

The SIR Branch 4 Foghorn



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May Lunch
May 4, 2022

God Bless America



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Basque Cultural Center
599 Railroad Ave.
South San Francisco

Lunch Basics. Entrée choices for May's lunch are Chicken Cordon Bleu, White Fish of the Day, or Eggplant Parmigiana. Salad and Coffee/Tea are included. One of our SIRs is cooking something up for Desert. Bar opens at 11:30AM, lunch will be served at 12 Noon. 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 April 30th so we can reserve your choice. Respond to SIRpaul@nocero.com, or by phone to 415-254-8175.

Future Plans. Based on our experience in March and April, the BEC voted to continue our lunches at the Basque Cultural Center and presented our recommendation to the SIRs attending April's Luncheon. In April, we had over 50 SIRs attending, bettering March attendance.

We need to do continue 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. You can help us by sending or calling in your reservation and entrée choice as early as possible. We will also continue to meet with BCC's management to select luncheon entrees based on feedback we receive.

For May, we will again have a Luncheon Speaker, Steven Campbell. His subject is "Making your Mind Magnificent, To Flourish At Any age."

Little SIR, John

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Information and Announcements

Membership

Branch 4 remembers May birthdays for:

Bob Arzave
Jack Cardon
Jeff Chinn
Elmer Eckart
Jim Fogelstrom
Forrest Holleman
John Hoskins
Dan Machado
Steve Machado
Rich Palmer

valued part of Branch 4 when their branch moved to Pacifica.

Thanks to all members for their 2022 dues,
Active members 91
Super Seniors 2
Total members 93

April 6 lunch attendance was 55, including 2 guests.

Branch 4 officially welcomes #11 Dave LaBelle who was sponsored by Mike Abeyta. Thanks to Dennis Meixner, Tony Ramirez and others who invited guests to recent lunches. Please invite an interested friend to a future SIR lunch.

Branch 4 remembers John Valdez who passed away in April. John always greeted you with a smile, He helped fellow SIRs from Branch 35 stay in South City as a

Guest Column-As Dave Sees It, by Dave Nigel. Our April 6th luncheon was a resounding success. Fifty-three members and guests gathered at the Basque Cultural Center in South San Francisco for an afternoon of camaraderie, good food, and an excellent speaker.

We began with our traditional opening; George Rodriguez giving his usual inspirational introduction and SIRs singing "God Bless America." As our "badge men" finished their tasks in the hallway, visitors to another luncheon, paused during the singing with expressions of awe as our voices reverberated (vibrated?) throughout the building.

Guest speaker, fellow Sir Tad Bogdan, presented highlights and discussed his book. Tad is a founding partner of a consulting firm, Global Eyes, that specializes in global business expansion of technology companies into North America and has a diverse client base with applications ranging from digital banking to AI/Machine Learning. Tad explained portions of his book and conducted a "Breathing" activity that was well received by our fellow SIRs.

Big Sir Stu Ruth called on Activity Chairs and reports were presented by Jack Major describing coming golf events, Charley Leach updating Bocce Ball, Jerry Blumenthal discussing "Cyber Sirs", and Dave Nigel presenting the membership report in behalf of Bill Gipe.

Dave also recognized SIRs for responding so quickly to make lunch reservations and Paul Nocero for a great job collecting attendance information and sending reminders.

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Activities

Golf: Jack Major 415-412-6654 (cell) and Paul Nocero 415-254-8175 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 April 12th Sharp Park match: We had 19 players in 5 groups starting at 0930,. The ground squirrels helped with the plugging and sanding green treatment in a windy, cold day. Not too good for golf. The temporary greens (maybe 14 of them) were not mowed and had no circles painted for the 2-putt delineation.

Highlights: Dave Ocampo was generously buying for his hole-in-one that clanked off the temporary 8th raised cup (or was it the flag pole). Thank you, Dave, Birdies: Bob Calhoun on par-4 #17, Bob Richter on par-4 #3 and par-3 #15.

Next Sharp Park Tournament: Tuesday, May 10th - 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

The **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 19rd - 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.

Walk For Health

May Walk for Health Last Friday in May 27th 1:44 PM. - Clement Street San Francisco from 21st Avenue to Arguello and

back. –Meet in front of Clement Nursery 1921 Clement Street. We'll try to keep walking through this (cont. next page)

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(continued from page 3) intense commercial street that is just coming back from the pandemic. If you have not been there recently, there may be

some surprises. There will be time for a coffee break at Arguello. My cell phone will be on 415-314-6768.

Dogpatch Trifecta – Rescheduled from last month. SIR members and guests – Thursday May 12, 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: 23rd Street around 3rd Street.

Step 1. Meet at the Museum of Craft and Design 2569 3rd St, San Francisco, CA 94107

(between 22nd and 23rd on West side of 3rd)
- \$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.

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.

Step 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.

Step 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 (Continued next page).

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Step 4 (Reward yourself!). 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. Contact Jerry (415-728-5573) if interested and/or if you have ideas. And now, a tech puzzler. My brother-in-law is beset by spam and phishing telephone calls, along with “computer screen locked” messages, coupled with instructions to “call a number for help”. Last one wanted \$9,000 to fix things. Don't say he shouldn't have a

computer; we're grappling with this. He's decided these calls don't start until he turns on the computer each day and is staying away from the computer (NOT a bad thing). I didn't think his reasoning made sense and was ready to dismiss it BUT, maybe some of you who are more technically accomplished than I am may have run across this situation where turning the computer on sends a “come and get it” signal to a third party.

Bocce – **STOP the PRESSES!** Charley Leach visited Doelger Center after many attempts to make contact and arranged for SIR Bocce Ball to start again on Wednesday May 11th. There is a change in time from pre-COVID and SIRs will have the court from 1PM to 4PM. Now all we need is players. Please

contact Charley Leach at 415-333-7277 or Crleach@abcglobal.net. Pre-COVID, we had a solid core of players, however, we've only received commitments from three SIRs so far.

Bravo Charley!!

The Final Word. Remember our Luncheon! Let us know no later than April 30th or earlier! AND, give us your entrée preference; Chicken Cordon Bleu, White Fish of the Day, or Eggplant Parmigiana. The Restaurant needs to plan so they meet your preference AND set up enough tables! Please respond to SIRpaul@nocero.com, or by phone to 415-254-8175. *Little SIR John*

Aspiring Tony Bennett.... Bob Dylan added a string of West Coast dates to his tour in support of his latest release, “Rough and Rowdy Ways,” including three nights at the historic Fox Theater in Oakland.

Having wrapped up his first run of concerts since the pandemic began, Dylan plans to kick off the second leg of his tour in Spokane, Wash., over Memorial Day weekend on May 28 — **just four days after he turns 81** — and hit a handful of cities along Interstate 5 before winding up in San Diego on June 18.

His stop in Oakland is set for June 9-11, after a concert in Redding on June 7.

Tickets for the concerts go on sale to the public at 10 a.m. Friday, April 22, on Dylan's **website**.

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Extra !!!!

Reservations are flowing in. Do we have yours? We look forward to hearing from you!!!! Let's beat April's 55 attendees.

Order your selection; Chicken Cordon Bleu, White Fish of the Day, or Eggplant Parmigiana.

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