

# Ignacio Pacheco Branch News

Social Activities for Men  
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## OFFICERS

### President

Jeff Rawles

### Vice President

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

Dave Thornton

Lunch on July 1, 2025

### Lunch Menu

Roasted Tri Tip with Mushroom Sause  
Vegetables and Baked Potato

Alternative: Chinese Chicken Saled

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](mailto:WallyHolmes@comcast.net) or phone (415) 892-1260.

## Sunshine and Shadows

Dear SIRS Friends,

Many thanks to all of you for the cards, emails and your presence at the Celebration of Life for John. He so enjoyed his membership in SIRS. Your friendship over the years has been much appreciated.

Sincerely, Claire Villa

## Birthdays for July 2025

Steve Bettega

Tal Fletcher

## Annivesrsaries

Mike and Debbie Dean

Gene and Pat Gallagher

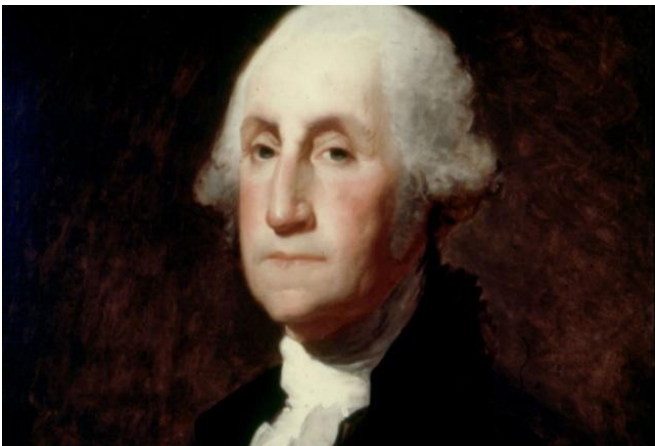
Floyd and Marsha Heckman

Steve and Judith Miller

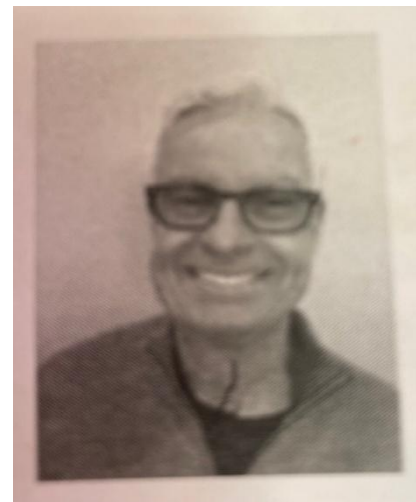


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**Branch 22 Messages**  
**July 2025**



**George Washington**



**Jeff Rawles**

**Our First Presidents**

**President's Report:**

Your Big Sir and Little Sir are now called President and Vice President. This mirrors what the State is doing and was approved by your Board at their May meeting.

Speaking of the State, our Area 8 representative, Carl Dawson, is planning on joining our meeting for July. I'm sure he would appreciate it if people said hi to him while he was here. He is just wanting to get to know us and will attend our Board meeting. I anticipate he will be passing on any information he has to offer regarding growing our membership or in the alternative merging with another branch.

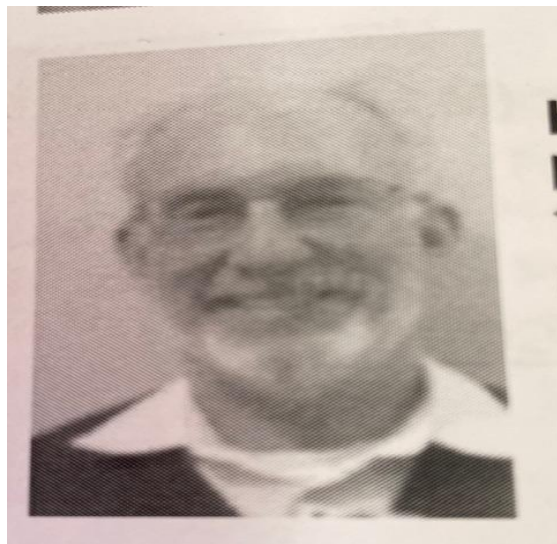
There has been some further murmuring from a few of our newer members who are in the process of analyzing the amount of effort, time and success possibilities of heading up a membership committee with the goal of increasing Branch 22 members. Currently I am looking for any information regarding our out-of-date website and who put it together or maintained it? If anyone has any information on the website I would appreciate hearing from you.

Our July meeting immediately precedes 4th of July. With so much going on in the world right now we really have so much to be grateful for, to live in a free country that is Independent, and has a constitution. A lot to celebrate-Happy Holiday!

*Jeff Rawles*



**John Adams**



**Ted Harris**

**Our First Vice-Presidents**

## Vice President's Report:

There will be no speaker this month. However, Carl Dawson, our Area 8 liaison to the state will be in attendance at both our board meeting, as well as our luncheon. I am trying to "coax" him into being the speaker at our luncheon. He can touch on some of our issues such as dwindling membership, lack of participation in events, ie luncheons, golf, poker, and a possible merger with another branch.

*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 , June 3, 2025

Call to Order at 10:33 by Vice President, Ted Harris

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

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

MINUTES: The June, 2025 BEC minutes were approved MSP

TREASURER'S REPORT: \$ 5139.10. MSP subject to audit. David made some remarks about Lunch payments which are in order.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Nothing to report. President absent.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: The speaker for today is Paul Liberatori, long time publisher in the I.J. on the history of the Rock and Roll/ Music scene in Marin. There is no speaker yet for the July meeting.

MEMBERSHIP: Bill Wilhelm : Membership is 39. James Boughey will be rejoining the membership although not on the Board. Discussion about possible merger with Branch 47 was lengthy and put off until later in the year.

NEW BUSINESS : The Board voted to accept the name change for Branch officers to President and Vice President, replacing Big Sir and Little Sir in compliance with the new State rule.

OLD BUSINESS: Only six bottles of wine remain. Bill Wilhelm will again confer with Windsor what the bottle cost would be for same wine and with Sir labels. Mike Dean will discuss what the cost might be at Larson Family Winery in Sonoma with Brian Quinn, who works there. Fall-back wine selection could be from Costco or Trader Joes.

ACTIVITIES: Next poker on Monday, June 9. Wally will email potential players. Golf was cancelled this week.

EVENTS: Mike Dean will again host the picnic August 21 (previously reported.) A dinner out is scheduled at Trattoria Via Piccola in Tiburon on the 19<sup>th</sup> of June. Wilhelm has sent out a flyer on the details. Payment of \$75.00 per person. In September a winery event will again be planned, to visit Larson Family Winery in Sonoma, where Brian Quinn works. Date not scheduled yet. These events will be handled by Steve and Mike

Bill is able to obtain a visit to the Skywalker Ranch at some undetermined Friday. Ted asked for a show of hands at lunch and many were interested. Ted also talked about a tour of the Marin Buck Center. No action taken on this

SUNSHINE AND SHADOWS: The memorial service for John Villa was held at a church in Novato last Saturday.

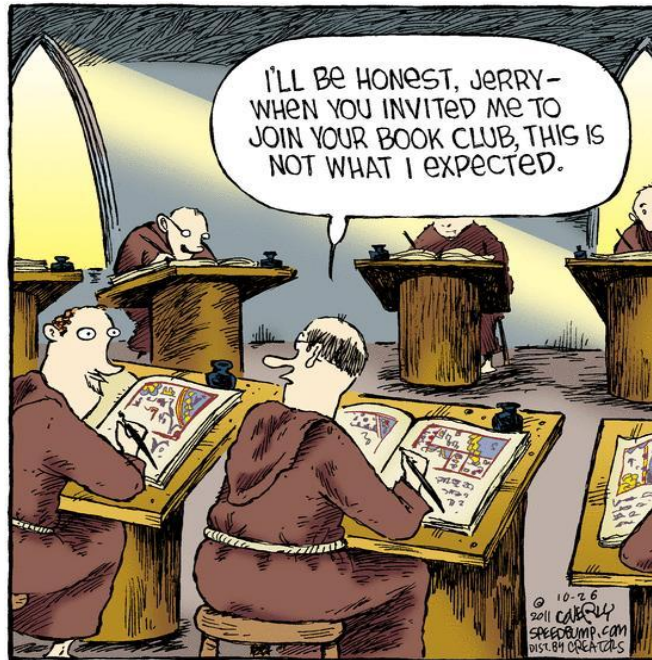
Floyd Heckman is holding a Memorial for his son, Matt, on June 22 at 2:00pm at his residence in Tam Valley: 405 Spruce St., Mill Valley. Floyd's contact details are in the 2020 Roster. Please RSVP.

NEWSLETTER: The second edition of the Newsletter by Dave Thornton was again outstanding.

Adjournment: 11:17

Minutes prepared by Secretary, Bud Pflueger and emailed to all members on June 3, 2025





## Turning Pages

By

Bud Pflueger

**“Independence Square” by Martin Cruz Smith; 2024    Mystery/Crime genre**

Arkady Renko still is working in the police bureau in Moscow when a friend of his adopted son, a chess master, is murdered. Arkady is asked by a criminal acquaintance to investigate the disappearance of his daughter. Arkady and His daughter’s roommate travel to Ukraine to unravel the mystery of now two murders. The end of the novel takes place in the Crimea in Sebastopol.

The story is written with the same suspense and mystery as are most of the Renko stories. It is refreshing to discover that Smith has not lost his skill after an absence from writing for several years. He is still a genius of the genre and a local author to boot. I highly recommend this novel.

**“Tell Me Everything”; by Elizabeth Strout, 2024    a novel**

This is a continuation of several of her previous novels set in the fictional small town of Crosby, Maine, with many characters we have met before. The protagonist of this story is Bob Burgess, a semi-retired attorney who lives with his pastor wife, Margaret. Olive Kitteridge has asked a local novelist, Lucy Barton, of modest writing skill to visit her. Olive wants to tell her a story. The

novel then becomes filled with numerous stories related by Lucy to Olive and vice versa. Eventually many of these stories interconnect in present time in the case of a murder. Also, we slowly learn the past histories of all of the local people in the stories. Almost all of them are bleak personal histories, tortured memories of childhood abuse, and parental neglect.

The author brilliantly weaves it all together into a tapestry addressing the full range of human emotion, among which love dominates. Her understanding of psychology leads to conversations between characters, particularly Bob and Lucy, discussing what it is in people that motivates actions. The author has received much acclaim, not misplaced. Her ability to delve deeply into the heart of her characters is unique. I highly recommend this novel.

Pflueger



### *Marin Restaurant Advice and Review*

*Mike Dean*

#### Editor's Note:

Mike has been so busy out-there eating for us, so I gave him the day off.





Mike Dean





## SIRS POKER

### Submitted by Wally Holmes



**SIRS POKER Submitted by Wally Holmes** The next Sirs Poker Game is scheduled for Monday July 7, 2025 It seems like lately, that a lot of the Sir Poker players or sick or have other commitments and are not able to play poker as scheduled. Steve Miller, who loves to have breakfast and play poker and take our money, is having problems with his back and was unable to play along with Mike Dean, Dan Bastien and Ed Marshall. However, we did have five players show up play, they were Bud Pfluger, Ted Harris, Jim Stein, myself and a friend that I invited to play with us that we are trying to get him to join the poker group, Kevin Catrell. The big winner for the day was Jim Stein, and Bud Pfluger and Kevin won a few dollars. As always, the losers were Ted Harris and me. One of these days Ted and I are going to win big? But when? Steve please get well you are sorely missed by all 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. 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 potential of joining Branch 22 as a member of Sirs. There is a \$50 buy 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 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 July 7th . Wally Holmes

*Wally Holmes*



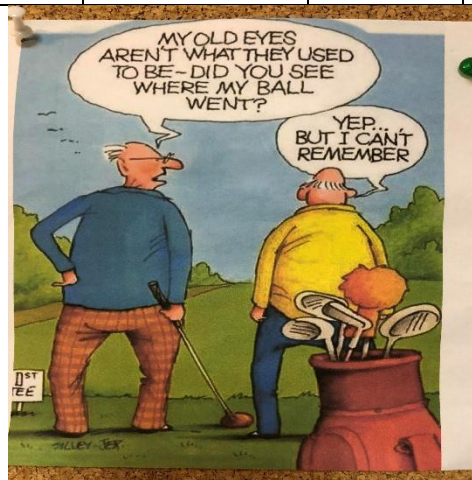
## Sir Branch 22 Golf

By  
Bill Wilhelm

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

**Tournaments Schedule for July and August weather permitting**

No	Date	Day	Format	Time	Course
11	2-July	Wednesday	Low Net	9:00	Bennett Valley
12	16-July	Wednesday	Low Net	8:00	Paradise
13	30-July	Wednesday	Low Net	9:00	Foxtail North
14	13-Aug	Wednesday	Low Net	9:00	Napa
15	27-Aug	Wednesday	Low Net	9:00	Bennett Valley



# Windsor 6/18/25 White/Red Tees

## First Flight

RANK	LAST	FIRST	HDCP	GROSS	NET	POINTS	PURSE
1	Collings	Ron	8	83	75*	10	\$15.00
2	Fox	Tom	13	88	75*	9	\$10.00
3	Lamberson	Peter	14	90	76	7	5.00
4	Quinn	Brian	16	94	78	5	
5	Lynch	Jim	17	107	90	3	

## Second Flight

1	Heckman	Floyd	33	108	75	10	\$15.00
2	Dean	Mike	23	99	76*	9	\$10.00
3	Atkin	Tom	28	104	76*	7	\$5.00
4	Rawles	Jeff	28	106	78	5	
5	Gallagher	Gene	27	108	81	3	
6	Yam	David	28	113	75		
7	Wilhelm	Bill	28			DNF	

Closest to the Hole #5 Floyd Heckman 56". 5" \$5.00  
#16

**\*Tie Breaker Used**

*Bill Wilhelm*





## **Editor's Notes**

Sorry about the pictures Jeff and Ted, but they were the best I could do. They are from the 2020 Membership Roster. I asked my wife to take pictures of them on her phone and email them to me. I then saved and pasted them to the Newsletter.

Last but surely not least

Stevie (guitar) Miller

.....Get better big guy!!!  
We miss that upbeat attitude  
You are truly a one of a kind