
 <p>Big SIR-Stuart Ruth</p>	<p>SIR Branch 4</p> <p>Foghorn</p> <p>July 2023</p> <p>Little SIR-Bill Gipe</p>	 <p>Happy Birthday 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>

July Lunch. SIR Branch 4 will hold its next luncheon meeting on July 5th 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. **White Fish**
2. **Chicken Cordon Bleu (aka Blue Ribbon Chicken)**
3. **Grilled Pork Chops**
4. **Vegetarian Pasta**

Please respond, if you plan on attending, no later than Tuesday, June 27th, 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!

Your Help Is Needed! Our Badgemen have a “Very Special” request. Please arrive at our luncheons by 11:55 am. At 11:55, cash received for your meals is counted and must be exact and accurate prior to submission to Assistant Treasurer George Fenech.

Be considerate of our volunteers so they can enjoy their lunch like you do. Money must be counted and submitted before they can take their seats and be present for the beginning of your meeting. When SIRs arrive late and exact change is not paid, our total count and receipts must be reconciled and corrected. Thanks for your support!

Announcements and Information

SIR Birthdays. Branch 4 celebrates the July birthdays of Jerry Blumenthal, Jere Driscoll, Al Herpe, Charley Leach, Bob Pardini, Tony Ramirez, George Rodriguez and the USA!

Branch 4 Membership Report. Active Members – 88. New Member (July) 1. June Lunch attendance – 36. Branch 4 welcomed badge #65, John Blankenship, at our June lunch. John retired from AMVETS and is sponsored by Paul Nocero.

Sunshine Report. Branch 4 sends greetings to Jerry Blumenthal, Jeff Chinn, Al Herpe, John McGlothlin, George Rodriguez and all who face challenges.



Speakers Bureau, Al Herpe. Speaker for July is John Hyquist, Retired SF Principal with a varied and interesting career. If you have speaker ideas, or have something to share from your own experiences, call Al (650-992-3344).

“As Dave Sees It”

In the absence of Big Sir Stu, Little Sir Bill Gipe called us to order greeting 36 attending. Bill called upon yours truly for a non-sectarian invocation, pledge to our flag, and a rousing “God Bless America.” SIR members enjoyed another afternoon of camaraderie, delicious food, plus an outstanding speaker. Tad Bogdan delivered an excellent lecture about “Volunteering” with an impeccable PowerPoint presentation featuring his book “How to Master the Universe.” Many favorable comments followed Tad’s talk.

Accolades were extended to hospitalized SIR Al Herpe for outstanding efforts to recruit interesting speakers. Al was obtaining medical care and said he would be present for July’s luncheon. Each month, John McGlothlin filled in for Al, providing dessert.

Raffle coordinators Tony Quarto and Rolf Rosander drew winning tickets held by Richard Soward and Charlie Hoenisch. Paul Walsh won the “Free” (badge number) lunch drawing.

Little SIR Bill introduced our “Birthday Boys”, followed by “Happy Birthday” and the response by the honorees. The winner of the “Free” birthday lunch ticket was Charlie Hoenisch. Committee and Activity Chairs reported. Bill Gipe reported on last month’s guided tour of Giants’ Stadium. Bill’s membership report announced 88 current members. George Suter led another “Walk for Health”. George identified many plants and animals encountered while walking. His in-depth knowledge of SF is quite remarkable (especially being an east-coaster). Jack Major announced golf activities and Charlie Leach invited interested players to join weekly Bocce Ball competitions at Doelger Center.

Truly a wonderful gathering! We’ll be returning to the Basque Cultural Center July 5th.

Activities



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

The **2023 Sharp Park Tournaments** are 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 June 13th Sharp Park match – We had 22 signups for the second match here this year. Course conditions were much improved over last month, with the course nicely drying out. No cart restrictions except where there was a small bog. High fog and clearing along the coast. On his birthday, Joe Shasky led off with a birdie and shot a 38-42 for an 80 – nice playing, Joe.

Next Sharp Park Tournament: Tuesday, July 11th - 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 **2023 Poplar Creek Tournaments** are starting in February are Tuesdays 2/21, 4/18, 6/27 (results next issue), 8/22, 10/17, and 12/19. These start at 1000 with a 40-player max. This year's contract is pay the green (\$38 after July 1), Pro Shop merchandise voucher fees (\$7), and cart fees (\$17.50 each and split a cart, \$25 singles), to the SIRs coordinator. The prize fund vouchers are for pro shop merchandise only. Check in 30 minutes prior to first tee time.

Next Poplar Creek Tournament: Tuesday August 22nd - first tee-off is 1000.



Local tours, Bill Gipe (650-878-5746). Do you have a free Thursday in July? Branch 4 visited the Pacific Pinball Museum in Alameda before the pandemic. We can carpool and return to view both their historic collection and try our luck at scores of pinball machines. Senior admission is \$15 (includes play). Lunch is an option. Details and signup sheet will be at the Badge Table or call 650-878-5746. www.pacificpinball.org.



Walk for Health, George Suter. 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, with some roadway. No rocks, rolling pebbles or gullies. Round trip should take 1 ½ hours.

Looking from Sharp Park Golf course, you'll 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). Now I 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 Written by David Nigel, June 14, 2023

Bocce Ball Co-Chairman, Roger Kelly, returned home from an extended, wonderful vacation in France where he and his wife Nancy enjoyed delicious meals and outstanding wines. Everyone was very happy to have Roger back in weekly competition and great fun that is always part of the afternoon's enjoyment.

Three exciting games at the Bocce Ball court took place between 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at Doelger Center in Daly City. Two teams were created by dividing players residing in San Francisco VS the San Francisco Peninsula squad. Co-Chair Charley Leach, Pat Long, and Jerry Frayne represented the "City" while Co-Chair Roger Kelly, David Nigel, and Dave Wedeking played for the Peninsula.

We hope more SIR members will join our Bocce Teams and look forward to great rematches in coming weeks and months. Join this activity for a lot of fun!

“Exceptional SIR Members” By David M. Nigel

SIR JOHN E. (Jack) MAJOR is another hardworking, efficient, and dedicated Branch 4 member. Jack is an active member of our BEC (Branch Executive Committee) and fills many roles for SIR, currently filling the Assistance Secretary position. Jack was Big SIR during his 2009 term of office. Collaborating with Paul Nocero, Jack maintains and updates our Branch database... a contribution that is greatly appreciated. Jack and Bill McGee co-chair our very active Golf program with a significant number of SIR golfers who compete regularly at various venues throughout the Bay Area.

Jack was born in Neptune New Jersey and grew up in Bradley Beach and Toms River. In high school, Jack worked summers on Seaside Heights' boardwalk, home of MTV's "Jersey Shore." Jack graduated from Rider University in 1964 with a BA in Business and was a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity, where many "fraters" still have regular social events, including trips to France and Italy. Jack graduated from Golden Gate University in 1994 with an MBA in Information Systems.

Faced with being drafted in 1964, Jack signed up for Navy Officers Candidate School in Newport and was commissioned and posted to the carrier USS Forrestal (CVA-59). He was the Combat Information Center Air Watch Officer during the bomb explosions on the flight deck in the Tonkin Gulf.

In 1968, Jack joined Pacific Telephone as a management candidate, and worked 32 years in Accounting and IT jobs in San Francisco and San Ramon. Jack worked for the 49ers for over 10 years in Guest Services (GS) at Candlestick Park, and since 2003, he works for the San Francisco Giants in Guest Services. One highlight was the trip with the players and **selected** Guest Services employees to the last two games of the 2014 World Series in Kansas City. Current interests include the Symphony, Opera, golf, running, and guitar.

We are fortunate that Jack is an active member of our Branch and profoundly appreciate the many tasks he performs for all of us.

Want to recognize a SIR? Please let our editor know!



Branch 4's Community Service Volunteer Program: Tad Bogdan (tadbogdan@gmail.com, 650 863 8866). The June Food Bank event is being held on Thursday, June 29th — as we are preparing this month's Foghorn. Kudos to some of the regular Thursday morning golfers, including Jack Major and Paul Nocero who are graciously changing their golf day to participate this month.

We are changing up the dates for the next couple of months to accommodate schedules and test out new Pop-up locations listed below:

Invite friends and family and email tadbogdan@gmail.com by July 11 (for the July 25 date) with the names and email addresses of the volunteers. Join the fun — and fill your Karma Pool!

Tuesday, July 25 @ 10:30 AM - 1:15 PM
Roosevelt @ 324 8th Ave, San Francisco

Wednesday, August 23 @ 11:30 AM - 2 PM
Stonestown @ 501 Buckingham Way, San Francisco (Takes place in the parking lot to the north side of the old UA Cinema).

A word from your Editor, as some of you are aware, I've been missing our Luncheons due to my Prostate treatment schedule. I want to acknowledge those who have been kind enough to share their experiences. Over the years treatments change and evolve, plus they need to be tailored for every individual's situation. That said, I've learned how valuable the experiences of others are and I appreciate every bit of advice I've received. I plan on being back at our events in August! *John McGlothlin*

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