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Branch 4 is continuing with Board Executive Committee meetings via Zoom during this period when we cannot meet in person. These are usually at 10:30 AM on our “regular” meeting days – first Wednesday of the month.

If you would like to attend these meetings email George Suter at sutergeo80@gmail.com - Subject “SIR business” and I’ll send you an invite.

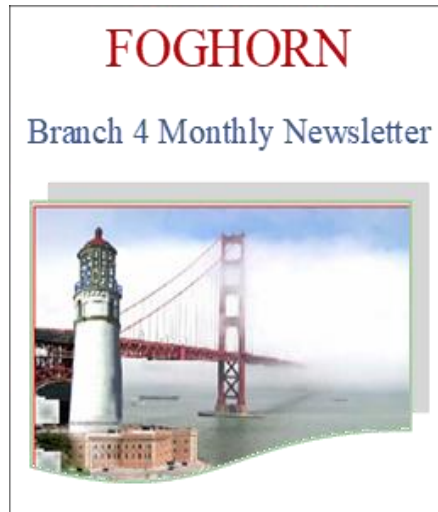
Message from Bill Gipe – Membership:

SIR Branch 4 remembers the **February birthdays** of Pete Gandell, John McGlothlin, Flor Mendoza, David Nigel, and Paul Nocero.

Branch 4 membership includes 108 members and 3 Super Seniors.

All 2020 membership dues roll over for 2021. Take care and stay safe. Let us all look forward to a return to SIR activities later in 2021.

Golf: Jack Major 415-412-6654 (cell) and Paul Nocero 415-254-8175. Feb 2021



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 January 12th Sharp Park match: Conditions were colder, and cloudier than Wednesday or Thursday.. We had only 8 players, mainly due to the limited cart situation. Those that ran had bad brakes.

Highlights: Birdies - Paul Walsh on par-3 hole, that's about it.

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, February 9th- first tee-off is 0930. SIR members and their guests are invited. No breakfasts yet. **Check in a half-**

God Bless America



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In-Person meetings halted until further notice

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.

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.

From your Editor George Suter

A Salesforce Park Walking Tour FOR YOU.

Salesforce Park in downtown San Francisco is open! (from personal recent experience)

People are wearing masks and are social distancing, and this is enforced by the Salesforce Park Police, so there are no scofflaws, but there is full access.

A visit to the park is a wonderful experience. There are well-maintained plantings from Mediterranean climates from around the world, including ours. There is a pleasant flat paved meandering walk of about 4 city blocks in each direction. The views are spectacular – an oasis of nature in the midst of tall modern buildings.

The main walking entrance to the Salesforce Transit Center, the most impressive one, is located on Fremont Street between Mission and Howard. From there, it's a spectacular four-story escalator ride to the Park, on the "roof" of the Transit Center.

There is ample parking nearby:

- SP+ Parking at 65 Minna Street is the closest – it's valet parking right in the transit center call (415) 546-6041 for rates.
- 85 2nd Street Parking Garage is within a block (415) 777-4042
- 333 Market Garage is also within a block – valet only – (800) 925-7275
- 199 Fremont Garage (Impark Lot #344) also within a

block – valet only – (415) 227-0114

Personally, I make an extended walk of it, parking at the Yerba Buena Garage at Fifth and Mission. That's a four block walk each way, but an interesting one, and I'm familiar with the parking layout.

To whet your appetite for this walk, there is an informal Youtube guide to the Park by Mike Sullivan – author of "Trees of San Francisco":

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E_OrsAKIUXg

This video follows Mike as he films and talks on his iPhone. The commentary is informative and entertaining.

This video was taken before the pandemic, accounting for the large number of people in the park. The walk is a good deal more private now – like you own personal garden with only a few interlopers.

I took some notes as I watched the video, if you would like me to send you my written record of his talk (to see the names of the plants he talks about spelled out, for example) send me a request at

sutergeo80@gmail.com -
subject "SIR business".

Grab your significant other and go for a walk! It's available, it's free and it gets you out of the house.



How Are Things With You?

As you can see there is always space in the Foghorn. Many members have found ways to entertain themselves during this pandemic. I wrote about the Salesforce Park. Do you have some experience you would like to share?

Send me your story at

sutergeo80@gmail.com -
subject "SIR business".

And I'll get it into next month's Foghorn.

California Catering Meals for February 2021



February 2021

Tuesday & Friday Night Dinners \$16.00 per plate

Location: 920 Stonegate Dr. SSE, Ca 94080

Call for Reservations @ 650-589-0729, Text 650-201-9599, or Email calcateringcompany@gmail.com

Tuesday Feb 2nd- Caesar Salad, Chicken Wellington, Linguine Pasta w/ Garlic Butter & Basil, Veg., & Dessert

Friday Feb 5th- Fruit Salad, B.B.Q Beef Back Ribs, Garlic Parmesan Fries, Veg. & Dessert

Tuesday Feb 9th- Bacon Bean Soup, Rosemary Roasted Garlic N.Y Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Veg. & Dessert

Friday Feb 12th- Lentil Soup, Chicken Enchiladas, Spanish Rice, Refried Beans, & Dessert

Tuesday Feb 16th- Caprese Salad, Cheese Lasagna w/ Sauteed Italian Sausage, Peppers & Onions, Whole Green Beans, Garlic Bread & Dessert

Friday Feb 19th- House Salad w/ Ranch Dressing, Roasted Filet Pork Tenderloin w/ Wild Mushroom Sauce, Polenta Parmesan, Veg. & Dessert

Tuesday Feb 23rd- Clam Chowder Soup, Fresh Crab & Shrimp Cakes, Potato Chips, Veg. & Dessert

Friday Feb 26th- Clam Chowder Soup, Prawns alla Dominico, Wild Rice, Veg. & Dessert

**** Alternative of Shrimp Louie Salad Reserve Two days before ****

Wine Bottles available for \$10 per SSF Elks Lodge

Food Checks payable to: California Catering Company

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