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God Bless America

MENU

September: BBQ Chicken, Salad Bar, Apple Oatmeal Crisp
October: Spaghetti with Meatballs, Club Sandwich with French Fries, Éclair with Italian Rum.
(Salads must be ordered one month in advance)

Big SIR Robin Jaquith



Ah, the lazy days of summer are behind us and we are now ready for what we San Franciscans call "Indian Summer". Balmy days and warm evenings, baseball season nearing its end, football upon us, and a new energy that comes from the change in our weather.

September is **"BRING A FRIEND TO LUNCH"**. Let's all try and bring that friend to lunch we keep saying we're going to, but just don't seem to get around to it. The SIR bringing the most friends to lunch will be rewarded with \$5.00 worth of raffle tickets. Don't forget if you bring in a new member there is a reward for this too. Remember not to forget that somewhere in this FOG HORN there is a hidden badge number. Look for *Badge # xxxx* and if you see your number don't forget to call me, Bob Fox or George Rodriguez. Finding your number and reporting it will give you \$5.00 in raffle tickets.

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!*



**Happy Birthday
United States Air Force**

**September Speaker
Rick and Julia
Cole's Hardware**

I want to thank our Board Members elect for stepping up to the plate. We have some new faces taking on leadership. I know we all look forward to Bob Fox and his team taking the lead next year.

The ponies are running at Golden Gate Fields this October. Wayne Veatch is putting together a SIR outing for us that sounds great. Valet parking, admission and reserved seating, daily racing program, prime rib buffet, with tax/tip included all of this for only 27 dollars per person. Mark your calendars now so that you won't forget this outing, Friday, October 21, 2011. Read more about this outing and others that Wayne has put together for us in this FOG HORN and all upcoming FOG HORNS.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you and your friends/guest for our **"BRING A FRIEND** to lunch, September

Fog Horn Issue September 2011

Meeting September 7th
Next meeting October 5th
Editor: George Rodriguez
Asst. Editor: Flor Mendoza
Ex Officio: Wayne Veatch
Area 1 Governor:
George Kranen
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Robert Manell
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Little SIR – Bob Fox

September is here. It is time for Indian summer. That means an absence of fog for us San Franciscans. My wife can finally take down the clothes in the yard she hanged there late spring. Fall is my favorite time of the year and I recall the wonderful colors on the trees where I grew up in Chicago. But I do love the perfect days of autumn here. And we always take a spin up around 6,000 feet in the Sierras late in October and hike around where the fall colors show off. Additionally we like pitching a tent in one of our state campgrounds during the week where it is uncrowded and quiet.

I will be playing hooky for the September lunch as I'll be enjoying a Mediterranean cruise that will include places like Italy, France, Monte Carlo, Spain, and Tunis. I've dreamed of going there for years. I'll look at the water and reflect on how ancient Phoenician sailboats made their way with their booty on board. Then depending on the declining stock market come back home and seek work once again.

Quote of the Month: When a friend is in trouble, don't annoy him by asking if there is anything you can do. Think up something appropriate and do it. Edgar Howe

**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 **August 9th Sharp Park Tournament** results will be out on the website when available.

Next Sharp Park Tournament: Tuesday September 13th, 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. Jim Smith coordinates the match, so Branch 4 goes out first before Branch 25.

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 commissioner's pocket fund at the next tournament.

The **August 16th Poplar Creek Tournament** results will be out on the website when available.

Next Poplar Creek Tournament: Tuesday October 18th, 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 two dates were Tuesday May 17th and July 19th, and the last one is November 15, 2011.

On **Monday September 19th, Blue Rock Springs Golf Course,** 655 Columbus Parkway, Vallejo, CA 94591, 707-643-8476, hosts the next shotgun tournament. Bus leaves the SSF Elks Club at 0630 for an 0830 tee off. Bus rate \$60, drive \$55.

Upcoming Away Trips –10/24 Foxtail – North, 11/21 Crystal Springs.

Check the web site SIR Branch 4 Golf for updates!



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

We continue to offer you two levels of travel adventures: local tours, organized for and by Branch 4, and bigger tours, organized by Area 1 and the State. Our last Branch 4 outing, Jack Major's tour of the USS Hornet Museum, was terrific. Our next Branch 4 outing is Thursday, September 22, a History Walk of Fort Mason, led by Paul Rosenberg and Bob Bowen. Don't miss this one and bring your wife and/or a friend. We'll meet at 10 AM at Fort Mason, tour for about two hours then have lunch together, probably at Greens Restaurant in Fort Mason. Please call or email Paul to let him know you are coming: prose38@pacbell.net, 415-751-9039. Paul will then give you details of where to meet and how to get there by Muni or where to park. He will also cover these details in the September meeting. Badge #024

We'll again take a local tour on Thursday, October 20, this time a tour of the historic Hyde Street Pier Historical Park, again led by Paul Rosenberg and Bob Bowen. See the October Foghorn and listen to the announcement at the October meeting, for details.

Reminder: the Yellow Sheet of Travel Events for 2011 and 2012, prepared by the Area 1 SIR Travel Chairs, and a listing of State SIR tour offerings, arranged by Travel Chairs and professional tour companies are on the website. I have also distributed copies of flyers at luncheon meetings. If you are interested in any of these trips or events, please let me know, so I can coordinate with the sponsor of the trip.

Send me an email (veatchlaw@gmail.com) or call me at 415-821-1806 with your suggestions. And please share this column with your wife or S.O.

They're Off And Running

Golden Gate Fields "Salute to SIR" day at the races, Friday October 21, 2011. If we can get a minimum of 12, the SIR Turf Club package for \$27 pp includes: Valet parking, admission and reserved seating, daily racing program, prime rib buffet, tax/tip for the food servers and a race named in honor of Branch 4. Call (650-355-0805) or email (rjaquith@telis.org) Robin Jaquith today to reserve your spot."

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!

**Birthday Greetings
Chairman: Robert Hennig**

September 2011 Birthday Celebrants

Bill Angelopoulos, Aaron Aronovsky, Michael Ashe, Clark Benson, Henry Chiu, George Fenech, Richard Gedymin, Bill Gipe, Gil Goo, Spiro Jougonatos, Alex Koliopoulos, Harry Lew, Ted Scourkes, Glenn Whiteside

Absentee Special Donor List for July

Chairman, Bill Gipe

Branch 4 thanks members for their annual, special, and missed meeting contributions. Your donation pays for branch expenses. August contributors include Art Rogers, George Samoulides, Bill Robles, Greg Pantages, Arturo Encabo, Bill Angelopoulos, Jim Mayo, Chris Manitses.

New member Bob Richter – Annual Donor

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

Membership and attendance

Report for July 2011

Active Membership 137 Inactive Members 23

Changes: Frank Hanly moves to inactive list. Branch 4 welcomes August inductee Robert Richter

Attendance on August 3rd, 2011- 80 members or 58.8%.

In Memoriam

Nick Roccas

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.

Officers for 2012

Big SIR – Bob Fox
Little SIR – Ken Reed
Secretary - Stu Ruth
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Asst. Treasurer – Dennis Meixner

Directors

George Fenech, Fred Danneker, George Mourgos, Steve Machado, Thomas Sylvester, Bill Gipe

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 July 2011

Peter Angelonides, , 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 – August 17th

Glee Club – George Rodriguez 650 992-8321

No practice this month.

Bowling – Bob Fox 415 753-2630

Over The Hill Gang

The SIR team (Art Tanjuaquio, Joe Jacinto, and Rudt Gutierrez) . from Branch #4 have climbed up the ladder into third place in the standings. Al Ertassi and his mates occupy fifth place. John Candau and his mates occupy eighth place. The sole complete SIR team representing Branch #25, The 3 Clowns, (Earl Somers, Dan Kramer, and John Ghiglieri) occupy the basement and have no place to go except up. With that incentive, LOOK OUT all you non-SIR teams. Individual Achievements: John Ghiglieri still maintains the highest average (182.41) closely followed by non-SIR Joe Lopez (182.08). Ghiglieri also holds highest scratch series (619) and has third highest H/C series (694).Art Tanjuaquio holds down second highest H/C game (263).. There are only eight SIR bowlers all told in the summer league. We are in need of more SIR keglers for the forthcoming winter league.

Bocce Ball

Harry Lieberman 415-584-3794

Charlie Leach 415 333-7277

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

Senior Tennis Harry Lew 415 – 333-2984

We meet Mondays and Thursdays from 10 AM to 12 Noon At Glen Park in San Francisco.

The court is reserved for us and we each put in \$10.00 annually to buy balls. We have a lot of fun and we are a fun group. If you want to stay fit and healthy, come join our group. All you need is a racket.

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Answers to Quiz

1. Lowell- Red & White – Indians
 2. Polytechnic – Red & Black – Parrots
 3. Galileo – Purple & Gold – Lions
 4. Balboa – Blue & Orange
 5. Mission – Brown & Gold – Bears
 6. St. Ignatius – Red & Blue -Wildcats
 7. Sacred Heart – Blue & White – Fighting Irish
 8. Commerce – Blue & White – Bulldogs
 9. Lincoln – Red & Orange
 10. Washington – Red & Gray – Eagles
- The tallest hill in San Francisco is Mount Davidson.
Golden Gate Park S.F. 1,017 acres. Central Park N.Y. 843 acres

Editor's Note

Look for your badge number!

If you see your badge number, identified with a #, call Robin Jaquith, Bob Fox or George Rodriguez. You will win 5 free raffle tickets. A very good idea from Big SIR Robin, to make September “Bring a Friend Month.” The member who brings in the most guests for September, wins 5 free raffle tickets.

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