



Trampas Topics

MAY, 2008

SIR Branch 116

Next Meeting: 11:30 am,
May 19, 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

What an honor and privilege to induct 5 new members into our branch in April! Nice work by the 5 sponsors who made the initial invitations to join us. As a boss of mine used to say: "That's one in a row." So let's plan to induct 5 more at our next luncheon in June!



The Executive Committee discussed recruitment at the April meeting and came up with a number of ideas for further consideration and discussion: (1) have a semi-annual free lunch drawing by sponsors of new members that period; (2) make new members more visible at the luncheons by having a "new member" luncheon table and/or having a special sticker on their name tags for 3 months or so; (3) encourage new members to invite their retired friends, co-workers, and neighbors to SIR activities since they are more likely to know of new retirees than some of the rest of us; and (4) keep in the back of all of our minds a "goal" of 3 new members a month to replace our typical attrition in recent years. If you have comments about these ideas, or any other recruitment suggestions, please let me or other members of the Executive Committee know.

Every May we forego our normal luncheon so we can show our appreciation to our significant others at the Ladies Day Spring Dinner Dance Party. This year it will be held on Wednesday, May 14 at 5:30 p.m. at the new Lafayette Veterans Memorial Building. We have over 140 folks signed up, but Chairman **Bill McCord** advises he still can make room for a few more. The dinner menu from Catered Elegance and dance music by The Diplomats promises a fun evening for SIRs and their ladies. And remember guests and their ladies are also welcome at this event. Contact Bill directly at 376-5280 by May 9 for reservations.

And speaking of ladies, don't forget Mother's Day is coming up on May 11.

And finally a safety reminder to be careful of falls. In just the first four months of this year falls have caused one SIR to break his ankle and wrist on the golf course, and another SIR to break his arm walking to a bridge game!

Mary Alice and I hope to see you at the Dinner Dance on May 14!



MAY FLOWERS

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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.**

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Interviewer	Bill Mowris	672-2885	#2. Ron Domer, Milt Greenstein, Marty Ratterree Ben Smith		
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SIR 116 Bridge
Milt Greenstein, Chairman

April was a busy bridge month this year. It began with a duplicate session on April 1 at the Bridge Center in Pleasant Hill with 18 men playing. First place went to Dick Chaffee / Gene Gould with 44.5 points out of a possible 72, or 61.81 %. Second place was a tie with 42.50 points between Lou Sandor / Lytton DeSilva and Jim Nachtweih / Bob Wolf. Forth place went to Floyd Skelton / Dan Greenberg. On April 8, 25 men had lunch and a bridge session at Roundhill C.C. Bill Sullivan was high scorer with 6,320 points, followed by Monte Hall (6,090), Jai Yee (5,200) and Art Donaldson (5,030). We had four small slams today, Bill Sullivan / Ken Harold, Lytton DeSilva / Ken Harold, Jack Butler / Bob Wolf and Ali Aghaiepour / Lytton DeSilva. On April 22, 28 men gathered for lunch and bridge at Diablo C.C. This was the lowest scoring day so far this year. High man was Dick Chaffee with 5,390 points. Second was Norm Schoenfeld with 5,130 points, third was Ron Wolberg with 4,580 and a tie for forth at 4,320 between Jack Butler and Jim Nachtweih. Only two small slams today, Fred Masaro / Bob Wolf and Norm Schoenfeld / Ron Wolberg. On April 29, we held a Ladies Day lunch and bridge event, with 20 couples attending. After an excellent lunch, we sat down to 3 hours of enjoyable social bridge. Our winners were:

Richard & Donna Madden (4,520), Monte & Helene Hall (4,040), Rich Black & Donna Argenbright (4,000), Dave & Claire Rasmussen (3,940) and Milt & Marge Greenstein (3,550). As the numbers show, this was a low scoring day. Only 2 small slams were bid and made, one by the Maddens and one by the Greensteins. But everyone said they had a great afternoon and looking forward to the next time.

A happy person is not a person in a certain set of circumstances, but rather a person with a certain set of attitudes. (Hugh Downs)



Branch 116 Honoree
By Jack Bevis

APRIL HONOREE AND SENIOR SIR
MAC McDOWELL

Mac is considering returning to active status in SIRS with the advent of our improved parking, which had been a problem for him.



He was 90 in April leading to the Senior SIR designation.

Mac joined Branch 116 in 1984 during the term of the first Big SIR, Norm Frantz. He served as Christmas party committee chairman in 1990 and Branch treasurer

in 1992. He was active in the golf group for several years until sidelined by a shoulder injury.

Mac was born in Lyons, Nebraska in 1918. He received a Bachelors degree from the University of Iowa in 1940 and an MBA degree from Harvard University in 1943.

He was commissioned as a 2nd Lt. in November 1943 and served 3 1/2 years in World War II including two years in New Guinea and Australia. He was discharged with a rank of Captain in 1946.

Mac married Betty Ann in April 1948. They have two daughters and one grandson.

Mac worked in commercial banking most of his career. He was with Security First National Bank for several years in their Los Angeles Headquarters and later as a branch manager in Santa Barbara. He joined Wells Fargo Bank in San Francisco in 1970 in the Loan and Credit Review Dept. He retired from Wells Fargo in 1980.

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

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. Chance to win \$\$ on the tables, slots, keno or whatever you like to play. 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 you have questions, call or e-mail Tim Hubbard (925) 944-0472 or tthubbs@astound.net



\$ums in Retirement

David Munson

The \$ums In Retirement Investment Group will meet at 8:00am on Wednesday, May 28 to hear LaVaughn M. Henry, Ph.D., Director, Economic Analysis, The PMI Group. He will speak on "The Current Status and Outlook for the U.S. Housing and Mortgage Market. Certainly this is a very timely subject and an important subject for the future health of the U.S. economy.

PMI Group, based in Walnut Creek, operates globally providing insurance products to the mortgage market by offering protection to lenders and investors in the event of borrower default.

The meeting will be held at the Diablo Creek golf course in Concord with the meeting at 8:00am and breakfast at 7:00am.

Little Sir Sayings

Frank Crua

There is no meeting scheduled this month so I hope to see you at the Spring Fling. The location has been changed to the new Veterans Hall in Lafayette, but it still is a fun dinner/ dance. Join us and have a great time.

SIR Travel

Carlos Xavier and Robbie Robinson, Travel Co-Chairman

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



still interested in the trip, please ask your travel chairmen and he will have one sent to you. Payment should be made to the travel agency arranging the event unless otherwise stated.

Overnight and Longer Travel.

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

Nov. 3 to Nov. 15 — Visit Vietnam, Thailand and

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



Lunch Attendance

Jim Nachtweih

Attendance at the April 21st meeting totaled 182 persons. This includes 171 members, 1 visitor, 1 speaker, and 7 guests... There were 65 excused members and 12 un-excused members. The un-excused members will be asked to pay for there missed lunch..



Computer & Technology Group

Dean Steichen and Phil Goff



ANOTHER FULL HOUSE — Attendees at a recent SIR CAT meeting are clearly focused on the presentation.

Photo by Phil Goff

Thursday, May 15, we will have a presentation on "How to Sell Things on eBay and Craig's List." Phil Goff and Plato Grivas will lead the presentation with participation from others.

We all have stuff in our garage or attic that we no longer use or want to keep. We don't want to throw away things that have value to others, so it might be fun to sell them on eBay or Craig's list. We will show you how to use your computer to get items listed and how to complete the transactions. We would like to hear from audience members who have experiences in these types of sales. Following Ken's presentation, Dick Curry will lead an informative Computer Q&A session.

May Birthdays

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

Allen, Russell B.
Bird, Francis H.
Cabral, Wilfred
Cannon, Lawrence S
Deisem, Harley A
Gilliam, Charles E.
Grant, Walker
Grivas, Plato
Hatton, Douglas F
Hicks, Gerald F
Kinser, Robert W.

Kohut, George B
Maclay, John C.
McCloughry, Darrell L
Miller, W. Arthur
Robinson, Thomas
Seaton, Donald
Serafino, Albert L.
Singleton, Robert R.
Watanabe, Bob
Zavattero, Albert N.

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.)



Hiking & Walking

Joel White

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

The initial schedule of walks follows:

1st Tuesday of month (following duplicate bridge-1:30) starting at the Pleasant Hill Bridge Center: We will walk on the Contra Costa regional trail which is approx 1/2 block away.

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

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

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

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

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

A little boy asked his mother why the minister got a month's vacation while his dad only got two weeks. The mother answered, "Well, son, if he's a good minister, he needs it. If he isn't, the congregation needs it."

Membership

Roland Scriver



April New Members

New Member Photos Courtesy of Phil Goff



John Antzak

847 Madigan Ave.
Concord, 94518
682-6048
BART
Sponsor – Bill Mowris #238



Jay Canane

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Sponsor – Lou Sandor #015



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Sponsor - Lou Meylan #070



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Sps – Richard Breitwieser



Art Shingleton

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Sps. – Stephen Cherepy #185

SIR 116 Member Updates

Parker Gibbs #047 Passed away 3/18/08

Werner Sandelmann #184
Resigned – Parking & Food

Siegfried Kalteis #252 Transfer to Branch #146,
Play poker & parking

Toshiro Suwa #039 To Inactive #327

Edward H Kusters #327 Inactive to Active #047

SIR 116 Membership Status

Total Current Members — 248

This Month's Inductees — 5

Those in Interview Stage — 1

Total in Process — 7

On Inactive Status — 34

Left the Branch — 4

Waiting for a Member Number — 1

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

State SIR Web Site

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



Little Sir Frank Crua presents April Speaker Susan Larsen Certificate of Appreciation. Photo by John Peterson



Sunshine Report Matt Arena

It would nice to call, send a card, or email our members who are recovering from surgery or any illness. They tell me your conacts picks up their spirits while in recovery.

Past Big Sir Art Miller will have a stent placed in his legs following angioplasty. Art continues with dialysis 3 times a week. As usual his spirits are high.

Frank Portillo is recovering from prostate surgery. He is doing nicely but will have to wait 2 weeks before getting back in his car.

Dennis Olson following many health problems is receiving a pacemaker and defibrillator to help him following a heart attack. In spite of all these problems he has a wonderful attitude.

Bob Lake missed our last meeting since he experienced chest pains but is home and got a clean bill of health from his doctors.

The sunshine report at this past month's luncheon mentioned the following members... Jack Volmer, Ben Yeraka, Walt Hagge, Bill Anderson, Frank Schofield and Al Brunner.

A good marriage is like a casserole: only those involved actually know what goes into it.

Area 2 Single Sir's Dine Out

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

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

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



116 Book Club Rich Black

Whole Lotta Shaking Going On

The Bookgroup of SIRS Branch 116 discussed *1906 A Novel* at Orinda Books at 10:15 AM on Monday 28 April. They were Big Sir Art Donaldson, Joel White, Jack Butler, Bob Wolf, Al Reynolds, John Frazier, Lytton DeSilva, Jim Scott, Bob Daily and Richard Black. Author Dalessandro created a cast of twenty or thirty including historical figures Mayor Schmitz, General Funston and Enrico Caruso with the Fallons, a fictitious family of policemen and a lady reporter modeled on Nellie Bly. We discussed big city corruption as modeled in pre-quake San Francisco, along with the blundering and panic driven response to a natural disaster in our own times. The novel had something for everyone, including fights, glittering social gatherings, and plenty of social commentary in the tradition of Frank Norris. 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 Amazon.Com.

A great many people think they are thinking when they are merely rearranging their prejudices.
(William James)

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, May 22nd 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 March was Kevin Yost, local sturgeon partyboat guide who was very open in sharing his information with us. In April, our speaker was Bob Higgins, who is

in the Delta. Craig Walton and Joe Peterson captured a keeper striper in Big Break. Bob Olson and Dan Cosby caught several steelhead in the Elk River in Oregon weighing about 12 lbs each. Tom Boltz caught a nice salmon fishing in Los Vaqueros Reservoir with Jack Waddell. Joe Miscione fished Lafayette Reservoir 3 times lately for a few trout to 2 lbs each trip.

The cancellation of the ocean salmon season left us all woeful and bereft. A lot of other fish will be in big trouble when we recover.

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

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Harry Sherinian (Branch 116) Displays a Fine 8 lb. Striper Caught in the Delta.

a guide specializing in New Melones Reservoir. In May, Bill Adelman, retired guide, will share his knowledge of California Reservoirs and Lakes. Craig Walton, Karl Droese, Terry Miller, and Romano Gnusti enjoyed a fishing group outing to McSwain Reservoir. These intrepid seniors camped in the cold spring weather, and still managed to catch over a dozen feisty trout. Closer to home, Carl Moyer fished with Harry Sherinian, and Paul Dubow, for one halibut each. On 2 other attempts Carl collected 2 halibut each time. Karl Droese, Joe Karg, Terry Miller, Howard Berkman and Carl fished for sturgeon to no avail. Carl did average over a striper per trip when fishing with Karl, Harry, John Hayes, and Tom Boltz for stripers in the delta. Harry Sherinian caught an 8 lb. Striper

SIR Branch 116 Financial Report Dick Chaffee, Treasurer

	April, 2008	2008 YTD
Contributions	\$2,937.29	\$12,782.22
Disbursements	<u>-3,106.44</u>	<u>-13,967.30</u>
Net (gain/loss)	\$ (169.15)	\$ (1,185.08)
April Cash Balance		\$7,540.67

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



SIRS Transfigured by the Beauty of Tilden Park (Troy Powell, Dick Socolich, Chuck Gilliam) John Peterson Photo

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.

Remember This Tournament?

Shinnecock is regarded by most as one of the top five or so golf courses in the world. The players couldn't wait to get there for the 2004 U.S. Open. And the course didn't disappoint during the first two rounds. But some questionable greenskeeping and course setup decisions, combined with an unexpected change in the wind that dried out the course, created a monster for the final two rounds. By Sunday, much of the grass was dead, many of the scores were in the 80s, and practically nobody except winner Retief Goosen was happy



SIRS Check Out a Fixer-Upper at Silverado (Dan Ghelfi, Joe Ostler, Dick Chaffee) John Peterson Photo

9 Hole Results

By Doug Aalders, Dick Chaffee, and Scott Ostler

Pine Meadow, April 30

Name	Net	Pts.
Bob Daily	28	3
Jim Nachtweih	29	2
Lee Doyle	29	2

Closest: Nobody can hit a 120 yard iron.

Pine Meadow, April 9

Name	Net	Pts.
Cord Hull	25	3
Ralph Schwarz	25	3
Al Leschot	28	1
Joe Ostler	28	1

Diablo Hills, April 23

Name	Net	Pts.
Ed Cole	28	3
Troy Powell	32	2
Chuck Cuny	33	1

Closest to: Hole: #4—Chuck Gilliam

Buchanan Fields, April 2

Ron Armijo	23	3
Chuck Gilliam	28	2
George Kohut	29	1
Ron Leschot	29	1
Troy Powell	29	1

Closest to: Hole: Chuck Gilliam,
2nd George Kohut, 3rd Bill Stoll

Buchanan Fields, April 16

Doug Aalders	27	3
Bill Harrington	27	3
Darrell McLaughry	28	1

Low Gross

Closest to: Hole: Lee Doyle,
2nd Bob Shader, 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.

9-Hole Leaders

As of Pine Meadow, April 30

Name	Pts.	Name	Pts.
Powell	19	Harrington	3
Schwarz	15	Vetro	3
McLaughry	11	Daily	3
Cole	9	Chaffee	2
Hull	9	Gilliam	2
Stralovich	7	Turnquist	2
Aalders	5	Nachtweih	2
Geary	5	Doyle	2
Kohut	4	Cuny	1
Ostler	4	Leschot, A	1
Armijo	3	Leschot, R	1

May 9-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Wed 7	10:00	Buchanan Fields	Dick Chaffee
Wed 14	10:00	Pine Meadow	Joe Ostler
Wed 21	10:00	Buchanan Fields	Dick Chaffee
Wed 28	10:15	Diablo Hills	Doug Alders



18 Hole Results

By David Harris

Mare Island — April 28, 2008

<u>Flight 1</u>			<u>Flight 2</u>			<u>Flight 3</u>			<u>Flight 4</u>		
Bill Clark	72	3	David Carlson	70	3	Phil Goff	73	3	Art Vogl	72	3
Bill McCord	77	2	Jerry Hunter	70	3	Dick Chaffee	74	2	Bill Hemmelsbach	73	2
Neil Schmidt	78	1	Robbie Robinson	70	3	Al Serafino	75	1	Chuck Gilliam	75	1
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
Bill Clark	87		Jerry Hunter	89		Phil Goff	96		Art Vogl	106	

Closest to: Hole #3 - Jerry Hunter, Art Vogl --- Hole 15 - Jerry Hunter, Dick Chaffee

Tilden Park — April 22, 2008

<u>Flight 1</u>			<u>Flight 2</u>			<u>Flight 3</u>			<u>Flight 4</u>		
Bill McCord	70	3	Dirk Meyer	67	3	Conrad Robertson	63	3	Max Foust	69	3
Neil Schmidt	72	2	Frank Crua	70	2	Phil Goff	70	2	Bill Hemmelsbach	69	3
Jim Clizbe	73	1	David Harris	71	1	Troy Powell	71	1	John Peterson	69	3
Pat Tinguely	73	1									
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
Bill McCord	83		Dirk Meyer	84		Conrad Robertson	91		John Peterson	98	

Closest to: Hole #4 - David Harris --- Hole 11 - Pat Tinguely, Dan Ghelfi

Silverado North — April 14, 2008

<u>Flight 1</u>			<u>Flight 2</u>			<u>Flight 3</u>			<u>Flight 4</u>		
Larry Cannon	74	3	Frank Crua	69	3	Troy Powell	72	3	Frank Lockwood	71	3
Lonny Randall	74	3	Bob Nichols	70	2	Phil Goff	75	2	Bill Hemmelsbach	72	2
David Geary	76	1	Al Hutchko	71	1	Jed Daniel	76	1	John Peterson	72	2
						Conrad Robertson	76	1			
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
Larry Cannon	91		Frank Crua	88		Troy Powell	98		John Peterson	104	

'Closest to: Hole #2 - Jerry Hicks --- Hole 11 - Jim Altomare, Troy Powell

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18-Hole Pay In Advance Deadlines

By David Geary

Event Date	Location	Payment Deadline	Amount
Monday, May 19th	Lone Tree	May 7th	\$38
Monday, June 17th	Roddy Ranch	June 2nd	\$39

2008 18 Hole Leaders

As of Mare Island — April 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	23	Goff, Phil	25	Foust, Max	28
Randall, Lonny	13	Harris, David	15	Robertson, Conrad	20	Hemmelsbach, Bill	25
Zavattero, Al	11	Hunter, Jerry	15	Story, John	18	Ghelfi, Dan	14
Domer, Ron	9	Kim, Paul	15	Powell, Troy	8	Peterson, John	9
Geary, David	9	Crua, Frank	10	Chaffee, Dick	7	Brown, Doug	7
Xavier, Carlos	9	Carlson, David	9	Daniel, Jed	7	Donohue, Bob	6
Schmidt, Neil	8	Nichols, Bob	7	Serafino, Al	6	Lockwood, Frank	6
Cherepy, Steve	7	Robinson, Robbie	6	Jenkins, Phil	5	Ostler, Joe	6
Cannon, Larry	6	Eller, Tom	4	Testa, Bob	4	Kinser, Bob	4
Clizbe, Jim	6	Hutchko, Al	3	Walden, Herman	3	Arena, Matt	3
Tinguely, Pat	6	Socolich, Dick	3	Yniguez, Tony	3	Gilliam, Charles	3
Clark, Bill	4	Schnieder, Will	2	Lutkus, Alex	2	Vogl, Art	3
		Schoen, Gary	2	McClaghry, D	2	Armijo, Ron	2
						Stralovich, Joe	2

18-Hole Results — *Continued from Previous Page* Boundary Oak — April 7, 2008

<u>Flight 1</u>		<u>Flight 2</u>		<u>Flight 3</u>		<u>Flight 4</u>	
Neil Schmidt	66 3	David Harris	71 3	John Story	69 3	Bill Hemmelsbach	60 3
Steve Cherepy	70 2	Paul Kim	71 3	Phil Goff	73 2	Ron Armijo	74 2
Bill Clark	71 1	David Carlson	74 1	Conrad Robertson	76 1	Max Foust	76 1
						Dan Ghelfi	76 1
						Joe Ostler	76 1
Low Gross		Low Gross		Low Gross		Low Gross	
Steve Cherepy	80	David Harris	89	Phil Goff	96	Bill Hemmelsbach	97
		Paul Kim	89				

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