



January Luncheon

January 4, 2023

Basque Cultural Center

SIR Branch 4

Foghorn

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Happy New Year
Issue



God Bless Our USA!

Your 2022 Officers (See your SIR Roster for contact information)

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This issue is dedicated to the memory of SIR Nick Fesunoff

Nick joined SIR in 1993. Nick also attended “SIR-Prep”, otherwise known as the Skyline Golf Class. Nick was a member of the select circle of *Foghorn* Editors and captained one of our tables at Elks Club, designing place cards featuring his mates as Knights (Knaves?) of the Round Table. Fast on the draw with a pun, or quip, or story, Nick expressed strong opinions delivered with a velvet glove. A life-long teacher; after retiring, Nick volunteered as a Project Read Tutor working with the Jefferson District’s Adult School. Nick, you will be missed!

January’s Lunch-January 4, 2023

We will meet and eat at the Basque Cultural Center (BCC). Bar opens at 11:30 and meal service starts at 12Noon. The BCC’s address is: 599 Railroad Ave, South San Francisco. Menu Entrée choices are: Breast of Chicken, Salmon, and Mushroom Risotto. Cost will again be \$30.00.

Please respond if you plan on attending no later than Wednesday, December 28th, so we can make plans with the restaurant. We need to know you plan on attending AND your choice of entrée, above. You should respond to Paul Nocero directly at SIRpaul@nocero.com, or by phone to 415-254-8175.

Information about future 2023 Luncheons will be forthcoming.

Announcements and Information

Branch 4 celebrates **January** birthdays of Rich Fraher, Peter Klein, Pablo Magat, Richard Soward, Ray Steward, Wil Uclusin, and Brian Weiss.

December Birthdays. *We didn't forget you and will sing your Birthday praises on January 4th! Birthdays include Peter Angelonides, Ernie Braun, Ming Chin, and Tony Quarto.*

We remember SIRs Dave Carelli, Nick Fesunoff, Russ Lindquist, Tony Marotto and George Mourgos along with Super Senior Paul DeNatale. All left us this year. Paul was a member since 1985; WWII Aviator, firefighter, proud father of 11 (Paul's daughter Christine was part of my IRS staff), attending SIR through 2019, always keeping in touch!

During 2022 Branch 4 welcomed new members Ming Chin, Michael Franklin, Dave LaBelle, Gabriel Maldonado, Bill McGee, Richard Nishiki-Finley, Joe Penko, and Joe Shansky. New members: please check at Badge Table if you need a SIR Rooster Pin, Roster, Foghorn or other information.

Branch 4 continues our 2023 membership drive. We ended 2022 with ninety members and one Super Senior. For members experiencing difficulties attending, please let us know how you are faring. We'll keep you in the loop for Foghorns.

Sunshine List: Branch 4 sends greetings to Jerry Blumenthal, George Rodriguez, George Suter & George Fenech. Looking forward to seeing you at our lunches and events.

Activities

Golf: Jack Major 415-412-6654 (cell) and vacant. January 2023



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 **2023 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 December 13th Sharp Park match – match cancelled – wet conditions.

Next Sharp Park Tournament: Tuesday, January 10^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 **\$30 - \$26** (Golf contd.) greens, and \$4 prize fund. Add a cart for \$20 for \$50. Breakfasts for \$13 are available per Kevin.


(Golf, continued) **2023 Poplar Creek Tournaments** are starting in February and are requested for: Tuesdays 2/21, 4/18, 6/27, 8/22, 10/17, and 12/18 . These start at 1000 with a 40-player max. This year's contract is: pay the green (\$36), Pro Shop merchandise voucher fees (\$7), round-up reserve (\$2) and cart fees (\$25 single, \$13.50 split a cart), 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 December 20th Poplar Creek match – results were not available at press time.


Next Poplar Creek Tournament: Tuesday February 21st - First tee-off is 1000. Signups will be sent out online and the clipboard too.

Local tours, Dave Gipe (650-878-5746): The Giants are offering new behind-the-scenes tours of Oracle Park. Are you interested in a February visit to Oracle Park before the 2023 season begins? More details will be provided at our January meeting.

Walk for Health, George Suter (Cell 415-314-6768):  **Friday December 30, 2022** – Meet at 1:44 PM in the Union Square Grand Hyatt Hotel lobby, 345 Stockton Street (seating to the left of the entrance door). Parking available close by in the Sutter/Stockton Parking Garage (easy entrances on Bush or Stockton Streets). We will visit a neighborhood that has long been a gathering-place for the holidays to see what is available now. About 2 hours on level surfaces. My cell phone will be on at 415-314-6768.

January 27, 2023 – Meet at 1:44 PM on the corner of Bradford Way and Fairway Drive, South of Sharp Park Golf Course in Pacifica. We walk past Mori Point, along the coast walkway, through Pacifica and back. The path is level and scenic, with an opportunity at the end of the walk for a social chat in the Sharp Park clubhouse.


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 **.Bocce (from Dave Nigel) Charley Leach 415-333-7277, Roger Kelly 650-346-9668:** Four Bocce Ball players met at the Doelger Senior Center in Daly City for friendly competition on a beautiful day. This was very special as we were unable to play in recent weeks due to poor weather or not enough players.

Co-Chairman Roger Kelly divided the players into two teams with SIRs Jere Driscoll and Pat Long representing “San Francisco” and Roger Kelly teaming up with David Nigel playing for the “Peninsula.” The first match was won by “San Francisco” with “Peninsula” taking the second match; both exciting and close games. The two-hour competition ended with the third and final match that was a back-and-forth affair with Pat Long scoring the final points giving the victory to “San Francisco”.

Co-Chairs Charley Leach and Roger Kelly are always searching for more participants to join the gatherings that occur on the second, third, and fourth Wednesdays of each month with games commencing promptly at 1:00 p.m. and concluding by 3:00. Interested in joining this great, enjoyable activity are invited to show up on the prementioned days and times.

Wine Tasting, Bob Fox 415-753-2630:  Call Bob for info.

 **CyberSIRs, Jerry Blumenthal:** As Jerry recuperates, your editor shares thoughts on protecting your information and yourself: Check in on seldom used accounts, many of us only access IRA/401K accounts to take mandatory distributions; Scrutinize emails “alerting” you to problems, loss of service, etc.; Be especially aware of messages stating YOUR Social Security is being canceled, or your account closed.

There are evil people out there working night and day to steal from you!

”As Dave Sees It”

Wednesday, December 7th, featured our Holiday Party at Oyster Point Yacht Club. All enjoyed a truly fabulous time!

Guests arrived, to a beautiful set-up by Little Sir John McGlothlin and his wonderful and talented wife Joanne. Friends and new acquaintances gathered with great camaraderie. First hour was mingling and enjoying the no-host bar.

At high noon, Little Sir John kicked-off the event. Next on the agenda, enjoying the wonderful meal each person selected; main courses were delicious topped off by Tiramisu dessert and coffee.

Next, a very special and enjoyable treat with keyboard playing and singing by Marilyn Cooney, wife of Sir John Cooney. Marilyn’s music was enjoyable and fun.

We sang traditional Holiday songs and special melodies, familiar and enjoyable. During the music Clarita Sunga, guest of Sir Bill Lippincott, inspired by the music danced and performed beautifully. Little Sir John, accompanied by Marilyn, led songs as everyone participated in the “fun” activity of caroling.

Following music, John introduced 2023 Officers and Directors acknowledging their dedicated work for our Branch.

Big Sir Stu provided a large jar of items. Guests guessed the number of Cookies in the jar; the winner receiving wine plus 400+ cookies. The winner-monthly “Raffle Co-Chair” Sir Rolf Rosander.

John invited folks to select the “gift exchange” present of their choice. Then John adjourned our gathering and as he put it – “All over, off to your sleighs and Away!”

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