

 <p>Big SIR-Stuart Ruth</p>	<p>SIR Branch 4</p> <p>Foghorn</p> <p>June 2023</p> <p>Little SIR-Bill Gipe</p>	 <p>God Bless Our USA!</p>
<p>Secretary-Bob Calhoun Asst. Secretary-Jack Major</p>	<p>Foghorn Editor John McGlothlin</p>	<p>Treasurer-Bob Golton Asst. Treasurer-George Fenech</p>

June Lunch. SIR Branch 4 will hold its next luncheon meeting on June 7th at the Basque Cultural Center, 599 Railroad Avenue, South San Francisco. Lunch will be served at 12 noon and the bar will be available at 11:30AM. Cost will again be \$30.00. Menu choices are:

1. **Salmon**
2. **Steak Hache`**
3. **Chicken Cordon Bleu**
4. **Eggplant Parmesan**

Please respond if you plan on attending no later than Tuesday, May 30th, so we can make plans with the restaurant. We need to know if you plan on attending AND your choice of entrée, above. You can respond to this email, respond directly to Paul at SIRpaul@nocero.com, or by phone to 415-254-8175. We hope to see you there!

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR MEN
Announcements and Information

SIR Birthdays. Branch 4 celebrates the June birthdays of Peter Aiello, Bruce Barichievich, Bob Eshoo, Bam Foster, Charlie Hoenich, and Joseph Shasky.

Branch 4 Membership Report. Membership & attendance; 88 active members plus, 1 new member, 1 returning member and 1 pending transfer. 44 members plus 2 guests attended our May lunch. Welcome David Barnett, DVM! David is the retired owner of Colma Animal Hospital and is sponsored by Bill McGee. Please say hello to Dave at our SIR lunch.

Sunshine Report. Branch 4 sends greetings to Jerry Blumenthal, Jeff Chinn, and all who face challenges these days.

SIR Remembered. Ronald De Lora former Big/Little SIR for Branch 16 passed away at the age of 90 on March 28. Rest in peace. Ron did his part for SIR!



Speakers Bureau, Al Herpe. Al is lining up another interesting speaker. If you have ideas, call Al (650-992-3344).

“As Dave Sees It”

46 SIRs, more than half of our membership, attended May’s Luncheon. We enjoyed another afternoon of wonderful camaraderie, delicious food, and a truly informative speaker, Eugene Ostermiller. SIR Al Herpe continues to provide outstanding and very interesting speakers.

Big Sir Stu Ruth called the meeting to order, followed by David Nigel giving a non-sectarian prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a rousing rendition of “God Bless America.”

Delicious entrees, including Steak Hache’ were complemented by French rolls, fresh vegetable salad and coffee. Thanks to SIR Al Herpe for procuring our dessert donuts.

Our speaker Eugene Ostermiller provided an update on taxes and finances. Many excellent questions followed. For those wanting to contact Eugene, he can be reached at: eugeneostermiller@gmail.com.

Big SIR George Suter introduced our “Birthday Boys”. Honoring our custom, each “boy” stated their date of birth, followed by our usual rendition of “Happy Birthday” and the honorees response. Winners of “Free lunch” cards were SIRs Elmer Eckart and Larry Hurley.

Activity Chair reports included Tad Bogdan reporting about the successful Community Service event at the SF-Marin Food Bank, Dave Nigel, invited interested SIRs to join weekly Bocce competition at Doelger Senior Center, Bill Gipe promoted a tour to Oracle Park and touted our current Branch membership of 86. Dave Nigel acknowledged Foghorn Editor John McGlothlin for his work, followed by an expression of appreciation by those attending.

Very positive comments were received regarding the meeting and we will be returning to Basque Cultural Center for our June 7th meeting and luncheon.

Activities



Golf: Jack Major 415-412-6654 (cell) and Bill McGee 415-806-4608
June 2023. A summary of **local SIR golf rules** is now available. Check the web site:
<http://branch4.sirinc2.org/golf.html>.

2023 Sharp Park Tournaments are scheduled for the **2nd Tuesday** of the month, starting at 0930. Check the website for current schedules and past results. Signups and results will be emailed.

Results of the May 9th Sharp Park match – We had 17 signups for the first match this year, due to heavy rains thru April. Course conditions were coming back, with little white flower clusters, clumps of mowed grass, waterlogged areas (hole 10) and some shortened holes (hole 13). Weather was cool and clear. Highlights: Birdies – Bam Foster and Jack Major on hole #8, Joe Shasky on Par-4 holes 2 and 14,

Next Sharp Park Tournament: Tuesday, June 13th - first tee-off is 0930. SIR members and 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 **2023 Poplar Creek Tournaments** are Tuesdays 6/27, 8/22, 10/17, and

12/19 and start at 1000 with a 40- player max. This year's contract is pay the green (\$36), Pro Shop merchandise voucher fees (\$7), and cart fees (\$17.50 each and split a cart, \$25 singles), to the SIRs coordinator. Prize fund vouchers are for pro shop merchandise only. Check in 30 minutes prior to first tee time.

Results of the April 18th Poplar Creek match - We had 22 players, and 0 guests. Weather was much better than February's with the windstorm and was just clear and brisk to start before warming up. There were several residual blown-over eucalyptus trees on the course. Relief is allowed from these abnormal course conditions. Fairways were very sparse on several holes; take relief and place the ball in the nearest grass patch. The greens were fine, deceptive as usual. The highlights were: Birdies - Dennis Meixner with a 2 on Par-3 #7, that's it.

Next Poplar Creek Tournament: Tuesday June 27th - First tee-off is 1000.

Local tours, Bill Gipe (650-878-5746) Branch 4 members visited Oracle Park in May and enjoyed the Giants escorted tour. Do you have ideas for other local tours? Please write your suggestions on the Badge Table tour clipboard or phone 650-878-5746 with a message. Consider signing up for a summer visit to Pacific Pinball Museum in Alameda, one of our final local tours enjoyed before the COVID lockdown. Thank you!

Oracle Park Tour by Bill Gipe,

On Thursday, May 11th, our Oracle Park was organized and Bill Gipe. This was interesting, resounding success for all **Paul Nocero, Larry Hurley, Bob Fontes.**



Paul Nocero, and David Nigel


excursion to San Francisco Giants' coordinated by Activities Chairman SIR enlightening, enjoyable and a attending this wonderful trip; **Bill Gipe, Calhoun, Janet Calhoun, and Bob**

All enjoyed a comprehensive tour including viewing a movie covering the Giants' and Oracle Park history. Two Giants' employees, a tour guide and a security person, took us to the visitors' batting cages with a stop in the visitors' club house. Then, onto the field where they were preparing for the next home game.

We experienced the excitement of visiting the Giants' Team Dugout, where a group picture was taken. Before concluding, the group walked all five levels of the ballpark, including the famous Tony Bennett suite. The next point of interest was viewing the curated 2023 artifacts display called "Small Details, Giant Stories" located on the suite level. One of many additional highlights was viewing the display of the "Triplets" -- the three World Series trophies and Championship Rings. A good time was had by all!

Walk for Health, George Suter. May 26, 2023. Meet at Kezar Triangle, corner of Lincoln Way and 2nd Avenue, San Francisco at 1:44PM Friday May 26, 2023. Things in the City change at their own glacial pace. This walk combines of the old and new. We'll visit the tennis/pickleball clubhouse, peek into the AIDS Memorial Grove, past the Fuchsia Dell onto the USF campus and back past the revitalized Alford Lake and Waller Street Skatepark. About 2 ½ hours with a chance to socialize in a traditional neighborhood coffee shop along the way. Parking is, as usual, impossible, and my cell phone will be on 415-314-6768.

Walk for Health **June 30, 2023, Last Friday of June** - Meet at 1:44 PM at the end of Connemara Drive, Pacifica (put 12 Connemara Drive, Pacifica in the GPS). There is a turn-around and 8-car parking lot plus about 16 spaces towards the end of the road. More a hike than a walk. The first 20 minutes are moderately steep, the trail is excellent, wide and flat hard dirt, even some roadway (no rocks, rolling pebbles or gullies). The round trip should take 1 ½ hours. Looking from Sharp Park Golf course, there is a prominent tree standing by itself on the ridge to the East. Bob Richter and I long wondered what was up there (besides the tree that is). I now have an answer: The tree is a cypress, reportedly a named landmark on marine maps. The view from the ridge is spectacular and worth the climb. The ridge and tree are accessible on the Golden Gate National Park Milagra Trail. There are benches on the way, and even an outhouse-style toilet. An enjoyable outing. My cell phone will be on 415-314-6768.

 **Bocce Charley Leach 415-333-7277**, Roger Kelly **650-346-9668**:
We meet at Doelger Senior Center
Wednesdays between 1-3PM. Doelger
Center is about 1/2 Mile North of

Westlake Joe's. We don't meet the first
Wednesday of the month (SIRs
Luncheon). Show up and get a game or
two or maybe even 3. Beginners
welcome!

Bocce Report, by Richard Soward & David Nigel

Daly City was the venue for our May 10th Bocce Ball match. The players experienced a slight breeze and a partly sunny-overcast day. Four competitors enjoyed a wonderful afternoon of exciting games at the Bocce Ball court located at Doelger Senior Center located, at 111 Lake Merced Boulevard, Daly City. The players met at 1:00 p.m. and began play.

Two teams were created, two players to each squad. SIRs Richard Soward, Pat Long, Jere Driscoll, and Charley Leach enjoyed exciting and friendly competition. The players were evenly matched, and the two games resulted in victories by one-point differences, with lots of banter and discussion between. To win, a team must earn twelve points; and the games were well played, close, and enjoyable.

Midway through the afternoon, a large black Raven swooped down from the sky and pecked the ground at the adjacent rose garden. Later, we learned the huge bird killed a gopher.

It is hoped that more SIR members will join the Bocce Team that meets every Wednesday afternoon from 1:00-3:00 p.m. except the first Wednesday of each month. We look forward to many rematches in the future. Feel free to join this activity as it is a lot of fun. If interested contact SIR Charley Leach for more details.

"Exceptional SIR Members" By David M. Nigel

SIR John McGlothlin is one of our many dedicated members. John has a marvelous family and has been married to the love of his life Joanne for fifty-four years. A proud graduate of USF and SF State, John enjoyed a very rewarding professional career as an IRS Manager. John joined SIR in 2013 and was recruited by Bud Sandkulla.

Our SIR enjoys involvement in San Bruno community activities including as a School Board Member, Parks and Recreation Commissioner, and founding Director and officer for San Bruno's Community Foundation. John contributes many hours reading scholarship applications for the Foundation's scholarship panel honoring fantastic students, many needing assistance to support themselves in college. (Page 6)

(From Page 5) John is active in our Branch and has filled important roles including Director, Little and Big Sir, and Foghorn Editor. Behind the scenes, John makes sure a bottle of “Geritol” is presented to one member each month, provides our “Badgemen” with documents for the badge desk, as well as the Agendas for our BEC and Luncheon Meetings. John continues to be an active member and we appreciate the many tasks he performs in our behalf.

Branch 4’s Community Service Volunteer Program: Tad Bogdan (tadbogdan@gmail.com, 650 863 8866). Kudos to Bill McGee and David Barnett for their help at the SF-Marin Food Bank in April. Tad brought along a friend and Bill brought his wife to join the SIR Branch 4 team. Bill said that he wasn't sure who was happier to see the SIRs team show up, the Food Bank staff or the recipients! The staff was helpful and the recipients were very grateful and always had a smile or a word of thanks. We’re looking forward to the next volunteer opportunity and encourage you to enlist the help of your spouse or other family member. There is more than enough work to go around and it's a great opportunity to give back.

Everyone seemed to enjoy the pop-up venue more than the warehouse format. You get the opportunity to meet the recipients directly — and they are friendly and very appreciative of the help we are providing to them and their families. So, we will try it again. The 10:30 slots were filled up, so I signed us up for an 8:30 slot this time. This is in a quiet neighborhood behind the Whole Foods on 4th & Harrison St.

Please invite friends and family and email tadbogdan@gmail.com by June 15 with the names and email addresses of volunteers. **Date: June 29, 8:30 AM - 11 AM.** Location:

Bessie Carmichael @ Lapu Lapu
7750 Lapu Lapu St
San Francisco, CA 94107



SIRs in the Giant’s Dugout May 11th!

ACTIVITIES FOR MEN

See you at the Basque Cultural Center on June 7th!