



Trampas Topics

JANUARY, 2009

SIR Branch 116

Next Meeting: 11:30 am,
Monday, Jan. 19, 2009
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 2009 Big Sir Frank Crua



I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas. Those that attended the SIR Branch 116 party did. An Honorary Life Membership was given to SIR Ben Smith which was presented by the incoming SIR State President Dave Reiser. Following is an email he sent to SIR Dwight Sales:

*"Dwight,
So that your records are up to date I presented a HLM to Sir Ben Smith, Branch 116, on Thursday, December 11. It was a delightful dinner dance that all in attendance thoroughly enjoyed. What a great, well organized event!!! Wish more Branches were able to put something like this together for their membership. You could feel the warmth and camaraderie reverberate throughout the room.
SinSIRly, Dave"*

I think that says it all. For those who attended, when you see SIR Bill McCord, you might thank him and his crew for the excellent party.

I would be amiss if I didn't acknowledge SIR Art Donaldson for his great year. It was a pleasure working with him. I would like to congratulate him and his corps of Officers and Committee Chairmen for their outstanding year. I was very fortunate to have most of them agree to continue for another year. For the few that couldn't, I wish to thank you for your past service. I would also like to thank those SIR's who came to me and offered to fill the vacancies. I'm looking forward to the challenges of 2009. The officers and committee chairmen are listed elsewhere in the newsletter. Please take the time to thank them. They are the engine that keeps this branch running.

I was told by a wise man to keep it short so I'll close by wishing all the members and their families a Happy, Healthy, and Prosperous New Year.

Frank R. Crua

Men With Incredible Vision

"If I had thought about it, I wouldn't have done the experiment. The literature was full of examples that said you can't do this"

Spencer Silver (co-inventor of Post-It Notes) on the work that led to the unique adhesives for 3-M "Post-It" Notepads

HAPPY 2009!



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**PLEASE CALL 806-8874
by the Thursday prior to
the meeting to
cancel your standing
reservation or
to bring a guest.**

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

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Sunshine Report Matt Arena

Bill Sullivan has been operated on at Summit Hospital for a replacement heart valve.

We hope his long association with the hospital gave him the VIP treatment he deserves. Bill is reported to be coming along nicely following the surgery.

Dan Pope continues to make progress at Stone Brook on Concord Ave. I had the chance to visit with him and he reassures us he is getting good treatment.

Physical therapy is part of the program which he is handling nicely while they build up his strength.

Joe Lennon is taking it a day at a time while his wound heals. The doctors are pleased with his progress but Joe would really like to get this behind him. He wants to move on to the next stage of his regime since he was operated on last May. He really has the patience of a saint.

Jerry Hicks has had a successful knee replacement. His wife Kathy reports that he is doing very nicely and is up and about. With his determination it should not be too long before both Jerry and Tiger woods will be back on the golf course following the same surgery.

Gene Power has had a procedure to give him the ability to help him sit up. The doctors put "cement" between the 3rd and 4th vertebrae which has improved the strength in his back. His wife Ann is a wonderful caregiver and she is a pleasure to talk to.

Ed Regalia has been fitted with a brace to help him negotiate around the kitchen. His speech is improving and he is getting all the help he needs to continue his recovery. After the first of the year he should be ready to receive visitors.

Frank Schofield. No news since he has returned home following his stroke. His wife Alice is delighted to have him home.

In Memoriam
Roland Scriuner

New Branch 116 "Honorary Life Member"



Ben Smith is presented Sons In Retirement's highest honor "Honorary Life Member" by State SIR 2009 President, David Reiser. Ben's wife Sally, stands by enjoying the presentation made at the 2008 Annual Branch 116 Christmas Party.

Phil Goff Photo

Bridge Players Wanted Duplicate and Luncheon Group Play

SIR Branch 116 offers 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. To reserve a spot contact Bob Daily at 837-7080, and we'll provide a partner for the day.

The luncheon game (\$25 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 bridge.





Computer & Technology Group

Derek Southern and Phil Goff



Thursday, January 15, Phil Goff will present "How to Customize Your Homepage" and "Using Photoshop.com to Share Your Digital Pictures."

Everyone has a homepage they view when logging onto the internet. The recent web survey showed that most used Yahoo, but AOL and Google are also very popular. Phil will show you how to customize that homepage so that it contains information that is of most interest to you. He'll show how to add modules on everything from financial news to new recipes for healthy living. Also, he will show how to add RSS feeds for Blogs and other internet sites.

Photoshop.com is a relatively new site and offers unprecedented opportunity for digital photographers to share the photos with one another for free. Phil will demonstrate how useful this new website can be for you and your friends.

Floyd and Phil will present the findings of the CAT survey that Floyd ran last November. We want to use the information to set agendas for future meetings, so please be prepared to discuss the findings.

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. No reservations needed! 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> for copies of previous presentations and details of upcoming meetings.



Duplicate Bridge By Bob Daily

Our Duplicate Bridge is on the first Tuesday of each month played at the Bridge Center 9:30 AM. in Pleasant Hill. Our next game is on January 6th. It is a game that is sanctioned by the ACBL with Master Points awarded to the winners.

December winners were Jack Butler / Gene Gould who scored 47 out of a possible 72 points 65.28% followed by Conrad Robertson / Joel White with 61.11% and tied for third were Norm Schoenfeld / Dick Long and Oscar Krikorian / Bob Daily with 54.17%.

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

Little Sir Sayings

By Jed Daniel



Thanks to Frank Crua for the time and effort that he has given to help me make a smooth transition into the Little Sir position. Since I am responsible for arranging for the luncheon speakers this year, I welcome any and all suggestions that you may have regarding the subject matter and/or speakers for these luncheons. You may call me, e-mail me, or see me at the luncheons. Thanks in advance for your input.

Final 2008 Duplicate Bridge Standings

2008 Top Ten in Master Points		
1	Gene Gould	3.40
2	Dick Chaffee	2.96
3	Jack Butler	2.50
4t	Jim Nachtweih	1.90
4t	Lou Sandor	1.90
6	Bob Daily	1.89
7	Floyd Skelton	1.87
8	Dan Greenberg	1.83
9	Milt Greenstein	1.79
10	Bob Wolf	1.73

This Month's Luncheon Speaker

By Little Sir Jed Daniel



Our Speaker today is Al Francesco also known as Frank Schipani, also known as Frank Salerno, a professional gambler who's career began back in his hometown of Gary, Indiana, where he played Greek Rummy and other card games. He won practically every time he played, and made about \$5,000 a year. Not a fortune, but at least equivalent to what he could have made at a "real" job at that time.

Al moved to California and, in 1963, he read Ed Thorp's book *Beat the Dealer*. The first time he went to a casino and played blackjack with Thorp's Ten Count system, he got a headache and had to leave after 20 minutes. The system was that difficult. Undeterred, he went home and studied. When he returned to the casino, he had mastered the system and could, as Thorp's book title promised, beat any dealer. After a year and a half, he started getting barred by the casinos and he stopped playing blackjack for a period of eight years.

Subsequently, he learned Lawrence Revere's Advanced Point Count system and started playing blackjack again. After about a month, he started getting harassed by the casinos and stopped playing again. Years later, looking back at that period in his life, he remarked: "I knew that I had to come up with a better way to play."

In 1971, Al started playing with teams of seven: six counters and one Big Player. He recruited the team

members and taught them basic strategy and Lawrence Revere's Advanced Point Count system.

When they were ready to play, the counters would sit at different blackjack tables, each one counting the cards, and making small bets. When the count was favorable, the counter would signal the Big Player, who would come over to the table and bet big until the count turned against him, and then walk away. The Big Player never appeared to be anything other than a wealthy, unsophisticated tourist who happened to get lucky. In this way, Al's teams won millions of dollars over the course of a few years.

To the dismay of Al and the other team members, one of the blackjack players recruited and trained by Al revealed their secrets to the world in his 1977 book *The Big Player*. The publication of the book effectively spelled the end for Francesco's teams. Virtually all of the most successful blackjack teams that came after *The Big Player* was published used Al's concept to disguise their attacks, and that approach is still being employed profitably by teams today.

Al is now retired from blackjack and is involved in horse racing, sports betting, and other interests.

January Luncheon Menu



FETTUCCNIE ALFREDO TOPPED WITH
TIGER SHRIMP OR GARLIC
CHICKEN SERVED WITH
SMALL DINNER SALAD

Poker Group #2

Bob Nilssen



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.

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



SIR 116 Christmas Party 2008

Photos by Phil Goff
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SIR Members and their lovely partners enjoying dancing to the Diplomats music



Pat and Plato Grivas enjoying the festivities



Big Smiles from Jerry Hunter, John Maclay, Jack Vollmer



Enjoying a Cocktail Before Dinner — (l to r) Mary Alice Nachtweih, Floyd Skelton, Margaret Sullivan, John and Joan West.



Christmas Party Chairman Bill McCord and wife June



SIR 116 Christmas Party 2008

Photos by Phil Goff
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Bette Foust, Mario Beria, and James Foust relaxing before dinner



Dick Thomson and Terry Miller sharing some fish stories



Maggie Chaffee, Sharyn Clifton and Margaret Sherinian



Roger and Alegra Mills getting the party going



Dirk and Lyn Meyer with Big Sir Art Donaldson



SIR 116 Christmas Party 2008

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Karen and Frank Lockwood sharing a good laugh



Eileen and Jack Fucik adding to the festivities



Carol and Art Vogl looking very fine indeed



Kay and Troy Powell enjoying the event

SIR Travel Tom Eller, Travel 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.

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

	December. 2008	2008 YTD
Contributions	\$3,495.00	\$50,817.65
Disbursements	<u>-8,307.67</u>	<u>-51,798.65</u>
Net (gain/loss)	(\$4,812.67)	(\$981.00)
December Cash Balance		\$7,744.75



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, January 22nd, at the Legend Sports Bar and Grill at the Diablo Creek Golf Course at 4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord. Meeting starts at 8:30. Jerry Neuberger will be our January



Dick Thomson displaying his recent catch at Shadow Cliffs lake in Pleasanton.

speaker, Mr. Neuberger will share his expertise on fly fishing for stripers in the delta.

Sirs fishing members found a day filled with sunshine, balmy weather, hot chili, great fellowship, and only small stripers when we gathered at the banks of the Sacramento River on Sherman Island Road. Carl Moyer, Harry Sherinian, Paul King, Paul Dubow, Tom Boltz, Joe Miscione, Gene Schulting, Ken Peterson, Al Meier, and Reggie Fromm participated. A SIR's invasion of Shadow Cliffs Reservoir proved more productive when Paul Shulting and Dick Thomson both caught some very respectable trout, Harry Sherinian, Carl Moyer, Paul Dubow, Joe Miscione, Howard Berkman, and Jim Andrews were also present. Al Meier fished with Reggie Fromm near the Mothball Fleet and caught a huge 40 inch, 30 pound striper. Terry Miller, Ekkhardt Keller, Roger Borgerson, and Carl Moyer did fishing right

when they drove down the coast to Pillar Point harbor to eat the fish and chips lunch at Barbara's Fish Trap, a most successful foraging trip. Fished Sherman Island area with generally good results for stripers were Joe Peterson, Craig Walton, Joe Miscione, Karl Droese, and Terry Miller. Pete Gates and Carl Moyer captured a lovely mess of rockfish, ling cod, and cabezone from the ocean. Joe Miscione took one of the last rock fish/crab combos out upon the ocean and caught a nice limit of Rock Fish, but only 2 crabs. We will be very busy in the future with trout fishing in the Eastern Sierras; tuna and bill fish in Mexico, a long range ocean foray from San Diego, delta fishing for striped bass and sturgeon, trout fishing in our local lakes, and perhaps several party boat trips for halibut and rockfish for non fishermen.. Next meeting will be Thursday, January 22nd, at the Legend Sports Bar and Grill at the Diablo Creek Golf Course at 4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord. Meeting starts at 8:30 am. 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.)



Al Meier showing off his great 40 inch, 30 pound striper



Big Sir Art Donaldson introduces incoming 2009 Big Sir Frank Crua to the crowd at our December SIR Branch 116 Christmas Party, Phil Goff

\$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/>)

Special SIR Events for Your Calendar



April 23 — Spring Ladies Day Bridge
October 20 — Fall Ladies Day Bridge
 Diablo Country Club, Diablo, CA
 Contact: Milt Greenstein, 376-5589

May 13 — Ladies Day Spring Luncheon
 The Shadelands, 11:30 am-3 pm, Walnut Creek
 Contact: Robbie Robinson, 798-4276

September 9, 10, 11, 12 — Carson City Golf Outing
 Carson City, Nevada
 Contact: Tim Hubbard. 944-0742

December 9 — Christmas Dinner Dance
 The Shadelands, 4:30 pm—10:30 pm, Walnut Creek
 Contact: Robbie Robinson, 798-4276

Late Breaking Economic Charts



State 'SIR Happenings'

Sir Happenings (our State Web Newsletter) is now in its fifth year of publishing

Enjoy reading SIR Happenings, our State Newsletter, and find out about all the fun things that are going on throughout our organization. You can easily find Happenings on the SIR State Website: www.sirinc.org/sirhappenings

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 Sir Happenings Editor

Trampas Topics Submissions



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

Floyd Skelton, Trampas Topics Editor
trampastopics@gmail.com

A Very Special, Enlightening Language Lesson

A Spanish Teacher was explaining to her class that in Spanish, unlike English, nouns are designated as either masculine or feminine.

'House' for instance, is feminine: 'la casa.'

'Pencil,' however, is masculine: 'el lapiz.'

A student asked, 'What gender is 'computer'?'

Instead of giving the answer, the teacher split the class into two groups, male and female, and asked them to decide for themselves whether computer' should be a masculine or a feminine noun. Each group was asked to give four reasons for its recommendation.

The men's group decided that 'computer' should definitely be of the feminine gender ('la computadora'), because:

1. No one but their creator understands their internal logic;
2. The native language they use to communicate with other computers is incomprehensible to everyone else;
3. Even the smallest mistakes are stored in long term memory for possible later retrieval; and
4. As soon as you make a commitment to one, you find yourself spending half your paycheck on accessories for it.

The women's group, however, concluded that computers should be Masculine ('el computador'), because:

1. In order to do anything with them, you have to turn them on;
2. They have a lot of data but still can't think for themselves;
3. They are supposed to help you solve problems, but half the time they ARE the problem; and
4. As soon as you commit to one, you realize that if you had waited a little longer, you could have gotten a better model.

The women won.

Share this with all the smart women you know and all the men that have a sense of humor.



Patsy Everett, our November Luncheon speaker, displays special items from her work with the Veteran's History Project. Patty spoke to the group on her preservation of the oral histories of America's wartime veterans and civilian workers.
Phil Goff Photo



116 Book Club Rich Black

The SIR Branch 116 Book Club recently celebrated its 1st Anniversary and has become a regular monthly event. Meetings are held at local book stores and the book to be discussed is chosen by group members. If you are interested in participating please contact SIR 116 Book Club Chairman Rich Black at 283-8376..

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

Hiking & Walking

Joel White



The second and fourth Friday Amiable Amblers walks for January will be at 8:15 am on the 9th and the 23rd.

The walk on **Friday the 9th** will depart from the Lafayette Community Center at 500 St. Mary's Road in Lafayette. This walk will be led by Art Donaldson.

Directions: exit 680 at central Lafayette, right on Mt Diablo blvd, left on Moraga Rd.

The walk on **Friday the 23rd** will depart from the Museum of the San Ramon located at 205 Railroad Avenue and the corner of Prospect Avenue in Downtown Danville. There is a large parking lot behind and adjacent to the museum. This walk will be led by Joel White.

Directions: exit 680 onto Diablo Rd west to Hartz Avenue. Jog right on Hartz and then an immediate left onto Prospect.

The **fourth Monday** walks at Lafayette reservoir will be on the 26th. *Please note that the time of this walk will be permanently changed to 8:15am so that the timing of all of our walks will be the same.*

If you wish to mark your calendars, the Friday dates for February are the 13th and 27th.

Anyone wishing to be added to the e-mail reminder list should contact Joel White 964-0994 or zp2mrz@yahoo.com



SIR Branch 116 Golf

Ron Domer, Chairman



We have an active golf organization consisting of 18-hole and 9-hole groups. A small annual donation is required to play in either group.

The 18-hole group plays once a week in a tournament format with play alternating between local courses and courses that may be 10 to 50 miles away. Those playing in the 18-hole group must be

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.

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 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 Club Opens New P.O. Box

We have opened a new PO box. The address is: PO Box 3246, Walnut Creek, CA 94598-9991. For events scheduled in 2009, checks should be mailed to this PO box.

The secret of good golf is to hit the ball hard, straight and not too often.

Canane Wins 2009 SIR 116 9-Hole Tournament

By Dick Chaffee

John Canane fires a net 29 at Diablo Hills to come from behind to win the SIR Branch 116 2009 Nine Hole Golf Tournament with a 2 round total of 56. Closely behind in second were Ralph Schwarz, Troy Powell and Jai Yee with 57s. 15 golfers completed the Tournament. The Tournament consisted of 3 rounds of golf; one round at Buchanan Fields, Pine Meadow and Diablo Hills. Two rounds were required to complete the Tournament. If a golfer played all 3 rounds, he could select his best 2 rounds.

The final results were:

John Canane 56, Ralph Schwarz 57, Troy Powell 57, Jai Yee 57, Dick Chaffee 58, Mel Gee 60, Matt Arena 60, Joe Stralovich 61, Bob Kinser 62, Chuck Gilliam 62, Darrell McLaughry 62, Joe Ostler 63, George Kohut 65, Bob Dailey 68, Ron Armijo 76
Closest to the Pin at Diablo Hills was won by Darrell McLaughry with Troy Powell second.
Our next tournament is Wednesday January 7 at Buchanan Fields.

Nine-Hole Golf Results

Pine Meadow, December 10

Name	Net	Pts.
Troy Powell	25	3
Jai Yee	27	2
Ralph Schwarz	27	2

Buchanan Fields, December 3

Name	Net	Pts.
Matt Arena	26	3
Mel Gee	29	2
Ralph Schwarz	30	1
Dick Chaffee	29	1
Jai Yee	30	1
Joe Stralovich	30	1

Nine Hole Info Dick Chaffee, 9-Hole Chairman



The 9 Hole Golf Club is organized into a single flight. The weekly Champion is the player with the lowest net score. The weekly Champion is awarded 3 points, 2nd place 2 and 3rd place 1. The 2008 Champion will be the golfer with the highest point total.

SIR Branch 116 Nine-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.

Before There Was 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

2008 Annual 9-Hole Leaders As of Pine Meadow, December 10

Name	Pts.	Name	Pts.
Schwarz	52	Geary	8
Powell	38	Nachtweih	7
Aalders	24	Daily	6
Chaffee	20	Walden	6
Hull	17	Cuny	6
Ostler	17	Doyle	4
McLaughry	17	Canane	3
Stralovich	17	Harrington	3
Armijo	15	Vetro	3
Cole	12	Arena	3
Yee	11	Sherman	2
Kline	10	Gee	2
Kohut	10	Leschot, A	1
Gilliam	9	Leschot, R	1
Kinser	9	Turnquist	1



18 Hole Results

By David Harris

Paradise Valley — December 22, 2008

<u>Flight 1</u>			<u>Flight 2</u>			<u>Flight 3</u>			<u>Flight 4</u>		
Ron Domer	74	3	David Carlson	69	3	Dick Chaffee	67	3	Bill Hemmelsbach	73	3
Lonny Randall	76	2	Jerry Hunter	73	2	John Story	73	2	Frank Lockwood	79	2
Jim Clizbe	81	1	Tom King	73	2	Conrad Robertson	76	1	Max Foust	82	1
									John Peterson	82	1
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
Ron Domer	90		David Carlson	93		Dick Chaffee	95		Bill Hemmelsbach	108	

San Ramon — December 15, 2008

Event canceled due to bad weather

Boundary Oak — December 8, 2008

<u>Flight 1</u>			<u>Flight 2</u>			<u>Flight 3</u>			<u>Flight 4</u>		
Lonny Randall	69	3	David Carlson	69	3	John Story	77	3	Joe Ostler	65	3
Al Zavattero	69	3	Phillip Marks	69	3	Tony Yniguez	78	2	Art Vogl	72	2
Steve Cherepy	73	1	David Harris	74	1	Phil Jenkins	80	1	Bob Donohue	73	1
						Bob Testa	80	1	Dan Ghelfi	73	1
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
Steve Cherepy	84		Phillip Marks	85		John Story	101		Joe Ostler	97	

Boundary Oak — December 1, 2008

<u>Flight 1</u>			<u>Flight 2</u>			<u>Flight 3</u>			<u>Flight 4</u>		
Bill McCord	70	3	Al Hutchko	72	3	John Story	68	3	Art Vogl	72	3
Al Zavattero	71	2	Jim Videle	74	2	Troy Powell	71	2	Max Foust	75	2
Neil Schmidt	72	1	Phillip Marks	76	1	Bob Conlon	75	1	John Peterson	76	1
			Jerry Hunter	76	1						
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
Bill McCord	83		Phillip Marks	91		John Story	91		Max Foust	103	

18-Hole Pay In Advance Deadlines

Event Date	Location	Deadline	Amount
Tuesday, January 20th	Bethel Island	January 7th	\$15w/\$25r
Monday, January 26th	Roddy Ranch	January 13th	\$39
Monday, February 9th	Silverado South	January 9th	\$44
Tuesday, February 17th	Brentwood	February 4th	\$37
Monday, February 23rd	Dublin Ranch	February 11th	\$38

2008 Final 18 Hole Leaders

As of Paradise Valley, December 22, 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	59	Harris, David	40	Robertson, Conrad	52	Foust, Max	52
Zavattero, Al	31	Hunter, Jerry	40	Story, John	43	Hemmelsbach, Bill	41
Randall, Lonny	30	Carlson, David	38	Goff, Phil	37	Ghelfi, Dan	39
Schmidt, Neil	30	Meyer, Dirk	36	Powell, Troy	36	Peterson, John	36
Xavier, Carlos	29	Robinson, Robbie	31	Testa, Bob	24	Arena, Matt	23
Clark, Bill	23	Hutchko, Al	29	Chaffee, Dick	22	Vogl, Art	23
Tinguely, Pat	21	Kim, Paul	29	Jenkins, Phil	22	Armijo, Ron	20
Clizbe, Jim	20	Crua, Frank	21	Serafino, Al	21	Brown, Doug	20
Domer, Ron	20	Eller, Tom	21	Langhorst, Carl	16	Donohue, Bob	15
Cherepy, Steve	17	Marks, Phillip	18	Daniel, Jed	9	Lockwood, Frank	13
Geary, David	16	Nichols, Bob	10	Conlon, Bob	6	Ostler, Joe	13
Cannon, Larry	11	Schnieder, Will	6	Yniguez, Tony	6	Gilliam, Charles	9
Hicks, Jerry	6	Socolich, Dick	4	Lutkus, Alex	4	Kinser, Bob	5
Smith, Bill	3	King, Paul	2	Shingleton, Art	4	Kohut, George	5
		Schoen, Gary	2	Walden, Herman	3	Kallas, Pete	3
		Videle, Jim	2	McClaghry, D	2	Gagliardi, Ron	2
				McVean, Kirk	2	Stralovich, Joe	2
				Roberts, Don	2		

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The Golf Website address is: <http://www.sir-web.org/116-golf>

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- 2008 Golf Schedule: Dates, times, and courses as well as detailed information on costs, payment information, deadlines, and special event facts.
- 18-Hole Pairings: Weekly, usually on the Friday or Saturday prior to the event, showing captains, teams, starting times, and handicaps.
- 18-Hole Leaders and Results: Weekly, usually within a day or two of the event.
- Paid-In-Advance Sign-Ups: Weekly,

showing checks that have been received for the next 3 or 4 pre-paid outings.

- Boundary Oak Sign-Ups: Weekly, shortly following 18-hole events, and the monthly luncheon when most signups occur. This listing will show who has signed-up for the next two Boundary Oak sessions, and whether they have indicated using a cart.

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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.

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