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We have scheduled an in-person meeting at the Elks Lodge in South San Francisco for Wednesday August 4, 2021.

**To attend this function, each member must show their vaccination card or recent test result AND complete a SIR Event Waiver and Release of Liability for Exposure to Covid 19.**

The text of this waiver is printed on the final page of this newsletter.

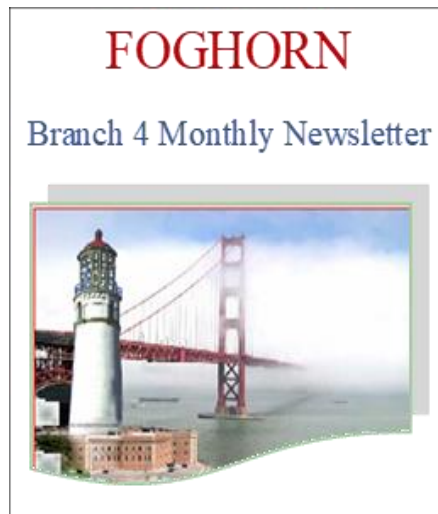
Masking will not be required of vaccinated or tested members

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**Speaker for the August 4 meeting:**

**Michael Barrington Past Big SIR of Branch 116. (Las Trampas, Walnut Creek)**

Michael will be speaking on the topic of his historical novel “Let the Peacock Sing” set against the history of the



French Resistance in World War II.

Michael is originally from England. He joined a French missionary order of catholic priests and spent ten years in West Africa where he landed in a civil war and was once stood up to be shot.

He retired from his own company of international consultants, and is married to a French lady who is a painter.

On his bucket list is to fly a helicopter and drive across the Sahara desert.

Michael's book "Let the Peacock Sing" is available for purchase on Amazon.

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**Message from Bill Gipe – Membership:**

SIR Branch 4 has emailed or phoned members that Wednesday August 4 will be the long-anticipated return of our SIR Lunch & guest speaker at the South City Elk's Club.

Please bring your vaccination card so the Badge Table

**God Bless America**



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**In-Person meeting:**

**August 4, 2021**

greeters can place a green sticker on your badge. This will be a one-time registration to follow SIR Covid Safety protocols.

**Oh, and by the way...The August welcoming lunch is free of charge.**

SIR Branch 4 membership totals 110. This includes Super Seniors over age 95. Reminder - there are no SIR membership dues in 2021.

We remember the **July Birthdays** of Jerry Blumenthal, Irv Boxerbaum, Jere Driscoll, Nick Fesunoff, Al Herpe, Charley Leach, Bob Pardini, Tony Ramirez, and George Rodriquez.

**AND the August Birthdays** of Mike Abeyta, Ron Appel, Tad Bogdan, Terry Kirchoff, Rich MacDougall, Jack Major, Leonel Parra, Matteo Rizzo, and Allen Simon.

The August 4 lunch menu is

- Honey Balsamic Vinaigrette Salad
- Calamari Steak
- Coconut Pineapple Ice Cream

Alternate: Club Sandwich

**Golf: Jack Major 415-412-6654 (cell) and Paul Nocero 415-254-8175.**

A 2021 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 **2021 Sharp Park Tournaments** are still 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 until we get back to lunches.

**Results of the July 13th Sharp Park** match are to be computed, so we'll have a report later. We did have new gas carts available that will maybe hold us over until the electric carts are installed.

**Next Sharp Park Tournament: Tuesday, August 10th-** first tee-off is 0930. SIR members and their guests are invited. No breakfasts yet. **Check in a half-hour before your tee**

**time, outside on the veranda facing the first tee.** I'll send out a signup email a week before and the lineup will be sent out by email a few days before. Sharp Park fees are **\$30** - \$24 greens, and \$5 prize fund. Add a cart for \$20 for \$50. Put the cards in the envelope being held by the starter.

The **2021 Poplar Creek Tournaments** are all scheduled for **Tuesdays** this year – 2/16, 4/26, 6/22, 8/31 (8/24 aeration caused a schedule change), 10/26, 12/21 – starting at 1000.

**Results of the June 22ndth Poplar Creek** tournament - We had 20 players with 3 guests of Dennis Meixner, and prospect Forrest Holleman. The weather was sunny, good shirtsleeve, with the light afternoon wind. Brews/drinks were consumed in fine weather on the veranda, and inside was open too. Fairways and greens seemed better watered than two months ago. The Covid rules were better, allowing two riders per cart for one example. Highlights were: Birdies: Woody on par-3 hole #15, George Fenech on par-3 #5, Paul Walsh with 2 - par-3 #7 and par 3 #17, Stan Falk on par-4 #6, Dennis on 3 #7, and Wil Uclusin on par-4 #6.

**Next Poplar Creek Tournament: Tuesday August 31st** - first tee-off is

1000. Signups will be sent out online. Green (\$34), optional cart fees are \$25 single, due to Covid-19.rules. Prize merchandise vouchers can't be used for cart rentals during tournaments. Individual payment for green/cart fees will be made to the Pro Shop. Coordinator will collect the \$5 prize fees.

**Results of the June 3th Metropolitan** Away tournament - We had 14 players in 3 groups, starting at 11:41 for an afternoon soiree. Conditions were excellent, clear with no significant wind until late afternoon. My hole #18 50-yard approach shot got blown into the water, but skimmed 5 times across into the deep reeds. Highlights: Birdies - Mike Abeyta - par-4 hole 4, Ted Wright - par 5 hole #6, Paul Nocero - par 3 hole #5. Bob Richter shot his age - 72! (truthfully - 84) - 7 pars.

**SIR Area 4 Away Golf Tournaments:** Metropolitan, Crystal Springs, Tilden, and Chuck Corrica are hopeful to play in 2021.

**Walk for Health outings have resumed:** the walk for **July 30** will be emailed out. Contact Paul Nocero at [paul@nocero.com](mailto:paul@nocero.com) or 415-254-8175 if you miss the invitation. The August walk will be similarly emailed out in good time.

**SIR EVENT WAIVER AND RELEASE OF  
LIABILITY FOR EXPOSURE TO COVID-19**

**Branch Name and Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the general unavailability of insurance to cover liability related to that matter, the SIR branch listed above ("Branch") is requiring members, visiting SIR members from other branches, guest speakers, guests, and spouses/significant others attending events sponsored by the Branch or by Sons in Retirement, Incorporated ("State Sir") to agree to the following:

1. In attending activities sponsored by the Branch or State SIR, the undersigned agrees to comply with mask, social distancing, and other Covid-19 protocols required by applicable government bodies, the Branch, State SIR, and the applicable venue. Failure to do so will result in the attendee being asked to leave the event.
  
2. Regardless of adherence to mandated protocols, requirements, recommendations, and vaccinations, the undersigned acknowledges that there is a risk of Covid-19 exposure whenever an individual enters a public space, a building with other people, or a group of other individuals.
  
3. Knowing the foregoing risk, the undersigned assumes the risk of Covid-19 exposure and accepts sole responsibility for any exposure to Covid-19 and resulting health conditions that may occur due to attendance at a Branch or State SIR event.
  
4. The undersigned hereby releases and holds harmless the Branch, State SIR, and their respective officers, directors, and members from any and all responsibility for illness, death, or other losses arising from exposure to Covid-19 at a Branch or State SIR event.

**THE UNDERSIGNED HAS READ AND UNDERSTANDS THE ABOVE WAIVER AND RELEASE, UNDERSTANDS THE RISKS POSED BY COVID-19, AND SIGNS THE WAIVER AND RELEASE VOLUNTARILY.**

Attendee's Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_

Attendee's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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