to the Newsletter.

For those who want their pockets picked, the poker group meets at the Indian Valley clubhouse on the first Monday after the Tues SIR lunch. Come at 9:00 am for a great breakfast. Play begins at about 10:00 and may last until 2:00 pm. There is a \$50 buy-in. Chips are distributed in three demo nations to total \$50. Games are dealer's choice and rotate around the table. Play is with the red deck (no Joker) or the blue deck containing the wild card Joker. Many of our games require no Joker. Please join us and bring a friend. Regarding play: One dollar ante, (black chip), smallest bet \$0.50 (red chip) Yellow chips \$5.00, maximum raise \$1.50 and no more than three raises . Many games split the pot between high and low. Nobody can lose or win much. Great socializing and lots of laughs.

Bill Wilhelm Branch 22 Golf



Who Scheduled This???



"You have fits of rage, followed by temporary spells of euphoria, all within several hours. Are you, by chance, a golfer?"



Tournaments Schedule through March and April

1	4-Mar	Wednesday	Low Net	9:00	Foxtail North
2	18-Mar	Wednesday	Low Net	9:00	Blue Rock West
3	1-Apr	Wednesday	Low Net	9:00	Indian Valley
4	15-Apr	Wednesday	Low Net	9:00	Bennett Valley



Editor's Notes



Unknown golfer Dave Thornton needs only to par the 18 hole to win the British Open at St Andrews. If he does, he will become the first US amateur to do so in the history of the tournament. In addition he will undoubtedly be the first player to wear Levi jeans and Nike sneakers over all four rounds. Though, as an amateur he may not accept prize money, he will instead be given the position of Editor of the SIRS Branch 22 Newsletter (for which he will, again, not get paid.)

