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North Bay Branch No. 7, San Rafael

Website: [www.sirinc2.org/branch7](http://www.sirinc2.org/branch7)

60th year

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November 2023

### BIG SIR—*Bob Bundy*



Your SIRs board has been putting our heads together in order to ramp up activities, increase membership, update our web site and to increase awareness of our branch in our communities. As always the best path for new members is to be invited by a current member. They get a free lunch (first one is free) and an opportunity to learn more about SIR. The board also discussed if the name Sons in Retirement is appropriate for our current focus on activities. Sons in Recreation or some other nomenclature has been discussed but because of the way SIR has been incorporated it would be expensive to change the name. Several board members believe it is best to describe SIR as a men's luncheon group with a focus on social interactions and activities, rather than say Sons in Retirement. Sounds like a good strategy to me.

We have added Tom Verkozen and Ladd Sievenpiper to our board, and both are coming up with new ideas and activities. New member Scott McKown has become an ad hoc member in his role as liaison to our web master and can forward photos and content to the site. Anyone with somewhat recent photos of members at golf, bocce ball or any other activity should forward them to Scott. We have room for more board

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### LITTLE SIR—*Michael Sommer*



Our speaker for November is our Marin County Sheriff, Jamie Scardina.



As a native of Marin County, Jamie grew up in Corte Madera. He attended Marin Catholic High School, the College of Marin and 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 been married for more than 21 years to his wife, Ronelle. They are the proud parents of two adult children – Julia and Joseph.

### EVITE LUNCHEON SIGN-UP INSTRUCTIONS

Remember to type your meal preference in the comments section when you say "yes" and will attend. The meal choices are shown nearby. If you are not coming, please say "no" to the Evite so we won't miss anyone.

### 2024 DUES

The dues for 2024 are \$40. Payments will be received starting in November and will be due by year-end. Bring to the luncheon or mail to Al Wuthnow at 214 Melrose Avenue, Mill Valley CA 94941. Thank you for your prompt payment.

### November 2nd Luncheon

Turkey Dinner w/Gravy & Stuffing, or  
Grilled Salmon w/Lemon Butter Sauce, or  
Vegetarian

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT October 2023

<b>TOTAL ACTIVE MEMBERS - 10/1/23</b>	78
<b>GAINS DURING MONTH</b>	1
Mark Wexman	
<b>LOSSES DURING MONTH</b>	0
<b>TOTAL ACTIVE MEMBERS - 11/1/23</b>	79

Call Don Beers at 332-3926 if you can't attend a luncheon

## November 2023 Birthdays

99	Tom Martindale	November 2
81	Dick Robinson	November 4
122	Fred Hollander	November 7
	Harry McKellop	November 7
41	Ron Moresco	November 8
61	Bob Phillips	November 12
49	Bob Giachino	November 15
94	Ladd Sievenpiper	November 15
14	Ted Pullen	November 17

## November 2023 Meetings

Luncheon Thursday November 2  
Executive Committee Thursday November 16

## SUNSHINE & SHADOWS

Ken Kauer, Chairman, 472-2334  
(No e-mail)



## SIR ON THE INTERNET

[www.sirinc.org](http://www.sirinc.org)  
[www.sirinc.org/wearesir-2/](http://www.sirinc.org/wearesir-2/)

Gives SIR history, organization, locations, activities, travel programs etc.. Also the State newsletter, SIR Happenings. Suggested for those thinking of joining for an early orientation.

## Dick Robinson, Secretary



Branch Executive Committee Meeting October 19, 2023:

Minutes of September Exec Board Mtg written by Bob Rigler were approved.

Al Wuthnow gave Treasurer report which showed an \$11,800 balance but will be down to about \$5,000 after payment for the Lion King show in December. Al is now collecting Branch 7 annual dues of \$40 for 2024. Dues to State organization will be increased to \$2.50/quarter for each member or \$10/year.

Kelley Reid reported that Harry McKellop was approved for membership. Mark Wexman was voted on and approval as new member. Kelley is keeping track of members who bring in new members.

The Board nominated and approved Don Beers for special recognition for his service to Branch 7. Don served as Little Sir/ Big Sir in 2002-3, held other positions in our branch and has been greeter and badge manager for many years. He will receive a free lunch and a bottle of wine for his contributions to our branch. Ted reminded us that Will Swalberg had his 100th birthday last May. We should be watching for other notable birthdays (90, 95, etc.).

Bob Bundy and Michael Sommer are working to make a signboard to put up outside the Club Restaurant during our monthly lunches. This would advertise Branch 7 and possibly attract new members. Michael said he'd like to have flyers on the signboard giving information on Sirs Branch 7 for any interested persons to pick up.

Branch 7 has authorized these continuing activities: weekly golf outings at local courses, pool twice a month at Silver Peso, hiking group that meets twice a month for trail hikes and wine tasting events at nearby facilities. Interested members should contact Jens Erlingsson or Ron Radtke for golf, Bob Bundy or Bob Phillips for pool and Ladd Sievenpiper for hiking. Dave Bernardi and Bob Bundy are contacting various places to hold wine tasting events. Some members are playing in bocce groups.

Ted Pullen organized a bus trip to San Francisco to see the show "Aladdin" in August He had 40 persons signed up and 38 attended. He also set up a bus trip to San Francisco to see the show

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# BRANCH 7 ACTIVITIES

## ROAD BIKING

Anyone for road biking? I regularly ride with a group of friends on Friday starting at 9:30 from various locations in Marin. A leisurely pace but about 20-25 miles and some significant hills on some routes. E-bikes are used by some and welcomed on the ride. For more information contact Bob Bundy at [bundyworld@comcast.net](mailto:bundyworld@comcast.net).



## GENTLE OFF-ROAD BIKING

Contact Bob Phillips, at 415-301-1906 ([Bob.phillips3@gmail.com](mailto:Bob.phillips3@gmail.com)) if you are interested in off-road bike rides or want more information. We can set up several weekly or bi-weekly rides in advance with a meeting time and place to go on a ride together. The intent is to establish this as a SIR Branch 7 activity.



## BOWLING

We just completed the summer session of bowling at AMF Boulevard Lanes in Petaluma. The Winter league starts September 6th. Anyone can join after the beginning date.  
Ralph Sherer



"Lion King" on December 13. He says he now has 54 signed up for that outing so it's now full. Ted Pullen is now taking signups for the Christmas Lunch on December 7 that will include wives or guests. The menu choices are: Prime Rib at \$55/pp or Chicken Toscana, Salmon or Pasta at \$45/pp. Dessert is included. Wine will be available before-hand to purchase and wine bottles will be furnished at table.

Michael Sommer summarized upcoming lunch speakers. Jaime Scardina, Marin County Sheriff, will speak in November, We are not planning a speaker in December at the Christmas party lunch, In January we will have the Director of College of Marin Emeritus students programs. We'll try to get Michael Pritchard or Peter Robinson for the Valentine Lunch in February. The local columnist Dick Spotswood is possible for a later date in the spring.

## CHESS

Come to the Chess Club on Friday afternoons at 2 pm at the College of Marin Kentfield Campus in the Humiston Reading Room of the Student Services Building. Usually there's about 8 players with room for more. Call for more information. Bob Phillips 415-301-1906. Or email at [bob.phillips3@gmail.com](mailto:bob.phillips3@gmail.com). This is not a SIR Club. Rather it is a club within ESCOM (Emeritus Students College of Marin).



## HIKE EVERY FIRST & THIRD THURSDAY AT 9:00 AM

For November 2<sup>nd</sup>, meet at the Hamilton levee entrance in front of the former Airfield Control Tower for a group hike on the levee. For November 16<sup>th</sup>, meet at the Las Gallinas settling ponds parking lot. Water bottle, walking sticks, speed, and duration at your discretion.... +/- 60-90 min. More Information and to get onto notifications list contact Ladd Sievenpiper, [Ladd7piper@gmail.com](mailto:Ladd7piper@gmail.com)







**SIR BRANCH 7 CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**THURSDAY DECEMBER 7TH AT 11 O'CLOCK  
THE CLUB AT MCINNIS PARK  
SIRS, SPOUSES AND GUESTS  
NO-HOST COCKTAIL BAR AND RAFFLE**

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**MENU ENTRÉE CHOICE**

**Prime Rib at \$55 or Chicken Toscana at \$45  
or Salmon with Mango Sauce at \$45  
or Risotto at \$45**

**Wine on each table and Dessert is included**

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**ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE PREPAID  
AND ENTRÉES SELECTED!**

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**Send checks and Entrée selections to Ted Pullen!**

**Seating will be pre-assigned**

**Raffle Prize donations will be appreciated!  
All reservations must be completed by November  
30th!**



**THIS IS NOT A SIR-SPONSORED EVENT  
IF INTERESTED, SIGN UP WITH THE TRAVEL AGENT**

## JOIN THE LUCKY 7 GOLF CLUB

# & Sail Roundtrip San Francisco to the Mexican Riviera



*Sail  
Away*

ABOARD THE **CROWN PRINCESS** SAILING FEB 7-17, 2024

Sail roundtrip from the heart of San Francisco, to the Mexican Riviera for a 10 night cruise aboard the Crown Princess. Experience the stunning beauty and vibrant culture of Mexico as you explore sandy beaches and indulge in delicious cuisine! You will visit popular destinations such as Puerto Vallarta and Cabo San Lucas all while enjoying luxury and comfort aboard the Crown Princess!



### PORTS OF CALL:

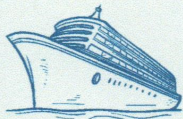
4 Ports: San Francisco,  
Puerto Vallarta, Manzanillo,  
Mazatlan, Cabo San Lucas,  
San Francisco



**BALCONY STATEROOM DOUBLE OCCUPANCY STARTING AT:  
\$3433.00 CABIN TOTAL**



**OCEAN VIEW ROOM DOUBLE OCCUPANCY: \$2723.00 CABIN  
TOTAL**

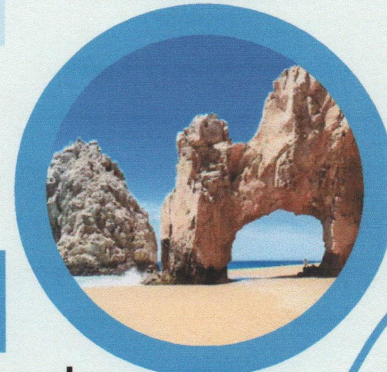
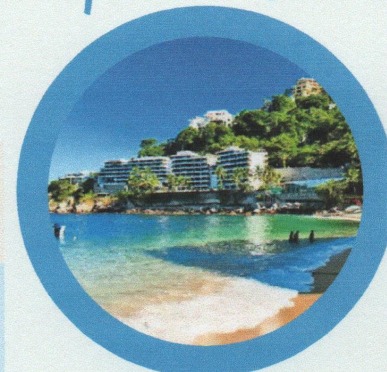


**FOR MORE PRICING &  
INFORMATION CALL:**

**Lisa at TravelCenter Tours and Travel  
at: 925-937-2223**

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# LUCKY 7 GOLF



## Windsor (Scramble)—October 4th

1	Edwards, Robinson & Phillips	61.75
2	Cooper, Pastorino, Louks & Leonard	62.00
<i>Closest to Hole 5</i>		<i>Closest to Hole 11</i>
Ron Pastorino	6'11"	Don Lytle 9'9"

## Hiddenbrooke (Scramble) - October 11th

1	Radtke, Erlingsson, Lytle & Donohue	57.25
2	Edwards, Sarantakis, Land & Bearg	58.00
<i>Closest to the Hole 3</i>		<i>Closest to Hole 13</i>
Ray Zavislak	5'10"	Terry Aleshire 15'5½"

## Vintners (Individual) - October 18th

<i>A Flight Net</i>			<i>B Flight Net</i>		
1	Bob Giachino	64	1	Jim Land	68
2	Ted Pullen	67	2	Stephen Bearg	73
<i>Closest to Hole x</i>			<i>Closest to Hole 11</i>		
None			George Sarantakis 7'11"		

## Foxtail South (Individual) October 25th

<i>A Flight Net</i>			<i>B Flight Net</i>		
1	Gary Gioglio	67	1	Bob Phillips	TB 69
2	Ron Moresco	71	2	Stephen Bearg	TB 69
<i>Closest to Hole 5</i>			<i>Closest to Hole 17</i>		
David Miller	12'1"	Gary Gioglio	70'3"		

## STENZEL CONTEST STANDINGS

1	Jens Erlingsson	2'4"	2	Stephen Bearg	3'7"
3	Paul Giambra	3'8"			

## AREA 8 MONTHLY MEETINGS

Branch 7 McInnis Park 1st Thursday  
 Branch 22 McInnis Park 1st Tuesday  
 Branch 47 McInnis Park 4th Tuesday  
 Branch 58 Elks Lodge Petaluma 3rd Tuesday  
 Branch 134 Marin Golf & Country Club 1st Tuesday  
 Branch 147 Elks Lodge Petaluma 2nd Tuesday

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members and someone to step in as Little Sir that would lead to the position of Big Sir the following year. Michael Sommer has now served this year as Little Sir after stepping down from the Big Sir role and has more fortitude and stamina than I do. I am not sure I could get approval from my wife to recycle myself through those roles. Perhaps it is good that Michael is not currently married and can fearlessly go where lesser mortals fear to tread. I am also reminded of how Ted Pullen served as Big Sir for three terms due to a series of complications. Fortunately, we were able to get a replacement for him before his wife divorced him. He would make a great Big Sir again but with golf, bocce ball, road trip activities and reminding me to keep to the agenda, he has his hands full.

Board meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month at McInnis starting at 11:00. We combine business and pleasure in a social setting followed by lunch before some of us retire to the Silver Peso for pool. One of the agenda items is our monthly speaker with all of us pitching ideas and following up if we know the speaker. The Little Sir just needs to keep track of the calendar of speakers. Talk to a board member about your interest in being on the board and if you have ideas for speakers or activities let us know your thoughts. We are now putting activities on the web site which we are in the process of updating.

## 2023 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

**Big Sir:** Bob Bundy **Little Sir:** Michael Sommer  
**Secretary:** Dick Robinson **Asst Secretary:** Vacant  
**Treasurer:** Al Wuthnow **Asst Treasurer:** Dick Robinson  
**Directors:** Dave Bernardi, Ken Kauer, Ted Pullen, Kelly Reid, Bob Rigler, Ralph Sherer & Tom Verkozen  
**Advisor:** Dick Robinson  
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**Webmaster:** Vacant

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