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North Bay Branch No. 7, San Rafael

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BIG SIR—*Michael Sommer*



ANYBODY WHO WANTS TO PLAY BOCCE SHOULD CALL ME RIGHT AWAY

Sticking with my theme from last month, I will highlight ongoing activities that our fellow local branches host that might be of interest to Branch 7 members. The State Board has created the new position of State Branch Activity Chairman. Bob Lucido has taken on this position, and we should be hearing from him. His job description will have him helping to stimulate new activities in the branches and coordinate the sharing of activities in geographically close branches.

In reference to the bold red headline above, I have been contacted by Branch 68 regarding several spots on their bocce ball teams that are available to any of our members that wish to sign up.

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LITTLE SIR—*Bob Bundy*



Our next speaker will be my friend Phil Gioia from Corte Madera who is a serious military historian. His father was career military serving in the OSS during WWII. Phil went to VMI and immediately enlisted in the Army as a Second Lieutenant. He served two tours in Vietnam where he led a rifle platoon and a paratrooper division in the 82nd Airborne and was awarded two purple hearts, two silver stars and a bronze star. He remained in the military and taught at West Point before retiring to the Bay Area and pursuing a business career. Along the way he also served twice as mayor of Corte Madera. Phil has recently published *Danger Close* (a Vietnam Memoir) about his life growing up in an Army family through his time in Vietnam. He will talk about his experiences as well as some of the backstory on Vietnam that he has learned about as a military historian.

SIRS has been taking over our local dive bar, otherwise known as the Silver Peso on the first and third Thursday of the month. If you want to join us, we will start playing right after our luncheon on the 6th and everyone is invited as they have three tables that are available to us in the early afternoon.

Anyone interested in road biking can also contact me to learn about my Friday ride group. We ride 20-30 miles on quiet roads in Southern and Western Marin usually stopping for coffee and a snack at some point to enjoy some good conversation. Please contact me if interested.

2023 DUES
The Branch Executive Committee has voted to increase the dues for 2023 to \$40. Payments will be received starting in November and will be due by year-end.



TO CELEBRATE OCTOBERFEST, WE WILL BE SERVING FREE PITCHERS OF BEER AT THE OCTOBER LUNCHEON!

October 6th Luncheon Menu
Chicken Piccata w/Steamed Rice, or Grilled Salmon w/Lemon Butter Sauce, or Risotto of the Day (Vegetarian)

MEMBERSHIP REPORT September 2022	
TOTAL ACTIVE MEMBERS - 9/1/22	75
GAINS DURING MONTH	0
LOSSES DURING MONTH	0
TOTAL ACTIVE MEMBERS - 10/1/22	75

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


October 2022 Birthdays		
110	Karl Baeck	October 1
8	Dan Edwards	October 3
59	Paul Donohue	October 10
89	Allen Barr	October 11
95	Jeff Stahl	October 11
141	Stephen Bearg	October 16
114	Kelley Reid	October 19
27	Don Troya	October 25

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 Other local branch activities that are ongoing include the following:
 1. Art Group that meets the 4th Wednesday of the month 10 to noon at a Novato art studio
 2. Photography Group the 2nd Friday 10 AM at the Hamilton History Museum
 3. Great Books Discussion Group 4th Thursday
 4. Military History usually the 1st Wednesday
 5. Foreign Policy 2nd Wednesday.

Additional activities are as follows: Fly Casting, Fishing, Bicycling, Bocce Ball, Men's Bridge, Poker Club, Walking Group, Computer/ Smartphone Group, Science Discussion Group, Genealogy, Investor Lunch Bunch, Cooking Club

There are several more, but I hope this has piqued some interest in our members to participate in any of the social groups.

Ron DeCook, Secretary



Treasurer Al stated we have \$5,972.12 in the bank. In 2023 our dues are going up to \$40 and we will start to collect now and they will be due by Dec 31st of 2022.

Terry said we have 74 members. The board will remind our members that raising our annual dues helps allow us to give guests complementary lunches, with the intention of increasing membership.

The board noted that Don Beers has successfully recovered from his medical issues and is back in charge of the Sir name badges! Also noted was the lovely memorial for Greg Poulos earlier this month.

Bob Bundy discussed coming speakers: October Phil Gioia, a Vietnam Vet, November a Marin Water District spokesperson and no speaker for our Christmas party. Also noted, members are now meeting for pool twice a month at the Silver Peso in Larkspur.

Ted discussed the plans for our annual Christmas party. The Board agreed that it should be held on our regular meeting date, December 1, 2022. We will again have flowers, hors d'œuvres, wine and raffle prizes. The lunch prices will be \$50 for prime rib and \$40 for other selections (subject to price confirmation with Eric).

Mike Sommer discussed getting our Branch membership more involved in other activities. He will attend a State Sir Zoom meeting this afternoon. The Sir leadership agrees that Sir Chapters should share activity and speaker information to help keep SIR an organization of continuing interest to new members.

Our next meeting will be October 20, 2022, at 11am.



SIR BRANCH 7 CHRISTMAS PARTY

Thursday Dec 1st at 11 O'Clock

McInnis Golf Center

SIRS, SPOUSES, & GUESTS

NO-HOST COCKTAIL BAR & RAFFLE

MENU ENTRÉE CHOICES

Prime Rib at \$50 Or Chicken Toscana at \$40

Or Salmon with Mango Sauce at \$40

Or Risotto at \$40

Wine on each table & Dessert is included

ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE PREPAID AND

ENTREES SELECTED! 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 25!

LUCKY 7 GOLF



Napa (Scramble)— August 31st

1	Radtke, Crowley, Miller & Robinson	67.60
2	Violante, Erlingsson, Donohue & Lucchesi	69.35

Closest to Hole 7

Closest to Hole 13

		Dave Miller	22'1"
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Tilden (Scramble) - September 7th

1	Erlingsson, Pastorino & Cooke	61.1
2	Sarantakis, Giachino & Crowley	61.6

Closest to Hole x

Closest to Hole xx

Not recorded		Not recorded	
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Ignacio Valley (Individual) - September 14th

A Flight Net

B Flight Net

1	Jens Erlingsson	71	1	Jim Leonard	69
2	Cosmo Violante	73	2	Jim Land	74

Closest to Hole 4

Closest to Hole 17

Jens Erlingsson	27'7"	Paul Giambra	21'9"
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Hiddenbrooke (Scramble) - September 21st

1	Radtke, Pastorino & Miller	55
2	Haight, Cooke & Leonard	59

Closest to Hole 6

Closest to Hole 15

Jens Erlingsson	8'11"	Cosmo Violante	11'2"
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Vintners (Individual) - September 28th

A Flight Net

B Flight Net

1	David Cooke	64	1	Ron DeCook	67
2	Ron Pastorino	69	2	Jack Hartnett	70

Closest to Hole 2

Closest to Hole 11

Mark Cooper	13'11"	Paulk Giambra	20'4"
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Closest to Hole 8

Closest to Hole 17

Cosmo Violante	15'10"	Cosmo Violante	18'19"
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2022 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Big Sir: Michael Sommer **Little Sir:** Bob Bundy
Secretary: Ron DeCook **Asst Secretary:** Vacant
Treasurer: Al Wuthnow **Asst Treasurer:** Dick Robinson
Directors: Dave Bernardi, Ken Kauer, Ted Pullen,
 Bob Rigler, & Ralph Sherer
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SIR ON THE INTERNET

www.sirinc.org

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.

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 68 McInnis Park 2nd Tuesday
 Branch 134 Embassy Suites 1st Tuesday
 Branch 147 Elks Lodge Petaluma 2nd Tuesday

SUNSHINE & SHADOWS

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

NON-RESPONSIBILITY DECLARATION

All activities arranged for, or by, or sponsored by, Sons in Retirement, Inc. and its branches are for the convenience and pleasure of the members and their guests who desire to participate. Sons in Retirement, Inc. and its branches do not assume any responsibility for the well-being or safety of the participants or their property in matters pertaining to said activities.

STENZEL CONTEST STANDINGS

1. Ted Pullen	11½"	2. Dave Miller	1'7"
3. Gary Gioglio	2'7"		