



Trampas Topics

June, 2009

SIR Branch 116

Next Meeting: 11:30 am,
Monday, June 15, 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



The Spring Luncheon at the Shadelands Art Center was a great success. The weather was great, the food was great, the entertainment was great, and everyone seemed to have a good time. The entertainment was provided by the Ygnacio Valley High School Chorale Ensemble (Madrigals) and the Jazz Band. The Madrigals were truly talented with beautiful voices and included an upbeat version of "the Boogie-Woogie Bugle Boy." The Jazz Band played tunes from our generation including many Glenn Miller songs. They received a standing ovation. All this was thanks to the efforts of Robbie Robinson and his committee of Matt Arena and Jim Shurr. Don't forget to mark December 9th for the Christmas Dinner Dance Party. Hope to see you there.

We have a number of activities planned for the rest of the year. Check the newsletter for the dates.

The Nominating Committee consisting of Chairman Art Donaldson, Tom Eller and Al Hutchko will present their proposed slate of officers for 2010 at the June luncheon. This slate will be published in the July edition of Trampas Topics, and the election will be held at our August luncheon.

Regretfully Floyd Skelton has decided to resign as our Trampas Topics editor. I would like to thank you Floyd for all your help and guidance. I am going to miss your friendly voice reminding me about the deadline for my article. You were always gracious and it has been a pleasure to work with you. Fortunately Neil Schmidt has kindly agreed to take over as Trampas Topics Editor starting with the June edition. I would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge Phil Goff's assistance with the transition. Thanks to both of you.

We have been very successful in getting new members – and that is because some you have asked a friend. That's all it takes. Keep up the good work. And by the way, you also get a free lunch – think about it!

There is a nice article regarding SIR golf in the Spring 2009 NCGA Blue Book recently sent out to NCGA members. It's on the last page (page 80). Good publicity.

See you at the June 15th meeting. And remember June 21st is Fathers Day – don't forget to buy yourself a gift.

Frank P. Crua



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by the Thursday prior to
the meeting to
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reservation or
to bring a guest.

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Computer & Technology

Derek Southern & Phil Goff



In June, Area 2 CAT group takes a break from their monthly meeting schedule, but will be back on Thursday July 16 with two presentations on Genealogy plus the ever popular Q&A lead by Dick Curry and supported by other gurus. There will be a more complete description of the planned topics in the next newsletter.

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. Whether you are a beginner or a seasoned user, we try to offer something for everyone (including coffee & pastries). All SIR members and their guests are welcome.

Thank you for supporting your Area 2 Computer and Technology Group.

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/>

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

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Membership

Lytton DeSilva



SIR 116 Membership Status

Total Current Members — 253
 This Month's Inductees — 7
 Those in Interview Stage — 6
 Total in Process — 6
 On Inactive Status — 36
 Left the Branch — 0
 Waiting to be Installed — 0



Karl Droese, Jim Andrews, Tom Boltz, Paul King, Harry Sherinian, Carl Moyer, Pete Gates, & Dick Thomson rainbow trout fishing at Shadow Cliffs in Pleasanton, Ca. on April 17, 2009

SIR Branch 116 Treasurer's Report

Ron Armijo, Treasurer

	May 2009	2009 YTD
Contributions	\$ 605.00	\$ 17,833.66
Disbursements	<u>(580.09)</u>	<u>(17,869.10)</u>
*Net (gain/loss)	\$ 24.91	\$ (35.44)
April Cash Balance	\$ 7,709.31	

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Wednesday, July 29th • 12:45pm

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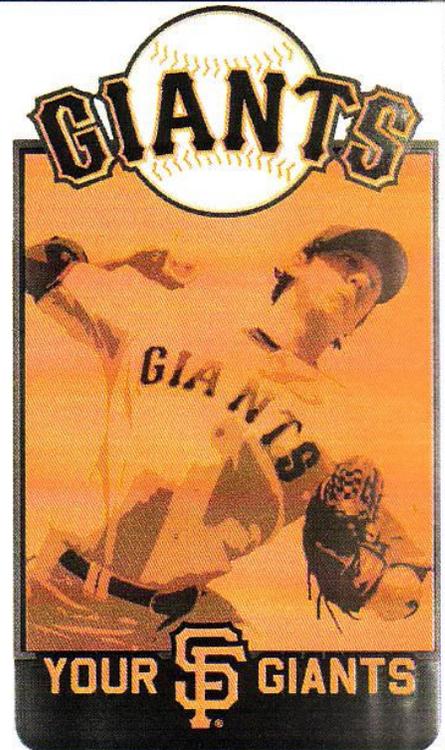
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All participating branches will be recognized on the scoreboard and in a special home plate ceremony for Northern California SIR.



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Sunshine Report

Matt Arena

Frank Scofield who has fought a courageous battle following a stroke has passed away.

A celebration of life is planned for Frank on Friday June 5th at 11:00 a.m. at Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church .The address is 49 Knox Dr., Lafayette, CA and the family welcomes you.

Past Big Sir Art Miller continues with his three times a week dialysis and his daily hyperbaric oxygenation treatment to deal with his amputated toe.

Art's diabetes makes this necessary. He is confined to a wheel chair and you can just imagine how frustrating this is for such an active SIR.

His spirits are good and he will beat this.

Dan Pope remains at Stone Brook in Concord. Due to dehydration he receives two pints of blood last week. He is gaining strength. But for his kidneys which are not working at their optimum he would be making even better progress.

HE APPRECIATES CALLS, CARDS, AND VISITS.
925.689.7358

Gene Power remains at home and looks forward to your visits, calls, and cards. 925.672.6761.

Ed Regalia is making progress. Gwen advises that Ed is getting around to a limited degree with assistance. He is working hard to get back to good health.

Stay healthy and enjoy your summer. Good health is a blessing which each of us in our senior years truly appreciates.

In Memoriam
Frank Scofield



116 Book Club

Rich Black

A Double Feature

The SIR Book Group did not meet in May because its regular meeting date fell on Memorial Day.

The group will meet on Monday, June 1 to discuss Physics for Future Presidents by Richard Muller. The June meeting will be on Monday June 22 to discuss Ponzi's Scheme by Mitchell Zuckoff.

All meetings are at 10:15 AM At Orinda Books, 276 Village Square in Orinda.



Trampas Topics Editor

Neil Schmidt

.Well there is a new editor in town! Despite my better judgment, I have volunteered to become the Trampas Topics Editor replacing Floyd Skelton. Floyd, as everyone is aware, did a great job as editor and will be a hard act to follow but I am going to give it my best.

Neil Schmidt, Trampas Topics Editor

June Birthdays

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

Arena, Matthew

Benz, Andrew

Bergamini, Richard F.

Carlson, Linton D.

Dillon, Frank

Goff, Phillip

Herold, Bruce G.

Hunter, Jerry

Kaplan, Marvin

Lowenberg, Stanley

Lutkus, Alex E.

McCallum, William E.

McInnis, Charles D.

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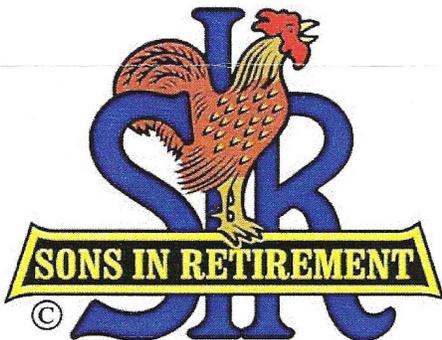
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Handling Fee \$5.00

TOTAL \$ _____

Offer not good day of game. Tickets will be mailed to the address provided. Orders will be filled on a first come first serve basis. Tickets subject to availability. If first choice is unavailable, A's will assign next best seats and charge accordingly.

SIR



SIR Fishing Group

Terry Miller

AREA 2 FISHING NEWS FOR JUNE 2009

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, June 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. Kent Cremolini and the fisherman from the San Diego long range trip will present their results.

We have been busy halibut fishing in the bay. Karl Droese, Joe Miscione, Carl Moyer, Roger Borger-son, Terry Miller, Dick Thomson, Jim Andrews, and Joe Peterson have all enjoyed catching and eating the delicious flat fish. On a lovely spring morning, almost all the gang limited on feisty rainbow trout at Shadow Cliffs Reservoir. Tom Boltz, Karl Droese, Jim Andrews, Romano Gnusti, Carl Moyer, Pete Gates, Dick Thomson and Harry Sherinian enjoyed a sumptuous picnic dinner afterwards. Terry Miller and Carl Moyer had a banner day in the delta, catching several dozen striped bass, about 8 of which were keepable. All were released, however. Joe Peterson and Carl fished the same area a week later with a dismal result. Joe later teamed with Craig Walton to catch 3 keepable stripers, many smaller ones, and a baby sturgeon. Craig Walton, Tom Boltz, George Shultze, Al Brunner, Terry Miller, Joe Miscione, and Romano Gnusti braved the wind and rain at Lake Almanor, catching only a few nice rainbows in the storm. Craig and Tom proceeded to Lake Davis, and trolling with a guide had a banner day, catching and releasing over 17 rainbows each. Howard Berkman, Karl Droese, and Joe Miscione fished Lake Berryessa, landing only a few largemouth bass.

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 several party boat trips for halibut and rockfish to also include those who rarely fish but would like to try. If you haven't been fishing in a while, but might like to test drive an adventure, come on down to our next meeting, or call Carl Moyer.

Next meeting will be Thursday, June 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. For further information, please contact Craig Walton (Big Fish) (925-937-4876;) Terry Miller, Br. 116 Fish Coordinator, 925-686-9298;) or Joe Peterson (Treasurer/Secretary) (916-777-5363.)

Luncheon Speaker

By Little Sir Jed Daniel



“Baseball & Steroids”

Jerry Feitelberg was born and raised in Boston, Massachusetts. He graduated from the Boston Latin School and Bates College in Lewiston, Maine. He received his Pharmacist degree from Northeastern university in Boston. Jerry moved to Los Angeles in 1967 and has been a Bay area resident since 1979. He owned Alameda Drug until November, 2004 when he retired from Pharmacy. He is a life-long baseball fan since 1946 with a special place in his heart for his beloved Red Sox. In 1993 he joined the medical staff of the Oakland Athletics and served as the team Pharmacist for 6 seasons through 1998. In 2005 he began to write, produce, and host a program called "Talking Baseball" for Alameda TV channel 31. The program is also seen on MCTV in the Mendocino-Fort Bragg area on Comcast cable.

\$ums in Retirement

David Munson



The June \$ums In Retirement meeting will be held at the Diablo Creek golf course beginning at 8am on 24 June. Our speaker will be Mr. Mike Rekasis formerly of UBS. Mike has a long career in the financial services industry spanning over 25 years. He will speak to us on derivative products; what they are and how they are used. Derivatives have been frequently mentioned and commented on in the financial press lately and generally they are not well understood by the investing public. Mike will give us an inside look at this financial instrument and point out their good points and how they also led to some costly financial mistakes.

June Luncheon Menu

Mexican Day

Chicken & Carnitas (shredded
Pork) Enchiladas served w/ Spanish Rice & Pinto
Beans, Taco Salad

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:

Neil Schmidt, Trampas Topics Editor
trampastopics@gmail.com

Want a Free Lunch ? Sponsor a New Member !

That's right! Sponsor a new Branch 116 member in 2009 and get a free lunch. Sponsor another and, get another free lunch. No limit on this deal!

"Dine-O-Sirs" Dinner Group

Ben Smith



Greeting to all Dine-O-Sir's and all their lady Dine-O's. Our next dine out night will be at "Marcello's Cucina Toscana" restaurant in Danville on June 24, 2009. The group will meet at 6:30 P M for social re-adjustment and dinner will be served around 7 P M. We have a great menu and a fun early evening in store. This is a first class restaurant with excellent service and atmosphere. Currently we have 68 people signed up to join the fun and we will soon have to cut off our reservations. Looks like we can accommodate only a few more people. The Dine-O-Sir herd will pretty well fill-out the entire Restaurant. Any one still wishing to join the group should contact Ben Smith (Tele: 925-820-5403 e-mail bjssmith@aol.com.) We will try and fit you in. The price per person is \$30.00 --including tax and gratuity. There will be a no Host bar and specials on Wines.

The Dine-Out committee of Phil Goff, Tom Eller, Jerry Hicks, Ben Smith and Dick Socolich is now busy planning the next event which will take place in August. Stay tuned for the details. GOOD PEOPLE, GOOD FOOD & DRINK MAKE THE PARTY.

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.



Hiking & Walking

Joel White



Amiable Amblers June Announcements

The Friday Amiable Amblers walk for Jun 12th will be led by Joel White at 8:15AM.

We will meet at the south end of the Alamo Plaza parking lot and traverse the Iron Horse trail south toward Danville.

Driving directions: exit HWY 680 onto Stone Valley Rd west. Proceed straight on SVR across Danville Blvd and turn right into Alamo Plaza parking lot just before the trail.

The walk on Friday Jun 26th will also be led by Joel and will depart at 8:15 AM from the Diablo Hills golf course parking lot on Marchbanks Drive in Walnut Creek. We will meander through heather farms garden center, around the lake, and then wander on the Contra Costa Canal trail.

The book club is meeting twice in June, the 1st and 22nd. We will therefore have two corresponding walks at 8:15 am on both of those dates at Lafayette reservoir. See you there.

Anyone wishing to be added to the e-mail reminder list should contact Joel White 964-0994 or zpz2mrz@yahoo.com.

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

2009 Carson City Golf Event News

Tim Hubbard



September 9, 10 & 11

Plans have been finalized for this year's Carson City Golf Getaway. Refer to the sign up sheet in this Topics' issue .

This Getaway will be similar in content, format and a whole lot of fun as in past years which is why so many Sirs and their ladies keep coming back every year. For those of you who have not attended we recommend you try it. We guarantee you will be glad you did !!

Included in the package are 2 rounds of golf with cart, 3 nights lodging, 3 hosted cocktail parties and 3 banquets, tee prizes, golf balls, over \$900 worth of raffle prizes plus gaming, bar and food coupons. There will be a ladies bridge event both days. Ladies can play bridge one day and golf the next if they choose. Plus there are lots of things to see and do around the Carson City and Lake Tahoe areas.

You have a choice of a places to stay; The Hardman House has a continental breakfast each morning and a wine and cookie reception in the afternoon. Both motels are within easy walking distance from the Nugget (where the cocktail parties and Banquets are held).

We would appreciate your signing up as early as possible because we have invited Branch 8 to attend this year and we want to ensure all Branch 116 attendees get first priority. Once we get your check we will not hold it very long (deposits will be made weekly) so please send it in early. Thank You.



SIR BRANCH 116

2009 CARSON CITY GOLF GETAWAY

SEPTEMBER 9-10-11, 2009



Sept. 10 at Eagle Valley West 8:00 Shotgun
 Sept. 11 at Empire Ranch 9:00 Shotgun

36 holes of golf, including cart



Staying at Hardman House

Includes continental breakfast
 Golfer...\$337.00 Double Occupancy
 Non-Golfer..\$242.00 Dbl Occupancy
 Single ...\$436.00

Staying at the City Center Motel

Golfer...\$295.00 Double Occupancy
 Non-Golfer...\$200.00 Dbl Occupancy
 Single ... \$331.00

ALSO INCLUDES:

Open bar and buffet dinner all 3 nights
 Golf balls, tee prizes and raffle prizes
 Food, gaming, and bar coupons
 Prospector's Club Membership

Prize money of \$15.00 per player collected upon arrival

Entry deadline is August 20



Mail to: **Tim Hubbard**
1744 Carriage Drive
Walnut Creek, CA 94598-1120



Non-Golfers!!
A Ladies Bridge Event is being planned—
*Please indicate your interest below***



Please complete the form and circle your selections
Hardman House or City Center Motel

1. Name: _____ Golfer Non-Golfer **

2. Name: _____ Golfer Non-Golfer **

Golfer's NCGA GHIN # 1. _____ 2. _____

Room preference: Single Double

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ to cover my reservation

Please make checks payable to *TT Hubbard*

Your email address: _____

** I'm Interested in Playing Bridge – One Day or Both Days (circle choice)

For Questions: Email Tim at tthubbs@astound.net or call (925) 944-0742

SIR Travel

By Tom Eller, Travel 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 chairman and he will have one sent to you. Payment should be made to the travel agency arranging the event unless otherwise stated.



Local Trips

July 29, 2009 SIR Day @ AT&T Park - SF Giants vs. Pittsburg Pirates (See attached brochure for more details).

Aug 6, 2009 SIR Day With The Oakland A's—Oakland A's vs. Texas Rangers (See attached brochure for more details). Seats will be in a designated SIR section.

Overnight and Longer Travel

Jun 30, 2009 Patti Page at the Grand Sierra Resort. Best selling female artist of the 1950s and one of the first female artists to cross over from country music to pop, brings her silky smooth voice to the Grand Sierra. The trip includes deluxe Motorcoach, overnight accommodations at the Grand Sierra Resort, Casino stop with bonus \$6 food credit, \$5 cash Tickets to Patti Page in the Grand Sierra Showroom, Baggage handling and driver tip. Cost \$142.00 per person. Contact Bob Spellman, @934-8428.

Aug 8-23, 2009 Romantic Rhine & Moselle Rivers. Explore Holland's colorful capital as you cruise through Amsterdam's enchanting canals. Sail past oust Laorelei rock and through the dramatic Rhine Gorge on this 14-night cruise from Amsterdam to Basel on board Avalon Waterway's brand new ship, the MS Affinity. Trip includes all meals on board, round trip airfare and airport transfers. Port charges, air taxes, driver tips are also included. Cost runs from \$6270 to \$8669 depending on state-room. Contact Ken Richter @ 925-689-6217.

Sep 13-25, 2009 The Essence of Ireland. What separates Ireland from its neighbors is the arresting beauty of the land, the turbulent history and the broad smile that welcomes your arrival. This 13 day trip covers Belfast, Londonderry, Westport, Galway, Killarney, and Dublin. The trip cost is \$3780 per person and includes: daily breakfast, nightly hosted dinner, coach driver, guides, baggage handling airfare and transfers, Plus gratuities. Contact Bob Hagler Branch 8 @ 925-934-8428.

Sep 24, 2009 Highlights of South Africa. On this comprehensive 19 day trip you'll discover the cultural and natural wonders of South Africa. The trip will take you to Johannesburg, Kruger National Park, Swaziland, Zululand, Wilderness, and Cape Town with optional trips to Pilanesberg National Park for a big five bush safari and Victoria Falls. Cost of the trip is \$4795 per person which includes all airfares, 17 night hotel stay, 32 meals, and 13 sightseeing tours. Space is limited so contact Bob Spellman to make reservations @ 925-934-9428.



Additional SIR Travel Opportunities on State Web

The quarterly State SIR Happenings Web Site at: <http://www.sirinc.org/sirhappenings/> offers additional SIR travel options. The current May edition travel page is on Page 11. Take a look, you just may find one of your dream trips amongst the twelve listed.

Joke Of The Month

Age

Bob, a 70-year-old, extremely wealthy widower, shows up at the country club with a breathtakingly beautiful and very sexy 25 year-old blonde.

She hangs onto Bob's arm and listens intently to his every word. His buddies at the club are all aghast.

At the very first chance, they corner him and ask, "Bob, how did you get the trophy girlfriend?" Bob replies, "Girlfriend? She's my wife!"

They're amazed, but continue to ask, "So, how did you persuade her to marry you?"

"I lied about my age", Bob replies.

"What, did you tell her you were only 50?" Bob smiles and says, "No, I told her I was 90."



Duplicate Bridge By Bob Daily

The SIR Branch 116 Duplicate Bridge met on May 5th at the Pleasant Hill Bridge Center with 18 players. The winning teams. First place Joel White / Milt Greenstein with 54 points out of a possible 84 for 64%. Second place Art Donaldson / Marv DeHeus with 45 points and 53%. Third place Oscar Krikorian / Dan Greenberg with 44 points and 52%.

Our Duplicate Bridge is on the first Tuesday of each month played at the Bridge Center at 9:30 AM in Pleasant Hill. Our next game is on June 2nd. The game is sanctioned by the ACBL with Master Points awarded to the winners.

We welcome new players (We'll provide a partner) and we have an excellent instructor to help both old and new players. If you are interested in playing please call Bob Daily (837-7080).



Luncheon Bridge Milt Greenstein, Chairman

On May 12th, the Lunch/Bridge group met at Round Hill C.C. with 25 players. After an excellent lunch, we sat down to 3 hours of bridge, High man today was Warren Westrup with 4,800 points, (a very low score for a winning number). Following Warren was Bill Sullivan, Norm Schoenfeld, Ron Wolberg, Dennis Perry and Art Donaldson. Even though we had two small slams made by Joe White / Ron Wolberg and Warren Westrup / Norm Schoenfeld, today was a very low scoring day all around - just very few good card combinations.

On May 26th, 24 men met at Roundhill C.C. for lunch and bridge. Today was a much better bridge day than the last session. Our top player today was Bob Stithem, a new player to the group and a member of the Moraga SIR group, with a very nice score of 5,980 points. In second place was Jai Yee with 5,920 points, followed by Joel White (5,880), Milt Greenstein (5,610), Dennis Perry (5,050) and Bob Wolf (4,920). Three small slams were made today by the teams of Jai Yee / Bob Wolf, Jai Yee / Dennis Perry and Joel White / Milt Greenstein. Today's play saw a very good high score, it also had an almost record low score of 1150 points, the vagrancies of the game of bridge !

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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 in both groups 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.

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.

June 9-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Wed 03	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

Nine Hole Info

Dick Chaffee, 9-Hole Chairman



SIR 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.

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 2009 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.



June 18-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Mon 01	9:30	Boundary Oak	Pat Tinguely
Mon 08	9:30	Franklin Canyon	Phil Goff
Tue 16	9:00	Paradise Valley	Phil Goff
Tue 23	10:00	Diablo Creek	Phil Goff
Mon 29	9:30	Poppy Ridge	Phil Goff



18 Hole Results

By David Harris

Mare Island -- May 26, 2009

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
Dirk Meyer	66	3	Pat Tinguely	70	3	Conrad Robertson	72	3	Chuck Gilliam	77	3
David Harris	70	2	Phil Goff	73	2	Phil Jenkins	75	2	Frank Lockwood	78	2
Mel Williams	70	2	Tom Eller	74	1	John Story	76	1	Bill Hemmelsbach	79	1
									Max Foust	79	1
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
Dirk Meyer	82		Pat Tinguely	90		John Story	98		Max Foust	105	

Closest to: Hole #5 - Phil Goff, Phil Jenkins --- Hole #17 - Dirk Meyer, Chuck Gilliam

Lone Tree -- May 18, 2009

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
Dirk Meyer	66	3	David Carlson	67	3	Conrad Robertson	69	3	Bernie Wroblewski	68	3
Al Zavattero	69	2	Tom Eller	71	2	Alex Lutkus	71	2	Matt Arena	69	2
Andy Benz	70	1	Phil Goff	71	2	John Story	71	2	Chuck Gilliam	70	1
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
Dirk Meyer	82		David Carlson	90		John Story	92		Max Foust	98	
			Tom Eller	90							

Closest to: Hole #5 - Tom Eller, Alex Lutkus --- Hole #11 - David Carlson, Ron Armijo

Dublin Ranch -- May 11, 2009

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
Bill Clark	61	3	Wayne Smith	61	3	Phil Jenkins	61	3	Art Vogl	58	3
David Harris	61	3	Bob Testa	61	3	Troy Powell	61	3	Chuck Gilliam	64	2
Neil Schmidt	61	3	Jerry Hunter	63	1	Conrad Robertson	61	3	Matt Arena	66	1
									Max Foust	66	1
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
Bill Clark	74		Wayne Smith	75		Phil Jenkins	83		Max Foust	89	
						Troy Powell	83				

Closest to: Hole #7 - Mel Williams, Max Foust --- Hole #13 - Phil Goff, Conrad Robertson

Boundary Oak -- May 6, 2009

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
Bill McCord	74	3	Bob Testa	77	3	John Peterson	70	3	Chuck Gilliam	75	3
Dirk Meyer	74	3				John Story	72	2	Bill Hemmelsbach	80	2
Bill Clark	76	1				Bob Donohue	73	1	Frank Lockwood	83	1
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
Bill McCord	90		Bob Testa	102		John Story	94		Bill Hemmelsbach	113	
Dirk Meyer	90										

Closest to: Hole #2 - Dirk Meyer, John Peterson --- Hole #12 - Bill Clark, John Peterson

2009 18 Hole Leaders

By David Harris

FLIGHT 1		FLIGHT 2		FLIGHT 3		FLIGHT 4	
NAME	POINTS	NAME	POINTS	NAME	POINTS	NAME	POINTS
Meyer, Dirk	20	Goff, Phil	25	Robertson, Conrad	27	Gilliam, Chuck	28
Crua, Frank	16	Hunter, Jerry	14	Donohue, Bob	20	Foust, Max	25
Harris, David	16	Carlson, David	13	Story, John	18	Eckels, Paul	13
McCord, Bill	16	Robinson, Robbie	11	Jenkins, Phil	12	Arena, Matt	12
Randall, Lonny	14	Kim, Paul	9	Powell, Troy	9	Vogl, Art	12
Clizbe, Jim	8	Tinguely, Pat	9	Peterson, John	7	Hemmelsbach, Bill	10
Clark, Bill	6	Testa, Bob	6	Daniel, Jed	6	Wroblewski, Bernie	8
Hicks, Jerry	6	Eller, Tom	5	Serafino, Al	5	Lockwood, Frank	6
Marks, Phillip	6	Hutchko, Al	5	Conlon, Bob	3	Armijo, Ron	2
Schmidt, Neil	6	Xavier, Carlos	4	Chaffee, Dick	2	Kohut, George	2
Williams, Mel	5	Nichols, Bob	3	Langhorst, Carl	2		
Zavattero, Al	5	Ross, Dennis	3	Lutkus, Alex	2		
Cherepy, Steve	3	Smith, Wayne	3	Videle, Jim	2		
Domer, Ron	2	Canane, John	2	King, Paul	1		
Benz, Andy	1	Socolich, Dick	2				
Lowenberg, Stan	1						

18-Hole Pay In Advance Deadlines

Event Date	Location	Deadline	Amount
Monday June 8	Franklin Canyon	26-May	\$34
Tuesday June 16	Paradise Valley	4-Jun	\$44
Tuesday June 23	Diablo Creek	12-Jun	\$37
Monday June 29	Poppy Ridge	12-Jun	\$62
Tuesday July 21	Deer Ridge	10-Jul	\$40
Monday July 27	Tilden Park	14-Jul	\$37

Send checks made out to SIR Branch 116, Golf to PO Box 3246, Walnut Creek, CA 94598-9991

Latest SIR 116 Golf Info Available on Our Golf Web Site

The Golf Website address is:

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

Please bookmark it in your "Favorites" list of websites to access information on the following:

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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