



Trampas Topics

APRIL, 2008

SIR Branch 116

Next Meeting: 11:30 am,
April 21, 2008
Elks Lodge—1475 Creekside
Dr, Walnut Creek, CA 94596

A Nonprofit Public Benefit Organization for Retired Men Devoted to the Promotion of Independence and Dignity of Retirement.

Sayings of 2008 Big Sir Art Donaldson

Lord Tennyson wrote: "In the spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love." Since SIR are reportedly young at heart, I want to draw our attention to these upcoming spring events:



--"Ladies Day" Spring Dinner Dance Party on Wednesday, May 14 at 5:30 p.m. **Bill McCord, Frank Crua, and John Story** have moved this popular event to a new venue at the Lafayette Veterans Memorial Building, but they guarantee the same excellent dinner menu from Catered Elegance and dance music by The Diplomats that we have enjoyed in recent years. This is a great way to show your special lady a fun night out and at the same time introduce her to your golf buddies, bridge partners, luncheon pals, etc. Please sign up at the April meeting or mail in the form in this Newsletter.

--SIR Ladies and friends are invited to join our golf club at Boulder Creek for two rounds of golf on Wednesday to Friday, May 7-9. **Andy Benz, Dave Carlson, and Tom Robinson** have details on this annual event.

--Spring Ladies Day Bridge is planned for 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, April 29 at Diablo Country Club. After an excellent lunch, you and your lady partner will play 24 hands of party bridge with 6 other couples. **Milt Greenstein** is accepting reservations.

By all accounts, the luncheon parking situation was greatly improved in March. Many reported using the new parking area between buildings 47 and 49, including the area down one level under building 49. I received no complaints from building management, so thank you for being good tenants! Since so many folks are now familiar with this new area, I don't plan to put out the "SIR OK" sign for the April meeting.

Before the March Executive Committee meeting, Area 2 Governor **Jim Stedman** spoke on how to maintain vitality in SIR branches as they mature. From studies he has done, Jim believes that once a Branch reaches an average age of about 75 (Branch 116 average age is 75.2 years) it becomes critical to induct new members at the rate of about 10 to 12% per year to maintain viability. Currently our membership is at 250 compared to a maximum membership of 260. At its April meeting the Executive Committee will be discussing possible ways to encourage new members to join our branch. Let us know your thoughts and suggestions on this subject. Of course the most effective approach continues to be for each of us to invite retired friends, co-workers, and neighbors, etc. to attend our branch activities and luncheons.

See you at lunch on April 21.



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by the Thursday prior to
the meeting to
cancel your standing
reservation or
to bring a guest.

2008 SIR 116 Officers & Directors



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2008 SIR 116 Committee Chairmen

Activities Coordinator	Jerry Kaplan	938-1037	Membership Roster	Dick Thomson	785-7600
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Audit	Dick Thomson	785-7600	Nominating	Floyd Skelton	838-2515
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Bridge	Milt Greenstein	376-5589	Piano	John Peterson	946-0335
Candy Sales	Dirk Meyer	820-6878	Poker	Bob Lake	837-4054
Chaplain	Rotating	#1 See Below	Spring Party	Bill Harrington	935-1625
Christmas Party	Bill McCord	376-5280	Storytellers	Bill McCord	376-5280
Computer & Technology Group	Phil Goff	831-3692	Sums In Retirement	Rotating	#2 See Below
Computer Support	Dick Thomson	785-7600	Sunshine	Ben Smith	820-5403
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Golf	Ron Domer	838-8320	Webmaster	Robbie Robinson	798-4276
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Historian	Matt Arena	946-0404		Jerry Kaplan	938-1037
Honoree Selection	Jack Bevis	254-7256	#1. Doug Aalders, Pete Belden, Ron Domer, Lou Sandor and Ben Smith		
Host	Frank Crua	932-0975	#2. Ron Domer, Milt Greenstein, Marty Ratterree Ben Smith		
Interviewer	Bill Mowris	672-2885			
Membership	Roland Scrivner	938-9078			

2008 SIR Area 2 (Interbranch) Committee Chairmen

Bowling	Lloyd West (Branch 19)	228-9037	Publicity	Walt Schick (Branch 8)	934-0656
Computer and Technology	Co-Dean Steichen (Br. 8)	831-3692	Table Pool	Bill Weinberg (Branch 146)	682-0962
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	Jim Willey (Branch 19)	689-3199	\$ums Retirement	Dave Munson (Branch 171)	377-5851

Branch 116 Honoree

By Jack Bevis



MARCH HONOREE — TOM ELLER

Tom joined SIRS Branch 116 in 2003. He has been active in the golfing group and has served as the coordinator of the annual Boulder Creek outing. He also has been a director of the Branch for three



Photo by John Peterson

years. An "attaboy" worth mentioning is that he recently arranged parking privileges for the branch at Quail Court. (Please see Big Sir Art Donaldson's column on the new parking).

He is a third generation native Californian, born in San Francisco. However, his father was transferred to New York City, so he grew up in Chappaqua, NY (incidentally the town where Bill & Hillary Clinton now live) and graduated from Horace Greeley High School.

He attended Hanover College in Indiana, but returned to California and graduated from San Francisco State in Sociology.

Even so he has remained a Giants fan, attending

games in the Polo Grounds, Candlestick & AT&T Park.

He and his wife Ellen have been married for over 40 years, living in the same house in Walnut Creek for 39 of those years. They have two children. A son and his wife and their two year old daughter live on Maui. A daughter and her two year old triplets live in Evansville, Indiana

Tom worked for seven years at Chevron in the Advertising Dept, where he met his SIR sponsor Harry Honstein. He retired from self-employment as a printing broker, after 25 years.

State 'SIR Happenings'

Sir Happenings (our State Web Newsletter) is now in its fifth year of publishing

Enjoy reading SIR Happenings, our State Newsletter, and find out about all the fun things that are going on throughout our organization. You can easily find Happenings on the SIR State Website:

www.sirinc.org/sirhappenings

Don MacGregor donmac95@comcast.net

Sir Happenings Editor

April Birthdays

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

Bryant, Frank R
Chaffee, Richard
Clizbe, Robert J.
Hemmelsbach, Bill
Honstein, Harry C.
Knowles, John A.
Madden, Richard A
Mowris, William C.

Ostler, Joseph D
Peters, PN
Pick, James D
Power, Eugene
Shader, Robert J.
Smith, Ben J.
Yeraka, Benjamin M.
Yniguez, Anthony J.

Why I Like Retirement!

Question: How many retirees to change a light bulb?

Answer: Only one, but it might take all day.

Trampas Topics Submissions



We need your contributions and suggestions for Trampas Topics. Please send photos, news items, SIR activities, and Letters to the Editor to:

Floyd Skelton, Trampas Topics Editor
trampastopics@gmail.com



Computer & Technology Group

Dean Steichen and Phil Goff



March Computer and Technology Speaker Jim Meskauskas spoke on "Analog to Digital Music Conversion" showing the path to converting those old LP's to CD's for current enjoyment.

Thursday, April 17, Ken Haley (Branch 171) will tell how to create and store great vacation photos with the new Photoshop Elements 6.0.

Ken will discuss the transition to Photoshop Elements 6.0 and demonstrate the new features it offers. Ken has made other presentations to our Group on digital photography and is one of our most popular presenters.

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Area 2 Single Sir's Dine Out

This dinner group (mostly bachelors) meets on the first Tuesday of each month and the dining restaurant April 1 was the Hungry Hunter Restaurant in Pleasant Hill.

Their next dinner (restaurant to be determined) will be on Tuesday, May 6. Contact Pat Tinguely, Branch 116, (943-5664) or Don Atwater, Branch 8, (see below) for next month's restaurant and to reserve a spot.

New diners are encouraged to join "Single Sirs Dine Out" and it is open to all Area 2 SIR members. Don Atwater, 673-1669 datwater@pacbell.net

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Following Ken's presentation, Dick Curry will lead an informative Computer Q&A session.

We have redesigned our website and it contains a lot of useful information about computers and related technology. Please check it out at:

sir-web.org/computer

Whether you are a beginner or a seasoned user, we try to offer something for everyone. We serve coffee and pastries and all SIR members and their guests are welcome.

Meetings of the Area 2 Computer and Technology Group are held the 3rd Thursday of each month (except June and December) from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., at the **Walnut Creek Elks Lodge**, 1475 Creekside Drive (just off South Main.)

SIR Branch 116 Web Site Undergoes Major Overhaul

After remaining unchanged for years the SIR 116 Web Site has been redesigned. The purpose of the website has some significant differences compared to the Trampas Topics newsletter. One of the web site's primary purposes will be to provide a place to introduce people to the Sons In Retirement organization, and to our branch in particular.

Items of interest to a particular audience can appear on an ongoing basis on the web. Examples: SIR 116 Honorees for the past 15 years, Past Big Sir's, Honorary Life Members, the History of Sons In Retirement, as well as the history of our own Branch 116.

Please pay a visit to:

<http://www.sir-web.org/116-web/> and give us some feedback on the project via e-mail to sir116@sbcglobal.net

April Luncheon Speaker

By Little Sir Frank Crua



Sue Larsen is a Licensed Securities Broker, Registered Investment Advisor and California Tax Education Council Certified. She is the founder of Larsen Capital Management a small boutique firm located in Walnut Creek. She provides investment advisory, financial, accounting and tax services.



Susan Larsen

Sue has worked in the financial / investment industry for over 23 years and managed money for over 13 years.

Sue started her career as an options trader on a major options floor. Later in her career she worked at both Goldman Sachs on their institutional trading desk and Morgan Stanley in their portfolio management division. At Morgan Stanley she worked with the Advisory Director's group who managed over \$1.5 billion in high-net worth clients assets. It was at Morgan Stanley where she learned to build tailor made portfolios that she monitored and managed. Later, she managed the Wildwood Aggressive Growth fund, a hedge-fund, using complex options strategies.

She now uses a combination of her financial skill sets working in her own company at a variety of different tasks including advisory work in money management, finance, accounting, and tax services. She is a Registered Investment Advisor and a Registered Tax Representative certified by the California Tax Education Council (CTEC). She finished her Certified Financial Planner educational requirements in 2006. She has an undergraduate degree in Finance & Management from the University of Oregon. In addition, she volunteers for a non-profit organization, Better-Investing/NAIC, to teach financial literacy. She joined the board over 5 years ago and is their current Treasurer and teaches several investment classes.

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Membership

Roland Scrivner



March New Members



Arthur H Vogel

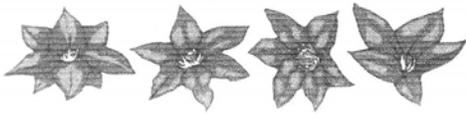
Wife: Carol
724 Savannah Circle
Walnut Creek, 94598
288-0488
Cal-Pacific Food Sales
carolvogel@sbcglobal.net
Sponsor – Jim Foust #128

SIR 116 Member Updates

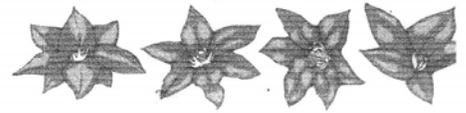
Ernest A Gilmore #221 Passed Away 2/18/08
Robert C Olson #181 Transfer to Branch #8
Bill F Hoban #183 Transfer to Branch #146

SIR 116 Membership Status

Total Current Members — 250
This Month's Inductees — 1
Those in Interview Stage — 4
Total in Process — 7
On Inactive Status — 34
Left the Branch — 3
Waiting for a Member Number — 2



Sons in Retirement
Cas Trampas Branch #116



Presents

SIRS
SAVE MAY 14th
for this event

"Ladies Day" Spring Dinner Dance Wednesday

May 14, 2008

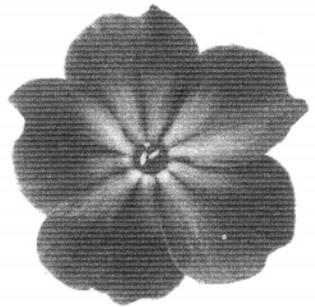
Veterans Memorial Building
3780 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Lafayette

5:30pm til 10:30pm

Dinner provided by Catered Elegance



Music by The Diplomats



No Host Cocktails 5:30 til 7pm

Dinner 7pm

Dancing 8pm

Dinner Entree Choice:

Petite Filet of Beef or Salmon

Wine will be served with dinner

\$37.50 per person

Make your reservations at our February, March, and April Meetings

Deadline: May 7, 2008

Dinner Chairman: Bill McCord

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Make your check payable to: SIRS - Cas Trampas Branch #116

Please indicate dinner entree choice

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Beef \_\_\_\_\_ Salmon \_\_\_\_\_

Guest \_\_\_\_\_ Beef \_\_\_\_\_ Salmon \_\_\_\_\_



## SIR 116 Bridge

Milt Greenstein

March was a busy month for Branch 116 bridge players. On March 4, 16 SIRS gathered at the Pleasant Hill Bridge Center for a duplicate Bridge session. Bob Daily / Lou Sandor were the top team with 48.50 points, or 57.74 %. Second place went to Floyd Skelton / Lytton DeSilva and in third place was Monte Hall / Jack Butler.

Then on March 7, Area 2 SIRS held its annual bridge get together at Marie Callendar's Restaurant in Concord, hosted by Area 2 bridge chairman Fred Bolton, Branch 146. A total of 23 SIRS played at 6 tables with Fred Bolton's wife filling in to make a full 6 tables. Branch 116 had 7 players attending including Ali Aghaiepour, Jack Butler, Cal Cohen, Lytton DeSilva, Fred Massarro, Dennis Perry and Bill Sullivan ( but we didn't do too well ). Branch 146 was the clear winner, taking 3 of the top 4 places: First place went to Jim Jackson (7,190), second place to Brian Wolf, Br. 8 (6,960), third place to Dick Johnson (6,790) and fourth place to Jim Steadman (6,360).

The regular lunch / bridge group met on March 11th at Roundhill C.C. with 24 players joining. High scorer was Ali Aghaiepour with 6,380, while Jai Yee had 6,270, Lou Sandor came in with 4,970

and Oscar Krikorian had 4,530. Small slams were bid and made by Oscar Krikorian / Fred Massarro, Lou Sandor / Jai Yee and Bob Singleton / Art Donaldson.

Then on March 25th, the group met at Diablo C.C., 27 men attending. Our top scorers today were Bill Sullivan with 6,320, Monte Hall with 6,090, Jai Yee with 5,200 and Art Donaldson with 5,030. This was a high scoring day with 6 small slams bid and made by: Lee Travis /Charley Schmidt, Monte Hall / Art Donaldson, Gene Gould / Charley Schmidt, Monte Hall /Art Donaldson, Jai Yee / Monte Hall and Dick Chaffee / Fred Massarro. ( And you thought your Big Sir spends all of his time on Branch 116 business ! )

Branch 116 Ladies Day Lunch and Bridge is coming up this month, April 29, Tuesday at Diablo C.C. at 11:15 am. We will sit down to a delicious lunch ( choice of fish, chicken or veggan ), followed by a pleasant afternoon of bridge in a beautiful setting, with prizes for the high scoring ladies.

For questions or reservations, call your bridge chairman - 376.5589

### SIR Website Addresses

#### SIR 116 Web Site

<http://www.sir-web.org/116-web/>

#### Branch 116 Golf

– <http://www.sir-web.org/116-golf/>

#### Trampas Topics

<http://www.sir-web.org/trampas/>

#### Computer and Technology

<http://www.sir-web.org/computer/>

#### SIR Happenings State Newsletter

<http://sirinc.org/>

[protected/sirhappenings.htm](http://www.sirinc.org/protected/sirhappenings.htm)

#### State SIR Web Site

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### Special SIR Events for Your Calendar

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Diablo Country Club, Diablo, CA

Contact: Milt Greenstein, 376-5589

#### **May 14 — Spring Dinner Dance**

Veterans Memorial Building, Lafayette, CA

Contact: Bill McCord, 376-5280

#### **September 10, 11, 12 — Carson City Golf Outing**

Carson City, Nevada

Contact: Tim Hubbard. 944-0742

#### **December 9 — Christmas Dinner Dance**

Veterans Memorial Building, Lafayette, CA

Contact: Bill McCord, 376-5280



## Hiking & Walking

Joel White

The Branch 116 Hiking and Walking Group is up and running. All physical ability levels are encouraged, with walks of approximately 1-2 hours and degree of difficulty appropriate for the interests of the participants

The initial schedule of walks follows:

1st Tuesday of month (following duplicate bridge-1:30) starting at the Pleasant Hill Bridge Center:

We will walk on the Contra Costa regional trail which is approx 1/2 block away.

1st Wednesday of the month, 2 pm at the Boat House, Lafayette Reservoir.

2nd Wednesday of the month, 2 pm at the front entrance to the Swim Club, Heather Farms Park, Walnut Creek

3rd Wednesday of the month, 2 pm, Lafayette-Moraga Trail Head off the Olympic Blvd/Pleasant Hill Rd Parking Lot

4th Monday of the month at 11:30 (following book club) at Orinda books. Day and location may change according to book club schedule.

Time of day, location, and schedule will be adjusted as necessitated by weather (i.e summer heat, winter rain) and interest of the participants.



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## Sunshine Report

Matt Arena



**Jack Volmer** is recuperating at John Muir Medical Center Concord Campus following 4 hours of surgery for a replaced heart valve and a bypass. His dear wife Alice reports that all signs are excellent and he should be in the hospital for 3-4 weeks –no visitors. She appreciates your expressions of concern and feels fortunate to have such wonderful friends.

**George Hess** is on a cane following trouble with his knee but he assures us he will be at the next luncheon. He was really looking forward to the corn beef on St. Patty's day last month.

**Art Miller** continues to receive dialysis and there are days when he gets up and does not feel steady. He missed last month because he had one of these episodes but expects to be with us in April.

**Don Harriss** is walking well enough that he expects to be with us at lunch in April. It sure has been a long recovery for his leg fracture at the end of last year.

**Bill Andrews** spent the best part of a week at John Muir Medical Center with bronchitis but happily is at home in Rossmoor. He will be with us at lunch in April.

NOTE: I want to thank my fellow SIR' for the many calls, cards, and emails while I have been out of commission this past 5 weeks.

Editor's Note: Matt is on crutches, but getting around and driving. Hopefully no crutches in a week or so.

### In Memoriam

Parker Gibbs

12/2/1927—3/17/2008

Parker died with his loving wife Catherine by his side along with his loving family.

Parker enjoyed the camaraderie with his many friends in SIR and he will be missed by all of us who knew him and enjoyed his warm and generous spirit.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at Saint Isidore Catholic Church, 440 La Gonda Way Danville, and Ca. Saturday April 5, 2008 at 9:30 A.M. with a light lunch to follow.



# SIR Fishing Group

Terry Miller

Our speaker at the February meeting was Peter Alexander of the East Bay Parks Department, telling us about all the lakes and streams planted with trout and available for us. Our speaker in February was Pete Alexander of the East Bay Regional Parks who gave us excellent information on our local lakes, including rules and fishing techniques. In



Paul Dubow with a Fine Striper Caught in March

April, our speaker will be Bob Higgins, who is a guide specializing in New Melones Reservoir. In May, Bill Adelman, retired guide, will share his knowledge of California Reservoirs and Lakes.

Joe Peterson gets the busiest fisherman award for the past month. Catching stripers with Joe were Romano Gnusti, John Hayes, Craig Walton and Carl Moyer. Tom Boltz had the best day of the year out with Joe when he caught two keeper sturgeon, both released. Joe got a nice sturgeon of his own, also released. Paul Dubow also had a good month, he and Carl Moyer caught a limit of trout at Shadow Cliffs Reservoir in one hour and ten minutes. Then, when fishing with Karl Droese, Joe Peterson, and Carl Moyer, Paul caught the only fish of the day, a lovely 8 lb striper. Carl helped Joe Karg catch two keeper stripers trolling in Cache slough. Tom McHale tried the American River with a guide to no avail. Kent Cremolini fished

the Smith and Chetco rivers catching 6 steelhead from 11 to 14 lbs. Don Mittlestaedt fished Pyramid Lake in Nevada for 3 days catching 21 cutthroat trout to 27 inches. Jack Waddell led a group to Los Vaqueros Reservoir where Tom Boltz and Paul Dubow caught trout.

We have an exciting agenda for 2008, with a trip to Dell Valle Reservoir, day trips to the delta for stripers, There are also trips to McSwain reservoir for trout, Lake Almanor for trout and salmon, and the Pitt River flyfishing,. A group excursion to the new Cabelas store in Reno, a fishing group day at the races, and an evening social at an Irish pub should be fun. We are planning a lot of local outings for this year that should be productive and informative for everybody.

All SIR members and guests are welcome and, indeed, encouraged to participate in fishing trips as well as attend the monthly meetings. Next meeting will be Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at the Legend Sports Bar and Grill at the Diablo Creek Golf Course at 4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord. Meeting starts at 8:30 am. For further information, please contact Craig Walton (Big Fish) (925-937-4876); Terry Miller, (116 Fishing Coordinator), 686-9298; or Joe Peterson (Treasurer/Secretary)(916-777-5363.)

## SIR Branch 116 Financial Report Dick Chaffee, Treasurer

|                               | March, 2008 | 2008<br>YTD       |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------------|
| Contributions . . . . .       | \$3,903.48  | \$9,844.93        |
| Disbursements . . . . .       | -4,438.90   | -10,860.86        |
| Net (gain/loss) . . . . .     | \$ (535.42) | \$ (1,015.93)     |
| <b>Cash Balance . . . . .</b> |             | <b>\$7,709.82</b> |



# SIR Travel

Carlos Xavier and Robbie Robinson, Travel Co-Chairman



Pick up brochures, forms, etc., at the travel desk at the luncheons. If we run out of these and you are still interested in the trip, please ask your travel chairmen and he will have one sent to you. Payment should be made to the travel agency arranging the event unless otherwise stated.



### Overnight and Longer Travel.

**April 29 - May 4, 2008 — A Tour of San Antonio & Texas Hill Country.** A six day trip which includes: A city tour of San Antonio (Spanish Governor's Palace, Imax Theater, Alamo Shrine, San Jose Mission and Cruising the famous River Walk). Visit Kerrville Ranch for an exotic wild life tour - like Africa in Texas. Another touring day in San Antonio with a visit to the Institute of Texan Culture, Botanical Gardens, Brackenridge Park featuring Sunken Japanese Gardens. Austin with a visit to the LBJ Library, University of Texas campus and returning to San Antonio. Tour price is \$1475 per person double occupancy, \$415 single supplement. Price includes round trip transport to Bay Area Airport, round trip airfare to San Antonio, five nights accommodation at the Drury Plaza Hotel, deluxe motorcoach, full breakfast daily, one hosted lunch and three hosted dinners and all entrance fees and tips. Trip is sponsored by SIR #8. Escorted by Bob Hagler

(925) 934-7620. Please make your checks to GGT, Inc. Trust Account and mail check to Bob Hagler, 25 Marlo Court, Walnut Creek, CA 94595. For more details and a brochure, please contact Carlos Xavier at (925) 947-6756.

**October 6-19, 2008—Danube Dream.** Glide past fairy-tale castles and medieval villages aboard MS Switzerland II riverboat traveling the second longest river in Europe. Take in views of the Czech Republic, Germany, Austria, Slovakia and Hungary. Enjoy a 2 night stay in Budapest followed by a 7 night cruise on the Danube and a 3 night stay in Prague. Cost \$3415 to \$3660. Call **Bob Hagler** at 934-7620 if you are interested.

**Nov. 3 to Nov. 15 — Visit Vietnam, Thailand and Hong Kong.** 13 day trip from November 3 to November 15 with SIRS from Area 2, escorted by Bob Spellman of Branch #146. The cost for this adventurous trip is only \$3,885 per person. Contact Bob at 925-934-8428.

## Memory Challenged?

Three sisters, ages 92, 94, and 96, live in a house together. One night the 96-year-old draws a bath. She puts one foot in and pauses. She yells down the stairs, "Was I getting in or out of the bath?" The 94-year-old yells back, "I don't know. I'll come up and see." She starts up the stairs and pauses. Then she yells out, "Was I going up the stairs or down?" The 92-year-old is sitting at the kitchen table having tea and listening to her sisters. She shakes her head and says, "I sure hope I never get that forgetful." She knocks on wood for good measure. She then replies, "I'll come up and help both of you as soon as I see who's at the door."



Photo by John Peterson

**March Luncheon Speaker** — Gary D. Villalba, Contra Costa County Veterans Service Officer, provided valuable insight into the assistance his office can provide to insure our veterans receive the benefits they so well deserve.

# SIR Branch 116 Golf

By Ron Domer, Golf Chairman



We have an active golf organization consisting of 18-hole and 9-hole groups. A small annual donation is required to play in either group. The 18-hole group plays once a week in a tournament format with play alternating between local courses and courses that may be 10 to 50 miles away. Those

first and second place in each flight. The 9-hole group also plays once a week and alternates play between local courses. Players also compete for an annual club championship in the 9-hole group.

Foursomes are arranged so that players can meet and enjoy playing with most, if not all, the other players in the branch. All our events are listed in our annual golf book, the Trampas Topics and on our web site at <http://www.sir-web.org/116-golf>. Join up with us and enjoy outings with a great bunch of guys at some great courses with reasonable prices.

## Using the Golf Hotline

For Non-Pay-In Advance SIR 116 Golf Events (9-Hole and Boundary Oak 18-Hole) You may sign-up via the Branch 116 Hotline — 906-5355

Deadline for 18-Hole, the Thursday before  
and 9-Hole, the Sunday before.

Please indicate if you want a cart.

## Latest SIR 116 Golf Info On Golf Web Site

playing in the 18-hole group must be members of the Northern California Golf Association (NCGA) and establish a handicap index. You may join the NCGA through our SIR club or through another club. Players are grouped into flights by handicap index to allow for equitable play between different levels of ability. Prizes are awarded annually for

2008 Golf Schedule: Dates, times, and courses as well as detailed information on costs, payment information, deadlines, and special event facts.

18-Hole Pairings: Weekly, usually on the Friday or Saturday prior to the event, showing captains, teams, starting times, and handicaps.

18-Hole Leaders and Results: Weekly, usually within a day or two of the event.

Paid-In-Advance Sign-Ups: Weekly, showing checks that have been received for the next 3 or 4 pre-paid outings.

Boundary Oak Sign-Ups: Weekly, this listing will show who has signed-up for the next two Boundary Oak sessions, and whether they have indicated using a cart.

116 Golf Web: <http://www.sir-web.org/116-golf>

## Another View of the Game of Golf

"Golf is the only game where the worst player gets the best of it. They obtain more out of it with regard to exercise and enjoyment. The good player gets worried over the slightest mistake, whereas the poor player makes too many mistakes to worry over them."

David Lloyd George—British Prime Minister



Photo By John Peterson

"SIRS Ignore the View at Delta View."

(Left to right: Joe Stralovich, Chuck Cuny, Art Vogl)

# 9 Hole Results

By Dick Chaffee, Jerry Kaplan, and Scott Ostler

## Diablo Hills, March 26

| Name          | Net | Pts. |
|---------------|-----|------|
| Ed Cole       | 29  | 3    |
| George Kohut  | 29  | 3    |
| Ralph Schwarz | 31  | 1    |

Closest to: Hole: Ralph Schwarz

## Buchanan Fields, March 19

| Name          | Net | Pts. |
|---------------|-----|------|
| Ed Cole       | 26  | 3    |
| Troy Powell   | 27  | 2    |
| Chuck Cuny    | 29  | 1    |
| Cord Hull     | 29  | 1    |
| Ralph Schwarz | 29  | 1    |

Closest to: Hole: Bob Daily

## Pine Meadow, March 12

| Name          | Net | Pts. |
|---------------|-----|------|
| Ralph Schwarz | 23  | 3    |
| Joe Ostler    | 23  | 3    |
| Troy Powell   | 24  | 1    |

**Low Gross**

|               |    |
|---------------|----|
| Troy Powell   | 34 |
| Ralph Schwarz | 34 |

Closest to: Hole -Jim Nachtweih

## 9-Hole Leaders

As of Diablo Hills, March 26

| Name       | Pts. | Name      | Pts. |
|------------|------|-----------|------|
| Powell     | 16   | Vetro     | 3    |
| Schwarz    | 12   | Kohut     | 3    |
| McLaughry  | 10   | Ostler    | 3    |
| Stralovich | 7    | Aalders   | 2    |
| Hull       | 6    | Chaffee   | 2    |
| Cole       | 6    | Turnquist | 2    |
| Geary      | 5    |           |      |

## Buchanan Fields, March 5

| Name           | Net | Pts. |
|----------------|-----|------|
| Troy Powell    | 29  | 3    |
| Bill Turnquist | 31  | 2    |
| Cord Hull      | 31  | 2    |

**Low Gross**

|             |    |
|-------------|----|
| Ron Leschot | 45 |
|-------------|----|

Closest to: Hole #5 -Chuck Cuny  
Hole #2 - Lee Doyle

## Nine Hole Info

Dick Chaffee, 9-Hole Chairman



SIR Branch 116 9 Hole Golf Club membership is open to all Branch members and guests regardless of your golfing ability. We play every Wednesday starting at 10:00am. We rotate playing Buchanan Fields, Concord, Pine Meadows, Martinez and Diablo Hills, Walnut Creek.

Changes for 2008! This year the 9 Hole Golf Club is organized into a single flight. The weekly Champion is the player with the lowest net score. The weekly Champion is awarded 3 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> place 2 and 3<sup>rd</sup> place 1. The 2008 Champion will be the golfer with the highest point total.

In December, we will again hold our 9 Hole Golf Championship Tournament. The Tournament will be 3 rounds of golf. One round at each of the courses we play. The Tournament Champion will be the golfer with lowest net total for 2 rounds. If a participant plays all 3 rounds, he can choose which 2 rounds will count.

## April 9-Hole Schedule

| Date   | Time  | Location        | Organizer    |
|--------|-------|-----------------|--------------|
| Wed 2  | 10:00 | Buchanan Fields | Dick Chaffee |
| Wed 9  | 10:00 | Pine Meadow     | Joe Ostler   |
| Wed 16 | 10:00 | Buchanan Fields | Dick Chaffee |
| Wed 23 | 10:15 | Diablo Hills    | Doug Alders  |
| Wed 30 | 10:00 | Pine Meadow     | Joe Ostler   |



# 18 Hole Results

By David Harris

## Paradise Valley — March 31, 2008

| <u>Flight 1</u> |      | <u>Flight 2</u> |      | <u>Flight 3</u>  |      | <u>Flight 4</u>  |      |
|-----------------|------|-----------------|------|------------------|------|------------------|------|
| Bill McCord     | 66 3 | Bob Nichols     | 65 3 | John Story       | 59 3 | Max Foust        | 64 3 |
| David Geary     | 69 2 | David Carlson   | 67 2 | Phil Goff        | 65 2 | Bill Hemmelsbach | 68 2 |
| Lonny Randall   | 71 1 | Will Schnieder  | 67 2 | Conrad Robertson | 68 1 | John Peterson    | 68 2 |
| Pat Tinguely    | 71 1 | Gary Schoen     | 67 2 |                  |      |                  |      |
| Catlos Xavier   | 71 1 |                 |      |                  |      |                  |      |
| Al Zattero      | 71 1 |                 |      |                  |      |                  |      |

Closest to: Hole #3 - David Geary, Phil Jenkins --- Hole 12 - Al Zattero, Jed Daniel

## Blue Rock/West March 24, 2008

| <u>Flight 1</u> |      | <u>Flight 2</u> |      | <u>Flight 3</u>  |      | <u>Flight 4</u> |      |
|-----------------|------|-----------------|------|------------------|------|-----------------|------|
| Al Zattero      | 62 3 | Dirk Meyer      | 63 3 | Conrad Robertson | 68 3 | Dan Ghelfi      | 67 3 |
| Bill McCord     | 65 2 | David Carlson   | 66 2 | Alex Lutkus      | 71 2 | Frank Lockwood  | 67 3 |
| Carlos Xavier   | 67 1 | Jerry Hunter    | 70 1 | Bob Testa        | 71 2 | Max Foust       | 70 1 |
|                 |      |                 |      |                  |      | John Peterson   | 70 1 |

Closest to: Hole #7 - David Carlson, Frank Lockwood --- Hole 15 - Al Zattero, John Story

## Delta View — March 18, 2008

| <u>Flight 1</u> |      | <u>Flight 2</u> |      | <u>Flight 3</u>  |      | <u>Flight 4</u> |      |
|-----------------|------|-----------------|------|------------------|------|-----------------|------|
| David Geary     | 68 3 | Dirk Meyer      | 65 3 | Dick Chaffee     | 70 3 | Bob Donohue     | 70 3 |
| Bill McCord     | 68 3 | Jerry Hunter    | 66 2 | Bob Testa        | 74 2 | Doug Brown      | 71 2 |
| Pat Tinguely    | 70 1 | Frank Crua      | 70 1 | Tony Yniguez     | 75 1 | Joe Stralovich  | 71 2 |
|                 |      |                 |      | John Story       | 75 1 |                 |      |
|                 |      |                 |      | Conrad Robertson | 75 1 |                 |      |

Closest to: Hole #3 - David Harris, Phil Jenkins --- Hole 12 - Frank Crua, Doug Brown

## Diablo Creek — March 10, 2008

| <u>Flight 1</u> |      | <u>Flight 2</u> |      | <u>Flight 3</u>  |      | <u>Flight 4</u> |      |
|-----------------|------|-----------------|------|------------------|------|-----------------|------|
| David Geary     | 67 3 | Dick Socolich   | 69 3 | Phil Goff        | 67 3 | Max Foust       | 71 3 |
| Bill McCord     | 71 2 | Robbie Robinson | 69 3 | John Story       | 74 2 | Bob Donohue     | 71 3 |
| Steve Cherepy   | 72 1 | Jerry Hunter    | 71 1 | Conrad Robertson | 76 1 | Doug Brown      | 72 2 |
|                 |      |                 |      |                  |      | John Peterson   | 73 1 |

Closest to: Hole #7 - Paul Kim, Phil Goff --- Hole 17 - Paul Kim, Joe Ostler

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# 2008 18 Hole Leaders

As of Paradise Valley — March 31, 2008

By David Harris

| <u>FLIGHT 1</u> |               | <u>FLIGHT 2</u>       |               | <u>FLIGHT 3</u>   |               | <u>FLIGHT 4</u>   |               |
|-----------------|---------------|-----------------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------|
| <u>NAME</u>     | <u>POINTS</u> | <u>NAME</u>           | <u>POINTS</u> | <u>NAME</u>       | <u>POINTS</u> | <u>NAME</u>       | <u>POINTS</u> |
| McCord, Bill    | 22            | Meyer, Dirk           | 20            | Goff, Phil        | 16            | Foust, Max        | 24            |
| Zavattero, Al   | 11            | Hunter, Jerry         | 12            | Robertson, Conrad | 15            | Hemmelsbach, Bill | 15            |
| Randall, Lonny  | 10            | Kim, Paul             | 12            | Story, John       | 15            | Ghelfi, Dan       | 13            |
| Domer, Ron      | 9             | Harris, David         | 11            | Daniel, Jed       | 6             | Brown, Doug       | 7             |
| Xavier, Carlos  | 9             | Carlson, David        | 5             | Chaffee, Dick     | 5             | Donohue, Bob      | 6             |
| Geary, David    | 8             | Crua, Frank           | 5             | Jenkins, Phil     | 5             | Ostler, Joe       | 5             |
| Cherepy, Steve  | 5             | Nichols, Bob          | 5             | Serafino, Al      | 5             | Kinser, Bob       | 4             |
| Clizbe, Jim     | 5             | Eller, Tom            | 4             | Powell, Troy      | 4             | Peterson, John    | 4             |
| Tinguely, Pat   | 5             | Robinson, Rob-<br>bie | 3             | Testa, Bob        | 4             | Arena, Matt       | 3             |
| Cannon, Larry   | 3             | Socolich, Dick        | 3             | Walden, Herman    | 3             | Lockwood, Frank   | 3             |
| Schmidt, Neil   | 2             | Hutchko, Al           | 2             | Yniguez, Tony     | 3             | Gilliam, Charles  | 2             |
|                 |               | Schnieder, Will       | 2             | Lutkus, Alex      | 2             | Stralovich, Joe   | 2             |
|                 |               | Schoen, Gary          | 2             | McClaughry, D     | 2             |                   |               |

## 18-Hole Pay In Advance Deadlines

By David Geary

| <u>Event Date</u>                               | <u>Location</u>                  | <u>Payment Deadline</u>    | <u>Amount</u> |
|-------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|
| Tuesday, April 22nd                             | Tilden Park                      | April 7th                  | \$37          |
| Monday, April 28th                              | Mare Island                      | April 9th                  | \$34          |
| *Monday, May 12 <sup>th</sup> , 8 a.m. shot-gun | Boundary Oak, Match Play vs. 171 | Reserve spot by April 28th | Pay @ course  |

\*We will still have non-Match Play openings starting at 9:30 a.m. on May 12th

## 18-Hole Results — *Continued from Previous Page* Boundary Oak — March 3, 2008

| <u>Flight 1</u>  |    |   | <u>Flight 2</u>  |    |   | <u>Flight 3</u>   |    |   | <u>Flight 4</u>  |     |   |
|------------------|----|---|------------------|----|---|-------------------|----|---|------------------|-----|---|
| Bill McCord      | 70 | 3 | Jerry Hunter     | 70 | 3 | John Story        | 69 | 3 | Max Foust        | 73  | 3 |
| Al Zavattero     | 70 | 3 | Dirk Meyer       | 70 | 3 | Darrell McLaughry | 70 | 2 | Joe Ostler       | 74  | 2 |
| Steve Cherepy    | 72 | 1 | David Carlson    | 71 | 1 | Tony Yniguez      | 70 | 2 | Bill Hemmelsbach | 75  | 1 |
| <b>Low Gross</b> |    |   | <b>Low Gross</b> |    |   | <b>Low Gross</b>  |    |   | <b>Low Gross</b> |     |   |
| Steve Cherepy    | 82 |   | Dirk Meyer       | 87 |   | Darrell McLaughry | 94 |   | Max Foust        | 104 |   |

Closest to: Hole #2 - Pat Tinguely, Tony Yniguez --- Hole 12- Steve Cherepy, Phil Jenkins



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Miss three (3) consecutive regular luncheon meetings without having been excused by contacting the designated Branch Attendance person prior to the meeting date.

Did not attend one-half (5) of the regular luncheon meetings within the previous twelve consecutive month period. NOTE: Excused meetings cannot be included to achieve the minimum attendance.

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