

Ignacio Pacheco Branch News

Social Activities for Men
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Newsletter

Dave Thornton

Lunch on June 3, 2025

Lunch Menu

Chicken Scaloppini
(Marsala Sauce and Rosotto)

Alternative: Grilled Salmon

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

RSVP for Lunch: To Wally Holmes no later than Sunday April 27th at WallyHolmes@comcast.net or phone (415) 892-1260.

Sunshine and Shadows

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

June 2025



Big Sir Report:

For those of you that missed the May lunch missed a terrific speaker. Inspector Frank Falzon from SFPD talked about his cases in the 70s. I was raised in Marin and I sure remember the night stalker, zebra killings, Moscone murders etc. I found it so interesting I bought his book-and it is great and bring back memories of Herb Caens San Francisco.

This is my 5th month as your Big Sir and I have really come to appreciate all the many functions provided by members of our club. I can't mention everyone as it includes many people and everyone on your Board who volunteer their time to keep things running. I personally have leaned on Wally Holmes who has the club history and efficiently and quietly picks up so many things. And of course Bill Wilhelm who handles membership and my favorite activity golf. So a big thank you to all the members who volunteer their time to keep things running.

Speaking of keeping things running I understand Mike Dean is again planning to volunteer his home for a summer party in August. I have also heard a rumor that a few of our newer members are researching what it would take to have a sub-committee to do outreach to attract new members-stay tuned!

The Sirs Board at the State level has changed its rules to call their Big Sir and Little Sir by new titles: President and Vice President. I will bring it up with our Board to see if there is any interest in changing our bi-law to reflect what the State is doing. Seems like a reasonable change to me.

Jeff Rawles



Little Sir Report:

Paul Liberatore is an award-winning Bay Area journalist who has written about rock music and pop culture over the past five-plus decades. He was on the staff of the San Francisco Chronicle in the 1980s as a feature writer and assistant city editor and currently writes a biweekly music and entertainment column for the Marin Independent Journal and the Bay Area News Group. His nonfiction book, “The Road to Hell,” is an investigation of the Marin County Courthouse Shootout and the infamous case of “Soledad Brother” George Jackson and radical lawyer Stephen Bingham. It was published by Atlantic Monthly Press and was a New York Times Book of the Times. In addition to numerous journalism awards, he was honored with a Milley Award from the City of Mill Valley in 2004 for his contributions to the arts and culture. He also became the eighth recipient of the County of Marin’s Cultural Treasure Award in 2014. He has also been a musician, fronting his own band, the Liberators, and was proud to be a member of the Bay Area writers’ band, the Rock Bottom Remainders.

Ted Harris



BRANCH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes prepared by Secretary, Bud Pflueger and emailed to all members on June 1, 2025

BRANCH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

SIRS IGNACIO PACHECO BRANCH 22

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

Tuesday May 6, 2025

Call to Order at 10: by Big Sir, Jeff Rawles

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

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

MINUTES: The April, 2025 BEC minutes were approved MSP

TREASURER'S REPORT: \$ 5201.10 MSP subject to audit. David made some remarks about Lunch payments which are in order.

BIG SIR'S REPORT: Nothing to report.

LITTLE SIR'S REPORT: The upcoming speaker will be Paul Liberatori, who will discuss Rock and Roll history related to Marin County. He belongs to the Mill Valley Historical Society.

MEMBERSHIP: Membership stands at 37. No gains or losses.

NEW BUSINESS: The SIRs labelled wine from Windsor will run out before the end of the June meeting. The cost has increased to about seventeen dollars. All members agreed on continuing the wine hand-out but with a different wine not bearing our old label. (This later by Pflueger: A suitable good wine source and product will be searched by Wilhelm, Dean, Miller, Pflueger. The best bet is probably Costco. A blended red table wine or Pinot Noir as a varietal are the best bets. Mike Dean can discuss with Brian Quinn about Larson Family Winery wines, but they may be cost prohibitive.. It is not necessary to purchase more than three or four cases the first time)

POKER: Next poker on Monday, May 12. Wally will email potential players.

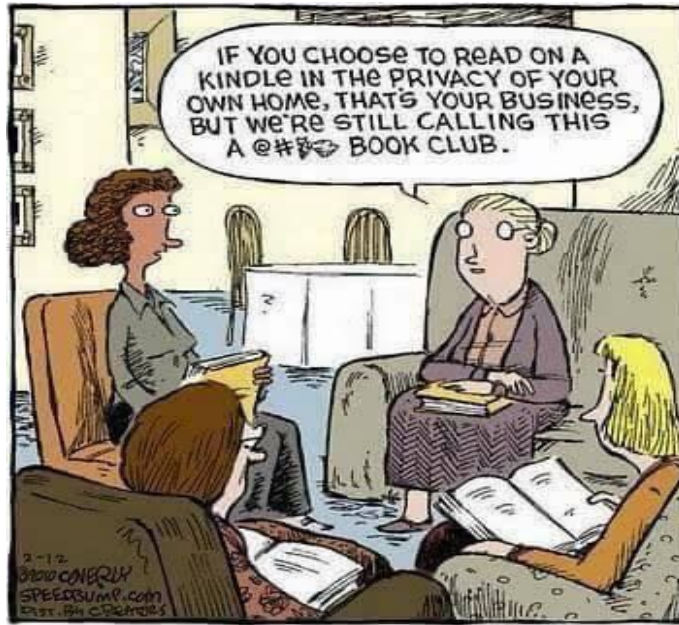
EVENTS: Mike Dean will again host a picnic on August 21 (previously reported). In addition, Bill Wilhelm has reserved the date of June 19 for an upcoming dinner at the Via Piccola Trattoria in the Cove Shopping center in Tiburon. In September, we intend to visit the Larson Family Winery (where Brian Quinn works). This will be handled by Steve and Mike.

SUNSHINE AND SHADOWS: Pflueger will read the email sent by Claire Villa about John's illness, probably with no future prospects for lunch attendance.

Pflueger has been emailed by Marsha Heckman regarding the sudden death of their son, Matthew. He will make a few remarks about details, with a moment of silence.

NEWSLETTER: The debut edition of the Newsletter by Dave Thornton was outstanding. Jeff will congratulate Dave from the podium .

Adjournment: 11:03



Turning Pages

By

Bud Pflueger

**The Life Impossible” by Matt Haig; 2024;
Fiction**

An elderly woman whose life is boring and guilt-ridden is left a house in a legacy on Ibiza by a woman she had met briefly years before. Moving to Ibiza she is immersed in a world of magic.

This story is about love, and the importance of preservation of the natural world against the many forces tearing it down. It could be classified as fantasy or science fiction, but the novel goes much deeper into life than that genre. The author lived for many years on Ibiza, and his descriptions of the sights and geography of everything on the island are accurate. If you enjoyed the author’s, “The Midnight Library”, you will enjoy this suspenseful story. The novel is very well-written and organized. I highly recommend it.

“The Curse of Pietro Houdini” by Derek B. Miller; 2024
Historical Fiction

A fourteen-year-old child is rescued in Rome by Pietro Houdini after her parents were both recently killed by a bomb. It is 1944, and the child had planned to travel alone south to Naples. Pietro more-or-less adopts her and they end up in the famous Montecassino Abbey, where most of the story takes place. This is a story of the horror and tragedy of war, as well as the love and companionship which can accompany it. It is an historical description of the destruction of the iconic Abbey, first by the transportation of its art treasures by the Nazis, some to the Vatican but many to salt mines for the Nazis, an act which ironically saves much of the abbey’s invaluable treasure, since later three days of intensive bombing by the Americans totally eradicated the famous monastery.

A story of love, revenge and survival, this novel is not to be missed. The author has penned numerous other novels, several of which I have reviewed in these pages. This is his best: brilliantly organized and written with an ingenious switches from third person to narrative style.

Pflueger



Marin Restaurant Advice and Review

Mike Dean

VIA PICCOLA TRATTORIA

OK, so I've reviewed Piccola Trattoria before, but recently I've been a regular. I've had lunch inside with Bill and Bev Wilhelm and Steve and Judith Miller and other friends who are not SIRs. I've also been having dinner outside with my wife; my dog Olive and friends with their dogs; Babaloo and Rollie. ALSO, we've scheduled a SIR dinner for June 19th, so time to sign up with Bill Wilhelm.

Many of the SIRs are familiar with Piccola and the chef/owner Pedro Ulloa (no relation to Barney) and are frequent customers. We may remember Arrivederci Restaurant, where we had outdoor dining luncheons several years back – it was a favorite. Then the ownership changed, first the team split up, later it sold and now operates under the new ownership.

I'm not only repeating this review because we're having the SIR dinner there, I'm repeating it because, in my experience, it not only has gotten better – it's possibly now the best Italian food in Marin. I've been experimenting with Pedro's dinner "specials" and the last two I've had were OVER THE TOP! I recently enjoyed Stuffed Salmon with Dungeness crab stuffing – who knew? I also had an osso bucco ravioli – mmmmm!!! You've also got all your Italian favorites from reasonably priced pizza to veal and chicken piccatas and scallopinis to a good rib-eye steak. I'm a pasta guy and especially like Capellini Pomodoro with extras in it. This one is one of the better ones with a pink red sauce in which you can taste the flavors of basil and garlic. Debbie's favorite is the Tortellini with veal, cream sauce, peas, etc. For lunch, try the Panini Sandwiches – not your father's Panini.

Located in the Cove Shopping Center, Tiburon, the restaurant has indoor and outdoor seating and the indoor is very pleasant with a wonderful small full bar for dining and drinking. Easy access and parking are also available.

Mike Dean



SIRS POKER

Submitted by Wally Holmes



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The next SIRS Poker Game is scheduled for Monday June 9,

2025



Unfortunately, we were not able to have a poker game in May as planned due to several members traveling, sick and having Doctor's appointments. However, I think we will be back to normal and playing poker at the Indian Valley Golf Course in June.

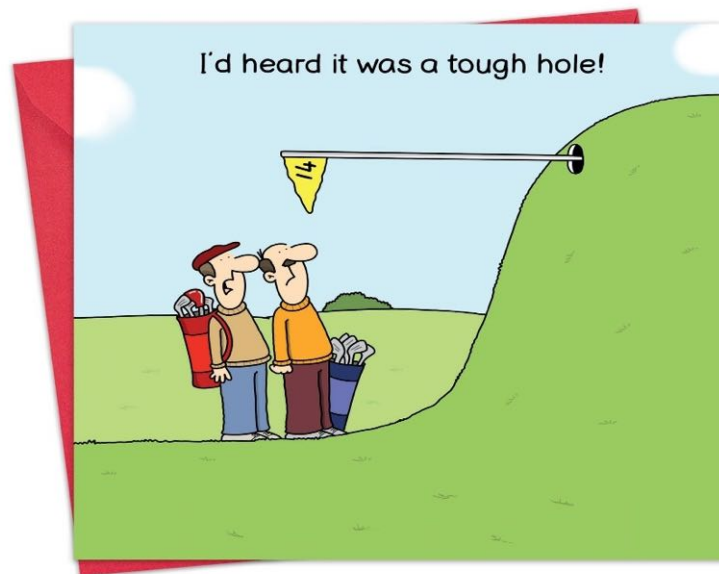
We also want to invite everyone who is interested in playing poker to please come and join us. We have a great breakfast at 9 AM and we begin playing poker at 10 AM and play until 2 PM. Usually, our SIRS Group play poker on the first Monday after our regular SIRS' luncheon. As members of SIRS, we have 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 June 9th.

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 June and July weather permitting

No	Date	Day	Format	Time	Course
9	4-June	Wednesday	Low Net	9:00	Bennett Valley
10	18-June	Wednesday	Low Net	8:00	Windsor
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

Blue Rock East

5/7/25

Gold Tees

First Flight

RANK	LAST	FIRST	HDCP	GROSS	NET	POINTS	PURSE
1	Dean	Michael	26	91	65	10	\$15.00
2	Lynch	Jim	19	86	67	9	\$10.00
3	Lambertson	Peter	14	84	70	7	\$5.00
4	Thornton	Dave	26	99	73	5	
5	Fox	Tom	14	89	75	3	
6	Petri	Matt	18	98	80		
7	Quinn	Brian	17	102	85		

Second Flight

1	Atkin	Tom	30	101	71	10	\$15.00
2	Rawles	Jeff	29	100	71	9	\$10.00
3	Yam	David	28	100	72	7	\$5.00
4	Ulloa	Barney	29	101	72	5	
5	Holmes	Wally	28	102	74	3	
6	Cabral	Pat	46	132	86		
7	Sterne	Lee	32	120	88		

Closest to the Hole	#8	Barney Ulloa	47' 10"	\$5.00
	#16	Tom Fox	30' 0"	\$5.00

Bill Wilhelm



Editor's Note

That's a Rap!

Dave Thornton