

The SIR Branch 4 Foghorn

**November Luncheon Meeting. Second Wednesday! November 9, 2022
Basque Cultural Center (BCC), 599 Railroad Ave., South San Francisco**

Reminder-SIR Branch 4 Holiday Party

Season's Greetings and Happy Holidays from Big SIR Stu Ruth and Little SIR John McGlothlin. We will celebrate the holidays with our traditional Luncheon at the Oyster Point Yacht Club.

Date / Time: First Wednesday December 7, 2022, starting at 11:00 AM.

Location/Directions: The Oyster Point Yacht Club is at 911 Marina Blvd in South San Francisco. The area is very nice, however, there is some construction in the area. Watch for the bright red sign on the right after Gull Drive. It clearly shows the right turn onto Marina Boulevard.

From the 101-freeway heading South take exit 425B for Oyster Point Blvd East, continue on Oyster Point Blvd. Then turn right onto Marina Blvd.

From the 101-freeway heading North, take exit 425B for Oyster Point Blvd, turn left onto Dubuque Ave, turn right onto Oyster Point Blvd. Then turn right onto Marina Blvd.

From the South San Francisco Elks, head East down Hillside Blvd, continue on Sister Cities Blvd, then straight ahead onto Oyster Point Blvd. Then turn right onto Marina Blvd.

\$40 per person Holiday Luncheon – December 7, 2022

Please send your reservation no later than **Nov. 15, 2022**,
along with your check, payable to SIR Branch 4

Mail to:

*John McGlothlin
1281 Claremont Dr.
San Bruno, CA 94066*

Reservations For (Names): _____ Telephone: _____

Luncheon Menu Choices (write names in front of choice):

- _____ Tri-Tip with Mushroom Sauce, Roasted Potatoes and Vegetables
- _____ Stuffed Sole with Rice and Vegetables*
- _____ Chicken Ala Marino with Rice and Vegetables*
- _____ Stuffed Portobello Mushroom

- Dairy-free available. Ask about gluten-free if needed.

Check here if you will bring a gift for our Gift Exchange: _____

Doors open at 11AM, Lunch served at 12 Noon. Volunteers needed (contact SIR John)

And now, on to the November Foghorn!

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Your 2022 Officers

Big Sir – Stuart Ruth
(415) 387-7176

Little Sir – John
McGlothlin
(650) 952-3673

Secretary – Robert
Calhoun
(415) 861-2814

Treasurer – Robert
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God Bless America



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December Holiday Lunch, will be First Wednesday, December 7th,
Oyster Point Yacht Club!**

Lunch Basics. SIR Branch 4 will hold its next luncheon meeting Wednesday, November 9th at the Basque Cultural Center, 599 Railroad Ave., South San Francisco. Lunch will be served at 12 noon and the bar will be available at 11:30AM. Menu choices will be Chicken Cordon Bleu, White Fish of the Day, or Mushroom Risotto. Cost will again be \$30.00.

Please respond no later than Wednesday, November 2nd so we can inform the restaurant. We need to know you plan on attending, PLUS your choice of Chicken, Fish, or Risotto. Please respond directly to Paul Nocero at SIRpaul@nocero.com, or by phone to 415-254-8175

November Luncheon Speaker. Our November Speaker is Coleman Rosenberg (Yes, Paul Rosenberg's son!) sharing his experiences as a 21st Century Merchant Mariner.

Tis the Season! Come celebrate the Holidays with your SIR friends and guests! We're returning to *Dominic's at Oyster Point Yacht Club*, scene of many fine events.

Date and Time: First Wednesday, December 7, 2022. Doors open at 11:00 AM, Lunch served at 12 Noon. Menu choices are: Tri-Tip, Stuffed Sole, Chicken Ala Marino, or Stuffed Portobello Mushroom. Cost will be \$40. Volunteers needed. **Reservation form on First Page!**

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Information and Announcements

Election Day. November is election month and Branch 4 is required to elect officers and board members. The following current officeholders are presented for your consideration. When the Foghorn went to press, the BEC was still discussing the Big and Little SIR positions currently occupied by Stu Ruth and John McGlothlin. We'll discuss these positions and solicit floor input.

Officers	Current Board (BEC) Members	
Big SIR	Jerry Blumenthal	Flor Mendoza
Little SIR	Stuart Etzler	Paul Nocero
Secretary-Bob Calhoun	Bill Gipe	Tony Ramirez
Assistant Secretary - Jack Major	Al Herpe	Ken Reed
Treasurer-Bob Golton	Charley Leach	George Rodriguez
Assistant Treasurer-George Fenech		

We will vote first on the Officers individually and then on Directors as a group. Before voting, we will invite nominations from the floor. There is always a need for SIRs interested in participating in our meetings and contributing their experience and perspectives. Floor Nominees for Director will be added to the group to be voted for. We would love to have more than 10 Directors!

What it takes to be an effective SIR Director: wanting to make our Branch better; willingness to attend and participate in monthly board (BEC) meetings; thoughtful listening and willingness to share your ideas; insisting you receive the information to make thoughtful decisions. In other words, the traits, and skills you've developed throughout life including SIR lunches and activities! Try it, you won't regret it!

Membership and Attendance (Bill Gipe)

SIR Birthdays. Branch 4 remembers November birthdays for Dennis Hoyt, John Lewkowitz, Daniel Quigg, Gene Rieland, and George Suter.

New Members. Branch 4 has two pending members: Joseph Shansky and Joe Penko. In October we welcomed new member and golfer Gabriel Maldonado.

Membership & Attendance.

91 Active members
 1 Super Senior
 92 total

Sunshine List. Branch 4 sends greetings to Big SIR Emeritus Jerry Blumenthal, and Area Governor Foster Kinney (COVID). We remember all SIR members facing health challenges and miss seeing you.

20th Century SIRs. Our Roster includes seven SIRs who joined before 2000. Kids!

Paul Denatale (October 1985) deceased 2022 George Samoulides (March 1989) Big SIR 1995 Patrick "Pat" Long (October 1996) Rich Palmer (November 1996)	Robert "Bob" Arata (March 1997) Isaac "Ike" Mejia (June 1999), Pablo Magat (September 1999)
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October Lunch. 31 SIRs and 2 guests attended.

October's Speaker. SIR John Cooney Esq. shared his experiences as an Attorney for the Army (JAG), US Attorney and Bank of America. John discussed interesting cases highlighting issues such as investigating and correcting damages resulting from military testing, the case of the battalion crossing a line with their "mascot", a jurist with a hidden "agenda", and how business advice to borrowers carries a risk to the lender.

The Desert Cart. Thanks to Al Herpe for catering the doughnuts for our last two luncheons. Thanks to John Cooney for the fondly remembered brownies. Some ask, others act!

Activities

Local Travel

Bill Gipe, 650-878-5746. Bill Gipe reports he is still planning for a visit to the Peninsula Museum of Art at Tanforan Center. Look forward to more information and for a visit in December. If you're curious about Tanforan Shopping Center and long-term plans for the area check this Web Site for the comprehensive San Mateo Daily Journal article:

https://www.smdailyjournal.com/news/local/plans-for-san-brunos-tanforan-unveiled/article_d942d1b4-4c40-11ed-ad04-a76b3c0f17f1.html

Large real estate projects often move slowly in a smaller-sized City like San Bruno, however, marijuana sales are coming at a pace that will leave you puffing; three retail locations, plus one distribution center!

CyberSIRs

Jerry Blumenthal. Jerry's still on the Injured List. Wishing you well, Jerry!

Walk For Health



George Suter, 415-314-6768. George reported at the October Luncheon our next SIR outing would visit the SF Waterfront Urban Trail. Stay tuned for detailed information George provides.

Wine Tasting

Call Bob Fox for info (415-753-2630).

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Jack Major 415-412-6654 (cell) and vacant. November 2022

A summary of the **local SIR golf rules** has been published and is now available. Check the web site: <http://branch4.sirinc2.org/golf.html>.

The **2022 Sharp Park Tournaments** are still scheduled for the **second Tuesday** of the month, starting at 0930. Check the website for the current schedules and past results. Signups and results will be emailed.

Results of the October 11th Sharp Park match – We had 27 players in 8 groups starting at 0930. The greens were in “Tricky Dick” shape. The fairways had some gopher mounds. There was a trapper out near the berm and I didn't see any ground squirrels around. Just a cage with a water dish.

Highlights: Birdies: Dave LaBelle on par-3 hole #5, Joe Penko on par-3 #8, Bob Calhoun on par-4 #15, with the drive pretty close. He and Richter were duking it out in the same group, both with a 91.

Two guests played - Bob Petty with Mike Abeyta, Rich Nishki with Rich Fraher. Sign these guys up and get a free lunch at the Basque Center!

You can mention any long drives, chips, or putts propaganda next time on your cards for the highlights.

The green fees went up \$2 as of 9/1 to \$26, so the prizes were \$4 each to balance out this month.

Next Sharp Park Tournament: Tuesday, November 8th - first tee-off is 0930. SIR members and their guests are invited. **Check in a half-hour before your tee time** inside the club house. Sharp Park fees are **\$30 - \$26 greens**, and \$4 prize fund. Add a cart for \$20 for \$50. Breakfasts for \$13 are available per Kevin

The **Poplar Creek Tournaments Remaining 2022 dates:** Wednesday 10/26, and Tuesday 12/20. These start at 1000 with a 40-player max. 2023 TBA.

Results of the October 26th Poplar Creek match: - results weren't available at press time.

Next Poplar Creek Tournament: Tuesday December 20th. First tee-off is 1000. Signup online, and the 11/9 Luncheon clipboard too.

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Contact Charley Leach at 415-333-7277 or Crleach@sbcglobal.net.

We hope more SIR members will join the Bocce Team that meets every Wednesday afternoon from 1:00-3:00 pm. Feel free to join the activity for a lot of fun and camaraderie. If interested contact Co-Chairmen Charley Leach or Roger Kelly for more details.

Nigel on the Ball. A great time was enjoyed by our Bocce Ball enthusiasts as they enjoyed a totally reconstructed Bocce Ball court on a beautiful day at the Doelger Senior Center Bocce Ball court located in Daly City.

Co-Chairmen Charley Leach, Jere Driscoll, Richard Soward, and David Nigel had to make major adjustments from their previous playing techniques on the former dirt and rock court to a brand-new artificial grass facility. Competition between the two teams was close and exciting.

Co-Chairmen Charley Leach and Roger Kelly are always searching for more participants to join the weekly gatherings that occur on the second, third, and fourth Wednesdays of each month with game time commencing promptly at 1:00 p.m. and concluding by 3:00 p.m.

Those interested in joining this great enjoyable activity are invited to show up on the scheduled days and times.

From Dave Nigel, Roving Reporter-Thursday September 29th, George Suter led another of our very interesting and enjoyable SIR walks. This San Francisco “Walk” was an excellent three-mile adventure with lots to see from Mountain Lake located near the Presidio over to Arguello Avenue on the Mountain Lake Trail. The return took place from Clement Street to Lake Street.

These monthly excursions are truly fabulous and, if able, members should consider joining and participating in these wonderful adventures so carefully planned by George Suter.

Participants included organizer and leader Sir George Suter and his wife Mary, Sir Roger Kelly and wife Nancy, Sir Donald Ray and wife Anita, and Sir Bill Gipe.

