



Trampas Topics

FEBRUARY, 2008

SIR Branch 116

Next Meeting: 11:30 am,
Monday, February 18, 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

All in all I believe the January meeting, my first as your Big Sir, came off fairly smoothly. We had several interesting activity reports and **Jed**



Daniel did a fine job laying out the ethereal nature of corporate health benefits. In hindsight, I should have checked for the American Flag before the meeting started (!) and organized things better to avoid running past our normal ending time of 1:25-1:30. I promise to fix those problems going forward.

I'm delighted to report that **Joel White** has volunteered to start a Branch 116 Hiking and Walking activity. If you've made a New Year's Resolution to get more exercise and explore our beautiful northern California countryside, here's your chance! Please see his article for more details. Now if we can just encourage a couple more members to follow Joel's example in the areas of poker, wine-tasting or bowling....? Let **Jerry Kaplan** or me know if that person is you.

Floyd Skelton launched the mapping tool program at the January luncheon meeting to help address our parking problem. If you would like to know which members live within a 2 mile radius of you, give Floyd a call. He will provide you with a hard copy map for you to use to contact potential car pooling neighbors.

At the January 21 meeting the Executive Committee approved the 2008 budget presented by Treasurer **Dick Chaffee**. Also the dates and location for the Spring and Christmas Parties were approved. They will be held at the new Lafayette Veterans Hall on Wednesday, May 14 and Wednesday December 10, 2008. Chairman **Bill McCord** will begin taking reservations for the Spring Party at the February meeting.

Two important annual Branch 116 publications were issued in January. Special thanks to **Dick Thomson** who spearheaded the publication of our *Membership Roster*, and to **David Geary** who did the yeoman's effort in publishing the *Golf Handbook*.

One final thought: Don't forget to recognize that special someone on Valentine's Day!



Happy Valentines

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reservation or
to bring a guest.

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Interviewer	Bill Mowris	672-2885	#2. Ron Domer, Milt Greenstein, Marty Ratterree Ben Smith		
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Branch 116 Honoree

By Jack Bevis



JANUARY HONOREE – PHIL GOFF

Phil joined Branch 116 in 2001 to begin playing golf. A little more than a year later our then Big Sir, Carlos Xavier, asked him to be the Newsletter editor. Phil says that when asked, he was just getting ready to tee off at Boundary Oak and agreed just to keep the game moving. As a result he continued to publish the newsletter for almost five years.



During the past few years, he has been active in the Area 2 Computer Group and beginning with 2007 he became Chairman. He has made a number of presentations on digital photography and various computer applications. At this point the Group is quite active and normally has 50+ attendees.

Born in Central America, more commonly referred to as Kansas his father worked for Boeing

Aircraft and spent much of his career at SAC Air Bases throughout the country. His freshman year of high school was in Caribou, Maine and four high schools later he graduated in Merced, California.

He received a Bachelor's degree in Chemistry from Fresno State University and then attended the University of Southern California to get an MBA. Starting and finishing his career with Chevron, much of his time was spent at the Research Center in Richmond. He also worked at the El Segundo Refinery for six years and in Calgary, Alberta for two years.

He spent a number of his Chevron years in Corporate Staff positions, mostly dealing with compensation and organization activities. Later, he became the head of human resources for the downstream technology companies, retiring in June 2000.

He met his wife while in college and has been married just over 40 years. Their two daughters both live in the Bay Area. The older daughter has two boys and lives only about two miles from them in Alamo. Phil says that watching his grandsons grow up has been a great pleasure these past several years.

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://sirinc.org/protected/sirhappenings.htm)

State SIR Web Site

<http://www.sirinc.org/>

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
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Computer & Technology Group

Dean Steichen and Phil Goff



Thursday, February 21, Dean Steichen will review some new and exciting technologies.

Have you ever wanted to be able to share the opening of Christmas presents, a birthday party or other occasion with friends and relatives who live far away and cannot attend in person. Well, we will show you how you can bring them into an event thru Video Conferencing Technology. We will have a short presentation and a demonstration of one such free product (Skype). We will also discuss GPS technology and the new Digital Photo Frames.

Following the presentation, Dick Curry will lead an informative Computer Q&A session.

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.)



Sixty-plus SIR members and guests attend January, Area 2 Computer and Technology Group meeting featuring Phil Goff's presentation on "Emergency Record Keeping"

New SIR 116 Hiking & Walking Group Signing Up Members

Joel White has volunteered to help organize a new SIR 116 Hiking and Walking Group. Initial thoughts are to meet weekly (first 4 weeks of the month) on a given day and time: Three times per month for a walk in a relatively fixed area and once per month with a special outing to a different area.

An organizational meeting of interested SIR's will be held soon so please contact Joel at 964-0994, or e-mail him at: zpz2mrz@yahoo.com if you are interested. You will be placed on a contact list and advised when the first organizational meeting is scheduled, so you can attend and participate in the establishment of this new Branch 116 activity.

February Birthdays

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

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|-------------------|--------------------|
| Anderson, Robert | Kim, Paul H |
| Armijo, Ronald | King, Thomas C |
| Cassettari, Jack | Lind, Wilton H. |
| Chaney, Rodney H. | Marks, Phillip |
| Egan, Clifford A. | McCullough, Gene |
| Farmer, Robert | Mills, Roger |
| Foust, James M | Regalia, Edmund L. |
| Green, Daniel | Roberts, Donald |
| Hagge, Walter H | Schofield, Frank |
| Hill, Stanley R. | Schommer, Edward J |
| Hull, Cordell C. | Scrivner, Roland |
| Kallas, Pete | Suwa, Toshiro |



Membership Roland Scrivner

January New Members



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SIR 116 Member Updates

Patrick Kelly #109 Resigned
Paul Dubow #205 Transfer to Branch
#146, Scheduling problems
Ralph McDowell #120 to Inactive #308
Lyle Busby #173 Passed Away 12/28/07
Jack Dodgson #068 to Inactive #323

SIR 116 Membership Status

Total Current Members — 249
This Month's Inductees — 4
Those in Interview Stage — 1
Total in Process — 6
On Inactive Status — 33
Left the Branch — 5
Waiting for a Member Number — 2

Luncheon Speaker By Little Sir Frank Crua



The speaker for the February meeting is Joe Starkey - Voice of the San Francisco 49ers since 1989 and play-by-play announcer for the University of California at Berkeley Golden Bears Football since 1975.



Joe Starkey took a back door approach to enter the field of sports reporting. Armed with an MBA in industrial relations from Loyola University in Chicago, he served as corporate vice president in charge of Union Bank's Northern California region by age 28. But Joe's heart really belonged to sports. As a spectator, Joe was never without his tape recorder to practice his play-by-play announcing. This technique ultimately became the demo tape that landed him his first sports announcers' job in 1972 for Charley Finley's Oakland-based National Hockey League Seals.

Since that time, Joe has been a broadcaster for the NFL's Minnesota Vikings and Denver Broncos, the USFL's Oakland Invaders, and the NHL's San Jose Sharks and Pittsburgh Penguins. He has also called Golden State Warriors and Cal Bears basketball, and is proud to be an eight time winner of the Associated Press Award for Best California Play by Play Broadcaster. His international experience includes Winter and Summer Olympics, Wimbledon tennis and professional soccer.



Poker Players Wanted Bill Harrington

We're looking for a couple of poker players who can also host a poker game in their home once every six or seven months. We usually play on the third or fourth Wednesday of the month. Please Contact Bill Harrington at 935-1625 for more information



SIR 116 Bridge Milt Greenstein

The SIRS Branch 116 bridge group started 2008 with a whimper. The duplicate session was canceled because it fell on New Year's Day. Then our first session for the lunch / bridge group on January 8th at Roundhill C.C. was canceled due to a power failure in that part of Alamo caused by the heavy rains and winds several days earlier. But on January 22nd, 27 men gathered at Diablo C.C. for lunch and bridge, but the players made up for the lack of playing by scoring the highest day average since the records have been kept. Ali Aghaiepour was high scorer with 7,670 points. Second place was a tie at 6,990 points by Fred Massaro and Milt Greenstein. In 4th place was Art Donaldson with 6,900 points Ali got to that lofty total helped by a small slam with Lee Travis and a grand slam with Warren Westrup. Small slams were also made by Dan Green / Ben Yeraka, Dennis Perry / Lou Sandor and Fred Massaro / Milt Greenstein.

Special SIR 116 April Ladies Day Bridge

Coming up on April 29th is our SIRS Ladies Day lunch and bridge event. This will take place at Diablo C.C., with lunch starting at 11:30 am and bridge following. Cost will be \$ 40 per couple, and prizes will be awarded to the high scoring ladies. Mark your calendars and alert your " significant " other. More details next month.

Luncheon Menu



STUFFED CHICKEN

(Marinated Chicken, Herb Stuffing & Spinach)
Baked in a Light Puffed Pastry Shell served w/Rice Pilaf & Seasonal Vegetables and Small Dinner Salad

Little Sir Sayings Frank Crua

Well, the first meeting is under my belt. I am looking forward to the rest of the year. I would like to thank all of you that provided me with the names of possible speakers. There are 7 more months that need speakers so if any of you know someone to suggest, please do. I can be reached at frcruiser@yahoo.com or (925) 932-0975. hanks.

Sunshine Report Matt Arena



We reported the passing of the following members at the Luncheon: Lyle Busby, Art Frisch, Andy Nastos and Ross Thomas. These SIR' will be missed by their many friends.

Past Big Sir Art Miller has had a heart valve replaced along with a double bypass.

He is convalescing nicely and his wife Mary assures us he is on the mend.

Art has seen too much of the operating room this past year and let us hope this is the end.

Lee Egbert is home following surgery and his wife Pat says he is coming along nicely.

Terry McGovern is recovering from foot surgery and his wife Ruth says he needs to gain some strength.

Denny Olson tells me he needs to string together more good days. Some sunshine and warm weather would help a lot.

Don Harris broke his femur with a misstep off a ladder. His surgery went well and he is at Manor Care at Rossmoor. He is having visitors and he appreciates your concerns.

Jack Dodgson is home from Kaiser and needs cheering up. Perhaps a card or call.

Marty Ratterree and Rod Cheney were back at the Luncheon. It was great to see both of you.

Parker Gibb didn't quite make the last Luncheon. Hopefully he'll make the February meeting.



SIR Fishing Group

Dick Thomson

All SIR members and guests are welcome to participate in fishing trips as well as attend the monthly meetings. The next meeting will be February 28th 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.

The wintry weather kept most fishermen off the water, but the year has been good so far for a few. Terry Miller battled a large sturgeon fishing



Harry Sherinian of Branch 116 holds a limit of nice rainbow trout caught at Shadow Cliffs Lake in Pleasanton

with Carl Moyer. The fish was roughly measured at 83 inches, which according to the chart would weigh 175 pounds, and had to be released since sturgeon over 66 inches cannot be taken. Terry did go home with a nice 7 lb striper. Joe Karg was not as lucky, and got no sturgeon on 2 trips with Carl, but Carl did get a 12 pound striped bass on their first trip. Harry Sherinian and Carl also caught no sturgeon, but did have a good day at Shadow Cliffs Reservoir fishing from the shore. They caught 5 trout, 4 of which were between 2 and 3 pounds each, a good day any time during the year. Paul

Dubow fished for sturgeon with Carl, and caught a kingfish and a small striper, and Carl caught a small golden sturgeon. On other trips, Carl caught a 47 inch sturgeon, a 10 lb striper, and 5 more trout from Shadow Cliffs reservoir. Joe Peterson fished the power lines in the Sacramento River for a few hours and caught one keeper striper and a few shakers..

We have an exciting agenda for 2008.starting with a journey to the Klamath River for steelhead, and a sturgeon outing in Suisun Bay. We will also have a trip for float tube, small boat, and bank fishing at Shadow Cliffs reservoir in Pleasanton, and an adventure to Los Vaqueros reservoir. A shore fishing trip to the delta is going to be a different and interesting foray. We are planning a lot of local outings for next year that should be fun and informative for everybody.

For further information, please contact Craig Walton (Big Fish) (925-937-4876;) Dick Thomson (Branch 116 Coordinator) (925-785-7600;) or Joe Peterson (Treasurer/Secretary)(916-777-5363.)

New Mapping Tool Now Available for Car Pooling

With our monthly luncheon meeting parking problems mounting a mapping tool developed by SIR Branch 8 is now available to 116 members.

In essence the tool provides a map showing the location of other 116 members within a 2-4 mile radius of the requesting member. Experience at Branch 8 shows that we don't always know who are SIR 116 neighbors are.

Please contact Floyd Skelton for your map if you interested in helping put a car pool together at (925) 838-2515

SIR Travel

By Carlos Xavier, Travel 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 chairman and he will have one sent to you. Payment should be made to the travel agency arranging the event unless otherwise stated.

Local Trip – March 2, 2008 Chinese New Year Musical "Fortune or Family". A bilingual musical production set in Ancient China performed in San Francisco featuring classical Chinese Dance, Martial Arts and a jungle set filled with playful monkeys and exotic animals. This performance has been an annual production for 43 years. Price \$41 per person includes all tips & gratuities. Meet at Heather Farms Park at 10:45 am for departure to San Francisco, hosted lunch in China Town, attend performance and return coach trip to arrive in Walnut Creek at approximately 5:30 pm. Sponsored by SIR Branch 8 and escorted by Bob Hagler. Please make check payable to GGT Inc. Trust Account and send check to Bob Hagler Bob at 26 Marlo Court, Walnut Creek, CA 94595. Telephone # (925) 934-7620.

Overnight and Longer Travel

April 3-12, 2008—The Islands of Hawaii. Our 50th SIR Anniversary trip is back again, better than ever. We will fly to and from the Islands and enjoy two nights at the Hawaiian Village on Waikiki Beach before boarding Norwegian Lines' new ship the *Pride of America*. Our 7 day cruise through the Islands include Hilo, Maui, Kona, Kauai and Oahu.

Cost ranges from \$2554 to Owners Suites at \$6065. Contact **Carlos Xavier** at 947-6756 for more details.

October 6-19, 2008—Danube Dream. Glide past fairy-tale castles and medieval villages aboard MS Switzerland II riverboat traveling the second

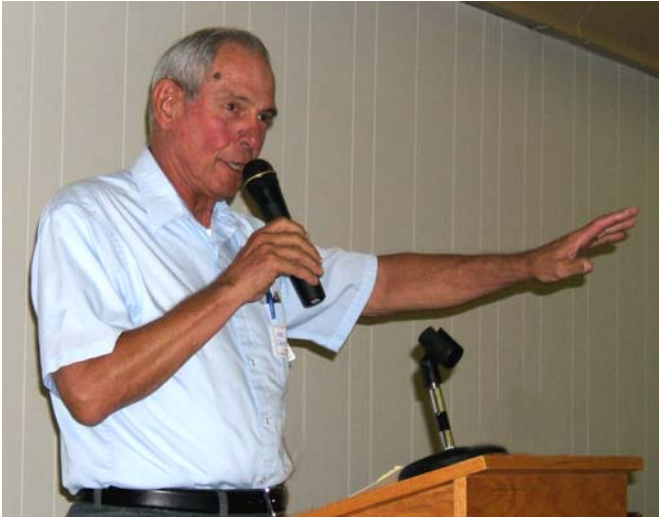
longest river in Europe. Take in views of the Czech Republic, Germany, Austria, Slovakia and Hungary. Enjoy a 2 night stay in Budapest followed by a 7 night cruise on the Danube and a 3 night stay in Prague. Cost \$3415 to \$3660. Call **Bob Hagler** at 934-7620 if you are interested **April 29 - May 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.



Lunch Attendance

Jim Nachtweih

Attendance at the January 21st meeting was 203 persons. This includes 192 members, 1 speaker, and 10 guests. There were 46 excused members, and 12 unexcused members. Unexcused members will be asked to pay for their missed lunch.



JED DANIEL — Featured Speaker at the January SIR 116 luncheon educated us all on “Employee Benefits with a Bankrupt Company” from his experience at Kaiser Aluminum.



\$ums in Retirement

David Munson

The monthly meeting of the \$ums In Retirement investment group will be held on Wednesday 27 February at the Diablo Creek golf course in Concord. The meeting will begin at 8:00am and breakfast at 7:00am.

Our speaker this month will be Robert Regan of the Regan Financial Group in Danville. Rob will be speaking to the group on “Questions for the Retired – Do You Know the Answers”? In addition he will discuss a strategy to provide “Income for Life” and give us a short primer on how really smart money invests; an insight to an investment strategy driven by academic research.

Rob has over 15 years experience in the financial services industry working with families and small businesses on financial planning. He holds a Certified Financial Planner and a Chartered Life Underwriter designation. Rob is a graduate of St. Mary’s College with a degree in Biology.



116 Book Club

Rich Black

How did a heavy drinking skirt-chasing Congressman from Texas and the son of a Greek immigrant from Aliquippa Pennsylvania change history? They supported the largely unreported war in Afganistan which led to the collapse of the Soviet State, as reported with flair and accuracy in George Crile's *Charlie Wilson's War*. Richard Black, Joel White, Bob Daily, Art Donaldson, Lytton DiSilva, John Frazier, Bob Wolf, Jim Scott, Gene Opet, Jim Peck and Guest Al Reynolds offered a number of observations as they gathered at Bonanza Street Books to discuss this factual entertaining account of events, most of which were in the 1980's. It has been widely noted that Bonanza Street Books will be closing at the end of March. The group is tentatively scheduled to meet at Orinda Books for its March meeting. The February meeting, which will discuss “The Lemon Tree” by Sandy Tolan, will meet at 10:00 AM on Monday February 25. The March meeting, which will meet at Orinda Books, will discuss “Inside Delta Force” by Eric Haney at 10:00 AM on Monday March 24.

State ‘SIR Happenings’ Now Online

The latest web edition of the State “SIR Happenings Newsletter” is now available online. <http://sirinc.org/protected/sirhappenings/>

Don MacGregor, Editor and Assistant Editor, John Skarpelos continue to do a superb job on this publication and are interested in any comments or suggestions you may have.

“Happenings” is for SIR members and Branch’s and they want to have content that appeals to you. Please tell them how they’re doing :

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SIR Branch 116 Golf

By Ron Domer, Golf Chairman



Once again I want to Thank Tom Robinson for his efforts in managing and improving our Branch 116 golf group and arranging the tournament contracts for 2008.

Other than the weather, our golf year has gotten off to a good start (that rain suit I bought a couple of weeks ago has been used three times already). We have made some changes for this year, the most significant being the addition of a fourth flight. Our golf book was issued at our January luncheon meeting thanks to the efforts of David Geary and our web site is up to date thanks to David Harris. These two gentlemen do yeoman duty for our club.

We have developed a document outlining the responsibilities of our monthly 18 hole Organizers and it is now posted on the Site Index of our Golf Web Site. It is my plan to have some new folks step up to the plate and be Organizers for 2009. Bob Vetro and his helpers have some special events planned for 2008 and we will revisit the

idea of having a Ladies Invitational again in 2009.

The nine hole group, an important part of our program, has made some improvements and added a nine hole club championship to their plans. I want to recognize Dick Chaffee for his efforts in managing the nine hole group.

A golfer from Townsend, TN proposed to his lady friend and after she accepted he began to tell her about his love of golf. "I'm goin' to be gone about every weekend playin' golf up at Laurel Valley with the boys so you might as well plan on spendin' time without me." "Oh that's fine with me, I'm a hooker," his fiancé said. "Aw hell, don't worry about that. Just weaken your grip a little and pull your left foot back."

NOTICE: The State SIR Golf Tournament will be held in Las Vegas at the Palace Station Hotel & Casino March 31 to April 4, 2008. Cut off date for registration is February 18, 2008. Forms for the tournament have been mailed to a number of our members and are available on the State SIR web site. If you are interested and cannot obtain a form let me know by e-mail.



Intrepid SIRS Brave Icy Blasts At Roddy Ranch." (left to right: Ron Armijo, Dave Carlson, Tom Eller)

Top 2007 Golfers Recognized

The final leaders of the 2007 SIR 116 Golf Group Flights were presented Championship Plaques by Tom Robinson at the January luncheon.



FLIGHT 1

1st—FRANK CRUA
2nd— NEIL SCHMIDT
3rd— DIRK MEYER



FLIGHT 2

1st—TROY POWELL
2nd— TOM ROBINSON
3rd—JERRY HUNTER

FLIGHT 3

1st—PHIL JENKINS
2nd— AL SERAFINO
3rd— JOHN PETERSON

9 Hole Golf News

Dick Chaffee



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 morning 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, 2nd place 2 and 3rd 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 for scoring.

February 9 Hole Schedule:

- Wed Feb 6 Buchanan Fields
- Wed Feb 13 Pine Meadow
- Wed Feb 20 Buchanan Fields
- Wed Feb 27 Diablo Hills

SIR Branch 116 Financial Report

Dick Chaffee, Treasurer

January 2008		2008 YTD
Contributions	\$3,161.16	\$3,161.16
Disbursements	-3,623.47	-3,623.47
Net (gain/loss)	\$ (462.31)	\$ (462.31)
Cash Balance	\$8,263.44	\$8,263.44

2008 Carson City Golf Event News

Tim Hubbard



Sirs, Ladies & Friends-- Save the date !!! CARSON CITY GOLF OUTING FOR 2008 will be held on SEPTEMBER 10, 11 & 12. Come in on Wed, play golf on Thurs & Fri, leave on Sat 9/13. We will play Silver Oak on Thurs 9/11 and EagleValley West on Fri 9/12. The format has not been finalized.

The cost (reduced from 2007) is as follows:

Hardman House - couple both golfing \$654, couple 1 golfer, 1 non-golfer \$549, single \$426

City Center - couple both golfing \$564, couple 1 golfer, 1 non-golfer \$459, single \$315

These prices include wine on the table all 3 nights. We have not resolved the tip issue as yet, but will advise. The reduction in price comes from playing less expensive courses and not having to pay a weekend rate on Friday. Actually both the Hardman House and the City Center raised their rates slightly from last year.

The change to a September date was voted on by last years attendees to better our chances of avoiding really hot weather. Everything else stays the same, ie. 3 banquets preceded by hosted cocktails, tee gifts, sleeve of balls, gaming & food coupons, prizes, green fees with cart and a hell of a lot of fun. We plan to have a ladies bridge event.

Sign-up sheets will be available in April and we will keep announcements coming after that. Mark your calenders, tell your friends (this event is open to everyone), and save the dates. We hope you will join us this year. If you have any questions, give me a call at (925) 944-0742 or send me an e-mail at tthubbs@astound.net.
Happy New Year.

Words of Wisdom

All of us could take a lesson from the weather. It pays no attention to criticism.



18 Hole Results

By David Harris

Roddy Ranch - January 28, 2008

<u>Flight 1</u>			<u>Flight 2</u>			<u>Flight 3</u>			<u>Flight 4</u>		
Jim Clizbe	74	3	Tom Eller	73	3	Troy Powell	74	3	Dan Ghelfi	76	3
Carlos Xavier	77	2	Paul Kim	75	2	Dick Chaffee	76	2	Bil Hemmelsbach	76	3
Pat Tinguely	78	1	Jerry Hunter	82	1	Phil Jenkins	76	2	Max Foust	78	1
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
Jim Clizbe	89		Tom Eller	92		Troy Powell	98		Dan Ghelfi	107	

Closest to: Hole #3 - Jim Clizbe, Jerry Hunter, John Peterson --- Hole 17 - David Carlson, Phil Jenkins

Lone Tree - January 22, 2008

<u>Flight 1</u>			<u>Flight 2</u>			<u>Flight 3</u>			<u>Flight 4</u>		
Domer	78	3	Kim	75	3	Robertson	78	3	Foust	79	3
Xavier	82	2	Meyer	75	3	Serafino	80	2			
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
Domer	92		Kim	92		Serafino	104		Foust	109	
			Meyer	92							

Closest to: Hole #2 - Domer, Serafino --- Hole 11 - Meyer, Foust

Boundary Oak - January 14, 2008

<u>Flight 1</u>			<u>Flight 2</u>			<u>Flight 3</u>			<u>Flight 4</u>		
Randall	69	3	Kim	73	3	Story	76	3	Brown	71	3
McCord	73	2	Harris	76	2	Goff	77	2	Arena	76	2
Schmidt	77	1	Hunter	76	2	Robertson	78	1	Ostler	76	2
Xavier	77	1									
Zavattero	77	1									
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
Randall	85		Kim	90		Goff	100		Brown	107	
									Ostler	107	

Closest to: Hole #2 - Jim Clizbe, Al Serafino --- Hole 12 - Steve Cherepy

Boundary Oak - January 7, 2008

Steve Cherepy	72	3	Dirk Meyer	72	3	Phil Goff	75	3	Max Foust	76	3
Carlos Xavier	74	2	Jerry Hunter	73	2	Al Serafino	77	2	Dan Ghelfi	78	2
Neil Schmidt	76	1	Paul Kim	77	1	Phil Jenkins	79	1	Joe Ostler	83	1
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
Steve Cherepy	82		Dirk Meyer	89		Phil Goff	98		Max Foust	106	

Closest to: Hole #2 - Jerry Hunter, Phil Goff --- Hole 12 - Dirk Meyer, Troy Powell

2008 18 Hole Leaders

As of Roddy Ranch — January 28, 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>
Xavier, Carlos	7	Kim, Paul	9	Goff, Phil	5	Foust, Max	7
Cherepy, Steve	3	Meyer, Dirk	6	Robertson, Conrad	4	Ghelfi, Dan	5
Clizbe, Jim	3	Hunter, Jerry	5	Serafino, Al	4	Brown, Doug	3
Domer, Ron	3	Eller, Tom	3	Jenkins, Phil	3	Hemmelsbach, Bill	3
Randall, Lonny	3	Harris, David	2	Powell, Troy	3	Ostler, Joe	3
McCord, Bill	2			Story, John	3	Arena, Matt	2
Schmidt, Neil	2			Chaffee, Dick	2		
Tinguely, Pat	1						
Zavattero, Al	1						

18-Hole Pay In Advance Deadlines

By David Geary

<u>Event Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Payment Deadline</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Tuesday, February 19 th	Franklin Canyon	February 7 th	\$34
Monday, March 10 th	Diablo Creek	February 26 th	\$37
Tuesday, March 18 th	Delta View	March 5 th	\$29

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The Golf Website address is:

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Please bookmark it in your "Favorites" list of websites to access information on the following:

- 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,

- 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, shortly following 18-hole events, and the monthly luncheon when most signups occur. This listing will show who has signed-up for the next two Boundary Oak sessions, and whether they have indicated using a cart.

All SIR 116 members are encouraged and invited to offer comments, additions, suggestions, and corrections to the site. Please send your e-mail to: 116golf@sbcglobal.net



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