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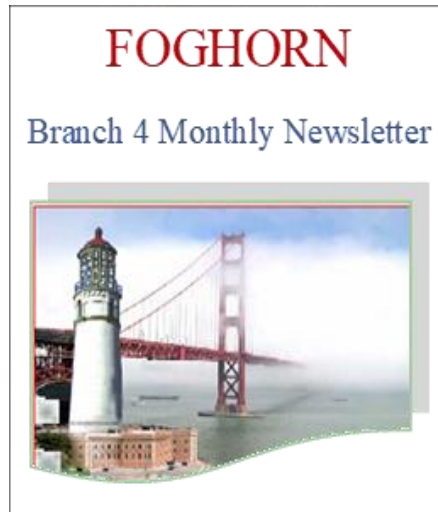
If you get an invitation to the **Branch 4 Zoom meeting on January 6, 2021**, in the next few days, you will know that **I succeeded in sharing a screen** so we could watch a presentation together. **If not**, a general zoom meeting will have to wait 'till next time.

Message from Bill Gipe – Membership:

Branch 4 membership includes 108 active members and 3 Super Seniors. **All 2020 membership dues roll over to 2021.** (No payment due for 2021 membership)

Our friend and fellow member **Bud Sandkulla** passed away last month – Two members were moved to send me emails commemorating their friend's life. They are printed in full following the golf report.

Branch 4 remembers the January birthdays of Larry Farrell, Richard Fraher, Peter Klein, Bill Lippincott, Pablo Magat, Donald Ray, David Solomon, Richard Soward, Ray Steward, Wil Uclusin, and Brian Weiss.



From your Golf Chairmen 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 December 10th Sharp Park match: Conditions were dry with fine weather. The surf size was the biggest in years, but I didn't see any waves breaking over the berm. Lots of walkers and golf fans - I got a few waves on hole 16., Highlights: Birdies - Jim McCoy on par-3 hole and George Fenech on par-5 hole 14 in group 1, John Gehring on par-5 hole 11, Don Appleton on par-4 hole 17,

God Bless America



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In-Person meetings halted until further notice

Paul Walsh on par-5 hole 18, and Mike Flynn on par-3 hole 8. The lack of carts (only 4 available) was a problem, and will continue for several months, with no relief in sight, according to Greg. We'll check to see if we can find a substitute course.

Next Sharp Park Tournament: Tuesday, January 12th - 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 \$15 for \$45 .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, 4/20, 6/22, 8/24 (aeration –will change),

10/26, 12/21 – starting at 1000.

Results from the December 15th Poplar Creek match: results coming by email.

Next Poplar Creek Tournament: Tuesday February 16th - 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.

SIR Area 4 Away Golf Tournaments: Crystal Springs is hopeful to play in 2021.

Big SIR emeritus John McGlothlin wrote about Bud Sandkulla:

We've lost a great SIR and a better person (in Bud). Lynn (Bud's wife) had emailed us on the 13th. that Bud had passed away after a lingering illness and a recent stay in the Hospital.

I was able to talk to Lynn and she is doing OK, going through what we have all experienced when we've lost a loved one. Bud had been going through rounds of physical therapy, treatments and trips to the hospital and skilled nursing. He had been asking to be sent home from his latest hospitalization and

was finally allowed to. The day he arrived home, Bud passed away. Lynn believes it was only the prospect of going home that kept him going.

Bud was such a determined optimist that he found it hard to accept that working to get better, to walk on his own again and to get around the house and even the neighborhood wouldn't work out. His body just wouldn't keep up with his determination. When I talked to Bud, he was always optimistic.

When I look at the list of recipients of this message, I realize many of us benefitted from Bud's recruiting us for SIR, encouraging us to be more than members of the "lunch bunch", and to help with steering Branch 4.

For many of us, our first acquaintance with Bud was on the golf course, where he was a congenial companion and a player to be admired. I know how he missed SIR golf and the companionship that went with it. For those of us attending SIR's Holiday Party and picnic, we had the opportunity to see Bud's creativity whether it was the table cards and decorations or that pitch-in game he built by hand. We have a lot to remember Bud for.

SIR David Nigel, Membership Committee Member and Badge Man

Crew Member also shared the following:

I met Bud back in 1970 when his first wife Polly and I were appointed by the San Bruno City Council to serve on the Park and Recreation Commission. Actually, my relationship with the Sandkulla family goes back to 1962 when I joined the California Army National Guard and Bud's older brother, Sandy, was my Sergeant Major. We were a Signal Company so many of our fellow soldiers were employed with Pacific Bell Telephone Company. I met and knew Bud's two sons. Polly was an outstanding Commissioner rising to the levels of San Mateo County and the State of California Park and Recreation agencies.

I joined SIR Branch 4 in 2002, and was thrilled when Bud joined us in October of 2011. He became actively involved rising to the leadership position of "Big Sir" where he worked diligently distinguishing himself as a capable and innovative leader! We were very proud of BUD!

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My next relationship with Bud was on the Bocce Ball court where we enjoyed great games and tremendous camaraderie every Wednesday morning (before COVID that is).

I was aware of Bud's physical struggles and I was so saddened to learn of Bud's passing. I regret that I only spoke with Bud on three occasions during this difficult time of his life. I truly admired SIR Roger Kelly, another Bocce Ball player, as Roger is a Burlingame neighbor and really reached out to Bud spending quality time together. Roger kept us apprised of Bud's situation.

Bud will be profoundly and sorely missed and may his memory be a blessing to all of us!

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