



Trampas Topics

JULY, 2008

SIR Branch 116

Next Meeting: 11:30 am,
July 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

Happy Birthday SIR! July 23, 2008, will mark the 50th anniversary of Sons in Retirement. A kick-off luncheon was held by five men in San Mateo on July 23, 1958. A second meeting was held on August 20, 1958, and the eighteen members present adopted the name "Sons in Retirement."



Also **Happy Birthday to the U.S. of A!** Hope everyone is able to see fireworks, attend a picnic, or watch a ball game to celebrate our 232nd year of independence on July 4.

After discussion at the April and June meetings, the Executive Committee has approved the following Branch recruitment and retention guidelines:

- Everyone is asked to set a personal goal of inviting at least one guest to a Branch activity or luncheon sometime during the year. Possible sources of new members were identified as social, church, and fraternal groups, as well as friends, neighbors and former business associates;
- A visible special sticker will be placed on new members' name tags for three months to enable all members to greet them;
- Sponsors of new members will be entered in a semi-annual drawing for a free lunch; and

Members are encouraged to suggest and be willing to chair new branch activities.

Also at the June meeting, the Executive Committee unanimously approved a one-time **2008 voluntary assessment of \$15** per member to pay for the monthly *Trampas Topics* newsletter, annual membership roster, quarterly State SIR assessment, and miscellaneous expenses. (The monthly luncheon fee of \$15 covers only the cost of the caterer and the rental of the Elks hall.) We will begin collecting the voluntary assessment at the July luncheon meeting. Thank you in advance for your financial support of our Branch!

Nominating Committee Chairman **Floyd Skelton** announced the slate of Branch 116 Officers and Directors for 2009 at the June meeting. (Listed elsewhere in this Newsletter). Floyd and his committee of **David Geary** and **Jim Nachtweih** have put together a knowledgeable and talented team to lead our Branch forward next year. Elections will be held at the August luncheon meeting.

As my term as Big SIR reaches the halfway point, I want to acknowledge the fantastic efforts of the 2008 Officers, Directors and Committee Chairmen listed on Page 2. They are indeed the driving force that makes our branch successful! See you at the luncheon on July 21. Bring a guest!



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PLEASE CALL 806-8874
by the Thursday prior to
the meeting to
cancel your standing
reservation or
to bring a guest.

2008 SIR 116 Officers & Directors



Big SIR
Art Donaldson
934-8391



Little SIR
Frank Crua
932-0975



Secretary
John Maclay
937-2399



Assistant Secretary
Matt Arena
946-0404



Treasurer
Dick Chaffee
932-5087



Assistant Treasurer
Bob Shader
939-8421

DIRECTORS



Pete Belden
686-3650



Ron Armijo
945-0637



Bill
Hemmelsbach
458-2511



Ben Smith
820-5403



Bill McCord
376-5280



Dick Thomson
944-1760



Floyd Skelton
838-2515

2008 SIR 116 Committee Chairmen

Activities Coordinator	Jerry Kaplan	938-1037	Membership Roster	Dick Thomson	785-7600
Attendance	Jim Nachtweih	838-7417	Newsletter Editor	Floyd Skelton	838-2515
Audit	Dick Thomson	785-7600	Nominating	Floyd Skelton	838-2515
Book Club	Rich Black	283-8376	Photographers	Ken Miller	256-9343
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
Duplicate Bridge	Bob Daily	837-7080	Travel	Matt Arena	946-0404
Fishing	Terry Mlller	686-9298	Volunteers	Carlos Xavier	947-6756
Golf	Ron Domer	838-8320	Webmaster	Robbie Robinson	798-4276
Greeters	Tim Hubbard	944-0742	Welcoming	Bob Kinser	837-8886
E-mail Contact	John Maclay	937-2399		Floyd Skelton	838-2515
Historian	Matt Arena	946-0404		Jerry Kaplan	938-1037
Honoree Selection	Jack Bevis	254-7256			
Host	Frank Crua	932-0975	#1. Doug Aalders, Pete Belden, Ron Domer, Lou Sandor and Ben Smith		
Interviewer	Bill Mowris	672-2885	#2. Ron Domer, Milt Greenstein, Marty Ratterree Ben Smith		
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
Fishing	Co-Phil Goff (Branch 116)	820-3573	Rubber Bridge	Fred Bolton (Branch 146)	932-1580
Golf	Craig Walton (Branch 8)	937-4876	Speakers Bureau	John Roebuck (Branch 19)	685-8764
	Jim Willey (Branch 19)	689-3199	\$ums Retirement	Dave Munson (Branch 171)	377-5851

Luncheon Speaker

By Little Sir Frank Crua



Our speaker for the July luncheon is John Roebuck. He graduated from the University of Wisconsin in 1941 with a degree in Chemical Engineering. He



accepted employment with Standard of California who is now known as Chevron. He quickly got into the design of plants for the production of aviation gasoline, and ingredients for synthetic rubber, both desperately needed in the World War II effort.

After a few years in the development and production of chemicals, he was transferred to Caltex, Chevron's overseas affiliate with Texaco, where initially he performed investment analyses, petroleum product forecasting, and general management. He was made Marketing Manager of the Caltex Danish Co.

He then returned to refining and negotiated a joint interest refinery in Singapore and served as the Director for several years, before completing his professional work as Director of Manufacturing in the Philippines.

The title of John's presentation is Future Energy. He will speak about the oil crunch, alternative fuels, and other ways of obtaining the energy necessary to meet global demands.

July Luncheon Menu



CHICKEN PICATA, SERVED OVER PASTA
with Salad, Vegetables, Bread and Dessert

SIR 116 Bridge

Milt Greenstein, Chairman



The lunch/bridge group met on June 10th at Roundhill C.C., with 29 players joining in. Our high scorer today was Cal Cohen with 6,460 points, followed closely by Art Donaldson with 6,310. Third place was taken by Ali Aghaiepour with 55,880 points, and then Gene Power with 4,930. Small slams were made by Bob Singleton/Monte Hall, Cal Cohen/Ali Aghaiepour, Art Donaldson/Cal Cohen, Ben Yeraka/Fred Massarro, and Jim Nachtweih/Gene Power.

The group met again on June 24 at Diablo C.C. with 22 players. Our high scorer for this session was Ali Aghaiepour with 5,130 points, followed by Floyd Skelton (5,120), Bob Singleton (5,080) and Cal Cohen (5,070). Talk about a tight race! Only 50 points between 1st and 4th!). Only one small slam was made today, by Bob Singleton / Lytton DeSilva. Today was not a high scoring day, just slightly below average.

Our next LADIES DAY event is scheduled for Thursday, October 23rd. Mark your calendar.

Idle Thoughts of a Retiree's Wandering Mind

All I ask is a chance to prove that money can't make me happy.

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

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



Computer & Technology Group

Dean Steichen and Phil Goff



Thursday, July 17, Dick Curry will make a presentation about the Internet -- "What is the Internet? How does it work? Who really invented it?"

The internet has become an integral part of our daily lives. We all use it for email, shopping, trading photographs and countless other applications. But how many of us really understand what the internet is and how it works? Please join us to hear Dick Curry demystify the workings of the internet.

Following his internet 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.)

Poker Group #2

Floyd Skelton



First Outing a Great Success!

The first session of our new Poker Group #2 started with a bang on Tuesday, June 17th. We had the perfect seven players for our game, with Jim Nachtweih, John Knowles and Lou Sander the winners. Others joining in the action were Bob Daily, Bob Nilssen, Marv DeHeus, and Floyd Skelton.



Other SIR members have indicated they want to join the fun so our next challenge may be in getting enough players for two tables, or determining a way to fairly allocate available seats to those that want to play. If you have an interest and haven't already indicated same, please contact Floyd Skelton at (925) 838-2515 or e-mail him at:

f.skelton@sbcglobal.net so we can start playing two tables.

Poker Group #2 plays on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at Diablo Country Club in Diablo, from 1-4 p.m. It's a small stakes game, and socializing with fellow SIR members the primary purpose.



\$ums in Retirement

David Munson

For those interested in the investment world, \$ums In Retirement will meet on Wednesday 23 July at the Diablo Creek Golf Course starting at 8:00am. For the early risers breakfast is served starting at 7:00am. The speaker will be Peter James Lingane, EA, CFP of Financial Security by Design of Lafayette, CA. His topic will be "Who Benefits from a Roth Conversion".

Peter's role is to provide objective advice to help you manage your financial affairs with an emphasis on investment and estate planning. His investment philosophy is grounded on the principles of simplicity, diversification, cost control and tax awareness. He is a fee based advisor paid directly by his clients.

You can go to his website at www.lingane.com, click on Investment and Estate Planning for more information.



Lunch Attendance

Jim Nachtweih

Attendance at the June luncheon was 187 persons. This includes 180 members, 1 visitor, 1 speaker, and 5 guestsThere were 53 excused members, and 18 un-excused members. The un-excused members will be asked to pay for their missed lunch.

Membership

Roland Scrivner



June New Members

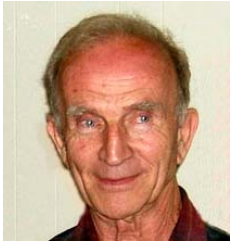
New Member Photos Courtesy of John Peterson



Robert Donohue

Wife: Sue
25 Glenhill Court
Danville, 94526
837-6913

MCA Industries
bobdonohue@sbcglobal.net
Sponsor – Tom Eller #3180



Allen Reynolds

Wife: Nancy
516 Miner Road
Orinda, 94563
254-1576

Centrex Development
reynolds4596@sbcglobal.net
Sponsor–Lytton DeSilva #029

2009 Officer Nominees

The SIR Branch 116 Nominating Committee consisting of Floyd Skelton, David Geary, and Jim Nachtweih announced their nominees for 2009 officers at the June luncheon. Those candidates are:

Big Sir	Frank Crua
Little Sir	Jed Daniel
Treasurer	Ron Armijo
Asst. Treasurer	Bob Shader
Secretary	Conrad Robertson
Asst. Secretary	Matt Arena
Directors:	Art Donaldson
	Phil Goff
	Bill Hemmelsbach
	Bill McCord
	Ben Smith
	Bob Wolf

NOTE: The election of 2009 Officers will be held at the August luncheon.

SIR 116 Member Updates

Leon L Egbert #169 Resigned – Health
Dennis A Olson #023 To Inactive #334 - Health
Harry E Shaner #189 To Inactive #335
Raymond Maffei #036 Passed Away
Ralph L McDowell #308 Inactive Reinstated to Active #023
Leslie D Wareham #320 Inactive Reinstated to Active #036

SIR 116 Membership Status

Total Current Members — 251
This Month's Inductees — 2
Those in Interview Stage — 0
Total in Process — 2
On Inactive Status — 34
Left the Branch — 4
Waiting to be Installed — 2

July Birthdays

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

Allen, Reynolds G	Miller, Don C.
Altomare, James	Nichols, Robert
Bently, Robert B.	Schoen, Gary
Bernard, David Meade	Takacs, John C
Carson, Ernie J	Thede, Walter
Cherepy, Stephen	Tinnes, Tim
Clark, William S.	Vetro, Robert I.
Greenstein, Milton	Videle, James A.
Gusey, Richard	Vollmer, John M.
Harriss, Donald R.	Walsh, Fran
Hess, George A.	Westrup, Warren E.
Hutchko, Alvan	Willis, George H
King, A Paul	

SIR BRANCH 116

2008 CARSON CITY GOLF GETAWAY

SEPTEMBER 10-11-12, 2008



Sept. 11 at Silver Oak 8:30 Shotgun
 Sept. 12 at Eagle Valley West 8:00 Shotgun

36 holes of golf, including cart



Staying at Hardman House

Includes continental breakfast
 Golfer...\$329.00 Double Occupancy
 Non-Golfer..\$224.00 Dbl Occupancy
 Single add \$99.00

Staying at the City Center Motel

Golfer...\$284.00 Double Occupancy
 Non-Golfer...\$179.00 Dbl Occupancy
 Single add \$33.00

ALSO INCLUDES:

- Open bar and buffet dinner all 3 nights
- Golf balls, tee prizes and raffle prizes
- Food, gaming, and bar coupons
- Prospector's Club Membership

Prize money of \$15.00 per player collected upon arrival

Entry deadline is August 28



Mail to: **Tim Hubbard**
1744 Carriage Drive
Walnut Creek, CA 94598-1120



Non-Golfers!!
A Bridge Event is being planned—
Please indicate your interest below**



Please complete the form and circle your selections
Hardman House or City Center Motel

1. Name: _____ Golfer Non-Golfer **

2. Name: _____ Golfer Non-Golfer **

Golfer's NCGA GHIN # 1. _____ 2. _____

Room preference: **Single Double**

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ to cover my reservation

Please make checks payable to **SIR Golf, Branch116**

Your email address: _____

** I'm Interested in Playing Bridge – One Day or Both Days (circle choice)

For Questions: Email Tim at tthubbs@astound.net or call (925) 944-0742



SIR Fishing Group

Terry Miller

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, July 24th 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. Our speaker in June was Mark Wilson, who shared his knowledge of trolling for stripers in the delta. July's speaker will be Barry Canavero, local guide for stripers and sturgeon.

Tom Boltz, Pete Gates, and Steve Loftin fished the Feather River area for some nice trout, but Pete, Tom, and Joe Miscione struck out when sturgeon fishing in the upper Suisun bay. Bob Olson and Dick Thomson caught a halibut trolling in the Berkeley Flats. Don Mittelstaedt worked hard for a few shad in the Sacramento River, but did catch some trout and surprise catfish while fly fishing in the Pit River area. Joining Don were Harry Sherinian, Craig Walton, and Jim Andrews. Ed Djikman hosted the fishing group excursion to a day at the races at Golden Gate fields. Ed was joined by 9 fishing group couples, a few of whom emerged money ahead. Wind has been a local problem, keeping most of us at home. Harry Sherinian and Carl Moyer tried for sturgeon from Martinez, and despite the fact that Carl had two previous calm days catching 2 nice sturgeon, 50 and 60 inches long, Harry's day ended cold and windy and early with only a very small sturgeon. Carl managed to catch 5 rockfish the next day out on the Pacific, but the pesky wind once again drove him away. Meanwhile, Joe Peterson watched forlornly from his home by the Sacramento, where the wind proved relentless..

We have an exciting summer agenda with trips to the delta for bluegill and crappie, fly fishing for trout in various rivers, New Melones Lake for Kokanee, Lake Tahoe for Mackinaw, the bay for halibut, and an evening social at an Irish pub which will be fun. 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, July 24th 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, Fish coordinator, Br 116, (925-686-9298); or Joe Peterson (Treasurer-Secretary) (916-777-5363.)



116 Book Club

Rich Black

Stewardship of the Nation

The group assembled at 10:15 AM on Monday, June 2 at Orinda Books to discuss *Vanishing America* by James Conaway. This was actually the May meeting although we met in June. Jack Butler, Joel White, Lytton DeSilva, Jim Scott, Art Donaldson, Al Reynolds, Bob Daily, John Frazier, Jim Peck and Richard Black attended. Al Reynolds recommended the book because he wanted a good discussion about the stewardship of our natural resources, and the group met the goal. The book presented vignettes from various places in the country to illustrate that the US was destroying vital resources. The SIRS readers were a camp divided. Some felt his illustrations were valid often, some occasionally, and a few felt he rarely made his point.

Did the 1929 Stock Market Crash Cause the Great Depression?

No, argues Amity Shales in "The Forgotten Man: A New History of the Great Depression." The crash was just another periodic correction. The Smoot Hawley tariffs which Hoover signed into law, and the erratic and excessive economic interference of the Roosevelt administration caused and prolonged the Depression. SIR Book Group members Richard Black, Joel White, Jim Pick, Bob Daily, Jack Butler, John Frazier, and Al Reynolds considered Ms. Shales account at their June meeting (actually a second June meeting because there was no May meeting) at 10:15 on Monday morning, June 30 at Orinda Books. The next meeting will be at Orinda Books on Monday July 28 at 10:15 am when the group will read "Three Cups of Tea" by Grag Mortenson and David Relin. Join us and bring a friend.



50th Anniversary in Reno, Nevada - October 28-30, 2008

*Enjoy two nights at the beautiful
and luxurious*

Grand Sierra Resort and Casino

plus an exclusive

SIR 50th Anniversary

*reception and dinner followed by
a performance of
world-famous comedian*

Yakov Smirnoff

Yakov continues to develop his comedy to reflect the dynamics between men and women, the happiness that can be found inside oneself, and a celebration of the spirit of life.



Tour Itinerary Oct. 28-Oct 30

Tuesday: Meet your motor coach for the ride to Reno. Join a Golden Gate Tours hosted SIR exclusive reception with hot and cold hor d'oeuvres and no-host bar.

Wednesday: Free day to enjoy Reno or participate in optional motorcoach tour. Optional tours include Lake Tahoe Cruise, golfing, Virginia City and more. SIR 50th Anniversary Dinner hosted in the ballroom, followed by comedian Yakov Smirnoff in the Grand Sierra Showroom.

Thursday: Enjoy a leisurely morning then re-board your motorcoach for the drive home.

Tour Features

- Deluxe Motor coach transportation throughout Northern California
- Exclusive SIR welcome reception with hot and cold d'oeuvres and a no-host bar
- Baggage handling for one large suitcase per person
- Gratuities for driver and included meal
- Hotel taxes included

TOUR PRICE: \$291 per person, based on double occupancy, \$45 single supplement.

(See Travel Chairman Carlos Xavier or Tom Eller for Application Form.)



New SIR 116 Members with Their Sponsors

New members inducted at the June luncheon meeting and their sponsors are pictured below.

Thanks to John Peterson for the photos



Sponsor Tom Eller (r) with new member Robert Donohue (l)



Sponsor Lytton DeSilva (l) with new member Allen Reynolds (r)



Hiking & Walking Joel White

Gentlemen, this is a reminder that the Sirs Hiking group will meet at the main parking lot, Lafayette Reservoir, Monday Jun 30 @ 8am for the 3 mile relatively gentle walk around the reservoir. This generally takes about 50-60 minutes. See you there



Sunshine Report Matt Arena

Past Big SIR **Floyd Skelton** has advised he was diagnosed with emphysema some time ago, and now frequently requires oxygen. He considers his portable oxygen unit "a good friend" and appreciates that it will assist him in attending future SIR activities.

Gene Power is currently in John Muir Hospital as a result of a diagnosis of cancer.

Though he is medicated to relieve pain when he is alert Gene is the usual wonderful and generous human being more interested in you than his difficulty. Please drop Gene a card. His wife Ann says he really appreciates hearing from his friends.

Joe Lennon has been in the hospital over 2 weeks following surgery.

Unfortunately he developed an abscess and fluid retention which has set him back.

His dear wife Pat would love to see him get out of bed and into a chair so therapy can begin. Joe is at Kaiser Walnut Creek.

Jim Clizbe was operated on and as luck would have it he "blew out a knee". They drained 6 oz of fluid which prevented him from returning home. He was in good spirits just like he is on the golf course after he misses a putt.

Norm Schoenfeld has a bulging disk in his back which is causing substantial pain. The planned epidural will hopefully give him some relief. He says it hurts to walk, sit and stand. He was planning to play with the bridge group as was Gene Power when both men came down with their illnesses.

Bill Sullivan has had vision loss in one eye but tells me that the other eye is fine and feels he can do just fine. In addition his wife Margaret has broken both ankles and is relying on a walker to help with her mobility. They see the Orthopedist for a cast removal and some x-rays to see how she is doing since one ankle was operated on. Bill is Margaret's caregiver and doing a Yoeman's job.

HERE'S WISHING YOU A WONDERFUL SUMMER WITH GOOD HEALTH!!!!!!!

In Memoriam

Walter Hagge

Passed Away 6-10-08

Branch 116 Honoree

By Jack Bevis



Our Honoree Bob Shader recalls that he joined Sirs when Art Miller was Big Sir, That would be 1998 or about 10 years ago. During most of that period he has held the post of Assistant Treasurer. You will recognize him as the man at the luncheon registration table who handles the cash.

Following early retirement in January, 1982 Bob worked as a Consultant in Career Development before retiring a second time in 1994.



Since then, he and wife Nancy have traveled the world and the USA. He also has played golf, worked as a volunteer at W.C. Senior Center and participated in SIRS activities.

Bob was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma April 23, 1929, grew up in Oklahoma, Florida, Ohio and Michigan. His dad was in construction and moved to where the work was.

He attended Tulane University on an NROTC scholarship, graduated with a BS in Industrial Psychology, and was commissioned Ensign, USN June, 1951. A big event occurred in September 1952 when he married Nancy his High School classmate.

He served 3 years active duty during the Korean Conflict with the Amphibious Forces. The last 6 months were on Occupation Duty with the 6th Fleet in the Mediterranean. Following release to inactive duty in 1954, he attended the University of Okla-

Area 2 Single Sir's Dine Out

This dinner group (mostly bachelors) meets on the first Tuesday of each month .

Contact Pat Tinguely, Branch 116, (943-5664) or

Don Atwater, Branch 8, 673-1669

datwater@pacbell.net for next month's restaurant and to reserve a spot.

homa and obtained a Master's Degree in Human Resources.

In, 1963, after 6 years with Phillips Petroleum in Bartlesville he left Phillips to accept the position of Director of Industrial Relations with Standard Magnesium and Chemical in Tulsa. Bob says that he wanted to be with a smaller company in order to have broader responsibilities. So one year later the company was acquired by Kaiser Aluminum.

He served in various Human Resources functions within Kaiser including tours of duty in Sheet and Plate, Electrical Products, Extrusions, Building Products, Forgings and as Director of Personnel for Kaiser Aetna, for their Real Estate Investment and Development partnership. These assignments took him to Tulsa, Erie, PA., Ravenswood, WVA, Oxnard and Oakland, CA

Bob and Nan have 2 sons. The oldest teaches golf, skiing, and elementary school in Reno. The youngest is a Manager with Microsoft, lives in Pleasanton and has 2 daughters whom they enjoy spoiling as good grandparents are expected to do.

2008 Carson City Golf Event

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 Eagle Valley West on Fri 9/12. The format has not been finalized.

See further information and a sign-up form on Page 6.

If you have any questions, give me a call at (925) 944-0742 or send me an e-mail at tthubbs@astound.net.

SIR Travel
Carlos Xavier and Tom
Eller, 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.



Tuesday July 29, 2008 - San Francisco Movie Tour -- Watch actual movie clips on the "Theater-on-Wheels as you pass by locations made famous by classic and contemporary movies. Get a unique perspective on the history of Fan Francisco simply by following its cinematic past. Tour includes transportation from Heather Farms and return, lunch. Price - \$68 per person, including tips and gratuities. If interested, contact Bob Hagler of Branch #2 at 934-7620. Brochures will be available at the next luncheon.

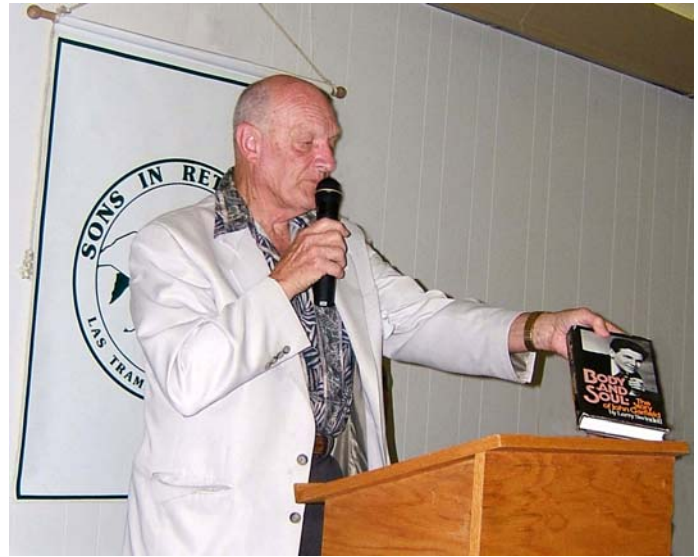
Overnight and Longer Travel.
October 6-19, 2008—Danube Dream. Glide past fairy-tale castles and medieval villages aboard MS Switzerland II riverboat traveling the second longest river in Europe. Take in views of the Czech Republic, Germany, Austria, Slovakia and Hungary. Call **Bob Hagler** at 934-7620 if you are interested.
October 28 – 30. CELEBRATE our SIR 50th ANNIVERSARY in RENO. Enjoy two nights at the luxurious Grand Sierra Resort & Casino. Cost is \$291 p/p double, \$45 single supplement. Includes a \$6 p/p food credit at the hotel. Day one: - deluxe motor coach transportation to Reno and a SIR welcome reception. Day two: - optional daytime tours available; Evening, 50th Anniversary dinner hosted in the ballroom and a performance by Yakov Smirnoff in the Showroom. Day three: – Enjoy a leisurely morning then re-board the motor coach for the drive home. See Brochure in this issue.

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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.



JUNE LUNCHEON SPEAKER — Author and fellow SIR member (Branch 171) Larry Swindell spoke on “The Golden Age of Movies” and shared parts of his biographies on Spencer Tracy, Carole Lombard and Charles Boyer as well as other Hollywood memories.

Photo by John Peterson

State ‘SIR Happenings’

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

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SIR Branch 116
Financial Report
Dick Chaffee, Treasurer

	June. 2008	2008 YTD
Contributions	\$3,494.58	\$21,451.80
Disbursements	-4,078.35	-23,661.45
Net (gain/loss)	\$ (583.77)	\$ (2,209.65)
June Cash Balance		\$6,516.10

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

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.

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 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



SIRS Emerge From The Black Lagoon At Roddy Ranch." (left to right: Tom Eller, Bob Testa, Jerry Hunter)

Photo by John Peterson

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.

Latest SIR 116 Golf Info On Golf Web Site

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>



9 Hole Results

By Doug Aalders, Dick Chaffee, and Scott Ostler

Buchanan Fields, June 18

Doug Aalders	27	3
Dick Chaffee	27	3
George Kohut	28	1

Low Gross

Closest to: Hole: John Canane,
2nd George Kohut, 3rd Ralph Schwarz

Pine Meadow, June 11

Ralph Schwarz	25	3
Chuck Gilliam	26	2
Dick Chaffee	26	2

Closest: Otto Rinkertiron.

9-Hole Leaders

As of Buchanan Fields, June 18

Name	Pts.	Name	Pts.
Schwarz	20	Armijo	3
Powell	19	Daily	3
McLaughry	14	Harrington	3
Cole	9	Vetro	3
Hull	9	Cuny	2
Chaffee	7	Doyle	2
Stralovich	7	Gilliam	2
Aalders	6	Nachtweih	2
Geary	5	Turnquist	2
Kohut	5	Leschot, A	1
Ostler	4	Leschot, R	1

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

Buchanan Fields, June 4

Darrell McLaughry	27	3
Ralph Schwarz	28	2
Doug Aalders	29	1
Chuck Cuny	29	1

Closest to: Hole: Ed Klien 1st, Ralph Schwarz 2nd, Lee Doyle 3rd

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, 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.

July 9-Hole Schedule

Wed 2	10:00	Buchanan Fields	Dick Chaffee
Wed 9	10:00	Pine Meadow	Joe Ostler
Wed 16	10:15	Diablo Hills	Doug Alders
Wed 23	10:00	Buchanan Fields	Dick Chaffee
Wed 30	10:00	Pine Meadow	Joe Ostler



18 Hole Results

By David Harris

Rancho Solano — June 30, 2008

<u>Flight 1</u>		<u>Flight 2</u>		<u>Flight 3</u>		<u>Flight 4</u>	
Jerry Hicks	69 3	Robbie Robinson	70 3	Bob Testa	68 3	Bill Hemmelsbach	63 3
Neil Schmidt	69 3	Tom Eller	72 2	Phil Goff	69 2	Ron Amijo	72 2
Lonny Randall	72 1	David Harris	73 1	Phil Jenkins	69 2	John Peterson	75 1
				Carl Langhorst	69 2		
Low Gross		Low Gross		Low Gross		Low Gross	
Jerry Hicks	84	Tom Eller	89	Phil Goff	92	Bill Hemmelsbach	100

Closest to: Hole #5 -David Harris, Ron Amijo --- Hole 15 - Carlos Xavier, John Story

Delta View — June 23, 2008

<u>Flight 1</u>		<u>Flight 2</u>		<u>Flight 3</u>		<u>Flight 4</u>	
Bill Clark	71 3	Robbie Robinson	73 3	Troy Powell	72 3	Ron Amijo	69 3
Bill McCord	72 2	Al Hutchko	76 2	Phil Jenkins	74 2	Max Foust	70 2
Al Zattero	76 1	David Carlson	77 1	Carl Langhorst	75 1	Bill Hemmelsbach	74 1
		Tom Eller	77 1	John Story	75 1		
		Jerry Hunter	77 1	Low Gross		Low Gross	
Low Gross		Low Gross		Troy Powell	98	Max Foust	101
Bill McCord	85	Tom Eller	94	John Story	98		

Roddy Ranch June 17, 2008

<u>Flight 1</u>		<u>Flight 2</u>		<u>Flight 3</u>		<u>Flight 4</u>	
Larry Cannon	73 3	Jerry Hunter	73 3	Bob Testa	70 3	Max Foust	71 3
Neil Schmidt	74 2	Tom Eller	78 2	Carl Langhorst	72 2	John Peterson	75 2
		David Carlson	79 1	Dick Chaffee	74 1	George Kohut	79 1
Low Gross		Low Gross		Low Gross		Low Gross	
Larry Cannon	89	Jerry Hunter	94	Bob Testa	98	Max Foust	103

Boundary Oak — June 9, 2008

<u>Flight 1</u>		<u>Flight 2</u>		<u>Flight 3</u>		<u>Flight 4</u>	
Steve Cherepy	72 3	David Carlson	69 3	Phil Jenkins	67 3	Doug Brown	73 3
Jim Clizbe	73 2	Robbie Robinson	72 2	Troy Powell	68 2	Dan Ghelfi	73 3
Bill Clark	75 1	Jerry Hunter	83 1	John Story	71 1	Joe Ostler	75 1
Bill McCord	75 1						
Low Gross		Low Gross		Low Gross		Low Gross	
Steve Cherepy	82	David Carlson	91	Troy Powell	93	Dan Ghelfi	103

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2008 18 Hole Leaders

As of Rancho Solano — June 30 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	33	Meyer, Dirk	28	Goff, Phil	27	Foust, Max	38
Randall, Lonny	18	Hunter, Jerry	24	Robertson, Conrad	23	Hemmelsbach, Bill	31
Schmidt, Neil	17	Harris, David	19	Story, John	23	Ghelfi, Dan	26
Zavattero, Al	14	Carlson, David	17	Powell, Troy	17	Peterson, John	14
Tinguely, Pat	12	Robinson, Robbie	17	Jenkins, Phil	15	Brown, Doug	13
Cannon, Larry	11	Kim, Paul	15	Testa, Bob	13	Ostler, Joe	10
Cherepy, Steve	11	Eller, Tom	14	Chaffee, Dick	11	Armijo, Ron	7
Xavier, Carlos	10	Crua, Frank	10	Langhorst, Carl	11	Lockwood, Frank	7
Clizbe, Jim	9	Nichols, Bob	8	Serafino, Al	8	Donohue, Bob	6
Domer, Ron	9	Hutchko, Al	5	Daniel, Jed	7	Kinser, Bob	4
Geary, David	9	Marks, Phillip	5	Walden, Herman	3	Arena, Matt	3
Clark, Bill	8	Schnieder, Will	5	Yniguez, Tony	3	Gilliam, Charles	3
Hicks, Jerry	3	Socolich, Dick	3	Lutkus, Alex	2	Vogl, Art	3
		Schoen, Gary	2	McClaughry, D	2	Stralovich, Joe	2
						Kohut, George	1

18-Hole Results — *Continued from Previous Page* Boundary Oak — June 2, 2008

<u>Flight 1</u>		<u>Flight 2</u>		<u>Flight 3</u>		<u>Flight 4</u>	
Bill McCord	67 3	Phillip Marks	68 3	Phil Jenkins	63 3	Max Foust	67 3
Neil Schmidt	69 2	Jerry Hunter	70 2	Carl Langhorst	68 2	Bill Hemmelsbach	70 2
Lonny Randall	70 1	Tom Eller	73 1	Bob Testa	69 1	Dan Ghelfi	74 1
Low Gross		Low Gross		Low Gross		Low Gross	
Bill McCord	80	Phillip Marks	86	Phil Jenkins	91	Max Foust	97

(Bill shot his age)

Closest to: Hole #2 - Tom Eller, Carl Langhorst --- Hole 12- Bill Clark, Phil Jenkins

18-Hole Pay In Advance Deadlines By David Geary

GOLF BOOK ERROR: Boundary Oak on July 14th is a MONDAY. Blue Rock Springs on July 22nd is a TUESDAY. Please change your golf book now!

Event Date	Location	Payment Deadline	Amount
Tuesday, July 22nd	Blue Rock Springs (East)	July 10th	\$35
Monday, July 28th	Brentwood	July 18th	\$37



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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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Checks for Trips

Trips of 2 days and 1 night or less may be made payable to the Branch conducting the trip. Trips in excess of 1 night must be made payable to the travel agency involved.