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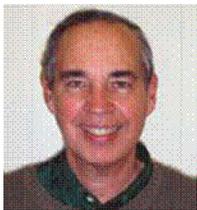
### SIR Branch 116

Next Meeting: 11:30 am,  
Monday, Nov. 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

November is the month when we as individuals and as a nation pause to give thanks for the freedoms we enjoy. We also honor those who have served in the armed forces to help preserve that freedom.



Continuing in the spirit of thankfulness, as I prepare for my last luncheon meeting as your Big SIR, I would like to acknowledge the contributions of our Officers, Board, Committee Chairmen, and rotating Chaplains and Storytellers. Throughout the year they have always been willing to do whatever was needed to make our branch operate successfully.

They are truly “the wind beneath our sails” and we all owe them a debt of gratitude.

After getting Poker Group #2 up and running, Chairman Floyd Skelton has asked to turn the reins over to Bob Nilssen who will become the new chairman effective immediately. Thanks to Floyd for making our second (and third) poker groups a reality, and to Bob for agreeing to oversee Poker Group #2 going forward.

Bill McCord and his committee are well into the planning for our Christmas Party on December 11. So far they have received over 135 reservations towards the maximum of 180. Be sure to get your reservation in now so you won't miss our super annual holiday party.

At our November luncheon meeting we will be holding a special free lunch drawing among all members who sponsored a new member during 2008. This is one way of thanking those in our branch who have made the effort to invite a guest to join us. Plan now to have your name in the drawing in 2009!

### SIR 116 Web Site Now Offers New Features

The SIR 116 Web Site has been updated and some new features added. Roster updates (changes after the printed 116 Roster is published) are now added to the web site throughout the year. In addition the new SIR 116 Procedures and Guidelines Manual is now available on the site. Take a look at: <http://www.sir-web.org/116-web/>

Your comments, suggestions and contributions to the site are welcome.



**HAPPY  
THANKS-  
GIVING**

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by the Thursday prior to  
the meeting to  
cancel your standing  
reservation or  
to bring a guest.**

## 2008 SIR 116 Officers & Directors



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## 2008 SIR 116 Committee Chairmen

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Candy Sales	Dirk Meyer	820-6878	Poker Group #1	Bob Lake	837-4054
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Hiking and Walking	Joel White	964-0994		Floyd Skelton	838-2515
Historian	Matt Arena	946-0404		Jerry Kaplan	938-1037
Honoree Selection	Jack Bevis	254-7256			
Host	Frank Crua	932-0975	#1. Doug Aalders, Pete Belden, Ron Domer, Lou Sandor and Ben Smith		
Interviewer	Bill Mowris	672-2885	#2. Ron Domer, Milt Greenstein, Marty Ratterree Ben Smith		
Membership	Roland Scrivner	938-9078			

## 2008 SIR Area 2 (Interbranch) Committee Chairmen

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Fishing	Co-Phil Goff (Branch 116)	820-3573	Rubber Bridge	Fred Bolton (Branch 146)	932-1580
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# September Luncheon Speaker

By Little Sir Frank Crua



Patsy Joyce Everette was born in Miami, Arizona, and in 1944 the family moved to Port Angeles, Washington. Following high school graduation, she attended Western Washington State College in Bellingham and pursued a teaching career. Pat taught 2nd grade in Sequim, Washington and 6th grade in Virginia Beach, Virginia. In Bremerton her focus was the 7th and 8th grade Language Arts Core Curriculum. While teaching there she met her husband Oliver, a naval officer.

Before they moved to California, she was a substitute teacher in Hawaii and Virginia. Her husband Ollie was the Executive Officer at Concord's Naval Weapons Station for 4 years before his retirement. She joined and became active in the Daughters of the American Revolution after their children, Michelle and Mark, graduated from high school. Pat was Regent and is a 30 year member.

She is active in 12 other patriotic organizations, including, Navy League, Retired Officers Associations and Genealogical Societies along with her husband. Currently, she's a member of the Daughters of American Colonists, Regent-Rancho San An-

tonio Chapter. She is also the Publicity and Americanism Chairman of the Ygnacio Valley Republican Women Congress started the Veteran's History Project in 2000 to record, collect, and preserve the oral histories of America's wartime veterans and civilian workers. Four years ago, the President of the United Daughters of the Confederacy distributed some Veteran's History Project forms and requested that each member interview at least one World War II Veteran. Pat knew six, so she decided to listen and write their stories. That number has escalated. Her husband, a Submariner in the Vietnam War, was her 111th veteran interview. Pat and Oliver traveled to Washington D. C. in August to submit her final 20 oral history interviews to the Library of Congress.

## Poker Group #2

Bob Nilssen



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

If you would like to join us call Bob Nilssen at 837-4446 or send an e-mail to Bob at: [nilssen@aol.com](mailto:nilssen@aol.com) to become a member of the group.

A man who thinks he is smarter than his wife, has a very smart wife!

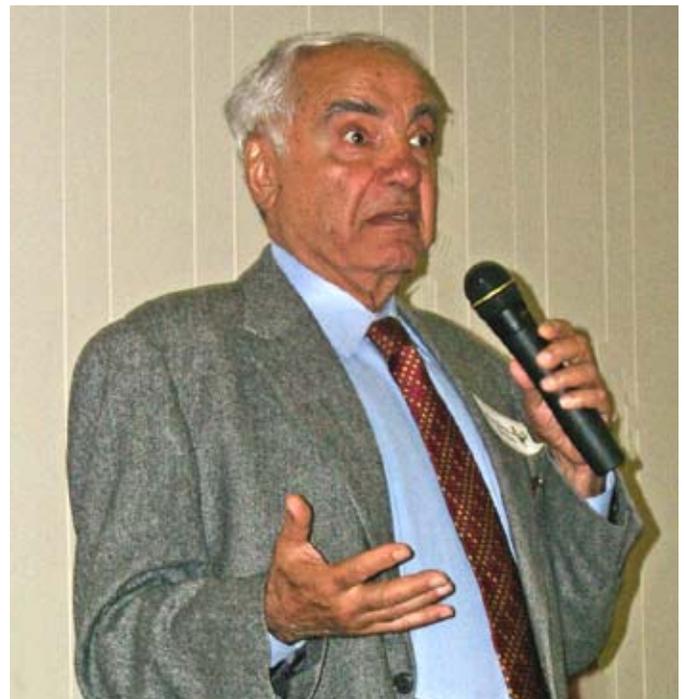


Photo by John Peterson

Dr. Ahmad Ghoreishi was our October Luncheon Speaker. He gave a very informative and thought-provoking talk on "Iran and the United States". He is a Lecturer in the Department of National Security Affairs at the Naval Postgraduate School..



## Computer & Technology Group

Dean Steichen and Phil Goff



**Thursday, November 20, we will give an introductory session for Photoshop Elements. Also, Phil Goff will review the new Photoshop Express website and show you some of his favorite websites for bargain shopping on the internet.**

We've had a number of requests to help CAT members get started with Photoshop Elements. We will show you how to get your pictures organized on your computer and import them into Photoshop Elements. Also we will show you how to "tag" them, rename them, and perform many other functions. If you have a lot of digital pictures and want to get them organized, this is a great opportunity. Next, Phil Goff will review the new Photoshop Express website which has some very good file sharing features.

Looking forward to the Christmas season, many of us will make purchases on the internet. Phil Goff will show you some of his favorite bargain shopping websites and give you tips for finding the best price for internet purchases.

Following the presentations, 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.) Check out our website at <http://sir-web.org/computer>

### Bridge Players Wanted

Duplicate and Luncheon Group Play

SIR Branch 116 offers both friendly duplicate play, as well as social luncheon bridge games, for SIR members and their guests. Partners are provided in both formats and the opportunity to meet and make new friends is one of the primary reasons to participate.



The duplicate game is the first Tuesday of each month (\$6 donation) from 9:30 to 1:30 at the Bridge Center in Pleasant Hill. We will provide a partner and to reserve a spot contact Bob Daily at 837-7080.

The luncheon game (\$20 including lunch) is held the second Tuesday of the month at Round Hill Country Club and the fourth Tuesday of the month at Diablo Country Club from 11:30—3:30 in both cases. Partners are provided and rotate during the bridge session. Contact Milt Greenstein at 376-5589 to sign up for a great lunch and a fun afternoon of

### Membership

Roland Scrivner



### SIR 116 Member Updates

David Geary #059 transfer to Branch #171	(72)
Robert Hike #089 Resigned – Health	(84)
Tim Christoffersen #056 To Inactive #310	(66)
Donald Anderson #163 To Inactive #337	(73)
Todd Lockwood #220 To Inactive #338	(74)
James D Pick #236 Resigned – Moved	(71)

### SIR 116 Membership Status

Total Current Members	— 246
This Month's Inductees	— 0
Those in Interview Stage	— 2
Total in Process	— 2
On Inactive Status	— 37
Left the Branch	— 6
New Members	— 0
Waiting to be Installed	— 0

## Branch 116 Honoree

By Jack Bevis



Photo by John Peterson

Our Honoree for October was Jed Daniel. He joined SIR Branch 116 in 1999. He has been active in the golf group and is the Little SIR elect for 2009. In addition to golf his hobbies include grandchildren, crossword puzzles, and spectator sports- especially baseball.

He is also a runner, having run nine marathons during the years 1984 to 1988

He and his wife Rosemary have lived in San Ramon since 1991. They have six children (4 boys and 2 girls), five grandchildren, and three step grandchildren.

Jed was born on October 17, 1935 in New York City. In 1936 the family moved to Ridgewood, New Jersey where he spent all his childhood life. He graduated from Ridgewood High School in 1953 where he played Baseball and Soccer. He graduated from Lafayette College (Easton, Pennsylvania) in 1957 with a BS degree in Chemical Engineering. He did play-by-play broadcasts of the Baseball, Basketball, and Football games on the college radio station (WJRH) in his spare time.

He went to work for Kaiser Aluminum & Chemical Corporation on July 1, 1957 and held various Tech-

Technical, Production, and Management positions over the next 41 years at the following locations: Tema, Ghana, West Africa, Holyhead, Anglesey, North Wales, UK, Spokane, Washington, Tacoma, Washington, Ravenswood, West Virginia, Oakland and Pleasanton, California.

Jed served eight years in the West Virginia Army National Guard- 1092nd Combat Engineers Battalion (1958-1966). Met his wife Rosemary in 1959 and they were married on September 29, 1962.

He retired in 1998 as General Manager of the Kaiser Aluminum Primary Products Division and Corporate Vice President.

Jed also served five years as President of the Kaiser Aluminum Salaried Retirees Association (2001-2006).



## \$ums in Retirement

David Munson

The \$ums In Retirement Area 2 meeting will be held on Wednesday 19 November. This will be the last meeting for 2008 and we will be having an open meeting for all attendees to bring questions and discuss among themselves.

Our meetings are held at Diablo Creek Golf Course (The Grill Room) located at the northern intersection of Port Chicago Hwy and Hwy #4 in Concord on the 4th Wednesday of each month (except no meetings in December).

We have breakfast starting at any time after 7 am. and the meeting will start at 8 am. No reservations are required. We order breakfast off the menu. All SIR members and their guests are welcome to attend.

For more \$ums in Retirement info be sure and visit our website at: (<http://sir-web.org/sums/>)



## 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, November 20th, at the Legend Sports Bar and Grill at the Diablo Creek Golf Course at 4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord.



Dick Thomson (Branch 116) proudly holds a big Dorado caught off La Paz Mexico.

Meeting starts at 8:30. Paul Dubow provided a colorful and exciting description of fishing in British Columbia for Salmon and Halibut in October. Our speaker in November will be Don Newman of PLINE fishing products, showing us his new wares.

Craig Walton fished on several days in the delta with Joe Peterson for some nice stripers, trolling and bait fishing. Craig also participated in a bass tournament, catching 8 nice largemouth's. Tom Boltz, Dick Thomson, Pete Gates were led by fishmaster Paul Dubow on a 4 day fishing extravaganza from La Paz Mexico. They caught many Dorado, a sailfish, some giant squid, and a big roosterfish. Dick Thomson and Joe Karg joined Carl Moyer on the ocean for some fun with rockfish. Carl made several other forays on the ocean, catching the delectable rockfish and ling cod. Carl also fished with Karl Droese and Harry Sherinian on the delta for some small stripers. Joe Peterson caught 4 keepers to 4 pounds on yet another outing

with Carl, and on a solo trip where he plugged with rattletraps, Joe experienced a day like "the old days" catching and releasing over 20 nice sized stripers. The next day, Joe, Craig Walton, Harry Sherinian and Carl Moyer enjoyed more of that good striper action, catching and releasing many more nice sized stripers. Joe Miscione enjoyed fishing from the bank of the Erie Canal in New York for lots of rock bass.

We will be very busy in the future with trout fishing in the Eastern Sierras; tuna and bill fish in Mexico, crab and sand dab or rock cod on the ocean, delta fishing for striped bass and sturgeon, and trout fishing in our local lakes. If you haven't been fishing in a while, but might like to test drive an adventure, come on down to our next meeting.

OUR NEXT TWO MEETINGS, NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER HAVE BEEN MOVED TO THE THIRD THURSDAY INSTEAD OF THE FOURTH TO ACCOMMODATE THE HOLIDAYS!!!!

Next meeting will be Thursday, November 20th, 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. For further information, please contact Craig Walton (Big Fish) (925-937-4876;); Terry Miller, Br.116 Fishing Coordinator, (925-686-9298);) or Joe Peterson (Treasurer/



Pete Gates (Branch 146) proudly shows a big sailfish caught off La Paz Mexico. Pete wanted to release the fish, but the boat captain refused.

# Branch 116 Members Enjoying SIR Danube Cruise



Photo Courtesy of Phil Goff

GOOD FRIENDS SHARE GOOD TIMES ON SIR DANUBE RIVER CRUISE — (L to R) Diane and Phil Goff, Elaine and Dusty Rhodes, Sally and Ben Smith, Mary Alice and Art Donaldson, Sarah and Matt Arena.

## November Luncheon Menu



FRESH ROASTED TURKEY BREAST,  
MASHED POTATOES,  
VEGGIES, CRANBERRY SALAD

### One Liners to Remember

Am I indecisive?" Can I get back to you on that?

## SIR Travel

Carlos Xavier and Tom  
Eller, Travel Co-Chairman

Please give us some input on future trips, so we can see if the destination/length of time/cost has enough interest to offer a trip.



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.

## See's Candies 2008 Christmas Discount Sale

This sale provides group discount prices to SIR Branch 116 members. IT IS NOT A FUND RAISER.

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

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

- or **Order at the Monday November 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 on

**Friday November 21, 9:00 to 10:30 am.**

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

Size	Item	Retail	How Many	Discount	Total\$
1 lb	Holiday Fancy	\$ 17.50		\$ 14.90	
1 lb 4 oz	Deluxe Winter Fancy	\$ 28.90		\$ 24.40	
4 lb 8 oz	Holiday Assortment Pack	\$ 67.00		\$ 57.05	
7 lb 3 oz	Deluxe Celebration Assortment	\$ 95.00		\$ 81.90	
1 lb	Christmas Memories Tin	\$ 18.90		\$ 16.20	
1 lb 5 oz	Christmas Tree Lollipop Box	\$ 15.50		\$ 13.40	
1 lb	Peppermint Twist Window box	\$ 6.00		\$ 5.15	
1 lb	Milk Chocolate Foil Balls	\$ 10.70		\$ 9.40	
1 lb	Dark Chocolate Foil Balls	\$ 10.70		\$ 9.40	
7.5 oz	Jolly Santa Box	\$ 5.70		\$ 4.75	
1 lb 7 oz	Trio of Treats	\$ 18.00		\$ 15.60	
1 lb	Chanukah Window box with Foil Balls	\$ 11.20		\$ 9.60	
1 lb 5 oz	Chanukah Lollypops	\$ 14.00		\$ 10.75	
1 lb 8 oz	Chanukah Peanut Brittle	\$ 14.00		\$ 11.80	
8 oz	Truffles	\$ 8.60		\$ 7.05	
1 lb	Truffles	\$ 17.20		\$ 14.05	
1 lb	Gold Fancy	\$ 19.80		\$ 16.45	
2 lb	Gold Fancy	\$ 37.50		\$ 31.10	
4 lb	Gift of Elegance	\$ 75.25		\$ 62.90	

Size	Item	Retail	How Many	Discount	Total \$
1 lb		\$ 15.00		\$ 10.70	
2 lb	Assorted Chocolates	\$ 30.00		\$ 21.40	
3 lb		\$ 45.00		\$ 32.10	
5 lb		\$ 75.00		\$ 53.50	
1 lb	Milk Chocolates	\$ 15.00		\$ 10.70	
2 lb		\$ 30.00		\$ 21.40	
3 lb		\$ 45.00		\$ 32.10	
1 lb	Dark Chocolates	\$ 15.00		\$ 10.70	
2 lb		\$ 30.00		\$ 21.40	
1 lb	Soft Centers	\$ 15.00		\$ 10.70	
2 lb		\$ 30.00		\$ 21.40	
1 lb		\$ 15.00		\$ 10.70	
2 lb	Nuts & Chews	\$ 30.00		\$ 21.40	
3 lb		\$ 45.00		\$ 32.10	
1 lb	Bridge Mix	\$ 15.00		\$ 10.70	
1 lb	Victoria Toffee	\$ 15.00		\$ 10.70	
1 lb	Toffee-ettes (can)	\$ 15.00		\$ 10.70	
1 lb	Almond Royal (can)	\$ 15.00		\$ 10.70	
12 oz	Salted Nuts (can)	\$ 8.00		\$ 7.00	
1 lb 8 oz	Peanut Brittle	\$ 14.00		\$ 11.80	
8 oz	Awesome Peanut Brittle Bar (8 pack)	\$ 7.80		\$ 5.40	
12 oz	Awesome Nut & Chew Bar (8 pack)	\$ 7.80		\$ 5.40	
12 oz	Awesome Walnut Square Bar (8 pack)	\$ 7.80		\$ 5.40	
8 oz	Molasses Chips	\$ 7.50		\$ 5.40	
8 oz	Assorted Peppermints	\$ 7.50		\$ 5.40	
8 oz	Little Pops, Assorted	\$ 6.80		\$ 4.40	
8 oz	Little Pops, Café Latte	\$ 6.80		\$ 4.40	
1 lb 5 oz	Lollypops, Assorted	\$ 14.00		\$ 10.75	
1 lb 5 oz	Lollypops, Chocolate	\$ 14.00		\$ 10.75	
1 lb 5 oz	Lollypops, Butterscotch	\$ 14.00		\$ 10.75	
1 lb 5 oz	Lollypops, Café Latte	\$ 14.00		\$ 10.75	
1 lb 5 oz	Lollypops, Vanilla	\$ 14.00		\$ 10.75	
1 lb	Gift Certificate	\$ 15.00		\$ 11.30	
Mailing Cartons for all items (except those in <i>italics</i> ). List items on a separate sheet.					\$ 1.00 for each carton
<b>TOTAL ORDER - Both Columns</b>					-





## Hiking & Walking

Joel White/Rich Black

Because of the Thanksgiving holiday, the Friday hike for November will occur on the 3rd Friday, November 21. We will start at 8:15 am sharp from the Rudgear/680 Park and ride lot. A beautiful flat walk on the Iron Horse trail toward Danville/Alamo will be 2-5 miles round trip depending on the inclination of the walkers. Spouses/significant others/guests are welcome.

In order to encourage more participation, I would like to try a new format. Everyone will be encouraged to walk 20-30 minutes at whatever pace they desire, then return to the meeting point. A location for coffee/breakfast/brunch to be decided by the participants at the conclusion of the walk.

I will look forward to seeing y'all there.

The regular "4th" Monday 8am walk at Lafayette Reservoir will be postponed to December 8th to correspond to the change in book club dates. There will not be a walk on the actual 4th Mondays for either November or December due to the holidays. Anyone desiring to add another regular monthly walk, or a onetime unique walk, please feel free to contact me at [zpz2mrz@yahoo.com](mailto:zpz2mrz@yahoo.com), or by phone at 925-964-0994.

## Duplicate Bridge

By Bob Daily

Our Duplicate Bridge Game is on the first Tuesday of each month, played at the Bridge Center 9:30 AM in Pleasant Hill. Our next two games are on November 4th and December 2nd.

The game is sanctioned by the ACBL with Master Points awarded to the winners.

Our October high scoring teams were Jim Nachtweih / Lou Sandor with 27 points (56.25 %), second place Floyd Skelton / Milt Greenstein with 26.50 points (55.21 %) and third place Conrad Robertson / Bill Sullivan with 26.00 points (54.17 %).

We'll provide a partner if you would like to join us. To reserve a spot contact Bob Daily at 837-7080.



## Sunshine Report

Matt Arena

Past Big Sir **Ron Domer** is recovering nicely from recent surgery while in Tennessee. Doctor's orders require him to watch football as he is ministered to by his lovely wife Angela.

**Frank Schofield** is home following his stroke and his wife Alice called to report that she is taking good care of him.

**Tim Tinnes** has just had a hip replacement and is home following Doctor's orders. He is almost free of pain and hopes to be back with us at November's luncheon.

**Al Brunner** also had a hip replacement and is walking with a cane. Al plans to be with us at the November Luncheon. Isn't modern medicine wonderful!

**Gene Power** is now at home and he continues with his therapy. Cards are welcome.

**Ed Regalia** who suffered a stroke is working very hard with his therapist to regain his faculties. He is quite a trooper as reported by Jerry Hicks who visited him very recently.

**Joe Lennon** after 5 months following his surgery is dealing with a wound that has not healed. The newest treatment is helping but he still has a way to go. Joe's spirits are good.

**Bob Daily** has had both eyes operated on but it has not slowed him down. His bridge and golf partners tell me he has jumped back in with out hardly missing a beat.

**Dan Pope** has been moved to Stony Brook on Clayton Rd following a 2 month hospital stay. His wife Peggy tells me he is making progress.

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### And They Ask Me Why I Like Retirement!

Question: Why don't retirees mind being called Seniors?

Answer: The term comes with a 10% or better discount.



## 116 Book Club

Rich Black

### Tommy Goes for the Gold

A September hurricane in 1857 drove *The Central America*, a steel hulled side-paddle wheel steamer to the bottom 200 miles off the Carolina coast. She had \$1.5 million in gold on her manifest alone, plus what the passengers from the California gold rush had in their possession. In the early 1980's, Tommy Thompson, a young engineering grad from Ohio State, set out to locate the ship and retrieve her treasure. On Monday, November 27, Big Sir Art Donaldson, Richard Black, Jack Butler, Jim Scott, John Frazier, Joel White, Al Reynolds and Lytton De Silva discussed the energy and expertise he brought to the enterprise.

The Book Group will next discuss *Six Frigates, the Epic History of the Founding of the U.S. Navy* by Ian Toll, which will be a combined November-December meeting on December 8. All meetings are at Orinda Books at 10:15 am.

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**Retiree Wandering Thoughts:** Protons have mass? I didn't even know they were Catholic.

## November Birthdays

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

Andrews, William G.	Kosters, Edward H.
Borrecco, Courtney J.	Krikorian, Oscar
Brown, Douglas H.	Morgan, Jesse
Clark, William F	Randall, Lonny
Conlon, Bob	Rhodes, Kay S.
DeSilva, Lytton E	Saaveda, Charles
Donaldson, Arthur S.	Schmidt, Neil P
Fox, Grovenor J	Testa, Robert D
Green, Russell H.	Vogl, Arthur H
Hayes, William J.	Walker, Edwin C
Hogan, Bill	



## Luncheon Bridge

Milt Greenstein, Chairman

Sirs Branch 116 sponsored a Ladies Day Bridge and Lunch event on October 23, with everyone enjoying an excellent lunch and a great day of good bridge following the lunch. The event was attended by 36 people. Coming in first place with 6,150 points was Jack and Dorothy Butler, followed by Milt and Marge Greenstein ( 5,730 ), Dave and Claire Rasmussen ( 4,710 ), Bob and Carol Wolf ( 4,140 ), and Gene and Mary Gould ( 4,050 ). Small slams were made by the Butlers and the Rasmussens.

Our next Ladies Day event will be in the spring of 2009.

The lunch / bridge group met on October 14th at Roundhill C.C. with 20 men in attendance. Bob Kale came in first with 5,620 points followed by Floyd Skelton (4,980), Monte Hall (4,470) and Lytton DeSilva (4,440). Floyd Skelton / Ali Aghaiepour made the only small slam of the day (a low scoring day).

Our second meeting of the month was on October 28th at Diablo C.C. with 27 men attending. First place was taken by Bob Singleton with 5,870 points. Second place went to Jai Yee ( 5,400 ), third place to Jack Butler ( 5,200 ) and fourth to Milt Greenstein ( 5,010 ). Small slams were made by Jai Yee /Art Donaldson, Jai Yee / Milt Greenstein and Joel White / Norm Schoenfeld. Today's average round ( 4 hands ) of 606 points compares to our last session of 563 points; the cards were running much higher on this day !



## Lunch Attendance

Jim Nachtweih

Attendance at the October 20th meeting totaled 192 persons. This includes 187 members, 1 visitor, 1 speaker, and 3 guests... There were 44 excused members and 10 un-excused members...The un-excused members will be asked to pay for their missed lunch.

**SIR MEMBERS & GUESTS  
SAVE THURS. DEC. 11th  
FOR THIS EVENT!**

Sons in Retirement  
Las Trampas Branch #116  
Presents

# Christmas Dinner Dance

## Thursday, December 11, 2008

Walnut Creek Elks Lodge

5:30 til 10pm

Music by The Diplomats

No Host Cocktails 5:30 til 7pm Dinner Entree Choice:

Dinner 7pm

Petite Filet of Beef or Salmon

Dancing 8pm

Wine will be served with dinner

**\$50.00 per person**

Make your reservations at our September, October and November Meetings

Deadline: November 30, 2008

Dinner Chairman: Bill McCord

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

Please indicate dinner entree choice

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Beef \_\_\_\_\_ Salmon \_\_\_\_\_  
Guest \_\_\_\_\_ Beef \_\_\_\_\_ Salmon \_\_\_\_\_

# 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



John Peterson Photo

"SIRS prepare for a day at Diablo Creek. Broad smiles show they haven't teed off yet." (left to right: Frank Crua, Bob Conlon, Dirk Meyer)

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. The 9-hole group also plays once a week and alternates play between local courses. Foursomes club. The 9-hole group also plays once a week and

## 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.

alternates play between local courses. 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.

Golf is a game in which the slowest people in the world are those in front of you, and the fastest are those behind.

## 2009 SIR 116 Golf Membership Renewal Deadline November 30

By David Geary and Max Foust

The annual fall membership renewal period for the Branch 116 Golf Club will start October 1, 2008 and end November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008. The NCGA membership fee will remain \$30 and the Branch 116 Golf Club will also be kept at \$10 per year. The total of \$40 will apply to current club members, new members, and transfers from other organizations. You must pay by check made out to "SIR Branch 116 Golf Club". One check covering both is fine.

The index provided by the NCGA is required to compete in the 18-hole group. NCGA memberships with other groups may be used, but SIR Area and State events require an index with a SIR club. Max Foust will manage this program this year. He and David Geary will be at the golf table before the November lunch meeting to answer questions, and take your checks. Checks may also be sent to the Golf Post Office Box, #55, Moraga 94556.

## SIR Branch 116 Financial Report

Dick Chaffee, Treasurer

	October. 2008	2008 YTD
Contributions . . . . .	\$2,861.29	\$36,235.67
Disbursements . . . . .	<u>-3,456.80</u>	<u>-36,621.66</u>
Net (gain/loss) . . . . .	(\$595.51)	\$ (\$385.99)
<b>September Cash Balance . . . . .</b>	<b>.....</b>	<b>\$8,339.76</b>

# 9 Hole Results

By Doug Aalders, Dick Chaffee, and Joe Ostler

## Pine Meadow, October 29

Name	Net	Pts.
Dick Chaffee	25	3
Ralph Schwarz	28	2
Joe Ostler	31	1

Closest to: Hole: Dick Chaffee

## Buchanan Fields, October 15

Name	Net	Pts.
Doug Aalders	27	3
Joe Stralovich	29	2
Ralph Schwarz	30	1

Closest to: Hole: Jim Nachtweih 1st,  
Ralph Schwarz 2nd, Bob Kinser 3rd

## Diablo Hills, October 22

Name	Net	Pts.
Joe Ostler	27	3
Ed Kline	28	2
Darrell McClaughery	30	1
Ralph Schwarz	30	1

Closest to: Hole: Joe Ostler

## Buchanan Fields, October 8

Name	Net	Pts.
Joe Ostler	27	3
Ed Kline	28	2
Darrell McClaughery	30	1
Ralph Schwarz	30	1

Closest to: Hole: Joe Ostler  
Joe Ostler 2nd, Dick Chaffee 3rd

## 9-Hole Leaders

As of Pine Meadow, October 29

Name	Pts.	Name	Pts.
Schwarz	46	Kinser	8
Powell	30	Nachtweih	7
Aalders	24	Daily	6
Hull	17	Walden	6
Ostler	17	Cuny	6
Stralovich	16	Yee	5
Armijo	15	Doyle	4
McLaughry	15	Canane	3
Chaffee	15	Harrington	3
Cole	12	Vetro	3
Kline	10	Sherman	2
Gilliam	9	Leschot, A	1
Geary	8	Leschot, R	1
Kohut	8	Turnquist	1

## Pine Meadow, October 1

Bob Kinser	32	3
Darrell McClaughry	32	3
Jai Yee	33	1

Closest to: Hole - Bob Kinser. 2nd Ralph Schwartz, 3rd Jai Yee

## 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, 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.

## November 9-Hole Schedule

Wed 5	10:00	Buchanan Fields	Dick Chaffee
Wed 12	10:00	Pine Meadow	Joe Oatler
Wed 19	10:00	Buchanan Fields	Dick Chaffee
Wed 26	10:15	Diablo Hills	Doug Aalders



# 18 Hole Results

By David Harris

## Diablo Creek — October 27, 2008

<u>Flight 1</u>		<u>Flight 2</u>		<u>Flight 3</u>		<u>Flight 4</u>	
Jerry Hicks	71 3	Dirk Meyer	71 3	Conrad Robertson	70 3	Matt Arena	73 3
Carlos Xavier	82 2	Robbie Robinson	72 2	Bob Conlon	71 2	Art Vogl	73 3
Jim Clizbe	84 1	Al Hutchko	73 1	Phil Goff	73 1	Doug Brown	74 1
Lonny Randall	84 1					<b>Low Gross</b>	
<b>Low Gross</b>		<b>Low Gross</b>		<b>Low Gross</b>		Matt Arena	107
Jerry Hicks	84	Dirk Meyer	87			Doug Brown	107
						Dan Ghelfi	107

## Mare Island— October 21, 2008

<u>Flight 1</u>		<u>Flight 2</u>		<u>Flight 3</u>		<u>Flight 4</u>	
Bill Clark	69 3	Dirk Meyer	68 3	John Story	72 3	Bob Donohue	75 3
Jim Clizbe	71 2	David Carlson	69 2	Conrad Robertson	74 2	Art Vogl	77 2
Carlos Xavier	75 1	Paul Kim	71 1	Phil Goff	75 1	Dan Ghelfi	80 1
				Al Serafino	75 1	Frank Lockwood	80 1
<b>Low Gross</b>		<b>Low Gross</b>		<b>Low Gross</b>		<b>Low Gross</b>	
Bill Clark	84	Dirk Meyer	84	John Story	94	Bob Donohue	103

## Boundary Oak — October 15, 2008

<u>Flight 1</u>		<u>Flight 2</u>		<u>Flight 3</u>		<u>Flight 4</u>	
Carlos Xavier	76 3	David Carlson	73 3	Conrad Robertson	73 3	Frank Lockwood	74 3
Bill McCord	82 2	Frank Crua	73 3	Alex Lutkus	74 2	Bill Hemmelsbach	75 2
		Jerry Hunter	74 1	Al Serafino	76 1	Art Vogl	78 1
<b>Low Gross</b>		<b>Low Gross</b>		<b>Low Gross</b>		<b>Low Gross</b>	
Bill McCord	94	Frank Crua	90	Conrad Robertson	99	Bill Hemmelsbach	109
Carlos Xavier	94						

## Boundary Oak — October 6, 2008

<u>Flight 1</u>		<u>Flight 2</u>		<u>Flight 3</u>		<u>Flight 4</u>	
Neil Schmidt	72 3	Jerry Hunter	64 3	Al Serafino	67 3	Max Foust	68 3
Carlos Xavier	74 2	Robbie Robinson	69 2	Phil Jenkins	68 2	Dan Ghelfi	71 2
Bill Clark	74 2	Frank Crua	72 1	Dick Chaffee	69 1	Doug Brown	72 1
		David Harris	72 1				
		Paul Kim	72 1				
		Will Schnieder	72 1				
<b>Low Gross</b>		<b>Low Gross</b>		<b>Low Gross</b>		<b>Low Gross</b>	
Neil Schmidt	86	Jerry Hunter	85	Phil Jenkins	92	Max Foust	96

# 2008 18 Hole Leaders

As of Diablo Creek, October 27, 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	56	Harris, David	37	Robertson, Conrad	48	Foust, Max	49
Schmidt, Neil	29	Hunter, Jerry	37	Goff, Phil	37	Hemmelsbach, Bill	37
Randall, Lonny	24	Meyer, Dirk	34	Story, John	33	Ghelfi, Dan	34
Xavier, Carlos	24	Robinson, Robbie	31	Powell, Troy	26	Peterson, John	33
Zavattero, Al	23	Kim, Paul	29	Jenkins, Phil	21	Arena, Matt	20
Clark, Bill	20	Carlson, David	27	Serafino, Al	21	Armijo, Ron	20
Tinguely, Pat	20	Eller, Tom	21	Testa, Bob	21	Brown, Doug	19
Domer, Ron	17	Crua, Frank	20	Chaffee, Dick	18	Vogl, Art	15
Geary, David	16	Hutchko, Al	20	Langhorst, Carl	16	Donohue, Bob	11
Clizbe, Jim	15	Marks, Phillip	13	Daniel, Jed	9	Lockwood, Frank	11
Cherepy, Steve	13	Nichols, Bob	10	Lutkus, Alex	4	Ostler, Joe	10
Cannon, Larry	11	Schnieder, Will	6	Shingleton, Art	4	Gilliam, Charles	7
Hicks, Jerry	6	Socolich, Dick	3	Walden, Herman	3	Kinser, Bob	5
Smith, Bill	3	Schoen, Gary	2	Yniguez, Tony	3	Kohut, George	5
				Conlon, Bob	2	Kallas, Pete	3
				McClaghry, D	2	Gagliardi, Ron	2
				McVean, Kirk	2	Stralovich, Joe	2
				Roberts, Don	2		

## 18-Hole Pay In Advance Deadlines

<b>Event Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Deadline</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Tuesday, November 18	Franklin Canyon	November 5	\$34
Monday, November 24	Deer Ridge	November 8	\$35
Monday, December 15	San Ramon	November 27	\$45
Monday, December 22	Paradise Valley	December 10	\$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>



RETURN TO: Roland Scrivner  
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Walnut Creek, CA  
94595-4105

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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.