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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Big SIR-Tim Hazen</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>God Bless our USA</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Little SIR-Paul Nocero</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Secretary-Bob Calhoun</b> <b>Asst. Secretary-Jack Major</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Foghorn Editor</b> John McGlothlin</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Treasurer-Bob Golton</b> <b>Asst. Treasurer-George Fenech</b></p>

**June 4th Luncheon.** Branch 4 will hold June's luncheon meeting on Wednesday, June 4th, at the Basque Cultural Center, 599 Railroad Avenue, South San Francisco. We hope to see you there. Cost will again be \$30.00.

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

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| 1. Salmon    | 2. Chicken Cordon Bleu |
| 3. Veal Stew | 4. Mushroom Omelette   |

Please respond if you will be attending, no later than Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup> so we can make plans with the restaurant (late responses are accepted but not preferred). We need to know if you plan on attending AND your choice of entrée, above.

Respond directly to Paul Nocero at [SIRpaul@nocero.com](mailto:SIRpaul@nocero.com), or by phone to 415-254-8175. Please include your name with e-mail responses so Paul can record your request correctly.

**June's Speaker(s).** Bruce C. Cumming and Nicholas A. Veronico authors of "*Lost Gas Stations of San Mateo County*" are our speakers, (Contact Alfred Herpe 650-992-3344).

## Announcements and Information

**New Member Notes.** Branch 4 welcomes new member Reynerio Hernandez who plays SIR Wednesday Bocce at the Doelger Center. Reynerio is retired from Marriott. Say "hello" to Reynerio at our lunch.

**SIR Birthdays.** Branch 4 celebrates the June birthdays of Peter Aiello, Bruce Barichievich, Sandor Halasz, and Charles Hoenisch.

**Sunshine List and Best Wishes.** Branch 4 sends greetings to Bob Pardini and Dan Quigg.

**Branch 4 Membership & Lunch Attendance.** Active members - 78. May lunch attendance - 31 (badge table count).

<p><b>As Dave Might Have Seen it</b>, Recorded by Richard Soward (Note: Dave was "On Assignment", enjoying their grandchildren's graduation)</p>
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Thirty-two members enjoyed another wonderful luncheon meeting in the month of May 4th at the Basque Cultural Center. Big Sir, Tim Hazen, called the meeting to order, gave the invocation, led the Pledge of Allegiance, and led our singing of "God Bless America."

Tim called on Activity Chairs for announcements and reports. Jack Major described coming Golf competitions and events. Charley Leach invited members to participate during the weekly fun and competition at the Doelger Senior Center Bocce Ball court. Bill Gipe described a planned June gathering to hear the San Francisco Banjo Band at Molloy's Tavern. Bill Gipe, Membership Chair, reported our current membership is 78 and introduced new member, Reynerio Hernandez, who learned about Branch 4 while playing Bocce Ball.

Tony and Rolf, Raffle Co-Chairs, performed their usual outstanding job conducting our raffle and out the winning numbers for Rich Fraher (both first and second prizes). Rolf then presented an envelope of money for our treasury. Birthday Chair Herman Ng presented SIR Elmer Eckart, the only birthday honoree attending, with a free lunch ticket. Next came the drawing for the "Geritol", won by, "Mr. Lucky" Rich Fraher. Membership Chair Bill Gipe conducted the drawing for the "Free Lunch" ticket won by SIR Don Ray. Tony Quarto, won an impressive book, (originally donated by George Rodriguez), "*World War II - B-17 Bombers and Other Aircraft*".

Four entrees were enjoyed followed by dessert. Guest Speaker Chair, Alfred Herpe, introduced Jeff Pink, owner of "Are You Being Served?" Legal Support Services (aka Process Server) located in Burlingame. Jeff's presentation was very interesting and well received.

Our next regular meeting will be on Wednesday, June 4th, 2025 at the Basque Cultural Center.

## ACTIVITIES



**Golf: Jack Major 415-412-6654 (cell) and Bill McGee 415-806-4608. June 2025.** 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>.

**2025 Sharp Park Tournaments** are 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 May 13th Sharp Park match:** The sunny weather was a bit cold to start but warmed up later. The course was well watered, with several fairways carpet-like, and greens were in nice shape. Swampy area on #6, #10 and #14 needed ball retrievers if you fell in. We had 14 players with no guests, just us! Highlights: Birdies: Bob Richter on #8 from 33' - nice putt.

**Next Sharp Park Tournament:**  
**Tuesday, June 10<sup>th</sup> – first tee-off is 0930.** SIR members and guests are invited. **Check in a half-hour before your tee time** inside the club house. Sharp Park fees are **\$35** - \$26 greens, and \$9 prize fund. Add a cart for \$25 for **\$60**. Breakfasts are available per Kevin.

The **2025 Poplar Creek Tournaments** starting in February are Tuesdays 6/17, 8/20 (will change-aerating) 10/21, and 12/16. They start at 1000 with a 24-player max. This year's contract is pay the green fee \$38, pro shop merchandise voucher fees (\$8), and optional cart fees (\$18 each and split a cart, \$25 singles), to the SIRs coordinator. Prize fund vouchers are for

pro shop merchandise only. Check in 30 minutes prior to first tee time.

**Results of the Poplar Creek Tournament: Tuesday April 29<sup>th</sup> –**  
We had 17 players and 2 guests. Guests are a primary source of new SIRs, so invite friends and family. George Bacigalupi brought Wil Growney and Tony Maffei.

Restaurant/bar/restroom are still closed (since October) due to a sewer pipe break and mold underneath. This puts the kabosh on the post-game revelries and looks like a big job...months. There didn't look like much progress was made since February. Next tournament is June without much hope for repairs. Most fairways were fine, however, the greens were fast and in good shape. We had enough carts too. Highlights: Birdies – Gabe Maldonado on par 3 #17, Tony Maffei (2) on par 5 #14 and par-5 #16.

**Next Poplar Creek Tournament:** June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025. The latest date I have for reopening the bar area is...**no comment. However**, see the Daily Journal article at the following link for more:  
[https://www.smdailyjournal.com/news/local/eatery-sues-after-mold-infestation/article\\_a30dfd38-80ec-461d-849f-5bdb74ed41dd.html](https://www.smdailyjournal.com/news/local/eatery-sues-after-mold-infestation/article_a30dfd38-80ec-461d-849f-5bdb74ed41dd.html)



**Local SIR Tours. Bill Gipe (650-878-5746).** Branch 4 looks forward to enjoying the San Francisco Banjo Band at Molloy's in Colma on Saturday June 7 at 2 pm. A late summer visit to the Pacific Bus Museum in Fremont is planned. Their Annual Open House & BBQ is August 17. Website: [pacbus.org](http://pacbus.org). Details will be in the next Foghorn.

**Branch 4's Community Service Volunteers. Tad Bogdan** ([tadbogdan@gmail.com](mailto:tadbogdan@gmail.com), 650-863-8866) and Bill McGee ([wcmcgee@pacbell.net](mailto:wcmcgee@pacbell.net), 415-806-4608).

The May 20th Foodbank pop-up was well attended by Jack Major, Paul Nocero, Bob Richter, Paul "CoachToad" Walsh, Bill McGee and Tad Bogdan. We all had a good time and met some new friends while helping feed needy families. Unfortunately, May was the last month for Pop-up Pantries due to funding shortages. The Foodbank will still have volunteer events at their warehouses, but this is an opportunity for us to explore new options for Branch 4 SIRs Community Service. Please think about some new ideas and come to the next luncheon prepared to brainstorm on our next initiative. Tad will lead a discussion at the June luncheon.



**Bocce. Charley Leach 415-333-7277, Roger Kelly 650-346-9668:** We meet at Doelger Center Wednesdays 1-3PM. Doelger Center is about 1/4 Mile North of Westlake Joe's. We don't meet first Wednesday of each month (SIRs Luncheon). Show up and get a game or 2, or maybe even 3. Beginners are (always) welcome!

On a gorgeous May afternoon, 9 Bocce Ball players met at the Doelger Senior Center for fun and competition. Prior to play, Charlie Leach, Pat Long, Richard Soward and David Nigel met for lunch and conversation sharing many stories at the Doelger Center Garden Deli. Play began at 1:00 p.m. New member, SIR Reyniero Hernandez enthusiastically joined our Bocce players who enjoy exciting competition Wednesday afternoons at Doelger Center's court. We hope more SIRs will join our Bocce Teams. Co-Chairs Charley Leach and Roger Kelly extend an on-going invitation for those interested to join in on this wonderful activity.



## Area SIR Meetings and State Branch Advisory Council (BAC)

On April 16<sup>th</sup>, Big SIR Tim Hazen, Little SIR Emeritus Bill Gipe and Foghorn Editor (Publicist in State's jargon) John McGlothlin attended the Area 13 leadership meeting. This was Big SIR Tim's first meeting. Bill and John were along to introduce Tim to the Area's branch leaders and to Andy Danver, our Area Representative. The meeting covered several areas including a status report on our advertising campaign, and an update on improvements to services such as IT provided by State SIR.

One major initiative is making our references such as the SIR Manual and Bylaws easier to access and understand. We discussed funding needs to provide all the services the branches need and alternatives for funding and staffing areas such as IT. These meeting serve as a forum for exchanging ideas and best practices.

John represented Branch 4 at the May 11<sup>th</sup> Branch Advisory Council meeting with SIR President Rich Carlston. Items discussed included staffing requirements for State SIR, preparing for next year and anticipated turnover, the need for a paid staff position to support our volunteers, the need for greater IT support to update our Web Site and provide more usable materials and information in general.

The May edition of "The Rooster Crows" (see below) contains a comprehensive listing of the responsibilities of the SIR HQ (no, there isn't a SIR office building somewhere, just people working virtually). When you look at this listing, you may see an area where you have ideas and experience to share. Let Tim or one of the board members know and we will try to connect you.

**State SIR President's Newsletter.** The May version of "*The Rooster Crows*" is now available. Click the link. <https://sirinc.org/uploads/newsletters/May-2025-Newsletter.pdf> The newsletter mentions several updates including a "how to guide for branch leaders" and clarifying "guest" participation at our activities (i.e. Golf) and removing possible barriers. In our April BAC meeting, we discussed the idea of Joint Branch Activities. For years branches have connected with other branches for activities such as golf and branches are now working with other organizations for activities such as Food Banks. State SIR recognizes these efforts value to generate good publicity and attract members.

**“An Exceptional SIR”,** by Dave Nigel.

This month's honoree is Robert “Bob” Fox. Bob grew up in Chicago. Upon graduating from university, after earning a degree in Business Management, Bob served four years in the United States Air Force.

Bob's next move was to California in 1980 to pursue a job with the Bank of America where he enjoyed a successful career. Bob ended his professional experience with Visa Credit Card Company managing large systems projects. Upon retirement Bob did volunteer work with several non-profit organizations.

While residing in San Francisco, Bob met his beloved wife Cecilia and they were married in 1986. They reside in the Sunset District, and both really enjoy their frequent ocean cruises.

Bob joined SIR Branch 4 in April of 2009. In 2012 he took on the leadership role of Little SIR, becoming Big Sir in 2012. Next, Bob did a great job serving as SIR District Governor from 2013-2016 which entailed overseeing and supporting four branches. Bob then assumed the **additional** role of Area Representative overseeing nine branches from San Francisco to San Jose. Bob was Branch 4's Chair of our luncheon meeting speaker program for nine years, finding and coordinating a variety of speakers with very interesting topics.

A favorite social event of Bob's is the monthly casual wine tasting where SIR members take turns describing the qualities of each bottle the participants contribute and comparing notes. Bob feels that all the roles he served in are now in the hands of very competent individuals so he can enjoy socializing at our monthly luncheon meetings. Bob was honored with a “Distinguished Service Award” certificate during our April luncheon meeting, recognizing his great contributions to Branch 4 and State SIR.

Branch 4 is fortunate to have Bob Fox as one of our members.

*Want to Recognize a SIR, talk to Dave Nigel*

See you on June 4<sup>th</sup>!

**Help (Still) Wanted!**