



Trampas Topics

MARCH, 2008

SIR Branch 116

Next Meeting: 11:30 am,
Monday, March 17, 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

Great news on our luncheon parking situation! **Tom Eller** has obtained permission from the property managers of Buildings 47 and 49 adjacent to the Elks club, for us to use the 30 parking spaces in their lot on meeting days. The lot entrance is the first right turn off of Creekside Drive after you exit South Main, just before the Elks lot. For March and April, we will put up a sign "SIR OK" with an arrow at the entrance to the lot. Also, please take advantage of the hard copy map offered by **Floyd Skelton** that shows Branch 116 members who live near you for possible car pool arrangements. We are hopeful that these two measures will significantly improve our luncheon parking.



Joel White convened the inaugural meeting of the Branch 116 Hiking and Walking Club immediately after the February Luncheon. Ten members attended and came up with a schedule for weekly walks in March as listed elsewhere in this Newsletter. Plan to come out and enjoy the beautiful spring weather at a comfortable pace.

Floyd Skelton and fellow nominating committee members **David Geary** and **Jim Nachtweih** began accepting nominations for 2009 Branch Officers and Directors at the February meeting. They passed out forms for members to nominate someone (including himself) for a leadership position in our Branch. The Committee can still accept your nominations as they begin compiling a final list of candidates.

Bill McCord and his team have begun taking reservations for the "Ladies Day" Spring Dinner Dance Party scheduled for Wednesday, May 14, at 5:30 p.m. at the Lafayette Veterans Memorial Building. It promises to be another gala evening so mark your calendars and sign up soon. Bill reminds us that just like at our regular luncheon meetings, your guests are welcome to attend.

Terry Miller is taking over Fishing Chairman duties from **Dick Thomson** effective immediately. Thank you Dick for chairing the fishing activity so faithfully all these years! Now Dick will have more time to concentrate on his other Branch 116 duties of Director, Auditor, Computer Support, and maintaining the Membership Roster—or just dropping a hook in the water! Remember to bring a guest to one of the SIR activities you enjoy.



Happy St. Patty's

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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
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932-5087



Assistant Treasurer
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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		John Peterson	946-0335
Candy Sales	Dirk Meyer	820-6878	Piano	Bob Lake	837-4054
Chaplain	Rotating	#1 See Below	Poker	Bill Harrington	935-1625
Christmas Party	Bill McCord	376-5280	Spring Party	Bill McCord	376-5280
Computer & Technology Group	Phil Goff	831-3692	Storytellers	Rotating	#2 See Below
Computer Support	Dick Thomson	785-7600	Sums In Retirement	Ben Smith	820-5403
Duplicate Bridge	Bob Daily	837-7080	Sunshine	Matt Arena	946-0404
Fishing	Terry Miller	686-9298	Travel	Carlos Xavier	947-6756
Golf	Ron Domer	838-8320		Robbie Robinson	798-4276
Greeters	Tim Hubbard	944-0742	Volunteers	Bob Kinser	837-8886
E-mail Contact	John Maclay	937-2399	Webmaster	Floyd Skelton	838-2515
Historian	Matt Arena	946-0404	Welcoming	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
	Ed Myrtle (Branch 8)	229-2371	\$ums Retirement	Dave Munson (Branch 171)	377-5851

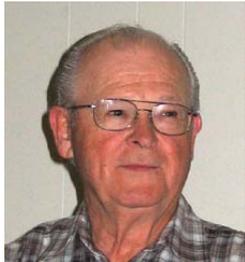
Branch 116 Honoree

By Jack Bevis



FEBRUARY HONOREE – TERRY MILLER

You don't have to be a golfer to make a splash in the SIRS organization. Terry Miller is a fisherman



who led the fishing group for two years as BIG FISH. On a recent trip to the Delta he made his biggest splash. He caught a 7-foot, 175-pound sturgeon. That was something that he will not soon forget.

Terry has been very active in SIRS. He was attendance chairman for three years. He served as a Director for three years. In addition to his service as BIG FISH he also was Branch 116 Fishing Coordinator. He has also been our Greeter.

As BIG FISH, Terry with other fishermen has been on many fishing trips. Those enjoyable outings lasted from one to as long as five days. The



\$ums in Retirement

The regular meeting of the \$ums In Retirement Investment Group will be held on 26 March starting at 8:00am at the Diablo Creek golf course with breakfast starting at 7:00am for the early birds.

Our speaker will be Ms. Libby Mihalka of Altamont Capital Management of Livermore. Her company is a fee based financial planning, investment management and tax planning firm. Libby is the founder of Altamont Capital Management and has extensive experience in the investing field having worked as an analyst and manager with CAL Pers and with investment banks in New York and San Francisco. She has a BA from Smith College, an MBA from Dartmouth and also has the CFA designation.

group caught salmon in the ocean and rainbow trout in various lakes.

Terry was born in Rockwell, N.C. He attended Wake Forest College. 1955 he joined the Air Force

and served for 4 ½ years as An Air Policeman at Castle Air Force Base, Merced, Ca. Terry met Georgene and they were married in Merced, 1957. Terry began working for Bank of America in 1959. Terry and Georgene have 4 sons, which are now all grown-up. Terry retired in 1996 from Bank of America after nearly 40 years with the Bank

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

Trampas Topics Submissions



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

Floyd Skelton, Trampas Topics Editor
trampastopics@gmail.com



Computer & Technology Group

Dean Steichen and Phil Goff



Thursday, March 20, we will have a presentation on how to digitize your old record collection and convert to audio CD's.

A guest speaker, Jim Meskauskas, will show how easy it is to hook up a record player to your PC



Dean Steichen, CAT Co-Chairman, making presentation on Digital Picture Frames at the February 21 Computer and Technology Group meeting.

and capture the music from LP records in digital format. Next he will show how to improve the digital soundtracks by removing any pops and/or hisses. Finally, he will demonstrate how to burn an audio CD of the music.

Following the Panel 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.)

BIG TROUBLE

A husband got in trouble after his anniversary. His wife told him: "Tomorrow there better be something in the driveway for me that goes zero to 200 in 2 seconds flat." The next morning the wife found a small package in the driveway. She opened it and found a new bathroom scale.

March Birthdays

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

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| Allen, Douglas G | Mix, Robert W. |
| Belden, Peter | O'Connor, Charles S. |
| Christoffersen, Tim | Peterson, John |
| Fend, Werner | Plank, Lloyd G. |
| Harrington, William | Radakovich, Ronald |
| Johnston, Robert R. | Remorini, Victor |
| Lake, Robert D. | Schoenfeld, Norman |
| Lennon, Joe A. | Sherman, David T |
| Leschot, Ronald | Story, John L |
| Lockwood, Frank N. | Tinguely, J Patrick |
| Lockwood, Todd W | Welsh, Donald |
| Loder, Robert | Zurich, Bob A |
| Mc Cord, William | |

March Luncheon Menu



CORNE BEEF
(Cabbage, Potatoes, Salad, Rolls)



Membership

Roland Scrivner

February New Members



Ralph H. Schwarz

1 Fleetwood Ct.
Orinda, 94563
254-0643

Kaiser Aluminum
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Douglas G. Allen

(Wife – Claudia)
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743-4177

Kaiser Aluminum
dougclaudia@yahoo.com

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January Member Photo Correction

We Inadvertently Switched Photos in January. They Are Correctly Shown Below



Tom Brightbill



Charles Gilliam

SIR 116 Member Updates

Frank Lockwood - E-Mail Change to:

flockwood@sbcglobal.net

Edward Kusters #80 – To Inactive #327

SIR 116 Membership Status

Total Current Members — 251
This Month's Inductees — 2
Those in Interview Stage — 5
Total in Process — 8
On Inactive Status — 34
Left the Branch — 1
Waiting for a Member Number — 1

Luncheon Speaker

By Little Sir Frank Crua



GARY D. VILLALBA has worked in Veterans Affairs for many years. Gary was appointed by the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County as a County Department Head and County Veterans Service Officer (CVSO) on August 8, 1988 where he continues to serve. Prior to this assignment he worked as a CVSO for Ventura County from October 1982 to July 1988. Gary will be retiring on March 28, 2008.



He was the Past President of the California Association of County Veteran Service Officers, Inc. in 1992-93. And he was selected CVSO of the Year in 1998 by the California Veterans Board.

He has attained VA national accreditation as a Veterans Service Representative with the following Veteran Service Organizations: American Legion, American Veterans (AMVETS), California Department of Veterans Affairs (CDVA), Disabled American Veterans (DAV), Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH), National Association of County Veteran Service Officers (NACVSO), Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), and Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA).

Gary was born and raised in Santa Barbara, California. He is the 7th generation from Santa Barbara. He received an Associate of Arts Degree from Santa Barbara City College in 1965. He then obtained a Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of California at Santa Barbara in 1973. He is a former grade school-teacher, grades K-9 and former social services worker for Santa Barbara County.

He served honorably in the U.S. Army for three years during the Vietnam War. He was awarded the Army Commendation Medal for meritorious service in the Republic of China (Taiwan), 1967-1968.



SIR 116 Bridge

Milt Greenstein

Our duplicate group met on February 5, 2008, at the Pleasant Hill Bridge Center with 10 players attending. The high team for this session was Dick Chaffee / Dan Greenberg with a score of 70.50, or 65.20 %. In second place was the team of Bob Daily / Bob Wolf with 66.00 points, while Dan Green / Milt Greenstein came in third with 58.50 points.

On February 12th, 28 players gathered for lunch and bridge at Roundhill C.C. This was a low scoring day with only 5,120 points winning the day by Bob Wolf. Second place was captured by Oscar Krikorian with 4,970 points while Ali Aghaiepour was third with 4,640 and Ron Wol-

berg was fourth with 4,490 points. We had only one small slam today, bid and made by Monte Hall and Oscar Krikorian. On February 26th, 25 players met for lunch and bridge at Diablo C.C. In contrast with the last session, this was a high scoring day. Top honors went to Ali Aghaiepour with 8,440 points. In second place was Art Donaldson with 5,810 points, followed by Milt Greenstein with 5,180 points and Gene Power with 4,930 points. We had 4 small slams today, Lytton DeSilva / Milt Greenstein, Bob Daily / Floyd Skelton, Fred Massarro / Warren Westrup and Art Donaldson / Joel White.

Our spring Ladies Day Bridge event is coming up on April 29th. Treat your " significant other " to a great lunch and a delightful afternoon's bridge session with other SIRS couples. Contact your bridge chairman for details and to sign up. There is room for lots of people, so come on out!

Sunshine Report

Matt Arena



Lee Egbert has had a stent placed in a blocked carotid artery and now the doctors expect better blood flow to his heart. He is feeling much better since the operation and Lee will join us for lunch in March.

Terry McGovern's foot surgery is healing and he is recovering nicely.

It has been a while since he has been with us at lunch so perhaps a call or card to let him know we miss his presence.

Past Big Sir Art Miller has been home for a week and is gaining strength following his surgery and a spell in a convalescent hospital. He could write a book on "How **not** to treat a patient" and it could be a best seller knowing his flair for words.

Don Harris is up and walking and most of the pain following the surgery is gone.

He sounds in great spirits and is looking forward to being at the luncheon by April.

Paul Morrison had a short hospital stay because of some bleeding but is back to almost normal.

He will be at the next luncheon.

Editor's Note: Matt Arena, while retrieving another golfer's ball, slipped, fell and broke both his left ankle and wrist. Speedy Recovery Matt!

In Memoriam

Ernie Gilmore

Passed Away 2/18/2008

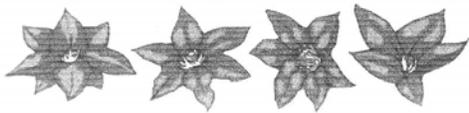
By Matt Arena

Past Big Sir Ernie Gilmore after 9 days of treatment for pneumonia passed away at Kaiser Hospital on January 18, 2008 surrounded by his wife Rae and their 3 children and their spouses and his minister.

Not only will Ernie be missed by his immediate family but Ernie's many friends will miss his presence and friendship at our SIR' luncheons and events.

Condolences have been expressed from our Branch to Rae Gilmore and the family and she was appreciative of our concerns for all the Gilmore's. She advises that there will not be an obituary.

Rae requests that flowers be omitted however she suggests charitable contributions can be made in Ernie's name to the Heart Association and Diabetes Associations or organization of your choice.



*Sons in Retirement
Cas Trampas Branch #116*



Presents

**SIRS
SAVE MAY 14th
for this event**

"Ladies Day" Spring Dinner Dance Wednesday

May 14, 2008

Veterans Memorial Building

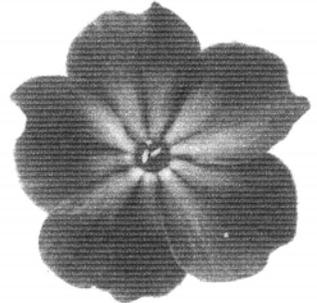
3780 Mt. Diablo Blvd. Lafayette

5:30pm til 10:30pm

Dinner provided by Catered Elegance



Music by The Diplomats



No Host Cocktails 5:30 til 7pm

Dinner 7pm

Dancing 8pm

Dinner Entree Choice:

Petite Filet of Beef or Salmon

Wine will be served with dinner

\$37.50 per person

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

Deadline: May 7, 2008

Dinner Chairman: Bill McCord

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

*Please indicate dinner entree choice*

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

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



## SIR Fishing Group

Terry Miller

All SIR members and guests are welcome to participate in fishing trips as well as attend the monthly meetings. Next meeting will be Thursday, March 27th 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. February meeting speaker was Peter Alexander of the East Bay Parks Department, telling us about all the lakes and streams planted with trout and available for us. Our speaker in January was Clyde Wands who showed us techniques for trolling for stripers in the delta, and our March speaker will be Kevin Yost, a party boat captain fishing for sturgeon from Pittsburg. Harry Sherinian was the excellent host for a day of fishing at Shadow Cliffs Reservoir attended by 12 fishing Sirs. It was a beautiful day, warm and calm, the fishing was stopped at noon for a wonderful hot dog and potato salad picnic, and everyone had a good time, especially the fish who were almost completely unharmed. Only 3 fish were killed. Harry was surprised, because in 3 earlier trips to test the lake he did very well, catching limits or near limits each day. Attending were: Craig Walton, Joe Peterson, Joe Karg, Terry Miller, Carl Moyer, Romano Gnusti, Dick Thomson, John Hayes, George Schulze, Bob Olson, Tom Boltz, and Joe Miscione. In other fishing forays, Sal Constanza and his grandson fished Lafayette Reservoir from the shore for no fish. Karl Droese and a friend fished the same lake in a rental boat for 1 small trout. Karl and Joe Karg went sturgeon fishing on the Morning Star for no fish, but Joe did catch a small trout on a short afternoon outing to Shadow Cliffs Reservoir. Carl Moyer fought the flu hard for several weeks, and only managed 3 unsuccessful trips for sturgeon. Paul Dubow and Carl tried the Ozol pier by Martinez, and two attempts at the mouth of Montezuma Slough, one with Terry Miller, producing only one 4 lb striper, that was released unharmed. Carl said there were lots of sturgeon there, but no biters. In several trips, Joe Peterson and Craig Walton fished the power lines near Sherman Lake for some small stripers, several keepers, and one keeper sturgeon. A planned outing to Los Vaqueros Reservoir was called off due to high winds, but fishmaster Jack Waddell is going to make another attempt. We have an exciting agenda for 2008, starting with a sturgeon outing in Suisun Bay, a trip to San Pablo Reservoir, day trips to the delta for stripers, A shore fishing trip to the delta is going to be a different and interesting adventure. There are also trips to McSwain reservoir for trout, Lake Almanor for trout, the Pitt River fly-fishing. The fishing group day at the races will be fun. We are planning a lot of local outings for this year that should be fun and informative. Walton (Big Fish) (925-937-4876); Terry Miller (Branch 116 Coordinator) (925-686-9298); or Joe Peterson (Treasurer/Secretary)(916-777-5363.)



Carl Moyer shows a nice trout caught on the SIR outing to Shadow Cliffs.

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Terry Miller (116), George Schultze Craig Walton, Dick Thomson (116), Harry Sherinian (116), Joe Peterson, Romano Gnusti, Bob Olson (116), Tom Boltz, Joe Karg, and Joe Miscione enjoyed a winters fishing day at Shadow Cliffs Reservoir in Pleasanton.

## See's Candies 2008 Easter Discount Sale

This sale provides group discount prices to SIR Branch 116 members. It is not a fund raiser.

- Mail candy orders by **Wednesday March 12** to:

Dirk Meyer, 112 Castelford Circle,  
Danville, CA 94526 (phone 820-6878)

- or **Order at the Monday March 17** SIR 116 Luncheon

- Make check payable to "SIR Branch 116 - Candy".

- Orders and checks must be from SIR members, *but you may include family and friends in your order.*

- Pick up candies in Elks Club parking lot

**Friday March 21, 9:00 to 10:30 am**

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

| Size    | Item                       | Retail  | How Many | Discount | Total \$ |
|---------|----------------------------|---------|----------|----------|----------|
| 11.3oz  | Easter Ribbon Box          | \$18.75 |          | \$16.75  |          |
| 6.2 oz  | Large Novelty Egg          | \$9.25  |          | \$8.25   |          |
| 11.7oz  | Easter Assortment          | \$11.50 |          | \$10.25  |          |
| 13.5oz  | Choc. Butter Egg / Pecans  | \$14.10 |          | \$12.60  |          |
| 9.5 oz  | Rocky Road Egg             | \$9.90  |          | \$8.80   |          |
| 6 oz    | Choc. Butter Egg (no nuts) | \$6.30  |          | \$5.60   |          |
| 4.8 oz  | Marshmallow Egg (6 pack)   | \$4.75  |          | \$4.20   |          |
| 4.5 oz  | Choc. Butter Egg (6 pack)  | \$5.00  |          | \$4.45   |          |
| 8 oz    | Egg Quartet                | \$8.80  |          | \$7.85   |          |
| 1lb 4oz | Easter Treat Basket        | \$19.00 |          | \$17.00  |          |
| 1 lb    | Milk Chocolate Foil Eggs   | \$10.50 |          | \$9.50   |          |
| 1 lb    | Dark Chocolate Foil Eggs   | \$10.50 |          | \$9.50   |          |
| 10 oz   | Chocolate Foil Rabbit      | \$8.50  |          | \$7.55   |          |
| 12 oz   | Jelly Beans                | \$3.35  |          | \$3.00   |          |
| 7.5 oz  | Bunny & Butterfly Box      | \$5.50  |          | \$4.85   |          |
| 8 oz    | Truffles                   | \$8.60  |          | \$7.20   |          |
| 1 lb    | Truffles                   | \$17.20 |          | \$14.40  |          |
| 1 lb    | Gold Fancy                 | \$19.80 |          | \$16.85  |          |
| 2 lb    | Gold Fancy                 | \$37.50 |          | \$31.90  |          |
| 4 lb    | Gift of Elegance           | \$75.25 |          | \$64.50  |          |

| Size                                                                                                         | Item                                          | Retail  | How Many | Discount | Total \$ |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|---------|----------|----------|----------|
| 1 lb                                                                                                         |                                               | \$15.00 |          | \$10.95  |          |
| 2 lb                                                                                                         | Assorted Chocolates                           | \$30.00 |          | \$21.90  |          |
| 3 lb                                                                                                         |                                               | \$45.00 |          | \$32.85  |          |
| 5 lb                                                                                                         |                                               | \$75.00 |          | \$54.75  |          |
| 1 lb                                                                                                         | Milk Chocolates                               | \$15.00 |          | \$10.95  |          |
| 2 lb                                                                                                         |                                               | \$30.00 |          | \$21.90  |          |
| 3 lb                                                                                                         |                                               | \$45.00 |          | \$32.85  |          |
| 1 lb                                                                                                         | Dark Chocolates                               | \$15.00 |          | \$10.95  |          |
| 2 lb                                                                                                         |                                               | \$30.00 |          | \$21.90  |          |
| 1 lb                                                                                                         | Soft Centers                                  | \$15.00 |          | \$10.95  |          |
| 2 lb                                                                                                         |                                               | \$30.00 |          | \$21.90  |          |
| 1 lb                                                                                                         |                                               | \$15.00 |          | \$10.95  |          |
| 2 lb                                                                                                         | Nuts & Chews                                  | \$30.00 |          | \$21.90  |          |
| 3 lb                                                                                                         |                                               | \$45.00 |          | \$32.85  |          |
| 1 lb                                                                                                         | Bridge Mix                                    | \$15.00 |          | \$10.95  |          |
| 1 lb                                                                                                         | Victoria Toffee                               | \$15.00 |          | \$10.95  |          |
| 1 lb                                                                                                         | Toffee-ettes (can)                            | \$15.00 |          | \$10.95  |          |
| 1 lb                                                                                                         | Almond Royal (can)                            | \$15.00 |          | \$10.95  |          |
| 12oz                                                                                                         | Mixed Salted Nuts (can)                       | \$8.00  |          | \$7.15   |          |
| 1lb 8oz                                                                                                      | Peanut Brittle                                | \$14.00 |          | \$12.10  |          |
| 8 oz                                                                                                         | See's Awesome Peanut Brittle Bar (8 pack box) | \$7.80  |          | \$5.50   |          |
| 12 oz                                                                                                        | See's Awesome Nut & Chew Bar (8 pack box)     | \$7.80  |          | \$5.50   |          |
| 12 oz                                                                                                        | See's Awesome Walnut Square Bar (8 pack box)  | \$7.80  |          | \$5.50   |          |
| 8 oz                                                                                                         | Assorted Molasses Chips                       | \$7.50  |          | \$5.50   |          |
| 8 oz                                                                                                         | Assorted Peppermints                          | \$7.50  |          | \$5.50   |          |
| 8 oz                                                                                                         | Little Pops - Assorted                        | \$6.80  |          | \$4.50   |          |
| 8 oz                                                                                                         | Little Pops - Cafe Latte                      | \$6.80  |          | \$4.50   |          |
| 1lb 5oz                                                                                                      | Assorted Lollypops                            | \$14.00 |          | \$11.00  |          |
| 1lb 5oz                                                                                                      | Chocolate Lollypops                           | \$14.00 |          | \$11.00  |          |
| 1lb 5oz                                                                                                      | Butterscotch Lollypops                        | \$14.00 |          | \$11.00  |          |
| 1lb 5oz                                                                                                      | Cafe Latte Lollypops                          | \$14.00 |          | \$11.00  |          |
| 1lb 5oz                                                                                                      | Vanilla Lollypops                             | \$14.00 |          | \$11.00  |          |
| 1 lb                                                                                                         | Gift Certificate                              | \$15.00 |          | \$11.00  |          |
| Mailing Cartons for all items (except those in <i>italic print</i> ) Specify items on the back of this form. |                                               |         |          | \$1.00   |          |
| <b>Total - Both Columns</b>                                                                                  |                                               |         |          |          |          |



## SIR Travel

Carlos Xavier and Robbie Robinson, Travel Co-Chairman



Pick up brochures, forms, etc., at the travel desk at the luncheons. If we run out of these and you



are still interested in the trip, please ask your travel 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 with a visit to the Institute of Texan Culture, Botanical Gardens, Brackenridge Park featuring Japanese Gardens. Austin with a visit to the LBJ Library, University of Texas and returning to San Antonio. Tour price is \$1475 per person double occupancy, \$415 single supplement. Price includes round trip transport to airport, round trip airfare to San Antonio, five nights accommodation at the Drury Plaza Hotel, motorcoach, breakfast daily, one lunch and three 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 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 un-excused members. The unexcused will be asked to pay for their missed lunch.

# SIR Branch 116 Hiking & Walking

Joel White



An organizational meeting of the Sirs Branch 186 Hiking and walking club was held on February 18 following the regular monthly lunch meeting.

In attendance were Rich Black, Dick Chaffee, Frank Crua, Art Donaldson, David Geary, David Harris, Jerry Kaplan, Bill McCallum, and Joel White.

The following concordances were achieved:

1. The hiking and walking club would be open to spouses and significant others
2. All physical ability levels are encouraged with the development of walks of duration (approximately 1-2 hours) and degree of difficulty appropriate for the interests of the participants
3. Regular walks will commence in March, weather permitting (cancelled if raining) and will initially be as follows:
  - a. 1st Tuesday of month (following duplicate bridge- 1:30) starting at the Pleasant Hill Bridge Center: We will walk on the Contra Costa regional trail which is approx 1/2 block away.
  - b. 1st Wednesday of the month, 2 PM at the Boat House, Lafayette Reservoir

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

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

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

4. Time of day, location, and schedule will be adjusted as necessitated by weather (i.e summer heat, winter rain) and interest of the participants. Every month or two, members of the club will organize special 1/2 to 1 day long outing with car-pooling arrangements to be announced, to areas of special interest. Details of each outing will be announced in the monthly Trampas Topics.

Anyone is welcome to join. Also, any organizational meeting attendees whose recollections differ from those of the author are welcome to submit corrections.

**SIR Branch 116  
Financial Report  
Dick Chaffee, Treasurer**

| February 2008             |                   | 2008<br>YTD |
|---------------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Contributions .....       | \$2,790.29        | \$5,941.45  |
| Disbursements .....       | -2,798.49         | -6,421.96   |
| Net (gain/loss) .....     | \$ (8.20)         | \$ (480.51) |
| <b>Cash Balance .....</b> | <b>\$8,245.24</b> |             |

**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/>



## Special SIR Events for Your Calendar

**April 29 — Spring Ladies Day Bridge**  
Diablo Country Club, Diablo, CA  
Contact: Milt Greenstein, 376-5589

**May 14 — Spring Dinner Dance**  
Veterans Memorial Building, Lafayette, CA  
Contact: Bill McCord, 376-5280

**September 10, 11, 12 — Carson  
City Golf Outing**  
Carson City, Nevada  
Contact: Tim Hubbard. 944-0742

**December 9 — Christmas Dinner Dance**  
Veterans Memorial Building, Lafayette, CA  
Contact: Bill McCord, 376-5280

## SIR Book Club Joel White

The Sirs 116 Book club met for the last time at Bonanza (going out of business) Street Books on Monday February 25 for an animated discussion of *The Lemon Tree* by Sandy Tolan.

This description of the historical context of the founding of the State of Israel and the meeting and subsequent relationship between Dalia Eschenazy, the daughter of Bulgarian Jewish holocaust survivors, and Bashir Khairi, a Palestinian gives a poignant personal emotional context to the Arab-Israeli conflict.

The conclusion of both the book and our group seemed to be that the problem is insoluble without a major change the basic tenets of conflict resolution in the Middle East.

Discussants were Joel White, Lytton DeSilva, Art Donaldson, Jim Scott, Al Reynolds, Bob Dailey, Jim Pick, Bob Wolf, and Jack Butler. Next meeting is 10AM Monday, March 24 at Orinda Books to discuss *Inside the Delta Force* by Eric Haney.



## 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 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.

## Carson City Golf Event

Sirs, Ladies & Friends-- Save the date !!! CARSON CITY GOLF OUTING FOR 2008 will be held on SEPTEMBER 10, 11 & 12. We will play Silver Oak on Thurs 9/11 and Eagle Valley West on Fri 9/12.

The cost : 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.

For more info contact Tim Hubbard, 944-0742

# 9 Hole Results

By Dick Chaffee, 9-Hole Coordinator, and Jerry Kaplan



## Diablo Hills, February 27

| Name                           | Net | Pts. |
|--------------------------------|-----|------|
| Troy Powell                    |     | 3    |
| Joe Stralovich                 |     | 2    |
| David Geary                    |     | 1    |
| Closest to: Hole—Ralph Schwarz |     |      |

## Buchanan Fields, February 6

| Name                                     | Net | Pts. |
|------------------------------------------|-----|------|
| Ralph Schwarz                            | 27  | 3    |
| Darrell McClaughry                       | 28  | 2    |
| Cord Hull                                | 29  | 1    |
| Closest to: Hole #5 - Darrell McClaughry |     |      |

## Buchanan Fields, February 20

| Name                               | Net | Pts. |
|------------------------------------|-----|------|
| Ralph Schwarz                      | 26  | 3    |
| Joe Stralovich                     | 28  | 2    |
| Troy Powell                        | 29  | 1    |
| Closest to: Hole #5 -Ralph Schwarz |     |      |

## 9 Hole Golf News

SIR Branch 116 9 Hole Golf Club membership is open to all Branch members and guests regardless of your golfing ability. We play every Wednesday starting at 10:00am. We rotate playing Buchanan Fields, Concord, Pine Meadows, Martinez and Diablo Hills, Walnut Creek. Changes for 2008! This year the 9 Hole Golf Club is organized into a single flight. The weekly Champion is the player with the lowest net score. The weekly Champion is awarded 3 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> place 2 and 3<sup>rd</sup> place 1. The 2008 Champion will be the golfer with the highest point total.

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

I play in the low 80's. If it's any hotter than that I won't play — Joe E. Lewis

## Pine Meadow, February 13

| Name                                 | Net | Pts. |
|--------------------------------------|-----|------|
| Joe Stralovich                       | 26  | 3    |
| Cord Hull                            | 27  | 2    |
| Ralph Schwarz                        | 29  | 1    |
| Closest to: Hole #4 - Bill Turnquist |     |      |

## 9-Hole Leaders

As of Diablo Hills, February 27

| Name       | Pts. | Name    | Pts. |
|------------|------|---------|------|
| McLaughry  | 10   | Hull    | 3    |
| Powell     | 10   | Vetro   | 3    |
| Schwarz    | 7    | Aalders | 2    |
| Stralovich | 7    | Chaffee | 2    |
| Geary      | 5    |         |      |



"I don't think Charlie is ever going to get out of that trap!"

## March 9-Hole Schedule

| Date   | Time  | Location        | Organizer    |
|--------|-------|-----------------|--------------|
| Wed 5  | 10:00 | Buchanan Fields | Dick Chaffee |
| Wed 12 | 10:00 | Pine Meadow     | Joe Ostler   |
| Wed 19 | 10:00 | Buchanan Fields | Dick Chaffee |
| Web 26 | 10:15 | Diablo Hills    | Doug Alders  |



# 18 Hole Results

By David Harris

## Deer Ridge — February 25, 2008

| <u>Flight 1</u>  |    |   | <u>Flight 2</u>  |    |   | <u>Flight 3</u>  |    |   | <u>Flight 4</u>  |     |   |
|------------------|----|---|------------------|----|---|------------------|----|---|------------------|-----|---|
| Ron Domer        | 71 | 3 | David Harris     | 65 | 3 | John Story       | 64 | 3 | Max Foust        | 70  | 3 |
| Bill McCord      | 71 | 3 | Bob Nichols      | 70 | 2 | Conrad Robertson | 68 | 2 | Bill Hemmelsbach | 70  | 3 |
| Al Zavattero     | 71 | 3 | Paul Kim         | 73 | 1 | Phil Goff        | 72 | 1 | Chuck Gilliam    | 81  | 1 |
|                  |    |   | Dirk Meyer       | 73 | 1 | Troy Powell      | 72 | 1 | Bob Kinser       | 81  | 1 |
| <b>Low Gross</b> |    |   | <b>Low Gross</b> |    |   | <b>Low Gross</b> |    |   | <b>Low Gross</b> |     |   |
| Bill McCord      | 85 |   | David Harris     | 85 |   | John Story       | 91 |   | Max Foust        | 100 |   |

Closest to: Hole #7 - Robbie Robinson, John Story --- Hole 13 - Tom Eller, Max Foust

## Franklin Canyon — February 19, 2008

| <u>Flight 1</u>  |    |   | <u>Flight 2</u>  |    |   | <u>Flight 3</u>  |    |   | <u>Flight 4</u>  |     |   |
|------------------|----|---|------------------|----|---|------------------|----|---|------------------|-----|---|
| Lonny Randall    | 70 | 3 | David Harris     | 66 | 3 | Phil Goff        | 65 | 3 | Bill Hemmelsbach | 67  | 3 |
| Pat Tinguely     | 72 | 2 | Paul Kim         | 72 | 2 | Phil Jenkins     | 72 | 2 | Bob Kinser       | 70  | 2 |
| Bill McCord      | 73 | 1 | Tom Eller        | 74 | 1 | Conrad Robertson | 72 | 2 | Max Foust        | 71  | 1 |
| <b>Low Gross</b> |    |   | <b>Low Gross</b> |    |   | <b>Low Gross</b> |    |   | <b>Low Gross</b> |     |   |
| Lonny Randall    | 85 |   | David Harris     | 86 |   | Phil Goff        | 90 |   | Max Foust        | 102 |   |

Closest to: Hole #4 - David Harris, Troy Powell --- Hole 17 - Paul Kim

## Silverado South — February 11, 2008

| <u>Flight 1</u>  |    |   | <u>Flight 2</u>  |    |   | <u>Flight 3</u>  |     |   | <u>Flight 4</u>  |     |   |
|------------------|----|---|------------------|----|---|------------------|-----|---|------------------|-----|---|
| Larry Cannon     | 83 | 3 | Dirk Meyer       | 74 | 3 | Jed Daniel       | 80  | 3 | Bill Hemmelsbach | 77  | 3 |
| Ron Domer        | 83 | 3 | Frank Crua       | 77 | 2 | Herman Walden    | 80  | 3 | Dan Ghelfi       | 78  | 2 |
| Bill McCord      | 84 | 1 | Al Hutchko       | 77 | 2 | Conrad Robertson | 82  | 1 | Chuck Gilliam    | 81  | 1 |
|                  |    |   |                  |    |   |                  |     |   | Bob Kinser       | 81  | 1 |
| <b>Low Gross</b> |    |   | <b>Low Gross</b> |    |   | <b>Low Gross</b> |     |   | <b>Low Gross</b> |     |   |
| Larry Cannon     | 99 |   | Dirk Meyer       | 92 |   | Jed Daniel       | 105 |   | Dan Ghelfi       | 109 |   |

Closest to: Hole #3 - Dick Socolich --- Hole 15 - Lonny Randall, Conrad Robertson

## Boundary Oak — February 4, 2008

| <u>Flight 1</u>  |    |   | <u>Flight 2</u>  |    |   | <u>Flight 3</u>  |     |   | <u>Flight 4</u>  |     |   |
|------------------|----|---|------------------|----|---|------------------|-----|---|------------------|-----|---|
| Lonny Randall    | 76 | 3 | David Harris     | 69 | 3 | Jed Daniel       | 78  | 3 | Max Foust        | 82  | 3 |
| Jim Clizbe       | 78 | 2 | Frank Crua       | 71 | 2 | Phil Goff        | 79  | 2 | Dan Ghelfi       | 82  | 3 |
| Bill McCord      | 78 | 2 | Dirk Meyer       | 73 | 1 | Al Serafino      | 83  | 1 | Matt Arena       | 83  | 1 |
| <b>Low Gross</b> |    |   | <b>Low Gross</b> |    |   | <b>Low Gross</b> |     |   | <b>Low Gross</b> |     |   |
| Lonny Randall    | 91 |   | Frank Crua       | 88 |   | Jed Daniel       | 103 |   | Max Foust        | 112 |   |
|                  |    |   |                  |    |   | Phil Goff        | 103 |   | Dan Ghelfi       | 112 |   |

# 2008 18 Hole Leaders

As of Deer Ridge — February 25, 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> |
| Domer, Ron      | 9             | Kim, Paul       | 12            | Goff, Phil        | 11            | Foust, Max        | 14            |
| McCord, Bill    | 9             | Harris, David   | 11            | Robertson, Conrad | 9             | Hemmelsbach, Bill | 12            |
| Randall, Lonny  | 9             | Meyer, Dirk     | 11            | Daniel, Jed       | 6             | Ghelfi, Dan       | 10            |
| Xavier, Carlos  | 7             | Hunter, Jerry   | 5             | Story, John       | 6             | Kinser, Bob       | 4             |
| Clizbe, Jim     | 5             | Crua, Frank     | 4             | Jenkins, Phil     | 5             | Arena, Matt       | 3             |
| Zavattero, Al   | 4             | Eller, Tom      | 4             | Serafino, Al      | 5             | Brown, Doug       | 3             |
| Cannon, Larry   | 3             | Hutchko, Al     | 2             | Powell, Troy      | 4             | Ostler, Joe       | 3             |
| Cherepy, Steve  | 3             | Nichols, Bob    | 2             | Walden, Herman    | 3             | Gilliam, Charles  | 2             |
| Tinguely, Pat   | 3             |                 |               | Chaffee, Dick     | 2             |                   |               |
| Schmidt, Neil   | 2             |                 |               |                   |               |                   |               |

## 18-Hole Pay In Advance Deadlines

By David Geary

| <b>Event Date</b>               | <b>Location</b> | <b>Payment Deadline</b>  | <b>Amount</b> |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|---------------|
| Tuesday, March 18 <sup>th</sup> | Delta View      | March 5 <sup>th</sup>    | \$29          |
| Monday, March 24 <sup>th</sup>  | Blue Rock/West  | March 12 <sup>th</sup>   | \$35          |
| Tuesday, March 31 <sup>st</sup> | Paradise Valley | March 19 <sup>th</sup>   | \$42          |
| Monday, April 14 <sup>th</sup>  | Silverado/North | March 10 <sup>th</sup> * | \$49          |

\*Above date is change from golf book

## Latest SIR 116 Golf Info Available on Our Golf Web Site

The Golf Website address is:

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

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, 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, 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.

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### **Rules of Attendance and Membership for SIR Branch 116**

RULE 100. A member may be notified in writing by his Branch of the pending termination of his membership (Rule 107) should he be responsible for any of the following:

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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### **Non Responsibility Declaration**

RULE 345: All activities arranged for or by, Sons In Retirement, Incorporated, and its Branches, are for the convenience and pleasure of the members and their guests who desire to participate. Sons In Retirement, Incorporated, and its Branches do not assume any responsibility for the well being or safety of the participants or their property, in any matters pertaining to said activities.

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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.