


 <p>Big SIR-Stuart Ruth</p>	<p>SIR Branch 4</p> <p>Foghorn</p> <p>September 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>

September Lunch. SIR Branch 4 will hold its next luncheon meeting September 6th at the Basque Cultural Center, 599 Railroad Avenue, South San Francisco. Lunch will be served at 12 noon. The bar will be available at 11:30AM. Cost will again be \$30.00. Entree choices are:

1. White Fish
2. Chicken Cordon Bleu
3. Pork Chops
4. Eggplant Parmigiana

Please respond, if you plan on attending, no later than Tuesday August 29th, 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!

September's Speaker, George Smith, Commander Redwood City Post, American Legion. George's subject-Benefits for Veterans.

Save This Date! SIR Branch 4 holiday lunch is planned for Dominic's at the Oyster Point Yacht Club on Wednesday December 6. Details will be in our next Foghorn.

Announcements and Information

SIR Birthdays. Branch 4 celebrates the September birthdays of Stu Etzler, George Fenech, Bill Gipe, Bob Golton, and John Griffin.

Branch 4 Membership Report. Active members - 90. August lunch attendance - 40. Welcome to SIR John Nyquist, a retired educator and USAF veteran. John was our June lunch speaker.

Sunshine Report. Branch 4 sends greetings to Jerry Blumenthal, George Fenech, Foster Kinney, George Rodriguez and all who currently face challenges. Welcomes back to lunch Jeff Chinn and John McGlothlin.

“As Dave Sees It”

38 members met at the BCC for our August luncheon. Big Sir Stu convened the gathering followed by Dave Nigel’s invocation, the “Pledge of Allegiance,” and our inspirational singing “God Bless America.” Dave sent out good wishes to two SIRs, John McGlothlin at Sutter Peninsula and George Fenech undergoing cataract surgery. Lunch included a tasty bean soup and the usual great entrees, topped off with coffee and dessert of Entenmann’s glazed Buttermilk donuts. Thanks again to SIR Al Herpe for picking up our dessert treats.

Activity announcements included Jack Major reporting on upcoming golf events and Charley Leach reporting on Bocce games at Doelger Center. George Suter, “Walk for Health” leader, will announce the next event in our Foghorn. Dave announced a Community Service Food Distribution event coordinated by Tad Bogdan (see Tad’s article below) and Bill Gipe announced September’s visit to the Pacific Pinball Museum in Alameda. Thanks, Paul Nocero, for printing improved meal tickets and to SIR Pat Long for working at the badge table in the absence of our regular crew members.

Last month’s speaker, John Nyquist, was so impressed with Branch 4, he joined our ranks prior to the luncheon. SIR Al Herpe introduced speaker Andrew Trapiani who gave a well-received talk about the American Legion. He described his organization’s meaningful goals and activities geared to support and assist our veterans. Many comments and questions followed Andrew’s presentation.

Raffle coordinators Rolf Rosander and Tony Quarto drew winning tickets held by Dennis Meixner and Bill McGee. Al Herpe was the lucky Geritol winner, and the “Free” lunch was won by Ken Reed.

George Suter introduced the “Birthday Boys”, followed by our usual rendition of “Happy Birthday”. Winner of the “Free birthday lunch” drawing was Jack Major. On to September!

ACTIVITIES



Golf: Jack Major 415-412-6654 (cell) and Bill McGee 415-806-4608. September 2023. A summary of **local SIR golf rules** is 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 August 15th Sharp Park match. We delayed the match one week since the greens were spiked and had barnacles removed. The greens were in bad shape. We had only 18 players and the match started with high fog and calm breezes. The results were not available at press time,

Next Sharp Park Tournament: Tuesday, September 12th- 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 started in February and include: Tuesdays 2/21, 4/18, 6/27 (results next issue), 8/22, 10/17, and 12/19. All start at 1000 with a 40-player max. This year's contract is pay the green fee (\$38), pro shop merchandise voucher fees (\$7), and optional cart fees (\$17.50 each and split a cart or \$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



Walk for Health, George Suter 415-314-6768. Ideas for a new walk, or if you want to participate, call George!



SOCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR MEN
Local tours, Bill Gipe (650-878-5746). How about the next Branch 4 local trip in September? Sign-up sheet will be at the Badge Table for a return visit to Pacific Pinball Museum in Alameda. Please call 650-878-5746 for details. Ideas for other local tours are always welcome at the badge table or via phone message, Thanks!



•**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 first Wednesday of each month (SIRs Luncheon). Show up and get a game or two or maybe even 3. Beginners (very) welcome!

Bocce Ball Report, by David Nigel, August 10, 2023

Six of our Bocce Ball regulars gathered for exciting and friendly competition at the Daly City Doelger Senior Center.

At 1:00 p.m. they began play. Teams were created by assigning players to teams. SIRS Richard Soward, Charley Leach, and Pat Long represented the "City" while Roger Kelly, Bill Gipe, and David Nigel comprised the "Peninsula".

To win a game, a team must earn twelve points; and the games saw lots of excellent shots and defensive moves.

We hope more SIR members will join the Bocce Teams that meet every Wednesday afternoon from 1:00-3:00 p.m. except the first Wednesday of each month when we gather at the Basque Cultural Center for our luncheons. We look forward to many rematches in the future.

Feel free to join this fun activity. If interested contact SIR Bocce Ball Co-Chairmen Charley Leach or Roger Kelly who do a fine job organizing our games.

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•**Speakers Bureau, Al Herpe.** Speaker for September is George Smith, Commander, the Redwood City American Legion Post. Subject-Benefits for Veterans. Have speaker ideas, or something to share from your own experiences, call Al (650-992-3344).

“Exceptional SIR Members”, As related by the Author, SIR George Suter.

When I first joined SIR, Jim Parsons was the “Birthday Boy Chairman”. He had such a friendly personality that he really made a fun mini event out of the birthday celebration. I was impressed and after he passed along, I hoped I could eventually do as well. That’s the thing about SIR: I have been in the company of such accomplished people, and it’s a pleasure to continue part of the camaraderie.

I came to San Francisco from the East coast in 1968 following a three-year enlistment in the Army’s counterintelligence branch in Washington DC. While there I burned through a lot of ammunition shooting at targets on the unit’s pistol team, travelling up and down the coast challenging other unit teams (I was actually not bad at this).

In San Francisco I attended night school, working toward my degree in accounting. I had to get serious about earning some cash when I married a girl I had met in DC – Mary Young. I flew back East, married her, and brought her across country to live in paradise. San Francisco back then was really paradise: you natives might not have known that as you lived here all your lives. Why once, standing at Union and Van Ness to go to work, a pretty young woman walked up and shook my hand “Hi, I’m Dianne Feinstein, and I’m running for Supervisor”. It was that kind of place: small and friendly.

Here, I was able to pursue a life-long dream. Driving to San Carlos Airport for 7 AM flight training, I was still able to get back to the City in time for work. I eventually acquired a license and a small plane and flew the hell out of it for 30 years. Back and forth coast to coast several times and from Canada to the Mexico border. I could never be so lucky again.

“That’s all folks!” – as we have heard it said - a life in 300 words (well maybe a few more).

Want to recognize a SIR? Please let Dave Nigel know!

And we’re Off to the races!. SIR Day at the Races, September 25, 2023. Welcome to the last-ever SIR horse race outing at Golden Gate Fields, which will soon be closing. SIR State Board approved this special event which includes reserved seating at GGF’s Turf Club. All SIRs and their guests are welcome. \$76 per person includes: parking, the racing program, seating, a 3-hour private buffet, tax, and gratuity. Information: <https://sirinc.org/golden-gate-fields/>

Send your check with your name and the names of your guest/s, plus your phone number and Branch number (on a separate sheet if necessary). Checks need to be made out to Lee Moy. Forward your check to Lee Moy, [127 N. Helm Ave., Clovis](https://www.google.com/maps/place/127+N+Helm+Ave,+Clovis,+CA+93612-0165) 93612-0165.

Deadline: September 20th. Q/A: Any questions please contact me at leehealthstudio@gmail.com or text: (559) 709-9851.

Race Track Address: GGF, [1100 Eastshore Highway, Albany 94710](https://www.google.com/maps/place/1100+Eastshore+Highway,+Albany,+CA+94710).

Entrance to the Turf Club by noon; races begin at 1:30 pm.

Consider wearing fancy hats and matching theme outfits, or your jockey colors.



Branch 4's Community Service Volunteers. Tad Bogdan
(tadbogdan@gmail.com, 650 863 8866)

We had a great time at the July Foodbank event in July. It was held at Roosevelt @ 8th Street. (Near Clement St.). They started out playing 70/80's classic music and was hard to keep from food to the needy. One of restaurants also donated food to the volunteers, so



migrated to Latin music. It dancing while distributing the neighboring some delicious Chinese we had a nice lunch too.

(SIRS Jack Major, Bill McGee, Paul Nocero, and Tad Bogdan before the dancing)

The August event will take place on Aug. 23 at 11:30 AM - 2 PM at Stonestown, if you receive this newsletter in time to attend.

Here are the details for the upcoming September Foodbank event:
Thursday, September 28 @ 10:30 AM - 1 PM - Register by September 14
Bessie Carmichael @ Lapu Lapu
7750 Lapu Lapu St
San Francisco, CA 94107

Join the fun — and fill your Karma Pool (you do have a Karma Pool?! Invite friends and family. You can sign up for the SIR - Branch 4 team via [this link](#) by September 14th. Or email tadbogdan@gmail.com.

https://volunteering.sfmfoodbank.org/need/joinTeam/?hash_t=UGRKRgKw2WxjWu9TzKPMcbvA4rqaCsCFqtsNsByLU%2B%2B%2BMygzjHnUb%2FcYBnK1RhUe0S2HVYS6%2FGPPqQafGGoyWQ%3D%3D&hash_s=MGNO2YCRq4BgP6CzdGKWQDgHT3INXUEQOuHj3ZkckjYqE9n6eaaU9xMhyh33vZu91x6802TG9MbwGjINyDot3w%3D%3D

Cheers,
Tad