

# The SIR Branch 4 Foghorn



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## God Bless America



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**February  
Meeting Canceled**

## Future Meetings

### **Luncheon Canceled!**

The Board (BEC) met via Zoom on January 19, 2022 and decided to cancel the February 2, 2022 Luncheon. There are too many concerns with COVID-19. More progress is needed.

Those attending January's luncheon were offered the opportunity to take home extra lunches. California Catering is set up to provide 50 lunches and expects SIR to have 50 attending and will charge for 50.

32 SIRs attended January's luncheon. Given the COVID situation, prudence is always important and everyone attending was very prudent. Hopefully, we will persevere through this pandemic and reach a time when we can all enjoy each other's company. Special thanks to our "Badge Table Crew". Dave worked to assure our "Crew" had everything they needed; Bill brought everything for the badge table to Elk's AND stayed to help staff the table, Elmer was there, distributing the Badges, greeting members, and answering questions. Thanks to all. Very special thanks to Elmer!

We are working to obtain an agreement with California Catering that SIR can live with. We will need flexibility and a lower minimum than 50 attendees, until more members are comfortable attending. If we cannot work something out, we will work with alternatives including Sharps Park to accommodate Branch 4 for the near future.

Hoping things get better (and safer) before our scheduled March 2, 2022 luncheon.

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## Information, Announcements and Activities

### Membership

**February Birthdays.** Branch 4 celebrates the Birthdays of George Bacigalupi, John McGlothlin, Flor Mendoza, Dave Nigel, Paul Nocero, AND Samuel Roake. Also noted are SIR January birthdays (corrected): Rich Fraher, Peter Klein, Bill Lippincott, Pablo Magat, Donald Ray, Richard Soward, Ray Steward, Wil Uclusin and Brian Weiss.

We remember longtime SIRs Thomas Heafey and Spiro Jouganatos who passed away in December 2021.

**Membership and Attendance.** We have 67 paid Active Members, through January 20, plus 2 Super Seniors.

**2022 Membership Dues.** It is time for Dues to be renewed. Thank you to members who submitted their payments and are now in "Good standing."

Annual dues are \$25.00 (\$2.12 per month). Membership brings opportunities for golf, bocce ball, health walks, Cyber Sirs) and monthly luncheons, birthday celebrations, and guest speakers are only a few benefits.

Please pay dues on/before our March meeting. Payments may be made by cash or check at the "Badge table". Or mail your \$25 check payable to Sir Branch 4 to:

Bill Gipe, 2323 Galway Drive, South San Francisco, CA 94080

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

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 **2022 Sharp Park Tournaments** are still scheduled for the **second Tuesday** of the month, starting at 09:30. Check the website for the current schedules and past results. Signups and results will be emailed.

**The Wednesday December 15th Sharp Park match was canceled:** The course was flooded and muddy where playable.

**Results of the January 11th Sharp Park match:** The course had residual water and was cart path only. One group tried it out; a tiresome episode of mud, wet grass and lost balls.

**Next Sharp Park Tournament: Tuesday, February 8th - first tee-off is 09:30.** SIR members and their guests are invited. **Check in a half-hour before your tee time** inside the club house. Fees are **\$30** (\$24 greens, plus \$5 prize fund). Add a cart for \$20 for \$50 total. Breakfasts (\$13) are available per Kevin. Email signup will be used if it's dried out enough.

**Results of Poplar Creek matches.** October 26<sup>th</sup> the course was flooded, and power was out due to the weekend storm. Two groups had an informal match. December 21<sup>st</sup>. was rained out

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### Golf (Continued)

**Poplar Creek Tournaments** starting in February are scheduled for Wednesday 2/23, Tuesday 4/19, Tuesday 6/21, Wednesday 8/24 (end of aeration), Wednesday 10/26, and Tuesday 12/20. All start at 10:00 with a 40 player max.

#### **Next Poplar Creek Tournament:**

**Wednesday February 23<sup>rd</sup>** - first tee-off is 10:00. Signups will be by Email. Green fee (\$34) and prize fund (\$7) total \$41. Optional cart fees are \$25 single, \$16.50 each shared. Prize merchandise vouchers can't be used for cart rentals during tournaments. Individual payment for cart fees will be made to the Pro Shop. Coordinator will collect green and prize fees.

We hope to play **SIR Area 4 Away Golf Tournaments: at Metropolitan, Crystal Springs, Tilden, and Chuck Corrica** in 2022.

**Walk for Health. January's walk** "Small treasures of my neighborhood", Friday January 28, 2022 (last Friday) at 1:44PM (note the time!) meet in front of George Suter's house 1770 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue, San Francisco (cross street Noriega). Parking is hard, but not impossible. The walk will last about 2 hours, moderately steep in places. George's cell is 415-314-6768.

**Help Wanted.** I'm your guest editor, hoping a new editor will assist our membership by preparing our monthly Foghorn. Your guest editor is willing help our new editor get started (and beyond). Your chance to contribute! *Little SIR, John*

### Walk for Health (Contd.)

**February's walk** "Visitation Valley Greenway", Friday February 25, 2022 (last Friday) at 1:44PM (note the time!) meet in front of the Visitation Valley Library at 201 Leland Avenue, San Francisco (cross street Rutland). Parking is hard, but not impossible. Walk through a series of gardens connected across several blocks. It should last about 2 hours, moderately steep on pavement most of the way (also a smooth dirt path). George's Cell is 415-314-6768. We took this trip some time ago. Worth taking again as springtime approaches (already here?) in S.F.

### Other Activities

CyberSirs, Bocce, and Local Travel are all on hold pending opening of Doelger Center, reopening of venues, etc.

Speaking of activities, do you have any ideas or suggestions? We need new activities. What about a Book Group, Pickle Ball, Wine Tasting, Memoir Writing, etc. Please forward your suggestions to the guest editor. [jmcglothlin@sanbrunocable.com](mailto:jmcglothlin@sanbrunocable.com) or contact our officers.

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