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Branch 4
Monthly Newsletter



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Forthcoming Activities

August 20th (Wed)
Picnic Day with Branch 91
at Flood Park, at the Oak
Site, 215 Bay Road
Menlo Park, CA 94025
down the Peninsula .

December 3rd (Wed)
Holiday (Christmas) Party
Seating capacity is limited.

Support
Branch 4
Buy raffle tickets
for a chance to
win cash prizes!!!

LUNCHEON MENU:



JUL: BBQ Chicken,
House Salad w/ 1000
Dressing, Warm Apple
Oatmeal Crisp, Fish & Chip cole-
slaw.

AUG: Calamari Steak in lemon
butter sauce. House Salad with
Pesto Dressing, Cream Brule
Chef's Salad

Note: Salad must be ordered one
month in advance.

SONS IN RETIREMENT

*A Luncheon Club promoting the Independence and
Dignity of Retirement.*

Every friend is a potential member.

Meeting Date: July 2, 2014

Elks Lodge (650) 589 4030 ext. 17
Stonegate & Hillside Blvd.
So. San Francisco, CA 94080

10:00AM Board Meeting
11:00AM Social-12:00 Lunch

Speaker:

Ray Waddell (see Page 2)

Topic: To be announced



Paul Rosenberg, Big Sir

Accompanying this Fog Horn is a leaflet for our picnic on Wednesday, August 20. Please join us for our get together with our fellow SIRs from Branch 91. Come early for Bocci ball and refreshments and stay for bingo. Our special lunch will be either steak or chicken. Please bring your own utensils. Deadline for reservations is August 10 so please send me your choice and payment soon. If you would like to volunteer at the picnic, please let me know.

We will be starting a domino group after our lunch on July 2 in the game room in the back of the Elks Lodge. Frank Moriconi and I will be there and hope for a good turn-out. We are beginners and hope for some experienced players to help us with the game.

Last month's Klutter Auction brought some action to our luncheon and brought in over \$130 for our branch.

At our last luncheon, we instituted a suggestion box. If you have any suggestions for new activities, interesting speakers, or travel suggestions, please take the time to share your ideas. If you have complaints, I would also appreciate your passing them along so our board and I can resolve the issues.

Our executive board meets at ten o'clock in the conference room at the back of the Elk's Lodge. Please consider joining us at a meeting to see how we conduct the business of the branch. We cover our branch's stability, check minutes, review the treasurer's report, plan activities, and look for ways to improve. If you enjoy our board meeting, you may want to participate at a more active level. Our nominating committee is completing our slate for 2015 and there are still a couple of vacancies. So, stop by and see the board in action and consider joining our board. Contact me and I'll let the nominating committee know your interest.

We are looking for a Sunshine Chair. The sunshine chair contacts our members who are under the weather and offers good cheer. The chair announces those who would appreciate some warmth at the meetings and offers some humor to the membership. For years, Lee Appel brightened our meetings with two or three jokes and many laughs. It is time to resume Lee's work so please consider volunteering.

On a personal note, I had the pleasure of joining our pinochle group last month. I have a commitment that usually prevents my attending but was able to stop by for a few hands. I had a delightful time. We had two tables going and the play was speedy. There was great conviviality at the game and time passed quickly. Many believe that card games like pinochle that involve card counting and strategy keep the mind nimble. So, in addition to a good time, pinochle keeps our minds young. So consider stopping by sometime, even if just for coffee and cookies.



Bud Sandkulla, Little Sir

This years Kentucky Derby winner made for a good story. California Chrome, a colt produced from a \$8,000 mare and a \$2,500 stallion? That's not the usual cost for horse breeding, especially if your going to race in the Derby. I guess that's why a competitors trainer called the two owners "dumb asses". Or maybe it was because they hired a 77 year old man to train the horse. Now that the partners are winners, I wonder if the trainer will call them "smart asses". My wife and I have fun watching the Derby, with all the huge crowds (165,000), fancy clothes, hats and 140 year history of horse racing tradition. I somewhat feel like I'm there as I sip on my Mint Julep, watch the horses and jockeys parade by as they head to the gates. Then they're off and running, as the excitement builds, hoping for our horse to come in. With all the pre-race build-up and hype, for probably the most premier horse race in the world, it's all over in around two minutes. So now it's off to the Preakness to see if California Chrome can make it six wins in a row. He's the only horse that can win the Triple Crown, so I'm betting on him.

At our monthly luncheons, you might notice a "suggestion box" on the back table. All comments are welcome and will be considered by the board.

Another friendly reminder that Dec. 3rd is just 6 months away, so mark your calendars for our Holiday Luncheon.

Thanks to all you committee guys out there! You're the best!

HERE'S TO YOU.

HAPPY DAYS AND MANY MORE OF THEM!!!

Meet the Speaker

Ray Waddell was commissioned an Ensign in the United States Navy via the Navy Reserve Officer Training Corps

Following Captain Waddell's designation as a Naval Aviator, he completed assignments at the Naval Air Test Center, Attack Squadron One Zero Five (VA-105), Attack Squadron One Seventy Four (VA-174), and Strike Fighter Squadron Two Zero Three (VFA-203) as Commanding Officer. Subsequently, he served as Deputy Operations and Logistics Officer for the United States European Command during Operation Desert Storm and Operation Provide Comfort. Captain Waddell retired from Naval service in 1997

In addition to his naval career, Captain Waddell flew for Eastern and United Airlines retiring in 2013. Currently Captain Waddell volunteers as a docent aboard the USS Hornet as well as serving as a member of the Board of Directors for the Bay Area Tailhook Association and the A-7 Corsair II Association.

The Golfer

Tournament Schedules
Branch 4

For Reservation
Please Call:

Jack Major
415 566 2243
Ken Reed
415 810 3832



A one-page summary of the **local SIR golf rules** has been published and is now available. Pick up a copy on the golf table or check the web site: <http://branch4.sirinc2.org/golf.html>.

2014 Sharp Park Tournaments are scheduled for the second Tuesday of the month, starting at 0930. **Note:** The November tournament is **Wednesday 11/12**, since Tuesday is Veterans Day, a holiday. Check the website for the current schedules and past results. Copies will be on the golf table at the lunch too. Make sure I have your email for alerts, lineups, and results.

The Tuesday June 10th **Sharp Park tournament** results are available on the golf web site above and will be available on the golf table at the lunch.

Next Sharp Park Tournament:

Tuesday July 8th, 2014 - 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. There's **breakfast that starts at 0815**, so you want to get there early. At least, **check in one hour before your tee time**. The lineup will be sent out by email a few days before. Sharp Park fees are \$45 for green fees, cart, and breakfast, and prizes (\$4 each). Carts are allowed on most par 4's and 5's, depending on the ground conditions.

2014 Poplar Creek Tournaments are scheduled for Tues 1/21, Tues 2/18, Wed 4/23, Tues 6/17, Wed 8/27, Tues 10/21, Wed 11/19, Tues 12/16. We have 10 tee times for 40 players starting at 1015.

No-shows without notification will require a **\$10 contribution** to the commissioner's pocket fund at the next tournament.

Next Poplar Creek Tournament:

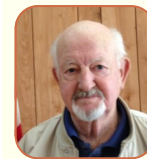
Wednesday August 27th, first tee-off is 1015.

Sign up at the golf table or call Jack or Ken. Green (\$30) and prize fees (\$7) are \$37; optional cart fees are \$14 per player double, \$19 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 starting in March. See the website or the golf table at the lunch. No bus trips this year, so arrange car pools if possible.

On **Monday July 28th**, **Foxtail Golf Course – South Course**, 100 Golf Course Drive, Rohnert Park 9498, 707-584-7766, hosts the shotgun tournament, **starting at 0830**. Get your \$50 payment/foursome requests to Jim by 10 days ahead.

Upcoming Away Trips – August 22nd Skywest, September 22nd Foxtail-North, October 27th Sunnyvale, November 24th Crystal Springs.

Check the web site for updates!



From your Travel Chair, Wayne Veatch

Our Branch 4 local tour for June was on Friday the 20th, a visit to the San Mateo County Historical Museum, Redwood City, featuring 24 model ships handcrafted by San Carlos resident Charles Parsons. Twelve SIRs and guests, many arriving by CalTrain, had a great visit followed by lunch in downtown Redwood City.



As you read this, I will be traveling in Scotland, exploring the Veatch family roots and will miss the July meeting. James Veitch, who emigrated to the colony of Maryland in 1651, came from Roxburghshire, Scotland, along the border with England. We'll visit his grandparent's estate, Dawyck, which is now a Royal Botanical Garden.

July's tour, on Wednesday, July 30, will be to Recology's San Francisco Solid Waste Transfer Station and Recycling Center. This is a very interesting tour – I'll be back for this one. Learn where your garbage and recycling goes! So far, we have 9 SIRs signed up and will take more signups at the July meeting. Be sure to write down your email address so I can send you detailed instructions.

We hope you (and your spouse, S.O. or a friend) will join us on these local tours. We "regulars" for these tours have a lot of fun and look forward to you joining us.

Of course, I continue to encourage you to take advantage of travel offerings listed in SIR Happenings and offered by other Branches in Area 1. I bring flyers each month and remind you to check the Travel link on our website, <http://branch4.sirinc2.org/> for details. If you do sign up for any of these tours, please send me an email or call me and let me know how it went: veatch-law@gmail.com, 415-297-1807.

Bocce Ball—*Harry Lieberman—Charlie Leach Meets on Wednesdays at Doelger Senior Center 1st Wednesday 9:30—11:00 Other Wednesdays 10:00—12:00 (Wives Welcome)*

Computer Club—*Jerry Blumenthal (415) 728 5573 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. Badge #119*

Pinochle—*George Samoulides (415) 564 5384 Games are on the 2nd & 4th Mondays of each month. All SIRs are invited to join in the fun. We start at 1:30pm. Call George for further information. Hope to see you there for some fellowship and fun.*

Pull Tabs: Save your tab tops from aluminum cans and give them to Joe Sangiacomo or Walt Prawicki. They are for Ronald McDonald House. Walt Prawicki thanks all those who have supported this worthy cause.

Senior Tennis—*Harry Lew (415) 333 2984 We play at Balboa Park on Mondays and Thursdays, from 10 AM-12 Noon; and at Glen Park on Wednesdays and Fridays from 10 AM to 12 Noon. Call Harry for information.*

SIR Happenings: The latest edition of SIR Happenings has just been posted on the SIR website: <http://sirinc.org/sirhappenings/>
I hope you enjoy reading our latest edition.
Don MacGregor, Editor, SIR Happenings.

Walk 4 Health—*Ken Reed 415 810 3832 Meets on the last Friday of the month at a variety of locations at 9:45AM. The walks are scenic, fun and full of camaraderie. An email sent monthly as to the current location. Guests welcome.*



BIRTHDAY GREETINGS
Jim Parsons, Chairman



GIL ADRETE, JERRY BLUMENTHAL, WILLIAM COOPER, JERRY DRISCOLL, NICK FUSENOFF, HANK GOMEZ, AL HERPE, BUD HOWARD, CHARLEY LEACH, BILL LEISERING, TOM LENES, CHRIS MANITSAS, JIM McCOY, DENNIS MEIXNER, TONY RAMIREZ, GEORGE RODRIGUEZ, WAYNE VEATCH, JIM PARSONS

IN MEMORIAM
Gene Reiss

Membership & Attendance
Bill Gipe, Chairman

Branch #4 thanks Jim McTiernan and John Lombard for missed meeting contribution, and Robin Jaquith for annual contribution.



June 4, 2014 meeting attendance was 111 active, 1 inactive, 2 inductees, and 1 guest.

Membership Statistics: Active

Membership May 2014	196
Add 1 New Members	2
From Inactive to Active	0
Resignation/Moved	0
To: Inactive	
Deceased	
Total for June 2014	198
Total (Inactive) Revised	35

Branch #4 welcomes Robert Gardner (sponsored by Jack Major) and Leonard Lewis (sponsored by Bob Scholten). Bob Gardner is a retired Pac Bell engineer. Len Lewis was a chemist and quality control specialist at the GSA.

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San Francisco Branch 4

Travel Chair Article for next- FOGHORN

We are planning to take a tour of the [San Francisco 49ers](#) home stadium at [Candlestick Park](#) during **August**. Home to the five time Super Bowl Champion S. F. 49ers, and the original home of the San Francisco Giants, Candlestick Park brims with memories and legacies! Take a tour and get the scoop behind the scenes. On this sixty minute guided tour you'll experience the Locker Room and walk through the tunnel onto the field! You can run the gridiron, check out the old Giants dugout, see the views from the press box way up high, peek inside a luxury suite, and more! You can even re-enact "The Catch" by Dwight Clark from Joe Montana that led the 49ers to their first Super Bowl right where it happened!

As you know, this beloved/reviled facility will be torn down in the near future. We can reserve up to 20 spaces at \$15 apiece for any of the three daily tours [9:30 am, 11:30 am or 2:00 pm]. We will reserve one of the four Mondays in August 2014. If you are interested please contact Tony Ramirez, (415) 585-5714 anthonyramirez2@comcast.net or sign up at our next meeting on July 2nd

