

Ignacio Pacheco Branch News

Independence, Dignity and Social Activities for Men

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OFFICERS

Big Sir

Jeff Rawles

Little Sir

Ted Harris

Secretary

Bud Pflueger

Treasurer

David Yam

Assistant Treasurer

Steve Miller

Directors

Jim Sasse

Jim Stein

Mike Dean

Steve Miller

Floyd Heckman

Membership & Golf Chairman

Bill Wilhelm

Sunshine and Shadows

Bud Pfluger

Newsletter

Open & Vacant

Lunch on February 4, 2025

Lunch Menu

Chicken Parmigiana with Tortellini, Green Salad
and Dessert

Alternate: Grilled Salmon

Lunch Cost for 2025, \$40.00

RSVP for Lunch: To Wally Holmes no later than Sunday
February 2nd at WallyHolmes@comcast.net or phone (415)
892-1260.

Sunshine and Shadows

*We have nothing to report this month. No news is
good news.*

Birthdays for February 2025

Dan Bastien, Steve Miller, Tom McGuire and Alan
Marney

Anniversaries for February 2025

Tal and Sarah Fletcher

Tom and Joan McGuire

Branch 22 Messages

February 2025

Speaker: Our February speaker will be a member of the Marin County Grand Jury. They will speak on the responsibility of a Grand Jury plays in a Court Trial. Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend this meeting, I will be out of town, but I have planned for the speaker and please give the speaker a warm welcome in my absence.

Ted Harris

Membership Dues: The membership dues for 2025 are \$35.00 for Branch 22. If you have not mailed your dues as requested in the recent email by Bill Wilhem our Membership Chairman, please do so immediately. Also, he requested to please let him know if you plan to drop out, so he would not add your attendance to the State. Make checks payable to Sir Branch 22 and mail direct to Bill's his home address 17 Laurel Glen Terrace, San Rafael, CA 94903.

Also, Jim Boughey, our Newsletter Editor, has resigned from Sirs. We need someone to take over the Newsletter for our Club. If you are interested in doing the monthly newsletter, please contact me.

Jeff Rarules

Jimmy Sasse indicated fishing is going to be great for Salmon in a couple of years. He has been watching the salmon travel up Sonoma Creek on their way to spawning and he wanted to share a photo he recently took. Jim's shadow is in the photo.



Photo by Jim Sasse

BEC DIRECTOR'S MINUTES

Bud Pflueger, Secretary

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

Date: Tuesday, January 7, 2025. **Time:** meeting call to Order at 10:32 AM by Big Sir Jeff Rawles

ROLL CALL: Officers: Big Sir, Jeff Rawles, Little Sir; Terd Harris, Secretary, Otto Pflueger, Treasurer: David Yam. Directors: Jim Stein, Mike Dean, Steve Miller, Bill Wilhelm and Jim Sasse **Absent:** Jim Boughey and Floyd Heckman.

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

MINUTES: There was no board meeting in December, hence no minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT: \$4763.19 for November, for December 4414.59 for December reported by Yam. For both months. MSP subject to audit.

Big Sir Report: Nothing to Report.

Little Sir Report: January speaker, Harry Murphy assisted by his wife, expert in Power Point, presented a slide show about the history of cinema up until 1957, which included technical development of movies over the decades. He and wife have presented this show on seven different cruise lines visiting all over the world for six or seven years. This was an outstanding and very interesting presentation. The speaker for February will be "Beth" who will introduce a member of the grand jury to talk about what a grand jury is and how it plays into a trial. Ted Harris will not be present, but arrangements are made to proceed in his absence.

Membership: Stands at 49 as reported by Bill Wilhelm. One member passed away and another has resigned.

Old Business: Jim Sasse thanked the board members for their support during his two-year tenure as Big Sir, mentioning his enjoyment in the role and how much he learned, and how he enjoyed all the speakers to whom he talked. He reiterated Jim Filippo's presence at the December lunch and how much that was appreciated. (Filippo installed the new board and officers for 2025.).

New Business: Discussion of dues. Dues were increased from \$30.00 to \$35.00. MSP.

Activities: Poker was well attended with Ed Marsh the big winner. Next poker on Monday Jan. 13. Wally will email players who plan to be there. Jeff Rawles may attend for the first time.

Golf begins in February with Bill handling the schedule. Much discussion with nothing to report here.

Events: Some discussion about a Valentine's Day special lunch or dinner out without any conclusions.

Newsletter: Jim Boughey continues to put out the Newsletter. Wally may assist in some details. Bill Wilhelm said as a backup plan that the Newsletter can be abbreviated to two pages, only mentioning important details.

Sunshine and Shadows: Jack Streckfus passed away in late November. Mentioned at the lunch by Bud Pflueger with a moment of silence.

Adjournment: at 11:15 AM.

Minutes prepared by Secretary, Bud Pflueger and sent to all Board members on January 7, subject to approval or revision at the next BEC meeting in February.

Turning Pages

By

Bud Pflueger

"The Paris Novel" ; by Ruth Reichl, 2024 ; fiction with historical

Stella has been left a small amount of money by her young party girl mother, Celia, killed in an auto accident, with a note instructing her to use the money to go to Paris. Her father was never known to her and she was largely ignored by her mother. Taking temporary leave of her job as a copy editor in New York, she arrives in 1983 Paris, enters a used dress shop and is greeted by the owner as if she is known to her, and who tells her to borrow for a day a fabulous Dior dress and to do various activities. At the famous Paris café, "Le Deux Magots" she is befriended by a much older man, Jules Delatour, who accompanies her on the day's scheduled rounds, which include Jeu de Paume, an art museum, where she is mesmerized by Eduard Manet's famous "Olympia", which leads her on a quest to discover the history of the model.: Victorine Meurent . Ending up at the famous bookstore, Shakespeare and Company, she meets George Whitman, her life is renewed, and she discovers herself. This is another of Reichl's novels.

"Shanghai", by Joseph Kanon; 2024; Spy/Thriller genre

Daniel Lohr, a Jewish "spy" against the Nazis in 1939 escapes Europe via Triest to voyage to Shanghai, to meet up with his infamous uncle, Nathan, in business there in this apparent safe haven, despite Japan's control over China. During the three week voyage new friends and enemies are met and a love affair blossoms . This is the latest novel by the greatest spy novelist living and cannot be missed by those addicted to the genre.

"Grey Wolf" , by Louise Penny; 2024 ; mystery genre

The latest by my favorite Canadian author has Chief Inspector Gamache again saving Montreal and all of Canada from a major catastrophe. A great read. "Moonflower Murders", by Anthony Horowitz. 2024, Mystery genre Another great novel by this talented author, similar in format to "Magpie Murders" both of which have been made into TV serials. It features the same characters: Atticus Pund, the detective in the book, and Susan Reyland as the real-life investigator/publisher. This novel takes place in time before "Magpie Murders".

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Bud Pflueger



SIRS POKER

Submitted by Wally Holmes



**The next SIRS Poker Game is scheduled for Monday
February 10, 2025**

We had a good turnout for poker in January. Jim Stein, Bud Pflueger and I met early at Indian Valley and had a great breakfast. Steve Miller had to meet early with Ron Collings to schedule the replacement of a few windows and arrive just prior to starting the poker games. However, he loves having breakfast and was able to get a quick breakfast before poker started. The following members were able to play poker, Jim Stein, Ted Harris, Bud Pflueger, Dan Bastien, Steve Miller, Mike Dean and myself. The big winner was Ted Harris, with Dan Bastien, and Jim Stein winning a few bucks this time. Overall, everyone had a great time. Also, we need to thank Ted for buying a round of drinks at the poker table.



Bud Pflueger

Dan Bastien

Mike Dean



Steve Miller

Ted Harris

Jim Stein

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 everyone on February 10th.

Wally Holmes

Sir Branch 22 Golf

by
Bill Wilhelm

We have most of the Contracts back from the various Golf Courses. We have 2 Golf Tournament scheduled for the month of February. Our first Tournament will be at Paradise Valley on Wednesday February 5th with the first tee time at 10:45 AM. Our second Tournament is on February 15th at Blue Rock East with the first tee time starting at 9:00 AM

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

Tournaments Schedule for February and March weather permitting

No	Date	Day	Format	Time	Course
1	5-Feb	Wednesday	Low Net	10:45	Paradise Valley
2	19-Feb	Wednesday	Low Net	9:00	Blue Rock East
3	5-Mar	Wednesday	Low Net	9:00	Foxtail North
4	19-Mar	Wednesday	Low Net	9:00	Blue Rock West

Bill Wilhelm

Golf Chairman