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God Bless America

MENU

August: Calamari Steak with Lemon Butter Sauce, Chicken Salad, Rainbow Sorbet

September: BBQ Chicken, Salad Bar, Apple Oatmeal Crisp
(Salads must be ordered one month in advance)

Big SIR Robin Jaquith



August is the middle of summer and should be the laziest month in the year. No big holidays or significant events mark this month. So that means we can just lay back and enjoy ourselves in our own ways.

As I have said on several occasions being retired means we are on vacation every day. So what does a person do on an every day vacation, especially in August? So, I have come up with a few ideas I think would be fun and in some cases things that I have not done, yet I have lived my entire life. Take a bay cruise to Tiburon or Sausalito, visit Alcatraz, ride a cable car, drive the "49 Mile Drive", view the city from Twin Peaks, visit the art museums, do Golden Gate Park, visit Fisherman's Wharf are a few of my ideas. I pass this along to you as a way of helping you decide what to do with your August days, that is if you need any help. (continued)

Sons In Retirement San Francisco Branch 4

The Fog Horn



A Luncheon Club promoting The Independence and Dignity Of Retirement

Elks Lodge 650 589-4030
Stonegate & Hillside Blvd.
So. San Francisco, CA 94080

10:30 Board Meeting
11 AM Social-12 Noon Lunch
*Every friend is a potential
Member!*



Happy Birthday United States Coast Guard

Editor's Note

Look for your badge number!

If you see your badge number, identified with a #, call Robin Jaquith, Bob Fox or George Rodriguez. You will win 5 free raffle tickets. A very good idea from Big SIR Robin, to make September "Bring a Friend Month." See you at the meeting!

(Big SIR continued)

Let's make next month, September, "Bring a Friend to Lunch" our goal. This has been a state wide goal for this year and we have not jumped on the band wagon, so let's do it. There are a few members who have done a stellar job in introducing friends and acquaintances to SIR. Let's all join them in bringing someone new to our group of comrades enjoying lunch and a good time. Who knows they just might join.

Fog Horn Issue August 2011

Meeting August 3rd
Next meeting September 7th
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Little SIR – Bob Fox

Welcome fellow SIR's of Branch 1, Well summer weather is finally starting to warm up some. It's about time. With the nicer weather, do consider going to see our Giants give you a heart acceleration by winning a game in the 9th by a run where 3 runs are the total for both teams. If you prefer something more relaxing, take a leisure drive up or down the coast highway to enjoy unsurpassed beauty. Stop for a little lunch at small family restaurant along the way and sit outside to get a little sunburn on your forehead. But take that drive during the week to avoid the weekend crunch of those working stiff. Yet another advantage of being retired.

Cecilia and I have been considering a cruise in the Mediterranean for some time and now we are making it happen in early September. She's doing the lion's share of the planning in that I'm on the mend from a total knee replacement. I get to play Jimmy Stewart in "Rear Window" and spy on my neighbors out the living room window when I get bored reading books. Just a little reminder, look in our Branch 4 web site for other neighboring branches ongoing activities. You may well find something to tickle your fancy and try it out.

Quote for the month: The best argument against democracy is a five minute conversation with the average voter.

Winston Churchill.

**Golf: Jack Major 415-566-2243
Ken Reed 415 810-3832**

2011 Sharp Park Tournaments are scheduled for the second Tuesday of the month, starting at 0930. The results will be out on the web site, so enter the SIR Branch 4 Golf address <http://branch4.sirinc.org/golf.htm> . If I have your email, you will be notified when new results are posted. Copies will be on the golf table at the lunch too.

The **July 12th Sharp Park Tournament** results will be out on the website when available.

Next Sharp Park Tournament: Tuesday August 9th, 2011 first tee-off is 0930.

SIR members and their guests are invited. Sign up for tournaments at the golf table at the first Wednesday's lunch. Since there's breakfast, **check in one hour before your tee time, or risk being removed from the tournament.** Sharp Park fees are \$42 for green fees, cart, breakfast (at 0830), and prizes (\$3 each). This will be a combined tournament with Branch 4 and Branch 25. Jack Major coordinates the match, so Branch 4 goes out after Branch 25.

2011 Poplar Creek Tournaments are scheduled for Tuesday 2/15, 4/19, 6/29 (Wednesday), 8/16, 10/18, and 12/13. **No-shows without notification** will require a **\$10 contribution** to the commissioner's pocket fund at the next tournament.

The **June 29th Poplar Creek Tournament results** will be out on the website when available.

Next Poplar Creek Tournament: Tuesday August 16th, first tee-off is 1030.

The tournament starts at 1030 for 40 golfers. Sign up at the golf table or call Jack or Ken. Green (\$30) and prize fees (\$7) are \$37; optional cart fees are \$13.50 per player double, \$18 single, payable at the Pro Shop.

SIR Area 4 Away Golf Tournaments: Jim Smith, 650-871-8855, 430 Forest View Drive, South SF, CA 94080. These tournaments are scheduled for Mondays this year.

NEW! Presidio Group Play – Jim Smith has negotiated three dates this year for the Presidio for \$42, \$39 each including cart and \$3 for the prize fund...such a deal! The first two dates were Tuesday May 17th and July 19th. and the last one is November 15, 2011.

On **Monday August 29th, Metropolitan Golf Links**, 10051 Doolittle Dr., Oakland 94603, 510-569-5555, hosts the next shotgun tournament. Bus leaves the SSF Elks Club at 0630 for 0830 tee off. Bus rate \$60, drive \$55.

Upcoming Away Trips – 9/29 Blue Rock Springs, 10/24 Foxtail – North, 11/21 Crystal Springs.

Check the web site SIR Branch 4 Golf for updates!



If you want to get a notification of when the Foghorn is available, email Jack Major at jemajor@pacbell.net to set up our email list. Badge # 75

Travel Chairman – Wayne Veatch 415 821-1806

We continue to offer you two levels of travel adventures: local tours within or close to San Francisco and more exotic and longer tours. As for the former, our latest was Jack Major's outing to the USS Hornet Museum on July 28. I hope you didn't miss it. It was really great. We're letting August go and planning a a walking tour either of Fort Mason or the Hyde Street Pier and Maritime Museum on September 22. led by Bob Bowen. Mark this date on your calendar - it will be fun and interesting. More details will be in the September Foghorn.

By now you know that we have posted on the website the Yellow Sheet of Travel Events for 2011 and 2012, prepared by the Area 1 SIR Travel Chairs, offering tours arranged by Travel Chairs and professional tour companies. I have brought and will continue to bring copies of it to the meeting, as well. I know some of you have taken copies of it from the table and flyers for some trips listed on that sheet. Please let me know if you will be signing up for any of them: Sicily, September 16-26; Carmel Valley, September 22; Halloween at Wonder Valley Ranch, October 23-25; Broadway Theater Night in Redwood City, November 17; Memphis and Nashville, November 29-December 4; Beach Blanket Babylon, December 8; New Year's in Monterey, December 30-January 2 and Winter Break in Laughlin, Nevada, January 16-19. If you are interested in any of these trips or events, contact me for details.

As I've mentioned before, we Travel Chairs will plan the activities you want to get involved with, but you have to tell me where you want to go and what you want to do. Send me an email (veatchlaw@gmail.com) or call me at 415-821-1806 with your suggestions. And please share this column with your wife or S.O.

Attention all past Big Sirs

Our Historian, Tony Ramirez needs your picture! Please Bring your picture to the meeting or see George Rodriguez, and he will take your picture at the meeting. Thank You!

**Birthday Greetings
Chairman: Robert Hennig**

August 2011 Birthday Celebrants

August Birthdays include Donald Bierey, Douglas Bishop, Edward Gigli, Vrej Mekhalian, Leonel Parra, William Roberts, William Robles, Nick Roccas, Peter Roosakos, and Robert Scholten.

Absentee Special Donor List for June

Chairman, Bill Gipe

Branch 4 thanks members for their annual, special, and missed meeting contributions. Your donation pays for branch expenses. July contributors include John Bauman, Paul DeNatale, Gene Roberts, and Art Rogers.

Please notify Bill Gipe (650-878-5746) if you'll miss a lunch meeting.

Please see me at the meeting if your name is missing from this partial list.

**Membership and attendance
Report for July 2011**

Active Membership 140

Inactive Members 19

Changes: Frank Hanly moves to inactive list. Branch 4 welcomes July inductees George Bacigalupi and Richard Kim.

Branch 4 remembers deceased members John Kelly and Roger Spindler.

Attendance on July 6, 2011- 67 members or 47.8%.

In Memoriam

**Roger G. Spindler
John W. Kelly**

SIR Happenings is now in its seventh year of publishing, and the readership is growing. Enjoy reading SIR Happenings, the State Newsletter, and find out about all the fun things that are going on throughout our organization. You can easily find Happenings on the SIR State Website: sirinc.org.

Don't forget to wear your pin to the meetings. The Bolo Ties, Lapel Pins, Patches, and Decals are all reasonably priced at \$2 to \$3 each. **Fly the SIR Colors!** See Bill Gipe!

Rewards for Branch 4

When you make a purchase at Office Depot, give them the Rewards # 1738924784 and Branch 4 will get the credit. A win win situation! This will help defray expenses. Thank You!

Pinochle George Samoulides 415 564 5384

If you know the game or are interested in learning the game, join us on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month. Meetings are at the Holy Trinity Christopher Community Center, 999 Brotherhood Way, in San Francisco. Hope to see you there for some fellowship and fun.

Sunshine Committee

Shut ins Chairman Lee M. Appel 415 221 6664

Sick List for July 2011

Peter Angelonides, Tom Sylvester, Nick Rigas, and Jim Triggas.

Computer Club – Jerry Blumenthal 415 681 1208

Meeting at 11:45 every 3rd Wednesday of the month at the Doelger Senior Center, Westlake – Daly City. All those interested in computers are welcome to attend.

Next meeting – August 17th

Glee Club – George Rodriguez 650 992-8321

No practice this month.

Bowling – Bob Fox 415 753-2630

The Over the Hill Gang completed the winter season April 28th. Final League Standings (Only SIR Teams and Individuals)

4th. Place: Mean Machine (Bob Fox and Mates)

5th. Place: 3 Clowns (Earl Somers, Ed Sawyer and Dan Kramer)

6th. Place: Team 5 (Al Ertassi and Mates)

7th. Place: Team 11 (Art Tanjuaquio, Joe Jacinto and Rudy Gutierrez)

12th Place: Team 8 (Mel Kranke, John Candau and Joe Sebastinelli)

14th Place: 3 Coins (Arturo Encabo and Mates)

Individual SIR Final Averages:

John Ghiglieri (172); Al Ertassi (167); Arturo Encabo (161); Rudy Gutierrez (154); Joe Sebastinelli (151); Bob Ratto (148); Ed Sawyer (146); John Candau

(138); Dan Kramer (136); Art Tanjuaquio (134); Earl Somers (133); Joe Jacinto (128); Leo Juarez (125); Bob Fox (118); Mel Kranke (110); Ernie Gochez (107)

High Handicap Series: Bob Ratto (716)

Bocce Ball

Harry Lieberman 415-584-3794

Charlie Leach 415 333-7277

Every Wednesday 10-12 except the first when it's 9:30-11. Just show up at Doelger Senior Center.

Senior Tennis Harry Lew 415 – 333-2984

We meet Mondays and Thursdays from 10 AM to 12 Noon At Glen Park in San Francisco.

The court is reserved for us and we each put in \$10.00 annually to buy balls. We have a lot of fun and we are a fun group. If you want to stay fit and healthy, come join our group. All you need is a racket.

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Golfers at Poplar Creek



High School Quiz – Charlie Leach

For you Native San Franciscan's you should know the answers to the following, for others, give it a try. For the following High Schools, name the school colors and the school Mascot.

Lowell, Polytechnic, Galileo, Balboa, Mission, St. Ignatius, Sacred Heart, Commerce, Lincoln, Washington.

Trivia:

- 1. What is the tallest hill in San Francisco?**
- 2. Which is larger, Golden Gate Park S.F, or Central Park N.Y.?**
(answers next month)

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