

# The SIR Branch 4 Foghorn



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## God Bless America



**October 2022 Issue**

**October Luncheon Meeting. First Wednesday! October 5, 2022  
Basque Cultural Center (BCC), 599 Railroad Ave., South San Francisco  
November Lunch will be Second Wednesday (BCC), December Holiday  
Lunch, will be First Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, Oyster Point Yacht Club!**

**Lunch Basics.** SIR Branch 4 will hold its next luncheon meeting Wednesday, October 5th 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 Chicken Cordon Bleu, Salmon, or Eggplant Parmigiana. Cost will again be \$30.00.

Please respond no later than Wednesday, September 28th so we can make plans with the restaurant. We need to know you plan on attending AND your choice of entree; Chicken, or Eggplant.

Please respond directly to Paul Nocero at [SIRpaul@nocero.com](mailto: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 guests! We're returning to *Dominic's at Oyster Point Yacht Club*, scene of many fine events.

**Date and Time:** First Wednesday, December 7, 2022. Doors open at 11:00 AM, Lunch served at 12 Noon. Menu choices are: Tri-Tip, Stuffed Sole, Chicken Ala Marino, or Stuffed Portobello Mushroom. Cost will be \$40. Volunteers needed. **Reservation form on Page 6.**

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**October Luncheon Speaker.** Our October Speaker is SIR John Cooney sharing his experiences as an Attorney with the Army's Judge Advocate General, U.S. Attorney, and the Bank of America.

## Information and Announcements

### Membership and Attendance (Bill Gipe).

***SIR Birthdays.*** Branch 4 remembers October birthdays for Bob Arata, John Cooney, Bob Fontes, John Gehring, Dan Herran, Dave LaBelle, Bob Ocampo, Stu Ruth and Ted Wright.

#### ***Membership & Attendance.***

91 Active members

1 Super Senior (we lost Centarian Super Senior Paul DeNatale in September)

92 total

***September lunch attendance*** - 36 SIRs and 2 guests.

Branch 4 welcomed new member Bill McGee (Badge #34), sponsored by Forrest Holleman.

***Sunshine List.*** Branch 4 sends greetings to Jerry Blumenthal, who we missed at our lunch, and remembers all SIR members facing health challenges.

***In Memoriam.*** We celebrate the 100 full years of Paul DeNatale. Father of 11, Husband for 73 years, WW II Army Aviator, Firefighter, and small businessman. A very Super SIR!

***As Dave Sees It.*** Thirty-six Branch 4 members met at the Basque Cultural Center enjoying delicious meals and a tasty dessert of chocolate donuts provided by Al Herpe. George Rodriguez returned after missing a few meetings to give his usual inspirational invocation, followed by the Pledge to our Flag, and a hearty rendition of "God Bless America" by all.

Big Sir, Stu Ruth and Bill Gipe introduced new/prospective members; Bill McGee, Norman Gordon (guest of Al Herpe), and Michael Franklin. Stu called on Committee Chairs for announcements and reports. Jack Major announced coming golf activities, George Suter described exciting "Walks" scheduled for September, Membership Chairman Bill Gipe reported membership of ninety plus two Super Seniors (age 95+). David Nigel described our Bocce Ball games and encouraged SIRs to join our group at the Doelger Senior Center Wednesday afternoons between 1:00 – 3:00 pm. ... (except first Wednesday each month).

Little Sir, John McGlothlin, announced our very popular and always well-attended annual "Holiday" party December 7<sup>th</sup> at the Oyster Point Yacht Club in South San Francisco. Specific details and sign-up forms are available.

George Suter honored our "September Birthday Boys" singing our usual salutations and receiving responses of our honorees. Bill Gipe was the winner of the drawing and received a "Free" lunch ticket for a future meeting. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m. (*Continued on Page 3*)

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**Our Speaker!** Al Herpe arranged for Docent Brian Agron, to give a very interesting and in-depth talk about the history and current activities of World War II Liberty ship, S.S. Jeremiah O'Brien. This ship was built in just War II and named after American captain Jeremiah O'Brien (1744–SF's Pier 45 and is a rare survivor the coast of Normandy, France, Liberty Ships. At the conclusion of many thoughtful questions and Brian invited any interested SIR joining the O'Brien docent Following our meeting, Brian interact with several curious SIR Members. <http://www.ssjeremiahobrien.org>



56 days during World Revolutionary War 1818). The O'Brien is at of the D-Day armada off and one of two surviving Brian's presentation comments were made. members to consider volunteer group. remained to speak and

A great bonus was Brian's story of the SS Stephen Hopkins, the Liberty Ship that sank the German Raider "Stier" in 1942. A merchant mariner took over the ship's gun and dispatched the raider, sacrificing his life. For more see [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/SS Stephen Hopkins](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/SS_Stephen_Hopkins).

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### Activities

#### Golf

**Jack Major 415-412-6654 (cell) and vacant. October 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 the current schedules and past results. Signups and results will be emailed.

**Results of the September 13<sup>th</sup> Sharp Park match** - We had 20 players in 6 groups starting at 0930,. The greens were in spotty shape. The fairways were about the same, with plenty of gopher and

ground squirrel homes. I didn't spot any coyotes or armadillos.

Highlights: Birdies: Paulie's Guest Karl Ochsner on par-3 #8 with 16', plus closest on #15. Wil Uclusin had 8 one-putts, with 28 putts total, winning Group 1 first place – nice!

Two guests played - Joe Penko (Joe Shasky) and Karl Ochsner (Paulie Walsh). Sign these guys up and get a free lunch at the Basque Center. You can mention any long drives, chips, or putts propaganda next time on the cards for the highlights.

The green fees went up \$2 as of 9/1 to \$26, so the prizes were \$4 each to balance out this month.

**Next Sharp Park Tournament: Tuesday, October 11th - first tee-off is 0930.** SIR members and their

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*(Golf continued)*

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 **Poplar Creek Tournaments** are scheduled for: Wednesday 10/26, and Tuesday 12/20. These start at 1000 with a 40 player max.

**Results of the August 30<sup>th</sup> Poplar Creek match:-** We had 22 players, 2 annoying no shows, with 3 guests, Joe Penko - closest to #17, Pete Strasser, and Ron Adachi. . Get them to sign up if SIRs eligible.

The weather was just fine before the heat wave warnings for Labor Day weekend. Brews/drinks were consumed in fine style back in the bar.

Fairways were in good shape, and the greens were OK with some tracks

from last week. There were lots of low scores overall, but I didn't hear any stories.

This year's contract is; pay the green (\$36) and Pro Shop merchandise voucher fees (\$7), and cart fees (\$25 single, \$13.50 split a cart), to the SIRs coordinator. Prize vouchers will be at least \$20 next time, The prize fund vouchers are for pro shop merchandise only. Check in 30 minutes prior to first tee time, or you'll start out on Coyote Point Drive, within two club lengths of the park toll booth.

Many highlights including: Birdies; George Fenech on Par-4 #6, Bam Foster on pars on 3 of 4 par 3's, Joe Penko on par-3 #3, par-4 #6, par-4 #11, par-5 #14,

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## Local Travel

**Bill Gipe, 650-878-5746.** Before the pandemic Branch 4 visited the Peninsula Museum of Art in Burlingame and received a guided tour. This community of artists has relocated to the Shops at Tanforan. Are you interested in looking at their galleries and workshops this Fall? We can also visit the adjacent Tanforan World War II Japanese Internment Memorial at the San Bruno BART Plaza. Please sign up at the Badge Table or call 650-878-5746 for more information.

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## Walk For Health

**George Suter, 415-314-6768.** Walk for Health Mountain Lake Park **THURSDAY** September 29, 2022. We will meet at the traditional time of 1:44 PM at the corner of 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Lake Street in San Francisco. There is usually ample parking on 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue between Lake and California Streets. We will walk to Arguello on a dirt and chip path where the Mountain Lake Trail Reforestation Project is nearing completion; then enjoy a light refreshment and head back along picturesque tree-lined Lake Street. A 2 hour walk along mostly flat, partially paved paths. As ever, my cell phone will be on at 415-314-6768 in case of need.

## CyberSIRs

**Jerry Blumenthal.** Jerry's still on the. Injured list, so here is a "filler" courtesy of the Police Credit Union's Newsletter: the difference between a "fraud" and a "scam." A "fraud" involves someone gaining access to your account and making a purchase, payment, or transfer without your permission. A "scam" is a transaction you were tricked into authorizing (for example you clicked the OK button or gave your

credit card information), where you never received the goods or services. Neither situation is good, however it is much easier to recover if you never authorized the transaction than if you were tricked into authorizing or giving your card number. In either case, contact your financial institution as quickly as possible. They may suggest a way to recover from a scam too. (*Editor*).

## Bocce

**Contact Charley Leach** at 415-333-7277 or [Crleach@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Crleach@sbcglobal.net). Wednesday, August 31<sup>st</sup> was a scheduled gathering of our Bocce Ball players. When Co-Chairman Roger Kelly, and players Pat Long, Rich Soward, and David Nigel showed up for their competition, the Doelger Senior Center staff informed the players that they would not be able to play as the Center was officially closed for repairs and painting projects.

Not to be deterred, the four SIR members sat at an outdoor picnic table and engaged in a one-hour conversation about their lives and history of California and the world. This was very exhilarating and interesting, putting a negative situation ... "To good use." (*Ed. Sounds like a SIR version of the "Million Dollar Quartet"*).

We hope more SIR members will join the Bocce Team that meets every Wednesday afternoon from 1:00-3:00 pm. Feel free to join the activity for a lot of fun and camaraderie. If interested contact Co-Chairmen Charley Leach or Roger Kelly for more details.

## Wine Tasting

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

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**Survey of Your Interests (Continued from September).** We've now received 26 Surveys. 45 Activities were checked. 15 different Offices/Positions/Activity Chairs were checked in surveys.

## SIR Branch 4 Holiday Party

Season's Greetings and Happy Holidays from Big SIR Stu Ruth and Little SIR John McGlothlin. We will celebrate the holidays with our traditional Luncheon at the Oyster Point Yacht Club.

**Date / Time: First Wednesday December 7, 2022, starting at 11:00 AM.**

Location/Directions: The Oyster Point Yacht Club is at 911 Marina Blvd in South San Francisco. The area is very nice, however, there is some construction in the area. Watch for the bright red sign on the right after Gull Drive. It clearly shows the right turn onto Marina Boulevard.

From the 101 freeway heading South take exit 425B for Oyster Point Blvd East, continue on Oyster Point Blvd. Then turn right onto Marina Blvd.

From the 101 freeway heading North, take exit 425B for Oyster Point Blvd, turn left onto Dubuque Ave, turn right onto Oyster Point Blvd. Then turn right onto Marina Blvd.

From the South San Francisco Elks, head East down Hillside Blvd, continue on Sister Cities Blvd, then straight ahead onto Oyster Point Blvd. Then turn right onto Marina Blvd.

**\$40 per person Holiday Luncheon – December 7, 2022**

Please send your reservation no later than **Nov. 15, 2022**,  
along with your check, payable to SIR Branch 4

**Mail to:**

*John McGlothlin  
1281 Claremont Dr.  
San Bruno, CA 94066*

Reservations For (Names): \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Luncheon Menu Choices (write names in front of choice):

\_\_\_\_\_ Tri-Tip with Mushroom Sauce, Roasted Potatoes and Vegetables

\_\_\_\_\_ Stuffed Sole with Rice and Vegetables\*

\_\_\_\_\_ Chicken Ala Marino with Rice and Vegetables\*

\_\_\_\_\_ Stuffed Portobello Mushroom

- Dairy-free available. Ask about gluten-free if needed.

Check here if you will bring a gift for our Gift Exchange: \_\_\_\_\_

Doors open at 11AM, Lunch served at 12 Noon. Volunteers needed (contact SIR John)