

Ignacio Pacheco Branch News

Social Activities for Men
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Newsletter

Dave Thornton

Lunch on May 6, 2025

Lunch Menu

Chicken Toscano
(artichoke hearts & mushrooms)

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

John Villa has had a bad week. He was taken to the ER on Wednesday with a high fever, sepsis and a bladder infection. This afternoon he was transferred to Marin Acute Care on N. San Pedro Rd (formerly Rafael Convalescent). It is unlikely that he will be able to take part in any SIRS activities in the future – much as he always enjoyed them.

Claire Villa

Keep John in your thoughts and prayers.

Birthdays for May 2025

Jack Hickey

Jeff Rawles

Annivesrsaries

Jack and Mary-Alice Hickey

Branch 22 Messages

April 2025

Big Sir Report:

At your Board's last regular meeting it was decided to continue as is and to table further discussions of merging with another chapter at this time. The turnout at our luncheons is good, and the golf and poker groups are enthusiastic. A summer luncheon event is also tentatively planned this August at Mike Deans house (details and dates to follow). Marin's demographics indicate a lot of seniors in our community. So do your neighbors and friends a favor and let them know we are here and come join the fun. We can grow and thrive together.

Spring is here and I personally intend to play as much golf as I can. At this point in life what a blessing it is to be able to make new friends and to have activities available and just waiting for me to sign up. Grateful.

Jeff Rawles

Little Sir Report:

About the Authors: Frank Falzon is a highly decorated and accomplished police inspector who investigated more than 300 murders and other cases during his 28-year career with the San Francisco Police Department, 22 of them in the homicide detail. He played a key role in breaking the notorious Night Stalker case, investigated his childhood friend and former fellow cop for the murders of San Francisco Mayor George Moscone and Supervisor Harvey Milk, participated in the Zodiac, Zebra, and Juan Corona serial murder investigations, and other high-profile cases. He was a recipient of the San Francisco Police Department's highest honor, the Gold Medal of Valor. He also earned a Gold Medal Medallion as the city's Bravest Police Officer and numerous other commendations and was the department's 1978 Police Officer of the Year. In addition to his role on the Netflix Night Stalker series, Falzon has appeared in The Most Dangerous Animal of All mini-series, Court TV's I, Detective series, and some two dozen documentaries on the city hall murders. Falzon, born in San Francisco, has an AS degree in criminology from City College of San Francisco. He and his wife, Donna, live in Novato, CA. They have four grown children, including two who followed their father's path into law enforcement, and nine grandchildren.

Duffy Jennings was a prize-winning reporter for the San Francisco Chronicle in the tumultuous 1970s. His coverage included the City Hall assassinations of Mayor George Moscone and Supervisor Harvey Milk, the Patty Hearst kidnapping, and the Zodiac and Zebra serial murders. The newspaper submitted his reporting on the murder trial of the City Hall killer, former Supervisor Dan White, for Pulitzer Prize consideration. Jennings is the author of Reporter's

Note Book: A San Francisco Chronicle Journalist's Diary of the Shocking Seventies, published in 2019. All told, Jennings wrote more than five hundred bylined articles for the Chronicle. Jennings' essay, "Paper Boy," appears in the anthology, The End of the Golden Gate: Writers on Loving (and Sometimes Leaving) San Francisco, from Chronicle Books in 2021. Actor Adam Goldberg portrays Duffy in the 2007 film, Zodiac. A San Francisco native, Jennings holds a BA in Journalism from San Francisco State University. He lives in Danville, California with his wife, Bonnie Becker, and has two grown children, a stepdaughter, and two grandsons.

Ted Harris

Sir Membership Report:

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

Bill Wilhelm



BRANCH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

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

BRANCH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

SIRS IGNACIO PACHECO BRANCH 22

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

Tuesday , April 1 2025

Call to Order at 10:30 by Big Sir, Jeff Rawles

ROLL CALL : 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 March, 2025 BEC minutes were approved MSP

TREASURER'S REPORT: \$ 5368.35. MSP subject to audit. Lunch payments in order. Brief discussion about members who signed up not showing. No action taken.

BIG SIR REPORT: Area 8 representative, Dawson, mentioned that the activities offered by other area branches are available to our membership. Jeff mentioned this at lunch. This is not new, but reemphasized. An activity list will be put in the Newsletter. Jeff communicated with the IJ about cost of advertising and those costs seem prohibitively high. Senior Fair in September sign-up booth was discussed but Dean attended this years ago and attendance by seniors was low. That event in the Fairground area building is on Sept 17. Much discussion and no action taken.

LITTLE SIR REPORT: The speaker for today was moved from March. Jason Balderama is the chief information security officer for Marin County. He will address many of the criminal activities afflicting us on our iphones and other devices: Phishing, scams and the like, and how to identify them and protect ourselves. Excellent and useful presentation. Next month the speaker is a former Homicide Inspector from San Francisco: Frank Felzon , who will discuss details about many of the cases about the time of the Moscone and Milke shootings. He is the author of " 5-Henry-7".

MEMBERSHIP: Robert Low is resigning and moving back to Australia. Membership stands at about 37.

NEW BUSINESS: Ted Harris brought up the idea of merger, an idea addressed and abandoned several years ago. There are only two other available branches and Branch 7 has now over 111 members. Lengthy discussion followed about preempting a merger before it is forced upon us. The vote was to put off action until year`s end. Although our new Newsletter editor, Dave Thornton, was elected to the Board, he declined , but will publish the Newsletter.

ACTIVITIES: Next poker on Monday , April 7. Wally will email players who plan to be there.

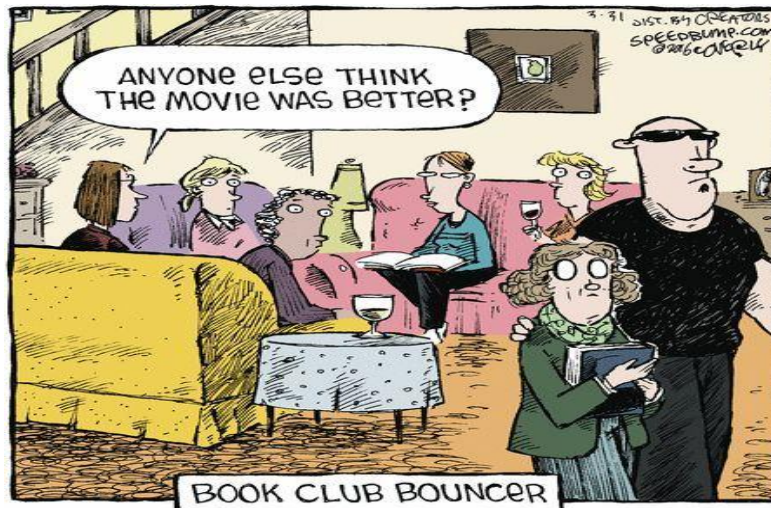
Mike Dean will again host the picnic August 21. A dinner out will be planned for a date in May at the Cove shopping center in Tiburon, at Via Picolla Trattoria. In September a winery event will again be planned to visit Larson Family Winery in Sonoma, where Brian Quinn works. These events will be handled by Steve and Mike.

NEWSLETTER: Dave Thornton will begin publishing the Newsletter for May.

SUNSHINE and SHADOWS Nothing to report.

Adjournment: 11:09

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Turning Pages

By
Bud Pflueger

“California Against the Sea” by Rosanna Xia”, 2023; non-fiction

The coastline of California is disappearing into the sea as the inevitable rise in the ocean is causing cliffs and houses and beaches to disappear, setting up confrontations between property owners, who envisioned the million-dollar mansions to last a lifetime or more and communities like Pacifica, whose developers fight for protective barriers or retreating . The author makes it clear that breakwaters and rock barriers are a failure. The societal impact of the rising water and of groundwater influx displaces disadvantaged populations of the underprivileged brown and black communities who have always suffered the consequences of a toxic environment close to the water. Marin City, Pacifica, and Imperial Beach near the Mexican border are described in detail. Eons ago the earliest Native American tribes living on the fused island of Santa Cruz were forced onto the mainland as their huge island broke into small pieces, now the Santa Barbara Islands. The author goes into great detail about all the problems that have existed from Northern to Southern California. The passage of the California Coastal Act in the mid 1970s was a beginning, but enforcement faces years of legal and bureaucratic hurdles. Fortunately, now there are many dedicated people and organizations finding solutions that use natural strategies , recognizing the failure of man-made , short-sighted solutions. The book ends on the north coast south of Fort Bragg , where a brilliant land ownership alliance between the Native American tribe and a neighboring family has preserved a coastal environment for all to enjoy.

This book is easy to read, with many stories about people related as though in a novel. The book received highest acclaim for non-fiction in 2023 and should be read by all, particularly by us in the Bay Area.

“The Sicilian Inheritance” by Jo Piazza, 2024 Fiction

Sara’s restaurant in the Italian community in Baltimore is failing as is her marriage to Jack from whom she is separated, with five year old Sophie living with him. Before her death, her great aunt Rosie was planning a trip with Sarah to her home town in Sicily. When she died her aunt had left her a letter charging her with going to her Sicilian village to try to claim a deed she had and to investigate the disappearance of her mother, Serafina in 1903 . This complicated generational family drama unfolds in current time, 1966 and 1903. Sara goes to the town in Sicily, where she can trust nobody and struggles to accomplish the almost impossible task her aunt Rose has given her.

This is an immersive family drama that will captivate you, a suspenseful mystery set in a small town with unusual customs and superstitions , whose inhabitants seem determined to make the pesky American woman go home. You will love this drama, as did I.

Pflueger



Marin Restaurant Advice and Review

Mike Dean

Mike is at his place in Mexico and is not able to provide a May review. We’ll look forward to his June review!

Mike Dean



SIRS POKER
Submitted by Wally Holmes
 Monday May 12, 2025

We had a good turnout for poker on April 7th . Bud Pflueger, Steve Miller, Jim Stein and I showed up early and we had breakfast at the 19th Hole Bar and Grill. The four of us had a great breakfast and we were ready for poker at 10 AM. The following members were able to play poker, Ed Marshall, Ted Harris, Bud Pflueger, Steve Miller, Jim Stein and myself. We sorely missed Dan Bastien and Mike Dean not being able to play with us. The big winners this month were Steve Miller and Ed Marshall. Jim Stein broke just about even, and Ted, Bud and I contributed this month to the wealth of the winners. Steve Miller Ted Harris Ed Marshall Bud Pflueger Jim Stein.



Steve Miller Ted Harris Ed Marshall Bud Pflueger 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 a dollar and the yellow chips, 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 in May 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 March and April weather permitting

No	Date	Day	Format	Time	Course
7	7-May	Wednesday	Low Net	9:00	Blue Rock East
8	21-May	Wednesday	Low Net	9:00	Foxtail South
9	4-June	Wednesday	Low Net	9:00	Bennett Valley
10	18-June	Wednesday	Low Net	8:00	Windsor

BENNETT VALLEY

4/16/25

RANK	LAST	FIRST	INDEX	HDCP	GROSS	NET	POINTS	PURSE
1	Mike	Dean		23	92	69	10	\$ 20.00
2	Ron	Collings		7	78	*71	9	\$ 15.00
3	Jim	Lynch		15	86	*71	7	\$ 10.00
4	Matt	Petri		16	91	75	5	
5	Peter	Lambertson		12	89	*77	3	
6	Tom	Fox		11	88	*77		
7	Ted	Harris		8	90	82		
8	Gene	Gallagher		23	109	86		
9	Bill	Wilhelm				DNF		
1	Tom	McGuire		27	100	73	10	\$ 20.00
2	Bernard	Ulloa		25	99	*74	9	\$ 15.00
3	Floyd	Heckman		31	105	*74	7	\$ 10.00
4	John	Hickey		25	100	75	5	
5	Mark	Murry		27	105	78	3	
6	Wally	Holmes		24	104	*80		
7	Tom	Morrison		23	103	*80		
8	Lee	Sterne		28	108	*80		
9	David	Yam		23	107	84		
Closest to the Hole								
				#8 Jack Hickey	9'6"			
				#15 Floyd Heckman	4'6"			

Bill Wilhelm
Golf Chairman

