

Next Meeting:
Monday, Jan 17, 2004
 1475 Creekside Drive
 Walnut Creek

**Call 806-8874 by the
 Thursday prior to the
 meeting to cancel your
 standing reservation or to
 bring a guest!**



Trampas Topics



December, 2004



Christmas 2004

'Tis the time of colored lights, songs and gift giving: Yes, it is the Season of Christmas.
 'Tis the season to remember the poor, the hungry and the homeless.
 'Tis the season when we hear the song of Peace on Earth and goodwill to mankind.
 Let us make our resolution in this Christmas Season to work for peace all year long.
 Let us help the poor, the hungry and the homeless all year long.
 And if we do Christmas will bring meaning to our celebrations all year long.

Harry Shaner



Sayings of 2004 Big Sir Tom Robinson

This being the Thanksgiving time of the year, it is also my time to say thanks. First to Nancy, my wife of 36 years for acting as my secretary, message taker and proof reader. She has been a great help.

I want to give special thanks to the following people:

- **Ron Domer** for being Little SIR and keeping me abreast of everything.
- **Jack Bevis** our Secretary, who is retiring from that position, did an excellent job in turning out the minutes.
- **Ken Harold** and **Tim Hubbard** who have served their term as Directors.
- **Carlos Xavier**, Past BIG SIR, who served as Director as I will in the coming year.
- **Jim Shurr** and his committee for putting on the very nice Ladies Day event. I know the next is going to be as good as the last.
- **Ben Smith** for doing a very thorough study of the insurance question.
- **Phil Jenkins** for handling the golf program. His shoes are going to be hard to fill.
- Finally, **Art Miller** for his sage advice.

I know there are others that I am leaving out, but if I named everyone, Phil Goff would have very little room left in the Topics.

I hope that all had an enjoyable year and that I did not step on too many toes with my golf shoes.

P.S. If you have trouble getting your children's attention, just sit down and look comfortable.

December Birthdays

When you see these members, wish them a Happy Birthday!

Bermingham, Pat
 Butler, John
 Cole, Edward
 DeHeus, Marvin
 Domer, Ronald
 Gibbs, Parker
 Harris, David
 Hubbard, Timothy
 Jenkins, Phillip
 Loescher, David
 Miguel, Clarence
 Okeson, Gilbert
 Olson, Dennis
 Robertson, Conrad
 Seguin, Alwyn
 Skelton, Floyd
 Stoll, William
 Wareham, Leslie
 Waterman, Douglas

Reminder:

Our Branch Webmaster, Floyd Skelton, has created an online calendar for all the planned Branch 116 activities. It is an excellent product and can be accessed at http://home.att.net/~trampas1/2004_Calendar/

Horoscope for Sagittarius/Capricorn

You will narrowly avoid a collision on the sidewalk today, as a small giggling person runs past you, being hotly pursued by a weeping incoherent person waving a ham sandwich. Aside from that, a pretty typical day.

Branch 116 Leadership for 2004

Executive Committee



Big SIR
Tom Robinson
798-4276



Little SIR
Ron Domer
838-8320



Secretary
Jack Bevis
254-7256



Asst. Secretary
Matt Arena
946-0404



Treasurer
Don Roberts
672-7698



Asst. Treasurer
Bob Shader
939-8421

Board of Directors



Pat Bermingham
930-9477



Doug Brown
825-7475



Ken Harold
932-6259



Tim Hubbard
944-0472



Bill McCallum
939-5045



Dick Thomson
944-1760



Carlos Xavier
947-6756

Committee Chairmen

Attendance	Jim Nachtweih	838-7417	Investment	Ben Smith	820-5403
Audit	Dick Thomson	944-1760	Ladies Day	Jim Shurr	937-9142
	Dan Pope	939-5483	Membership	Roland Scrivner	938-9078
Bridge	Milt Greenstein	376-5589	Membership Roster	Dick Thomson	944-1760
Candy Sales	Terry McGovern	672-7687	Newsletter Editor	Phil Goff	831-3692
Chaplain	Harry Shaner	933-2493	— Proofreader	John Maclay	937-2399
Christmas Luncheon	Jim Shurr	937-9142	Photographer	Ken Miller	256-9419
Computers	Dick Thomson	944-1760	Piano	Bob Lake	837-4054
Fishing	Terry Miller	686-9298	Poker	Bill Harrington	935-1625
Golf	Phil Jenkins	837-7881	Sunshine	Art Donaldson	934-8391
Golf Handicap	David Harris	672-5543	Travel	Kirk McVean	937-5403
Greeters	Ed Regalia	934-6313	Volunteers	Bob Kinser	837-8886
Historian	Matt Arena	946-0404	Webmaster	Floyd Skelton	838-2515
Host	Frank Crua	932-0975			
Interviewer	Bill Mowris	672-2885			



November Sunshine Report Art Donaldson

Very sorry to report that **EARL KAVERT** passed away in early November.

JOHN LEMAK is in John Muir intensive care with a very serious case of pneumonia.

ART HIRSH is scheduled for an MRI on December 6.

JACK HAGLER is continuing chemo treatment for a skin cancer removed from his right temple.

JOHN MACLAY had prostate cancer surgery November 15 at Mt. Diablo. He is feeling so much better that he agreed to serve as the branch secretary for the upcoming year!

Please let Art Donaldson (dnldsn@earthlink.net or 934-8391) know of any Sunshine concerns.



November Attendance Jim Nachtweih

Attendance at the November 15th meeting totaled 212 persons, including 200 members, 2 speakers, 10 guests and no inactive members.

There were 35 excused members and 13 unexcused members. The unexcused members will be asked to pay for their missed lunch.



\$ums In Retirement Ben Smith

"\$ums In Retirement" will not meet in December. I look forward to seeing all of you in January.

If you need additional information contact SIR Ben Smith (Branch 116) Tele: 925-820-5403, e-mail bjsssmith@aol.com



Roland Scrivner

Membership Summary for November

Total Current Members — 258
This Month's Inductees — 2
Those in Interview Stage — 6

Total in Process — 8
On Inactive Status — 31
Left the Branch — 2

Jim Pope #162 to Inactive #330
Mike Cavallo #051 Transfer to Branch #146

New Members Inducted on November 15, 2004



John Knowles, Marilyn
21 Walnut View Place
Walnut Creek, 94597
935-0672
Physician
traveldoc@earthlink.net



John Fucik, Eileen
2234 Hackamore Court
Walnut Creek, 94596
939-9517
Pan Am—Delta
jfucik@astound.net



Area 2 Computer User Group

**Floyd Skelton
& Dick Curry**



There will be No December Meeting of the SIR Area 2 Computer User Group. Our next meeting will be Thursday, January 21, 2005.

Meetings of the Area 2 Computer Users Group are held at the Social Hall of the Walnut Creek United Methodist Church, 1543 Sunnyvale Ave. (off N. Main, one block north of the Treat/Geary/N. Main intersection). Meetings are held the 3rd Thursday of each month from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. In addition to a "to be announced topic and speaker", we will discuss and hopefully resolve your computer problems and talk about some interesting web sites. All SIR members are invited to attend these informative sessions. For more information please visit our web site at: <http://home.alt.net/~area2computer/>.

Thanks,
Dick Curry and Floyd Skelton, Co-Chairmen

Branch 116 Officers and Directors Elected for 2005

Officers:

Big Sir — Ron Domer
Little Sir — Jerry Hunter
Secretary — John Maclay
Asst. Secretary — Matt Arena (carryover)
Treasurer — Don Roberts (carryover)
Asst. Treasurer — Bob Shader (carryover)

Directors:*

Pat Bermingham (carryover)
Doug Brown (carryover)
Ken Harold (carryover)
Terry Miller (replaces Tim Hubbard)
Tom Eller (replaces Bill McCallum)
Dick Thomson (carryover)
Robbie Robinson (replaces Carlos Xavier)

* Each year a minimum of 2 Directors are replaced and the past Big Sir is added to the Board for one year.



Bridge

Milt Greenstein

The Bridge group met on Oct. 26th at Diablo C.C. with 32 players attending. **Roy Hedtke** was high man with 5180 points, followed by **Art Donaldson** (5020), **Jeff Hart** (4890), **Ben Yeraka** (4180) and **Bob Singleton** (4110). Small slams were made by **Terry Thomas/Jess Morgan**, **Gene Power/Bill Sullivan** and **Ben Yeraka/Jeff Hart**. Our newest Member, **Jeff Hart**, was right in the midst of the action with a small slam and coming in third in the money. Scores today were abnormally low; in fact, these are the day's lowest winning scores this year , as well as the lowest average round - really bad cards.

On November 1, our Branch 116 Duplicate Group met with 16 players joining in. The team of **David Geary** and **Conrad Robertson** were high with a score of 94 out of a possible 144 (65 %), closely followed by **Rich Bamberger** and **Terry Thomas** with 93 (also 65 %).

On Nov. 9th, the bridge group met at Round Hill C.C. with 32 players attending. High score today was 7040 points by **Ali**, followed by **Jai Lee** (6680), **Dick Chaffee** (6370), **Paul Floyd** (6060) and **Ernie Gilmore** (5920). What a change in cards from the last session! In fact, the winning score last time would have ended up 9th on today's list ! There were 5 small slams bid and made today: **Paul Floyd/Milt Greenstein**, **Jai Lee/Ernie Gilmore**, **Jack Butler/Fred Massarro**, **Ali/Milt Greenstein** and **Terry Thomas/Art Donaldson**.

Our November 23rd session at Diablo CC had 36 players attending. High score today was 6180 by **Bob Wolf**, followed by **Milt Greenstein** (5690), **Bill Sullivan** (4710), **Jack Dodgson** (4450) and **Bob Daily** (4280). Small slams were recorded by the teams of **Ali/Bamberger** and **Sullivan/Power** (the only two bid today).

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TRAVEL— Kirk McVean and Jim Cobb

Pick up brochures, forms, etc., at the travel desk at the luncheons. Payment should be made to the travel agency arranging the event unless otherwise stated in the announcement.

December 29 - January 2, 2005

Grande Ole New Years – A five day tour to Music City, USA – Nashville Tennessee. Featuring a New Years Gala hosted dinner/dance at the Opryland Hotel, Backstage tour at the Grand Ole Opry, Wildhorse Saloon, Country Music Hall of Fame, Antebellum Home Tour and much more. Ya'll come cause it's gonna be fun. Cost - \$1235 dbl occupancy, \$ 325 single supplement. Bob Hagler 925-934-7620.

January 24 - 28, 2005

Bright Lights of Broadway. A four night stay at the Renaissance Times Square Hotel. Dinner at Tavern on

the Green and at the Center Stage Café'. Attend performances of "Reckless", "Wicked", and "Little Women"/ Includes a Radio City Back Stage tour. Air fare, tax, and luggage handling included. Meet with a "Wicked" cast member. Full American breakfast daily. Cost—\$1563 per person, double occupancy. Call Bill Hansen at 925-937-4951.

March 31 - April 11, 2005 — SOLD OUT!!!

Traditional and Modern Japan. A 12 day tour featuring 10 nights in Japan. Cities visited are Osaka, Hiroshima, Okayama, Kyoto, Toyohashi, Hakone, Nikko and Tokyo. Trip includes:

- Round trip airfare from SF to Osaka
- Transfers to SF Airport
- First and Deluxe class accommodations for 10 nights
- Tickets for the "Bullet Train" Osaka to Hiroshima
- All meals hosted (3 meals daily)
- All applicable air and land taxes
- Tips for driver & tour manager

Tour price is \$3165 per person double occupancy. \$750 single supplement.



Area 2 Fishing Report for December, 2004

Terry Miller

The mark of a true fisherman is that "When you aren't fishing, you're thinking and planning for it." And that's largely what the Fishing Group will do this month. Ed Dijkman and other fishermen in our Group are putting together a full "Fishing Calendar for 2005." This includes many exciting fishing trips in the Delta, Gold Country, Sierras, Pacific Coast, Baja and others. There is a lot going on, so for those of you interested, attend one of our meetings. No one has more fun than fishermen.

We normally meet the 4th Thursday of every month at the Legends Sports Bar and Grill at the Diablo Creek Golf Course, 4050 Port Chicago Highway, Concord. Meeting start at 8:30AM. **The December meeting will be on the 23rd.**

For further information please contact Bill Hooy (Big Fish) 925-686-2627, Terry Miller (Il6 Fishing Coordinator) 925-686-9298 or Tom Hensley, {Secretary/Treasurer} 925-397-0605. All SIRS members and guests are welcome.



9 Hole Golf Group October, 2004 Results

Dick Chaffee &
Troy Powell



On Nov 17, 13 golfers participated in our 9 hole tournament at Buchanan Fields. The team of **Troy Powell, Chuck Cuny, Bill Stoll and Jerry Kaplan** won the team honors with a net 23. **Peter Lucido** won individual scoring honors with a 40.

Closest to the Pin

Hole 3: **Dick Chaffee**

Hole 5: **1. Peter Lucido 2. Dick Chaffee**

If you want to play, you can sign up by: 1. calling the SIRS Golf Club Hot Line, 906-5355 or 2. calling Troy Powell, 934-9151.



**Chairman
Phil Jenkins**

18 Hole Golf

18-Hole Results

By David C. Harris

Boundary Oak - November 1, 2004

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3		
DC Harris	72	3	N Kay	73	3	J Maclay	71	3
P Marks	73	2	W Schnieder	73	3	H Honstein	72	2
A Yasuda	74	1	P Goff	74	1	D Brown	75	1
			B Testa	74	1	F Lockwood	75	1
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
P Marks	85		P Goff	95		H Honstein	106	

Closest to: Hole #2 - P Contestable, P Jenkins --- Hole #12 - R Domer, J Ostler

Boundary Oak - November 8, 2004

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3		
P Marks	69	3	W Schnieder	68	3	H Honstein	66	3
R Domer	71	2	L Doyle	71	2	E Cole	69	2
A Yasuda	71	2	A Lutkus	71	2	D Brown	70	1
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
S Cherepy	79		W Schnieder	92		H Honstein	100	

Closest to: Hole #2 - L Randall, J Yee --- Hole #12 - P Marks, D Brown

Lone Tree - November 16, 2004

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3		
J Hunter	64	3	J Story	68	3	P Jenkins	76	3
B McCord	69	2	A Hutchko	69	2	P Morison	76	3
D Harris	72	1	T Robinson	70	1	B Vetro	78	1
D Meyer	72	1						
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
B McCord	82		T Robinson	91		P Jenkins	102	

Closest to: Hole #5 - P Contestable, T Powell --- Hole #11 - P Goff, J Cobb

Bethel Island - November 22, 2004

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3		
D Meyer	69	3	B Testa	68	3	H Honstein	68	3
T Eller	73	2	T Powell	70	2	C Cuny	72	2
J Hunter	75	1	T Robinson	73	1	R Maffei	74	1
C Xavier	75	1						
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
D Meyer	85		B Testa	93		H Honstein	101	

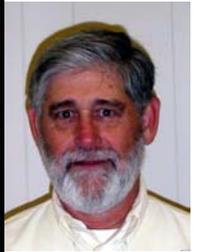
Closest to: Hole #3 - L Doyle --- Hole #16 - T Eller, A Lutkus

Brentwood - November 29, 2004

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3		
DC Harris	67	3	P Goff	66	3	P Jenkins	72	3
B McCord	69	2	T Robinson	67	2	C Cuny	80	2
F Crua	71	1	A Serafino	67	2	P Morison	81	1
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
B McCord	83		P Goff	88		P Jenkins	99	

Closest to: Hole #6 - C Xavier --- Hole #17 - C Xavier

Handicap & Scoring



David Harris



Jed Daniel

Branch 116 Golf Leader Board as of November 29, Brentwood



FLIGHT 1		FLIGHT 2		FLIGHT 3	
NAME	POINTS	NAME	POINTS	NAME	POINTS
Hunter, J	35	Robinson, T	37	Jenkins, P	59
Crua, F	32	Powell, T	28	Lockwood, F	25
Harris, DC	27	Goff, P	26	Honstein, H	24
Marks, P	27	Cobb, J	17	Vetro, B	23
Geary, D	26	Sequin, A	16	Grivas, P	22
McCord, B	19	Chaffee, D	15	Hemmelsbach, B	17
Xavier, C	18	Story, John	13	Arena, M	16
Robertson, C	16	Daniel, J	12	Brown, D	15
Yasuda, A	15	Eckels, P	12	Kinser, B	15
Domer, R	14	Hutchko, A	12	Morison, P	13
Meyer, D	14	Thede, W	12	Maclay, J	11
Watanabe, B	9	Walden, H	12	Cuny, C	9
Smith, B	8	Contestable, P	11	Kallas, P	7
Birmingham, P	6	Schnieder, W	11	Walsh, F	6
Eller, T	5	Testa, B	11	Miller, K	4
Belden, P	4	Fend, W	10	Harriss, Don	3
Clizbe, J	4	Doyle, L	6	Hubbard, T	3
Hicks, J	4	Egbert, L	6	Mix, B	3
McInnis, C	4	Kay, N	5	Booth, D	2
Altomare, J	3	Lutkus, A	5	Cole, E	2
Leschot, A	3	Johnson, L	4	Maffei, R	2
Benz, A	2	Socolich, D	4	Turrin, A	2
Brandreth, R	2	With, M	4	Aalders, D	1
Morgan, J	1	Ghelfi, D	3	McKenna, G	1
		Laird, L	3	Regalia, E	1
		Rinkert, Otto	3		
		Ginter, B	2		
		Lucido, P	2		
		Roberts, D	2		
		Serafino, A	2		
		Welsh, D	2		
		Bryant, F	1		
		Greenstein, M	1		
		Shader, R	1		
		Vollmer, J	1		

Remember: Sir Branch 116 Golf Hotline is 906-5355
Golf Checks should be made out to: "SIR Golf, Branch 116"
Mail to: P.O. Box 5586, Walnut Creek, CA 94596-1586

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Branch #116**



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