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Newsletter

Dave Thornton

Lunch on August 5 2025

Lunch Menu

Fried Chicken with Potato Salad and
Corn on The Cob

Alternative: Bay Shrimp Salad

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

RSVP for Lunch: To Wally Holmes no later than Sunday, June 29 at WallyHolmes@comcast.net or phone (415) 892-1260.

Sunshine and Shadows

Birthdays for August 2025

Pat Cabral

Brian Quinn

Lee Sterne

Barney Ulloa

David Yam

Annivesrsaries

David Richard and Rita Johnson

Jim and Peggy Lynch

Jim and Judith Sasse

Branch 22 Messages

August 2025

President's Report:

Nortin!!!!!!!!!!!!



I hope this message finds you well and enjoying the peak of summer, whether you're relaxing at the cottage, visiting family, or escaping the heat somewhere cooler. I just returned from a whirlwind trip myself, and between unpacking, jet lag and trying to remember where I put my glasses, my brain decided to go on vacation without me. In short, I was absolutely braindead.

So, in the spirit of modern times (and desperation), I turned to an assistant to get this newsletter written-ChatGPT. Yes, that's right, I asked the computer to help me talk to humans. It didn't offer coffee or complain about the heat, but it did come through with some help.

We'll be meeting again soon to share our summer stories, have a few laughs, and plan for the months ahead. Stay tuned for details on our next gathering in mid-August. In the meantime, enjoy the sun, and stay cool, and maybe don't rule out using AI when you hit a mental brick wall. It's not half bad.

Looking forward to seeing everyone soon.

Jeff Rawles

Vice President's Report:

Yeah Ralphie?



Our speaker is Jeff Burkhart who is both an award-winning journalist and an award -winning bartender. His popular *Barfly* column was voted best column in California in both 2014 and 2021, and he himself has been voted “best bartender” by the readers of three different publications. His two books *Twenty Years Behind Bars: the spirited adventures of a real bartender*, and its sequel, *Twenty Years Behind Bars: parole denied*, are both best sellers. His *Barfly* podcast has been featured in the New York Times, as well as Marin Magazine.

Ted Harris



BRANCH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

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SIRS IGNACIO PACHECO BRANCH 22

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

Tuesday , July 1, 2025

Call to Order at 10:30 by Vice President, Ted Harris

ROLL CALL Present: Officers:, Vice President: Ted Harris, Treasurer: David Yam, Directors: Bill Wilhelm, Jim Sasse, Floyd Heckman, Steve Miller, Jim Stein, Mike Dean Absent: President: Jeff Rawles, Secretary, Bud Pflueger

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

MINUTES: The June, 2025 BEC minutes were approved MSP

TREASURER'S REPORT: \$ 5120.10. MSP subject to audit.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President absent.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: No speaker for today as Carl Dawson, Area Rep. addresses the Board. No speaker yet listed for August.

MEMBERSHIP: Membership is 39. James Boughey has rejoined the membership although not on the Board, and a loss by John Villa.

NEW BUSINESS: Carl Dawson addressed the Board about the importance of increasing membership in our branch. Stressed leadership, activities and communication , giving examples of more successful branches.. Our Newsletter should be sent to other Area 8 branches. Share speaker lists See:Carl Dawsongroup@comcast.net. Phone: 1303 888-4411. Possible speaker: Robert Canepa. Bobca1947@comcast.net.

OLD BUSINESS: Mike Dean has struck a deal with Larson Family Winery through Brian Quinn. Brian brought the pinot noir to the dinner out and it is very agreeable, so this is the solution at

around \$12 per bottle. Details about how many cases to buy and whether to buy labels with Branch 22 on them apparently not discussed.

ACTIVITIES; Next poker on Monday , July 7. Wally will email potential players. Golf was cancelled this week. Golf July 2 at Bennett Valley.

EVENTS: Mike Dean will again host the picnic August 21 (previously reported.) Menu same as last year. Price, \$55 per person.

Visit to Larson Family Winery not discussed.

Potential visits to Buck Center, and to Skywalker Ranch no longer available.

SUNSHINE AND SHADOWS: Nothing to report

Adjournment: 11:30

Minutes prepared by Secretary, Bud Pflueger from notes taken by Assistant Secretary, David Yam and notes from Jim Sasse, and emailed to all Board members on July 8, 2025.



*“Welcome to the abridged book club.
Okay—anyone want to add anything before
we wrap this up?”*

TURNING PAGES

By

Bud Pflueger

“The Titanic Survivors Book Club”. By Timothy Schaffert; 2024; A novel

Another book about books. Yorick (Yes; named by his actor father after “Hamlet”) should have been on the Titanic. After all, his name was listed amongst the dead for weeks after the disaster. He and seven others in London have received a note to gather for a survivors meeting in Paris, at which he meets others who should have perished, but for various reasons were not on the fated voyage. Yorick has purchased a run- down book shop on a street in London populated by other book shops. His is not doing well financially. At the meeting and later at the first gathering of the book club which they decide to establish, he becomes close friends with Haze and Zinnia, and their complicated relationships form the core of the story. A confusing love story , the tale continues on into WW1.

Wonderfully written and organized, this is a book inspired by books, by love and fate. I recommend it highly.

“Presumed Guilty”, by Scott Turow 2025; Crime/legal thriller

Rusty Sabich, as a retired 78 year- old Judge from Kindle County, has been living for some years at his family cottage on Como Lake, for the past seven years living with Bea, a grammar school principal and her twenty- two year old African American adopted son, Arron. Her ill, abusive, alcoholic father, Joe, lives in the area as does her ex, Lloyd. Arron and Joe have a close relationship.

This is a legal thriller with much of the novel a long court drama taking place in a more northern county. Turow is the master of the court room thriller , informed by his occupation as a practicing attorney., but the scope of the novel encompasses much more: Race issues, drug abuse, family ties, both love and hate, and the modern social/political l environment, as the novel takes place in current time. Scott Throw is the author of the well-known novel “Presumed Innocent” made into a popular movie starring Harrison Ford and Raul Julia. There is occasional reference to “Rusty’s” previous life in Kindle County. Turow is the best of current writers who write about courtroom dramas. Not to be missed by those of you who love the genre, or even just great writing.

Pflueger



Marin Restaurant Advice and Review

Mike Dean

THE SPINNAKER, Sausalito

If you are from Marin County, you will recognize the name of this iconic restaurant located on the water in Sausalito....THE SPINNAKER!

You can't get closer to "on the water" than the Spinnaker – it is literally ON THE WATER. WOW, one of the best restaurant views in the world which includes a 360 of Sausalito, Tiburon, Belvedere, San Francisco and the Golden Gate Bridge. It just doesn't get better than that and now, the menu is full, and the food & atmosphere is now much better than just OK. There's also great outdoor seating and a good bar.

Steve Miller re-introduced the Spinnaker to me a while ago and it has become one of our personal favorite luncheon spots -even good enough for our picky wives whether we have a light meal near the windows in the bar or in the main dining room. It's great for special occasion and out-a-town guest dinners too! The Spinnaker used to be my parents' special restaurant (especially my dad's) when they made the big trip from San Mateo to Marin County, so Debbie and I just ignored it as a tourist trap for years. Maybe my newly found love is because I'm now older than my dad ever was. I now consider it to be fresh and new.

The menu is huge and centers on seafood dishes, although there are plenty of meat and chicken choices. For lunch I like the bay shrimp & avocado salad or the shrimp & crab louis. All the

pastas are good too. I can't really say one dish stands out over the others, everything is pretty good and although on the pricey side, it is not "over the top" look over the menu online and view the many choices.

By the way, no need to worry about parking and the valet service is free!

Mike Dean

Editor's Note: Please remember that Mike Dean will host a lunch at his house on Thursday August 21st. Admission is \$55 per person, payable to Sirs Branch 22. Please send your money to :

Bill Wilhelm

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SIRS POKER

Submitted by Wally Holmes



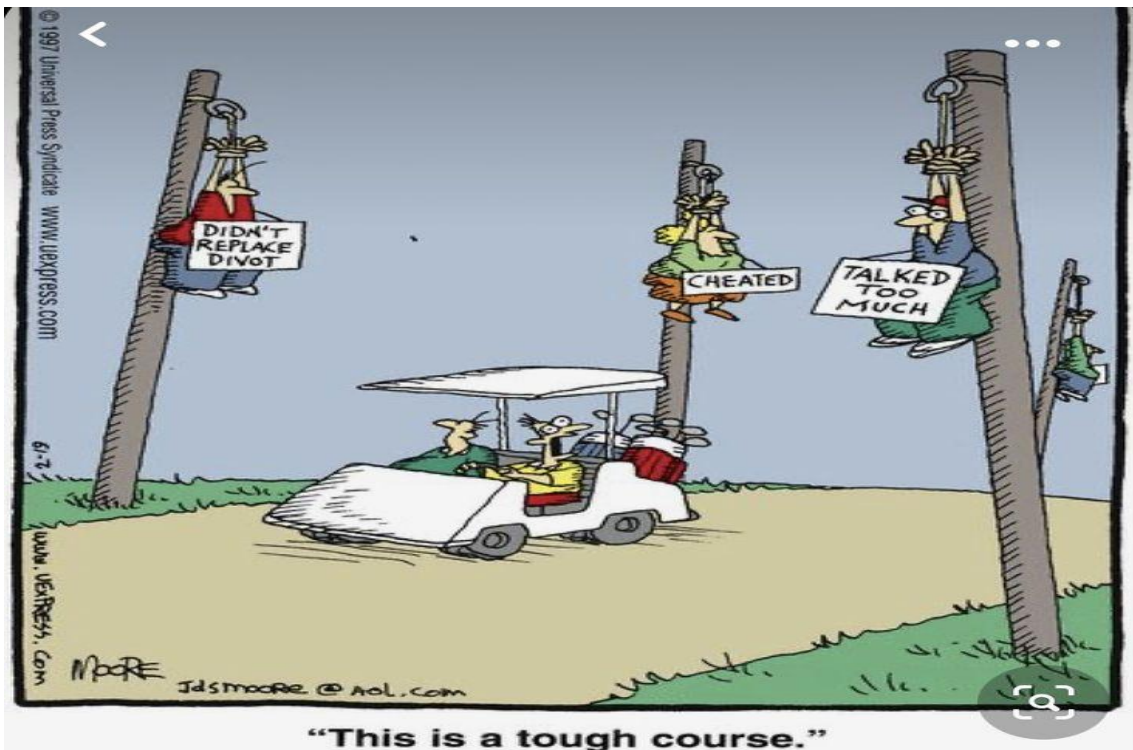
The next Sirs Poker Game is scheduled for Monday August 11, 2025 We had a good turnout to play poker on July 9th . Steve Miller, Jim Stien, and I arrived early and enjoyed breakfast before the 10 AM poker game. Ted Harris and Dan Bastien showed up for poker at 10 AM in time to start our poker game for the day. We sorely missed Bud Pfluger, Mike Dean and Ed Marshall who were vacationing and traveling. Unfortunately, I did not write down who lost for the day,

but I do know the big winners were Jim Stein. Steve Miller and Dan Bastien. As always, I know I lost money again this month. I think I need to give up poker and become sex therapist. However, I probably would have any luck there either.

We 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. Usually, our Sirs Group play poker on the first Monday after our 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 enjoy a fun outing and with good friends and food. Also, please invite a friend to play as a guest with the potential of joining Branch 22 as a member of Sirs. There is a \$50 buy to play poker. The next Sirs Poker Game is scheduled for Monday August 11, 2025 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 or other Wild Card Game, the joker automatically becomes wild unless you state at the beginning the joker is not wild. Hope to see everyone on August 11th.

Wally Holmes

SIR Branch 22 Golf

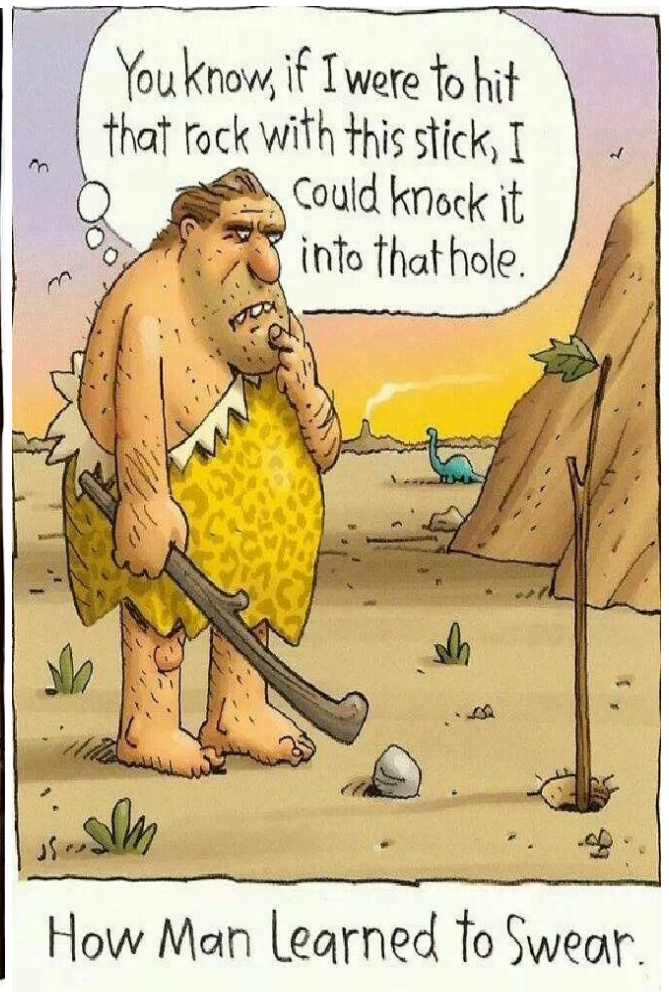


By
Bill Wilhelm

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

Tournaments Schedule for August and September weather permitting

No	Date	Day	Format	Time	Course
14	13-Aug	Wednesday	Low Net	9:00	Indian Valley
15	27-Aug	Wednesday	Low Net	9:00	Bennett Valley
16	10-Sept	Wednesday	Low Net	9:00	Indian Valley
17	17-Sept	Wednesday	Low Net	8:00	Windsor



Bill Wilhelm

Editor's Notes



Due to popular demand, these two giants of journalism will be sitting in for Dave and Numb-Nuts this month.

Perry: Where is that idiot Jimmy Olson?!

Clark: I don't know, but I gotta go... I have a flight to catch.



Dave (the old guy) and Numb-Nuts

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