

Ignacio Pacheco Branch News

Independence, Dignity and Social Activities for Men

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JULY LUNCH WILL BE ON THE 11th, NO OTHER CHANGES



BRANCH 22, *Ignacio Pacheco*

Price \$35
Chicken Scaloppini
with Marsala Sauce and Risotto
Alternative: Grilled Salmon



June

Big Sir Jim Sasse
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Wally Holmes
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OTHER DIRECTORS
Floyd Heckman
Mike Dean
Jim Stein



Adult beetles, commonly referred to as June bugs are 1/2 to 5/8 inches long, and reddish brown. They have three pairs of legs, one on each of the first three segments behind the head. **They are not lady bugs, and they are edible.**



BIG SIR

JIM SASSE AND HIS THOUGHTS

Sasse's Thoughts For June 2023

Living in Sonoma I always have the wonderful weather of the California Wine Country in my thoughts. There has been a change in the weather Things are looking brighter and more colorful. Branch 22 of SIR Inc has given up by unanimous vote of its member merging with another Branch. Branch 22's hills are green, and its flowers are blooming. Our restaurant savant Mike Dean is asking us to hold the date of July 10 for another Branch 22 dinner in Southern Marin. (See SAVE THE DATE on his page) Last year's special dinner was a sell-out and a huge success so let's top that this year!

We are optimistic that summer will spring upon us soon That means July 4th is almost here and with it our country's birthday, fireworks and family fun. So, we just can't have a SIR's lunch as a distraction. After a lot of thought among various members of your BEC and in consultation with McInnis we have **rescheduled our July lunch to the 11th of July.**

How many of you know that Bill Wilhelm serves on the Golf Committee of the SIR Inc's state organization. He does and thank him for that. He will be communicating with our Branch 22 Golfers, and we are including in the Golf pages of the News, information about the upcoming annual State SIR's Golf Tournaments. Contact Bill if you want to play. You do not have to be a great player to join in, remember in summer the days stay light very late so even the slowest players can finish and go for the 19th hole.

On 23 May the State SIR's President held a Town Hall Meeting on the state of SIR Inc in these post Covid changes in our society. Jim Boughey, Wally Holmes and I attended and represented Branch 22 by Zoom. The initial attendance was 99 representatives of our Branch's. This is over double the attendance at the State Zoom sessions since the COVID Pandemic began. Much of the questions raised by the attendees were about the question of women participating in SIR events. I learned for the first time that the SIR By-Laws still provide that only men can be members of SIR. I thought those By-Laws were changed last summer but they have not. However, events for couples or the survivors of members are allowed and encouraged. As you know several wives come to McInnis with their husbands. We decided last year that if they would like to join lunch or hear a speaker, they are welcome. As I recall several women did attend our speaker from the Alzheimer's Association. So, we said nothing about women at this Town Hall Meeting. We ask any woman who will attend to let Bill know since he estimates the attendance and is very good at it. Declining membership and recruiting were also discussed in depth. Our having rejected mergers to grow, we must accept that we all must do more to attract new, hopefully younger, members. In the coming months you will hear more about this. If I ask you to participate, the answer we hope will be "yes, what can I do!"

Now let's think of the sights and sounds of summer, whether home or on vacation.

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BEC DIRECTOR'S MINUTES

Bud Pflueger, Secretary

Minutes BEC branch22 May 2, 2023, at McGinnis Club House

CTO: 10:32

Members Present: Big Sir Jim Sasse, Dave Thornton, Secretary: Otto Pflueger, Directors: Bill Wilhelm, Jim Stein, Steve Miller, James Boughey Guests Wally Holmes, Ron George

Absent: Jim Filippo, Dean, Floyd Heckman

Quorum: Yes

Previous Minutes: Accepted as written, MSP.

Treasurers Report: 5449.72 MSP subject to audit

Ongoing business:

Pros and cons of merger with Branch 7 discussed at length. Eventually the board voted on the merger with all against it. MSP. Sasse will be present at the lunch to answer questions and to explain the change. There was a long presentation by Jim Boughey, and also Wally Holmes at lunch followed by a unanimous vote against the merger.

Wally Holmes has volunteered to be Little Sir and BEC member for the rest of this year. Whether he will step up to BIG SIR in 2024 has not been decided.

Membership: Our membership stands at 60 with the return of Ron George. Bill Wilhelm will proceed with the publication of a new roster. The publication cost of \$350.00 delayed earlier publication because of a possible merger.

Boughey wants to pursue new member promotion using the IJ, now printed in the East Bay but with management offices in San Rafael.

Sunshine and Shadows: Bill Reid passed away. Moment of silence and a few words by Tom Morrison at the luncheon will take place.

Committee Chairs: Lots of golf talk, Poker next at Indian Valley.

Move to Adjourn at 11:20. MSP

Minutes prepared by Secretary Otto Pflueger and sent out to board members on May 4



June SPEAKER

Our June Speaker is Mr. Paul Currie, and Paul will tell us about the brave men he has written about for delayed, but well-deserved awards.

I joined the Marine Corps Reserve out of high school and trained to be a helicopter engine shop mechanic. When I reported to my reserve unit, I was transferred to the flight line temporarily as an aircraft mechanic... for 6 years. In that meantime, I'd learned all the systems of the CH53 becoming a Crew Chief and earning my Naval Aircrewman Badge.

I then returned to college where I was studying Physical Education with the idea of becoming a teacher and a coach. A friend of mine was working in the wine industry and seemed to be doing well and enjoying the work. I quit school and got a job in a small local winery, eventually I'd become a cellar master, assistant winemaker and vineyard manager for several wineries in the north bay.

After 20 years in the wine industry, I had the great idea to reenlist in the Marine Corps Reserve... they ended up telling me that I was too old, but the California Army National Guard recruiter said differently. I joined the Guard in 2013, and currently work as the Advanced Culinary NCO for the 297th MCAS in San Mateo. One of my additional duties is Awards NCO for the unit. During our activation for the Covid 19 Medical response, I wrote nearly 100 award recommendations for my unit, and over 500 for the entire Task Force with which we worked.



MARIN RESTAURANT ADVICE AND NEWS

Mike Dean

MIKE DEAN
SIR BRANCH 22

SHOW DE CARNES BRAZILIAN STEAKHOUSE
196 Donohue St.
Sausalito, ca

OK SIRs, I know there's some real meat eaters among us and this is the place for you!! This is a much reviewed and talked about new restaurant in Sausalito – BUT You have to like meat to make this place worthwhile.

Yes, they have an alternative “salad bar” for less money, but you go for the MEAT Endless meat!

It's truly a Brazilian steak house very much like a “churrascaria” in Brazil and just as good. The service is excellent with a gang of waiters continuously supplying you with the best cuts of your favorites ie: try-tip, filet, chateaubriand, lamb, pork and on and on. They even give you a card to show if you want more meat, or just turn it over when you're done. The Salad, appetizer, sushi bar is open to the meat eaters, but you can choose to only have the salad bar if you're not a meat eater.

Frankly, you have to try it once and find out if it's your thing. It's not really Debbie's and my thing because we're not big meat eaters, but we've been to a churrascaria in Rio, and this place is authentic. Many meat eating SIRs will like it a lot.

By the way, the meat is kinda Brazilian flavor, so I hope that you will like that.



SAVE THE DATE

July 10, 2023

On Monday the 10th of July we will have a second wonderful Italian dinner in southern Marin. The details are still in the planning stage and you will receive a detailed flyer soon. In the meantime:



What is different: It's summer and we will be under the stars;

We have the place: Don Antonio's, in Larkspur, picture above,

We have the time: 5:00 PM on the 10th;

What we do not have: It's and you plus one, so sign up, like these happy guests of the restaurant shown here;



Lastly, this is Don Antonio who we know and who will show you a very good time. Trust me, Mike



FOR BRANCH 22



Don & Shirley Dimitratos 06/09

Bud & Arlene Pflueger 06/13



Dave Hinman 06/05

Dave Schwab 06/06

Bill Raudio 06/08

Bruce Blockley 06/11

Wally Holmes 06/15

Ted Harris 06/17

Robert Grammar 06/18

Your Branch 22 has a WEB Page as part of the SIR INC web site. This page is maintained by Member Rich Seyler who is doing a very good job. Check it out with this hyper link.

[SIR Branch 22 \(sirinc2.org\)](http://sirinc2.org)



SIR, Inc. State of the STATE and Other Branches June 2023

STATE NEWS: 2023 brings significant change to the SIR organizational structure. First off, the Region Director position will be discontinued. Secondly the title Area Governor will be replaced by Area Representative with major changes in the job description. Without a Region Director and with Area 8s continuing Area Governor vacancy there are concerns about the communication link between the Area 8 branches and those at the state level in SIR. It has been recommended that the branches in Area 8 elect an Area Representative ASAP. The new Area Representative reports to the Vice President of SIR. Please note it puts the new position in a less controversial position than the old A.G. requirements. There are no compliance issues to be dealt with, all overdue reports and documents required in our incorporation business will be done by another.

So far Group 8 (that is us) is the only Group to not yet elected such a representative and there is no news of a plan to do so! We are losing out, if you want to be nominated talk to Mr. Sasse.

See Full State News @ <https://sirinc.org/?s=Happenings>



The Second 2023 quarterly issue is still posted and contains news and these interesting articles among others:

1. Mike Dean's restaurant reviews are featured in the Newsletter Quotes
2. Attracting new member ideas.
3. EV news summary.
4. More about Bias of several kinds.
5. Early 20th Century Slang, very outdated stuff of interest.

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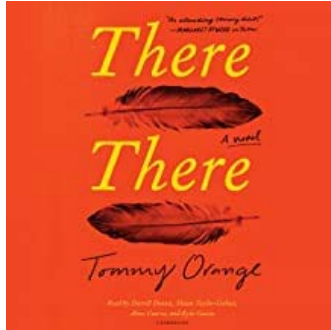
SIR STATE OFFICERS



TURNING PAGES

Bud Pflueger

“There There” by Tommy Orange. 2018; historical fiction genre



This author’s first novel discusses in the prologue and in one other chapter, the historical background of the eradication of native Americans by the white man, the myths like Thanksgiving and all the broken promises by the government. In addition, the modern plight of the urban Native in particular, Oakland, where the author grew up, a Native himself.

Each chapter bears a character’s name. Most are urban Natives, all with terrible backstories and all headed for the great Oakland annual Powwow. Their journeys to this great event include discovering lost relatives or boyfriends or girlfriends and geographically take the reader to Oklahoma and Texas. Native Americans are coming from all parts of the country. Also, the story shifts back in time particularly to the Native occupation of Alcatraz November 1969 to June 1976.

This is not a happy novel. It is heart-wrenching. The author was a finalist in the 2019 Pulitzer Prize awards, and he won the 2019 American book award. He is a citizen of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Oklahoma tribes.

The historical background is accurate and the entire novel very well written. Please take the time to learn and to grieve with this great audition book.



POKER

WALLY HOLMES

The Next Sirs Poker Game is scheduled for Monday June 12, 2023

We had a good turnout for poker on May 8th. Four of us showed up and had a nice breakfast, Jim Stein, Steve Miller, Gene Gallagher, and me. We had 6 players show up for poker. They were Jim Stein, Steve Bettega, Steve Miller, Dan Bastian, Gene Gallagher, and me. We sorely missed Bud Pflueger, Ed Marshall, Tom fox, Mike Dean, and others. The big winners were Dan Bastian and Steve Miller. I heard my good friend, crying on the way out, Jimmy Stein, so he must have been the loser this month.

We were happy that Dan Bastian has recovered from surgery on both knees, and back playing poker. Also, Gene Gallagher joined us for breakfast and played poker with the group for the first time. I do not keep good track of who wins and loses money, but Gene was able to go home with a few shackles. We had an exciting time and enjoyed the day. I need to apologize; I did take pictures but only one came out okay. Will try to do better next month for the newsletter.

Also, if you do not know how to play poker and would like to learn, please contact us. We would love to have you join our poker group and we would be incredibly happy to collaborate with you and teach you how to play the various games. Even if you do not play poker, join us for a great breakfast at the 19th Hole Bar and Grill.



The Sirs Poker Club plays poker on the first Monday after the regular Sirs luncheon. Have member 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 improve in the number of players and have a fun outing and enjoy good friends and food.

There is a \$50 buy in to play poker. The red chips are 50 cents, black chips dollar and the yellow chips are five dollars. There is a 3 raise maximum and it is dealer's choice on 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, the joker automatically becomes wild unless you state at the beginning the joker is not wild.



TREASURER'S REPORT

Dave Thornton

Sirs Branch 22 Expenditures for the Month of Apr-23

<u>Date</u>	<u>Check Number</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Memo</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Deposits</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Balance</u>
			<u>Ending Bank Balance March 31, 2023</u>				\$ 5,261.72
4/7/2023	1038	McInnis Golf	Monthly Lunch			1122.00	\$ 4,139.72
4/7/2023			Lunch Collection		1,160.00		\$ 5,299.72
							\$ 5,299.72
							\$ 5,299.72
							\$ 5,299.72
Totals					\$ 1,160.00	\$ 1,122.00	\$ 38.00
					BANK BALANCE		\$ 5,299.72
<u>Outstanding Checks</u>							\$ -
					Total Outstanding Checks:		
<u>Petty Cash Box</u>							\$ 150.00
					NET BALANCE		\$ 5,449.72

MEMBERS OF BR 22 ARE FREE TO SUBMIT ARTICLES THEY WRITE TO THE EDITOR BUT NONE OF YOU HAVE.





Golf

Bill Wilhelm

Data by Rich Seyler

**“BRANCH 116 AND SIR STATE GOLF INVITE YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS TO JOIN US THIS SUMMER IN RENO”
TUESDAY 9/5/2023 THRU FRIDAY 9/8/2023**



Marin SIR GC June Indexes

Last	Index
Atkin	30.2
Blockley	30.1
Cabral	43.0
Collings	10.1
Dean	26.0
Deleon	32.1
Filippo	28.0
Fox	14.9
Gallagher	27.7
Grammer	40.1
Grieve	34.1
Harris	14.6
Heckman	29.1
Hickey	31.7
Holmes	27.5
Lambertsor	17.2
Lynch	21.6
Marney	36.2
McGuire	30.2
Miller	25.3
Morrison	25.5
Norris	5.3
Petri	21.2
Quinn	22.2
Rawles	27.5
Schneider	28.4
Seyler	25.6
Stein	29.9
Thornton	27.8
Ulloa	27.6
Wilhelm	23.8
Yam	29.4

YOUR 2023 EVENT PACKAGE INCLUDES

- THREE NIGHT STAY AT THE SILVER LEGACY HOTEL DOWNTOWN RENO IN A PLAYER'S TOWER PREMIUM ROOM COMPLETE WITH FLAT SCREEN TV, FREE Wi-Fi, HAIR DRYER, IN ROOM SAFE, FREE GARAGE PARKING
- TUESDAY "WELCOME RECEPTION" COMPLETE WITH APPETIZERS, NO HOST BAR
- THURSDAY NIGHT "AWARDS DINNER" WITH NO HOST BAR
- TWO DAYS OF GOLF AT TOIYABE & WOLF RUN GOLF COURSES AND OVER \$1,000 IN PRIZE MONEY, LADY'S AND YOUR FRIENDS ARE ALSO WELCOME AND INVITED TO JOIN US FOR THESE TWO DAYS OF GOLFING FUN
- PRIZE DRAWINGS FOR NON-GOLFERS

AVAILABLE PACKAGES

Two Golfers sharing room	\$420 / person
Golfer, Non-Golfer sharing room	\$330 / person
Single Golfer own room	\$575 / person
Two Non-Golfers sharing room	\$240 / person
Non-Golfer, own room	\$400 / person
Golf and Amenities, no room	\$260 / person

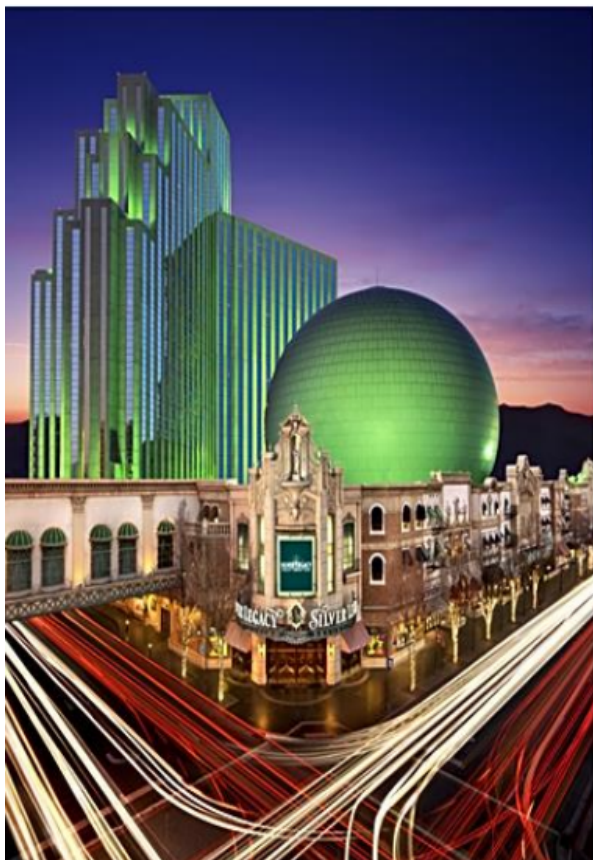
FILL OUT REGISTRATION FORM,
ENCLOSE CHECK AND MAIL TO
SIR BR 116
PO BOX 683
LAFAYETTE, CA 94549

THE SILVER LEGACY HOTEL AND CASINO HAS:

- FIVE RESTAURANTS AND SIX BARS & LOUNGES
- SWIMMING POOL WITH DAYBEDS & CABANAS
- A SPA & SALON TO RELAX AND INDULGE YOURSELF
- FITNESS CENTER WITH WEIGHTS, MACHINES & MORE
- NIGHTLIFE FEATURING PERFORMERS & COMEDIANS
- TOPGOLF SWING SUITE (reservation required)
- CASINO WITH SLOTS, BLACKJACK & POKER
- IMMEDIATE ACCESS TO RENO'S BEST SHOPPING

GOLFING ELIGIBILITY

ALL GOLFER'S MUST HAVE A VERIFIABLE INDEX.



2023 SIR STATE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

HAGGIN OAKS GOLF COURSE - SACRAMENTO



OPEN TOURNAMENT THIS YEAR, NO QUALIFYING NECESSARY, YOUR TEAM'S CHOICE OF PLAYING EITHER THURSDAY 8/17 OR FRIDAY 8/18, TEE TIMES

DRIVING RANGE WITH "TOPTRACER" BALL FLIGHT TRACKING, RANGE BALLS ARE PROVIDED

ALL TEAM PLAYER'S MUST CHECK IN OUTSIDE THE PRO SHOP 30 MINUTES PRIOR TO THEIR TEE TIME

FOOD AND DRINK AT THE MCKENZIE SPORTS BAR & GRILL OR AT "THE HANGOUT" AT THE RANGE



THIS YEAR'S TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP WILL BE AT THE HISTORIC 91 YEAR OLD ALISTAIR MACKENZIE GOLF COURSE AT HAGGIN OAKS KNOWN FOR IT'S CHALLENGING COURSE LAYOUT AND UNDULATING GREENS



SUGGESTED HOTEL ACCOMENDATIONS

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS AND SUITES AT 2224 AUBURN BLVD
916 923-1100

HAMPTON INN & SUITES AT 2230 AUBURN BLVD
916 927-2222

HILTON SACRAMENTO ARDEN AT 2220 HARVARD STREET
855 605-0316

TOURNAMENT RESULTS WILL BE POSTED BY MONDAY AUGUST 21ST
ON THE STATE GOLF WEBSITE AT WWW.SIRGOLF.ORG

DRIVING DIRECTIONS TO HAGGIN OAKS GOLF COURSE:

FROM THE EAST: I-80 TOWARDS SACRAMENTO, TAKE FULTON AVE EXIT ON THE RIGHT TO FULTON AVE, COURSE IS IMMEDIATELY ON YOUR RIGHT

FROM THE WEST: I-80 THROUGH SACRAMENTO TOWARDS RENO, TAKE THE AUBURN BLVD EXIT AND TURN LEFT ONTO AUBURN BLVD, TURN LEFT ON TO FULTON AVENUE WHICH WILL TAKE YOU DIRECTLY TO THE COURSE

FROM THE NORTH: I-5 SOUTH TO SACRAMENTO, FOLLOW DIRECTIONS ABOVE

FOR MORE INFO VISIT WEBSITE AT WWW.SIRGOLF.ORG OR CALL MARK STUART - 916 218-2287



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916 808-2525

Blue Rock West

5/10/2023

Gold Tees

Flight	Rank	Last Name	First Name	Index	Hdcp	Gross	Net	Points	Purse	
1	1	Quinn	Brian	21.6	18	88	70	10	\$20.00	
1	2	Lambertson	Peter	15.6	12	86	74	9	\$15.00	
1	3	Fox	Tom	14.9	11	87	76	* 7	\$10.00	
1	4	Wilhelm	Bill	23.7	20	96	76	* 5		
1	5	Collings	Ron	9.8	6	84	78	* 3		
1	6	Morrison	Tom	25.0	22	100	78	*		
1	7	Miller	Steve	24.7	21	105	84			
2	1	Rawles	Jeff	29.8	27	90	63	10	\$20.00	
2	2	Gallagher	Gene	27.8	25	103	78	9	\$15.00	
2	3	Holmes	Wally	27.5	24	104	80	7	\$10.00	
2	4	Ulloa	Bernard	27.1	24	106	82	5		
2	5	Mcguire	Tom	29.9	27	110	83	3		
2	6	Atkin	Thomas	29.9	27	111	84			
2	7	Yam	David	29.3	26	116	90			
								* Tie Breaker Used		
Closest to the Hole:										
				#7	Ron Collings	19' 0"			\$10.00	
				#15	Peter Lambertson	11' 6"			\$10.00	
								TOTAL	68	\$110.00



TIME TO LIGHTEN UP



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I'M BOTH INTRIGUED AND REALLY DON'T WANT TO KNOW



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