

The SIR Branch 4 Foghorn



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God Bless America



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**September Luncheon Meeting. First Wednesday! September 7, 2022
Basque Cultural Center (BCC), 599 Railroad Ave., South San Francisco
September and October Lunches will be on First Wednesday at BCC,
November Lunch will be Second Wednesday (BCC), December Holiday Lunch,
will be First Wednesday, December 7th, Oyster Point Yacht Club!**

Lunch Basics. SIR Branch 4 will hold its next luncheon meeting Wednesday, September 7th at the Basque Cultural Center, 599 Railroad Ave., South San Francisco. Lunch will be served at 12 noon and the bar will be available at 11:30AM. Menu choices will be Breast of Chicken, White Fish of the Day, or Vegetarian Pasta. Cost will again be \$30.00.

Please respond no later than Wednesday, August 31st so we can make plans with the restaurant. We need to know that you plan on attending AND your choice of entree; Chicken, Fish or Pasta.

Please respond directly to Paul Nocero at SIRpaul@nocero.com, or by phone to 415-254-8175

Save The Date-Holiday Party 2022-December 7, 2022!

Tis the season! Come celebrate the Holidays with your SIR friends and family! We're returning to *Dominic's at Oyster Point Yacht Club*, scene of many fine events.

Date and Time: First Wednesday, December 7, 2022, starting at 11 AM. Menu choices will be: Tri-Tip, Stuffed Sole, Chicken Ala Marino, or Stuffed Portobello Mushroom. Cost will be \$40. Watch for the flyer!

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September Luncheon Speaker. Our September Speaker will be Brian Agron, Docent for the Liberty Ship Memorial. Brian will be discussing the history of the SS Jeremiah O'Brien, San Francisco's living, steaming memorial to the ships and men of steel who won the logistics war with fascism. Brian will also share interesting facts about the real Jeremiah O'Brien and the ongoing work to preserve the O'Brien for future generations.

Information and Announcements

Membership and Attendance (Bill Gipe). Branch 4 remembers our friend and long time SIR member Dave Carelli who passed away in July.

Sunshine Report: Branch 4 sends greetings to Peter Aiello, Jerry Blumenthal, Roger Kelly, Pat Long and all members facing health challenges.

Membership: Active members - 90, Super Seniors - 2. August Luncheon attendance - 34.

Birthdays. Branch 4 celebrates the September birthdays of Jon Bologna, Pete Carrillo, Stu Etzler, George Fenech, Bill Gipe and Bob Golton.

Survey of Your Interests (Continued).

Counting 9 Surveys received at our August Luncheon, plus 15 turned in in July, plus one mailed and one emailed (thanks for the extra effort!), I've received 26 Surveys. 45 Activities were checked including one added for "Streaking"; I hope "flash" realizes that, at our age the reaction might

well be "there goes _____, must have forgot to dress again...". Golf was checked by 10 SIRs, Bocce by 7, Walk for Health by 8, Bowling by 6, and Baseball Day or Computing by 4. Looks like there may be some potential for Bowling as a new Activity. 15 Offices/Positions/Activity Chairs were also checked in the surveys.

As Dave Sees It. Once again, the Basque Cultural Center was the venue for 34 SIRs Branch 4 members enjoying camaraderie, delicious Chicken Cordon Bleu, Salmon, and Eggplant Parmigiana, plus dessert. David Nigel led our convocation filling in for George Rodriguez, followed by the Pledge to our Flag and a beautiful rendition of "God Bless America."

Following our meal, Little SIR John McGlothlin, described his long tenure with the IRS and discussed our country's history of taxation and collecting revenue leading up to formation of current IRS. Interesting questions were asked, and John provided background information. SIRs were very encouraging.

John observed that amongst our membership, we have many members with experiences that would be of high interest. SIRs wishing to speak during future meetings should contact Al Herpe or John. John complimented Tad Bogden and David Nigel for sharing experiences.

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As Dave Sees It, continued. Big SIR Stu Ruth introduced a new prospective member, Pete Strasser, who resides in Pacifica and called on Committee Chairs for announcements and reports.

George Suter honored the three "August Birthday Boys" attending, singing our usual salutations and responses by honorees. Jack Major won the drawing and received a "Free" lunch ticket. There being no further business, our meeting was adjourned prior to 2:00 p.m.

Activities

Golf

Jack Major 415-412-6654 (cell) and Paul Nocero 415-254-8175 September 2022. 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 **2022 Sharp Park Tournaments** are still scheduled for the **second Tuesday** of the month, starting at 0930. Check the website for current schedules and past results. Signups and results will be emailed.

Results of the July 12th Sharp Park match: 22 players in 5 groups starting at 0930. Greens were in spotty shape, fairways about the same, with plenty of gopher and ground squirrel homes. One on the 13th tee had a little sign "Walnut, please".
Highlights: Birdies: Jon Bologna on par-3 #8 with a 1st place closest, Forrest Holleman on par-5 #9, and Bob Calhoun on par-5 #13. Mention any long drives, chips, or putts propaganda next time on the cards for the highlights.
One guest played - Pete Strausser with Stan Falk - sign him up. Previous

guest and new member Joe Shasky played - welcome to SIR Branch 4.

Next Sharp Park Tournament: Tuesday, September 13th - 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 - \$24 greens**, and \$6 prize fund. Add a cart for \$20 for \$50. Breakfasts for \$13 are available per Kevin.

Next Poplar Creek Tournament: Wednesday August 24th - This will be delayed until the following week due to green aeration. First tee-off is 1000. Signups will be sent out online and the clipboard too. Green (\$34), prize fund (\$7) is back for \$41. Optional cart fees are \$25 single, \$16.50 each shared. Prize merchandise vouchers can't be used for cart rentals during tournaments. Individual payment for cart fees will be made to the coordinator with the green and prize fees.

SIR Area 4 Away Golf Tournaments: Metropolitan, Crystal Springs, Tilden are hopeful to play in 2022.

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Walk For Health

George Suter, 415-314-6768. Out of ideas for a good walk on September 30 (last Friday). Suggestions are appreciated.! Email me at sutergeo80@gmail.com with the subject “SIR Business”. For August, you are invited to another John King walk – issued in the SF Chronicle, June 24, 2022; a curated, numbered-site walk around the Privately Owned Public Open Spaces (POPOS) in downtown San Francisco. These are spaces intended to be crowded with office workers on break, but, as you will see, they are largely empty now, and some are spectacularly generous. Scheduled for Friday August 26, 2022. Meet at 301 Main Street near Folsom (San Francisco) at the traditional 1:44 pm. Reminder announcement to follow.

Richard Soward Reports-Presidio Tunnel Tops. George Suter led another interesting and fun walk, a well-attended gathering at the Presidio Tunnel Tops Walk July 29th. There was excellent parking next to the new Presidio Visitor’s Center, the old Army Brig (jail) (in itself worth a visit with historical artifacts and great local history books). All were happy with the pace as we strolled to the truly magnificent park, well organized and easy to get around.

Presidio Tunnel Tops is America's newest national park space, free and accessible to all! We started at the [Presidio Visitor Center](#) and grabbed a Discovery Guide. Also check out the [interactive map](#). After a [successful opening weekend](#) in July, visitors have been enjoying [special events](#), [artwork](#), and [food](#) at Tunnel Tops.

Much to discover across 14 acres, from stunning views to the [Outpost play area](#). The park was built by the community, for the community, and that spirit lives on through youth programs at the refreshed [Crispy Field Center](#). Walkers were impressed with the landscaping that utilizes indigenous foliage. The walks are very wide and there is easy access to the entire area for handicap with few stairs and other ways not to use them.

Views of downtown, west past the Golden Gate Bridge and the Marin Headlands can be magnificent. Sites of artillery battery placements were easily viewed and many of us visited the Koran War memorial near the end of our walk. San Francisco is known as being the place where things were done right ... and this park is one that demonstrates that “know how.” Participants graded this experience an A+. Thanks, George for this wonderful fun walk! (See **Photos Pg. 6**)

CyberSIRs

Jerry Blumenthal. Jerry Blumenthal is on the Injured Reserve list. Apple recently released an advisory for users of MACs, IPADS, IPHONES, and MacBooks to upgrade their operating systems (OSs). There are

viruses that may be able to penetrate and steal information such as passwords. Check to make sure your Apple product is running the latest version of their OS.

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Bocce

Contact Charley Leach at 415-333-7277 or Crleach@sbcglobal.net. Seven enthusiastic Bocce Ball players enjoyed friendly competition on a beautiful day at the Doelger Senior Center Bocce Ball court located in Daly City.

Co-Chairmen Charley Leach and Roger Kelly divided the players into two teams with Charley, Jere Driscoll, and Tony Marotto on one squad against Roger, Bill Gipe, Richard Soward, and David Nigel playing on the other team.

The contests were very close with each squad winning one game. Twelve points are required for a victory. The competition was close and exciting with all players performing well.

Charley and Roger are always searching for more participants to join the weekly gatherings that occur on the second, third, and fourth Wednesdays of each month with game time commencing promptly at 1:00 p.m. and concluding by 3:00 p.m.

Those interested in joining this great enjoyable activity are invited to show up on the prementioned days and times.

Bill Gipe took a photo of Richard Soward on the Bocce Ball court preparing to throw the ball. **See page 6.**

Wine Tasting

Call Bob Fox for info (415-753-2630).

Future Plans

For July, we had 45 SIRs attending. **We are back to First Wednesdays through October. November will be 2nd Wednesday.**

September- First Wednesday, September 7th Basque Cultural Center
October- First Wednesday, October 5th Basque Cultural Center
November- Second Wednesday, November 9th Basque Cultural Center
Holiday Luncheon- First Wednesday, December 7th, Dominic's Oyster Point!

Forecasting accurate lunch turnout helps us and the Restaurant. Please help by sending or calling in your reservation and entrée choice as early as possible. We meet with BCC's

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management to select luncheon entrees based on your feedback. Enjoy, help us plan! We need your help.

Photo Album

Presidio Tunnel Walk Visitor Center (L) Korean War Memorial (R)



Rich Soward in Action!-Bocce Ball (Below)

