

NO MEETING IN MAY!!

Next Meeting:

Monday, June 21, 2004

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



May, 2004



Sayings of 2004 Big Sir Tom Robinson

My wife gave me a book titled "The Little Book of After Dinner Speeches" and the following is one of the entries.

Henry was a keen golfer who played the same course every Sunday. One Sunday, for the first time in years, his regular playing partner was ill and it looked as though he wouldn't get a game. Seeing how depressed he was, Henry's wife offered to go along with him even though she didn't play. Henry was dubious at first but, after a bit of thought, realized that it was better than nothing. A short while later they were on the course and Henry was as happy as ever. He was playing a great game and his wife was strolling around with him.

On the seventeenth disaster struck. Henry hooked his tee shot wildly and the ball ended up in front of a grounds keeper's hut well off the fairway. Henry trudged up to his ball and considered it grimly, the hut completely obstructed his line to the green. Just then his wife noticed that the hut had a door at both ends and suggested that, if the doors were opened, he might be able to play through.

Henry brightened immediately. He opened one door and asked his wife to go around and open the other. Sure enough he could clearly see the pin through the hut. Taking out his favorite wood, Henry settled himself to make the shot, it obviously wasn't going to be easy and he wanted to make sure that he got it just right. Just as he finally lifted the club to take his swing, his wife poked her head around the door at the other end of the hut to see what was taking so long. Henry struck the ball squarely, it hurtled into the hut, hit his wife between the eyes and killed her stone dead.

A few weeks later Henry was back on the course with his regular playing partner. Incredibly, at the seventeenth he hooked his tee shot and the ball ended up in the same spot in front of the grounds Keeper's hut as it had before. "You know what", said Henry's friend, "if you opened both doors of that hut you might be able to play through."

"No way," said Henry, horrified, "the last time I did that I ended up with a six!"

See you at the dance.

May Birthdays

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

- Aalders, Doug
- Allen, Russell
- Bird, Francis
- Cabral, Wilfred
- Deisem, Harley
- Grant, Walker
- Grivas, Plato
- Hicks, Gerald
- Kinser, Robert.
- Maclay, John
- McClaghry, Darrell
- Miller, Arthur
- Robinson, Thomas
- Seaton, Donald
- Serafino, Albert
- Singleton, Robert
- Veregge, Melvin
- Watanabe, Bob

My formula for success is rise early, work late, and strike oil

--Paul Getty

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 Taurus / Gemini

While attending your exercise session, a small bird will fly into the building and decide to pick on you for no apparent reason. Even though you are a devout animal lover the only way to get this sucker to stop dive bombing you is to smash its little brains out. You will undoubtedly pay a high price for this in the karmic scale of things at a later date, but the immediate benefits of being able to finish your workout with all your hair on you head, will outweigh this.

Branch 116 Leadership for 2004

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798-4276



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838-8320



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254-7256



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944-0472



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944-1760



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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	— 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 April Attendance

Attendance at the April 9th meeting totaled 199 persons, including 188 members, 10 guests and 1 speaker. There were 55 excused members and 17 unexcused members. The unexcused members will be asked to pay for their missed lunch.



Roland Scrivner Membership Summary for April 2004

Total Current Members —	256	Total in Process —	13
This Month's Inductees —	4	On Inactive Status —	25
Those in Interview Stage —	2	Left the Branch —	2

Gallinger, Sam #171 Resigned

Fogarty, William #101 Resigned

DeBarr, Bud #216 to Inactive

Verhaeghe, Arthur #109 to Inactive #320

New Members Inducted on March 15, 2004



Tim Christoffersen, Susan
611 Foxwood Way
Walnut Creek, 94595
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George Meyer, Lyn
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San Ramon, 94583
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Patrick Kelly, Lea
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Art Donaldson April Sunshine Report

Ray Lausten was admitted to John Muir on April 17 for what doctors believe may be a leaky heart valve. He has received two pints of blood and will have more tests before a final diagnosis is made.

Lou Sandor was admitted to Mercy Hospital at Folsom on April 16 with pneumonia and it went septic. He was successfully treated with antibiotics and oxygen, and came out of intensive care on April 19.

Jack Dodgson was admitted to John Muir on April 18 and had a successful angioplasty procedure performed. He apparently will need two more angioplasties.

Plato Grivas had a high pulse rate and had a pacemaker implanted to bring it under control. With a combination of medication and a subsequent adjustment of his pacemaker he is doing well.

Jack Butler had knee surgery on April 16. This is the second surgery he has had on the knee in recent months.

Art Verhaeghe is back in the hospital for further tests.

Art Hirsch is continuing radiation treatment on his left shoulder and chemotherapy for lung cancer.

Earl Kavert is scheduled for a cat scan to determine if his cancer has spread.

Dick Lake is continuing to recover from a broken right hip.

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

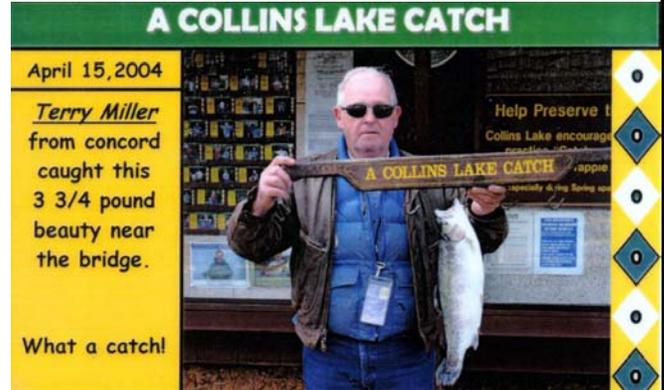


Terry Miller Area 2 Fishing Report for May, 2004

In May, we're off to McSwain/McClure Reservoirs (outside of Turlock) from May 3 through 7. This is a "camp-only" trip for the rugged outdoor types. From there we have the Norden Trip to **Tom Hensley's** cabin for fly and lake fishing (June 20 to 25), to **Bill Hooy's** cabin in Grass Valley (July 25 to 29) and day trips to the Delta for salmon and stripers in August as conditions permit. Also, don't forget the "family social" expected to be held in mid-June.

There's much more to come, so, for those interested, 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 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. Number forty one.



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 May 20, 2004. We will 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.att.net/~area2computer/>



Ben Smith \$ums In Retirement Financial Group

The May meeting of "\$ums In Retirement" Financial group will be held Wednesday, May 26, 2004.

The meeting will be held at our regular location, Diablo Creek Golf Course (Grill Room) starting at 8:00am. We will have breakfast at anytime after 7:00am. Meeting will conclude about 9:30am. We normally meet on the 4th Wednesday of each month. No reservations are needed, just come on down.

Diablo Creek Golf course is located at the northern intersection of Hwy 4 and Port Chicago Hwy, in Concord.

Our feature presentation will be made by **Mr. Robert Muto**. He is a Financial Advisor, a principal of "Freedom Financial Services" located in Walnut Creek. He specializes in working with Retired people. He has a wide range of special knowledge dealing with Conservative investment plans, Mutual fund Investing, Annuities, Long Term care and life Insurance, Education Saving Plans and Estate planning tools. He specializes in Problem solving and forward planning.

All SIR members are welcome to come join in. Bring your questions and ideas and meet some nice people in the SIR organization.

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



Milt Greenstein Bridge

The **SIR Bridge Group** met twice during April — 4/13 at Round Hill C.C. and 4/27 at Diablo C.C. The Round Hill session had 28 players - 7 tables. Three small slams were bid and made, but unfortunately, we only pay for the first 2 small slams, so **Oscar Kerkorian** and **Dick Schlueter** made the first slam, and **Bob Wolf** and **Ali** made the second slam (**Jai Lee** and **Dennis Perry** made the third slam, but were too late to collect any prize). Overall winners were : **Oscar Kirkorian**, 1st; **Roy Hedtke**, 2nd, **Terry Thomas**, 3rd, **Ali**, 4th, and **Rich Bamberger**, 5th.

The Diablo session had 30 players - 7 1/2 tables. Only one small slam was bid and made at this session, by **Jack Dodgson** and **Gene Power**, (Jack just out of the hospital less than a week after angioplasty). Overall winners were : **Jack Dodgson**, 1st, **Jai Lee**, 2nd, **Bill Sullivan**, 3rd, **Gene Gould**, 4th, and **Milt Greenstein**, 5th.

ADVANCE NOTICE : The SIRS Ladies Day lunch and bridge is set for Oct. 12, 2004 at Diablo C.C. So, mark your calendars - more details later.

Duplicate Bridge — Floyd Skelton

On Tuesday, April 6, the **Duplicate Bridge Group** held its monthly tournament, with 5 full tables. Results: 1st North/South: **Art Donaldson** and **David Geary**, 65.6%, 2nd: **Gen Gould** and **Monte Hall**, 53.1% points, 1st East/West: **Lou Sandor** and **Terry Thomas**, 55.6%, and 2nd: **Jim Nachtweigh** and **Bob Wolf**. Thanks to **Conrad Robertson** for directing and scoring the event.

The duplicate group plays the first Tuesday of the month at The Bridge Center, 2219 Morello, Pleasant Hill. All SIR members are welcome and 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. 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.

Area 2 Bridge Tournament — Fred Massaro

The **Annual Area 2 Lunch/Bridge meeting** was held at Marie Callender's Restaurant in Concord on Thursday, April 29. There were 42 players from the various clubs and all enjoyed the day. Branch 116 contributed 19 players (two of our signups were no-shows.) The traveling Area 2 Players Trophy was awarded to our own **Jack Butler** with the high score of 6960 points! He retains possession of the trophy until our next Area 2 Bridge Meeting -- the date to be announced later. Incidentally, with **Jack Butler** having high score means that our club had the high scores for the past 3 consecutive games! **Fred Massaro** coordinates our club with the Area 2 Chairman and will advise our club of further Area 2 Bridge information.

Don't Forget!
Ladies Day 2004 Dinner Dance

May 19th at Blakes at Boundary Oaks
5:30 to 10:30 p.m.
Music by the Diplomats



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.

May 7-23, 2004

The Iberian Peninsula — A tour of Portugal & Spain

A 17 day tour featuring Salamanca, Oporto, Lisbon, Seville, Gibraltar, Costa del Sol, Granada, Valencia, Barcelona and Madrid. Tour features transfers to and from San Francisco Airport, and roundtrip airfare from San Francisco to Madrid. Stay in first class hotels with daily breakfast buffet and nine

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hosted dinners. Deluxe motor coach throughout. Tour price is \$3175 per person, double occupancy. Contact **Bob Spellman**, Branch 146 at 934-8428 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 too numerous to mention, **See Brochure.** Contact **Charlie Kiser** Br. 146 @ 274-1575.

Branch 116 Golf Leader Board as of April 26, 2004



	FLIGHT 1			FLIGHT 2			FLIGHT 3	
	NAME	POINTS		NAME	POINTS		NAME	POINTS
	Hunter, J	18		Robinson, T	16		Jenkins, P	19
	Harris, DC	10		Daniel, J	9		Vetro, B	10
	Robertson, C	9		Goff, P	9		Lockwood, F	8
	Crua, F	7		Powell, T	8		Grivas, P	7
	Geary, D	7		Thede, W	8		Kallas, P	7
	Xavier, C	7		Hutchko, A	5		Maclay, J	7
	Marks, P	6		Eckels, P	4		Brown, D	6
	McInnis, C	4		Sequin, A	4		Hemmelsbach, B	6
	Altomare, J	3		Walden, H	4		Honstein, H	4
	Clizbe, J	3		Chaffee, D	3		Kinser, B	3
	Eller, T	3		Egbert, L	3		Miller, K	3
	Hicks, J	3		Fend, W	3		Mix, B	3
	Meyers, D	3		Lutkus, A	3		Morison, P	3
	Smith, B	3		Cobb, J	2		Arena, M	2
	Watanabe, B	3		Doyle, L	2		Aalders, D	1
	Domer, R	2		Lucido, P	2			
	McCord, B	2		Socolich, D	2			
	Morgan, J	1		Testa, B	2			
				Bryant, F	1			
				Kay, N	1			
				W ith, M	1			



**Chairman
Phil Jenkins**

18 Hole Golf

18-Hole Results

As of Oakmoore - April 26, 2004

By David C. Harris

Boundary Oak - April 5, 2004

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3		
J Hunter	63	3	P Eckels	71	3	F Lockwood	64	3
DC Harris	65	2	H Walden	72	2	D Brown	69	2
P Marks	70	1	N Kay	73	1	B Hemmelsbech	71	1
A Yasuda	70	1	M With	73	1			
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
DC Harris	82		M With	97		F Lockwood	102	
Closest to: Hole # 2: P Marks, A Lutkus								
Hole # 12: B Smith, P Eckels								

Boundary Oak - April 12, 2004

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3		
B Watanabe	68	3	D Chaffee	66	3	F Lockwood	69	3
F Crua	69	2	L Egbert	66	3	P Jenkins	74	2
D Geary	71	1	P Eckels	67	1	B Kinser	75	1
			W Thede	67	1			
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
B Watanabe	83		W Thede	90		P Jenkins	104	
Closest to: Hole # 2: B McCord, L Egbert								
Hole # 12: T Christoffersen								

Paradise Valley - April 20, 2004

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3		
T Eller	67	3	P Goff	64	3	P Morison	71	3
D Meyer	70	2	T Powell	69	2	M Arena	73	2
F Crua	71	1	T Robinson	69	2	H Honstein	74	1
						P Jenkins	74	1
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
F Crua	86		P Goff	91		P Jenkins	104	
Closest to: Hole # 3: F Crua								
Hole # 12: A Hutchko, P Goff								

Oakmoore - April 26, 2004

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3		
DC Harris	71.2	3	P Contestable	73.5	3	F Lockwood	70.2	3
R Domer	75.1	2	D Welsh	77.5	2	P Jenkins	73.3	2
C McInnis	76.1	1	T Powell	79.7	1	M Arena	78.8	1
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
DC Harris	87		P Contestable	95		P Jenkins	101	
Closest to: Hole # 6: C McInnis								

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

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

Handicap & Scoring



Jed Daniel



David Harris

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