

SIR Branch 4 Foghorn

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<p style="text-align: center;">Big SIR-Tim Hazen</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">God Bless our USA</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Little SIR-Paul Nocero</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Secretary-Bob Calhoun Asst. Secretary-Jack Major</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Foghorn Editor John McGlothlin</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Treasurer-Bob Golton Asst. Treasurer-George Fenech</p>

August 6th Luncheon. Branch 4 will hold our luncheon meeting on Wednesday, August 6th, at the Basque Cultural Center, 599 Railroad Avenue, South San Francisco. We hope to see you there. Cost will again be \$30.00.

Lunch will be served at 12Noon and the bar will be available at 11:30AM. Cost will again be \$30.00 and Menu choices are:

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| 1. Salmon | 2. Chicken Cordon Bleu |
| 3. Pork Chops | 4. Mushroom Omelette |

Please respond if you will be attending no later than Tuesday, July 29th, so we can make plans with the restaurant (late responses will be accepted but are not preferred). We need to know if you plan on attending AND your choice of entrée, above.

You can respond to Paul directly at SIRpaul@nocero.com, or by phone to 415-254-8175. Please include your name with your e-mail response so Paul can record your request correctly.

August's Speaker. Tad Bogdan, "*From Road Rage to Mindfulness*", (Contact Alfred Herpe 650-992-3344). ***Speaker Coordinator Wanted!*** For the last couple of years, Alfred has provided us with engaging speakers and memorable dessert treats. The time has come for him to focus more time and energy on home and family. We need a new coordinator to follow in the footsteps of Alfred, Stu Etzler, John Cooney (Branch 91) and Bob Fox. As key contributors to our luncheons, each of the SIRs mentioned have made a big difference and will be around to share speaker ideas. We need a volunteer with enthusiasm and ideas-talk to **Big SIR Tim** if interested!

Announcements and Information

Election of Officers. SIR Bylaws require each branch to conduct an annual election (for 2026). We vote on the following positions: Big SIR, Little SIR, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, and Directors. Our current Officers are:

Big SIR-Tim Hazen	Secretary- Robert Calhoun	Director-Alfred Herpe
Little SIR - Paul Nocero	Assistant Secretary-Jack Major	Director-Herman NG
	Treasurer-Robert Golton	Director-John McGlothlin
	Assistant Treasurer-George Fenech	

At our September Board (BEC) meeting, we will canvas our current officers regarding their interest in continuing and announce the results to SIRs attending. The Big SIR, or designee, will then conduct the election for each position, considering any nominations from the floor. Since the Bylaws allow up to 12 Directors, we will elect the 3 incumbent Directors as a group, adding any nominees (or volunteers) from the floor. We would like to have additional Directors and nominations/volunteers are encouraged!

You may be wondering why other important positions such as Activity Chairs, Coordinators such as Membership, our Badge Table staff, Big SIR Emeritus, Master of Ceremonies, or even your Newsletter Editor are not included in the election; they serve at the Big SIR and Board's discretion.

If you have any questions concerning specific positions or the election process, please contact John McGlothlin.

Remembrance. Branch 4 remembers longtime SIR members John Gehring and Bob Pardfini.

SIR Birthdays. Branch 4 sends greetings for the August birthdays of Mike Abeyta, Don Appleton, Tad Bogdan, Terry Kirchhoff, and Jack Major,

Sunshine List and Best Wishes. Best wishes to Dan Quigg and SIR members with challenges.

Branch 4 Membership & Lunch Attendance. Branch Membership: 75
July Lunch Total: 51 (badge table).

Lost your Foghorn (gasp!) or want to look up an article in an older edition, this is the link for Branch 4's Newsletter Archive, <https://sirinc2.org/branch4/foghorns.html> . While you're at it, browse the SIR Website, Members Section for more useful information <https://sirinc.org/members/>

As Dave Sees it, by David Nigel, *with photos by Samy Hernandez (a picture is worth a thousand words...)*

Forty Branch 4 members enjoyed lunch at the Basque Cultural Center. Big Sir Tim Hazen, called the meeting to order at noon and called upon David Nigel to honor two of our members who passed away during the past month: Bob Pardini joined Branch 4 in March 2016 and enjoyed our luncheons with his son-in-law Dan Herran; and John Gehring, a member since January 2004 who loved golf, especially our tournaments. Both will be missed. Dave then gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance and singing of “God Bless America.”

Tim Hazen called on our Activity Chairmen to make their announcements and event reports. Please see the notes under “**Activities**”, below. Bill Gipe, Membership Chair remarked that our current roster reflects 76 members. Tad Bogdan announced discontinuance of the Food Bank grocery distribution program and encouraged new ideas for member participation and community service..



Rolf Rosander and Tony Quarto, Raffle Co-Chairs, calling out the winning numbers for Jim McCoy and Tony Quarto (Tony did not draw **his** winning ticket!). Rolf presented Treasurer, Bob Golton, with an envelope of proceeds for our treasury. Birthday Chairman Herman Ng introduced our July “Birthday Boys”; each stated their date of birth. Following singing of “Happy Birthday,” Sir Alfred Herpe won the free lunch ticket. Next came the “Geritol” drawing prize won by Pat Long. John McGlothlin described the Geritol in the July

Foghorn. The final drawing for a “Free lunch ticket” was won by Stu Ruth.

Four entrees were enjoyed along with desserts. Thank you, Alfred Herpe for picking up our treats! Guest Speaker Chair, Alfred Herpe, introduced our presenter, Peter Sellars, who gave an outstanding talk on the “Odd Fellows” (formally, the “Independent Order of Odd Fellows”, or IOOF), a global fraternal organization. Peter described the Odd Fellows’s origins in 1840s London and expanding to America around the time of the California Gold Rush. The Odd Fellows welcomes all faiths, races, genders, occupations, and abilities. In San Francisco, The Odd Fellows created the Columbarium now operated by the Neptune Society. Peter described many books on the Odd Fellows, several of which he authored. Audience comments, stories, and questions concluded an engaging presentation.



Next regular meeting - Wednesday, August 6th, 2025, at the Basque Cultural Center.

ACTIVITIES



Golf: Jack Major 415-412-6654 (cell) and Bill McGee 415-806-4608. June 2025. 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 **2025 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 July 8th Sharp Park match -. There was high coastal fog and light wind developing later. Just about ideal weather. The course was well watered, with several fairways carpet-like, and greens were in nice shape. There was just hole #10 with a long-grass clump, like my dress-up toupee. We had 15 players with 2 guests - Tony Maffei with George Bacigalupi, and Seamus Whitley with Pat Stan. Highlights: No Birdies. Plenty of pars on #8 (8) and #15 (4).

Next Sharp Park Tournament: Tuesday, August 12^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 **\$35** - \$26 greens, and \$9 prize fund. Add a cart for \$25 for **\$60**. Breakfasts are available per Kevin.

The **2025 Poplar Creek Tournaments** started in February and are Tuesdays

8/26, 10/21, and 12/16. These start at 1000 with a 24-player max. This year's contract is pay the green fee \$38, pro shop merchandise voucher fees (\$8), and optional cart fees (\$20 each), 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 Poplar Creek Tournament: Tuesday June 17^h – in July's Foghorn.

We still have the restaurant, bar, and restroom closed due to a sewer pipe break and mold underneath, since October. This looks like a big job. It doesn't look like any progress was made this year. I doubt if this project is very high up on the city priority spectrum. This puts the kibosh on the post-game revelries at the course. Last time, two groups went to Celia's, 504 Peninsula Ave, 0.7 miles from the course, for some brews and appetizers, very convenient.

Next Poplar Creek Tournament: August 26th.



Local SIR Tours. Bill Gipe, (650-878-5746).

August 23 has the Pacific Bus Museum Open House in Fremont. Our BEC discussed a September/October visit to the Disney Family Museum and the Presidio. San Francisco's

good Fall weather invites a visit to the new Mission Bay Park & lunch at McCovey Cove. Details will be in the next Foghorn.



Bocce. Charley Leach 415-333-7277, Roger Kelly 650-346-9668: We meet at Doelger Center Wednesdays 1-3PM. Doelger Center is about 1/4 Mile North of Westlake Joe's. We don't meet first Wednesday of each month (SIRs Luncheon). Show up and get a game or 2, or maybe even 3. Beginners are (always) welcome!

On an overcast but warm summer day, nine Bocce Ball players met at the Doelger Senior Center for fun and competition. Play began at 1:00 p.m. with SIRs Charlie Leach, Roger, Kelly, Pat Long, Bill Gipe, Tim Hazen, Ramon Canova, Reyniero "Rey" Hernandez, Michael Song, and David Nigel in attendance.

Two teams were selected. Those residing in San Francisco versus those living on the Peninsula. Three matches

were played, and the competition was close and exciting.

All interested are invited to join our weekly Bocce games each Wednesday afternoon throughout the year meeting the second, third, and fourth Wednesdays at the Doelger Senior Center court. Co-Chairs Charley Leach and Roger Kelly extend an on-going invitation for those interested to join in on this wonderful activity.

Geritol For August, Pedroncelli 2022 "Mother Clone" Zinfandel, from Dry Creek Valley in Sonoma. Many wineries cite older "starting dates" including from the 1850's. Most, if not all, closed for Prohibition and only a few reopened. Almost none are still owned by the same family. Pedroncelli started in 1927, very optimistic, betting prohibition would end (it did in 1932). They continue to make great, value priced, wines. In the 60's many of their wines ended up in *Private Labels*, for example at places like Anderson's Pea Soup, the Giant Artichoke, Tower Market, etc. Still going strong, same ownership and wonderful fruity wines. "Mother Clone" recognizes the vineyard where "budwood" comes from to start new vineyards. Pleasant, fruity and may even age well-but why not enjoy it now?

“An Exceptional SIR”, by Dave Nigel.

This month, we honor Sir Tim Hazen. Tim was born and raised in San Francisco and is now seventy-six years old as of January 17th. Tim's father was a San Francisco Fireman for 35 years and Tim has great memories of his family and growing up on Potrero Hill, attending Patrick Henry Elementary, now Downtown High School. One of Tim's classmates was the football star O.J. Simpson. Next was Everett Junior High on Church Street in the Mission, followed by Lowell High School and classmate, Larry Baer, SF Giants president.

Furthering his education, Tim attended San Francisco State University entering as a math major. Involved with technology and music since childhood, Tim transferred to the Radio/Television/Film Department at State. Local TV stations would occasionally hire students to work on broadcasts - mostly sports. Tim was lucky to be one of those students and was noticed by KPIX-TV/CBS and hired in 1980. Following a successful and rewarding career, Tim retired in 2010.

As a sidelight, Tim is a musician playing keyboards, guitar, and bass. For a few years, he was on the road playing clubs in California, Oregon, Colorado. This was a time when you could actually live on musician's wages, especially when gas was thirty-five cents per gallon.

Tim and Katrina just celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary. They are proud of their son and two daughters, and five wonderful grandchildren plus one coming. Tim's family has a summer home on the Russian River where Tim met Pete Jordan who lives in Walnut Creek. One day Pete told Tim about “Sons in Retirement”. Pete asked Tim to consult with his SIRs branch about improving their sound system for meetings, a request still to be completed. Tim is an active member of Branch 4. He was introduced to Bocce Ball and has become a regular weekly player. One day while playing Bocce, Tim was asked if he would consider serving as our Branch 4 Big Sir. Tim wanted to be more active - so he said yes! We are thankful for his active role and leadership.

Want to Recognize a SIR, talk to Dave Nigel

See you on August 6th!

Help (Still) Wanted!