



Trampas Topics

JUNE, 2008

SIR Branch 116

Next Meeting: 11:30 am,
June 16, 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

The Spring Dinner Dance at the new Lafayette Veterans Memorial Building came off very nicely thanks to the efforts of **Bill McCord, Frank Crua, and John Story**. The facility is certainly beautiful, the meal was delicious, and the dance band was in fine form. We were even treated to some impromptu informative remarks on the origin of the Veterans facility by Senior Sir Art Miller. Only one instance of a golfer unable to make it to the links because of dance-induced back stiffness came to my attention, and he has now recovered.



Further on the always interesting subject of parties, plans have been announced for the second SIR 50th Anniversary celebration (the first celebration was a Hawaiian cruise). It will be in Reno Nevada on October 28-30, 2008. Price of \$291 per person includes round trip motor coach, 2 nights accommodations at the Grand Sierra Resort & Casino, SIR 50th Anniversary dinner, and tickets to hear comedian Yakov Smirnoff. Information and application are on pages 9 and 10. Look for flyers as well at the June meeting.

And golfers don't forget our own annual branch trip to Nevada: September 10-12, 2008, to Carson City. **Tim Hubbard** is already taking reservations for this popular trip which includes two rounds of golf and a bridge event for non-golfing guests. Information and reservation form on is on page 7.

And while I'm on the subject of travel, **Robbie Robinson** has resigned as our Branch Travel Co-Chairman to form his own Travel Agency. Thank you Robbie for your service this year, and best of luck in your new venture. Appreciation to **Tom Eller**, who has agreed to step in as new Branch Travel Co-Chairman along with continuing Co-Chair **Carlos Xavier**.

A tip of the cap to **Bob Daily, Jim Nachtweih, and Floyd Skelton** for their efforts in launching the second Branch 116 poker group, as mentioned on page 3 in this Newsletter. Please contact Floyd, who has agreed to act as Chairman, to get (cut) in on the action!

And finally, starting in June we will move the new member induction ceremony to the monthly luncheon instead of the Executive Committee meeting. After induction, new members will be introduced to the Branch by their sponsors as we have done previously.

See you at the luncheon on June 16. Bring a guest!

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

**A good way to change
somebody's attitude is
to change your own.**

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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
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
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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	#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
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	Jim Willey (Branch 19)	689-3199	\$ums Retirement	Dave Munson (Branch 171)	377-5851

Luncheon Speaker

By Little Sir Frank Crua



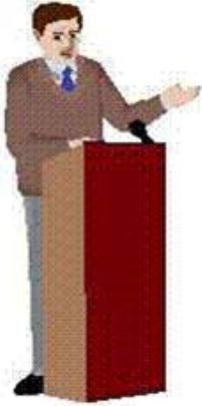
Our speaker for June is Larry Swindell. Larry is a native Texan nurtured in southern California at UCLA in 1952 and professionally seasoned as a journalist in New York, Pennsylvania and

Texas. He has taught at five universities - the University of Maryland, LaSalle University, UC Irvine, and the University of Delaware and for 20 years at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth.

He is also the author of five film star biographies rooted in movie history. His books, all issued by major publishers, have been printed in 8 languages. The subjects of the biographies are Spencer Tracy,

John Garfield, Carole Lombard, Gary Cooper, and Charles Boyer. His expertise is on movie history, baseball, and the U.S. presidency.

He has lived in Moraga since 1999 and is a member of SIRS chapter 171. He is married and has five children and 11 grandchildren. The title of his presentation is "The Golden Age of Movies."



SIR 116 Bridge

Milt Greenstein, Chairman

On May 6th, 16 men gathered at the Pleasant Hill Bridge Center for duplicate bridge. Jim Nachtweih / Gene Gould came in first with 49.5 points, followed by Art Donaldson / Jack Butler with 48.5, Lytton DeSilva / Joel White at 47.5 and Oscar Krikorian / Milt Greenstein at 42.5 points. (An average score today would have been 42.0.)

On May 13th, 23 men met at Diablo C.C. for lunch and bridge. Our big winner today was Joel White with 5,830 points, followed by Ali Aghaiepour (5,010), Jai Yee (4,790) and Cal Cohen (4,530). Only one small slam was made today by the team of Joel White and Dick Chaffee.

The bridge group met again on May 27th at Roundhill C.C. with 26 men participating. Our top men today were Jim Nachtweih with 6,310 points, Dennis Perry (6,060), Ali Aghaiepour (5,620) and Gene Gould (5,290). Small slams were made by Jim Nachtweih / Warren Westrup, Jim Nachtweih / Norm Schoenfeld and Jack Butler / Gene Gould.

Our Ladies Day Bridge was a real success, so we are planning another day in October. Stay tuned for further details.



Poker Anyone? Group #2 Starting Up

We're looking for some poker players who are interested in a "small stakes" game that features socializing with some fellow Sir's.

This group will play on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at Diablo Country Club from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

1st Game—Tuesday, June 17, 1 p.m.

If you're interested, don't delay, as we expect to fill up fast. Contact Poker Group 2 Chairman Floyd Skelton (925) 838-2515.

Membership

Roland Scrivner



Total Current Members — 250
This Month's Inductees — 0
Those in Interview Stage — 0
Total in Process — 2
On Inactive Status — 36
Left the Branch — 3
Waiting to be Installed — 2

Member Updates

Leon L Egbert #169 Resigned – Health
Dennis A Olson #023 To Inactive #334 - Health
Harry E Shaner #189 To Inactive #335

Computer Group

Dean Steichen and Phil Goff

We Will Not Meet in June

Please plan to join us on July 16 as we resume our monthly meeting schedule. The topic of the July meeting will be announced in the July Newsletter.

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.)

2008 Carson City Golf Event News

Tim Hubbard



Attention Golfers !!! Please note the "sign up sheet" for the CARSON CITY GOLF GETAWAY in this issue.

This is a wonderful opportunity to play golf on different courses at an altitude of 4,700' where the drives travel further and new challenges wait to be conquered. Also there will be 3 separate banquets and hosted cocktail parties including lots of prizes in addition to those you might win on the golf course. The Carson Nugget (our host) has live music for dancing. Also this year there will be a ladies "bridge event" or maybe two if enough ladies are interested. Shopping, sight seeing, some thing for everyone. Please come join us, we guarantee 3 days of fun !!!

It would be appreciated if you would sign up early. Your check will be deposited and cleared within a month so it should not be outstanding very long. We'd like to get an idea of the number of attendees by mid to late June so we can invite other Branches as necessary. Bring you friends. Attendees do not have to be a member of Sirs, Guests have always been welcome.

If your significant other wants to play golf only one day, or you have other questions, call or e-mail Tim Hubbard

A goal properly set is halfway reached.

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.

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. 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.

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 and Application Form in this issue.

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.

And They Ask Me Why I Like Retirement!

Question: How many days in a week?

Answer: 6 Saturdays, 1 Sunday



Sunshine Report

Matt Arena with
Art Donaldson Assisting

Very sorry to report Senior Sir **Ray Maffei** passed away on May 27 after a brief illness. Ray will be sorely missed by his many friends in Branch 116. Sir **Bill Sullivan** suddenly experienced loss of sight in his left eye. While being treated at home, he developed salmonella poisoning and was admitted to John Muir. After his devoted wife Margaret watched him taking a blood test, she stood up suddenly and promptly fell and broke both ankles. After her surgery Bill and Margaret ended up sharing the same hospital room for a couple of days! He is now back home coping with loss of sight in one eye and she is recovering in Manor Care until she can obtain a walking cast. Past Big Sir **Courtney Borrecco** has returned home from John Muir following hip surgery. His dear wife Frances is at the ready to nurse him back to his usual busy schedule. "**Will Lind** recently fell stepping out of a sand trap at Diablo Hills and broke a bone in his arm. He will be sidelined from swinging a golf club indefinitely." **Bill Andrews** had a fall but made it to the Ladies Dinner-Dance and assured us he looks a lot better than he did following the episode. Past Big Sir **Art Miller** has 2 more surgeries to go but he came to the Ladies Dinner- Dance to extend best wishes from the members of the VETERAN'S MEMORIAL in Lafayette. Stay well and enjoy your summer.

In Memoriam Ray Maffei

Passed Away 5/27/2008

June Luncheon Menu



MEXICAN FAJITA DAY

Chicken and Steak with Spanish Rice, Pinto Beans, and Taco Salad



Hiking & Walking

Joel White

Several hikes have taken place, but never more than 2 members at a time, A survey of those involved suggests that the initial enthusiasm for Wednesdays at 2 PM has waned, particularly as the weather has warmed.

For June, the only thus far scheduled hike is Monday, June 2. We will meet at the main parking lot at Lafayette Reservoir. This will be followed by breakfast in Orinda at a coffee shop near the Book Club meeting place.

We will plan to have one or two additional morning hikes/walks in the month of June. I would encourage members who wish to participate to contact me by e-mail zpz2mrz@yahoo.com with suggested dates UPON WHICH THEY WILL PARTICIPATE. I will collate a walking group e-mail list and try to find a day upon which the greatest participation is likely and e-mail back the results. The walks will be easy.

I encourage participation in these walks as a means of fulfilling two of the 5 E's of good health-- Exercise and Enjoy. Joel

June Birthdays

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

Arena, Mathew	McCallum, William E.
Benz, Andrew	McInnis, Charles D.
Bergamini, Richard F.	Meyer, George D.
Carlson, Linton D	Meylan, C Louis
Dillon, Frank	Powell, Troy
Goff, Phillip	Scott, James
Hunter, Jerry	Sherinian, Harry P
Kaplan, Marvin	Tullis, David S
Lowenberg, Stanley	Yee, Jai L
Lutkus, Alex E	

SIR 116 Ladies Day Spring Dinner/Dance



Lafayette Veteran's Hall Is Set-up for a Party



Tim and Kathy Dorr Dancing the "Light Fantastic"



Phil and Diane Goff's Winning Smiles



Ron and Angela Domer Off to a Good Start to Enjoying the Event



Bob and Doris Johnston—All Class!

All But One Photo by Phil Goff

SIR Branch 116 Financial Report Dick Chaffee, Treasurer

May, 2008		2008 YTD
Contributions	\$5,175.00	\$17,957.22
Disbursements	-5,5615.80	-19,583.10
Net (gain/loss)	\$ (440.80)	\$ (1,625.88)
April Cash Balance		\$7,099.87



\$ums in Retirement David Munson

The \$ums In Retirement investment group will meet on Wednesday 25 June at the Diablo Creek Golf Course at 8:00am. Our speaker will be Mr. Tom Kopas of Pring Turner Capital Group in Walnut Creek. Tom has been a long time speaker to \$ums and many attendees eagerly await his comments on the stock and bond markets. He will speak to us this time on the outlook for the markets at this time of volatility and uncertainty.

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



Not On Sir 116 e-mail? — Why You May Want to Be!

Floyd Skelton, SIR 116 e-mail List Maintenance

Some Important Information About The SIR Branch 116 e-mail Listing

Beginning in 2008 we started maintaining an e-mail list of all SIR 116 members that have e-mail. The purpose of this address book is to provide a means to advise members of important, late-breaking information in a timely manner.

Your inclusion in that list is voluntary, and exclusion is your option. Please keep in mind that you may miss an announcement you may have wished to receive if your address is not included.

SIR 116 e-mail Addressbook Facts:

#1. E-mails can only be sent with the approval of the Branch Big Sir, and to announce the publication of the current edition of Trampas Topics.

#2. Your address will be kept strictly confidential, and never appear in an e-mail send to box, or be provided to any non-SIR 116 entity.

#3. The e-mail list has been used twice so far in 2008 for two important announcements: (a) The availability of new parking options for our monthly luncheon meetings, and (b) to correct the erroneous Trampas Topics announcement of a May Luncheon meeting.

If your name appears in the list below and you have an e-mail address you are NOT on the current SIR 116 e-mail list. If you wish to be added send an e-mail to SIR116@sbcglobal.net requesting same and you will be added. If you are receiving e-mails from the above address, and you would like to be removed, you will be removed.

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

SIR Website Addresses

SIR 116 Web Site

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

Branch 116 Golf

— <http://www.sir-web.org/116-golf/>
Computer and Technology

http://www.sir-web.org/computer/SIR_Happenings_State_Newsletter

<http://sirinc.org/protected/sirhappenings.htm>

State SIR Web Site

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

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Antczak, John E.
Bamberger, Richard A.
Bergamini, Richard F.
Beria, Mario
Booth, Donald B.
Borrecco, Courtney J.
Canane, John T.
Cassettari, Jack
Cochran, Donald G.
Cole, Edward C.
Contestable, Pasquale
Cuny, F.B.
Dahl, John
Dodgson, Jack H.
Donaldson, Arthur S.
Doyle, Albert L.
Eckels, Paul
Farmer, Robert
Fend, Werner
Fioretti, Renzo L.
Floyd, Paul
Freccero, Anthony
Ginter, William K.
Groeper, Alvin H.
Gusey, Richard
Hagler, Jack
Harrington, William
Harriss, Donald R.
Hayes, William J.
Hess, George A.
Hill, Stanley R.

Hood, Leonard E.
Jacobs, John C.
Johnston, Robert R.
Kaplan, Marvin
Kay, Norm
Kosters, Edward H.
Kranayak, Attila D.
Lake, Robert D.
Lausten, Raymond C.
Leschot, Allen
Loder, Robert
Mills, Roger
Morgan, Jesse E.
Morison, Paul
Mowris, William C.
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Radakovich, Ronald
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Schofield, Frank
Seaton, Don
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Story, John L.
Suwa, Toshiro
Thede, Walter
Tullus, David S.
Turrin, Arthur P.
Walden, Herman
Westrup, Warren E.
Willis, George H.
Yniguez, Anthony J.



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,



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.

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-



APPLICATION

Yakov Smirnoff

SIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

October 28 - 30, 2008

TOUR #08-1-099

Make check payable to : GGT Inc., Trust Account

Mail to: **GOLDEN GATE TOURS**

3380 Vincent Rd, Ste A

Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

Phone: (800) 874-4345 Fax: (925) 938-3381

Enclosed please find payment for the FULL amount of _____ (**\$291 per person**) to secure reservation(s) for _____ person(s).

SPACE IS LIMITED AND IS RESERVED ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS.

SIR BRANCH

Name _____ Nickname for Badge _____

Name _____ Nickname for Badge _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____ Rooming with: _____

Phone# _____ Email: _____

Emergency Contact Name & Phone# _____

Room: Smoking _____ Non Smoking _____ (if available) Bedding: One bed ____ Two beds ____

I/We want information regarding Optional Insurance YES NO _____

If no, signature is REQUIRED

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING ONLY IF YOU WISH TO PAY BY CREDIT CARD.

I would like to charge the tour deposit to my credit card: Visa Mastercard Discover

Your name as it appears on Credit Card _____

Card Number _____ Expiration Date _____

Amount to be charged to Credit Card: _____

I herewith authorize the Issuer of my credit card to provide payment in the amount listed above to Golden Gate Tours for the services I have contracted to receive. I also agree to perform the obligations set forth in the Cardholder's agreement with the Issuer.

Signature _____ Date _____

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OPTIONAL TRAVEL INSURANCE: Insurance for Trip Cancellation/Interruption, Medical, Baggage and Evacuation is available and highly recommended. You are advised to check first with your medical carrier to determine if you have adequate medical and medical evacuation coverage during travel. Your travel leader has the insurance application forms. **IMPORTANT NOTE:** If you apply for this optional insurance within fourteen (14) days of making your deposit for a tour, and purchase the enhancement option, the exclusion for pre-existing conditions may not apply. If pre-existing medical conditions for you or your family are not a concern, the insurance may be purchased anytime before departure. However, we recommend you purchase the insurance no later than the day you make final payment for the tour.

CANCELLATION POLICY: A full refund will be made for cancellations received prior to **September 19, 2008** after which time a refund will be given only if your seat is resold.

APPLICATION: APPLICATION IS DUE WITH FULL PAYMENT IN ORDER TO RESERVE YOUR SPACE. SPACE IS LIMITED!

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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. Our next meeting will be Thursday, June 26th 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 May was Bill Adelman, retired guide, who shared his knowledge of California Reservoirs and Lakes. Our June speaker will be Mark Wilson, who will share his knowledge of trolling for stripers in the delta.

We have been very busy since the last newsletter, despite big winds. Fishing for halibut in the bay on a partyboat were Craig Walton, Joe Peterson, Tom Boltz, Harry Sherinian, Terry Miller, Dick Thomson, Pete Gates and Carl Moyer. The first trip was very successful, with 14 halibut and 6 stripers including a hefty 20 pound striper caught by Terry Miller. We had a very successful return trip to Shadow Cliffs reservoir catching over 20 feisty trout, followed by a picnic. Attending were Harry Sherinian, Craig Walton, Joe Peterson, Jack Waddell, Joe Miscione, Carl Moyer, Tom Boltz, and John Hayes. Fishing there were Terry Miller, Craig Walton, Romano Gnusti, Tom Boltz, Karl Droese, George Schultse, and John Hayes. Craig Walton and Joe Peterson



Carl Moyer, Craig Walton, Terry Miller, Harry Sherinian, Joe Peterson, and Tom Boltz hold some delicious halibut and striper caught on a SIR's fishing outing. The group landed 14 halibut and 6 stripers for a lot of great eating.

fished the Sacramento River on a rare windless day for 3 stripers. Paul Dubow and Carl Moyer fished for sturgeon the same day, and Paul caught a big 60 inch sturgeon that put up a good fight. Karl Droese and Carl fished the next day at Shadow Cliffs for quick limits of trout. Kent Cremolini fished with a guide in the upper Sacramento River for a lot of stripers to 26 lbs. Joe Miscione had a very memorable day fishing from Kona, catching a 250 lb Brassy Shark, many Aku, and 2 Mahi Mahi. We have an exciting agenda for 2008 with delta trips for stripers and sturgeon, fly fishing for trout in various rivers, New Melones for Kokanee, Lake Tahoe for Mackinaw, the bay for halibut, a fishing group day at the races, and an evening social at an Irish pub should be fun. We are planning a lot of outings for this year that should be productive and informative for everybody.

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116 Book Club

Rich Black

Ohmagosh! No book group in May

The group will next meet at 10:15 AM on Monday, June 2 at Orinda Books to discuss *Vanishing America* by James Conaway. Orinda Books has a limited number of copies, otherwise order from:

www.amazon.com

The group will meet again in June, on Monday June 29 at 10:15 AM at Orinda Books to be exact, to discuss *The Forgotten Man* by Amity Shlaes. See you there.

SIR 116 Members and Spouses Enjoy Outing



Photos by Phil Goff



SIR Branch 116 Golf Ron Domer, 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 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.

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

9 Hole Results

By Doug Alders, Dick Chaffee, and Scott Ostler

Diablo Hills, May 28

Name	Net	Pts.
Ed Cole	28	3
Ralph Schwarz	29	2
Ron Armijo	30	1

Low Gross

Closest to: Hole - Lee Doyle. 2nd Doug Alders

Buchanan Fields, May 21

Name	Net	Pts.
Joe Ostler	25	3
Chuck Gilliam	27	2
Ron Armijo	28	1

Low Gross

Closest to: Hole: David Geary,
2nd Chuck Gilliam, 3rd Bill Harrington

9-Hole Leaders

As of Diablo Hills, May 28

Name	Pts.	Name	Pts.
Schwarz	23	Kohut	4
Powell	22	Daily	3
Cole	12	Harrington	3
McLaughry	11	Vetro	3
Hull	9	Chaffee	2
Geary	8	Doyle	2
Stralovich	8	Nachtweih	2
Ostler	7	Turnquist	2
Armijo	6	Cuny	1
Alders	5	Leschot, A	1
Gilliam	4	Leschot, R	1

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.

Pine Meadow, May 14

Name	Net	Pts.
Troy Powell	27	3
Ralph Schwarz	27	3
Joe Stralovich	28	1

Closest: Nobody can hit a short iron.

Buchanan Fields, May 7

Name	Net	Pts.
David Geary	27	3
Cord Hull	27	3
Ron Armijo	29	1

Closest to: Hole: Jai Yee,
2nd David Geary, 3rd Ralph Schwarz

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.

June 9-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Wed 4	10:00	Buchanan Fields	Dick Chaffee
Wed 11	10:00	Pine Meadow	Joe Ostler
Wed 18	10:00	Buchanan Fields	Dick Chaffee
Wed 25	10:15	Diablo Hills	Doug Alders



18 Hole Results

By David Harris

Shadow Lakes — May 28, 2008

<u>Flight 1</u>			<u>Flight 2</u>			<u>Flight 3</u>			<u>Flight 4</u>		
Neil Schmidt	68		David Harris	69		John Story	67	3	Doug Brown	64	3
Pat Tinguely	74		Tom Eller	70		Conrad Robertson	67	3	Dan Ghelfi	72	2
Jim Clizbe	82		Jerry Hunter	70		Carl Langhorst	71	1	John Peterson	77	1
			Dirk Meyer	70							
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
Neil Schmidt	85		David Harris	88		John Story	92		Doug Brown	102	
			Tom Eller	88							
			Dirk Meyer	88							

Closest to: Hole #7 - Frank Crua, John Story --- Hole 17 - Dirk Meyer, Carl Langhorst

Lone Tree — May 19, 2008

<u>Flight 1</u>			<u>Flight 2</u>			<u>Flight 3</u>			<u>Flight 4</u>		
Lonny Randall	67	3	Dirk Meyer	67	3	Carl Langhorst	64	3	Dan Ghelfi	71	3
Bill McCord	72	2	Will Schnieder	67	3	Troy Powell	69	2	Max Foust	72	2
Steve Cherepy	73	1	Robbie Robinson	69	1	Al Serafino	69	2	Frank Lockwood	73	1
			Bob Nichols	69	1						
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
Steve Cherepy	82		Dirk Meyer	84		Carl Langhorst	92		Dan Ghelfi	101	

Closest to: Hole #5 - Will Schnieder, Carl Langhorst --- Hole 11 - David Carlson, Troy Powell

Boundary Oak — May 12, 2008

Match Play: Branch 116 vs. Branch 171

36 Matches -- Each match worth 2 points

Branch 116 scored 20 points – Branch 171 scored 52 points

Congratulations to Branch 171 -- Wait Until Next Year!

Boundary Oak — May 5, 2008

<u>Flight 1</u>			<u>Flight 2</u>			<u>Flight 3</u>			<u>Flight 4</u>		
Pat Tinguely	70	3	David Carlson	69	3	Dick Chaffee	71	3	Dan Ghelfi	75	3
Larry Cannon	71	2	Tom Eller	74	2	Troy Powell	73	2	Joe Ostler	75	3
Carlos Xavier	72	1	Phil Marks	74	2	Bob Testa	73	2	John Peterson	77	1
			Robbie Robinson	74	2						
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
Larry Cannon	87		Tom Eller	91		Phil Goff	97		Dan Ghelfi	105	
Carlos Xavier	87					Troy Powell	97				

Closest to: Hole #2 - Will Schnieder, Troy Powell --- Hole 12- Darrel McClaughry

2008 18 Hole Leaders

As of Shadow Lakes — May 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>
McCord, Bill	27	Meyer, Dirk	28	Goff, Phil	25	Foust, Max	30
Randall, Lonny	16	Harris, David	18	Robertson, Conrad	23	Hemmelsbach, Bill	25
Zavattero, Al	13	Hunter, Jerry	17	Story, John	21	Ghelfi, Dan	22
Tinguely, Pat	12	Kim, Paul	15	Powell, Troy	12	Peterson, John	11
Schmidt, Neil	10	Carlson, David	12	Chaffee, Dick	10	Brown, Doug	10
Xavier, Carlos	10	Crua, Frank	10	Serafino, Al	8	Ostler, Joe	9
Domer, Ron	9	Robinson, Robbie	9	Daniel, Jed	7	Lockwood, Frank	7
Geary, David	9	Eller, Tom	8	Testa, Bob	6	Donohue, Bob	6
Cannon, Larry	8	Nichols, Bob	8	Jenkins, Phil	5	Kinser, Bob	4
Cherepy, Steve	8	Schnieder, Will	5	Langhorst, Carl	4	Arena, Matt	3
Clizbe, Jim	7	Hutchko, Al	3	Walden, Herman	3	Gilliam, Charles	3
Clark, Bill	4	Socolich, Dick	3	Yniguez, Tony	3	Vogl, Art	3
		Marks, Phillip	2	Lutkus, Alex	2	Armijo, Ron	2
		Schoen, Gary	2	McClaghry, D	2	Stralovich, Joe	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, June 17th	Roddy Ranch	June 2nd	\$39
Monday, June 23rd	Delta View	June 11th	\$29
Monday, June 30th	Rancho Solano	June 18th	\$42

Latest SIR 116 Golf Info Available on Our 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>

Another View of the Game of Golf

A recent study found the average American golfer, walks about 900 miles a year. Another study found American golfers drink, on average, 22 gallons of alcohol a year. That means, on average, American golfers get about 41 miles to the gallon. Makes you kinda proud.



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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.

RULE 101. Certification of attendance by a member at another Branch meeting will be considered as a credit to his attendance record. (Maximum of 2 visits per calendar year).

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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.