

	<p>SIR Branch 4 Foghorn September 2025</p>	
Big SIR-Tim Hazen Secretary-Bob Calhoun Asst. Secretary-Jack Major	God Bless our USA Foghorn Editor John McGlothlin	Little SIR-Paul Nocero Treasurer-Bob Golton Asst. Treasurer-George Fenech

September 3rd Luncheon. Lunch will be served at 12 noon and the bar will be available at 11:30AM. The menu choices will be:

1. White Fish	2. Chicken Breast
3. Steak Haché	4. Mushroom Omelet

Cost will again be \$30.00.

Please respond if you will be attending, so we can make plans with the restaurant (last minute 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.

September's Speaker. September 3rd is Branch 4's Annual Election of Officers and Directors. We will be back to our regular Speaker's Program for October.

Speaker Coordinator Wanted! As mentioned last month we need a Speaker Coordinator to fill the role Alfred Herpe has so capably performed. We need a volunteer with enthusiasm and ideas-talk to Big SIR Tim if interested!

Announcements and Information

Election of Officers. Wednesday September 3rd is Election Day. 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. Below is the “Slate” your Board and Executive Committee is presenting for members to vote on.

Officers		Directors
Big SIR-Tim Hazen (I)	Secretary- Robert Calhoun (I)	Director-Bill Gipe
Little SIR - Paul Nocero (I)	Assistant Secretary-Jack Major (I)	Director-John McGlothlin (I)
	Treasurer-Robert Golton (I)	Director-Herman NG (I)
	Assistant Treasurer-George Fenech (I)	Director/Big SIR Emeritus-Stu Ruth

Note: Vacancies have been created by Tim and Bill stepping into Big and Little SIR positions. Bill Gipe has returned to his director position from Little SIR.

We will be following the following procedures:

1. The Slate presented by the BEC will be introduced.
2. SIRs will be offered the opportunity to nominate candidates (including themselves) from the floor. Up to 12 SIRs may serve as Directors.
3. You will be asked to vote by show of hands for all candidates running unopposed, including up to 9 additional directors).
4. A vote will be held for each position with more than one candidate by show of hands.

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

SIR Birthdays. Branch 4 celebrates the September birthdays of Stu Etzler, George Fenech, Bill Gipe, Bob Golton, Jon Bologna, John Griffin and Reynerio “Samy” Hernandez.

Sunshine List and Best Wishes. Best wishes are sent to Dan Quigg and all SIR members overcoming challenges.

Branch 4 Membership & Lunch Attendance. Branch Membership 76, August lunch attendance 38 (from badge table). Reminder: SIR business cards are available at the Badge Table. The cards help introduce our SIR lunch & activities to retired friends.

Holiday Party 2025. Branch 4 has reserved Oyster Point Yacht Club for our annual Holiday Lunch on Wednesday December 3. Music, good food and great company! Please save this date. More info will be in the October Foghorn.

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/>

Missing your copy of the State Newsletter? Here is August's. <https://sirinc.org/uploads/newsletters/August-2025-Newsletter.pdf> . September is just around the corner and you will find the most current "The Rooster Crows" at <https://sirinc.org/newsletters/>

As Dave Sees it, by David Nigel

Big Sir Tim Hazen opened August's luncheon meeting with 37 attending, promptly at Noon. David Nigel was called upon for the invocation, and lead the Pledge of Allegiance, and our rousing "God Bless America."

Tim called on Activity Chairs for announcements and reports. Dave Nigel acknowledged Tad Bogdan for leading participation in SF-Marin Food Bank's pop-up distributions. Federal funding cuts accelerated plans to cut back distributions. Dave proposed reviving the activity conducted by Late SIR Rich Palmer and SIR Paul Walsh; collecting aluminum can tabs for Ronald McDonald House. Bring your tabs to our September 3rd meeting. (more in this in October's Foghorn).

Filling in for Bocce co-chairs, Tim Hazen described our gatherings and how much fun players enjoy and invited members to join the fun and camaraderie. Jack Major, Golf Chair, described up and coming golf competitions and events.

Next was Rolf Rosander and Tony Quarto drawing raffle winners. Tony announced winning tickets for Tony (that Tony!) and Stu Etzler. Birthday Chair Herman Ng introduced August's "Birthday Boys" and Tad Bogdan won their free lunch drawing. John McGlothlin described the "Geritol" (AKA Wine) won by Sir Peter Aiello and spoke about the Pedroncelli Winery (see this Month's Foghorn for more information). The final drawing for a "Free lunch ticket" was won by Pat Long.

David mentioned the San Francisco Banjo Band including SIR John Cooney, who perform monthly, with several SIRs attending, at Molloy's in Colma.

Four entrees were served and Madeleine cookies selected by Sir Bill Gipe were appreciated. Guest Speaker, Tad Bogdan, gave a PowerPoint presentation entitled: "*Road Rage to Mindfulness*" describing "Thinking Skills" and building them. Tad began with a cartoon entitled "Thoughtlessness" and spoke about making better decisions, quoting Descartes, "I think, therefore I am." One of Tad's examples described a Tesla Black pickup truck driving recklessly and whether the driver of the car being cut-off reacted with mindfulness or reflexively. An interesting, well-received presentation. *Our next meeting is September 3rd.*

ACTIVITIES



Golf: Jack Major 415-412-6654 (cell) and Bill McGee 415-806-4608. September 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>. Reported by Jack Major.

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 August 12^h 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. They raised the green fees from \$26 to \$29. I found out after when doing the results. I took it out of the prize fund this time. We had 14 players with no guests. Highlights: Birdies Don Appleton on par-3 #8, Dave Ocampo on par-5 #4, and George Fenech on par-4 #6. Plenty of pars on #8 (6) and #15 (2).

Next Sharp Park Tournament: Tuesday, September 9^h – first tee-off is 0930. SIR members and their guests are invited. Check in a half-hour before your tee time inside the clubhouse. Sharp Park fees are \$38 - \$29 greens, and \$9 prize fund. Add a cart for \$25 for \$63. Breakfasts are available per Kevin.

2025 Poplar Creek Tournaments are starting 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 August 26th – too late for the Foghorn.

We still have the restaurant, bar, restroom closed due to a sewer pipe break and mold underneath, since October 2024! This looks like a big job. It didn't look like any progress was made this year. I doubt if this project is really 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: October 21st.



Local SIR Tours. **Bill Gipe.** (650) 878-5746). Branch 4 Local Tours will make a visit to the Presidio's Disney Museum & adjacent Tunnel Tops Park in October, which is SF's warm weather month. Please look for details in the October Foghorn or sign-up at next SIR lunch.



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! (Photo courtesy of SIR Samy Hernandez)



Geritol For September. "Fidelity", 2022 Red Wine, Alexander Valley, Goldschmidt Vineyards. This is a blend of Merlot, Cabernet, Petite Verdot, etc.

In other words, the classic Bordeaux Blend. Made by a talented winemaker from New Zealand. He works for other famous wineries, and this happens to be his personal project.

Changes at the Basque Cultural Center. You've probably noticed the constructions at the BCC. Now that is finished and there is also a brand-new menu. Some favorites are gone and some intriguing new items added. There are also new prices. We will be discussing this at our September Board meeting so we can keep all our members informed.

“An Exceptional SIR”, by David Nigel. September’s honoree. Charlie Hoenisch is a native San Franciscan born in Saint Joseph’s hospital (now condos). He attended St. Ignatius High and CCSF, majoring in Administration of Justice and earned his BA at USF. Completing City College, Charlie joined the SF Police Department enjoying a distinguished 32-year career, including serving in the Narcotics Division. He rose through the ranks to Captain particularly enjoying his assignment at Park Station. Charlie is also very proud of serving as an “Investigation” instructor at CCSF, developing other law enforcement officers.

Charlie met Carol on a blind date set up by a fellow police officer, fell in love, and they were married in 1967 at St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in North Beach. Carol also attended CCSF, majoring in Nursing and enjoyed a long and rewarding career. Charlie and Carol’s two children, Corinne and Charlie III and both reside in the same Crestmoor neighborhood where the Hoenishes have lived since 1970. Charlie and Carol share enjoyment of tennis, golf, kayaking, and Bocce Ball.

As a boy, Charlie’s family enjoyed summers in Glen Ellen. Now the family travels to the Sierra Nevada for great experiences in the gold rush town of Arnold.

Charlie joined SIR Branch 4 in January 2014 and loves attending and participating in our monthly luncheons. Recently, he was thrilled to win the drawing for a “Free Lunch Ticket” as he celebrated his birthday. Our Club is honored to have Charlie as a wonderful and loyal member.

Activity Chairs, and Why they Are (VERY) Important?

Last month, I covered our September election, and positions our Membership are expected to elect. Discerning readers probably noticed I left out positions that are very important to you because they plan activities you like and participate in; need I mention Golf and Bocce.

Justifiably, you may regard these Chair positions as most important in our branch AND you are correct! We don’t elect Chairs, technically they are appointed by your board. They serve because you want them to serve, **and** they want to contribute. Activities such as Bocce, Local Travel, our Badge Table, Food Distribution, Membership and Golf are well known. Others take place behind the scenes and

include Newsletter publishing (Editor and Writers), our Holiday Party (and other events, such as birthdays), and Speakers (including volunteer speakers). Once, we also enjoyed our Picnic, Walk for Health, Wine Appreciation, Book Exchange and our fabulous Clutter Auction.

We have a “stealth” Activity; enabling SIRs to attend meetings and events. Many of us are less mobile than we once were and an occasional ride or help up the stairs is appreciated. Your reward is an opportunity to spend time with a fellow SIR, get to know them better and see them participate. If you want to contribute more to an activity you value, talk to your Chair; they may want a Co-Chair, or other help.