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

**Remembering Foster Kinney, a great SIR.** We lost Foster to the effects of his “3-wheeler” mishap, coupled with recurring damage to his kidneys. Foster was our Area Representative and took the “representative” part to heart. When he first met with us, he emphasized he wanted to learn our concerns and advocate to State SIR for us, and he did!

Foster conveyed many ideas for changes to SIR yet was sensitive to Branch 4’s feeling about these ideas. Foster believed the ideas and participation of our newest members was critical to our survival and reached out to them. Let’s all remember the pleasure of his company.

**October Lunch.** SIR Branch 4 will hold its next luncheon meeting October 4th 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 again is \$30.00. Entre choices are:

1. **Salmon**
2. **Chicken Cordon Bleu**
3. **Steak Hache´**
4. **Eggplant Parmigana.**

Please respond, if you plan on attending, no later than Tuesday September 26<sup>th</sup> or ASAP 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](mailto:SIRpaul@nocero.com), or by phone to 415-254-8175. We hope to see you there!

**October's Speaker.** Our Speaker will be Dan Harran (name ring a bell?). SIR Dan is a member and a dyed-in-orange Giants fan. Have speaker ideas, or something to share from your own experiences, call Al (650-992-3344).

## Announcements and Information

### Branch 4 2023 Holiday Lunch

Holiday Lunch is set for Wednesday December 6 at Oyster Point Yacht Club in South San Francisco. Start the holidays at a special lunch with SIR friends and guests. Doors open at 11am with lunch served at noon. Domenic's selections include Tri-Tip, Stuffed Sole, Chicken Ala Marino, and Stuffed Portobello. We will enjoy holiday music featuring Marilyn Cooney and sing our favorite holiday carols. There will be gifts & holiday prizes. Lunch reservations are \$50. Information and signup forms will be at October's lunch or call 650-878-5746

**SIR Birthdays.** Join in celebrating the October birthdays of Bob Arata, John Blankenship, John Cooney, Bob Fontes, John Gehring, Dan Herran, Dave LaBelle, Bob Ocampo, Stu Ruth and Ted Wright.

**Branch 4 Membership Report.** Active members 91. September lunch-35 attending We welcome 2024 member & Wednesday Bocce player Jerry Frayne, who retired from Bechtel and is sponsored by David Nigel. Thanks, Dan Herran, for the wine bottle prize at September's lunch!

**Sunshine Report.** We note the passing of Foster Kinney, our SIR Area Representative, friend, and regular guest of Branch 4. His humor and enthusiasm will be missed at our lunch and meetings.

© Sunshine greetings to Jerry Blumenthal and George Rodriquez.

## SOCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR MEN



**Local tours, Bill Gipe (650-878-5746).** Our Local Tour, scheduled for September 21<sup>st</sup>. visited the Pacific Pinball Museum in Alameda, [pacificpinball.org](http://pacificpinball.org). We last visited just before the pandemic and were looking forward to our return visit. Ideas for a future local trip? Leave your suggestions at the badge table signup sheet or call 650-878-5746.



**Golf: Jack Major 415-412-6654 (cell) and Bill McGee 415-806-4608. October 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. Highlights: George Fenech had a birdie on hole 8. The rest of us kept a stiff upper lip. Results were:

Group 1 – 1<sup>st</sup> Bob Calhoun - net 75, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bob Richter – 77 on tiebreak, 3<sup>rd</sup> Mike Robinson- 77; Group 2 – 1<sup>st</sup> Bruce Barichievich – 74 on tiebreak, 2<sup>nd</sup> George Suter- 74, 3<sup>rd</sup> Dave Ocampo – 79 on tiebreak , 4<sup>th</sup>- Bill McGee- 79, 5<sup>th</sup> Bob Arzave – 79. Closest on 8 1<sup>st</sup> – George Fenech, 2<sup>nd</sup> – George Suter.

**Results of the September 12th Sharp Park match.** 16 players with fine weather and plenty of gas carts. The greens were in fine shape, compared to last month's fiasco. Don't forget the breakfasts, if you get there early. The bar is still lively with the denizen's around, Highlights: No birdies, but multiple pars include George Fenech with 3 (holes 8, 14, 18), Bob Calhoun with 3 (holes 4, 7, 12), Paul Nocero with 3 (holes 7, 12, 17), and Bob Richter with

4 (holes 2, 8, 14, 17). Results were: Group 1 - 1<sup>st</sup> Bob Richter – net 70, 2<sup>nd</sup> George Fenech – 71, 3<sup>rd</sup> Mike Robinson – 72, Group 2 – 1<sup>st</sup> Bruce Barichievich - 70, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dave Ocampo – 71 on tiebreak, 4<sup>th</sup> Paul Nocero -71. Closest to 8 - Mike Robinson 10'-10", 2<sup>nd</sup> - Bob Richter 15'-11", 3<sup>rd</sup> - George Bacigalupi 18'-1", 4<sup>th</sup> - Bob Calhoun 21'-11". No measurements on 15.

**Next Sharp Park Tournament: Tuesday, October 10th- 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 fee \$38, pro shop merchandise voucher fees (\$7), and optional 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 October 17<sup>th</sup> -- First tee-off is 1000**



**Walk for Health, George Suter 415-314-6768.** September 29<sup>th</sup>, 9:44AM. Meet in parking lot at the **SSF Ferry Terminal** (across from Yacht Club). Nice level walk, along shoreline past Genentech. Rain or shine, I'll be there. Call my cell, 415-314-6788.



•**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 Report, Written by David Nigel, August 25, 2023**

Three times in August and again in September our eight Bocce Ball enthusiasts met Wednesdays at the Daly City Doelger Senior Center.

Players meet at 1:00 p.m to began play. Branch 4 SIR members included Co-Chairman Charley Leach, Co-Chairman Roger Kelly, Richard Soward, Pat Long, Bill Gipe, Jere Driscoll, Jerry Frayne, and David Nigel. Players always enjoy a lot of fun and camaraderie, as well as exciting competition.



We hope more SIR members will join our Bocce Team Games. We meet every Wednesday afternoon from 1:00-3:00 p.m. except 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 activity as it is a lot of fun. If interested contact SIR Bocce Ball Co-Chairmen Charley or Roger who organize our games.

***Don't forget the Holiday Luncheon! Sign up on October 4<sup>th</sup>. Questions?***

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**Branch 4's Community Service Volunteers. Tad Bogdan**  
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The Branch 4 SIRs had a good showing at the August Stonestown Foodbank event. David, Paul, Bill, Jack, and Bob all pitched in. The weather was great, and the customers were very friendly and grateful.

The October event will be taking place at Roosevelt @ 8<sup>th</sup>, 324-8<sup>th</sup>. Ave. This has been a great venue with fun music and delicious lunch food donated to the volunteers by a local Chinese restaurant.

Here are the details for the upcoming October FoodBank event:

Tuesday, October 24 (Register by October 10).

10:30 AM - 1 PM

"Roosevelt @ 8th Ave" (324 8th Ave, S.F.), between Clement St. and Geary Blvd.)

**Email [tadbogdan@gmail.com](mailto:tadbogdan@gmail.com) if you can participate.**

Join the fun, invite friends and family — and fill your Karma Pool!

**"Exceptional SIR Members"**, Richard Soward

Richard was recruited for SIRs by long-time friend and fellow teacher Gene Roberts. Driving Gene to SIRs early for BEC meetings was the start of Richard's service to SIR. Richard has been a stalwart at the Badge Table When Richard's friend John Lucero left the Badge Table he invited Dave Nigel and Elmer Eckert to join the "crew".

Richard married Billie in 1970. Their daughter and grandchild reside in San Antonio after eleven years working in London.

Growing up for Richard meant moving: schools in El Cerrito, Charlottesville (Va.), San Diego and back to SF graduating from Lowell in 1956. In High School and through College Richard worked at theaters, insurance companies and at SFSD to pay expenses. Richard started at CCSF, however duty (the draft) beckoned, and he joined the Marines (Military School prepared him?), serving from 1958 to 1963. After active duty, Richard sailed to Europe, explored, and worked along the way. Returning, he attended SF State, earning his BA, Master's, and credential. Putting his history and biology majors to work, Richard taught in Merced for two years, work acknowledged by two plaques from his students!

Richard returned to SF, teaching history, political science, and horticulture (helping students explore their social bent with a living peace symbol) at Woodrow Wilson HS. Some of the more curious even planted "weed" only to be assigned weeding homework. Next stop was Mission High School and innovation: (Contd. Pg 6)

a “school within a school” focused on employment skills, and opportunities to make up lost time. Next challenge was Mark Twain (continuation HS. Lowell HS was next; 90% AP success rate, Department Head, SF Teacher of the Year!

Richard retired in 1998, but not for long. His substitute, temporary history teaching (SI) grew into a 9-Year stint! After finally retiring, Richard used his background in “60+” and OLLI+ at SF State and serves on OLLI+’s Steering Committee.

Richard and Billie travel widely to appreciate art, music, nature and the theater. Regarding SIR, Richard finds “our Club very interesting and enjoys the speakers, social camaraderie, and promoting Bocce Ball.”

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

**“As Dave (would have) Seen It”, (Through the Eyes of Sir Richard Soward )**

Our September luncheon meeting was great!. SIRS Richard Soward, Elmer Eckart, and Pat Long greeted members and performed the many tasks of our Badgemen including helping last-minute arrivals. Positive comments were received regarding new lunch tickets designed by Paul Nocero.

Following introductions, Rolf Rosander and Tony Quarto called lucky raffle winners Stu Etzler and Roger Kelly. Next came the Birthday Boys drawing, won by George Fenech. “Geritol” winner was Pat Long. Following our delicious meals, Guest Speaker, George Smith was introduced. George is a retired Marine, Vietnam veteran, President of American Legion Post 105, and a Redwood City SIR. George gave an excellent talk describing benefits available for Vets and the “Outreach” programs of the VA and American Legion. Many questions followed George’s presentation.

Interesting note: a Veteran member of Branch 4 who is 100% disabled, as described by George, does not have to pay California bridge tolls if registered and displaying a “Special” license plate. George was thanked for his excellent presentation. SIR Al Herpe was also recognized for an outstanding job securing interesting and compelling speakers. ( Thanks, Richard!)

See you November 1, 2023 for our next Luncheon at Basque Cultural Center!

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