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Newsletter

Dave Thornton

Lunch on April 1, 2025

Lunch Menu

Buffett luncheon with BBQ Ribs, Chicken Parm
Salad, Veggies and Pasta with Dessert

Alternate: No alternate for the day

Lunch Cost for 2025, has been reduced to \$35.00

RSVP for Lunch: To Wally Holmes no later than Sunday
March 30th at WallyHolmes@comcast.net or phone (415)
892-1260.

Sunshine and Shadows

No news is good news due to our recent loss of
long-time members and friends

Birthdays for April 2025

Tom Fox

Peter Lambertson

Robert Low

Tom Morrison

Anniversaries for April 2025

Dave and Jill Thornton

Branch 22 Messages

April 2025

Bir Sir Report: We need to work on increasing our Membership this year. We continue to lose members with very little gain in the membership within our Branch. If you have any suggestions as to how we can increase our membership, please see me or Bill Wilhelm. I would like to challenge each member, to bring in one new member for this year. This would double our membership for 2025.

Jeff Rarules

Little Sir Report: Our Guest Speaker for the April Luncheon is **Jason Balderama**. Jason is the Chief Information Security Officer at the County of Marin, has over 23 years of experience in government IT, including 8 years in cybersecurity. He earned the [Certified Information Systems Security Professional \(CISSP\)](#) certification in 2013 and remains a member in good standing with ISC2. Jason was instrumental in establishing the County's first-ever cybersecurity program in 2016, which has been continuously developed and matured under his guidance. Jason's efforts earned the Marin cybersecurity program the prestigious [California Association of Counties \(CSAC\) Challenge Award in 2019](#).

Jason spearheaded the creation of the Marin Information Security Collaboration (MISC), a groundbreaking initiative that united the County and its cities and towns in cybersecurity efforts. This initiative evolved into the [Marin Security and Privacy Council \(MSPC\)](#) in 2022, expanding its membership to include public and private sector organizations across the County. The MSPC was subsequently recognized with the Collaboration Award at the State of California Cybersecurity Education Summit in 2022. Jason also championed community outreach by launching the [Marin Cybersafe News](#) cybersecurity newsletter in January 2022, providing valuable resources to all County residents.

Jason's contributions extend beyond local impact, as evidenced by his co-chair role in the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (MS-ISAC) Security Awareness Work Group for the past four years and active participation in the Bay Area Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI). He is a frequent speaker at the California Counties Information Services Directors Association (CCISDSA) and is a key contributor to their Cybersecurity Work Group. Most recently, in March 2024, Jason partnered with the Bay Area UASI to host the region's first [cybersecurity tabletop exercise](#) at the Marin County Civic Center, further demonstrating his commitment to advancing cybersecurity collaboration and preparedness. It was labeled the largest and one of the best regional tabletop exercises in the state.

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Little Sir Report: Contd.

Jason was born in San Francisco and has been a Marin resident for 45 years. He grew up in Novato and currently lives in San Rafael with his wife and 17-year-old son who is finishing his senior year at San Rafael high school. In his spare time, Jason is a ping pong enthusiast and recently started playing pickle ball. Please welcome Jason at our luncheon.

Ted Harris

Sir Membership Report: If you have not paid your dues, please do so immediately. Make checks payable to Sir Branch 22 with a note on the check stating 2025 Membership Dues. Mail to the following address: See everyone on April 1st.

To: Bill Wilhelm
17 Laurel Glen Ter.
San Rafael CA 94903

Bill Wilhelm

BRANCH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

SIR IGNACIO PACHECO BRANCH 22

Bud Pflueger, Secretary

Location: The Club at McInnis Park Golf Center, San Rafael, Ca.

Date: Tuesday, March 4, 2025. **Time:** call to order at 10:32 by Big Sir Jeff Rawles

ROLL CALL: Officers: Big Sir: Jeff Rawles, Little Sir: Ted Harris, , Treasurer and asst. secretary: David Yam, Directors: Jim Stein , Mike Dean,; Bill Wilhelm, Jim Sasse, Floyd Heckman

Absent: Secretary; But Pflueger, Director Steve Miller

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

Minutes: The January BEC minutes were approved MSP

TREASURER'S REPORT: \$ 4242.35. MSP subject to audit One overbilled lunch will be credited back by Erik.

Big Sir Report: Jeff and Ted attended an area meeting in Petaluma addressing membership with a suggestion for advertising. At this meeting Jeff brought up the possibility of advertising in the IJ. Jeff agreed to call IJ for the cost of advertising. Bill stated that this was done in the past. Mike wondered about making an announcement to publicize. Again, talk of merger possibilities. Subject tabled for next meeting.

Little Sir Report: The speaker for today was moved to April. Details unknown by secretary. Electric outage caused the move, since slide presentation not possible. Ted said there was a speaker for May also.

Membership: Stands at 37 paid members.

Old Business: None

Activitie: Next poker on Monday, March 10. Wally will email players who plan to be there. Golf continues.

Events: Mike Dean will again host the picnic in August. No definite date yet.

Newsletter: Dave Thornton has stepped up and volunteered to publish the Newsletter.

Sunshine and Shadows: Nothing to report.

Adjournment: 11:00

Minutes prepared by Secretary, Bud Pflueger from notes taken by Asst. Secretary, Yam and by Jim Sasse. Emailed to all members on March 13, 2025.

Turning Pages

By
Bud Pflueger

“The Dark Wives” by Ann Cleeves: 2024 Fiction, mystery genre

Vera Standhope investigates the murder of a young man, a caretaker in a privately owned care home for disturbed teenagers. At the same time a fourteen-year-old girl has gone missing. Like most of the Vera novels the location is in Northumberland, a county in England near the Scottish border. The care home is on the coast, but much of the drama occurs inland, several hours drive away from the coast, in which location there stand three stone slabs on a hill, known as the “Dark Wives”. The local town community makes much of the mystery of the three “witches”. The story involves social services and why, when other such care homes are privately owned here by for-profit companies instead of local social services. Vera has her usual team of Joe and Charles and a new girl, Rosie, who replaces Holly, who was murdered in the previous novel. The narrative is in third person, like all of the Vera novels. The writing is in Cleeve’s usual style delving into the personalities of all the characters. I recommend this to all readers of the genre. Vera books are always great reads.

“Midnight and Blue”, by Ian Rankin: 2024. Crime/Thriller genre

John Rebus is in jail, found guilty of the attempted murder of Cafferty, former crime lord of Edinburgh. Innocent of the charge, he awaits his appeal. A con has been murdered in the adjoining cell and he and his former colleagues from outside are trying to solve the murder. Meanwhile, a fourteen-year-old girl has gone missing. The officers overlap in the two investigations: the usual suspects, Rebus’s former friends and colleagues and one officer who is a friend to none.

This is a great read, as are all of Rankin’s novels. He is amongst the best of the genre.

Bud Pflueger

Marin Restaurant Advice and Review

Mike Dean

This month's restaurant review is of the **MIJO Restaurant, located at 55 Tamal Vista Blvd. Corte Madera 94925.**

A Spanish-California cuisine, now that's a new one – AND a good one!

What the heck is Spanish-Cali? Well, it's a mixed menu featuring Spanish style tapas with a California twist. What does that mean? I don't know, but its delicious selection of small plates fashioned after the popular and plentiful tapas bars of Madrid and Barcelona and throughout Spain.

The restaurant is at the site of the old Savannah Grill, Izzy's Steakhouse, Mosely's and others and the place has never looked better. There's a long full bar, counter seats, tables and high tops with an open kitchen in fun colorful décor. Outdoor seating for my dog too and plenty of parking. Bartenders and waitstaff are friendly and accommodation.

Fish, vegetable, meat and raw tapas are featured, but there are great entrees too – and a great paella.

My wife and I have gone twice and loved it – lively and fun atmosphere made us come back for tapas after sharing the paella. It's not cheap, but at this stage of our life our appetites are smaller than they once were so we can make do with a couple of tapas or a split dish and, of course, a glass of wine. I had the lollipop lamb chop tapa and Debbie had short rib stuffed with piquillo peppers – both were exceptional, and we got out of there for less than an arm and a leg and were very satiated.

It's only been open a couple of weeks so it's super popular right now, but you can still get in and if there's just two of you – sit at the bar/counter – it's lively and fun.

Mike Dean



SIRS POKER
Submitted by Wally Holmes



The next Sirs Poker Game is scheduled for Monday
April 7, 2025

We had to cancel the Poker game that was scheduled for March 10th due to insufficient players signing up to play. Steve Miller happens to Baskin in the sun in Hawaii and player golf with Greg Dyer and Bud Pflueger being away, we were short one player having a sufficient number to be able to play poker. Looking forward to April

We also want to invite everyone who is interested in playing poker to please come and join us. We have a great breakfast at 9 AM and we begin playing poker at 10 AM and play until 2 PM.

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.

See you on April 7th.

Wally Holmes

Sir Branch 22 Golf

By
Bill Wilhelm

I don't think the rain is ever going to stop and let us play golf? I just keep cancelling our golf outings, and hopefully we will be able to play in April and May.

Please sign up early and pay 10 days prior to each Tournament.

Tournaments Schedule for March and April weather permitting

No	Date	Day	Format	Time	Course
5	2-Apr	Wednesday	Low Net	9:00	Indian Valley
6	16-Apr	Wednesday	Low Net	9:00	Bennett Valley
7	7-May	Wednesday	Low Net	9:00	Blue Rock East
8	28-May	Wednesday	Low Net	9:00	Foxtail South

Bill Wilhelm

Golf Chairman