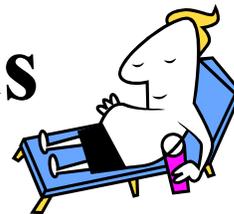


Next Meeting:
Monday, June 21, 2004
 1475 Creekside Drive
 Walnut Creek

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



Trampas Topics



June, 2004



Sayings of 2004 Big Sir Tom Robinson

I know that all that attended the Ladies Day Event in May had a very good time. The view was outstanding, the music was great and the companionship was superb. Many thanks to Jim Shurr, Bill Mc Callam, Dick Chaffee and Lou Sandor who planned and put the evening together.

I know that the Ladies Day Affair in December is going to very similar. To assist us in planning it, we have already booked the Boundary Oaks and The Diplomats for the music. The music they provide is great to listen and dance to. The meal is going to be Beef Filet or Salmon.

What is still up in the air is whether to have wine with dinner or a no host bar. This would affect the price. Currently we are at \$ 25 per person that includes the facility, band, meal, tax and tip. What is left up to determine is the liquor. I realize that some people question the idea of paying for someone to drink when they do not. To include wine on the table during dinner will cost an additional \$5.00. At our June meeting, there will be a survey to ask our members what they prefer. I have eliminated the open bar since it will raise the cost to about \$40 per person.

PS – A bank is a place that will lend you money if you can prove that you don't need it – Bob Hope

June Birthdays

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

Arena, Mathew Benz, Andrew Bergamini, Richard Dillon, Frank Dost, Herman Goff, Phillip Hirsch, Arthur Hunter, Jerry Hyland, David Kaplan, Marvin Kelly, Patrick Lemak, John Lowenberg, Stanley Lucido, Peter Lutkus, Alex McCallum, William McInnis, Charles Meyer, George Morse, Mike Olson, Robert Powell, Troy Scott, James Tassinari, Robert Trowse, Donald Yee, Jai Zachary, Claude

Menu for the June Luncheon

Carved Ham
 Potatoes Au Gratin
 Vegetables
 Rolls and Butter



Attention 18 Hole Golfers:

Please attend a short meeting of 18 hole golfers after the June Luncheon.

Phil Jenkins, Golf Chairman

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 Gemini / Cancer

You will be very introspective this month. Try not to dwell on that one poignant question that will be burning in your mind, "Is the hokey pokey really what it's all about?"

Branch 116 Leadership for 2004

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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
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Christmas Luncheon	Jim Shurr	937-9142	— Distribution	Lynden Laird	937-1368
Computers	Dick Thomson	944-1760	Photographer	Ken Miller	256-9419
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Golf Handicap	David Harris	672-5543	Sunshine	Art Donaldson	934-8391
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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			



Art Donaldson

April Sunshine Report

LOU SANDOR made a remarkable recovery from intensive care on April 19 and felt well enough to attend the SIR Dinner Dance in May.

ART HIRSCH has finished radiation treatment on his left shoulder and is continuing chemotherapy for lung cancer.

RAY LAUSTEN is home and feeling better after receiving two pints of blood in April.

JACK DODGSON has made a full recovery from a successful angioplasty procedure in April.

PLATO GRIVAS still tires easily as his body adjusts to a pacemaker implanted last month. He will see the doctor in early June for adjustments to the pacemaker to alleviate the fatigue.

JACK BUTLER is well on his way to full recovery from a second surgery on his knee on April 16.

DICK LAKE is continuing to recover from a broken right hip. He is now able to drive but still must use a walker for balance.

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



Terry Miller

Area 2 Fishing Report for June, 2004

The Area 2 Fishing Group took its May trip to beautiful Lake Almanor. It's located about 4,500 feet above sea level and nestles right on the flank of the snow-covered Lassen Peak in Plumas County adjacent to Chester, California. The pine forest surrounding the Lake was showing its early spring greens and the mountains nearby were still covered with snow. Eight members of the Area 2 Group went on the trip. We stayed at the PG&E cabins on the West shore, a short distance from the lake. Great accommodations and wonderful facilities. The weather kicked up some, ranging from showers to bright sun and then to hail the size of peanuts. Needless to say, when a fisherman tells you about the scenery, you can assume that not many fish were brought to the boat. And, that was our case. We tried still fishing, bought "the hottest lures," trolled fast and slow and at deep depths and to the surface - the net was two large rainbows by Mssrs. Bal (3+ pounds) and Hooy (2- pounds). We got considerable experience and will use that to advantage on our next trip to these environs.

Our next venture will be fly fishing on the Pitt River (May 24 to 27), to the lower Sac for trout fishing with Guide Mike Bias (June 9 to 11), then to Tom Hensley's family cabin at Norden for fly and lake fishing (June 20 to 25), to Bill Hooy's cabin in Grass Valley for fly and lake fishing (July 25 to 29), to British Columbia for King Salmon (August 1 to 7), to New Melones Reservoir for kokanee and our annual horse-shoe tourney (August 15 to 20), to trout fishing in Montana (September 13 to 17) and day trips to the Delta for salmon and stripers in August as conditions permit. And, don't forget the "family social" expected to be on June 17th. There's much more, of course, so, for those with an interest in fishing, attend one or more of our meetings (usually on the 4th Thursday of the month) at the Legends Sports Bar and Grill at the Diablo Creek 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), Terry Miller (116 Fishing Coordinator), 925-686-9298, or Tom Hensley (Secretary-Treasurer)(925-937-0605). All SIR members and guests are welcome and, indeed, encouraged, to participate in the fishing trips as well as attend the monthly meetings.



**Our Guest Speaker for the June Luncheon is:
Mr. Eddie Roodeveld
Investment Representative, Edward Jones Investments**

Mr. Eddie Roodeveld holds a B.S. in International Trade, M.B.A., St. Mary's College (1983), and A.A.M.S. College of Financial Planning (2003).

He is currently an Investment Representative of Edward Jones Investments in Moraga. He is the weekly columnist ("Smart Investing") for the Contra Costa Sun. He served as the President of the Moraga Rotary Club last year and is currently President of the Moraga Business Association, Chair of the Youth Exchange Program, Rotary International-District 5160. Eddie has been married 28 years and has a son enrolled in the University of Arizona.

Eddie's topic will be *Investing: Outlook, concerns and opportunities.*



**Floyd Skelton
& Dick Curry**

Area 2 Computer User Group



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 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.

Our next meeting will be June 17, 2004. We will have a guest speaker from CompUSA who will speak on training programs that they make available on the Internet and instructor-led in classrooms at their local retail stores. Training is available in most of the popular software programs as well as basic computer knowledge for new users. We understand that special User Group rates will be offered and will be applicable to our members and their spouses.

We will also address your computer questions and problems and identify some cool sites to visit on the Internet.

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



Ben Smith

\$ums In Retirement Financial Group

The June meeting of Area-2 SIR Financial group will be held Wednesday, June 23, 2004. The meeting will be held at our regular location, Diablo Creek Golf Course (Grill Room) located at Hwy 4 and Port Chicago Hwy in Concord. Meeting will start at 8am with breakfast available after 7am. We normally meet on the 4th Wednesday of each month. No reservations are needed, just come on down and have breakfast and enjoy the morning.....and hopefully find a way to make/protect your retirement dollars.

We are planning to have an open format, Town Hall type meeting and discuss items of general interest to the group. (The session will be facilitated by **SIR Ben Smith**, Branch 116). Some areas of discussion will include: Where are we in today's market with raising Interest rates? What defensive moves can we take to protect our assets in these changing times? Higher interest rates and their effect on Stocks and Bonds. Good Investments in a raising Interest climate. etc, etc.

If you have questions or need added information, Contact SIR Ben Smith. Tele: 820-5403, e-mail bjsssmith@aol.com



Milt Greenstein Bridge

On May 11, 30 bridge players had an excellent lunch at Diablo CC. Two small slams were bid and made by **Dennis Perry** and **Bernie Stock** and by **Gene Gould** and **Jack Dodgson**. High scorer was **Milt Greenstein**, followed by **Dennis Perry**, **Jack Butler**, **Warren Westrup** and **Jim Nachtweigh**. You had to have over 5000 points to even make fifth place today - an unusually high score.

On May 25, 28 players had lunch, again at Diablo CC. One small slam was bid and made by **Bernie Stock** and **Bob Wolf**. High score went to **Rich Bamberger**, with **Ben Yeraka**, **Milt Greenstein**, **Warren Westrup** and **Bob Wolf** following.

We are exploring the possibility of playing a three table Swiss Team challenge match against SIRS Branch 8. **Floyd Skelton** is heading up this potential competition.

Duplicate Bridge — Floyd Skelton

On Tuesday, April 6, the duplicate bridge group held its monthly tournament, with 3 ½ tables. Results: 1st: **Rich Bamberger** and **Paul Floyd**, 66.7%, 2nd: **Jim Jackson** and **LoMcCarley**, 61.1% , 3rd: **Dick Chaffee** and **David Geary**, 52.8%. Thanks to **David Geary** for directing and scoring the event.

The duplicate group plays the first Tuesday of the month at The Bridge Center, 2219 Morello, Pleasant Hill. We have a lesson at 9:30 a.m. and play starts promptly at 10:00 a.m. We finish between 1:30 and 2:00 and the donation is \$5. Unlimited coffee is 50 cents, and there is a soft drink machine available on site.

All SIR members are welcome. We encourage players to sign up at our regular monthly bridge sessions on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at Roundhill and Diablo Country Clubs, or phone **Floyd Skelton** at 838-2515.



Dick Chaffee & Troy Powell

May 2004 Results

The next official 9 hole tournament is Wednesday, June 16, at Buchanan Fields starting at 10:00am. Normally, our next event would be Wednesday, June 2. However, a Branch 116 - 18 hole tournament is scheduled that day.

We do have starting times at Buchanan Fields at 10:00am on June 2. Several of you indicated that you wanted to play 9 holes on June 2. If you want to play, please show up at Buchanan by 10:00am & organize your foursomes and have fun.

If you want to play on June 16, you can sign up by calling the SIRS Golf Club Hot Line, 906-5355, or call Troy Powell at 934-9151.

May 19 Results:

12 golfers played last Wednesday. **David Geary** won scoring honors with a 37 followed by **Pete Beldon** with a 38. Closest to the Pin Winners:

Hole 5: 1st **Dick Chaffee**, 2nd **Jim Nachtweih** and 3rd **Bob Daily**

Hole 6: 1st **Tim Tinnes**, 2nd **Bob Daily** and no 3rd place. Only 2 out of 12 hit the green.

Congratulations to all.



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

July 22, 2004

Watch the SF Giants battle their division rivals, the San Diego Padres! All participating branches will be recognized on the scoreboard and in a special home plate ceremony for Northern California SIRS. Cost: \$16 Leftfield Bleacher Seats, \$19 View Reserved Seats, \$34 Lower Box Seats. Mail/handling per order \$5. Bob Hagler 925-934-7620.

Not So Local Travel

October 3-10, 2004

National Parks of the Southwest. Air, motor coach, meals, dinner cruise on Lake Powell, admission to parks and monuments. Details too numerous to mention, **See Brochure.** Contact **Charlie Kiser** Br. 146 @ 274-157

October 26-27, 2004

Comedy in Reno. Feel like an evening of unending laughter? Yakov Smirnoff will provide one hundred sixty two laughter you wouldn't believe with his all new material. Trip includes motor coach transportation, overnight accommodations at the Reno Hilton, Casino stops, \$13 cash, \$2 food credit, breakfast and dinner coupons and tickets to Yakov Smirnoff's performance. Cost - \$ 102pp dbl, \$ 15 single supplement. Bob Hagler 925-934-7620.

November 14-15, 2004

Carousel – Held at Carson City Community Center with an overnight stay at the Sands Regency Hotel in Reno. Cost will be \$80pp and also include transportation, luggage handling, casino stops, cash back, gaming and food credits. You can begin to amass your fortune while playing bingo on the bus. Cost \$ 80pp. **Kahuna Raaka** at 925-254-0482.

Not So Local Travel (cont.)

November 30 - December 1, 2004

Holiday Extravaganza – Featuring Robert Goulet. One night deluxe accommodations at Eldorado Hotel Casino, admission into showroom and special holiday gift, hosted cocktail party, area casino stops and bonuses. Cost - \$ 108pp double, \$ 18 single supplement. Charlie Kiser – 925-274-1575

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.

Hole in One at Boulder Creek!



The Trampas Topics Newsletter Editor, Phil Goff, shot a Hole in One at the Boulder Creek Golf Course on May 14, 2004. It wasn't a SIRS tournament, so the Hole in One insurance fund is still intact. Nevertheless, it was a 182 yard par 3 and I used a Orlimar 7 wood. Carlos Xavier and Dusty Rhodes witnessed the great event and signed my ball. What a thrill!

Ladies Day Dance at Boundary Oaks May 19, 2004



Please Note: Our Branch photographer, Ken Miller, plans to show more pictures from the Ladies Day Dance at the next luncheon on June 21, 2004.

Oakmoore Golfing Event April 26, 2004





Musings from the Golf Wizard

Dear Wizard,

Thanks for last month's clarification of a ball deemed out of bounds. So I drop a ball in the near vicinity of where it disappeared and I will be hitting 4 on my next stroke. This should save a lot of controversy plus a lot of time. See? I'm not as dumb as I am smart. However, what do you mean by *near vicinity*?

Now, here's a related situation that is often debated. The drive of player #4 (not me) lands clearly on the fringe of the fairway. Everyone agree as to its possible resting site and after a few minutes of looking his buddies also agree the *ball should've been found and no penalty should be assessed*. "Just drop a ball where you think it should be," he was told. Happily, he did. Wizard, is there something wrong with that?

Your old, old buddy,

H. Hazard

Dear Hazard:

It seems as if you have more situations that come up when you play than the average bloke. I guess I'm glad to hear from you again.

You ask about "near vicinity". This special SIR rule which applies when no provisional was hit and the ball is never found, or is found to be out of bounds. If the ball is out of bounds, vicinity means within two club lengths, no closer to the hole, of where your group guesses the ball went out of bounds. If the ball is lost, vicinity means within two club lengths, no closer to the hole, of where your group guesses the ball was lost. Not an exact science but I hope this helps.

The situation you describe about "the ball should've been found and no penalty should be assessed" is called a LOST BALL and you drop a ball within two club lengths of where the group thinks it should be, no closer to the hole, and you are hitting your fourth!

Incidentally, I have proposed, but do not have sufficient support yet, a variation called the "imaginary provisional". If my proposal is ever approved, in the situation above, with the ball lost, and no provisional hit, each of the other three members of the group would each mentally picture the person whose ball is lost back on the tee hitting his/her provisional. Each would then picture the ball hitting the ground and then rolling to a stop. They would then each put a tee into the ground representing the resting place of the their "imaginary provisional". Then the exact center of the triangle outlined by the three tees would be calculated, and the person whose ball was lost would be instructed to drop within two club lengths of this spot, no closer to the hole. He/she would be hitting four. Simple?

At the moment there are only two remaining problems with this method:

1. You would have to have someone in the group able to rapidly calculate the center of a triangle, or have ready access to such a person from outside the group. Perhaps each group could carry a personal computer which had the formula?
2. This method would no work with a threesome as you would have only two tees marking "imaginary provisionals" by disinterested parties, and everyone knows you cannot make a triangle from just two points.

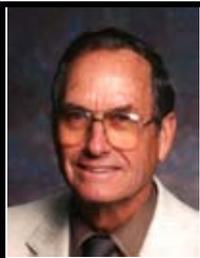
We can only hope that my proposed method will soon be adopted!

Yours until the next unusual occurrence which will probably be in your foursome,

Wizard

Poppy Hills — May 11, 2004





**Chairman
Phil Jenkins**

18 Hole Golf

Boundary Oak - May 5, 2004

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3		
P Marks	68	3	P Goff	70	3	F Lockwood	69	3
A Yasuda	69	2	T Powell	70	3	D Brown	70	2
D Meyer	71	1	D Chaffee	74	1	Don Harriss	76	1
			W Thede	74	1	P Jenkins	76	1
						B Kinser	76	1
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
P Marks	82		P Goff, W Thede	96		F Lockwood	106	

**Handicap &
Scoring**

Closest to: Hole # 2: F Bryant, F Lockwood

Hole # 12: D Geary, H Walden

Poppy Hill - May 11, 2004

Rancho Solano - May 18, 2004

Franklin Canyon - May 24, 2004



Jed Daniel

Data for the remaining May events is being reconstructed following the theft of our briefcase.
The results will be on the SIR GOLF WEBSITE soon, and will appear in the next newsletter.



David Harris

Note: Give a special thanks to David Harris. He was on vacation in Pittsburgh until May 31, and made a special effort to assemble the data shown above. Scores from the other May tournaments will be posted in the July Trampas Topics.

An old cowboy went to a bar and ordered a drink. As he sat sipping his whiskey, a young lady sat down next to him. She turned to the cowboy and asked, "Are you a real cowboy?"

He replied, "Well, I've spent my whole life on the ranch, herding horses, mending fences, and branding cattle, so I guess I am."

She said, "I'm a lesbian. I spend my whole day thinking about women. As soon as I get up in the morning, I think about women. When I shower, I think about women. As I watch TV, or even eat, I think about women. Everything seems to make me think about women."

The two sat sipping in silence. A short time later, a man sat down on the other side of the old cowboy and asked, "Are you a real cowboy?"

He replied, "I always thought I was, but I just found out I'm a lesbian."

Remember: Sir Branch 116 Golf Hotline is 906-5355.

The Golf Website can be accessed at <http://att.home.net/~sirs116.golf/>

Branch 116 Golf Leader Board as of May 5, 2004 (Boundary Oaks)



FLIGHT 1		FLIGHT 2		FLIGHT 3	
NAME	POINTS	NAME	POINTS	NAME	POINTS
Hunter, J	18	Robinson, T	16	Jenkins, P	22
Harris, DC	10	Goff, P	12	Lockwood, F	14
Marks, P	9	Powell, T	12	Vetro, B	10
Robertson, C	9	Daniel, J	9	Grivas, P	7
Crua, F	7	Thede, W	9	Kallas, P	7
Geary, D	7	Hutchko, A	5	Maclay, J	7
Xavier, C	7	Chaffee, D	4	Brown, D	6
McInnis, C	4	Eckels, P	4	Hemmelsbach, B	6
Meyers, D	4	Sequin, A	4	Honstein, H	4
Altomare, J	3	Walden, H	4	Kinser, B	4
Clizbe, J	3	Contestable, P	3	Arena, M	3
Eller, T	3	Egbert, L	3	Miller, K	3
Hicks, J	3	Fend, W	3	Mix, B	3
Smith, B	3	Lutkus, A	3	Morison, P	3
Watanabe, B	3	Cobb, J	2	Booth, D	2
Domer, R	2	Doyle, L	2	Aalders, D	1
McCord, B	2	Lucido, P	2	Harriss, Don	1
Morgan, J	1	Socolich, D	2		
		Testa, B	2		
		Welsh, D	2		
		Bryant, F	1		
		Kay, N	1		
		W ith, M	1		

Rancho Solano May 18, 2004



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