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|  | <p style="text-align: center;">SIR Branch 4</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Foghorn</p> <p style="text-align: center;">June 2024</p> |  |
| <p>Big SIR-Stuart Ruth</p> | <p>God Bless our USA</p> | <p>Little SIR-Bill Gipe</p> |
| <p>Secretary-Bob Calhoun Asst. Secretary-Jack Major</p> | <p>Foghorn Editor John McGlothlin</p> | <p>Treasurer-Bob Golton Asst. Treasurer-George Fenech</p> |

June 2024 Lunch. SIR Branch 4 will hold its next luncheon meeting on Wednesday, June 5th, at the Basque Cultural Center, 599 Railroad Avenue, South San Francisco. We hope to see you there.

Lunch will be served at 12 noon and the bar will be available at 11:30AM. Menu choices are:

1. White Fish
2. Breast of Chicken
3. Steak Haché
4. Mushroom Omelet* or Eggplant Parmigiana

* Omelet Reservations limited to no more than six (6) due to preparation required. After the first six orders, the vegetarian offering will be Eggplant Parmigiana.

Cost will again be \$30.00.

Please respond, if you will be attending no later than Tuesday, May 28th, so we can make plans with the restaurant. We need to know if you plan on attending AND your choice of entrée, above.

You can respond directly to SIRpaul@nocero.com, or by phone to 415-254-8175.

Note: New Roster Booklet is available. Pick your copy up at the Badge Table!

Paul Nocero

June's Speaker (Contact Alfred Herpe 650-992-3344) — Elizabeth Chan, Retired Pharmacist. "Pharmacys, Medications and Aging".

Announcements and Information, Bill Gipe

SIR Birthdays. Branch 4 remembers the June birthdays of Peter Aiello, Bruce Barichievich, Bob Eshoo, Bam Foster and Charlie Hoenisch.

Sunshine List. Branch 4 sends special greetings to Jerry Blumenthal, Bob Fox, Tim Hazen, and Dan Machado.

Membership & Attendance. 84 total members. Luncheon attendance 40 (badge table count)

As Dave Sees It..., by Dave Nigel. On Wednesday, May 1st, Branch 4 met for our monthly luncheon, attended by 40 SIRs at the BCC. Big Sir Stu called us to order, and Dave Nigel gave the invocation and led the "Pledge of Allegiance" followed by our enthusiastic singing of "God Bless America." Membership Chair Bill Gipe introduced a Jack Major's guest, Alexandre Alesandrini with Jack adding comments about his friend and neighbor.

Announcements by Chairs began with Jack Major reporting on Golf events. Membership Bill Gipe updating our membership as 84. Rolf Rosander and Tony Quarto, Raffle Co-Chairs, called out Stu Etzler's and Charlie Hoenisch's winning tickets. John McGlothlin gave an account of "Geritol's" history, followed by Dennis Meixner winning the drawing, followed by the drawing for a "Free lunch" won by Brian Weiss.

Big Sir Stu Ruth introduced Andy Danver, Acting Area 13 Representative, who spoke about the declining participation of SIR volunteers, a problem similar to other organizations and a huge concern. Next, Andy asked SIR John McGlothlin to rise and described John's continuing service for Branch 4. Andy presented John with a framed certificate in appreciation of his work (thank you Dave Nigel for your nomination, Editor).

"Birthday Boy" Chairman George Suter introduced honorees celebrating May birthdays with each celebrant stating their year of birth, followed by the usual fun-filled singing of "Happy Birthday" and the birthday boys' response. George selected a ticket with Rolf Rosander's name, awarding Rolf with a "Free Lunch".

Four entrees were enjoyed including a new item, a Mushroom Omelet. Special thanks to SIR Alfred Herpe for picking up our distinctive dessert treat. Guest Speaker Chair Alfred, introduced SIR Mike Chapman who described "Firefighter's Helmets." Mike discussed the technology used to construct the helmets, the uniqueness of helmets for Engine and Hook/Ladder Fire Companies, his personal collection of helmets and the significance of their colors. An informative video was shown followed by comments and questions. An interesting and well-presented talk enjoyed by those present.

Big Sir Stu Ruth concluded our meeting wishing everyone a wonderful month of May. Our next regular meeting will be Wednesday, June 5th, 2024.

ACTIVITIES



Local SIR Tours, Bill Gipe (650-878-5746). At the May lunch a member expressed interest in a return visit to the Pacific Pinball Museum in Alameda. Please see a signup sheet at the lunch for SIR members interested in setting up a future visit, or phone 650-878-5746 with a message. Thanks.



Golf: Jack Major 415-412-6654 (cell) and Bill McGee 415-806-4608. June 2024. 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 **2024 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 May 14th Sharp Park match. – Match weather was clear, but with a stiff wind after 2pm on holes 16 and 17. The course and the conditions were good too, with a few soggy spots. Hole #6 had a rerouted cart path. Most of the greens were in good shape, with some splotches on several greens, Carts weren't a problem. We had 20 players with 5 guests.

Highlights: Birdies - George Bacigalupi a 3 on par-4 #17. Multiple pars were Dennis Meixner (holes 3, 8, 15), Tad Bogdan (holes 8, 15), George Bacigalupi (holes 8, 12, 15), and Bob Calhoun (holes 5, 7, 12).

Next Sharp Park Tournament: Tuesday, June 11th - first tee-off is

0930. If course is playable. 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 greens, and \$4 prize fund. Add a cart for \$20 for \$50. Breakfasts for \$13 are available per Kevin.

The **2024 Poplar Creek Tournaments** are Tuesdays 6/18 and 8/27 (to be changed due to aeration), 10/22, and 12/17. These start at 1000 with a 24-player max. This year's contract is pay the green fee \$38, pro shop merchandise voucher fees (\$7), and optional cart fees (\$17.50 each and split a cart, \$25 singles), to the SIRs coordinator. The prize fund vouchers are for pro shop merchandise only. Check in 30 minutes prior to first tee time.

Next Poplar Creek Tournament: Tuesday June 18th - First tee-off is 1000. The results will be carried over until next month's Foghorn and will be emailed when available. **See Bulletin by Pat Stan on Page 4!**

Bulletin, SIR's State/Branches Golf Tournament, by Pat Stan

The NCGA has declared the foursome from Branch 4 in the SIR State Tournament in Napa on April 24th and 25th must turn pro due to their performance. As Pat reports:

On April 24th and 25th SIR Branches 35 and 149 hosted their two-day Spring Fling golf tournament played in American Canyon. The 24th format was "best-ball" where the two best individual scores, for a foursome (handicap adjusted) for each hole, are summed together resulting in the score for that foursome for that hole. The best-ball portion of the tournament was played at the Chardonnay golf course. On the 25th the tournament format was a "scramble"; it was played at the neighboring Eagle Vines golf course. 127 golfers participated in the best-ball portion of the tournament and 135 golfers participated in the scramble. Branch 4 was represented by Jack Major, Bill McGee, Pat Stan and, after a medical issue prevented Forrest Holleman from participating, Seamus Whitley (guest, potential future member). Total purses awarded exceeded \$2,500.00. The courses were in great shape and Branch 4's representatives did us proud, finishing in 7th place (for our handicap group), taking home \$75.00 as a result. Highlights included: Bill McGee's pars on holes 3 and 4; Jack Major's pars on holes 4, 5, 9 and 16; and Pat Stan's Par on the 13th hole and birdie on the 9th hole. In the scramble event, Branch 4 finished (after adjustment for handicap) with a 56.53 score – good for a middle of the pack finish of 17th place.



Bocce Charley Leach 415-333-7277, Roger Kelly 650-346-9668: We meet at Doelger Center Wednesdays between 1-3PM. Doelger Center is about 1/2 Mile North of Westlake Joe's. We don't meet first Wednesday of each month (SIRs Luncheon). Show up and get a game or two or maybe even 3. Beginners are (very) welcome!

Bocce Report, by David Nigel.

Our Bocce Ball enthusiasts continue to enjoy great fun and friendly competition as the players meet at the Doelger Center court the second, third, and fourth Wednesday of each month. Players meet at 1:00 p.m., Co-Chairmen Charley Leach and Roger Kelly do a great job and participants include Pat Long Tim Hazen, Jere Driscoll, Bill Gipe, Richard Soward, and David Nigel. Games are always closely contested and exciting and include great shots demonstrating excellent skills.

We hope that more SIR members will join our Bocce Ball Teams that meet Wednesdays, except for luncheon days. We look forward to many rematches and great friendships in the future.

Please join our activity as it is always so enjoyable. If interested contact SIR Bocce Ball Co-Chairmen Charley Leach or Roger Kelly as they would love to include you in our fun-filled activity.



Branch 4's Community Service Volunteers. Tad Bogdan (tadbogdan@gmail.com, 650 863 8866) and Bill McGee (wcmcgee@pacbell.net, 415-806-4608). **Community Service Event - SF/Marin FoodBank**

Community Service Event - SF/Marin FoodBank. We had a good turnout for the May 2 event. Some of the "STP", including Big Sur Stu joined me along with Jack Major, Bob Richter, Paul Nocero, David Nigel, Bill Gipe, and my neighbor Olivia Tzou. It was a beautiful day-- the recipients were friendly and grateful for the food we provided to them. Pop-ups like this are the most fun because you meet the recipients directly. The Food Bank will be cutting back on them due to funding shortages. So please volunteer while these events are available. (*The Foodbank always appreciates donations!*).

Please contact Tad Bogdan tadbogdan@gmail.com 650 863 8866 if you can join us.

June Date and Time: Tuesday, June 25, 10:30 AM - 1:15 PM Shift.

Location: Roosevelt @ St. Dominic's - 2390 Bush St. San Francisco, CA 94115

Join us and fill your Karma Pool!



Walk for Health, George Suter 415-314-6768. Stay tuned for information and George's usual thorough instructions.

Geritol for June

June's "Geritol" is a Russian River Valley Pinot Noir from *Rancho Alexander*. Ever heard of Rancho Alexander? Me neither! I'm guessing this wine was made by a better-known winery and sold under an assumed name because 2020 was a risky vintage due to smoke from fires. Red wines get color from the grape skins and skins

attract fall-out from smoke in years like 2020. Winemakers have alternatives; harvest early and avoid smoke, make a lighter wine with less skin contact, sell off the wine, or roll the dice. This winemaker chose to sell off and the buyer benefits with a lighter red, nice flavors, very pleasant and very cheap (Lunardi's San Bruno). (*Editor*)

David Nigel announced that SIR John Cooney and his friends in the San Francisco Banjo Band perform first Saturdays at Malloy's Tavern in Colma. Always a treat!

“Exceptional SIR Members”, by George Rodriguez, Guest Author.

DAVID NIGEL, a man with many accomplishments and credits. Born in Harbin, Manchuria. Because of Japanese imperialism and aggression, the family left Manchuria. David spent his early years in Seattle and his family moved to San Francisco in 1947. Loving sports, David played basketball for Aptos Junior High and attended Temple Sherith Israel and became a Bar Mitzvah. When David was in the 9th grade his father took a job in the Philippines. David attended the American School in Manila and played sports including varsity basketball against the Harlem Globe Trotters. His squad won the National Championship, a milestone for an American team in the Philippines. In 1955 David was coached by famous Olympian Jesse Owens for 3 weeks for the 800-meter track event. He also became an Eagle Scout experiencing hiking on Corregidor.

Returning to San Francisco David entered City College of S. F. and transferred to San Francisco State College where he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Degree and a California Teaching credential. Three years later, he earned his Master of Arts Degree in Education Administration. David met his beloved wife Rose at SF State and last August celebrated their 60 years of marriage. They have two Children and five Grandchildren.

February 1962, Dave joined the California National Guard serving six years in 49th Signal Battalion, 49th Infantry Division, receiving an Honorable Discharge as a Sergeant First Class E-7.

Milestones. 54 years as San Bruno Parks & Recreation Commissioner, past president California Association of Parks and Recreation Commissioners; honored with a Life Membership and Hall of Fame award! Raising thousands of dollars for scholarships for university students entering the Parks and Recreation profession. Working for 20 years at U.C. Berkeley’s summer camp for youths plus 12 years as coach, teacher and assistant director for youngsters at U.C. Santa Cruz. Also, Head Coach and League Co-commissioner of Jewish Athletic League for 16 years. David coached girls’ basketball at McKinley School in Burlingame winning 18 championships. He was a member and officer of California Schoolmasters’ Club for 51 years. In 2015, David was one of four persons inducted into Northern California’s Jewish Sports Hall of Fame. David was honored by the City of San Bruno recognizing his service to the Community. During his lifetime David donated 306 pints of blood. He is one of our “Badgemen” and serves on our Membership Committee. David Nigel, truly a man for all seasons!

Author George Rodriguez is a former Foghorn Editor, former Big SIR, golfer, and famously, the person who launched so many of our meetings with so much heart! (*Editor*)

Want to Recognize a SIR, talk to Dave Nigel

See you at our next Luncheon July 3rd at the Basque Cultural Center!