

Ignacio Pacheco Branch News

Independence, Dignity and Social Activities for Men

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OTHER DIRECTORS

Floyd Heckman

Mike Dean

Jim Stein

Rich Johnson

Jeff Rawles

Price \$35

**Roasted Turkey with Cranberry
and Gravy, Peas, Carrots,
Sweet Potatoes and Stuffing**

**Alternative: Tortellini
with Pesto Cream Sauce**





BIG SIR

JIM SASSE AND HIS THOUGHTS

Sasse's Thoughts for November 2023

The winter star constellations are more in view.; The fire danger is less.; we are headed for the holiday season; with Thanksgiving and Christmas right around the corner.; Cosco beat Halloween and then some.; I wish all members and their families; A safe and happy holiday season.

We have some events coming up, this is the important one:

Save the date we have another Br 22 dinner out is coming up.

When: Monday December 18, 2023

Where Perry's in Ignacio (the old Fire Fox)

Details and more information to follow.

We are working hard on having a Christmas celebration dinner.



The details are coming along, and by mid-November you will get the details and reservation information by flyer. We have had great turn outs for our last two dinners, so we hope the holiday spirit will be in you and that we can enjoy each other, our spouses, and ladies, and the turn out will be the best yet. You all know me; we might even do a little holiday singing!





BEC DIRECTOR'S MINUTES

Bud Pflueger, Secretary

BRANCH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
SIRS IGNACIO PACHECO BRANCH 22
The Club at McInnis Park Golf Center, San Rafael, Ca.
Tuesday, Oct. 3, 2023

ROLL CALL: Officers: Big Sir: Jim Sasse, Little Sir: Wally Holmes, Treasurer, Dave Thornton, Secretary, Directors: Jim Boughey, Steve Miller, Jim Stein, Mike Dean, Steve Miller, Floyd Heckman, Bill Wilhelm. Guests: Rick Johnson, Jeff Rawles
Absent: Secretary Bud Pflueger, Asst. Secretary Jim Filippo

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

MINUTES: The minutes from the Sept. 2023 Board Meeting were voted and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Dave Thornton reported a checking account balance of \$4908.22 with petty cash an additional \$150.00.

BIG SIR REPORT: Jim Sasse suggested going around the tables and having a member share a topic, like an interesting story.

MEMBERSHIP: One new member and one member resignation. Total is now 56.

Sunshine and Shadows: No bad news to report.

New Business: A motion was made and conducted to keep the SIRS dues the same at \$30.00. Dave Thornton will collect the dues.

Jeff Rawles wants to be more involved in SIRS. Steve Miller nominated him to be Little Sir beginning in 2024. Seconded by Wally Holmes. Passed. Since these changes are planned officers for next year, the new board officer slate will be sent to the State by Filippo or Wilhelm. New officers will be sworn in at the December lunch. The only change is that Jeff Rawles will be Little Sir, all other planned officers stay the same and Wally Holmes is relieved of officer duties.

EVENTS: Christmas lunch/Christmas dinner: Discussion to move lunch to a restaurant. Chalet Basque closed for lunch. Dinner options then discussed: WFW building in Larkspur, Perry's in Novato, Stone Tree Golf Course (with Rick Johnson a charter member of the original Bay Club, which owns Stone Tree.) Possible catering suggested by Debbie in Larkspur.

Wally Holmes and a group of four will scout Perry's on Friday 10/6 as a dinner site.

It was decided that the December lunch would be as usual at McGinnis. Women will be invited to either the lunch or dinner. The December lunch will be the usual price.

Minutes notes taken by Rick Johnson and recorded by Wally Holmes, reorganized and these amended minutes sent to all board members for consideration and approval at their next BEC meeting by Secretary, Bud Pflueger, on October 13, 2023



November **SPEAKER** **Wally Holmes Introducing**

I want to thank Steve Miller for recruiting Mr. DiCamillo for our presentation in November. Also, as Sir Members if you know of a good speaker, please let us know. We will attempt to recruit them for a presentation.

Our Guest Speaker for the Month of November is Mark DiCamillo.

Mark DiCamillo is director of the Berkeley IGS Poll, a statewide survey of California public opinion conducted by the Institute of Governmental Studies (IGS) at the University of California, Berkeley, and has served in that capacity since 2017.



As director of the Berkeley IGS Poll, DiCamillo holds primary responsibility for overseeing the design and execution of regularly scheduled non-partisan surveys of the California voting public conducted by IGS. He is a recognized authority on polling in California and is the author of hundreds of poll reports analyzing public opinion in the state.

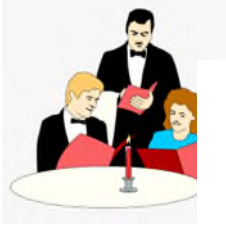
Mr. DiCamillo began his professional career in 1978 when he joined The Field Poll, working under legendary California opinion pollster Mervin Field. He served for fifteen years as Mr. Field's assistant director and in 1993 he succeeded Field to become director of The Field Poll and served in that capacity until 2016.

During his tenure at Field, he also served as Senior Vice President of Field Research Corporation and was responsible for directing scores of large-scale quantitative surveys for state and local government agencies, academic institutions, foundations, and non-profit organizations.

Mr. DiCamillo is a cum laude graduate of Harvard University and received an MBA from Cornell University's Johnson School of Business.

On October 3 Richard Torney returned to Branch 22 to give us a history lesson from a historic painting.





MARIN RESTAURANT ADVICE AND NEWS

Mike Dean

I just returned from a visit by Luxury Liner, train, and car to several stops in Scandinavia and Finland. During my 3 weeks abroad, I was introduced to delicacies and plain food in Iceland, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, and Finland. Every culinary experience was different and exciting, but you know what? We can get it all in Marin and Sonoma counties.

Debbie and I had lobster A LOT on our cruise ship. It was fantastic, but you know what? You can get delicious fresh lobster right at the Seafood Peddler in Sausalito. That's a great restaurant for seafood in Marin County and fresh lobster is swimming in the tank as you walk in.

We had amazing steak of all cuts on the ship too, but none better than the New York char-broiled at Marin Joe's. They have a porterhouse too that will knock your socks off.



Denmark is known for herring, and you can get great herring at Seafood Peddler too, although I don't know if they pickle it like they do in Denmark. The restaurants in Copenhagen were great with all varieties and creative treatments but their signature dish was their local stew that Debbie had to go back to have again. Dunno what it's called, but you have to have it.

Sweden is known for MEATBALLS! You can get 'em at Trader Joes, but I'm sure they're served somewhere in Marin.

Iceland is known for HOT DOGS of all things. Don't laugh, the hot dogs are as varied as pizzas there. They come a hundred different ways, and they are an amazing treat. We do not have that in Marin-probably because we are so health conscious.



Finland relies on Reindeer of course, for their specialties. Reindeer is very good, and CAN be delicious if it is cooked in a reindeer stew with all the creative treatment and flavors. Reindeer steak is ok to good depending on how it's marinated and cooked. Reindeer burgers are very popular, but nothing beats the stew.

Other than all the above, everybody loves Italian and Marin County has more great Italian food places that have as good or better Italian food (for my taste) than anyplace we ate....and we ate at a lot of places. In fact, all the counties we visited featured Italian food as their top choice and Marin restaurants compete very well.

So, just know that we are so lucky here, if you're a foodie, to be able to experience food from all over the world, and it's done as good or better. You don't have to spend (a lot of money travelling) to find good food in Marin and I didn't even FIND Mexican.





FOR BRANCH 22



Peter and Margie Lambertson 11/23

Jeff and Mary Rawles 11/30



Bill Wilhelm 11/10

Jim Boughey 11/20

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 November 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

We are losing out, if you want to be nominated talk to Mr. Sasse

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



The Third 2023 quarterly issue is now posted and contains news and these interesting articles among others:

1. New trends in internet features based on AI that will once again change the way we live!
2. Attracting new member ideas.
3. The trend of violence and disaster of the last 20 years are unique in history.
4. More about Bias of several more kinds.

A UN report on the happiness of world population (the US ranks 19th!)

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SIR STATE OFFICERS WILL CHNGE IN JANUARY

POKER

SUBMITTED BY WALLY HOLMES



The Next Sirs Poker Game is scheduled for Monday November 13, 2023

Unfortunately, we had to cancel the Poker for Monday October 9th due to several players not being able to play due to other commitments. We are looking forward to playing poker on November 13th and hope everyone will be able to make it. I decided to share a few old photos of the poker games we played in past years.

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.



Ray Bufkin

Walt Torrens

Jim Stein

Sandy Grieve

The Sirs Poker Club plays poker on the first Monday after the regular Sirs luncheon. As members 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.

Submitted by Wally Holmes



TURNING PAGES

BUD PHLUEGER

***“The Lady in the Silver Cloud”* by David Handler, 2022; Murder/Mystery genre**

Steward Hoag (Hoagy) lives with Lulu, his dedicated basset hound, in an exclusive apartment building of seventeen floors with four apartments on each floor. Hoagy lives and works as a successful writer, in his ex-wife’s large apartment, Merilee, a movie actress currently in Budapest filming and he may live in the apartment. Returning from a cancelled filming they continue their very friendly relationship with Hoagy, allowed to stay in residence. Muriel, a quiet, very rich elderly neighbor, lives on the same floor. The owner of a rare Rolls Royce Silver Cloud, she is chauffeured on her daily excursions in New York by “Bullets,” her dedicated driver of ten years. Muriel is found dead in the stairwell following a Halloween party. Hoagy and his detective friend, Lieutenant Very investigate the death, which is a murder. Very is partnered for a long time with Norma, who happens to be Hoagy’s publisher. The list of possible suspects is large with three doormen, a druggie nephew of Muriel’s, a shady building superintendent, and two floor neighbors with mixed up infidelities.

You will become addicted to this author’s writing style, with crisp, often humorous dialogue. The author has penned many novels featuring Stewart Hoag. This a an easy stand-alone which is fun to read.

***“The White Lady”* by Jaqueline Winspear; 2023; Historical fiction /mystery genre**

Elinore De Witt (aka “the white lady”), from Belgium, a spy from two wars, is retired to the countryside in a “grace and favor” cottage, which is supplied by the government of a grateful England for her service during WW2 in Belgium in the SOE (Special Operations Executive). Her neighbors, Jim and Rose Mackie and their five-year-old daughter, Susie, have escaped from the pollution in 1947 London and Jim from his gangster family, who are trying to force him back into service. Elinor notices the visiting abusive brothers and determines to aid them through her connection with Chief Inspector Stephen Warren at Scotland Yard.

The story moves back and forth in time amongst two wars and the current time of 1947. Suspenseful and well-crafted, this book is a must-read for those who enjoy the genre.





TREASURER'S REPORT

DAVE THORNTON

Sirs Branch 22 Expenditures for the Month of
Sep-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 Aug ,2023</u> | | | | | | | \$ 4,950.22 | |
| 9/5/2023 | 1052 | The Club Resturant | Monthly Lunch Cost | | | \$ 952.00 | \$ 3,998.22 | |
| 9/6/2023 | 1048 | Lunch Collection | | | 875.00 | | \$ 4,873.22 | |
| 9/25/2023 | | | Jack Hickey's Lunch Check | | 35.00 | | \$ 4,908.22 | |
| <u>Totals</u> | | | | | \$ 910.00 | \$ 952.00 | \$ (42.00) | |
| <u>Outstanding Checks</u> | | | | | | | <u>BANK BALANCE</u> | \$ 4,908.22 |
| | | | | | | | \$ - | |
| <u>Petty Cash Box</u> | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Total Outstanding Checks:</u> | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | \$ 150.00 | |
| <u>NET BALANCE</u> | | | | | | | \$ 5,058.22 | |



**MEMBERS OF BR 22 ARE WELCOME TO
 SUBMIT ARTICLES TO THE EDITOR.**



Golf

Bill Wilhelm

Data by Rich Seyler



Jorge Huerta

Windsor 9/27/2023 Low Net

| Flight | Rank | Last Name | First Name | Index | Hdcp | Gross | Net | Points | Purse |
|--------|------|------------|------------|-------|------|-------|-----|--------|---------|
| 1 | 1 | Fox | Tom | 16.3 | 13 | 89 | 76 | 10 | \$20.00 |
| 1 | 2 | Dean | Michael | 26.0 | 24 | 102 | 78 | 9 | \$15.00 |
| 1 | 3 | Collings | Ron | 11.4 | 8 | 87 | 79 | 7 | \$10.00 |
| 1 | 4 | Petri | Matthew | 19.7 | 17 | 97 | 80 | * | 5 |
| 1 | 5 | Miller | Steve | 24.1 | 22 | 102 | 80 | * | 3 |
| 1 | 6 | Lynch | Jim | 23.0 | 21 | 104 | 83 | | |
| 1 | 7 | Lambertson | Peter | 17.2 | 14 | 98 | 84 | | |
| 2 | 1 | Ulloa | Bernard | 28.9 | 27 | 100 | 73 | 10 | \$20.00 |
| 2 | 2 | Holmes | Wally | 30.2 | 28 | 104 | 76 | 9 | \$15.00 |
| 2 | 3 | Heckman | Floyd | 32.0 | 30 | 108 | 78 | 7 | \$10.00 |
| 2 | 4 | Yam | David | 29.5 | 28 | 107 | 79 | * | 5 |
| 2 | 5 | Rawles | Jeff | 28.4 | 27 | 106 | 79 | * | 3 |
| 2 | 6 | Morrison | Tom | 26.3 | 24 | 117 | 93 | | |
| 2 | 7 | Steme | Lee | 31.9 | 30 | 124 | 94 | | |

* Tie Breaker Used

Closest to the Hole:

| | | | |
|-----|-------------|--------|---------|
| #5 | Tom Fox | 62' 7" | \$10.00 |
| #11 | Jeff Rawles | 22' 0" | \$10.00 |

TOTAL 68 \$110.00



Rancho Solano
10/11/2023
Low Net - Gold Tees

| Flight | Rank | Last | First | Index | Hdcp | Gross | Net | Points | Purse | |
|--------|------|------------|---------|-------|------|-------|-------|--------|-------|---------|
| 1 | 1 | Collings | Ron | 11.2 | 8 | 80 | 72 | * | 10 | \$20.00 |
| 1 | 2 | Lambertson | Peter | 17.2 | 14 | 86 | 72 | * | 9 | \$15.00 |
| 1 | 3 | Lynch | Jim | 22.3 | 19 | 94 | 75 | | 7 | \$10.00 |
| 1 | 4 | Fox | Tom | 16.2 | 13 | 89 | 76 | * | 5 | |
| 1 | 5 | Dean | Michael | 26 | 23 | 99 | 76 | * | 3 | |
| 1 | 6 | Miller | Steve | 23.8 | 21 | 98 | 77 | | | |
| 1 | 7 | Morrison | Tom | 26.7 | 24 | 103 | 79 | | | |
| 1 | 8 | Quinn | Brian | 19.5 | 17 | 101 | 84 | | | |
| 1 | 9 | Wilhelm | Bill | 24.4 | 22 | DNF | DNF | | | |
| 2 | 1 | Yam | David | 29.9 | 28 | 99 | 71 | | 10 | \$20.00 |
| 2 | 2 | Gallagher | Gene | 29 | 27 | 104 | 77 | * | 9 | \$15.00 |
| 2 | 3 | McGuire | Tom | 31.8 | 30 | 107 | 77 | * | 7 | \$10.00 |
| 2 | 4 | Rawles | Jeff | 29.4 | 27 | 105 | 78 | * | 5 | |
| 2 | 5 | Sterne | Lee | 31.6 | 29 | 107 | 78 | * | 3 | |
| 2 | 6 | Ulloa | Bernard | 28.7 | 26 | 105 | 79 | * | | |
| 2 | 7 | Hickey | John | 31.9 | 30 | 109 | 79 | * | | |
| 2 | 8 | Cabral | Patrick | 43 | 41 | 143 | 102 | | | |
| 2 | 9 | Wade | Phil | NH | NH | 97 | Guest | | | |

* Tie Breaker Used

Closest to the Hole: #8 Bill Wilhelm 7' 8" \$10.00
 #15 David Yam 4' 2" \$10.00

TOTAL 68 \$110



Rooster Run
Low Net
10/23/23

| Rank | Last | First | Index | Hdcp | Gross | Net | Points | Purse |
|------|------------|---------|-------|------|-------|-----|--------|---------|
| 1 | Lynch | Jim | 22.1 | 21 | 92 | 71 | 10 | \$20.00 |
| 2 | Harris | Ted | 16 | 15 | 89 | 74 | 9 | \$15.00 |
| 3 | Lambertson | Peter | 17 | 16 | 95 | 79 | 7 | \$10.00 |
| 4 | Collings | Ron | 11.2 | 9 | 89 | 80 | * | 5 |
| 5 | Fox | Tom | 16.4 | 15 | 95 | 80 | * | 3 |
| 6 | Dean | Michael | 26 | 25 | 110 | 85 | | |
| 7 | Morrison | Tom | 26.7 | 26 | DNF | DNF | | |
| 8 | Wilhelm | Bill | 24.4 | 24 | DNF | DNF | | |
| 1 | Hickey | John | 31.9 | 32 | 108 | 76 | 10 | \$20.00 |
| 2 | Rawles | Jeff | 29.8 | 29 | 107 | 78 | * | 9 |
| 3 | Holmes | Wally | 30.6 | 30 | 108 | 78 | * | 7 |
| 4 | Yam | David | 29.8 | 29 | 108 | 79 | | 5 |
| 5 | Atkin | Thomas | 31.7 | 31 | 113 | 82 | | 3 |
| 6 | Heckman | Floyd | 32.7 | 32 | 116 | 84 | | |
| 7 | Mcguire | Tom | 31.8 | 31 | 122 | 91 | | |

* Tie Breaker Used

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|-----------------------------|-----|--------------|--------|----------|
| Closest to the Hole: | #6 | Jim Lynch | 22' 5" | \$10.00 |
| | #15 | NONE | | |
| | | TOTAL | 68 | \$100.00 |



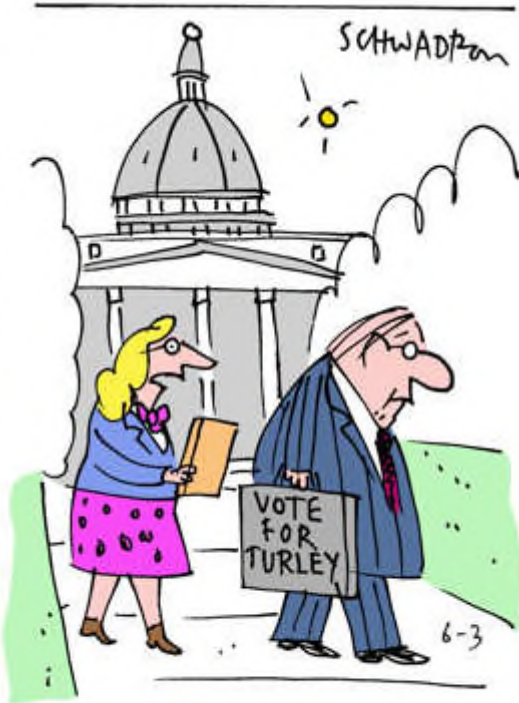
**Peacock Gap
Low Net
11/1/2023**

| Flight | Rank | Last Name | First Name | Index | Hdcp | Gross | Net | | Points | Purse |
|--------------|------|------------|------------|-------|------|-------|-----|---|---------------------------|----------------|
| 1 | 1 | Lambertson | Peter | 16.9 | 14 | 80 | 66 | | 10 | \$20.00 |
| 1 | 2 | Fox | Tom | 17.2 | 14 | 86 | 72 | * | 9 | \$15.00 |
| 1 | 3 | Morrison | Tom | 26.7 | 24 | 96 | 72 | * | 7 | \$10.00 |
| 1 | 4 | Lynch | Jim | 21.1 | 18 | 92 | 74 | * | 5 | |
| 1 | 5 | Quinn | Brian | 20.7 | 18 | 92 | 74 | * | 3 | |
| 1 | 6 | Gallagher | Gene | 26.6 | 24 | 100 | 76 | | | |
| 1 | 7 | Collings | Ron | 11.5 | 8 | 85 | 77 | | | |
| 2 | 1 | Atkin | Thomas | 31.6 | 29 | 98 | 69 | | 10 | \$20.00 |
| 2 | 2 | Rawles | Jeff | 28.4 | 26 | 101 | 75 | | 9 | \$15.00 |
| 2 | 3 | Murray | Mark | 29.3 | 27 | 105 | 78 | | 7 | \$10.00 |
| 2 | 4 | Heckman | Floyd | 33.2 | 31 | 110 | 79 | | 5 | |
| 2 | 5 | Mcguire | Tom | 31.5 | 29 | 112 | 83 | | 3 | |
| 2 | 6 | Yam | David | 30.3 | 28 | 112 | 84 | | | |
| 2 | 7 | Cabral | Patrick | 43.0 | 41 | DNF | DNF | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | * Tie Breaker Used | |
| TOTAL | | | | | | | | | 68 | \$90.00 |

TIME TO LIGHTEN UP



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"In the popularity polls, you're trailing people written in as a joke ..."

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"Wear a tie – this is a serious place of business. And they *don't* allow ponytails."

SORRY, FRANK, I'VE HAD ANOTHER LOOK... BUT I STILL CAN'T SEE YOU TAKING OVER AS LEADER OF THE PACK FROM YOUR MASTER.



"That's a photo of my mom. Keep her out"