

**Next Meeting:**  
**Monday, February 16, 2003**  
 Elks Lodge  
 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



**February, 2004**

## Sayings of the 2004 Big Sir Tom Robinson

After sleeping a night and thinking it over, I think that our first meeting went fairly well. Pat Ritchie was a very entertaining speaker. I didn't see any heads nodding while he was on. I had heard him before and he did not tell the same stories. He must have quite a few in his repertoire.



We had over 200 people seated for lunch and many on the list. Thank you for your support in bringing in new members.

The new Membership Rosters were handed out and those of you who did not get yours, they will be available at the next meeting.

I have looked at previous Las Tramps Topics and there is a recurring theme and I hope that it will end soon. I did not see too much of moving the reservation cards however, **PLEASE DO NOT GO INTO THE DINING AREA TO PUT OUT THE CARDS UNTIL 10:45!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

We will continue to reserve seats in the front for guests and their sponsors. Please continue to use them. One of the benefits is that you go to get your meal first. That should be reason enough to use them. For those of you who want to be in the first group to go, a little donation to my back pocket might be helpful.

Mark your calendars on May 19<sup>th</sup> and December 8<sup>th</sup> for our ladies day functions. Both are going to be at Boundary Oaks and very reasonable.

PS – Summer holidays are a time when parents realize that teachers are grossly underpaid.

## February Birthdays

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

Anderson, Robert  
 Armijo, Ronald  
 Cassettari, Jack  
 Chaney, Rodney  
 Danielson, Robert  
 Farmer, Robert  
 Hill, Stanley  
 Hull, Cordell  
 Kallas, Peter  
 Keefauver, Alvin  
 Kolbisen, Joseph  
 Lake, Richard  
 Lawrence, Sheldon  
 Lind, Wilton  
 Marks, Phillip  
 McCullough, Gene  
 McKenna, Gerry  
 Mills, Roger  
 Regalia, Edmund  
 Roberts, Donald  
 Schofield, Frank  
 Scrivner, Roland

## Special 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/](http://home.att.net/~trampas1/2004_Calendar/).

It requires a lot of effort to create this type of site, so lets all give a special thanks to Floyd.

Remember, our Branch 116 main website is constantly being updated and can be accessed at

<http://home.att.net/~trampas1/>



**Greeters for February are Frank Bryant and Ed Regalia**

## Menu for the February Luncheon

Beef Stroganoff with egg noodles  
 Salad and Vegetables  
 Rolls, Butter and Dessert

Giving money and power to the government is like giving whiskey and car keys to teenage boys. -- P.J. O'Rourke

## Horoscope for Aquarius/Pisces

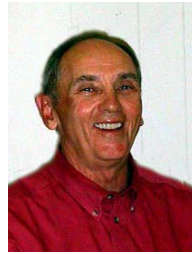
A door-to-door arms dealer will stop by one day soon. Although you won't be entirely sure how you let yourself get talked into it, you'll soon be the first on the block to own a rocket launcher.

## 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

### 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	Jim Pope	837-4980	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	— Distribution	Lynden Laird	937-1368
Computers	Dick Thomson	944-1760	Photographer	Ken Miller	256-9419
Fishing	Terry Miller	686-9298	Piano	Bob Lake	837-4054
Golf	Phil Jenkins	837-7881	Poker	Bill Harrington	935-1625
Golf Handicap	David Harris	672-5543	Sunshine	Art Donaldson	934-8391
Greeters	Ed Regalia	934-6313	Travel	Kirk McVean	937-5403
Historian	Matt Arena	946-0404	Volunteers	Bob Kinser	837-8886
Host	Frank Crua	932-0975	Webmaster	Floyd Skelton	838-2515
Interviewer	Bill Mowris	672-2885			

**Jim Nachtweih****November Attendance**

Attendance at the January 19<sup>th</sup> meeting totaled 224 persons, including 209 members, no visitors, 14 guests and 1 speaker. There were 33 excused members and 12 unexcused members. The unexcused members will be asked to pay for their missed lunch.

**Roland Scrivner****Membership Summary for January 2003**

Total Current Members - 25	Total in Process — 10	
This Month's Inductees - 7	On Inactive Status — 23	Wright, Charles, #163 to inactive, #319
Those in Interview Stage - 3	Left the Branch — 1	

**New Members that were Inducted on January 19, 2004****Robert J. Clizbe, Karen**

2252 Bromfield Ct.  
Walnut Creek, 94596  
934-2252  
Granny Goose Foods

**David A. Loescher, Betty**

1131 Peacock Dr.  
Clayton, 94517  
673-1861  
Berkeley High Counselor

**Pasquale V. Martirani, Sally**

513 Dover Dr.  
Walnut Creek, 94598  
937-1977  
3M Company

**Darrell L. McClaughry, Violet**

328 Fenway Dr.  
Walnut Creek, 94598  
933-1147 dvmcl@astound.net  
Royal Hawaiian Seafood

**Mike Morse, Andrea**

1011 Millbrook Ct.  
Walnut Creek, 94598  
937-1977  
3M Company

**Joseph D. Ostler, Norma**

1017 Camino Verde  
Walnut Creek, 94597  
930-8857 norjoe28@aol.com  
New York Life

**Art Donaldson****SUNSHINE REPORT**

**ART HIRSCH** has been diagnosed with cancer of the right lung. The surgeon removed lymphoids from the left side of his neck and he is starting chemotherapy.

**DICK SOCOLICH**, who injured his leg while jumping out of his golf cart on the 12<sup>th</sup> hole at Tilden, suffered a setback in his recovery. His leg became infected and he spent 4 days in the hospital the first week of January. He is now home but facing a longer recovery than he originally expected, including plastic surgery on his leg where the drain was inserted.

**HAL SORENSEN** had heart surgery on January 8 to repair an aneurysm in his aorta that occurred last summer. He is recovering at home and doesn't expect to be back on the golf course for several more weeks.

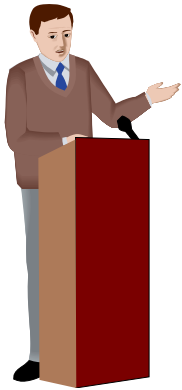
**JACK CASSETTARI** had quadruple bypass surgery on December 5. He had noticed some shortness of breath while mowing the lawn and went in for tests where doctors discovered the need for immediate surgery. He is missing the golf course while recuperating at home.

**NORM SCHLANSKY**, who is on the waiting list to join our branch, was leaving home to play in a mini golf tournament on January 22 when he told his wife he was feeling a funny pain in his chest and thought he would stop by the fire station to talk to a paramedic. They ended up taking him by ambulance to John Muir hospital where he had triple bypass heart surgery the next day. After spending a week in the hospital he is at home beginning the recovery process.

**ERNIE PURCELL** spent five days in the hospital on oxygen early in January with asthma and bronchial problems compounded by the flu. He is recuperating at home but will be away from golf and bridge for a few weeks.

**PETE BELDEN** suffered nerve damage in the lower back area by the third and fourth lumbar while exercising on a rowing machine. Then while recuperating with light swimming he re-injured the same area by inadvertently executing a butterfly kick! The earliest he expects to be cleared for the golf course is April 1.

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



We have a scheduled a very special and distinguished speaker for February. He will talk about a topic important to all of us — **Identity Theft!**

**Robert J. Chadwick  
Brigadier General, U.S. Marine Corps (Ret.)**

**PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND**

1999 to present — Editor [Weekly Crossword Challenge] – *Gannett Newspapers*

2003 — Identity Protection/Recovery Attorney, Carmel, CA

Member Walnut Creek Think Security First Taskforce

2002 — Kosovo: International Supervisor- Kosovo elections

2001 — Thailand: *Director, International Justice Center, [rescuing enslaved boys & girls]*

**30 Years-United States Marine Corps: Europe, Asia (Vietnam '65-'66) & throughout U.S.A.**

- Brigadier General
- Infantry troop leader (Korean War 1951-1952)
- Commanding Officer, USMC Battalion enroute to Vietnam
- Liaison Officer between U.S. Marine Corps and U.S. Congress
- Appellate Judge
- Assistant Judge Advocate General, U.S. Navy
- Judge Advocate General, U.S. Marine Corps

**EDUCATION**

- Phi Beta Kappa - Bachelor of Arts with Honors & Special Distinction, Columbia Univ.
- Doctor of Laws, Columbia University School of Law. Stone Scholar
- Master of Laws (Taxation/Business finance), New York University School of Law
- Honor Graduate (as a Marine) - U.S. Navy, School Naval Justice, Newport, R.I.
- Honor Graduate (as a Marine) - U.S. Army, Judge Advocate General's School at the University of Virginia

**PERSONAL**

Avid jogger: USMC marathon and 10 kilometer races



**January's Speaker was Pat Richie**

We all enjoyed last month's speaker, Pat Richie. His comments were both entertaining and inspirational. Pat would like your help for his organization. Any SIR that would like to volunteer for charitable activities or make a donation would be greatly appreciated. As you remember Pat's organization performs a variety of charitable activities ranging from medical support to basic construction in impoverished countries around the world. If interested (or if you know someone else who might be interested) please contact him.

**Pat Richie**, Bay Area Development Director  
Northwest Medical Teams, International, Inc  
631 Silver Lake Dr.  
Danville, CA 94256  
925-968-9336

For more information please access their website at:

[www.nwmedicalteams.org](http://www.nwmedicalteams.org)

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## Ben Smith

## \$ums In Retirement Financial Group

The February meeting of \$ums In Retirement will be held on Wednesday Feb. 25.2004.

The meeting will be held at Diablo Creek Golf Course (Grill Room), Starting at 8:00am. We will have breakfast at anytime after 7am....food is good and the coffee pot is always available.

Diablo Creek meeting location is at the northern intersection of Port Chicago Hwy and Hwy. 4, in concord.

The feature presentation will be made by **Mr. David Carlson**, Financial Consultant, AAMS, MBA, associated with A.G. Edwards & Sons, Inc. His topic will be "PROTECTING YOUR FINANCIAL FUTURE." He will be talking about strategies to protect your Retirement Nest egg in these uncertain times. Mr. Carlson has an extensive background in Financial Planning and will offer many excellent ideas for your consideration

No reservations are needed, just come on out, have breakfast and be prepared to gain and exchange come good financial information. Your questions and ideas are always welcome.

If you have questions or need additional information contact SIR Ben Smith (Branch 116) at 925-820-5403 or e-mail [bjssmith@aol.com](mailto:bjssmith@aol.com)



## Terry Miller

## Area 2 Fishing Report for February, 2004

With the wintry blasts now in the State, your Area 2 Fishing Group has been confining itself to "inside" activities. The International Sportsmen's Exposition in Sacramento at Calexpo on January 15th was the "perfect choice" to accomplish that purpose. The chief attractions were lots of camping and outdoor gear, spinning equipment and, of course, fly fishing poles and reels. The fly fishing demonstrations, were, of course, exceptional. How they can drop that little fly in the ring that is 75' away is hard to imagine. That aside, we can't forget the scores of really slick looking boats (everything from 12' to 50") which just ached to be purchased by those in attendance. You have to say the place was packed from the time the gates opened at 11:30 a.m. We had lunch at Big Boy's "Bad BBQ." I don't know where "Big" got the name, because the sandwiches were delicious (not "Bad" at all) and plenty of both meat and sauce. One thing I learned in particular was that you don't want to eat a "Bad BBQ" sandwich with a white shirt on and no bib.

In any event, **Tom Hensley** picked up a new 14' boat with console on the left (much like his old one), new and more powerful motor and bimini. Tom seemed delighted and that's all that counts. Others picked up sets of waders at a really good price for their planned fishing trips to British Columbia later in the summer. The rest of us picked up some odds and ends and spent the remainder of the day comparing the 16-20' boats, their prices and characteristics. With all the looking and drooling, we can easily qualify as "experts" on the subject of which was and is best.

There are two more opportunities to see the Exposition, one in San Mateo (January 29th) and the other in Pleasanton (February 13-15th). Trips for the Group will be arranged, depending upon degree of interest. We're also having our "Day at the Races" at Golden Gate Fields (in Albany off Highway 80) on Thursday, February 19th. Gates open at 11:00 a.m. so bring your best gal, yellow checked blazer and white shoes to this event. Where else could you dress up like that and not get arrested? March 15-18 the Group will go up to Lake Commanche for trout fishing and April 3 thru 7<sup>th</sup> we'll be at Collins Lake for more early trout angling. These trips are close in (less than 125 miles) and should be a great way to start our otherwise very busy fishing schedule. We are also trying to set up seminars for new members at Glory Hole Sports (near New Melones Lake) later in April and at Fishermen's Friend Bait shop (in Lodi). Dates for these will be announced, when we get closer to the actual times for the seminars.

You can get involved in our Fishing Group by coming to one of our meetings. We normally meet the 4th Thursday of every month at the Legends Sports Bar and Grill at the Diablo Golf Course at 4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord, commencing at 8:30 a.m. For further information, please contact **Bill Hooy** (Big Fish)(925-686-2627), or **Terry Miller**, 116 Fishing Coordinator, (925) 686-9298.

*Our Calendar of events for the first part of 2004 was shown last month. See the calendar for the second half of 2004 on the next page.*



**Bob Olson** with a 5 lb. Striper caught at Brannon Island on June 11, 2003

## Fishing Calendar for the Second Half of 2004

**Note: Calendar for the First Half of the Year  
was shown in the January Newsletter**

<b>July</b>		
Pending	Ocean Salmon Fishing -- Party Boat	<b>Jack Helbert</b>
7/25-7/29	Trout @ Bill Hooy Cabin– Fly and Lake	<b>Bill Hooy</b>
<b>August</b>		
8/1-8/7	Brit. Columbia – King Salmon	<b>Rich Bal</b>
8/15-8/19	Kokanee @ New Melones – Cabin/RV	<b>Rich Fish</b>
	Guide Wayne Douma and a <b>Horse Shoe Tourney</b>	
Pending	Ocean Salmon Fishing -- Party Boat	<b>Jack Helbert</b>
<b>September</b>		
9/9	BarBQ – Lafayette or San Pablo Reservoir	<b>Al Brunner</b>
Pending	Halibut @ SF Bay (Party Boat) and/or Dillon Beach (Cabin Rentals)	<b>Al Brunner</b>
9/12-9/17	Trout Fishing in Montana – Fly and Boat	<b>John Wall</b>
	<i><b>John to provide detailed information</b></i>	
Pending	Ocean Salmon Fishing -- Party Boat	<b>Jack Helbert</b>
Pending	Salmon/Stripers @ Vierra's – Day Trips	<i><b>See Note # 2</b></i>
Pending	CSBA/Haps Fishing Seminar – Rio Vista	<i><b>See Note #1</b></i>
<b>October</b>		
10/10-10/15	Trout @ Eagle Lake – Cabins/RV's	<b>Tom Hensley</b>
10/8-10/??	Rio Vista Bass Derby	<b>Undetermined</b>
Pending	Salmon/Stripers @ Vierra's on the Sacramento	<i><b>See Note # 2</b></i>
<b>November</b>		
Pending	East Cape Baja – Mexico	<b>Sheldon Lawrence</b>
Anytime	Local on day trip – Anywhere	<i><b>See Note # 2</b></i>
<b>December</b>		
Pending	Steelhead @ Klamath River	<b>John Wall</b>

***Note # 1 — No Fish Masters — Members to form own Car Pools.***

***Note #2 — No Fish Masters – Members to Contact Boat owners – Spur of the moment deals***

### Please Remember our Rules of Attendance and Membership for Branch 116

Regular members missing 3 consecutive meetings without notifying their attendance chairman or attending less than 7 meetings within the last 12 months, shall be notified by form letter of their membership termination. Certification of attendance at another Branch meeting will be considered a credit to the attendance record. (Maximum of 2 visits per calendar year).

Non-Responsibility Clause: All travel events and other activities sponsored by Sons in Retirement, Incorporated, or its Branches, are for the convenience and pleasure of the members and their guests who desire to participate. Sons in Retirement, Incorporated, and its Branches do not assume any responsibility for the well being or safety of the participants or passengers, of their property or any damages whatsoever, in any manner pertaining to said travel activities.

Checks for trips of 3 nights or less must be made payable to the Branch conducting the trip. Checks for trips in excess of 3 nights must be made payable to the travel agency involved.

**Jim Pope****Bridge**

Our meeting in January at Round Hill was the best attended meeting in the 19 years of our bridge group. We had 36 players to round out our nine tables. The top finishers were: **Gene Gould, Ali, Jim Nachtweih, Bob Anderson, and Roy Hedtke**. Also the followings slams were recorded, **Ali/Ben Yeraka, Gene Gould/Jack Butler, Bob Singleton/Bernie Stock, Bob Singleton/Paul Floyd, Bill Sullivan/Fred Massaro**. Also, at Diablo Country Club in January the winners were **Oscar Krikorian, Bernie Stock, Lee Travis, Jai Yee, and Bob Anderson**. Slams were made by **Gene Power/Lee Travis, Lee Travis/Jai Yee**.

The Area 2 Bridge Mixer is, scheduled for Thursday April 29, at Marie Callender's in Concord. Bridge starts at 10am, we will break for lunch at noon and continue bridge until 2:30pm. Cost is \$14 per person includes lunch and prize money. Lunch is your choice of (1) Lemon Chicken, (2) French Dip Sandwich, or (3) Cabo San Lucas Salad. A slice of their delicious pie is also included. All experienced SIR bridge players are invited. In the past, SIR Branch 116 has been a great supporter of this area function and previous first place winners have been **Fred Massaro, Warren Westrup, Paul Floyd, and Jai Yee**. Remember, the first place winner receives a traveling Area 2 Trophy to keep until the next year. **SIR Yee** said he's going to win the trophy again! Contact Branch Representative **Fred Massaro** before April 2, to join us.

The Branch 116 Duplicate Group had their first outing of the year January 6th at the Bridge Center in Pleasant Hill. We had 9 pairs competing with **Jack Butler** and **Gene Gould** finishing 1st at 63.5%, **Jack Dodgson** and **Jim Jackson** 2nd at 57.3% and **Art Donaldson** and **Jim Nachtweih** tied for 3rd with **Milt Greenstein** and **Conrad Robertson** at 54.2%.

We play on the first Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. with a lesson starting at 9:30 a.m. Sign-up at our regular 116 luncheon bridge sessions or call **Floyd Skelton** at 838-2515.

**Floyd Skelton & Dick Curry****Area 2 Computer User Group**

The SIR Area 2 Computer Users Group meets at the Social Hall of the Walnut Creek United Methodist Church, 1543 Sunnyvale Ave. (turn west on Sunnyvale which is one block north of the Treat/Geary/N. Main intersection). Meetings are normally held the 3rd Thursday of each month from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. All SIR members are invited to attend these informative sessions.

At the Meeting on January 15 we had a record attendance of 53 SIR members. The speaker was **Peggy Johnson** and she presented some very helpful information on using the internet for Genealogy.

Also, **Dick Curry** gave an informative presentation on identifying harmful programs running on your machine.

The next meeting will be February 19, 2004. **Floyd Skelton** will speak on: "How to Create Your Own Web Site". The purpose of the presentation is to both answer the question: "Do I Want a Web Site?" and, if so, provide guidelines for reaching that objective. The paths, ranging from the creation of a single simple web page, to building complex multi-page web site, will be outlined. Fellow SIR members that are currently creating web pages are encouraged and invited to share their experiences during the session. Additionally, we will address your computer questions and problems and will identify some cool sites to visit on the Internet.

For more information please visit our web site at: <http://home.att.net/~area2computer/>



A computer is like an Old Testament God — lots of rules and shows no mercy.

A printer consists of three main parts: the case, the jammed paper tray and the blinking red light.

Bring family and friends and join SIRS from all over Northern California at

# ALL SIRS DAY 2004

**AT SBC PARK**



**THURSDAY,  
JULY 22nd • 12:35pm**

**\$32 - LOWER BOX** (limited availability)  
**\$19 - VIEW RESERVED SEATS**  
**\$16 - LEFTFIELD BLEACHER SEATS**



**VS**



Watch as the San Francisco Giants battle their division rivals, the San Diego Padres!

Join us in celebrating the SIRS 27th Anniversary at the ballpark. All participating branches will be recognized on the scoreboard and in a special homeplate ceremony for Northern California SIRS.

**Purchase your seats now. Seats are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis! Please have alternative seat choice ready as first choice may not be available at the time of booking.**

## ALL SIRS DAY AT SBC PARK

**SIRS seats guaranteed through April 1, 2004.**

As available after that date. For more information, you may contact the San Francisco Giants at 415-972-2298.

Please reserve the following number of tickets for:

**ALL SIRS DAY at SBC PARK**  
Thursday, July 22nd • 12:35pm

___ No. of Lower Box Seats (\$32.00)	\$ ___
___ No. of View Reserved Seats (\$19.00)	\$ ___
___ No. of Leftfield Bleacher Seats (\$16.00)	\$ ___
Postage/Handling per order	\$ 5.00

Full Payment Enclosed \$ \_\_\_

No refunds or cancellations

SIRS Branch # \_\_\_\_\_ Giants Account # (if available) \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my check or money order payable to the San Francisco Giants

Send payments to: **Jim Wyatt**  
843 Overlook Court  
San Mateo, CA 94403

Please charge my  **GIANTS**  **PRIFER**  **VISA**  Mastercard  Discover

Card No. \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_







## 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.

### Local Travel

#### March 18, 2004

**“Day at the Races”** Our annual trip to Golden Gate Fields to visit our money we left last year. Includes Turf Club Admission, Lavish Buffet lunch and program. Cost is \$32.00 with r/t bus transportation and \$19.00 on your own. Contact **Charlie Kiser** Br. 146 @ 274-1575

#### April 11 and 14, 2004

**SIR Day at the Warriors.** Details yet to come, but you can contact **Jim Wyatt** @ 650-345-3494.

### Not So Local Travel

#### February 10-12, 2004

**Snow Train Special.** Roundtrip on train from Martinez to Reno, 2 nights at the Silver Legacy with beverages included on train. Includes a variety of free coupons. Cost is \$224 per person, double occupancy. Deadline for registration is December 5, 2003. Contact **Carl Raaka**, Branch 8 at 254-0482.

#### February 13, 2004

**Valentine’s day at Brookdale Lodge.** Round trip Motor Coach from Rheem Shopping Center., lunch at Lodge, entertainment by William Florian (formerly with the New Christy Minstrels) Cost \$89.00/person. See flyer, contact **Fred Stammen**, Br. 171 @ 283-1956 or Talbot Tours, 800-662-9933. Final payment due by 1/7/04.

### Not So Local Travel (cont.)

#### March 29-30, 2004

##### **Debbie Reynolds at Reno Hilton Hotel**

Monday, depart Rheem Shopping Center at 8:00 AM. Circus Circus casino stop, Reno Hilton show and overnight. Tuesday, Golden Phoenix Casino, Boomtown casino and homeward bound. Tour price \$110/dbl. Occupancy and a \$17 single supplement. Includes a \$35.00 bonus and meals. Contact **Fred Stammen**, Br. 171 @ 283-1956

#### April 17-24, 2004

##### **Steamboating on Columbia, Willamette & Snake Rivers.**

Cruise on 3 great rivers of the Pacific Northwest aboard the Queen of the West Steamboat. Follow the Lewis and Clark Exploration Route. Includes r/t air to & from Portland, 7 night cruise, all shore excursions and on-board meals. Cost \$2840.00 p/p d/o. Book before 9/23/03 and receive \$150.00 discount. Contact **Bob Hagler**, Br. 8 @ 934-7620.

#### April 30-May 5, 2004

**“Ramona Pageant”**, Bakersfield, Palm Springs, Hemet, Ventura and San Luis Obispo. Dinner and performance at the **Crystal Palace Theater**. Dinner and performance of the **Palm Spring Follies**. Tour the **Living Desert Museum**, ride the **Aerial Tramway**, Hemet for the spectacular **Ramona Pageant**. **Channel Islands Visitor center** and **Channel Island Cruise**, **Ghost and Ghouls** tour and dinner at the **Pastabilities Ristorante**. Lunch at **Madonna Inn** in San Luis Obispo and a tour of the **Mission Nuestra Senora de La Soledad**. Cost \$987/person. Single \$1137/person Contact **Fred Stammen**, branch 171 for reservation and details.

#### May 16-17, 2004

##### **Magnificent Musical CAMELOT**, Carson City

Sunday, 7:00AM, Motor coach from Heather Farms; casino stop at Pinon Plaza with \$4.00 cash. 2:00PM Matinee performance, check in at Sands Regency Hotel. Food, cash and overnight. Monday, 7:15AM depart to Reno Hilton, \$8.00 slot credit, Boomtown, cash and food. Depart for home. Contact **Carl Raaka**, Branch 8 @ 254-0482.

#### October 3-10, 2004

**National Parks of the Southwest.** Air, motor coach, meals, dinner cruise on Lake Powell, admission to parks and monuments. Details to numerous to mention, **See Brochure**. Contact **Charlie Kiser** Br. 146 @ 274-1575.



**Chairman  
Phil Jenkins**

**18 Hole Golf**

**GOLF RESULTS: DAVID C. HARRIS**

**BOUNDARY OAK - JANUARY 5, 2004**

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3		
J Hunter	71	3	T Robinson	69	3	P Grivas	77	3
D Geary	75	2	T Powell	76	2	B Hemmelsbach	80	2
B McCord	76	1	J Daniel	78	1	P Jenkins	80	2
						J Maclay	80	2
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
B McCord	88		T Robinson	93		P Jenkins	110	

Closest to: Hole #2: David Geary, Plato Grivas  
Hole #12: Carlos Xavier, Troy Powell

**Handicap &  
Scoring**



**Jed Daniel**

**BOUNDARY OAK - JANUARY 12, 2004**

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3		
P Marks	65	3	A Hutchko	69	3	P Jenkins	76	3
J Hunter	72	2	J Daniel	71	2	B Vetro	76	3
J Morgan	73	1	T Robinson	72	1	D Brown	78	1
						B Hemmelsbach	78	1
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
P Marks	80		J Daniel	94		P Jenkins	106	
						B Vetro	106	

Closest to: Hole #2: M Ratterree, B Hemmelsbach  
Hole #12: J Hunter, P Goff



**David Harris**

**LONE TREE - JANUARY 20, 2004**

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3		
J Hicks	71	3	T Robinson	70	3	J Maclay	67	3
J Hunter	74	2	H Walden	72	2	P Grivas	73	2
C Robertson	74	2	T Powell	73	1	P Jenkins	75	1
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
J Hicks	86		T Robinson	94		J Maclay	102	

Closest to: Hole #5: J Cobb, J Maclay  
Hole #11: C Robertson

**BETHEL ISLAND - JANUARY 26, 2004**

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3		
C Xavier	68	3	J Daniel	67	3	P Kallas	66	3
C Robertson	69	2	P Goff	69	2	P Jenkins	69	2
B McCord	70	1	A Hutchko	69	2	B Vetro	69	2
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
B McCord	82		J Daniel	90		P Kallas	97	

Closest to: Hole #3: R Domer



**SIR BRANCH 116 LEADER BOARD**

as of 26 January - Bethel Island

FLIGHT 1		FLIGHT 2		FLIGHT 3	
NAME	POINTS	NAME	POINTS	NAME	POINTS
Hunter, J	7	Robinson, T	7	Jenkins, P	8
Robertson, C	4	Daniel, J	6	Grivas, P	5
Hicks, J	3	Hutchko, A	5	Maclay, J	5
Marks, P	3	Powell, T	3	Vetro, B	5
Xavier, C	3	Goff, P	2	Hemmelsbach, B	3
Geary, D	2	Walden, H	2	Kallas, P	3
McCord, B	2			Brown, D	1
Morgan, J	1				

Remember: Sir Branch 116 Golf Hot-line is 906-5355.

### Fundamental truths about Golf

1. If you really want to get better at golf, go back and take it up at a much earlier age.
2. The game of golf is 90% mental and 10% physical.
3. Since bad shots come in groups of three, a fourth bad shot is actually the beginning of the next group of three.
4. When you look up and cause an awful shot, you will always look down again at exactly the moment when you ought to start watching the ball if you ever want to see it again.
5. Any change works for a maximum of three holes and a minimum of not at all.
6. No matter how bad you are playing, it is always possible to play worse.
7. Never try to keep more than 300 separate thoughts in your mind during your swing.
8. When your shot has to carry over a water hazard, you can either hit one more club or two more balls.
9. If you're afraid a full shot might reach the green while the foursome ahead of you is still putting out, you have two options: you can immediately shank a lay-up, or you can wait until the green is clear and top a ball halfway there.
10. The less skilled the player, the more likely he is to share his ideas about the golf swing.
11. The inevitable result of any golf lesson is the instant elimination of the one critical unconscious motion that allowed you to compensate for all your errors.
12. If it isn't broke, try changing your grip.
13. Golfers who claim they don't cheat, also lie.
14. Everyone replaces his divot after a perfect approach shot.
15. A golf match is a test of your skill against your opponent's luck.
16. It's surprisingly easy to hole a 50-foot putt when you lay 10.
17. Counting on your opponent to inform you when he breaks a rule is like expecting him to make fun of his own haircut.
18. Nonchalant putts count the same as chalang putts.
19. It's not a gimme if you're still away.
20. The shortest distance between any two points on a golf course is a straight line that passes directly through the center of a very large tree.
21. There are two kinds of bounces: unfair bounces, and bounces just the way you meant to play it.
22. You can hit a 2-acre fairway 10% of the time, and a 2-inch branch 90% of the time.
23. Every time a golfer makes a birdie, he must subsequently make two triple bogeys to restore the fundamental equilibrium of the universe.
24. If you want to hit a 7-iron as far as Tiger Woods does, simply try to lay up just short of a water hazard.
25. To calculate the speed of a player's downswing, multiply the speed of his back swing by his handicap.  
Example: back swing 30 mph, handicap 20, downswing 600mph.
26. There are two things you can learn by stopping your back swing at the top and checking the position of your hands: how many hands you have, and which one is wearing the glove.
27. Hazards attract; fairways repel.
28. You can put "draw" on the ball, you can put "fade" on the ball, but no golfer can put "straight" on the ball.
29. A ball you can see in the rough from 50 yards away is not yours.
30. If there is a ball in the fringe and a ball in the bunker, your ball is in the bunker.
31. If both balls are in the bunker, yours is in the footprint.
32. Don't buy a putter until you've had a chance to throw it.

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