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God Bless America

MENU

June: BBQ Steak, Salad Bar, Bananas Foster

July: Teriyaki Chicken Thigh, Shrimp Louis Salad, Raspberry Bread Pudding (Salads must be ordered one month in advance)

Big SIR Robin Jaquith



I would like to start off by thanking Wayne Veatch and Harry Liberman in joining me with my visit to Branch 91. The two Branch visitations so far have provided us with information that I hope we will utilize over time.

A comment was made by a Branch 91 member that the membership is growing older with many of their members being in their 80's. It made me wonder what is the average age of the members in our Branch? Is 80 the new 60? I think we surely have quite a few 80 year olds as well as 90 year olds in our Branch. I can understand that as one moves up in the years why he probably doesn't want to take on a leadership role. Our Branch cannot function without some guidance from a group of its members. I point this out because we are now looking to the next year for our Branch and this means we need you 60 and 70 year olds to step to the plate. There is no free lunch. We will be calling on some of you to take the step up to being a Branch leader. This is not a big venture, it means that you come to the

Sons In Retirement San Francisco Branch 4



A Luncheon Club promoting The Independence and Dignity Of Retirement

Elks Lodge 650 589-4030
Stonegate & Hillside Blvd.
So. San Francisco, CA 94080

10:30 Board Meeting
11 AM Social-12Noon Lunch
*Every friend is a potential
Member!*



Speaker David Nigel

Branch 4 Badgeman gave a very entertaining history of the Gold Rush in California.

Branch meeting at 10am and stay for lunch. So if you are called to step up don't say no just step up.

Don't forget that the Spring (Lady's Day) Luncheon is Friday, June 10th. This should prove to be a wonderful afternoon for you (you can come by yourself) or for you and your lovely lady. Lunch, entertainment, BINGO and a raffle make up the perfect lunch outing. Please send your reservation to Big SIR Robin Jaquith.

Area 1 Big SIRs and activity chairmen got together recently to discuss ways to provide more for our members. One idea is an inter-branch team competition. This competition could be in the areas of bocce-ball, golf, and bowling. We are also considering ways to encourage inter-branch activities so that when we do not have enough participants for a branch activity they could then join another branch to that

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Meeting June 1st
Next meeting July 6th
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Little SIR – Bob Fox

Well, it's June. If you live near the coast as I do it means the summer fog is rolling in. When I worked, I was always where the sun shines and so I did not mind coming home to the fog at day's end. Now it surrounds me much of the time. But there are areas in San Francisco where the one can grow tomatoes like the Mission. So an afternoon latte at Tartine's bakery is in order. Still, I am amused at first time tourists to San Francisco riding the cable car in their shorts mid-summer. Our own Dave Nigel provided us with some keen insights about the California gold rush at our May lunch. It was easy to tell by his delivery that he had been a school teacher in his career. Given the price of gold today, do consider taking one of mama's pie tins and spending a few days at Sutters Mill doing a little prospecting. Thanks, Dave. Lastly, I have posted on our branch web site a consolidated list of activities of all the branches in Area 1 including our own. You can go in and view the list of activities and select any you are interested in by contacting the activity chairman of that activity from another branch. They are expecting to hear from you. For those of you that don't have a computer, I will bring hard copies to our next lunch in June. Please don't hesitate to see me with any questions. The file name on our web site is Branch Consolidated Activities. Conversely, if you are an activity chairman in our branch, you may hear from a member of another branch.
Quote of the Month: I am not young enough to know everything.

Golf: Jack Major 415-566-2243

Ken Reed 415 810-3832

2011 Sharp Park Tournaments are scheduled for the second Tuesday of the month, starting at 0930. The results will be out on the web site, so enter the SIR Branch 4 Golf address

<http://branch4.sirinc.org/golf.htm> . If I have your email, you will be notified when new results are posted. Copies will be on the golf table at the lunch too.

The **May 10th Sharp Park Tournament** had about 40 players, and the course was in good shape, with about 6" long grass in the rough. Unless you were looking for it right over the ball or it was sitting up, good-bye.

Next Sharp Park Tournament: Tuesday June 14, 2011 first tee-off is 0930.

SIR members and their guests are invited. Sign up for tournaments at the golf table at the first Wednesday's lunch. Since there's breakfast, **check in one hour before your tee time, or risk being removed from the tournament.** Sharp Park fees are \$42 for green fees, cart, breakfast (at 0830), and prizes (\$3 each). This will be a combined tournament with Branch 4 and Branch 25. Jack Major coordinates the match, so Branch 25 goes out first, Branch 4 follows.

2011 Poplar Creek Tournaments are scheduled for Tuesday 2/15, 4/19, 6/29 (Wednesday), 8/16, 10/18, and 12/13. **No-shows without notification** will require a **\$10 contribution** to the prize fund at the next tournament.

Next Poplar Creek Tournament: Wednesday June 29th, first tee-off is 1030.

The tournament starts at 1030 for 40 golfers. Sign up at the golf table or call Jack or Ken. Green (\$30) and prize fees (\$7) are \$37; optional cart fees are \$13.50 per player double, \$18 single, payable at the Pro Shop.

SIR Area 4 Away Golf Tournaments: Jim Smith, 650-871-8855, 430 Forest View Drive, South SF, CA 94080. These tournaments are scheduled for Mondays this year.

NEW! Presidio Group Play – Jim Smith has negotiated three dates this year for the Presidio for \$42, \$39 each including cart and \$3 for the prize fund...such a deal! The first date was Tuesday May 17, the rest are on **July 19** and November 15, 2011.

On **Monday July 25th**, Napa Golf Course at Kennedy Park, 2295 Streblov Drive, Napa CA 94558, hosts the next shotgun tournament. Bus leaves the SSF Elks Club at 0630 for 0830 tee off. Bus rate \$60, drive \$55.

Upcoming Away Trips – No June Away trip, 8/29 Metropolitan, 9/29 Blue Rock Springs.

Check the web site [SIR Branch 4 Golf](#) for updates!

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If you want to get a notification of when the Foghorn is available, email Jack Major at jemajor@pacbell.net to set up our email list.

Travel Chairman – Wayne Veatch 415 821-1806
veatchlaw@gmail.com) or call me at 415-821-1806.

Our third local tour of my reign as Travel Chair was to the Disney Museum in the Presidio on May 12. Twelve Sirs and one spouse participated and really did enjoy the museum. Eleven of us met first at La Terrasse restaurant adjacent to the museum for a very tasty lunch. As we have our Ladies Day Luncheon on June 10, we will not attempt another outing in June. But Jack Major, who served on an aircraft carrier, has agreed to lead an outing to the USS Hornet Museum on July 28. Mark this one on your calendar - it will be big! We're planning to prepare a flyer to be included in the mailed copy of this June edition of The Foghorn and post it on the Branch 4 website.

By the time you read this, we will also have posted on the website the Yellow Sheet of Travel Events for 2011 and 2012, prepared by the Area 1 SIR Travel Chairs, offering tours arranged by Travel Chairs and professional tour companies. I have brought and will bring copies of it to the meeting, as well. I know some of you have taken copies of it from the table and flyers for some trips listed on that sheet. Please let me know if you will be signing up for any of them: Ashland Oregon Shakespeare Festival, June 21-25; Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, June 22-29; Sicily, September 16-26; San Diego Golf Trip, September 19-23; Halloween at Wonder Valley Ranch, October 23-25; Memphis and Nashville, November 29-December 4; New Year's in Monterey, December 30-January 2 and Winter Break in Laughlin, Nevada, January 16-19. If you are interested in any of these trips or events, contact me for details. As I've mentioned before, we Travel Chairs will plan the activities you want to get involved with, but you have to tell me where you want to go and what you want to do. We've had a couple of suggestions for local trips: a tour of the Anchor Steam brewery, one of Bob Bowen's guided tour walks, the Chinatown Museum. Send me an email (veatchlaw@gmail.com) or call me at 415-821-1806 with your suggestions.

Attention all past Big Sirs

Our Historian, Tony Ramirez needs your picture! Please Bring your picture to the meeting or see George Rodriguez, and he will take your picture at the meeting. Thank You!

If your email address is not in the roster, please send it to Jack Major, jemajor@pacbell.net .

Birthday Greetings

Chairman: Robert Hennig

May 2011 Birthday Celebrants

Andrew Banis, Robert Bowen, Belmon Cordova, Charles Gochez, Athanasios Kastoris, Warren Lee, Anthony Marotto, Herman Scholz, Tom Sylvester, and Vincent Unsinn.

Absentee Special Donor List for April

Chairman, Bill Gipe

Thanks for missed meeting contributions from Jerry Blumenthal, Alex Christ, Nick Janakes, David Krow (annual), Harry Lew (annual), Greg Pantages, Don Price, Bill Robles, Art Rogers, Richard Soward, George Staniotes, and Marios Stathopoulos. Thanks again to all of Branch 4's monthly, annual and special contributors. The \$2 lunch donation helps with Branch 4 expenses. Thank You!

Please notify Bill Gipe (650-878-5746) if you'll miss a lunch meeting.

Please see me at the meeting if your name is missing from this partial list.

Membership and attendance

Report for April 2011

On May 4, 2011 there were 83 active members and 1 inactive member at the lunch meeting. That's 59% attendance. Active members 140 (includes Honorary Life Member, Sam Riskin) Inactive members 19
May roster changes include Ed Woodward moving to Inactive List #428 and Jack Campbell's request for Inactive List.

Rewards for Branch 4

When you make a purchase at Office Depot, give them the Rewards # 1738924784 and Branch 4 will get the credit. A win win situation! This will help defray expenses. Thank You!

Lucky SIR- Branch 4

Some of the SIR members recently attended a "Save the Sharp Park Golf Course Rally", at the Sharp Park Golf Course. After the meeting, a raffle was held, with some very nice gifts going to attendees. Golf co-chair Ken Reed won a brand new set of 8 irons, #4-AW Taylor Made Mens Burner Super Launch irons. Way to go Ken!

Attention!

Send in your reservation for the Ladies Day Luncheon. You still have time. \$25.00 per person. Broiled Tri-Tip Broiled Fish or Vegetarian (please specify your choice.

Send check to :

**Robin Jaquith
127 Essex Way
Pacifica, CA 94044**

Pinochle George Samoulides 415 564 5384

If you know the game or are interested in learning the game, join us on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month. Meetings are at the Holy Trinity Christopher Community Center, 999 Brotherhood Way, in San Francisco. Hope to see you there for some fellowship and fun.

Sunshine Committee

Shut ins Chairman Lee M. Appel 415 221 6664

Sick List for April 2011

Peter Angelonides, Aron Aronovsky, Henry Fields, Nick Rigas, and Jim Triggas.

Computer Club – Jerry Blumenthal 415 681 1208

Meeting at 11:45 every 3rd Wednesday of the month at the Doelger Senior Center, Westlake – Daly City. All those interested in computers are welcome to attend.

Next meeting – May 18th

Glee Club – George Rodriguez 650 992-8321

We will practice during the social hour and after the meeting.

Bowling – Bob Fox 415 753-2630

The Over the Hill Gang completed the winter season April 28th. Final League Standings (Only SIR Teams and Individuals)
4th. Place: Mean Machine (Bob Fox and Mates)
5th. Place: 3 Clowns (Earl Somers, Ed Sawyer and Dan Kramer)
6th. Place: Team 5 (Al Ertassi and Mates)
7th. Place: Team 11 (Art Tanjuaquio, Joe Jacinto and Rudy Gutierrez)
12th Place: Team 8 (Mel Kranke, John Candau and Joe Sebastinelli)
14th Place: 3 Coins (Arturo Encabo and Mates)
Individual SIR Final Averages:
John Ghiglieri (172); Al Ertassi (167); Arturo Encabo (161); Rudy Gutierrez (154); Joe Sebastinelli (151); Bob Ratto (148); Ed Sawyer (146); John Candau (138); Dan Kramer (136); Art Tanjuaquio (134); Earl Somers (133); Joe Jacinto (128); Leo Juarez (125); Bob Fox (118); Mel Kranke (110); Ernie Gochez (107)
High Handicap Series: Bob Ratto (716)

Bocce Ball Harry Lieberman 415-584-3794

Every Wednesday 10-12 except the first when it's 9:30-11. Just show up at Doelger Senior Center.

SIR Happenings is now in its seventh year of publishing, and the readership is growing. Enjoy reading SIR Happenings, the State Newsletter, and find out about all the fun things that are going on throughout our organization. You can easily find Happenings on the SIR State Website: sirinc.org.

Don't forget to wear your pin to the meetings. The Bolo Ties, Lapel Pins, Patches, and Decals are all reasonably priced at \$2 to \$3 each. **Fly the SIR Colors!** See Bill Gipe!

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activity. As we move forward in this area we will definitely let you know.

Beginning next month I encourage you to read through the Fog Horn carefully to see if your badge number is hidden somewhere in the body of the newsletter. If it is and you find it you could just maybe win something BIG! See all of you in June.

Bocce Ball



Cybersirs



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