

	<p><b>SIR Branch 4 Foghorn July 2025</b></p> <p><b>Happy Birthday USA!</b></p>	
<p><b>Big SIR-Tim Hazen</b></p>	<p><b>God Bless our USA</b></p>	<p><b>Little SIR-Paul Nocero</b></p>
<p><b>Secretary-Bob Calhoun Asst. Secretary-Jack Major</b></p>	<p><b>Foghorn Editor John McGlothlin</b></p>	<p><b>Treasurer-Bob Golton Asst. Treasurer-George Fenech</b></p>

**July 2nd Luncheon.** Branch 4 will hold our July luncheon meeting on Wednesday, July 2nd, 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. White Fish  | 2. Chicken Breast      |
| 3. Steak Haché | 4. Eggplant Parmigiana |

Please respond if you will be attending, 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 to Paul 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.

**July's Speaker.** Peter Sellars, "*The Odd Fellows, their interesting history, and marks they have left*", (Contact Alfred Herpe 650-992-3344).

## Announcements and Information

**In Remembrance.** Branch 4 remembers longtime golfer Rich Palmer and former Big SIR Ken Reed. For many years Rich was an active golfer. Ken led our annual SIR luncheon “clutter” auctions and organized our SIR Branch 4 walking group.

**SIR Birthdays.** Branch 4 sends July birthday greetings to Jere Driscoll, Alfred Herpe, Charley Leach, Jim McCoy, Dennis Meixner, Herman Ng, Bob Pardini, Tony Ramirez, and George Rodriquez.

**Sunshine List and Best Wishes.** Bob Pardini and Dan Quigg

**Branch 4 Membership & Lunch Attendance.** 2025 Membership Total is 78.  
June 5 lunch attendance was 38 (per badge table).

<b>As Dave Sees it</b> , by David Nigel
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38 SIRs enjoyed our June luncheon at the Basque Cultural Center. Big Sir, Tim called the meeting to order and called upon David Nigel’s who honored two of our members who passed away during May, Ken Reed and Rich Palmer. Dave stated “May their memories be a blessing” before giving the invocation and leading the Pledge of Allegiance, and “God Bless America.”

Tim called on our Activity Chairs for announcements and reports. Jack Major, Golf Chairman, described up and coming golf competitions and events. Charley Leach invited members to join the weekly competition at Doelger Center’s Bocce court on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Wednesdays each month. Local Travel Chair, Bill Gipe described future trips including a June gathering to hear the San Francisco Banjo Band at Molloy’s Tavern in Colma. Membership Chair Bill Gipe reported our current roster includes 78 members. Community Services Volunteer Coordinator, Tad Bogdan, discussed upcoming activities of the San Francisco Marin Food Bank grocery distribution program and reported that, due to funding cuts, pop-up centers will close. Tad asked SIRs at each table to discuss alternative projects and email suggestions for future efforts.

Sir Bruce Barichievich described a wartime journal by a WWII veteran that had been given to late SIR Nick Fesunoff.; Rich Fraher was selected to read it and circulate to others. Raffle Co-Chairs Tony and Rolf, called winning numbers for Dan Herran and Tad Bogdan. Birthday Chair Herman Ng introduced our June’s “Birthday Boys” who stated their date of birth. Following singing of “Happy Birthday,” Charlie Hoenisch won the free lunch ticket. Next came the “Geritol” drawing won by Big Sir Tim Hazen. See the May Foghorn for a description of the Robledo Pinot Noir. The “Free lunch ticket” winner was Bill Lippincott. Four entrees were enjoyed and dessert was Entenmann’s Buttermilk Donuts.

Guest Speaker Chair Alfred Herpe, introduced our speakers, Bruce Cumming *and Co-author Nicholas Veronico* who discussed their book “Lost Gas Stations of San Mateo County.” Bruce shared a comprehensive history of gas stations along the Peninsula. Many positive comments, questions, and personal stories concluded this wonderful talk. See you at the BCC on July 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## 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>.

The **2025 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 June 10th Sharp Park match:** High coastal fog and light wind continued through the match. The course was well watered, with several fairways carpet-like, and greens were in nice shape. Swampy area on #6, #10 and #14 have mostly dried up. We had 15 players with 1 guest - Wil Growney with George Bacigalupi. Highlights: Birdies: Jack Major on par-3 #5, maybe a 15' putt.

**Next Sharp Park Tournament: Tuesday, July 8<sup>h</sup> – 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. 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** started in February and are Tuesdays 8/26, 10/21, and 12/16. All 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 (\$20 each), 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 Poplar Creek Tournament: Tuesday June 17<sup>th</sup> –**

We had 20 players, and 1 guest. George Bacigalupi brought Wil Growney. Guests are a primary source of new SIRs, so invite friends and family. Tell 'em if they signup, they're eligible for some fabulous prizes. We still have the restaurant, bar and restroom closed due to a sewer pipe break and mold underneath, since October. This looks like a big job. It didn't look like any progress was made this year. I doubt if this project is real high up on the city's priority spectrum.

This puts the kibosh on the post-game revelries at the course. Two groups went to Celia's, 504 Peninsula Ave, 0.7 miles from the course, for some brews and appetizers. Very convenient. Most fairways were fine, The greens were fast and in good shape. We had enough carts at \$20 each rider. The highlights were: Birdies – Dennis Meixner on par-4 hole #6 and Bill Dyer on par-3 hole #12.

**Next Poplar Creek Tournament:** August 26th.



**Local SIR Tours. Bill Gipe (650-878-5746).** Branch 4 members have enjoyed the San Francisco Banjo Band music on the first Saturday of the month at Molloy's 2pm to 4pm.

If there is enough interest for a local tour, Sunday August 17 is the annual open house for the Pacific Bus Museum in Fremont. The museum has an optional BBQ. Details will be in the August Foghorn and at the SIR lunch.

Planning has begun for the SIR Holiday Lunch at Oyster Point Yacht Club on Wednesday December 3. Please look for information in future Foghorn editions.

### **Excursion to Molloy's Tavern**

Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, Branch 4 Members gathered at Molloy's Tavern in Colma to listen to and sing along with the San Francisco Banjo Band. Attending were Bill

Gipe, Reynerio Hernandez, Stu Ruth and their guests. Each received a song booklet with the words to all songs. They're looking forward to future visits.

### **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). Because of San Francisco-Marin FoodBank running out of funding for pantry events, I'm taking a pause coordinating monthly SIR Community Service outings. The SIRs formal charter now includes community service, and we decided to test it out — and the pantry events were popular for the past couple of years. Many thanks to our regular volunteers including Jack Major, Paul Nocero, Bill Gipe, Bob Richter, Paul Walsh, Navid Nigel, Stu Ruth, Bill & Pamela McGee, David Barnett & JC Frey.

I'm open to coordinating future Community Service events on a case-by-case basis. We have only had one suggestion to date, please let me know if you uncover any opportunities you are interested in coordinating or participating in. I will be on the lookout too.

Many Thanks! Tad



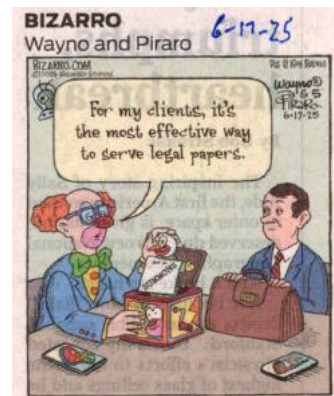
**• Bocce. Charley Leach 415-333-7277, Roger Kelly 650-346-9668:** We meet at Doelger Center Wednesdays 1-3PM. Doelger Center is about 1/4 Mile North of Westlake Joe's. We don't meet first Wednesday of each month (SIRs Luncheon). Show up and get a game or 2, or maybe even 3. Beginners are (always) welcome!

**Bocce by David,** June 11, 2025. Nine Bocce Ball competitors enjoyed exciting and fun-filled competition. Prior to the competition, SIR Charlie Leach, Roger Kelly, Ramon Canova, Pat Long, and David Nigel met for lunch and conversation sharing many stories at the Doelger Center Deli. Play began at 1:00 p.m. The competition was truly outstanding, and all three matches were decided by one point. Joining in were Richard Soward, Bill, Gipe, Jere Driscoll, and Reynerio Hernandez. SIR Bocce Ball players enjoy continuing gatherings and exciting competition Wednesday afternoons each month at the Doelger Senior Center court. We hope more SIRs will join the Bocce Ball Teams. Co-Chairmen Charley Leach and Roger Kelly extend an invitation for all interested to join this wonderful activity.

<p><b>Area SIR Meetings and State Branch Advisory Council (BAC)</b></p> <p>No BAC meeting for June. Next meeting is in July. Our last Area 13 meeting was May 16<sup>th</sup>. and the PowerPoint Slides are now available. Please let Big SIR Tim, or your editor know. State SIR is looking for volunteers in strategy setting, marketing, training, and finance/budgeting. A good opportunity to help advise and learn about State SIR!</p>	<p><b>State SIR President's Newsletter.</b></p> <p>SIR President Rich Carlston's "The Rooster Crows" for June is available at the following Web Link Please note, there are some positive clarifications regarding guests and activities with other organizations on Page 2..<a href="https://sirinc.org/uploads/newsletters/June-2025-Newsletter.pdf">https://sirinc.org/uploads/newsletters/June-2025-Newsletter.pdf</a></p>
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**July's Geritol,** Two Angel's, Lake County Petite Sirah. Recently our Geritol prize was made from a grape formerly called Gamay and now labeled Valdigue. This month's Petite Sirah is named for a grape that never really existed. In the 1800's , a spicy/peppery, robust red grape was imported and planted and made into wine in California. Some said it was a variant of the well-regarded Syrah from the Rhone area of France. Not really! The grape was Duriff, grown in the Rhone and not highly regarded. Like many immigrants to America, the Duriff (aka Petite Sirah) achieved more in the USA than in the "old country", grown throughout California. It also provided much needed color and body in wines made from Cabernet and Pinot Noir grapes especially in the days when only 51% of the named grape was required for labeling purposes. Today Petite Sirah is enjoyed as a full-bodied gutsy wine.

In case you forgot, our May Speaker was the owner of a process serving company. Many thanks Alfred for an interesting speaker! Cartoon courtesy of the SF Chronicle and of the authors, Wayno and Piraro



## **“An Exceptional SIR”, Rich Fraher, by David Nigel.**

June's honoree is Rich Fraher. Rich is a proud native San Franciscan. He attended Riordan High School, working for Park and Recreation at Balboa Swimming Pool part-time. After graduation, Rich entered San Francisco State majoring in economics and minoring in math. Rich worked at Sears and Roebuck on Army Street in the Mission District to fund his college education.

Rich began a career in coatings at E. I. Dupont paint in South San Francisco. His first job at Dupont involved filling 850-pound paint drums, then he moved to the raw material purchasing department. Eventually, Rich became a project coordinator for multi-million-dollar paint programs at oil refineries, pulp and paper mills, chemical plants, and oil rigs. Rich's primary work assignment was located at Chevron's refinery in Richmond.

To stay closer to home and spend more time with his wife, Rich began working for Binks Manufacturing in South San Francisco; a company manufacturing low-and-high pressure manual and automatic spray guns and accessories. Responsibilities included the north coast sales territory. Most sales were conventional spray guns, airless sprayers, safety equipment, pumps and accessories. This job gave Rich the opportunity to see our beautiful coast while serving small and big businesses.

After many years manufacturing paint, inspecting industrial paint jobs, working quality control, and teaching people to properly use spray equipment, Rich earned his C 33 Painting and Decorating License. His own business led to a union job as a lead painter at Embarcadero Center until his retirement. Rich is now relaxing and enjoying life and joined our SIR Branch in November 2014. He is a regular attendee to our Branch 4 luncheon meetings and enjoys many friendships and our club's camaraderie.

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

**See you on July 2nd!**

**Help (Still) Wanted!**