

SIR Branch 4 Foghorn

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

November Luncheon. SIR Branch 4 will hold its next luncheon meeting Wednesday, **November 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 is available at 11:30AM. Menu choices are:

1. White Fish 2. Chicken Breast
3. Zazpi Burger* 4. Tortilla Espanola*



***We have some new items to choose from. Please give Paul your comments!**

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.

SIR Holiday Lunch. Branch 4 members and guests will begin the Holiday Season with lunch, prizes and Music from Marilyn Cooney, “roadie” John Cooney, and others at Oyster Point Yacht Club on Wednesday December 3, catered by Domenic's. The holiday lunch reservation form is in this Foghorn (See page 6), and the form will be available at the November lunch badge table. ***Same price as last year (\$50 per person)!***
Please call Bill Gipe at 650-878-5746 with questions.

Announcements and Information

November’s Speaker. Upcoming speakers include a Pacific Bus Museum representative and Dave Nigel's report on exciting new plans for San Bruno’s Parks. **We need more ideas!**

SIR Birthdays. Branch 4 celebrates the November birthdays of George Suter and Dan Quigg.

Sunshine List and Best Wishes. Sunshine List greetings to Rose Nigel, Dan Machado and Dan Quigg.

Branch 4 Membership & Lunch Attendance. Current membership 77
October lunch attendance 36. Welcome & thanks to our new member Fred Tealdi, badge #37. Fred is a retired San Lorenzo Unified teacher and a US Army veteran. He was invited to lunch by his friend Peter Aiello.

Geritol For November. *Napa Wine Company, 2023 Cabernet Sauvignon.* Every wine has a story of some kind. In this case the winery is on Highway 29 at the Oakville Cross intersection. There is a nice tasting room in the building featuring wines from vineyards in the area including ones owned by the families involved in the winery who make their own wines and provide “custom crushes” for growers without wineries.. This is prime cabernet country. 2023 was a bountiful harvest with more grapes than many wineries wanted. Costco to the rescue! \$13.99 after an \$8.00 rebate.

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, *The Rooster Crows?*
<https://sirinc.org/uploads/newsletters/Sept-2025-Newsletter.pdf>

As Dave Sees it, by David Nigel

Stop the presses! Just received David's report on Rose's health (better now!) and her stay in the hospital, treatments and overcoming challenges. I know David and Rose would appreciate a note, email, or call. Best wishes for a continuing recovery!

Big Sir Tim opened our October luncheon meeting with 36 attending at the Basque Cultural Center. David Nigel was called upon and directed attention to Sir Dennis Meixner's honoring in our *Foghorn* as Octobers "Exceptional Sir Member". Tad Bogdan was complimented for his outstanding leadership related to our Food Bank pop-up food distribution stations that several participants from Branch 4 supported. Funding for this project has been cut and the distribution program is no longer viable. David described a new opportunity for collecting and recycling of pull-tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. He complimented Sir Pauly Walsh for his efforts to collect tabs. David encouraged SIRs to attend San Francisco Banjo Band's performance Saturdays, 2-4 p.m. at Molloy's Tavern in Colma featuring Sir John Cooney. David then gave the invocation, led the Pledge of Allegiance, and singing of "God Bless America."

Big Sir Tim asked the activity chairs for reports and updates. Jack Major led off describing play at Sharp Park Golf Course and future matches. David discussed the success of the Bocce games at the Doelger Center and meeting for lunch. Bill Gipe described our next trip to the Disney Museum located at the San Francisco Presidio and requested sign-ups. Bill also encouraged sign-ups for our popular and successful December Holiday Party at the Oyster Point Yacht Club and concluded by introducing and greeting our newest member, Fred Tealdi. Paul Nocero introduced his guest John Peer who was warmly greeted.

Our wonderful raffle co-chairs, Tony Quarto and Rolf Rosander called out the winning tickets for Dan Herran and then presented a cash envelope to treasurer Bob Golton; proceeds for our Branch treasury. Birthday Chair Herman Ng introduced October's "Birthday Boys", each stood up and announced his date of birth. Following the singing of "Happy Birthday" Herman's APP drawing awarded Dan Herran the "Free" lunch ticket; his second victory this afternoon. Next presenter was John McGlothlin, who described the "Geritol" (wine) of the month which was awarded to Sir David Barnett. Final drawing was for a "Free" lunch won by Bob Calhoun.

Four entrees were enjoyed. SIR John Cooney was complimented for baking delicious Brownies plus providing tasty cookies for our dessert. Big Sir Tim announced there would be no guest speaker and asked members to share thoughts and comments. Many interesting stories and vignettes were shared, the most humorous by Sir Peter Klein about his experience as a toll taker on the Golden Gate Bridge. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, November 5th.

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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 October 14th Sharp Park match: The match was cancelled due the heavy squall Monday afternoon, making the course very wet.

Next Sharp Park Tournament: Tuesday, November 11th – 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. 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. 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 October 21st:

We still have the restaurant, bar, and restroom closed due to a sewer pipe break and mold underneath, since October 2024. This looks like a big job and 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.

We had 18 players, and 3 guests, Mike McCurdy and Jim Reed with Dennis Meixner, and Vincent Asai with Rich Nishiki-Finley. These guys just about swept the closest winners. Guests are a primary source of new SIRs, so invite those friends and family.

Most of the fairways were fine, however the greens were fast and in good shape. We had enough carts too. The highlights were: Birdies – Bam Foster - 2 on par 3 #15. Bam and Dennis started off with a par on hole #1!

Next Poplar Creek Tournament: December 16th.



Local SIR Tours. Bill Gipe, 650-892-5857. November's Local Tour will be to Molloy's for the first Saturday program of the SF Banjo Band.

From an article about a recent visit...."The San Francisco Bajor Band, featuring SIR John Cooney plays on first Saturday afternoons, 2-4PM, at Malloy's Tavern in Colma providing music and sing-a-longs. The audience is provided

with song books to follow and sing-along with music from the 1920s to the 1970s. No cover charge and ample parking. SIR members attending enjoyed a wonderful afternoon."



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!

Bocce Ball Co-Chairs, Charley Leach and Roger Kelly returned from extended vacations to rejoin us. Play began at 1:00 p.m. as the players gathered for competition and lots of fun. Groups were selected representing the green and red

teams. Matches, the winning team had to accumulate twelve points to win. Play was close and exciting. Those interested in joining our weekly Bocce games are welcomed to participate. Co-Chairmen Charley Leach and Roger Kelly extend an on-going invitation for all interested.

Community Service, Tad Bogdan 650-863-8866. Please contact Tad with your ideas and to request information. David Nigel and Paulie Walsh have been promoting an effort to collect "pull-tabs" to donate for Ronald McDonald House to use to raise funds to support families of cancer victims. Our BEC will be meeting with Tad to discuss other service opportunities. Please send Tad your suggestions.

“An Exceptional SIR”, Mike Chapman, submitted by David Nigel. Mike joined Branch 4 in January of 2024. He grew up in San Francisco’s outer Sunset with his younger sister and brother, spending time at the Zoo, Playland, DeYoung Museum and the Academy of Sciences, studying music at the Conservatory as well as ice skating. Education included St. Gabriel’s, Riordan High and a degree in Fire Science with electives in aeronautics and criminology.

In 1974, Mike joined the SFFD where he worked for thirty-two years, retiring in 2006. Challenging experiences included the Folsom fire in 1982, dubbed the ‘Largest fire since 1906’ and the 1989 earthquake. Mike worked on many campaigns for the Fire Department and participated in the Firefighter’s Toy program for eight years, including three years as Program Chairman. Mike worked in The City at various fire houses all over town, the longest at E29. Calls were in the Mission, South of Market, and Potrero Hill as well as city-wide. After twenty-one years he was assigned to House E29, 16th Street and Vermont later moving to SFFD’s, International Airport Division, serving 11 years during the Master Plan expansion; first on the rescue squad, later maintaining rescue boats and teaching water rescues involving plane crashes as well as USAR participation.

Mike and Janis live in San Bruno and have traveled all over the US. Hobbies involve land, sea, and air interests and Mike is sometimes referred to as a “Gear head” because of his interest in machinery. He supports veterans’ groups, air museums, boating organizations, old cars and many volunteer organizations including, National Alopecia Areata Foundation, , Eczema Foundation, Propeller Club Port of the Golden Gate supporting WWII vessels SS Jeremiah O’Brien, and SS Red Oak Victory as well as Cal Maritime scholarships. Mike also likes to cook.

Mike enjoys SIR lunches and the camaraderie including presentations and has been one of our luncheon speakers presenting an interesting talk on the history of fire fighter helmets.

Branch 4 Holiday Party, December 3rd 2025, Registration

Mail \$50 per person 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