

# The SIR Branch 4 Foghorn



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## God Bless America



**April 2022 Issue**

**Basque Cultural Center  
599 Railroad Ave.  
South San Francisco**

**April Lunch is ON!  
April 6, 2022**

**Lunch Basics.** Entrée choices for the April lunch are Veal, Salmon, or Vegetarian Pasta. Salad and Coffee/Tea are included. The Basque Cultural Center (BCC) will also have a Vegetarian Pasta for those who prefer not to have Chicken. SIR arranged for Desert (thanks to Mike Abeyta!). Bar opens at 11:30AM, lunch will be served at 12Noon. Cost is \$30.00, exact change will be appreciated and checks will be accepted. Please let us know if you are attending and your entrée choice. We need your information no later than March 30<sup>th</sup> so we can reserve your choice. Respond to [SIRpaul@nocero.com](mailto:SIRpaul@nocero.com), or by phone to 415-254-8175.

**The Movable Feast, Continued.** After canceling February's lunch, we scheduled our March lunch for BCC. Working something out with California Catering (CC) required a minimum of 50 lunches be paid for, no matter how many fewer SIRs attended. In January, SIR had 27 at the lunch so SIR had to pay 23 unserved lunches. In March, we had 30 reservations and 47 SIRs attending. We were crowded AND happy so many SIRs turned out!

One lesson learned is we need to do better forecasting lunch turnout. This will help us and help the Restaurant feeding us. It also puts the BEC in a better position to evaluate lunch options.

Big SIR Stu, Bob Golton and I met with BCC Management after the March luncheon to discuss our needs for April; entrée options, coffee/tea service, plus more tables. The BCC staff emphasized the importance of an accurate count of attendees, received in time for them to plan. We agreed to provide them with the information a week in advance. Also, one of our SIRs volunteered to obtain a desert and bring it to the luncheon for BCC to serve. (Continued)

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(Continued from Page 1) After we learn of April attendance, the BEC will discuss plans for future lunches. If we can depend on approximately 50 (or more!) participants each month we will be able to consider more options, including the Elks Club AND we'll keep you informed.

We want your feedback for ways we can improve your luncheon experience. Please talk to any of our officers at the lunch. *Little SIR John*

### Information and Announcements

#### Membership

Branch 4 remembers the April birthdays of Stan Falk, Bob Fox, Roger Kelly, Tony Marotto, Aldo Ramon, Ken Reed, Mike Robinson and Rolf Rosander.

Thanks to all SIR Branch 4 members for their 2022 dues support. Branch 4 now has 91 members with 2 Super Seniors. The March

lunch attendance at the Basque Cultural Center totaled 47, including 2 guests. We welcomed the SIR Regional Director Foster Kinney Kinney who gave a detailed history and description of the Peninsula SIR branches. Thanks to Dennis Meixner for inviting his lunch guest, and welcome to new SIR member Ming Chin.

**Guest Column-As Dave Sees It, by Dave Nigel.** Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, Branch 4 Members gathered in-person for our luncheon meeting at the Basque Cultural Center in South San Francisco. A new venue, as we are unable to meet the requirements of California Catering for a minimum guarantee of fifty meals at the Elks' Lodge.

Forty-seven members met for lunch and discussion beginning at Noon. George Rodriguez gave his usual inspirational all-honoring prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, and everyone sang a rousing rendition of "God Bless America."

Little Sir, John McGlothlin greeted everyone and led a discussion on the direction and future focus of Branch 4. Many good ideas were proposed and described. A delicious chicken meal followed a fresh tasty salad, concluding with coffee. Five members selected the Pasta Vegetarian alternative lunch that was also very enjoyable.

Activity chairmen presented reports and future plans with golf being our current active group. Chairman Jack Major updated our group about coming tournaments.

Membership Chairman, Bill Gipe reported our 2022 renewed members are now at 86 (now at 91!). We proudly acknowledge our two Super Seniors (Members 95+ in age): George Samoulides who joined in March 1985, and Paul Denatale, Joined October 1985.

Many positive comments were received regarding our luncheon. We are returning to the Basque Cultural Center for April's meeting.

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## Activities

**Golf** - Jack Major 415-412-6654 (cell) and Paul Nocero 415-254-8175. **March-April 2022**

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 0930. Check the website for the current schedules and past results. Signups and results will be emailed.

**Results of the March 8<sup>th</sup> Sharp Park match:** We had 16 players in 4 groups starting at 0930,. The weather turned out just fine, and the leased carts were still \$20 per rider, but reliable.. Fairways have dried out nicely, without any rain lately. Plenty of gopher mounds, and their close friends, the berm squirrels, were out too,. The greens were fine. The bar and restaurant was open, and breakfasts were available for early players. Highlights:- Not seeing any birdies, but Jim Fogelstrom got his 1st par on hole #6. You can mention any long drives, chips, or putts propaganda next time on the cards for the highlights.

**Next Sharp Park Tournament:**  
**Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> - 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 **\$30 - \$24** greens, and \$5 prize fund. Add a cart for \$20 for \$50. Breakfasts for \$13 are available per Kevin

**Poplar Creek Tournaments** are 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.  
These start at 1000 with a 40 player max..

**Next Poplar Creek Tournament:**  
**Wednesday April 19<sup>rd</sup> - first tee-off is** 1000. Signups will be sent out online and the clipboard too. Green (\$34), prize fund (\$7) is back for \$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 the green and prize fees.

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

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## Walk For Health

**March Walk for Health** - Last Friday of the month - March 25, 2022 at 1:44 PM. Members and Guests.

Meet at the USS San Francisco memorial at Land's End – (El Camino Del Mar Parking Lot) for a walk along the Coastal Trail to the second overlook and back to Sutro Heights Park and the Land's End Lookout Visitor Center.

The “Museum at the Cliff” will cap our visit (thanks SIR Anthony Ramirez for the suggestion). This “pop up” museum is a free exhibit of items from the Cliff House, Sutro Baths, and the surrounding area. It will be open only through April 15.

The walk should last about two hours on reasonably level ground. This is an easier walk than first described and should be more relaxing and fun with plenty of things to see. The whole area has been upgraded and will be a

surprise to those who have not been here for a while. Contact me at 415-314-6768 on the day of the walk if necessary.

**April's Walk for Health**. Last Friday of the month April 29, 2022 at 1:44 PM. members and guests.

Meet at the corner of Mansell and University in McClaren Park for a walk through the Park via University Heights to the Glen Park BART station.

Another walk of surprises for life-long San Franciscans who may not have ventured into the University Heights neighborhood. Fellow SIR Don Ray and I made this walk. We took about an hour and a half on comfortable paved sidewalks and packed dirt paths. An exciting moment came crossing the eight lanes of Highway 280 high overhead on a pedestrian bridge that permits this walk to be taken at all.

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**Dogpatch Trifecta** – SIR members and guests – Thursday April 14, 2022 – 12:44 PM

There are three locations in Dogpatch within a four block radius worth a careful look, a good destination for persons of limited mobility, as they can be travelled to by car individually and require only the ability to stand in place for the time it takes to see them (45 minutes-one hour each). Suggested parking: 23<sup>rd</sup> Street around 3<sup>rd</sup> Street.

1. Meet at the Museum of Craft and Design 2569 3rd St, San Francisco, CA 94107 (between 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> on West

side of 3<sup>rd</sup>) - \$10 for Seniors. Current exhibits are:

a. **Living with Scents** - 'olfactory design' can refer to a variety of practices that encompass fragrance making, olfactory marketing, stage design, architecture, and even urban planning. The focus of Living with scents will be on objects. Not just scented products, but creative and artful

interfaces to deliver scents with manifold design outcomes, from the hedonic to the functional. On display will be an unprecedented collection of useful, meaningful, and beautiful olfactory objects to be discovered through both the eyes and the nose.

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**b. THE OBJECT IN ITS PLACE: AS DESIGNED BY TED COHEN.** Ted brought his design eye to so many artworks in so many spaces throughout so many years, it is hard to choose which objects to feature in a single place. We hope this special selection of

works from some of his favorite places, artists, and collectors will give an inspiring glimpse into the aesthetic “worlds” he created.

2. Meet at the Center Hardware & Supply Co., Inc after visiting the Museum of Craft and Design. This Locally owned hardware store sells a range of home improvement supplies, tools & building materials. Probably the best hardware store I have been to in San Francisco; comprehensive, universal, thoughtfully arranged, obsessively clean – a marvel to behold. Think of something you wish you had in your home and buy one here.

3. Meet at the Minnesota Street Project after the visit to the hardware store. The gallery at 1275 Minnesota St. is free and open to the public during regular business hours. It combines several local art dealers showing their wares. While the Project is committed to helping gallerists and artists sustain business through the sale of artwork, it is equally dedicated to educating the public through open, accessible engagement with exhibitions and programming.

4. Afterwards, time permitting, we will have coffee at the Phil’s across the street and visit the outstanding little garden South of the Minnesota Street Project warehouse.

**CyberSIRs** – Jerry Blumenthal. No meetings scheduled. Waiting for Doelger Center to welcome us back. Meanwhile the low-tech crooks are still active. A new one;

the Caller ID says CCSF Medical Or similar) when you answer it’s an “Auto Warranty”, or AT&T sales (really?), plus there may be no number to block (devilish!).

**Bocce** – Charley Leach. Before the pandemic we had a super contingent of Bocce Ball players. The question now is where do we stand? If still interested in play let me ([Crleach@abglobal.net](mailto:Crleach@abglobal.net) or Roger Kelly [rlkgolfer@hotmail.com](mailto:rlkgolfer@hotmail.com)) know. If we get a decent response, we can work to start playing again at Doelger. Doelger has available times all weekdays

from 10-12 or 1-3. Hopefully by next luncheon the court will be available for use.

*Editor’s Note. From time to time, Charley has talked about Pickle Ball as an option SIR may want to look at. There is a very good article in the February/March AARP magazine (pg. 67) explaining the basics.*

**Scam Time-Well, this one isn’t.** You get a notice (CP80, CP080) from IRS saying you haven’t filed, send a signed original return. Looks fishy, IRS cashed your payment. The good news is it isn’t a scam. The bad news is these notices are a sign IRS is so far behind return processing their information has not been updated. Payments received by IRS are processed differently (and much faster) than the actual tax returns. If you submit a new return, it may confuse things further. IRS is trying to correct the situation.

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**The Final Word (or a few of them).** Remember the Luncheon! Please let us know no later than March 30<sup>th</sup> AND give us your entrée preference; Veal, Salmon, or Vegetarian Pasta. The Restaurant needs to be able to plan so they can meet your preference AND set up enough tables!.

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*Little SIR John*

*Stop The Presses!!!!*

*As of this afternoon, we have received 34 responses. We look forward to hearing from you!!!!*

