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Holiday Luncheon

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Dominic's @ Oyster Point

Your 2022 Officers (See your SIR Roster for contact information)

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Announcements and Information



Holiday Luncheon. We're over the minimum at Dominic's at Oyster Point, cruising towards a great luncheon. If you responded and paid, you've reserved your place and the entrée of your choice. Dominic's needs to know how many meals to prepare. If you want to come, let Little SIR John know right away! Otherwise, Dominic's may not be able to accommodate you. Contact jmcglothlin@sanbrunocable.com, 650-952-3673.

November Luncheon and Speaker. For our Speakers Program, we saved a real treat for last. Coleman Rosenberg discussed life in our Merchant Marine in the 21st Century. Paul graduated from California's Maritime Academy and serves as 1st Officer on 700+ foot ships carrying goods to and from the US. Coleman shared his experiences, including life at sea. To say Coleman was bombarded by questions would be an understatement; our group wanted to learn about working conditions, safety, how mariners get assignments, ship capacity, in other words everything! In time between assignments, Coleman volunteers aboard SF's Jeremiah O'Brien.

Our luncheon was well-attended. Problems occurred because attendance exceeded our reservation; we had several walk-ins. OK at the Elks, however, at BCC we had to shoehorn SIRs in with the result that one SIR, who reserved as we ask all to do, was not able to stay. Please be considerate of fellow SIRs and help the restaurant plan by responding and reserving.

Officers and Directors. At November's meeting, we elected Secretary Bob Calhoun, Treasurer Bob Golton, Asst. Secretary Jack Major, Asst. Treasurer George Fenech plus Directors Jerry Blumenthal, Stu Etzler, Bill Gipe, Al Herpe, Charley Leach, Flor Mendoza, Paul Nocero, Tony Ramirez, Ken Reed, George Rodriguez. Help wanted: Big SIR, Little SIR, more Directors! To be continued in January....

Membership (Bill Gipe.) 46 attended our November lunch, including 4 guest reservations.

We remember December birthdays of Peter Angelonides, Ernie Braun, Ming Chin,

Gabriel Maldonado, Issac Mejia, and George Samoulides and look ahead to January birthdays for Rich Fraher, Peter Klein, Pablo Magat, Richard Soward, Ray Steward, Wil Uclusin, and Brian Weiss.

Our thoughts are with Super Senior Paul DeNatale, longtime member Dave Carelli and Tony Marotto; each passed away in 2022.

Where we stand-November. Active members 92, Super Senior, Total Members 93.

Welcome to: Richard Nishiki-Finley Badge No. 71, retired SFPUC chemist and Community College instructor, sponsored by Rich Fraher, as well as Gabriel Maldonado, William McGee, and Joe Shasky. Thank you for joining SIR as Branch 4 lunches and activities resume.

Honoring SIR Dave Nigel

SIR David Nigel is the 2020 Recipient of San Bruno's Extraordinary Service Award recognizing and honoring many contributions. Dave was nominated by the San Bruno's Rotary and Lions Clubs recognizing Extraordinary Service. Due to COVID-19, the City Council could not approve this award until 2022.

Dave has served his community as a teacher in both San Bruno and Burlingame for over 30 years. He represented the education community for over 50 years through the Schoolmaster's Club, receiving their Hills Distinguished Service Award, and serving as President.

One of Dave's contributions includes raising thousands of Dollars for scholarships for park and recreation students.

Dave was appointed to San Bruno's Parks and Recreation Commission in 1970. Over 52 years, Dave worked and advocated for facility development, maintenance, and improvement.

Dave represented San Bruno in the California Association of Parks and Recreation Commissioners, serving as President, was inducted into their Hall of Fame and is an Honorary Life Member.

In 2016, Dave was honored by the National Parks and Recreation Association with the Robert M. Artz Award for outstanding efforts to forward public parks and recreation. Dave was inducted in the Northern California Jewish Sports Hall of Fame in 2015.

Please remember your SIR Branch 4 dues for 2023. Your support enables Branch 4 to pay branch expenses and continue our lunches and activities. SIR thanks you.

Activities

Golf: Jack Major 415-412-6654 (cell).



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 and 2023 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 November 8th Sharp Park match – We've had one rain day so far and the 8th was it. We had a makeup match on 11/15 but the results aren't compiled yet. We'll email the results when ready.

Next Sharp Park Tournament: Tuesday, December 13^h - 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.

2023 Poplar Creek Tournaments are starting in February and are planned for Tuesdays: 2/21, 4/18, 6/27, 8/29 (due to aeration), 10/17, and 12/19. All start at 1000 with a 40-player max. This year's contract is: pay the green (\$36), Pro Shop merchandise voucher fees (\$7), round-up reserve (\$2) and cart fees (\$25 single, \$13.50 split a cart), to the SIRs coordinator. The prize fund vouchers are for pro shop merchandise only. Check in 30 minutes prior to first tee time.

Results of the October 26th Poplar Creek match. We had 23 players, and 1 guest - Tony Maffey with George Bacigalupi, who came in 2nd at hole 5 closest. Get those guests to sign up if SIRs eligible. The weather was the just fine, with broken clouds and cool weather. The fairways were very sparse on several holes. Take relief and place the ball in the nearest grass patch. The greens were fine, from the aeration in August. Highlights were: First Eagle this year to Bob Calhoun with a 3 on hole #16, a par-5! Excellent! Birdies: Bam Foster on par-3 hole #5, with a first on hole #5 closest too.

Next Poplar Creek Tournament: Tuesday December 20th - First tee-off is 1000. Signups will be sent out online and the clipboard too.

Walk For Health. George. Suter will be away and will be back again in January with a new walk.

Wine Tasting. Contact Bob Fox for information. (415) 753-2630.

Local Travel. Bill Gipe is scouting for something new for the New Year. Suggestions?

CyberSIRs. Jerry Blumenthal is still on IR. Hope to see you soon Jerry!
Bocce (contributed by Dave Nigel).



Six Bocce Ball players enjoyed friendly competition on a beautiful day at the Doelger Senior Center Bocce Ball court located in Daly City.

Co-Chairmen Charley Leach and Roger Kelly divided the players into two teams with Charley Leach, Richard Soward, and Pat Long representing “San Francisco” and Bill Gipe, Roger Kelly, and David Nigel playing for the “Peninsula.”

All players demonstrated skillful playing and the three games were close and exciting!

Coming Attractions for 2023.

We’re planning to continue at the Basque Cultural Center. Entrée selection has been good (your feedback helps Bob Golton and the committee select what you like). Attendance has usually been in the 40’s, below the minimum for Elk’s Club. In addition to our lunch Committee, big shout-outs are due to Paul Nocero for managing reservations, for the Badge Desk Crew for greeting all of us, for Casino Managers Rolf and Tony, and for George Rodriguez for setting the stage for our lunches.

Except for Golf, Bocce and Walk-for-Health, we have yet to bring back pre-COVID activities. We need creative volunteers and participants to revive our Book Exchange, Clutter Auction, Crazy Shirt Day, Wine Tasting, **and add new ones.**

Al Herpe assumed stewardship of our speaker’s program. We’ve had variety this year. Some of my most enjoyable involved SIRs sharing their experiences. Each of you has a story to tell and you will be amazed how interesting we will all find your recounting.

Recruiting of new SIRs has been great. Keep it up! The statewide drop in SIR membership is alarming leading to forecasts we can disappear as soon as 5 years down the road. With your help, we can swim against the tide.

Early in the year, you expressed a desire for desserts. Your editor has been doing most of the (cookie) catering, enhanced by John Cooney’s Brownies and Al Herpe’s Doughnuts. You can help by volunteering for a month’s delights!

Speaking of volunteering, too few SIRs are doing too much to guide our branch and make our Luncheon Meetings as enjoyable as possible. With your participation, we can do better! We need board members, officers, badge desk volunteers and even a Foghorn Editor with better graphics skills.

Very sad news that one of our regular and talented players, SIR Anthony “Tony” Marotto had passed away Sunday, November 13th.

Charley and Roger 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 prementioned days and times. Contact Charley Leach (415-333-7277) or Roger Kelly (650-346-9668) for info.