



Trampas Topics

OCTOBER, 2008

SIR Branch 116

Next Meeting: 11:30 am,
Monday, October 20, 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

I'm happy to report that Branch 116 is solvent and not in danger of being taken over by the FDIC or any other government agency! We are open for business and hoping to provide you (and your guests) with some fun distractions to reading the daily financial news.



I am pleased to announce that our Executive Committee ("BEC") has approved a *Branch 116 Guidelines and Procedures Manual*, as summarized below. Special thanks to Director Ron Armijo who led this effort, assisted by incoming Secretary Conrad Robertson, who will maintain the document going forward. Future BEC's will now have a handy reference to decisions made by previous branch leadership.

Even though we're barely into fall, September was the first month to sign up for the gala Christmas Dinner Dance being planned by Bill McCord and his committee for Thursday evening December 11, 2008, right here at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge. Over 60 folks took advantage of the opportunity to stop by Bill's display and reserve their Petite Filet of Beef or Salmon. Make your plans now to join in this annual holiday event. Remember that guests and their spouses/significant others are also welcome to attend. The reservation form can be found on page 11.

I am sorry to report that Bill Hooy, Big Sir of Branch 8, has passed away after being ill for several months. We send our condolences to Bill's family and the members of our sister SIR branch.

See you at the October 20 meeting. Invite a guest!

116 Executive Committee Adopts Guidelines and Procedures

At the September Branch Executive Committee (BEC) meeting the committee reviewed, discussed, amended, and adopted a *Branch 116 Guidelines and Procedures Manual*. The document created by Director Ron Armijo and incoming Secretary Conrad Robertson is a compilation of actions taken by our BEC's since 2001 that are specific to our branch.

Heretofore there was no written record of our branch's guidelines and procedures other than the monthly meeting minutes. As a result, some procedures were forgotten, contradicted, and incorrectly remembered. The new manual now provides a consistent and accurate record of our guidelines and procedures. Going forward this document will be maintained by the Secretary, and an up to date copy will be available for member review on the SIR Branch 116 web site: <http://www.sir-web.org/116-web/>



Happy Halloween !

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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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Host	Frank Crua	932-0975			
Interviewer	Bill Mowris	672-2885			
Membership	Roland Scrivner	938-9078			

#1. Doug Aalders, Pete Belden, Ron Domer, Lou Sandor and Ben Smith
#2. Ron Domer, Milt Greenstein, Marty Ratterree Ben Smith

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

September Luncheon Speaker

By Little Sir Frank Crua



Dr. Ahmad Ghoreishi will be our October Luncheon Speaker. He will speak on Iran and the United States. He is a Lecturer in the Department of National Security Affairs at the [Naval Postgraduate School](#). Dr. Ghoreishi has also taught at St. Mary's College, San Francisco State University, University of Colorado, and at the National University of Iran, where he also served as Chancellor from 1977-1979, as Dean of the School of Political Science and Economics from 1975-1977, and as Dean for the School of Law from 1972-1977.

Dr. Ghoreishi's diplomatic experience includes positions as an advisor to the Iranian Foreign Ministry and as a delegate to the United Nations. His work on Iran and the Persian Gulf has been published in Naval War College Review, Middle East Policy, and Strategic Studies Institute.

Dr. Ghoreishi earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in International Relations from the University of Colorado in 1957, his Masters degree from the

University of California, Berkeley in 1960, and his PhD. in Political Science from the University of Colorado in 1965.



Hiking & Walking

Joel White/Rich Black

Gonna Put On My Walking Shoes

The SIRS walking groups hit the paths twice this month. Big SIR Art Donaldson and Richard Black did the Lafayette Reservoir Monday morning September 22 at 8:00 AM and a fine walk it was. Then the Coed group, consisting of Donna Arganbright, Art Donaldson, Mary Alice Donaldson, David Geary and Coleen Geary walked the Iron Horse Trail from the Rudgear/680 Park and Ride to Alamo where they had scones, brunch and coffee at the Cherubini Coffee House. Some walked back, some rode with the Gearys.

October walks will be as follows: Coed on October 24 starting at the Rudgear /680 Park and Ride at 8:15 AM for a walk on the Iron Horse Trail; the SIR Lafayette Reservoir walk on Monday October 27 at 8:00 AM at the meters on top of the dam. Those who wish can have breakfast afterwards in Orinda and then, again if they wish, stay for the Book Group discussion of "Ship of Gold..." at Orinda books at 10:15 AM.

Richard Black for Joel White

Poker Group #2

Floyd Skelton



We had our 4th monthly session on Tuesday, September 16 with two tables of SIR's having fun.

Poker Group #2 plays on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at Diablo

Country Club in Diablo, from 1-4 p.m. It's a small stakes game, and socializing with fellow SIR members the primary purpose. Let us know if you would like to join us in the future.

October Luncheon Menu

BBQ ROASTED CHICKEN, W/ BAKED BEANS, SALAD & VEGGIES



Lunch Attendance

Jim Nachtweih

Attendance at the September 15th meeting totaled 180 persons..This includes 175 members, 1 speaker, and 4 guests..There were 52 excused members and 25 un-excused members..The un-excused members will be asked to pay for their missed lunch



Computer & Technology Group

Dean Steichen and Phil Goff



Phil Goff, SIR Area2 Computer Group Co-Chairman gives presentation at the September meeting titled: "The New Firefox 3.0 Browser" (Derek Southern Photo)

Thursday, October 16, Dean Steichen will show how to use the Internet to solve computer related and many other questions and problems. Floyd Skelton will present his favorite websites.

Almost every problem or question has been recorded on the internet with various solutions. Dean will show you how to use the power of Internet search engines to solve your problems and answer your questions.

Floyd Skelton has developed a wide range of favorite websites. These include: (1) Hulu - Free TV on the web, (PC Magazines #1 website) plus Free TV from the major networks websites, (2) Google Maps - 'Streetview' to get a view of your house that's available to the world, (2) GasBuddy, to find the cheapest gasoline in your neighborhood, (3) FlightView, to track family or friends incoming flights you need to meet, live, up to date, and interactively, (4) Zillow, to see what your neighbors, family or friends home is worth, and too many more to mention here. The most fun will be to see them all accessed live and displayed via the SIR projector at the meeting, allowing time for your questions and comments.

Following the two 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 cof-

fee 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>.

Membership

Roland Scrivner



SIR 116 Member Updates

- David Geary #059 transfer to Branch #171
- Robert Hike #089 Resigned – Health
- Tim Christoffersen #056 To Inactive #310
- Donald Anderson #163 To Inactive #337
- Todd Lockwood #220 To Inactive #338

SIR 116 Membership Status

- Total Current Members — 252
- This Month's Inductees — 1
- Those in Interview Stage — 0
- Total in Process — 1
- On Inactive Status — 36
- Left the Branch — 0
- Waiting to be Installed — 0

September New Member



William G Knopf, Margaret
775 Kirkcrest Rd.
Danville, 94526
831-3790
Civil Engineer
knopf43@comcast.net

Branch 116 Honoree

By Jack Bevis



Our Senior Sir Honoree this month is Al Groeper. He and his wife Shirley are members of the Grace Presbyterian church in Walnut Creek. He is a past master of California Masonic Lodge No. 1 in San Francisco.

Al was born in San Francisco September 1, 1918. He graduated from Polytechnic High School in 1936,



played on their golf and swimming teams and was a captain in the R.O.T.C. He went to City College for 6 months and again was on the golf team. Al began his golfing career at age ten at Lincoln Park Golf Course and until moving to Contra

Costa County in 1976 was a member of the Presidio Golf Club in San Francisco.

He says that the most memorable event in his golfing career happened at 7:30 AM on a Wednesday morning at Buchanan Field. As a single he met another gentleman who was also by himself. They enjoyed a round and over a cup of coffee decided to meet each Wednesday at 7:30 AM and do it again. He had the pleasure of watching his friend make a hole-in-one. His friend invited him to be his guest at a SIRS luncheon after which he joined this great organization. For this he offers his thanks to his good friend Pete Belden.

Earlier on he had decided that college was not for him and in 1936 went to work as a clerk for the American Tobacco Company. At this time he met his wife to be. He and Shirley were married in 1940 and last March celebrated their 68th wedding anniversary. They have one daughter, two granddaughters and three great granddaughters.

In 1942 he had entered an infantry Volunteer candidate program. He did his basic training at Camp Walters, Texas. Then he was posted to the Fort Benning Officer Training Center at Vancouver Barracks Washington. By September 1943 he was part of an assault landing in the Palau Islands. After three weeks of Japanese mortar fire and ground combat his hearing was impaired and he was shipped to a hospital in Guadalcanal. Before leaving he earned the combat infantry badge and was awarded the Bronze Star. After his hearing was sufficiently im-

proved he was posted to a non-combat unit and served in Guadalcanal, the Russell Islands and New Caledonia, returning to the States in May 1946. He joined the California National Guard as photographic officer in the 209th Signal Company and in 1955 resigned as Assistant Division Signal Officer with the rank of Major.

He did not return to his prewar employer but went to work for Standard Oil Company as an accountant. After a stint as an outside salesman and time working for three different companies, he was hired by Equitable Life in 1953 for the long term. That career only ended in 2003 when his contract was purchased.

Since then he has been running an insurance business out of his home. He says that he does not work hard, he hardly works. He has been a volunteer at John Muir Medical Center since 1991 and has accumulated over 5200 hours.



\$ums in Retirement

David Munson

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/>)

Idle Thoughts of a Retiree's Wandering Mind

I had amnesia once -- or twice



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, October 23rd, 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. In September, Kent Cremolini shared his experiences and knowledge on San Diego long range fishing trips. Paul Dubow will provide a colorful and exciting description of fishing in British Columbia for Salmon and Halibut in October.

Dick Thomson, Joe Peterson, and Carl Moyer fished the bay for halibut on 3 occasions, catching a total of 9 delicious fish to 12 pounds. Bob Kahl fished a

13 and 8 pounds. Carl was not so lucky fishing Montezuma with a friend for sturgeon, catching only a very pitiful 15 incher. Dick Thomson, Harry Sherinian, and Joe Karg fished the ocean with Carl for lots of many colored rockfish. The seemingly eternal wind kept Craig Walton and Joe Peterson woefully looking at the Sacramento River, where they would love to be fishing.

We will be very busy in the future with trout fishing in the Eastern Sierras; tuna and bill fish in Mexico; striped bass and halibut in the bay; trolling and fly fishing for trout at Lake Davis; 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.

Next meeting will be Thursday, October 23rd, 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/Secretary)(916-777-5363.)



Romano Gnusti proudly holds a big thirteen pound Mackinaw Trout caught in Lake Tahoe.

very low and unproductive Little Truckee stream. Karl Droese led Romano Gnusti, Tom Boltz, and Paul Dobow on yet another very successful trip to Lake Tahoe. Romano landed a beautiful 13 pound Mackinaw Trout, and everybody caught many other gorgeous Macks. Sal Costanza fished the same lake 3 other times catching Mackinaws to 23 inches, and some very feisty rainbows to 24 inches. Carl Moyer found a calm day on the bay, and fishing solo by the Berkeley pier trolled up 2 Halibut,

SIR Website Addresses

SIR 116 Web Site

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

Branch 116 Golf

— <http://www.sir-web.org/116-golf/>

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

Computer and Technology

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

SIR Happenings State Newsletter

<http://sirinc.org/>

[protected/sirhappenings.htm](http://www.sirinc.org/protected/sirhappenings.htm)

State SIR Web Site

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



I 16 Book Club
Rich Black

How do societies choose to fail or succeed?

The Easter Island folks, the Greenland Vikings and the Maya flourished and ultimately failed. The Icelanders, the Japanese and then some folks in the New Guinea highlands are doing well so far. The Dominican Republic isn't rich, but it's doing much better than its island neighbor, Haiti.

The SIR Book Group, including Bill Knopf, Bob Daily, Jack Butler, Al Reynolds, Lytton DeSilva, Art Donaldson, Rich Black and Jim Scott examined Diamond's thesis that long term success depended on environmental damage, climate change, hostile neighbors, friendly trade partners and the disposition of the society. Success can be top down or bottom up. Group members felt Diamond was long on detail and short on demonstrated causality, but found that Diamond's exposition resonated at least some of the time for everyone.

The group will next meet on October 27 at 10:15 AM at Orinda Books to discuss "Ship of Gold in the Deep Blue Sea" by Gary Kinder. The November-December meeting of the group will be on Monday December 8 (note different Monday because of the holidays) at 10:15 at Orinda Books. The group will read "Six Frigates: The Epic History of the Founding of the U.S. Navy.



Sunshine Report
Matt Arena

Thanks to Jerry and Kathy Hicks I have been receiving updates on Ed Regalia's condition.

Ed remains at Kaiser Vallejo and is progressing with speech and physical therapy.

He is working very hard to regain his speech and progress is being made. His right side is paralyzed but he is in a wheel chair and is able to move about. Gwen is with him and is supporting his recovery.

The plan is to move Ed to a skilled nursing facility in Walnut Creek when he is released from Kaiser

Gene Power continues treatment at the Danville Village Health Care Center and calls and cards are appreciated.

Joe Lennon is making progress with the new wound treatment prescribed by his doctors.

Joe is a fighter and before too long he will heal and can start his chemotherapy.

Art Miller dropped in at John Muir Emergency after cold sweats and feeling faint. I saw him yesterday and he should be out of the hospital by the weekend.

Frank Schofield continues to work on his recovery following his stroke. He is able to get about in a wheel chair.

Let us all be grateful for our good healthit is a

Poker Group #2
Floyd Skelton



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SIR Branch I 16
Financial Report
Dick Chaffee, Treasurer

	September. 2008	2008 YTD
Contributions	\$2,895.00 –	\$33,374.38
Disbursements	<u>3,489.13</u>	<u>-33,164.86</u>
Net (gain/loss)	(\$594.18)	\$ 209.52
September Cash Balance	\$8,935.27



2008 Carson City Annual Golf Outing Photos

(Photos by Phil Goff)





2008 Carson City Annual Golf Outing Photo

(Photos by Phil Goff)



SIR Travel

**Carlos Xavier and Tom
Eller, Travel Co-Chairman**

Pick up brochures, forms, etc., at the travel desk at the luncheons. If we run out of these and you are still interested in the trip, please ask your travel chairmen and he will have one sent to you. Payment should be made to the travel agency arranging the event unless otherwise stated.



**October 28 – 30. CELEBRATE our
SIR 50th**

ANNIVERSARY in RENO. Enjoy two nights at the luxurious Grand Sierra Resort & Casino. Cost is \$291

p/p double, \$45 single supplement. Includes a \$6 p/p food credit at the hotel. Day one: - deluxe motor coach transportation and a

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transportation to Reno SIR welcome reception.

Day two: - optional daytime tours available; Evening, 50th Anniversary dinner hosted in the ballroom and a performance by Yakov Smirnoff in the Showroom.

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

13 day trip from November 3 to November 15 with from escorted by Bob Spellman of Branch #146. The cost for this

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October Birthdays

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

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|--------------------|---------------------|
| Anderson, Donald G | Miller, Kenneth G. |
| Bevis, John H. | Opet, Eugene A |
| Christen, Urs | Perry, Dennis |
| Cuny, F. B. | Portillo, Frank R. |
| Daily, Robert F. | Shingleton, Art D |
| Daniel, John E. | Shurr, James |
| Fraser, John A | Stralovich, Joe A |
| Ghelfi, Dan A. | Thomson, Richard J. |
| Heck, David K | West, John N |
| Jacobs, John C. | Wolf, Robert |
| Langhorst, Carl W | |



PAST BIG SIR'S HONORED — Branch 116 Past Big Sirs (l to r back row) Floyd Skelton (2007), Ron Domer (2005), Robbie Robinson (2004), Jerry Hunter (2006) and (l to r front row) Carlos Xavier 2003, Courtney Borrecco (2001), Art Miller (1998) and Bill Hays (1990) were recognized at the September luncheon.

(John Peterson Photo)



SIR 116 Bridge

Milt Greenstein, Chairman

Our duplicate bridge group met on September 2nd at the Pleasant Hill Bridge Center with 12 men (3 tables) attending. The winning team with a respectful 68% (34 points out of a possible 50) was Gene Gould / Milt Greenstein, followed by Oscar Krikorian / Dan Greenberg with 54%.

On September 9th, The group met at Roundhill C.C. with 24 men enjoying lunch and an afternoon of good bridge. Our winner today was Cal Cohen with 5,960 points, followed by Jim Nachtweih (5,020), Oscar Krikorian (4,920), and Bill Sullivan (4,800). Three small slams were made today: Ben Yeraka / Cal Cohen, Oscar Krikorian / Gene Gould and Bill Sullivan / Milt Greenstein.

On September 23rd, 29 men gathered at the Diablo C.C. for lunch and bridge. Top scorer today was Bob Singleton with 5,950 points. Second place went to Ben Yeraka with 5,470 points, third was Gene Gould with 5,070 and fourth was Bob Kahl with 5,010 points. Only one small slam was made today by the team of Dennis Perry / Ben Yeraka. Today was a low scoring day, over 250 points below our year's day average , and a low of 940 points for a days individual total. But everyone had a great afternoon and an excellent lunch.

Last chance to sign up for our LADIES DAY event - Oct. 23 at Diablo C.C. for lunch and bridge with your most significant other!

**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

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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 with play alternating between local courses 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.

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



"Smiling SIRS Stayed Dry at Brentwood." (left to right: Bill Hemmelsbach, Pete Kallas, Ron Gagliardi.)

(John Peterson Photo)

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 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.

## 2009 SIR 116 Golf Membership Renewal Begins October 1

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 Nov. and Dec. lunch meetings to answer questions, and take your checks. Checks may also be sent to the Golf Post Office Box, #55, Moraga 94556.

## 18-Hole Pay In Advance Deadlines

| Event Date           | Location        | Deadline   | Amount    |
|----------------------|-----------------|------------|-----------|
| Tuesday, October 21  | Mare Island     | October. 3 | \$34      |
| Monday, October 27   | Diablo Creek    | October 15 | \$37      |
| Monday, November 3   | Bethel Island   | October 22 | \$25/\$38 |
| Tuesday, November 18 | Franklin Canyon | November 5 | \$34      |

# 9 Hole Results

By Doug Alders, Dick Chaffee, and Joe Ostler

## Diablo Hills, September 24

| Name           | Net | Pts. |
|----------------|-----|------|
| Bob Kinser     | 29  | 3    |
| Joe Stralovich | 32  | 2    |
| Jai Yee        | 34  | 1    |

## Buchanan Fields, September 17

| Name            | Net | Pts. |
|-----------------|-----|------|
| Doug Alders     | 27  | 3    |
| Lee Doyle       | 28  | 2    |
| Bob Kinser      | 28  | 2    |
| Jhoe Stralovich | 28  | 2    |

Closest to: Hole: Bob Kinser 1st,  
Ralph Schwarz 2nd, Dick Chaffee 3rd

## Pine Meadow, September 10

| Name          | Net | Pts. |
|---------------|-----|------|
| Ralph Schwarz | 26  | 3    |
| Dick Chaffee  | 27  | 2    |
| Troy Powell   | 30  | 1    |

Closest: Troy Powell

## Buchanan Fields, September 3

| Name          | Net | Pts. |
|---------------|-----|------|
| Jai Yee       | 26  | 3    |
| Jim Nachtweih | 27  | 2    |
| Cord Hull     | 28  | 1    |

Closest to: Hole: Bob Shader 1st,  
Cord Hull 2nd, Stan Lowenberg 3rd

## 9-Hole Leaders

As of Diablo Hills, September 24

| Name       | Pts. | Name       | Pts. |
|------------|------|------------|------|
| Schwarz    | 41   | Daily      | 6    |
| Powell     | 30   | Kline      | 6    |
| Aalders    | 21   | Walden     | 6    |
| Hull       | 17   | Cuny       | 6    |
| Armijo     | 15   | Kinser     | 5    |
| Stralovich | 14   | Yee        | 4    |
| Cole       | 12   | Doyle      | 4    |
| McLaughry  | 12   | Canane     | 3    |
| Chaffee    | 12   | Harrington | 3    |
| Ostler     | 10   | Vetro      | 3    |
| Gilliam    | 9    | Sherman    | 2    |
| Geary      | 8    | Leschot, A | 1    |
| Kohut      | 8    | Leschot, R | 1    |
| Nachtweih  | 7    | Turnquist  | 1    |

## October 9-Hole Schedule

|        |       |                 |              |
|--------|-------|-----------------|--------------|
| Wed 1  | 10:00 | Pine Meadow     | Joe Ostler   |
| Wed 9  | 10:00 | Buchanan Fields | Dick Chaffee |
| Wed 15 | 10:00 | Buchanan Fields | Dick Chaffee |
| Wed 22 | 10:15 | Diablo Hills    | Doug Alders  |

## 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.

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.



# 18 Hole Results

By David Harris

## Tilden — September 29, 2008

| <u>Flight 1</u>  |      | <u>Flight 2</u>  |      | <u>Flight 3</u>  |      | <u>Flight 4</u>  |      |
|------------------|------|------------------|------|------------------|------|------------------|------|
| Carlos Xavier    | 69 3 | Frank Crua       | 66 3 | Carl Langhorst   | 65 3 | Matt Arena       | 68 3 |
| Jim Clizbe       | 70 2 | David Carlson    | 71 2 | Conrad Roberson  | 72 2 | John Peterson    | 68 3 |
| Bill McCord      | 71 1 | Paul Kim         | 71 2 | Al Serafino      | 75 1 | Bob Kinser       | 69 1 |
|                  |      | Bob Nichols      | 71 2 |                  |      |                  |      |
| <b>Low Gross</b> |      | <b>Low Gross</b> |      | <b>Low Gross</b> |      | <b>Low Gross</b> |      |
| Bill McCord      | 83   | Frank Crua       | 84   | Carl Langhorst   |      | John Peterson    | 97   |

Closest to: Hole #4 - Bill McCord, Phil Jenkins --- Hole #11 - Paul Kim, Carl Langhorst

## Brentwood — September 22, 2008

| <u>Flight 1</u>  |      | <u>Flight 2</u>  |      | <u>Flight 3</u>  |      | <u>Flight 4</u>  |      |
|------------------|------|------------------|------|------------------|------|------------------|------|
| Neil Schmidt     | 66 3 | Frank Crua       | 63 3 | Conrad Roberson  | 67 3 | Pete Kallas      | 68 3 |
| David Geary      | 71 2 | David Harris     | 66 2 | Phil Goff        | 69 2 | Max Foust        | 73 2 |
| Bill McCord      | 72 1 | Tom Eller        | 67 1 | Carl Langhorst   | 74 1 | Bill Hemmelsbach | 74 1 |
| Lonny Randall    | 72 1 | Paul Kim         | 67 1 |                  |      | Chuck Gilliam    | 74 1 |
| <b>Low Gross</b> |      | <b>Low Gross</b> |      | <b>Low Gross</b> |      | <b>Low Gross</b> |      |
| Neil Schmidt     | 81   | Frank Crua       | 81   | Phil Goff        | 91   | Pete Kallas      | 100  |

## Lone Tree — September 16, 2008

| <u>Flight 1</u>  |      | <u>Flight 2</u>  |      | <u>Flight 3</u>  |      | <u>Flight 4</u>  |      |
|------------------|------|------------------|------|------------------|------|------------------|------|
| Bill McCord      | 71 3 | David Harris     | 67 3 | Phil Goff        | 66 3 | Chuck Gilliam    | 66 3 |
| Pat Tinguely     | 71 3 | Robbie Robinson  | 70 2 | Conrad Roberson  | 67 2 | Bob Donohue      | 69 2 |
| Al Zattero       | 71 3 | Jerry Hunter     | 71 1 | Al Serafino      | 72 1 | Matt Arena       | 72 1 |
|                  |      |                  |      |                  |      | Art Vogl         | 72 1 |
| <b>Low Gross</b> |      | <b>Low Gross</b> |      | <b>Low Gross</b> |      | <b>Low Gross</b> |      |
| Bill McCord      | 83   | David Harris     | 83   | Phil Goff        |      | Bob Donohue      | 99   |

## Boundary Oak — September 8, 2008

| <u>Flight 1</u>  |      | <u>Flight 2</u>  |      | <u>Flight 3</u>  |      | <u>Flight 4</u>  |      |
|------------------|------|------------------|------|------------------|------|------------------|------|
| Bill Clark       | 71 3 | Robbie Robinson  | 66 3 | Troy Powell      | 67 3 | John Peterson    | 67 3 |
| Ron Domer        | 72 2 | David Harris     | 67 2 | Bob Testa        | 70 2 | Art Vogl         | 71 2 |
| Jim Clizbe       | 73 1 | Phillip Marks    | 67 2 | Phil Goff        | 71 1 | Ron Amigo        | 71 2 |
| Neil Schmidt     | 73 1 |                  |      |                  |      |                  |      |
| <b>Low Gross</b> |      | <b>Low Gross</b> |      | <b>Low Gross</b> |      | <b>Low Gross</b> |      |
| Bill Clark       | 86   | David Harris     | 84   | Phil Goff        | 92   | John Peterson    | 97   |
|                  |      | Phillip Marks    | 84   |                  |      |                  |      |

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# 2008 18 Hole Leaders

As of Tilden — September 29, 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    | 54            | Harris, David    | 36            | Robertson, Conrad | 40            | Foust, Max        | 46            |
| Schmidt, Neil   | 26            | Hunter, Jerry    | 33            | Goff, Phil        | 35            | Hemmelsbach, Bill | 35            |
| Randall, Lonny  | 23            | Meyer, Dirk      | 28            | Story, John       | 30            | Peterson, John    | 33            |
| Zavattero, Al   | 23            | Kim, Paul        | 27            | Powell, Troy      | 26            | Ghelfi, Dan       | 31            |
| Tinguely, Pat   | 20            | Robinson, Robbie | 27            | Testa, Bob        | 21            | Armijo, Ron       | 20            |
| Domer, Ron      | 17            | Carlson, David   | 22            | Jenkins, Phil     | 19            | Arena, Matt       | 17            |
| Clark, Bill     | 16            | Eller, Tom       | 21            | Chaffee, Dick     | 17            | Brown, Doug       | 17            |
| Geary, David    | 16            | Hutchko, Al      | 19            | Langhorst, Carl   | 16            | Ostler, Joe       | 10            |
| Xavier, Carlos  | 16            | Crua, Frank      | 16            | Serafino, Al      | 16            | Vogl, Art         | 9             |
| Cherepy, Steve  | 13            | Marks, Phillip   | 13            | Daniel, Jed       | 9             | Donohue, Bob      | 8             |
| Clizbe, Jim     | 12            | Nichols, Bob     | 10            | Shingleton, Art   | 4             | Gilliam, Charles  | 7             |
| Cannon, Larry   | 11            | Schnieder, Will  | 5             | Walden, Herman    | 3             | Lockwood, Frank   | 7             |
| Hicks, Jerry    | 3             | Socolich, Dick   | 3             | Yniguez, Tony     | 3             | Kinser, Bob       | 5             |
| Smith, Bill     | 3             | Schoen, Gary     | 2             | Lutkus, Alex      | 2             | Kohut, George     | 5             |
|                 |               |                  |               | McClaghry, D      | 2             | Kallas, Pete      | 3             |

## 18-Hole Results — Continued from Previous Page Boundary Oak — September 3, 2008

| <u>Flight 1</u>  |      | <u>Flight 2</u>  |      | <u>Flight 3</u>  |      | <u>Flight 4</u>  |      |
|------------------|------|------------------|------|------------------|------|------------------|------|
| Neil Schmidt     | 68 3 | Tom Eller        | 68 3 | Al Serafino      | 71 3 | Matt Arena       | 72 3 |
| Bill McCord      | 72 2 | Al Hutchko       | 70 2 | John Story       | 71 3 | Ron Armijo       | 74 2 |
| Steve Cherepy    | 73 1 | Jerry Hunter     | 72 1 | Carl Langhorst   | 72 1 | Doug Brown       | 76 1 |
| <b>Low Gross</b> |      | <b>Low Gross</b> |      | <b>Low Gross</b> |      | <b>Low Gross</b> |      |
| Neil Schmidt     | 83   | Tom Eller        | 86   | John Story       | 93   | Max Foust        | 105  |
| Steve Cherepy    | 83   |                  |      |                  |      |                  |      |

Closest to: Hole #2 - Al Hutchko, John Peterson --- Hole 12 - illegible, Matt Arena

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18-Hole Leaders and Results: Weekly, usually within a day or two of the event.

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Did not attend one-half (5) of the regular luncheon meetings within the previous twelve consecutive month period. NOTE: Excused meetings cannot be included to achieve the minimum attendance.

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