



Trampas Topics

SEPTEMBER, 2008

SIR Branch 116

Next Meeting: 11:30 am,
Monday, Sept. 15, 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

Congratulations to the talented list of **Officers and Directors for 2009** that were elected at our August meeting. We are very fortunate that



these folks have agreed to undertake leadership positions to support our branch. And special thanks to **Floyd Skelton** for managing the entire election process from selection to election. Our Branch will be in capable hands come January.

September is the month when we traditionally honor our **past Big Sirs** and I am pleased to report that nine of them will be with us that day. We owe a debt of gratitude to these fine men who each spent a year leading our organization. Plan to be there on September 15th. to thank them in person.

On August 4 the **statewide annual meeting** of all (160) Branch Big SIRs was held at the Vallejo Elks club. I was proud to attend representing our branch and enjoyed meeting many other Big Sirs. All the State, Regional, and Area officers were present as well. Statewide, SIR continues to experience declining membership although our Area 2 in Walnut Creek, Concord, and Moraga has not yet encountered that problem. Even so, we were cautioned to continue to focus on offering activities that will attract new members and all make the effort to invite guests to join us. In that regard, I was very pleased to welcome **four new members** to our Branch in August. Thanks to the sponsors who made the effort to invite them to join us!

On August 25, the election was held for **Area 2 Governor**. The winner was Dean Steichen (Branch 8) who will take office on January 1, when current Governor **Jim Stedman** becomes the Region 6 State Director.

I want to offer a **tip on luncheon parking** which I hope will be helpful: There are an additional 50 or so parking spaces underneath Building 49 in the auxiliary lot we have been using for the past several months. To access them, turn right after you pass Building 49 and go down the driveway. I'm told several were empty at our last meeting and people were parking on the street.

Labor Day



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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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934-8391



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932-0975



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937-2399



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2008 SIR 116 Committee Chairmen

Activities Coordinator	Jerry Kaplan	938-1037	Membership Roster	Dick Thomson	785-7600
Attendance	Jim Nachtweih	838-7417	Newsletter Editor	Floyd Skelton	838-2515
Audit	Dick Thomson	785-7600	Nominating	Floyd Skelton	838-2515
Book Club	Rich Black	283-8376	Photographers	Ken Miller	256-9343
Bridge	Milt Greenstein	376-5589	Piano	John Peterson	946-0335
Candy Sales	Dirk Meyer	820-6878	Poker Group #1	Bob Lake	837-4054
Chaplain	Rotating	#1 See Below	Poker Group #2	Bill Harrington	935-1625
Christmas Party	Bill McCord	376-5280	Spring Party	Floyd Skelton	838-2515
Computer & Technology Group	Phil Goff	831-3692	Storytellers	Bill McCord	376-5280
Computer Support	Dick Thomson	785-7600	Sums In Retirement	Rotating	#2 See Below
Duplicate Bridge	Bob Daily	837-7080	Sunshine	Ben Smith	820-5403
Fishing	Terry Mlller	686-9298	Travel	Matt Arena	946-0404
Golf	Ron Domer	838-8320	Volunteers	Carlos Xavier	947-6756
Greeters	Tim Hubbard	944-0742	Webmaster	Robbie Robinson	798-4276
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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			
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

2008 SIR Area 2 (Interbranch) Committee Chairmen

Bowling	Lloyd West (Branch 19)	228-9037	Publicity	Walt Schick (Branch 8)	934-0656
Computer and Technology	Co-Dean Steichen (Br. 8)	831-3692	Table Pool	Bill Weinberg (Branch 146)	682-0962
Fishing	Co-Phil Goff (Branch 116)	820-3573	Rubber Bridge	Fred Bolton (Branch 146)	932-1580
Golf	Craig Walton (Branch 8)	937-4876	Speakers Bureau	John Roebuck (Branch 19)	685-8764
	Jim Willey (Branch 19)	689-3199	\$ums Retirement	Dave Munson (Branch 171)	377-5851

September Luncheon Speaker

By Little Sir Frank Crua



We are fortunate to have a very timely speaker this month – Mr. Gus Kramer, Contra Costa County Assessor. He will be speaking on “Tax saving measures in Contra Costa County”, and “The declining housing market and Contra Costa County's economic climate.” With all that is happening in the housing market, I’m sure he will give us some pearls of wisdom that we all can use.



Gus Kramer was elected to the Office of Assessor of Contra Costa County in 1994. He is currently in his fourth term in office, serving the taxpayers of Contra County for more than twelve years as County Assessor.

He grew up in West Pittsburg, now known as Bay Point. He is a graduate of the San Francisco College of Mortuary Science and the University of San Francisco.

Mr. Kramer’s public career in Contra Costa County began in 1974. He embarked on his tenure with the County at the Contra Costa County Sheriff Coroner’s Office, later moving to the Contra Costa County Probation Department, and finally to the Contra Costa County Public Works Department until 1994 when he was elected to the position of County Assessor.

In addition to his service to Contra Costa County and its residents, he was also elected to the position of Martinez City Clerk in 1986. He has more than 28 years as a licensed Real Estate Salesperson.

Mr. Kramer has also found a natural niche in the

media, enjoying hosting a regional television program shown throughout the greater Bay Area entitled, “Friendly Fire.”



Hiking & Walking

Joel White

The first couples hike, August 22, 2008, was enjoyed by all the participants: Rich and Donna Black, Art and Mary Alice Donaldson, David and Colleen Geary, and Susan and Joel White. We departed from the Rudgear/680 Park and Ride at 8:17am and walked along the Iron Horse Trail through Alamo to Stone Valley Road (about 2-2 1/2 miles?). A delightful breakfast was enjoyed at Cherubini Coffee House in Alamo square following which half took the bus back to their vehicles and half returned on foot. A decision was made to continue the walks on the fourth Friday of the Month at 8:15am. The September couples walk will be Friday, September 26. This walk will be led by Rich Black as I will be away. The fourth Monday walks at 8 am at Lafayette reservoir continue to be popular. September’s will be the 22nd, again led by Rich.



1st SIR 116 Couples Hike — This group looks good and is obviously having fun. Call Rich Black to join in.

Coat Left at August Luncheon

A medium size tan "Antigua" brand light jacket was found on the piano after our meeting on Monday. The owner should email or call Art Donaldson since he now has it in his possession.



Computer & Technology Group

Dean Steichen and Phil Goff



Dick Curry, (Branch 171) left, congratulates Frank Crua (Branch 116) on winning the lottery for the Computer Group's 3-year-old laptop at the August meeting.

Phil Goff Photo

Thursday, September 18, Derek Southern will present "All About Blogging" and Phil Goff will demonstrate the new Firefox 3.0 Browser.

More and more organizations and individuals are creating their own Blogs. Why? Have **you** ever wanted to post your own political views, boast about the grandchildren, or just show off your pictures from a wonderful vacation? Find out how to blog, then decide if you want to!

September Birthdays

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

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|----------------------|--------------------|
| Black, Richard W | Leschot, Allen |
| Campbell, Robert A. | Miller, Terry L. |
| Carpenter, Michael S | Morison, Paul |
| DeGraf, Donnell | Nachtweih, James |
| Geary, David S. | Schnieder, Will |
| Groeper, Alvin H. | Tittle, David S |
| Higaki, Paul F | Verdoia, Joseph P. |
| Kay, Norm | Xavier, Carlos E. |

Two free programs will be presented (Blogger and WordPress) and a blog will be created "live" to show how easy it can be to post text, pictures and even a photo-album.

Firefox is a web browser similar to Internet Explorer. However, it has features that Internet Explorer doesn't have and it is the fastest growing browser available. Best of all its free! Come and hear why you may want to start using Firefox 3.0.

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 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>



Derek Southern (Branch 8) gave a detailed and informative presentation on Blue Tooth technology at the August SIR Computer and Technology Group meeting.

Phil Goff Photo

2009 SIR Branch 116 Officers-Elect



ELECTION OF OFFICERS — The above were elected as officers for 2009 at the August luncheon. (L to R, Back Row Art Donaldson, Director, Bill McCord, Director, Ron Armijo, Treasurer, Conrad Robertson, Secretary, Jed Daniel, Little Sir, Frank Crua, Big Sir. (L to R, Front Row Ben Smith, Director, Phil Goff, Director, Matt Arena, Assistant Secretary, Bill Hemmelsbach, Director. Not pictured, Bob Shader, Assistant Treasurer, and Bob Wolf, Director.

John Peterson Photo

Now That Explains It!

A mechanic was removing a cylinder head from the motor of a Harley motorcycle when he spotted a well-known heart surgeon in his shop.

The surgeon was there, waiting for the service manager to come and take a look at his bike.

The mechanic shouted across the garage, "Hey, Doc, can I ask you a question?"

The surgeon a bit surprised, walked over to the mechanic working on the motorcycle. The mechanic straightened up, wiped his hands on a rag and asked, "So Doc, look at this engine. I open its heart, take valves out, fix 'em, put 'em back in, and when I finish, it works just like new. So how come I get such a small salary and you get the really big bucks, when you and I are doing basically the same work?"

The surgeon paused, smiled and leaned over, and whispered to the mechanic . . .

"Try doing it with the engine running."

Poker Group #2 Floyd Skelton



3rd Session — Two Full Tables

The third session of our new Poker Group #2 provided two tables of fun for our group and we started and ended on time this time.



If you have an interest in our group and haven't already indicated same, please contact Floyd Skelton at (925) 838-2515 or e-mail him at: f.skelton@sbcglobal.net

We have several players traveling in September so this is the time to give the group a try.

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.



NEW 116 MEMBERS — Big Sir Art Donaldson introduces new members of Las Trampas SIR 116 at the August luncheon. (Ken Miller Photo)



Sunshine Report

Matt Arena

Past Big SIR Floyd Skelton represented our Branch and presented the **Certificate of Remembrance** to the family at the CELEBRATION OF LIFE for Bob Anderson. We want to thank Floyd and the other SIR members who attended to honor Bob and his family.

Joe Lennon is making improvement to the satisfaction of his surgeon. The wound is healing and Joe is out taking his walks. His appetite has improved and he feels much better.

Gene Power continues treatment at Danville Village Health Care Center. Currently more blood tests are being run and the family is awaiting results. He appreciates the cards and visits from our members.

No new word on Frank Schofield who is recovering from a stroke following his fall several months ago. When I last talked to him he was in good spirits and appreciated hearing from us.

I am glad so many took my advice last month and are staying healthy.

Keep up the good work.

Membership

Roland Scrivner



SIR 116 Member Updates

Walter Hagge #158 Passed away in June
 Toshio Suwa #327 Inactive to #158 Active
 Robert Anderson #065 Passed Away
 Eugene Power #083 to Inactive #327
 Angelo Nanni #310 Inactive
 Removed from Roster. Has moved and no contact. Per sponsor, may be in rest home

SIR 116 Membership Status

Total Current Members — 248
 This Month's Inductees — 1
 Those in Interview Stage — 1
 Total in Process — 5
 On Inactive Status — 36
 Left the Branch — 4
 Waiting to be Installed — 0

August New Members

Darrell C Feay 1700 Tice Valley Blvd. Walnut Creek, 94595 943-3154 Research Chemist darrellfeay@att.net	Ronald J Gagliardi Marie 4466 Crestwood Circle Concord, 94521 682-4012 IBEW 302 rongag@att.net
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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, September 25th, 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 In August, Carl Moyer



John Hayes, Ekkehardt Keller, Carl Moyer, Karl Droese, and Terry Miller proudly show stripers and a halibut caught fishing in the bay.

did a presentation on how to make your own Hair raiser jigs. In September, Kent Cremolini will speak on San Diego long range fishing trips. Harry Sherinian led a shore fishing expedition of SIR's to the Alameda Rockwall. Joining Harry were Tom Boltz, Dick Thomson, Joe Miscione, Joe Karg, Bob Olsen, Terry Miller, Tom Boltz, and Carl Moyer. No aquatic species were injured. Rich Bal organized a trip to the Skeena River in British Columbia for many King and Silver salmon to 50 pounds, and a few halibut. Ed Djikman, Jack Waddell, Roger Miller, Karl Droese, and Paul Dubow were the happy anglers. Carl Moyer, Joe Karg, Karl Droese, and Tom Boltz hired a guide to fish Lake Berryessa for Kokanee salmon. Only 3 Kokanee, a king salmon, and a smallmouth bass were caught. Craig Walton and Kent Cremolini fished the lake the same day in Craig's boat, and Craig caught 2 trout and a Kokanee. Pete Gates, Tom Boltz, and Steve Laughlin ventured north all the way to Whalers Cove, in Angoon, Alaska, where they caught a few

salmon, halibut to 50 lbs, and many rockfish. Carl Moyer and Terry Miller joined a friend of Carl's drift fishing the bay for 6 lovely and tasty halibut. Karl Droese led two forays for Mackinaw trout in Lake Tahoe, for a nice Mackinaw each caught by Terry Miller, Al Brunner, Paul Dubow, and Dave Carlson. Joe Karg went out the Golden Gate on a party boat for a limit of rock fish and a big 8 lb Cabazone. Carl Moyer caught limits of rockfish and lingcod on several voyages in the ocean. Don Mittelestaedt fished Lake Crowley with tiny midge flies for some big trout including a 28 inch monster Brown Trout. Dick Thomson hosted the annual Fishing Club barbecue where 33 Sirs, their spouses, friends and relatives enjoyed a wonderful afternoon and evening sing along. All attendees had great praise for the affair.

We will be very busy in the future with trout fishing in the Eastern Sierras; halibut and salmon fishing in Alaska; 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 and delta fishing for striped bass and sturgeon. If you haven't been fishing in a while, but might like to test drive an adventure, come on down to our next meeting.

For further information, please contact Craig Walton (Big Fish) (925-937-4876); Terry Miller; Branch 116 Fishing Coordinator; (925-686-9298) ; or Joe Peterson (Treasurer/Secretary)(916-777-5363



Carl Moyer with the knife on a fine halibut catch

SIR Travel

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

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



Overnight and Longer Travel.

October 6-19, 2008 – Danube Dream.

Glide past fairy-tale castles and medieval villages aboard MS Switzerland II riverboat. Take in views of the Czech Republic, Germany, Austria, Slovakia and Hungary. Call **Bob Hagler** at 934-7620 if you are interested.

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October 28 – 30. CELEBRATE our SIR 50th

ANNIVERSARY in RENO. Enjoy two nights at the luxurious Grand Sierra Resort & Casino. Cost is \$291 p/p double, \$45 single supplement. Includes a \$6 p/p food credit at the hotel. Day one: - deluxe motor coach transportation to Reno and a SIR welcome reception. Day two: - optional daytime tours available; Evening, 50th Anniversary dinner hosted in the ballroom and a performance by Yakov Smirnoff in the Showroom. Day three: - Enjoy a leisurely morning then re-board the motor coach for the drive home. See Brochure in this issue.

Nov. 3 to Nov. 15 – Visit Vietnam, Thailand and Hong Kong. 13 day trip from November 3 to November 15 with SIRS from Area 2, escorted by Bob Spellman of Branch #146. The cost for this adventurous trip is only \$3,885 per person. Contact Bob



Lunch Attendance

Jim Nachtweih

Attendance at the August 18th meeting totaled 191 persons. This includes 182 members, 1 visitor, 1 speaker. and no inactive members.. There were 45 excused members and 12 un-excused members.

The un-excused members will be asked to pay for their lunch .



SIR 116 Bridge

Milt Greenstein, Chairman

Due to vacations and illnesses, our duplicate group could not muster enough able bodied players for an August session, but we are looking forward to playing in September.

Our lunch and bridge group met on August 12th at Roundhill C.C. with just 21 men attending. (We also are having problems with vacations and illnesses.) High scorer for today' s session was Jack Butler with 6,610 points, followed by Ron Wohlberg (6,140), Milt Greenstein (6,050) and Art Donaldson (5,800). Small slams were made by Ben Yeraka / Darrell Feay, Floyd Skelton / Milt Greenstein, Jack Butler / Art Donaldson, Milt Greenstein / Cal Cohen. Today was a high scoring day, one of the highest of the year.

On August 26th, the group met again for lunch and bridge at Diablo C.C. with only 22 men attending. Today's winner was Bud Grisanti, a guest from Branch 8, with 6,200 points. Second was Jai Yee with 6,160 points followed by Oscar Krikorian (5,540) and Lee Travis with 5,310. The only small slam today was made by Jai Yee / Monte Hall.

A reminder about our Ladies Day Bridge on October 23rd at Diablo C.C. I'm taking sign ups now.

SIR Website Addresses

SIR 116 Web Site

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

Branch 116 Golf

– <http://www.sir-web.org/116-golf/>

Trampas Topics

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

Computer and Technology

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

SIR Happenings State Newsletter

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

State SIR Web Site

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



\$ums in Retirement

David Munson



August \$ums Speaker Rich Young Shares His Personal Investment Strategies with the Group. (Phil Goff Photo)

The \$ums In Retirement Area 2 Investment Group will hold its 24 September meeting at the Diablo Creek Golf Course commencing at 8:00am. The speaker will be John Hutchinson CFP of Stone & Youngberg LLC, San Francisco. John specializes in fixed income securities and he will be giving us an update on the current fixed income market, including municipals, corporate, US Treasuries, GNMA, FNMA and preferreds.

With the equity markets in such a state of flux the bond market is, perhaps, a better place for your money at the moment. Here is your chance to ask your questions and discuss with an expert.

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

September Luncheon Menu



BRAISED BEEF, ROASTED POTATO'S,
SALAD & VEGGIES

STROKE ALERT !

Remember The 1st Three Letters - S.T.R

STROKE IDENTIFICATION:

A neurologist says that if he can get to a stroke victim within 3 hours he can totally reverse the effects of a stroke... totally. He said the trick was getting a stroke recognized, diagnosed, and then getting the patient medically cared for within 3 hours. which is tough.

RECOGNIZING A STROKE

Thank God for the sense to remember the '3' steps. STR Read and Learn!

Sometimes symptoms of a stroke are difficult to identify. Unfortunately, the lack of awareness spells disaster. The stroke victim may suffer severe brain damage when people nearby fail to recognize the symptoms of a stroke.

Now doctors say a bystander can recognize a stroke by asking three simple questions:

S – Ask the individual to *SMILE*.

T – Ask the person to *TALK and SPEAK A SIMPLE SENTENCE (Coherently)*

(i.e. It is sunny out today)

R – Ask him or her to *RAISE BOTH ARMS.*

If he or she has trouble with any one of these tasks, call 911 immediately and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher.

New Sign of a Stroke

Stick out Your Tongue

NOTE: Another sign of a stroke is this: Ask the person to stick out his tongue.. If the tongue is crooked, if it goes to one side or the other, that is also an indication of a stroke.



I 16 Book Club Rich Black & Joel White

The SIRS Book Group met at 10:15 AM on Monday August 25 at Orinda Books to discuss “The Devil in White City” by Eric Larson.

Joining the group were Jack Butler, Bob Daily, Lytton DeSilva, John Fraser, Al Reynolds (who suggested the book and led the discussion in Rich’s absence), Jim Scott, Tim Tinnes, and Joel White.

There was a very spirited discussion of the book’s juxtaposition of the creation and building of the 1892 Chicago world’s fair by architect Daniel H. Burnham and H.H. Holmes, a “physician” and serial killer in Chicago at the same time. Most agreed the book an enjoyable read and presented many of the innovations that occurred for the fair, such as Shredded Wheat, Aunt Jemima, the Ferris Wheel, and many more. Also the historical significance the fair played in commencing the spread of electrification and the strengthening of labor unions. While fascinating, it seemed we all questioned the rationale for intermingling the two stories. Other than their temporal concurrence, the story of HH Holmes was mostly conjecture gathered from newspaper articles and court records, while the other was history, and neither story contributed to the other.

The group will discuss “Collapse” by Jared Diamond on Monday, September 22 at 10:15 in the morning at Orinda Books. Hope to see you there. The October selection is “The Truth about Muhammad--Founder of the World’s Most Intolerant Religion” by Robert Spencer.

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



AUGUST LUNCHEON SPEAKER — Mike Schreiber, Airport Management Specialist, spoke at our August luncheon on the history and future of Buchanan, and Byron Airports. (John Peterson Photo)

Latest SIR I 16 Golf Info On 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>

In primitive society, when native tribes beat the ground with clubs and yelled, it was called witchcraft; today, in civilized society, it is called golf.

**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 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 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.

## **BREAKING NEWS:**

We are in the midst of finalizing contracts with courses for next year's golf schedule. We are playing more courses close to home and will be playing repeat engagements at several of the more popular courses next year. Several courses have in-

creased their price for play in 2009. We are also asking some different men to serve as organizers for 2009. I want to recognize all those who are performing this important function this year, many of whom also served last year. We have provided instructions for the organizers on our web site. As we learn new details we update these instructions as an aid to the organizers.

After many years our Treasurer, David Geary, is retiring at the end of 2008. David has fulfilled many duties in addition to those normally associated with the role of Treasurer. He has performed all these duties in a professional manner and his service has gone a long way toward making our golf club the success that we enjoy today. We all owe David a large debt of gratitude.

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



"SIR's Admire the View at Deer Creek." (l to r) Pat Tinguely, Jerry Hunter, and View). John Peterson Photo

# 9 Hole Results

By Doug Aalders, Dick Chaffee, and Joe Ostler

## Diablo Hills, August 27

|                |    |   |
|----------------|----|---|
| Cord Hull      | 34 | 3 |
| Terry Sherman  | 37 | 2 |
| Joe Stralovich | 37 | 2 |
| Ralph Schwartz | 37 | 2 |

## Buchanan Fields, August 20

|                |    |   |
|----------------|----|---|
| Doug Aalders   | 26 | 3 |
| Ron Armijo     | 26 | 3 |
| George Kohut   | 29 | 1 |
| Ralph Schwartz | 29 | 1 |

## Pine Meadow, August 13

| Name         | Net | Pts. |
|--------------|-----|------|
| John Canane  | 24  | 3    |
| Ed Kline     | 24  | 3    |
| Dick Chaffee | 25  | 1    |

Closest: Cord Hull

## 9-Hole Leaders

As of Diablo Hills, August 27

| Name       | Pts. | Name       | Pts. |
|------------|------|------------|------|
| Schwarz    | 38   | Kline      | 6    |
| Powell     | 29   | Walden     | 6    |
| Aalders    | 18   | Cuny       | 6    |
| Hull       | 16   | Nachtweih  | 5    |
| Armijo     | 15   | Canane     | 3    |
| Cole       | 12   | Harrington | 3    |
| McLaughry  | 12   | Vetro      | 3    |
| Ostler     | 10   | Yee        | 3    |
| Stralovich | 10   | Doyle      | 2    |
| Chaffee    | 10   | Sherman    | 2    |
| Gilliam    | 9    | Leschot, A | 1    |
| Geary      | 8    | Leschot, R | 1    |
| Kohut      | 8    | Turnquist  | 1    |
| Daily      | 6    |            |      |

Golf got its name because all of the other four letter words were taken

## Buchanan Fields, August 6

| Name          | Net | Pts. |
|---------------|-----|------|
| Herman Walden | 28  | 3    |
| George Kohut  | 28  | 3    |
| Troy Powell   | 29  | 1    |
| Ron Armijo    | 29  | 1    |

Closest to: Hole: Troy Powell 1st,  
Herman Walden 2nd, Bob Daily 3rd

## 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.

## September 9-Hole Schedule

|        |       |                 |              |
|--------|-------|-----------------|--------------|
| Wed 3  | 10:00 | Buchanan Fields | Dick Chaffee |
| Wed 10 | 10:00 | Pine Meadow     | Joe Ostler   |
| Wed 17 | 10:00 | Buchanan Fields | Dick Chaffee |
| Wed 24 | 10:15 | Diablo Hills    | Doug Alders  |

## The Unique Characteristics of Golf

You hit down to make the ball go up. You swing left and the ball goes right. The lowest score wins. And on top of that, the winner buys the drinks!



# 18 Hole Results

By David Harris

## Vintners — August 25, 2008

| <u>Flight 1</u>  |    |   | <u>Flight 2</u>  |    |   | <u>Flight 3</u>  |    |   | <u>Flight 4</u>  |    |   |
|------------------|----|---|------------------|----|---|------------------|----|---|------------------|----|---|
| David Geary      | 61 | 3 | Paul Kim         | 55 | 3 | Bob Testa        | 58 | 3 | Ron Amijo        | 60 | 3 |
| Neil Schmidt     | 62 | 2 | Al Hutchko       | 65 | 2 | Don Roberts      | 65 | 2 | John Peterson    | 62 | 2 |
| Bill Clark       | 64 | 1 | Jerry Hunter     | 66 | 1 | Phil Jenkins     | 66 | 1 | Art Vogl         | 66 | 1 |
| <b>Low Gross</b> |    |   | <b>Low Gross</b> |    |   | <b>Low Gross</b> |    |   | <b>Low Gross</b> |    |   |
| David Geary      | 77 |   | Paul Kim         | 71 |   | Bob Testa        | 81 |   | John Peterson    | 91 |   |
| Neil Schmidt     | 77 |   |                  |    |   |                  |    |   |                  |    |   |

Closest to: Hole #2 - Al Hutchko, John Story --- Hole 17 - Bill Clark, Matt Arena

## DeerRidge — August 19, 2008

| <u>Flight 1</u>  |    |   | <u>Flight 2</u>  |    |   | <u>Flight 3</u>  |    |   | <u>Flight 4</u>  |    |   |
|------------------|----|---|------------------|----|---|------------------|----|---|------------------|----|---|
| Pat Tinguely     | 69 | 3 | Jerry Hunter     | 69 | 3 | Troy Powell      | 65 | 3 | Max Foust        | 68 | 3 |
| Bill McCord      | 70 | 2 | Paul Kim         | 71 | 2 | Phil Goff        | 66 | 2 | Matt Arena       | 69 | 2 |
| Lonny Randall    | 70 | 2 | David Harris     | 75 | 1 | Phil Jenkins     | 68 | 1 | Bill Hemmelsbach | 69 | 2 |
| <b>Low Gross</b> |    |   | <b>Low Gross</b> |    |   | <b>Low Gross</b> |    |   | <b>Low Gross</b> |    |   |
| Bill McCord      | 83 |   | Paul Kim         | 87 |   | Phil Goff        | 87 |   | Max Foust        | 95 |   |

Closest to: Hole #7 - David Harris, Bill Hemmelsbach --- Hole 13 - Pat Tinguely, Phil Goff

## Boundary Oak — August 11, 2008

| <u>Flight 1</u>  |    |   | <u>Flight 2</u>  |    |   | <u>Flight 3</u>  |    |   | <u>Flight 4</u>  |     |   |
|------------------|----|---|------------------|----|---|------------------|----|---|------------------|-----|---|
| Bill McCord      | 69 | 3 | Phillip Marks    | 67 | 3 | Art Shingleton   | 71 | 3 | Matt Arena       | 73  | 3 |
| Bill Clark       | 72 | 2 | David Harris     | 71 | 2 | Jed Daniel       | 73 | 2 | John Peterson    | 74  | 2 |
| Al Zattero       | 72 | 2 | Al Hutchko       | 71 | 2 | Conrad Robertson | 73 | 2 | George Kohut     | 78  | 1 |
|                  |    |   |                  |    |   |                  |    |   | Art Vogl         | 78  | 1 |
| <b>Low Gross</b> |    |   | <b>Low Gross</b> |    |   | <b>Low Gross</b> |    |   | <b>Low Gross</b> |     |   |
| Bill McCord      | 82 |   | Phillip Marks    | 85 |   | Jed Daniel       | 94 |   | John Peterson    | 104 |   |

Closest to: Hole #2 - Carlos Xavier, Carl Langhorst --- Hole 12 - Paul Kim, Phil Jenkins

## Boundary Oak — August 4, 2008

| <u>Flight 1</u>  |    |   | <u>Flight 2</u>  |    |   | <u>Flight 3</u>  |    |   | <u>Flight 4</u>  |     |   |
|------------------|----|---|------------------|----|---|------------------|----|---|------------------|-----|---|
| Bill McCord      | 69 | 3 | David Harris     | 71 | 3 | Dick Chaffee     | 64 | 3 | Ron Amijo        | 70  | 3 |
| Ben Smith        | 69 | 3 | Jerry Hunter     | 71 | 3 | Conrad Robertson | 69 | 2 | Matt Arena       | 72  | 2 |
| Steve Cherepy    | 73 | 1 | Phillip Marks    | 71 | 3 | Al Serafino      | 72 | 1 | Dan Ghelfi       | 72  | 2 |
|                  |    |   |                  |    |   | Art Shingleton   | 72 | 1 |                  |     |   |
| <b>Low Gross</b> |    |   | <b>Low Gross</b> |    |   | <b>Low Gross</b> |    |   | <b>Low Gross</b> |     |   |
| Bill McCord      | 82 |   | David Harris     | 88 |   | Dick Chaffee     | 92 |   | Dan Ghelfi       | 102 |   |

Closest to: Hole #2 - Robbie Robinson, Tom King --- Hole 12 - Steve Cherepy, Art Shingleton

# 2008 18 Hole Leaders

As of Vintners — August 25, 2008

By David Harris

| <u>FLIGHT 1</u> |               | <u>FLIGHT 2</u>  |               | <u>FLIGHT 3</u>   |               | <u>FLIGHT 4</u>   |               |
|-----------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------|
| <u>NAME</u>     | <u>POINTS</u> | <u>NAME</u>      | <u>POINTS</u> | <u>NAME</u>       | <u>POINTS</u> | <u>NAME</u>       | <u>POINTS</u> |
| McCord, Bill    | 47            | Hunter, Jerry    | 31            | Robertson, Conrad | 33            | Foust, Max        | 44            |
| Randall, Lonny  | 22            | Harris, David    | 29            | Goff, Phil        | 29            | Hemmelsbach, Bill | 34            |
| Zavattero, Al   | 20            | Meyer, Dirk      | 28            | Story, John       | 27            | Ghelfi, Dan       | 31            |
| Schmidt, Neil   | 19            | Kim, Paul        | 24            | Powell, Troy      | 23            | Peterson, John    | 27            |
| Tinguely, Pat   | 17            | Robinson, Robbie | 22            | Jenkins, Phil     | 19            | Armijo, Ron       | 16            |
| Domer, Ron      | 15            | Carlson, David   | 20            | Testa, Bob        | 19            | Brown, Doug       | 16            |
| Geary, David    | 14            | Eller, Tom       | 17            | Chaffee, Dick     | 17            | Arena, Matt       | 10            |
| Clark, Bill     | 13            | Hutchko, Al      | 17            | Langhorst, Carl   | 11            | Ostler, Joe       | 10            |
| Xavier, Carlos  | 13            | Marks, Phillip   | 11            | Serafino, Al      | 11            | Lockwood, Frank   | 7             |
| Cherepy, Steve  | 12            | Crua, Frank      | 10            | Daniel, Jed       | 9             | Donohue, Bob      | 6             |
| Cannon, Larry   | 11            | Nichols, Bob     | 8             | Shingleton, Art   | 4             | Vogl, Art         | 6             |
| Clizbe, Jim     | 9             | Schnieder, Will  | 5             | Walden, Herman    | 3             | Kohut, George     | 5             |
| Hicks, Jerry    | 3             | Socolich, Dick   | 3             | Yniguez, Tony     | 3             | Kinser, Bob       | 4             |
| Smith, Bill     | 3             | Schoen, Gary     | 2             | Lutkus, Alex      | 2             | Gilliam, Charles  | 3             |
|                 |               |                  |               | McCloughry, D     | 2             | Gagliardi, Ron    | 2             |

## SIR 116 Golf — (Continued from Page 12)

Dick Chaffee will be assuming the responsibility of Treasurer effective January 1, 2009. Dick will be assisted by Max Foust and Tom Robinson. Carlos Xavier and Conrad Robertson will also be available to help Dick. At a meeting in August plans were developed to provide a smooth transition between now and January 1, 2009. Please give Dick and David your cooperation in this transition.

### TIME CHANGE FOR BRENTWOOD:

The tournament being held at Brentwood on

September 22 of this year has been changed to a shotgun start at 8 am. Please make a note of this in your golf book.

### 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.

## 18-Hole Pay In Advance Deadlines

By David Geary

| <b>Event Date</b>       | <b>Location</b> | <b>Deadline</b> | <b>Amount</b> |
|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Tuesday, September 16th | Lone Tree       | Sept. 10th      | \$29          |
| Monday, September 22nd  | Brentwood       | Sept. 10th      | \$35          |
| Monday, September 29th  | Tilden Park     | Sept. 16th      | \$42          |
| Tuesday, October 21st   | Mare Island     | October 3rd     | \$49          |



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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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### **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.