

Ignacio Pacheco Branch News

Social Activities for Men
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Newsletter

Dave Thornton

Lunch on September 2, 2025

Lunch Menu

Buffet with Chicken Picatta
Italian Sausages, Vegetables, and Pasta

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

RSVP for Lunch: To Wally Holmes no later than Sunday,
August 31 at WallyHolmes@comcast.net or phone (415)
892-1260.

Sunshine and Shadows

Birthdays for September 2025

Ray DeLeon

Don Dimitratos

Jim Filippo

Annivesrsaries

Ray and Bonnie DeLeon

David and Suzi Norris

Matt and Nell Petri

Branch 22 Messages

September

President's Report:

I Like Ike !



Just returned from Lafayette for the State Sirs annual meeting. It was interesting for me as a first-time attendee, and I was impressed that almost 100 people attended representing many of the Sirs branches. A new slate of officers was presented and approved by acclamation. Apparently, the existing Sirs branches are all located in Northern and Central California, and there was discussion about opening a SoCal branch. Such a change would require a change in the Sirs charter bi-laws at some point. Other potential changes might include omitting the word Seniors from the membership definition and adding women 🙄. All just discussion stuff.

Most of the presentation revolved around defining who we are as Sirs members, branches and the relationship between branches and the State. The hangover from Covid is hopefully dissipating. The future goal of the State is to improve communication in order to help the branches attract members and provide meaningful activities.

As for Branch 22, we just concluded a fun summer picnic held at Mike Dean's house. There were a lot of people there and everyone seemed to be enjoying themselves. As my wife and I left the party her first comment was what a lovely party it was, and I agreed!

At the party (and after) Matt Petri commented to me that he was actively working on updating our branch website. Matt and others are planning on working on a membership drive and are doing the legwork as of this writing.

Jeff Rarules

Vice President's Report:



Not so much Trickey!!

DICK SPOTSWOOD (not the Dick above) is the politics and government columnist for The Marin Independent Journal. His IJ columns appear every Sunday and Wednesday. In politics Dick Tricky is a registered independent and he's been described as a "Militant Centrist."

Dick is a former council member and three-term mayor of the City of Mill Valley. He served for ten years as a Director of the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway & Transportation District representing Marin's eleven cities and towns. In government, his specialty was transportation issues.

A San Francisco native (born in 1947), he is a graduate of St. Ignatius College Preparatory, the University of San Francisco and its School of Law. Dick is the former president of the Rotary Club of Mill Valley, the Mountain Play Association, and is chair emeritus of the San Francisco political salon. He's now retired after 45 years as a trial attorney representing individuals.

Dick and his wife Joanne, both San Francisco natives, have lived in Mill Valley since 1976. They have two adult children raised in Mill Valley and have three young grandchildren all living in Marin which is what Dick really likes to talk about.

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 , August 5, 2025

Call to Order at 10:30 by President, Jeff Rawles

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

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

MINUTES: The July, 2025 BEC minutes were approved MSP

TREASURER'S REPORT: \$ 4,920.85. MSP subject to audit.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

State Annual Meeting on August 23 in Lafayette. Jeff is planning to attend.

He has received emails of other branch Newsletters reporting events and activities. The Board agreed that it would be good to send to full membership in the spirit of communication of The Club at McInnis Park Golf Center, San Rafael , Ca.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

The speaker for today is Jeff Burkhart who will talk about his years as a bartender, currently at the Buckeye restaurant. He writes a column for the IJ named "Barfly", which appears elsewhere as well, and he has written two books on bar tending with a third on the way. He will set up a bar and demonstrate several cocktails made famous in James Bond movies as well as presenting a lead-in talk about the subject, dispelling myths and imparting wisdom. Very entertaining and informative. Currently there are tentative speakers for September and October.

MEMBERSHIP: No presentation since Bill Wilhelm absent.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mike Dean has produced labels for the Larson Family wine and will keep three cases in a cool place in his garage. He will be reimbursed \$350.00 for wine cost and label printing.

NEW BUSINESS

Floyd Heckman will add a \$2.00 lottery ticket to the lottery package at no additional expense to the buyer of our usual tickets.

ACTIVITIES: Next poker on Monday, August 11th. Wally will email potential players. Golf scheduled for tomorrow.

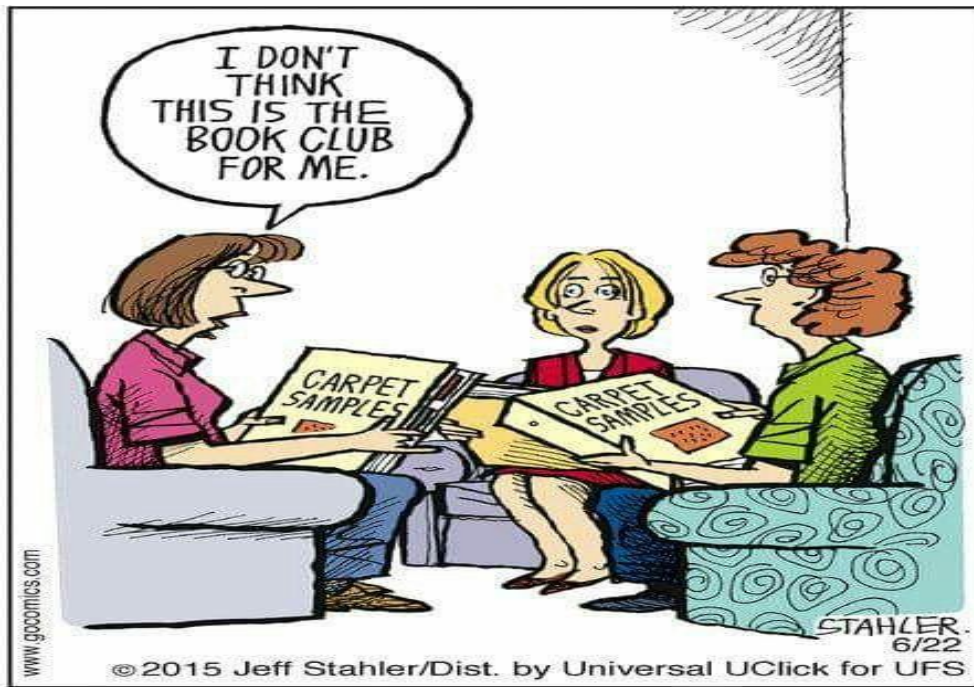
EVENTS: Mike Dean will again host the picnic August 21 (previously reported.) Menu same as last year plus tri-tips are added. Price is \$55.00. Wilhelm has already sent out flyers to full membership.

Visit to Larson Family Winery not discussed.

Sunshine and Shadows: Nothing to report

Adjournment: 11:00

Minutes prepared by Secretary, Bud Pflueger and emailed to all Board members on August 5th.



TURNING PAGES

By

Bud Pflueger

“Lethal Prey” by John Sandford, 2025, Murder/Thriller genre

Lucas Davenport and Virgil Flowers team up to discover the identity of a serial killer in St. Paul. The search is complicated by the wealthy sister of a brutally murdered woman who is offering a five million dollar reward to the person leading to the killer’s identity.

This latest in the “prey “ series is par for this unrivaled thriller writer, still in top form after countless novels. Not to be missed by Sandford fans, if you like the genre you must not miss this one.

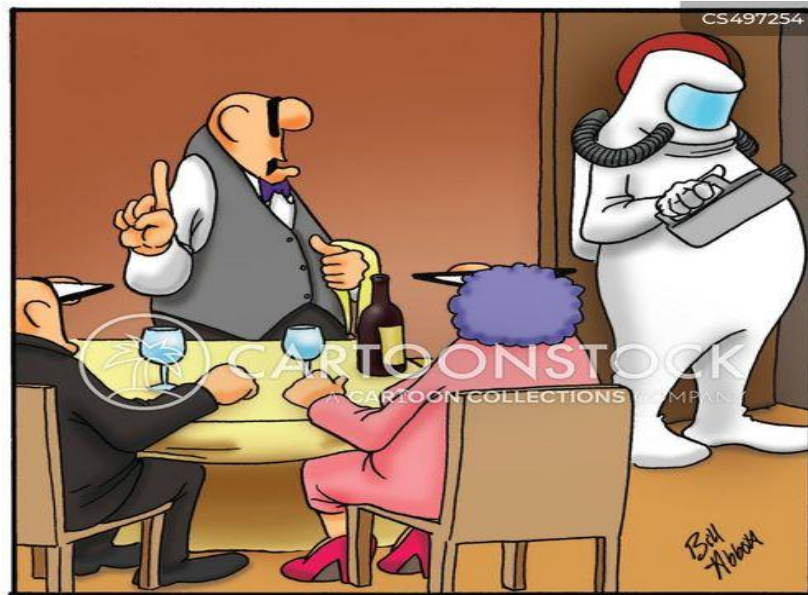
“Cabin” , by Patrick Hutchison; 2024; Non-fiction Adventure genre

In his mid-twenties, Patrick, bored with his Seattle job, and loving his background in the outdoors of the Northwest, buys a run-down small cabin for \$7500.00 in the northern cascades. Totally clueless about carpentry as are his buddies on that first work weekend, they learn the hard way, but with lots and fun and laughs, to make it all workable. Over the weeks and years that follow the cabin is transformed in remarkable inventive ways.

This is the first novel by this author , who has published in Outside Magazine, and other local news outlets in the Seattle area. Giving up desk jobs, he works as a carpenter, building anything from treehouses to cabins, and lives in Tacoma, Washington with his family.

Written with humor reminiscent of Bryson’s iconic “A Walk in the Woods”, it will amuse and interest any of you who might still yearn for the outdoors or even still get out and do it.

Bud Pflueger



“Looks like dinner’s going to take just a little bit longer.”

Marin Restaurant Advice and Review

Mike Dean

Editor’s Note

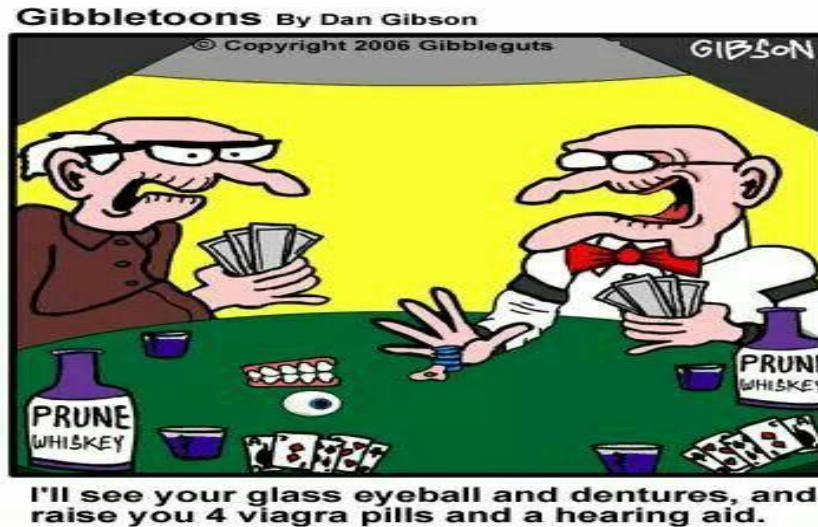
This month Mike will take a well-deserved break from his food-critic duties, to rest-up after hosting the thoroughly enjoyable gathering at his house last Thursday. I’m sure that I speak for everyone in saying that we are so appreciative of the work put in by Mike and Debbie in making this event a huge success year-after-year. Mike and Debbie have been part of the

Sirs backbone for many years and, hopefully, will continue to be so for the distant future.



SIRS POKER

Submitted by Wally Holmes



**The next Sirs Poker Game is scheduled for
Monday September 8th, 2025**

Unfortunately, we were unable to play poker in August due to insufficient numbers of players signing up to play. Therefore, poker was cancelled for the month of August. We are hoping to have a sufficient number, (a minimum of 5 players) sign up for the month of September.

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 August 11th.



SIR Branch 22 Golf
By
Bill Wilhelm

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

Tournaments Schedule for September and October weather permitting

No	Date	Day	Format	Time	Course
16	10-Sept	Wednesday	Low Net	9:00	Indian Valley
17	17-Sept	Wednesday	Low Net	8:00	Windsor
18	8-Oct	Wednesday	Low Net	9:00	Rancho Solano
19	29-Oct	Wednesday	Low Net	9:00	Foxtail North



"I had heard that the traps on this course were brutal, but this is ridiculous."

Bill Wilhelm

Editor's Notes

I'd welcome any ideas or content you have to make the Newsletter better. Thanks for reading!



Dave...and Whoever