

SIR Branch 4 Foghorn

	<p>SIR Branch 4</p> <p>Foghorn</p> <p>October 2025</p>	
<p>Big SIR-Tim Hazen</p>	<p>God Bless our USA</p>	<p>Little SIR-Paul Nocero</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>

October 1st Luncheon. SIR Branch 4 will hold its next luncheon meeting Wednesday, October 1st, 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:

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| 1. White Fish | 2. Chicken Breast |
| 3. Steak Haché | 4. Mushroom Omelette (Fully Subscribed) |

Cost is now \$35.00. This increase in cost is due to general rising prices and the amount the restaurant is now charging Branch 4 **Please respond ASAP if you will be attending, so we can make plans with the restaurant (late responses will be accepted but not preferred).** We need to know if you plan on attending AND your choice of entrée. You can respond directly to Paul at SIRpaul@nocero.com, or by phone to 415-254-8175.

Please include your name with the e-mail response so Paul can record your request correctly.

October's Speaker. To be announced. Help is needed for lunch speakers. Future tentative speakers include a volunteer from the Pacific Bus Museum and a representative from the 42nd semi-annual SFO Airline Collectible & Memorabilia Show, winter 2026.

SIR Holiday Lunch. Branch 4 members and guests will begin the holidays with lunch at Oyster Point Yacht Club on Wednesday December 3 catered by Domenic's. Please see details in the Foghorn, at the badge table or at the next lunch. Same price as last year! **See page 6.**

Announcements and Information

SIR Birthdays. Branch 4 celebrates the October birthdays of John Cooney, Dan Herran, Dave Ocampo, and Stu Ruth.

Sunshine List and Best Wishes. Greetings to all members, family and friends who face challenges.

Branch 4 Membership & Lunch Attendance. Active members 76, September lunch total was 32 (badge table count).

As Dave Sees it, by David Nigel

Big Sir Tim Hazen opened September's luncheon at noon at the Basque Cultural Center. David Nigel was called on and asked for prayers and positive thoughts for spouses of members Elmer Eckart and Pat Long, who are dealing with health issues. Tim encouraged all to enjoy the San Francisco Banjo Band, with SIR John Cooney, Saturday, at Molloy's Tavern in Colma. Dave introduced Charlie Hoenisch, Foghorn honoree of the month followed by the invocation, the Pledge of Allegiance, and "God Bless America."

Tim Hazen and Bob Fox presented Jack Major with SIR's "Distinguished Service" Award for his many contributions to our branch. Tim Hazen called on Activity Chairs. Charley Leach invited members to join our weekly Bocce Ball gatherings, Bill Gipe updated us on coming local travels and events including to the Walt Disney Family Museum. Bill invited suggestions for future trips. Jack Major gave the golf report. Raffle chairs, Tony Quarto and Rolf Rosander called winning numbers for Paul Nocero and Tony Quarto and presented a cash envelope for our Branch treasury. Birthday Chair Herman Ng introduced September's "Birthday Boys" who stated their date of birth. Following "Happy Birthday To You", Herman's drawing awarded George Fenech a free lunch ticket. John McGlothlin described the "Geritol" won by Sir Peter Aiello; a Bordeaux-style wine from Goldschmidt Winery in Alexander Valley. Our final Free Lunch drawing winner was Peter Klein.

Four entrees were enjoyed and included "Madeleine" desserts picked out by Bil Gipe.

Big Sir Tim Hazen announced the price of our monthly luncheons beginning in October will be \$35.00. Richard Soward of the Badge Table and Greeting Committee requested members make every effort to bring exact cash when paying for their lunch.

Big Sir Tim Hazen announced there was no guest speaker planned for this meeting as our election was scheduled. SIR bylaws require an annual election for 2026. The listing of Officers and Directors presented by the Branch Executive Committee (BEC) includes: Big SIR – Tim Hazen, Little Sir – Paul Nocero, Secretary – Bob Calhoun, Assistant Secretary – Jack Major, Treasurer – Bob Golton, Assistant Treasurer – George Fenech, plus Directors Bill Gipe, John McGlothlin, Herman Ng, and Big SIR Emeritus – Stu Ruth.

Nominations were invited from the membership. None were forthcoming. Since no other nominations were made, the slate was approved by acclamation following procedures used at the SIR Annual Meeting. Officers and Directors were thanked for their service and Big SIR Tim Hazen closed the proceedings.

Next Regular Meeting-October 1st at the BCC

ACTIVITIES



Golf: Jack Major 415-412-6654 (cell) and Bill McGee 415-806-4608. October 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>. Reported by Jack Major.

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 September 9th Sharp Park match –There was high coastal fog and light wind developing later. Maybe there was an early light shower too. Just about ideal weather. The course was well watered, with several fairways carpet-like, and greens were in nice shape. Most of the wet spots like #6 and #10 were diminished. In July, the “eyeshades” raised the green fees from \$26 to \$29. In September, the green fees were a negotiated \$36 on the way up to \$45 for October. Cart fee will stay at \$25. Prize fund will be either \$5 or \$10, depending on the tariff pain. We had 13 players with 1 guest. Bam Foster brought in Mike McCurdy, a local roofer, who got some of the prizes and should sign up in October.

Highlights: Birdies - Mike McCurdy on par-3 #8, Bill McGee on par-3 #15. Pars - Dennis - 7, Bam - 1, Jon - 1, Mike - 4, Forrest - 2, Pat - 2, Paulie - 2, George B. - 2, George F. - 3, Wil - 2,

Next Sharp Park Tournament: Tuesday, October 14th – 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 **\$50 - \$45** greens, and \$5 prize fund. Add a cart for \$25 for **\$75**. Breakfasts are available per Kevin.

The **2025 Poplar Creek Tournaments** are Tuesdays 10/21, and 12/16. These 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. 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 August 26th – sent out earlier.

The restaurant/bar/restroom is still 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 priority spectrum. This puts the kibosh on the post-game revelries at the course. Last time, two groups went to Celia's, 504 Peninsula Ave, 0.7 miles from the course, for some brews and appetizers, very convenient.

Next Poplar Creek Tournament: October 21st.

The 10/2 State Individual tournament is in Stockton and Monterey Week starts 11/3.



Local SIR Tours. Bill Gipe. Please see Badge Table sign-up sheet for an October visit to the Disney Family Museum in the Presidio.



Bocce. Charley Leach 415-333-7277, Roger Kelly 650-346-966. 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 beautiful September day, six Bocce Ball players met at Doelger Center. Play began at 1:00 p.m. with SIRs Ramon Canova, Tim Hazen, Reyniero "Rey" Hernandez, Bill Gipe, Herman Ng, Jere Driscoll, and David Nigel gathering for keen competition and lots of fun. Groups were selected for the green and red teams. Two

matches ensued and competition was close and exciting. All interested are welcome. Players meet the second, third, and fourth Wednesdays at Doelger Center court. Co-Chairmen Charley Leach and Roger Kelly extend an on-going invitation for all interested to join in this wonderful activity.

"Community Service, Through Recycling" David Nigel is coordinating collection of aluminum can tabs for supporting the Ronald McDonald House Foundation. Pure aluminum tabs are more valuable when recycled in bulk. David's contact person is Mike Murphy, former Club House Manager of the San Francisco Giants. Mike collects the tabs and provides them to the Ronald McDonald House in Palo Alto. Members are encouraged to collect pop-tabs from aluminum cans. And prior to each luncheon the tabs can be dropped off at the Badge Table. Tabs are recycled and profits support families whose children are dealing with devastating illnesses. Proceeds allow families to reside free in an apartment near the hospital. Bring in your tabs, even small amounts add up to a significant donation from Branch 4.

Lost your Foghorn (gasp!) or want to look up an article in an older edition, this is the link for Branch 4's Newsletter Archive, <https://sirinc2.org/branch4/foghorns.html> . While you're at it, browse the SIR Website, Members Section for more useful information <https://sirinc.org/members/>

Missing your copy of the State Newsletter?

<https://sirinc.org/uploads/newsletters/Sept-2025-Newsletter.pdf>

“An Exceptional SIR”, Dennis Meixner and his twin Thomas were born in Del Paso Heights. When Dennis was five his family moved to San Francisco. Dennis graduated from Balboa High School, not sure what he wanted to do, Dennis enrolled in summer school at City College, taking Criminology Classes; a decision setting him on his career path. He became a Lieutenant in the Campus Police, and a Cadet with the SFPD, while completing his AA in Criminology.

In 1970 he entered the Police Academy. After receiving his draft notice. Dennis was able to get a deferment to complete his probationary period with the Police Department. He entered the US Army in 1971 and completed Basic Training at Fort Ord and was assigned to the 54th MP Company at Fort Ord. In July 1972, he received orders to Viet Nam. Upon arriving it was discovered he was a draftee and not supposed to be sent to Viet Nam. Reassigned to the 110th MP Company, at Camp Ames, Dennis served a year in Korea as the Company Legal Clerk.

Upon discharge, he returned to the SFPD where he completed 33 years of service and retired in 2003. While with the Department, he was promoted to Sergeant. Assignments, as a Patrolman, included Park Station, Central Station, and Psychiatric Liaison. Dennis was also a member of the Specialist Team, training alongside the SWAT Team. As Sergeant, assignments included Richmond Station, Park Station, and Potrero Station, finishing his career at Ingleside Station. He also taught Report Writing for 5 years at the Police Academy, while working nights at the district stations. He also worked with City College’s Police to get their officers certified through POST in report writing. Closing out his carrier Dennis returned to college and received his BA in Criminal Justice in 2002 from SF State.

During his career, he received one Gold and four Silver Medals of Valor. In SFPD sports, he was a member of the undefeated Ingleside Softball Team and participated in the California Police Summer Games in Crew and Golf. In Crew, he received a Gold Medal in Pairs, and a Silver Medal in four-man with coxswain, as well as Bronze Medals. In Golf, he received a Gold Medal in the Police Summer Games in Boise. Upon retirement Dennis became a Licensed Tax Preparer, working for H&R Block for 21 years.

While taking golf lessons, through Skyline College, Dennis met a SIR who invited him to a luncheon. In May 2004, Dennis joined Branch 4. In 2015, he won the SIR State Golf Championship, 4th Flight. For one year he was Assistant Treasurer. He enjoys the monthly luncheons and hearing the different speakers. Dennis has brought in several members and is always trying to recruit new members. Sir Ford Long gave Dennis a wood lathe and started a new chapter in Dennis’ life; woodworking. Dennis has taken classes and enjoys making things for family and friends.

Dennis has three children, Kevin, Daniel and Lori first living in So San Francisco and then Petaluma where he coached Little League and Senior League Baseball. Dennis and met his wife Donna, in SFPD. when they were both Sergeants and Donna ultimately retired as a Captain. Both enjoy travelling, mainly on cruises, visiting the Caribbean, Mexico, Ireland, the Mediterranean, and the South Pacific. Last year they enjoyed a Cruise on the Mississippi. Next is a cruise on the Great Lakes. Dennis has six grandchildren ages 4 to 19.

Geritol For October. Soquel Vineyards, Trinity Rosso. This red blend of Zinfandel and some Italian-origin varieties is produced by Bargetto Winery, located in Soquel. Bargetto has been in business since the early 30's and had the pick of some nice pre-prohibition vineyards until the Santa Cruz area was (re) discovered in the late 60's and 70's. Most red wine coming to market in the 30's were blends. The winemaker wanted something that tasted good, usually labeling the wine as "burgundy", "claret", "chianti", or even "barbarone" (no such thing as a barbarone grape). A style that is unpretentious and great with food. Enjoy!

SIR Branch 4 Holiday Party

Date / Time: First Wednesday December 3, 2025, starting at 11:00 AM.

\$50 per person Holiday Luncheon – December 3, 2025

Please send your reservation no later than **Nov. 15, 2025**
along with your check for \$50 per person, payable to SIR Branch 4

Mail to:

Bill Gipe

2323 Galway Dr.

South San Francisco, CA 94080

Or, deliver to the Badge Desk at our meetings!

Reservations For (Names): _____

Contact 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 Bill Gipe)