

Ignacio Pacheco Branch News

Independence, Dignity and Social Activities for Men

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BRANCH 22, *Ignacio Pacheco*

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**Chicken Toscana (artichoke hearts & mushrooms) with Penne Pomodoro
Alternative: Grilled Salmon**

*From where did “April Showers bring
May flowers” come.*

Named for the Roman goddess Maia, who oversaw the growth of plants. Also, from the Latin word majors, “elders,” who were celebrated during this month. Maia was considered a nurturer and an earth goddess, which may explain the connection with this springtime month.

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BIG SIR

JIM SASSE AND HIS THOUGHTS

Sasse's Thoughts for May 2024

I made these Big Sir notes for May Branch 22 News. This year seems to be flying by at jet speed. Now Spring has sprung, the apple blossoms are in full bloom. I am enjoying the lush green hills, with the threat of drought behind us. The cattle are grazing in tall grass of Sonoma County where I live, so to speak. It has been a welcome winter, and spring is flourishing.

Time to get the garden started. Cherry tomatoes for the salads. Zucchini and beets and lemon cucumbers. The hedges will need lots of pruning this year. There is talk of some possible events ahead. Mike Dean and Steve Miller have many good ideas. Mike and Debbie in their ongoing generosity have offered their home for our annual picnic by their beautiful water side. As they say, "HOLD THE DATE," August 22, 2024. Details are in the works. We all enjoyed the Dinner at Yet Wha and here are some snaps I took.



The weather is getting warmer, and it is opening many doors to explore. Life is good. Let's get out there and enjoy our Springtime.

Jim Sasse



BEC DIRECTOR'S MINUTES

Bud Pflueger, Secretary

BRANCH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

SIRS IGNACIO PACHECO BRANCH 22

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

Tuesday, April 2, 2024

Call to Order at 10:31

ROLL CALL: Officers: Big Sir: Jim Sasse, Little Sir: Jeff Rawles, Treasurer, Floyd Heckman. Secretary: Otto Pflueger; Directors: Bill Wilhelm, Mike Dean. Steve Mille, Jim Boughey

Absent: Rich Johnson, Jim Stein

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

MINUTES: The minutes from the March Board Meeting were voted approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: \$5474.67 reported by Heckman. MSP subject to audit.

Big Sir Report: Matters pertaining to today's lunch.

Little Sir Report: Jeff Rawles talked about today's speaker: John Sugato, who will talk about his organization: "Team Rubicon," a large crisis response national and international crisis response organization which he heads. May's speaker will be Sir Ray DeLeon, a retired police officer who will in part discuss his role in the infamous Mitchell Brothers murder.

MEMBERSHIP: Bill Wilhelm reported the loss of Bob Steiner. Membership now stands at 53. Roster: Extensive discussion about who has not paid dues. Wilhelm was asked to produce the new Roster despite several questions about dues non-payers. (All will be included; those permanently non-payers will be individually by members removed from the book.) New photos only eight. Old photos will be otherwise used.

Activities: Golf tomorrow. Poker: moved back to the first Monday after the first Tuesday of the month lunch. (April 8).

Sunshine and Shadows: Shadow: Bob Steiner passing. Sunshine: Boughey is back and doing well and will resume the Newsletter. Thanks to Wally Holmes for a great job filling in. Jim Stein is back home from Alabama recovering from hip surgery.

Special Events: April 18 dinner at 5:30 at Yet Wah in San Rafael. Cost \$45.00 per person. A flyer with menu was emailed to all by Wilhelm today.

Mike Dean will again host the summer picnic on Thursday, August 22. Details to follow later.

Minutes prepared by Secretary, Otto Pflueger and distributed to all board members on April 2.



MAY SPEAKER

Jeff Rawles Introducing

Our speaker for May is Ray DeLeon from our own SIRs group.

Ray is a retired Police detective from a local Police Dept. Before Ray retired, he played a major role in solving the murder involving the Mitchell Brothers who lived in Marin. The Mitchell Brothers were the infamous owners of the O'Farrell adult theater in San Francisco.



The Mitchell Brother brought "Deep Throat," a rather messy endeavor that concentrated on fellatio, which made porn fashionable in San Francisco, with Linda Lovelace becoming a household name. While the Mitchell Brother urged their women on to ever more extreme sexual gymnastics, the Mitchells opted for "art" and a semblance of respectability and were delighted that women were the bedrock of their audience. There were as many female

commentators who approved of the film as disapproved, since it was about a woman totally liberated by experiences that had previously been part of her private and unattainable fantasies. They went on to produce their own pron hit "Behind the Gren Door" also starring Lovelace which was based on an eighth page booklet sold to highschool kids. Their run ended in murder; the murder Ray will tell us about.

Editor's Comment on The Mitchell Brother effect on our times. Here are women on the beach in the "GOOD OLD DAYS" before our cultural revolution of the 1970s.

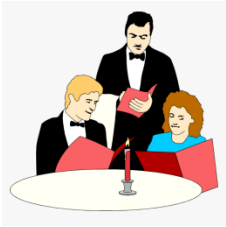


FOR BRANCH 22



<p>Jack and Mary Alice Hickey 05'09</p>	<p>Jeff Rawles 05/03 Jack Hickey 05/07 James Miller 05/ 28 Ron George 05 /29 Bruce Gianni 05/30</p>
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MARIN RESTAURANT ADVICE AND NEWS

Mike Dean

SIR BRANCH 22 RESTAURAN REVIEW

By: Mike Dean

SUSHI RAN

107 CALADONIA ST, SAUSALITO

IF YOU KNEW SUSHI, LIKE I KNOW SUSHI - OH OH. If you like Japanese food at all, I'm sure you know Sushi Ran in Sausalito. If Japanese food doesn't really press your buttons, Sushi Ran may change your mind. I'm not a big fan of Japanese food or sushi – but I had a wonderful experience there even without my dog Olive.

Of course, I had good company that included my wife with Judith and Steve Miller, but the taste treats we experienced were so much better than expected. You'd think that with similar choices in most Asian restaurants, the food would taste the same but, Au contraire my friends. Sushi Ran is a very big cut above most Japanese restaurants I have been to here in Marin.

Steve and I had the noodle soup that included abalone, lobster, clams and scallops and it was better than the delicious soups I had in Viet Nam. A bowl of soup is sufficient for a full entrée, but we added a couple of sushi rolls in addition and split them with the girls. Debbie and Judith were after “fish collar” and I don't know what they ordered but it was amazing.



There's a ton of choices on the menu including many fish dishes, ginger beef, teriyaki dishes and more. So don't just stick to the sushi.

I love the atmosphere and layout. – much more modern stylish and cozy than most Asian restaurants. There is a big counter to eat at and watch them making sushi – lots of fun for two people. Attached to the counter area is an indoor/outdoor space that is super stylish and comfortable.

So, even if you're not a big fan of Sushi, I recommend you try Sushi Ran – Steve would agree.



SIR, Inc. State of the STATE and Other Branches May 2024

STATE NEWS: 2023 brought significant change to the SIR organizational structure. First off, the Region Director position will be discontinued. Secondly the title Area Governor will be replaced by Area Representative with major changes in the job description. Without a Region Director and with Area 8s continuing Area Governor vacancy there are concerns about the communication link between the Area 8 branches (that is us) and those at the state level in SIR. It has been recommended that the branches in Area 8 elect an Area Representative ASAP. The new Area Representative reports to the Vice President of SIR. To deal with this crisis in leadership among Group 8 Branches the state has made last year's President, Ron Gonzales, a Temporary Grope 8 Representative. He will be meeting with all branches in Grope 8 on May 31, 2024, to hopefully elect a Permanent Group * Representative.

We are losing out if you want to be nominated talk to Mr. Sasse

See Full State News @ <https://sirinc.org/?s=Happenings>



The First 2023 quarterly issue is now posted and contains news and these interesting articles among others:

The focus this quarter is about Branch growth though marketing our programs with each avenue treated separately. It is a handbook of what we should be doing if we want to go back to our pre COVID numbers.

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POKER

SUBMITTED BY WALLY HOLMES



The next Sirs Poker Game is scheduled for Monday May 13, 2024

Unfortunately, we have been unable to have a poker game since November of last year. I am hoping we will be back to normal and having a great time having breakfast and playing poker at the Indian Valley Golf Course in on May 13th.

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, the Sirs Group plays 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 have a fun outing and enjoy good friends and food.

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.

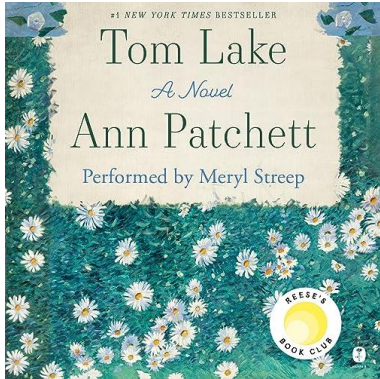
Hope to see everyone on the 13th.

Wally Holmes



TURNING PAGES BUD PFLUEGER

“*Tom Lake*” by Ann Patchette, 2023, fictional drama genre



Lara Kennison lives in upstate Michigan on a cherry orchard farm with her three daughters, Emily, Maise and Nell and husband Joe. The daughters, now in their twenties, are picking sweet cherry trees and start a running dialogue about their mother’s past history, focused on a now famous actor, Peter Duke. Lara met Duke years earlier in her life at Tom Lake, a summer stock theater venue also in Michigan, where she, playing Emily in Thornton Wilder’s play “Our Town,” and Duke playing George, have a love affair. The story jumps forward and back in time from Lara’s first playing Emily in her hometown in New Hampshire to Tom Lake and to 2020 current time.

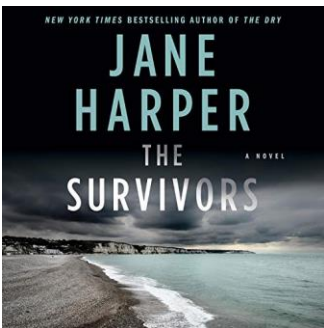
What unfolds is a life-affirming narrative about growing up, about discovery, love, betrayal and ultimately peace and joy, written by one of the greatest American authors of our time. The heart of this novel is based upon the timeless 1937 Wilder play, “Our Town”, and I suggest that either before or after digesting this great novel that readers go online and reacquaint themselves with the play, which, the author states, inspired the novel. Truly a masterpiece.

“*The Survivors*” by Jane Harper; 2020; Mystery genre

The location is Tasmania where a young woman is found murdered on a beach.

In summer break from art school in Sydney she tended the small village bar and restaurant. Ten years previously a fourteen-year-old girl disappeared during a terrible storm, a storm which caused two deaths on a capsized boat: Kieran’s older brother, Finn, and his friend, Toby, the father of a young boy, who is now a disturbed teen. This accident impacted all of the teenagers, especially the protagonist Kieran, who has felt guilty about the death of his brother and friend. Ten years later these teenagers are in their twenties. Kieran is visiting his widowed mother, Verity, with his partner, Audrey and baby girl, Mia, and plans to stay only several weeks before returning to Sydney.

This is the fourth novel by this prolific mystery writer, and I highly recommend it to those readers who are addicted to the genre. All of Harper’s novels are outstanding.





Golf

Bill Wilhelm

Data by Rich Seyler



Indian Valley

4/3/2024

White Tees

Flight	Rank	Last	First	Index	Hdcp	Gross	Net	Points	Purse
1	1	Dean	Michael	26.7	24	101	77	10	\$20.00
1	2	Lambertson	Peter	17.5	15	93	78	*	\$15.00
1	3	Lynch	Jim	21.0	18	96	78	*	7
1	4	Collings	Ron	10.7	7	86	79	5	
1	5	Fox	Tom	16.3	13	93	80	3	
1	6	Quinn	Brian	22.3	20	110	90	*	
1	7	Morrison	Tom	26.9	25	115	90	*	
1	8	Miller	Steve	22.9	20	114	94		
2	1	Yam	David	30.8	29	102	73	10	\$20.00
2	2	Atkin	Thomas	30.9	29	103	74	9	\$15.00
2	3	Holmes	Wally	31.3	29	104	75	7	
2	4	Rawles	Jeff	30.3	28	107	79	5	
2	5	Hickey	John	33.0	31	111	80	3	
2	6	Thornton	Dave	27.4	25	110	85		
2	7	Mcguire	Tom	32.3	30	116	86		
								* Tie Breaker Used	
Closest to the Hole:				#4	Tom Fox	36' 4"			\$10.00
				#17	Tom Morrison	14' 1"			\$10.00
TOTAL								68	\$90.00



**Bennett Valley
April 17, 2024**

Forward Combo Tees

Flight	Rank	Last	First	Index	Hdcp	Gross	Net	Points	Purse
1	1	Petri	Matt	19.5	16	86	70	10	\$20.00
1	2	Lambertson	Peter	17.5	14	85	71	9	\$15.00
1	3	Fox	Tom	16.3	13	86	73	7	
1	4	Wilhelm	Bill	24.5	21	95	74	5	
1	5	Lynch	Jim	21.0	17	92	75	3	
1	6	Collings	Ron	10.7	7	85	78	*	
1	7	Quinn	Brian	22.5	19	97	78	*	
1	8	Miller	Steve	22.9	19	101	82		
2	1	Yam	David	31.1	27	101	74	10	\$20.00
2	2	Hickey	John	33.7	29	104	75	9	\$15.00
2	3	Rawles	Jeff	30.3	26	102	76	7	
2	4	Morrison	Tom	26.9	23	101	78	*	5
2	5	Ulloa	Bernard	28.6	24	102	78	*	3
2	6	McGuire	Tom	33.0	29	107	78	*	
2	7	Dean	Michael	26.7	23	103	80		
2	8	Holmes	Wally	31.4	27	108	81		

* Tie Breaker Used

Closest to the Hole:

#8	Bill Wilhelm	21' 10"	\$10.00
#15	Steve Miller	4' 11"	\$10.00

TOTAL 68 \$90.00



Rooster Run

4/29/2024

White Tees

Flight	Rank	Last	First	Index	Hdcp	Gross	Net	Points	Purse
1	1	Lambertson	Peter	17.7	16	88	72	10	\$20.00
1	2	Fox	Tom	16.4	15	89	74	9	\$15.00
1	3	Harris	Ted	15.7	14	93	79	7	
1	4	Collings	Ron	10.9	9	89	80	5	
1	5	Wilhelm	Bill	24.6	24	106	82	3	
1	6	Lynch	Jim	20.9	20	108	88		
1	7	Miller	Steve	22.9	22	112	90		
2	1	Morrison	Tom	26.6	26	99	73	10	\$20.00
2	2	Ulloa	Bernard	28.9	28	109	81	* 9	\$15.00
2	3	Rawles	Jeff	30.5	30	111	81	* 7	
2	4	Heckman	Floyd	33.2	33	115	82	5	
2	5	Thornton	Dave	28.0	27	111	84	3	
2	6	Holmes	Wally	31.4	31	118	87		
2	7	Yam	David	31.4	31	122	91		
								* Tie Breaker Used	
Closest to the Hole:									
			#6	Steve Miller		6' 8"			\$10.00
			#15	Dave Thornton		22" 11"			\$10.00
								TOTAL	68 \$90.00

TIME TO LIGHTEN UP

Thank you.
Floyd Heckman



**IF YOUR EYES HURT
AFTER YOU DRINK COFFEE,**

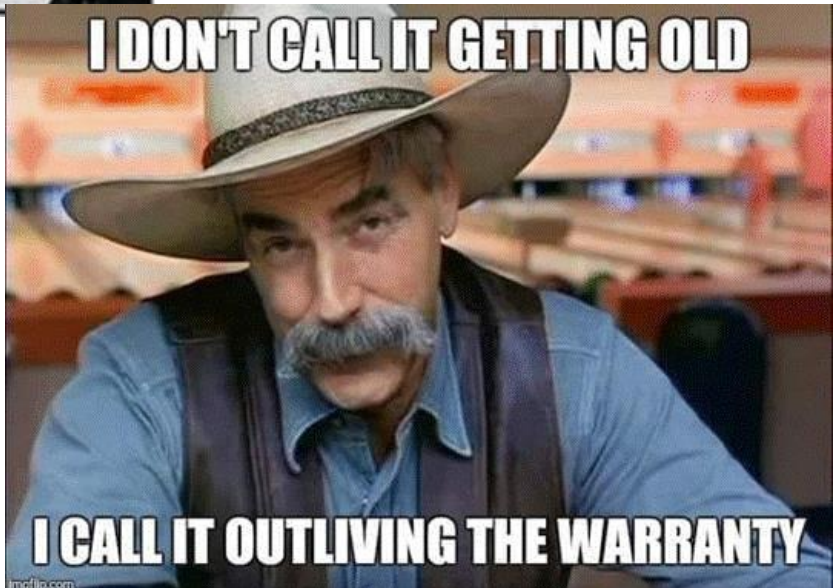


**YOU HAVE TO TAKE THE
SPOON OUT OF THE CUP.**

**You drop something
when you were younger,
you just pick it up.**

**When you're older and
you drop something, you
stare at it for a bit
contemplating if you
actually need it
anymore.**

I DON'T CALL IT GETTING OLD



I CALL IT OUTLIVING THE WARRANTY