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North Bay Branch No. 7, San Rafael

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Br. 7

September 2023

## BIG SIR—*Bob Bundy*



At our last board meeting we discussed activities, and several members want to sponsor activities that will not necessarily be SIRS sponsored activities, but members are invited to participate if they like. This is an effort to have more members involved in activities with other members and this will be an informal activity. The pool group continues to meet at the Silver Peso after our luncheon meeting and our board meeting (third Thursday of the month). We are actually showing some improvement but have decided to stay away from any formal pool tournament. Kelley Reid is working hard to improve membership so be sure to see his challenge and offer in his Membership column. We have 77 members with 40-50 attending most lunches and we all want to see those numbers climb towards 100.

I want to recognize Ken Kauer for the work he does as the Chair of Sunshine and Shadows. He wants to recognize significant milestones and achievements as well as illness or death. He will send out cards or make calls on behalf of SIRS as he learns of a member with health issues, but he needs to hear from our members if we know of any one is SIRS with health concerns. He can be reached at (415)472-2334 as he famously does not like to use e-mail.

## LITTLE SIR—*Michael Sommer*



Our speaker this month is Barry Tompkins, a well-known Bay Area sportscaster. Barry's bio is as follows: Barry Tompkins is a 48-year network television veteran. He is a play-by-play broadcaster, a four-time Emmy Award winner, and in 2017 was voted into the International Boxing Hall of Fame for his work as a boxing commentator. Barry was born and raised in San Francisco and began his career in local television at KPIX TV in 1968. Since then, he has spent five years at NBC, ten years at HBO, eight years at ESPN, fifteen years at Fox Sports and currently does the ShoBox and Championship Boxing series' for Showtime while continuing to do college football and basketball.

His credits include play-by-play commentary of The Super Bowl, the Rose Bowl, the NCAA Final Four, eight Olympic Games, The Tour de France, Wimbledon, the French Open and the U.S. Open Tennis, the World Gymnastics Championships, World Swimming and Diving Championships, World Figure Skating Championships, horse racing's Triple Crown, World Cup Skiing, San Francisco Giants baseball, and over 400 World Championship fights.

In addition, he has covered the Masters, U.S. Open, British Open and PGA golf events, The Indy 500, Baseball World Series, hockey Stanley Cup, and the Soccer World Cup.

Barry spent 35 years associated nationally with Pac 12 Conference football and basketball, and

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### 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.

### September 7th Luncheon

Beef Lasagna w/Garlic Bread, or  
Bay Shrimp Louis, or  
Vegetarian

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT August 2023

<u>TOTAL ACTIVE MEMBERS - 8/1/23</u>	77
<u>GAINS DURING MONTH</u>	0
<u>LOSSES DURING MONTH</u>	0
<u>TOTAL ACTIVE MEMBERS - 9/1/23</u>	77

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

## September 2023 Birthdays

127	David Bernardi	September 12
42	Bruce Pohoriles	September 12
60	Tim Biddle	September 29

## SUNSHINE & SHADOWS

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

## MEMBERSHIP

As the Chairman of the Membership Committee for SIRS Branch 7, I challenge each member of Branch 7 to actively look for, pursue, and invite into Branch 7, ONE new member to increase our membership rolls for the next 12 months, commencing September 1, 2023 through August 31, 2024.

The member who sponsors, and brings into our band of merry men in Branch 7, the most number of new members will be treated to a Dinner For Two at the Lakeside Club facility of the Olympic Club in San Francisco at the personal expense of Kelley Reid, Membership Chairman!

As you all will agree, WE NEED NEW MEMBERS in BRANCH 7- NOW!

As Elvis Presley would say: "Thank You Very Much!"

Best Personal Regards to All, Kelley Reid, Chairman of the Membership Committee

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currently does games for the Pac 12 Network and WCC basketball for Spectrum Cable, Root Sports and NBC Sports Bay Area.

In addition to his broadcasting work, Barry writes a weekly sports column for the Marin Independent Journal and teaches a class on Storytelling for Television at Dominican University in San Rafael, Ca.

## Dick Robinson, Secretary



Sirs Branch 7 Executive Board Meeting, August 17, 2023

Al Wuthnow reported our cash balance was down to \$4,948 due to payment of costs for attending the show "Aladdin". He is receiving the checks from Ted Pullen for members who signed up for the show which will boost our cash balance back to normal levels.

The 36 persons (members, wives, and friends) who attended the show "Aladdin" in San Francisco had a great time. The bus transportation worked out well. We had a good lunch at Max's Opera Cafe in spite of slow service and enjoyed the show at the Orpheum theater. Ted is planning another similar outing to see "Lion King" in San Francisco on Wed Dec 13. The cost for the bus ride, lunch and the show will be \$125. Interested people should notify Ted Pullen to hold space for them to attend this show.

Kelley Reid reported our membership is steady at 77 men. The Board approved a proposal that dues paid by new members who join in the last 3 months of the year would apply to the following year. The Board suggested Kelley write up a piece for the next issue of Horologium stating that all members need to actively look for new members to add to our membership.

Ken Kauer told us he needs input from members to keep up on any health problems of our members. He said he had visited Will Swalberg who is in a care facility due to declining health at the age of 100. Nancy Chapman, wife of deceased member Dick Chapman, recently passed away.

Michael Sommer told us that speakers are lined up for the rest of this year. In Sept we will hear from Barry Tompkins, a sportswriter in Bay Area papers. In October we will have Frank Falzone and Duffy Jenning as speakers. They are co-authors of a book about Frank's career as SF Detective. In November we will hear from Jamie Scardina, the newly elected sheriff of Marin County. In December we will hold our Christmas party with ladies included and aren't planning to have a speaker.

It's time to put together a slate of officers for next year. Dr Bob Bundy, our current Big Sir, plans to step down and allow Michael Sommer to return as Big Sir. That will leave a vacancy for Little Sir to be filled. Most other officers and chairmen will continue in their current positions.

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SIR's #7, #47, & #22,  
INVITES YOU TO A  
MATINEE PERFORMANCE OF:

# THE LION KING

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 13TH

DUBBED "THE MUSICAL OF A LIFETIME!" EXPERIENCE THE STUNNING ARTISTRY, UNFORGETTABLE MUSIC AND EXHILARATING CHOREOGRAPHY, PAIRED WITH BREATHTAKING, AWARD-WINNING PUPPETRY THAT BRINGS THE WILDLIFE OF THE AFRICAN DESERT ALIVE! THIS COLORFUL SAFARI SPECTACLE IS SURE TO THRILL. WITNESS THE MUSICAL THEATRE PHENOMENON THAT MOVES US ALL, A REMARKABLE TALE OF HOPE AND ADVENTURE, THE LION KING. THIS SHOW WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE ORPHEUM THEATER, YOUR RESERVED SEATS WILL BE LOCATED ON THE GROUND FLOOR IN THE REAR ORCHESTRA.



DEPART: 10:00AM RETURN: 5:30PM

PICK UP: SAN RAFAEL PARK & RIDE SMITH RANCH ROAD PARKING LOT

COST PER PERSON: \$125

COST INCLUDES: LUXURY MOTORCOACH TRANSPORTATION,  
DRIVER GRATUITY, HOSTED LUNCH AT MAX'S OPERA CAFE WITH ENTREE CHOICE OF: CHICKEN COBB SALAD, REUBEN SANDWICH, VEGGIE BURGER, HALF TUNA SANDWICH & SOUP, SERVED WITH SOFT DRINK & DESSERT, AND RESERVED REAR ORCHESTRA SEATING FOR THE 1PM SHOWING OF THE LION KING

ALL CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE OUT TO SIR BRANCH 7  
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## JOIN THE LUCKY 7 GOLF CLUB

# & Sail Roundtrip San Francisco to the Mexican Riviera



*Sail  
Away*

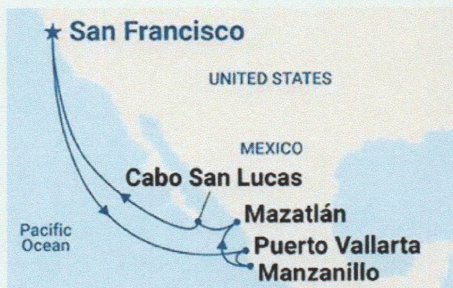
ABOARD THE **CROWN PRINCESS** SAILING FEB 7-17, 2024

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:

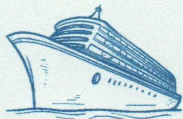
4 Ports: San Francisco,  
Puerto Vallarta, Manzanillo,  
Mazatlan, Cabo San Lucas,  
San Francisco



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



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

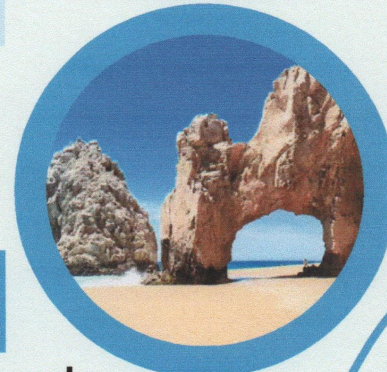
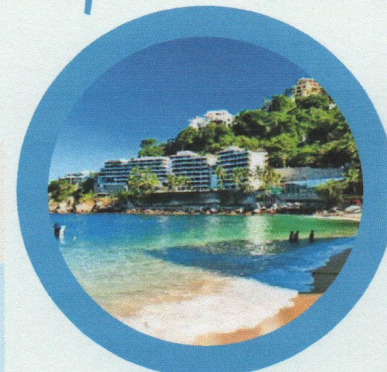


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## BRANCH 7 ACTIVITIES

### 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. Usually, 6-10 of the regulars on the ride with others on the list showing up on occasion. We always have a location for coffee and pastries, although the Sausalito ride usually stops at FISH for lunch. Good social commentary with borderline philosophy discussions. E-bikes are used by some and welcomed on the ride. For more information about this ride, contact Bob Bundy at [bundyworld@comcast.net](mailto:bundyworld@comcast.net).



### BOWLING

We just completed the summer session of bowling at AMF Boulevard Lanes in Petaluma. The league is known as the Striking Threes since there are three team members on a team. The league consists of women and men. Most of the men are SIRS members. At the present time, I am the only member from Branch 7. The bowling alley has been doing a lot of upgrades. The Winter league starts September 6th. Anyone can join after the beginning date.  
Ralph Sherer



### GENTLE OFF-ROAD BIKING

Contact me, 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. There are miles of paved, dirt, and gravel pathways in Marin that make for relatively easy bike riding. 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. I will arrive early (11am) at the September 7th luncheon to meet and discuss. But call me before if you like.



### SIR TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES

**Colorado Rockies, Rails & Western National Parks** Sept 10-18,2023. Branch 32. Cost \$3,649 pp. Includes r/t air, 11 meals, 8 breakfasts, tour director, motorcoach transportation, all admissions, baggage handling. Highlights: Three train experiences: Durango, Pikes Peak & Royal Gorge. Four National Parks: Mesa Verde, Arches, Canyon Lands & Great Sand Dunes. Contact John Pletsch, 408-504-1255, [jeplet@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jeplet@sbcglobal.net).

**Croatia and Its Islands** Sept 24-Oct 7,2023. Branch 101. Cost \$6,714-7,214 depending on cabin. Highlights: Dubrovnik, 7-night Adriatic Cruise, Slano, Mljet National Park, Korcula, Vis, Bisevo, Blue cave, Hvar, Bol, Trogir, Slit. Choice on tour: Sibenik, Cathedral of St. James, Krka National Park, Zagreb, Stone Gate. The price includes round trip flights from SFO, travel insurance and tips. Three cabins still available (6 people max) Contact Bill Britton 925-200-1062 [bill.britton@comcast.net](mailto:bill.britton@comcast.net)

**Autumn Colors** Oct 13-22,2023. Branch 143. Cost \$4,330 pp Boston to Boston. Includes air and bus transportation. Highlights: Boston. Mohawk Trail, Mount Washington. Contact Bill Stires, 209-544-2684 [bstires46@gmail.com](mailto:bstires46@gmail.com)

### CHESS

If you like playing chess and want to play in-person games, 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. We try to adhere to "touch -rule" chess and use of a chess clock and time setting is optional. Call me if you have questions or want 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).



# LUCKY 7 GOLF



## Foxtail North (Individual) - August 2nd

<i>A Flight Net</i>		<i>B Flight Net</i>	
1	Mike Campas 70	1	Steve Crowley 74
2	Ron Radtke 74	2	Bob Phillips 75
<i>Closest to Hole 6</i>		<i>Closest to Hole 13</i>	
Paul Giambra	21'9"	Gary Gioglio	5'3"

## Paradise Valley (Scramble)—August 8th

1	Violante, Erlingsson & Donohue		61.5
2	Edwards, Pastorino, Lytle & Bearg		61.6
<i>Closest to Hole 3</i>		<i>Closest to Hole 12</i>	
Ron Radtke	5'9"	Ron Pastorino	14'3"

## Indian Valley (Scramble) - August 16th

1	Campas, Gioglio, Balogh & Lytle		60.95
2	Giambra, Robinson, Bearg & Toso		62.45
<i>Closest to the Hole 4</i>		<i>Closest to Hole 17</i>	
Paul Giambra	10'1"	Dick Robinson	14'2"

## 2023 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

**Big Sir:** Bob Bundy **Little Sir:** Michael Sommer  
**Secretary:** Dick Robinson **Asst Secretary:** Vacant  
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## AREA 8 MONTHLY MEETINGS

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

## September 2023 Meetings

Luncheon Thursday September 7  
 Executive Committee Thursday September 21

## Tilden (Scramble) - August 23rd

1	Edwards, Erlingsson, Aleshire & Hartnett		57.6
2	Cooke, Pastorino & Phillips		60.8
<i>Closest to Hole 7</i>		<i>Closest to Hole 16</i>	
Terry Aleshire	7'5"	None	

## STENZEL CONTEST STANDINGS

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

We discussed our various ongoing activities. Ralph Sherer has been participating in a bowling league in Petaluma. The fall bowling league will be starting in September. Bob Phillips mentioned that he participates in a weekly bike riding club that would welcome Branch 7 members. Bob also said he attends a chess club that meets on Fridays at 2 pm at COM. In past years we have had wine tasting outings which could be resumed if someone would arrange an event. The Lucky 7 golf group continues to play every week at various North Bay courses. Also, the golf group is proposing a 10-day Princess Cruise to Mexico sailing out of San Francisco on Feb 7, 2024. Interested members should contact Ted Pullen or Jens Erlingsson to get on list and get details on this cruise.

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