



Trampas Topics

November, 2009

SIR Branch 116

Next Meeting: 11:30 am,
Monday, Nov. 16, 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

November is the month when we honor our Veterans and celebrate Thanksgiving Day. I'm not sure everyone knows the origin of Veterans Day. World War I ended on November 11, 1918. On the same date three years later an unknown soldier from that war was buried at Arlington National Cemetery. November 11 eventually became the date when America honors all who have served the United States in war. It is a time to reflect and give thanks to those brave people who protect the life and freedoms we enjoy.



Though many competing claims exist, the most familiar story of the first Thanksgiving took place in Plymouth Colony, in present-day Massachusetts, in 1621. More than 200 years later, President Abraham Lincoln declared the final Thursday in November as a national day of thanksgiving. Congress finally made Thanksgiving Day an official national holiday in 1941. We are very fortunate to be living in this great country. We sometimes tend to forget. It is a time to reflect and be thankful for our many blessings. I would like to wish you and your family a Happy Thanksgiving.

And speaking of holidays, Robbie and his committee are well into the planning for our Christmas Dinner Dance on December 9th. Be sure to get your reservation in now so you can celebrate Christmas with your fellow SIRs and their wives.

Since this month will be the last luncheon meeting I will preside as your Big SIR, I would like to acknowledge and thank all the Officers, Board members, Committee Chairmen, music men and rotating Chaplains and Storytellers for their contribution in making this Branch the success it is. Hope to see everyone at the Christmas Dinner Dance.

Frank R. Crua



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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.

2009 SIR 116 Officers & Directors



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932-0975



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2009 SIR 116 Committee Chairmen

Activities Coordinator	Dick Socolich	376-3090	Newsletter Editor	Neil Schmidt	939-5342
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Bridge	Milt Greenstein	376-5589	Piano	John Peterson	946-0335
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Chaplain	Rotating	#1 See Below		Miles Maynard	933-8549
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Computer & Tech..	Phil Goff	831-3692	Poker Group #2	Bob Nilssen	837-4446
Computer Support	Dick Thomson	785-7600	Spring Party	Robbie Robinson	798-7276
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Duplicate Bridge	Bob Daily	837-7080	Sums In Retirement	Ben Smith	946-0404
Fishing	Terry Miller	686-9298	Sunshine	Matt Arena	947-6756
Golf	Ron Domer	838-8320	Travel	Tom Eller	939-5897
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Historian	Matt Arena	946-0404			
Host	Frank Crua	932-0975	#1. Doug Aalders, Ron Domer, Marty Ratterree, Lou Sandor, Ben Smith		
Interviewer	Max Foust	827-9323	#2. Ron Domer, Milt Greenstein, Marty Ratterree, Ben Smith		
Membership	Lytton DeSilva	254-5289			
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2009 SIR Area 2 (Inter-branch) Committee Chairmen

Bowling	Lloyd West (Br.19)	228-9037	Publicity	Walt Schick (Br.8)	934-0656
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	Jim Willey (Br.19)	689-3199	Sums Retirement	Dave Munson (Br.171)	377-5851

SIR Branch 116 Activity Calendar

November 2009

Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
1	2 18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Boundary Oak)	3 Duplicate Bridge (9:30@ P.Hill Bridge Ctr)	4 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Buchanan Fields)	5	6	7
8	9 18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Boundary Oak)	10 Luncheon Bridge (11:30@ Round Hill CC)	11 <i>Veterans Day</i> 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Pine Meadow)	12	13 Hiking & Walking (8:15@ Lafayette Res. Pkng Lot)	14
15	16 SIR Br 116 Mtg. (11:30@ Elks Club) Order Candy@ Mtg.	17 18-Hole Golf (10:00@ Blue Rock West) Poker Group 2 (1:00@ Diablo CC)	18 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Buchanan Fields) Wine Tasting (3:00-5:30@ TBD) Sums In Retirement (8:00@ Diablo Creek GC)	19 Computer & Tech (9:00@ Elks Club) Fishing Group (8:30@ Legends-Diablo Crk GC)	20	21
22	23 18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Roddy Ranch)	24 Luncheon Bridge (11:30@ Diablo CC) Pickup Candy Orders (9:00-10:00@ Elks Club Pkng Lot)	25 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Diablo Hills GC)	26 <i>Thanksgiving Day</i> <i>Holiday</i>	27	28
29	30 18-Hole Golf (9:00@ Shadow Lakes)	Notes:   				

Membership

Lytton DeSilva



SIR 116 Membership Status

Total Current Members — 257
 Last Month's Inductees — 2
 Those in Interview Stage — 1
 Total in Process — 2
 On Inactive Status — 40
 Left the Branch — 0
 Waiting to be Installed — 0

November Luncheon Menu

Fresh Roasted Turkey w/ Mashed Potatoes,
 Stuffing, Gravy, Salad,
 Desert & Coffee

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!

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

www.sirinc.org/sirhappenings

State SIR Web Site

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



Br. 116 Treasurer's Report

Ron Armijo, Treasurer

	Oct. 2009	2009 YTD
Contributions	\$ 2181.00	\$ 40,079.56
Disbursements	\$ (1,255.72)	\$(39,230.78)
Net (gain/(loss))	\$ 925.28	\$ 848.78
October Cash Balance		\$ 8,593.53



Little Sir Jed Daniel presents October Luncheon Speaker Leonard Komor with commemorative plaque for his "Flying the Hump- and more" presentation.

November Birthdays

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

Andrews, William G.	Green, Russell H.
Berger, John Stuart	Hayes, Wiliam J.
Boenig, Robert	Kosters, Edward H.
Borrecco, Courtney J.	Krikorian, Oscar
Brown, Douglas H.	Portillo, Frank R.
Clarke, William F.	Randall, Lonny
Cobb, James R.	Rhodes, Kay S.
Conlon, Bob	Schmidt, Neil P.
DeSilva, Lytton E.	Testa, Robert D.
Donaldson, Arthur S.	Vogl, Arthur
Fox, Grovenor J.	

"Dine-O-Sirs" Dinner Group

Ben Smith



The Dine-O-Sirs will next meet for a fantastic social gathering and dinner on Wednesday, October 28th at **Bing Crosby's Restaurant and Piano Lounge**. Unfortunately this event is already sold out and has a waiting list.

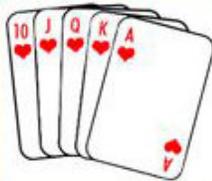
Dino-O-Sirs generally meets every other month and, if you have any questions or would like to get on the notification list for future events, you should contact Ben at bjsssmith@aol.com or Tel. 925-820-5403.

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.

Luncheon Speaker

By Little Sir Jed Daniel



Our speaker this month is Mike Conklin. Mike is a lifetime resident of the San Ramon Valley. From 1976 through 2006 he was involved in the Building, Land Development, and Real Estate Business. He is the Founder, Chairman, and CEO of Sentinels of Freedom Scholarship Foundation. He is an Honorary Member of the Army 75th Ranger Regiment and also an Honorary Member of the Army Signal Corp Regiment. He has been married for 32 years to Peggy Ann Conklin. They have 3 sons; 2nd Lt. Kris Conklin 75th Ranger Regiment STB, SFC Curt Conklin 75th Ranger Regiment STB, and SGT Casey Conklin USAR.



Lunch Attendance

Jim Nachtweih

Attendance at the October 19th meeting totaled 183 persons. This includes 179 members, one speaker, and 4 guests. There were 62 excused members and 16 un-excused members. The un-excused members will be asked to pay for their missed lunch.

P.S. For those members who are not sure of their "SIRs Number", it is printed in the upper right corner of your name badge, or call Membership Chairman Lytton DeSilva—He has all the numbers on file.

\$ums in Retirement

David Munson



The \$ums In Retirement November meeting will be held on Wednesday 18 November at the Diablo Creek golf course. This is the 3rd Wednesday of the month instead of the 4th Wednesday which is our regular meeting date. This change is to avoid conflict with the Thanksgiving holiday.

Our speaker will be **Mr. Tom Kopas of Pring Turner Capital Management**. Tom has been a speaker before and is very popular with attendees. The meeting will begin at 8am and conclude about 9:30am.

There will not be a meeting in December so this will be our last meeting of 2009.

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



Bridge Milt Greenstein

Duplicate Bridge Group

The Branch 116 duplicate group met at the Pleasant Hill Bridge Center on October 6, with 16 men playing. High scorers for the day was the team of Dan Green / Dan Greenberg with 53.50 points out of a possible 84 for 63.69% (a respectable score). In second place was Art Donaldson / Conrad Robertson (59.52%), followed by Bob Wolf / Milt Greenstein (48.212%). These three teams earned ACBL master points.

Luncheon Bridge Group

On October 13, 22 men gathered at the Round Hill C.C. for lunch and bridge. Our big winner today was Dan Green with 5,370 points. In second place was Fred Massaro (5,100), followed by Bob Wolf (4,900), Ali Aghaiepour (4,890), Jack Butler (4,720) and Dennis Perry (4,600). Small slams were made by Walt Kawecki / Dennis Perry and Milt Greenstein / Lee Travis.

On October 27, 27 men got together at the Diablo C.C. for an excellent lunch of tri tips and 3 hours of high scoring bridge. We had 2 small slams made and 2 grand slams made. Our high scorer for the day was Fred Massaro with 7,480 points. In second place was Jai Yee with 5,930 points, followed by Roy Hedtke (5,800), Ron Wohlberg (5,640), Marv DeHeus (5,470) and Jack Butler (5,400). Small slams were made by Jack Butler / Bob Daily and Bill Sullivan / Roy Hedtke, and Grand slams were made by Jai Yee / Fred Massaro and Ali Aghaiepour / Ron Wohlberg. Our high scorer was the second highest score of the year to date.

Ladies Day Luncheon/Bridge

On October 20th, Branch 116 sponsored a Ladies Day lunch and bridge event at the Diablo C.C. with 54 people and 5 SIR Branches represented. After an excellent lunch, the group sat down to 3 hours of enjoyable bridge. Our top winner was Bob and Ann Wullenwaber from Branch 129 with 5,150 points. Second and third were taken by Branch 116 players, Dan and Andrea Green (4,740), and

Dennis and Renee Ross (4,280). In 4th place was Dave and Claire Rasmussen (Branch 84) with 4,130 points, followed by Branch 116 players Milt and Marge Greenstein (3,950) and Tony and Lola Rohrs (3,930). Today was a low scoring day, with only one small slam bid and made by the Rasmussens. The next Ladies Day event will be in April, 2010.

Hiking & Walking Joel White



On October 9, ten folks led by Art Donaldson walked from Inspiration Point in Orinda along the ridge trail. They were treated to views of the Bay on one side and the San Pablo Reservoir on the other. Coffee afterwards was at Geppetto's in Orinda. On October 23, Darrell McClaughry led a group of twelve west from Larkey Park in Walnut Creek along the East Bay Parks trail among beautiful fall colors. The post hike coffee session was held at Latte Da in Pleasant Hill.

The next walk is scheduled for **Friday, November 13** around Lafayette Reservoir and will be led by Bob Wolf. Please RSVP to Bob: bob.wolf@nmconsult.com. Meet at **8:15 A.M.** at the Lafayette Reservoir parking area. Access is off Mt. Diablo Blvd in Lafayette and can be reached from any of the Lafayette exits off Hwy 24. Be sure to bring 4-5 quarters for the parking meters. The reservoir should be beautiful this time of year. There will be no hike on **Friday, November 27**, the day after Thanksgiving (although we will all probably need one!)

The book club has scheduled its "November" meeting for **Monday, December 7**, so the regular Lafayette reservoir walk will occur at **8:15 AM** on that date.

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



SIR Fishing Group Terry Miller

All SIR members and guests are welcome and, indeed, encouraged to participate in fishing trips as well as attend the monthly meetings. Next meeting will be Thursday, November 19th, 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. The speaker will be Bill Adelman sharing his Delta experiences.

A two day trip to Lake Davis proved to be absolutely fantastic for Craig Walton, Paul Dubow, Joe Karg, Al Brunner, Karl Droese, Bob Olson, Tom Boltz, and John Hayes. The 8 Sir's caught over 200 trout, to 21 inches. Trolling, and fly fishing were equally productive, and the group had a grand time. Less productive was a trip to Montezuma Slough. Led by Carl Moyer: Harry Sherinian, Terry Miller, Tom Boltz, Bob Olson, and Karl Droese managed to hide from the perpetual wind for awhile, but only one decent striper was caught by Harry Sherinian. Joe Peterson and Craig Walton fished the Sacramento River but were bested by the wind. Carl Moyer, Joe Peterson, and Terry Miller had the same result on 3 other delta ventures. Harry Sherinian had two other more fruitful forays. A trip to Rock Creek Lake, a private lake resulted in many, many very large trout caught fly fishing from a float tube. Then he took his grandchildren to Joe Missioners fishing hole on the bank of the Sacramento, and helped them catch and release small stripers until they were worn out. Harry did not even try to fish, he was so busy with the children, and recommends this fun pursuit to every grandfather. Joe Miscione, his son Keith, Roger Miller, and Roger Borgerson, joined Carl Moyer and his daughter Leah for a rock fishing party boat trip from Pillar Point Harbor. Everyone came home with lots of fish, but Keith Miscione arrived home with a huge grin and a very large 20 pound plus ling cod. On several other trips on the ocean Carl Moyer got some nice limits of rock fish and some ling cod, but when joined by Terry Miller the catch diminished. Hum.

We will be very busy this winter with: delta fishing for striped bass and sturgeon, trout fishing in our local lakes, and party boat trips for sturgeon, stripers, and crab/rockfish combos. These outings will 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..

Next meeting will be Thursday, November 19th, 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 (Branch 116 Coordinator) (925-686-9298;) or Joe Peterson (Treasurer/Secretary)(916-777-5363.)



Joe Karg, Karl Droese, and Bob Olson catching rainbow trout at Davis Lake

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

SIR BRANCH 116 CHRISTMAS DINNER DANCE



SHADELANDS ART
CENTER
Corner of Wiget and
Ygnacio Valley
WEDNESDAY,
Dec. 9, 2009
6 TO 9PM



MUSIC
PROVIDED BY
THE DIPLOMATS



THE DINNER MENU WILL BE:

**BEEF TENDERLOIN or
POACHED SALMON**

SALAD, ROLLS, BUTTER, DESSERT, and COFFEE

OPEN BAR

(NOTHING FANCY)

VODKA, GIN, SCOTCH, BOURBON, BEER, WINE, SODA, TONIC & WATER,

\$40 per person

Checks only please,
payable to
"SIR Branch 116"



CHRISTMAS DINNER DANCE

Please complete the form and circle your selections

1. Name: _____ Beef Salmon
2. Name: _____ Beef Salmon

Table Mate Preferences: _____

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____

Please make checks payable to **SIR Branch 116**

Mail to: **Robbie Robinson**
1029 Winton Drive
Walnut Creek, CA 94598-1530

or give it to him at the meeting.



Sunshine Report

Matt Arena

We have lost a faithful member who has been ill for a long time. **Gene Power** passed away September 17th following 16 days at John Muir Hospital. Gene returned home to be with his family. There was a private burial with full military honors in Dixon at the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery. He will be missed by his many friends and family and especially the faithful SIR'S who visited Gene and Ann at their home in Clayton.

Paul Morison passed away suddenly on September 22nd. Paul enjoyed his golf with SIR but of late had slowed down and put this pleasure aside. His genteel manner and warm smile will be missed by his many friends in the Branch.

Fran Stralovich beloved wife of Joe passed away on October 3rd. The Branch extends condolences to a fellow member.

Big Sir Art Miller was operated for complications from diabetes. He received a leg amputation early in September. He was still under the influence of medication following the surgery but we spoke and he said the doctors did a good job. Art was being wheeled from a bus at his home when the wheel chair got away and turned over on Art leaving him with a concussion and a head laceration. He is on the mend and says hello.

Norm Schoenfeld has been suffering from a bad back and preceding possible surgery he was found to have five blockages in his arteries which have been corrected. He will get one more scan to make sure everything is ok and following that he will be scheduled for surgery.

Doug Allen had a laminectomy where a bone was removed from his spine to correct cervical vertebrae. Doug is progressing nicely and looks forward to returning to our luncheons.

Troy Powell is undergoing chemo for his cancer. He has been seen at UCSF by a specialist who is working with him on his myeloma. He misses his time together with us on the golf course and the

luncheons but his spirits are good.

Gary Schoen has 2 more chemo treatments which should be completed by January. He is on steroids which give him energy but wear off prior to his treatments. His grandchild who lives nearby is his joy and he looks forward to spending time with her.

Don Booth had a bypass and the leg vein which was used in the procedure left him with a painful leg. A number you have told me of similar experiences following your surgery. Don is a trooper and expects to be back for the November luncheon.

Dan Pope is still at Stone Brook anxious to regain his strength. He would enjoy company so give him a call at 689 7358.

Bob Johnston recently suffered a severe stroke which has affected his left side along with his speech. He is being treated at ManorCare at Rossmoor.

Ed Regalia and I talked and he is improving. He would like to be further along so he could join us at lunch but he has a way to go. He is working hard to make a full recovery.

Harry Honstein is scheduled for another shoulder operation in November to hopefully correct the previous surgery. He is also dealing with sleepless nights where he gets little rest and therefore has little energy during the day. Harry was our Sunshine Chairmen many moons ago and we commiserate about our members and their ailments when we talk hoping that everyone of you take good care of yourselves.



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.



Overnight and Longer Travel

March 10-17, 2010: Cruise the Caribbean

Cruise aboard the MS Silver Cloud visiting an exciting array of ports: Bridgetown, Barbados; Castries, St. Lucia; St. George's, Grenada; Kingstown, St. Vincent & the Grenadines: St. John's, Antigua; Spanish Town, Virgin Gorda; & San Juan, Puerto Rico. Sponsored by SIR Branch 146, escorted by Bob Spellman 925-934-8428.

February 10, 2010: The Four Aces at UC Davis

Golden Gate Tours is pleased to announce that a private show will be held at the Mondavi Center for Performing Arts in Davis and will feature The Four Aces. The Four Aces have been Internationally acclaimed as a group who has not only produced some of the most beautiful vocal renderings ever, but for being superb showmen as well. They have delighted audiences' of all ages, around the world, with their timeless Hit songs, and current musical selections.

Prices start at \$76 per person. Depending on the price of the motor coach from your area, prices may be higher. For information or questions call (800) 874-4345.

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. Travel opportunities

include (see their web site for more details and cost):

Dec. 26, 2009-Jan. 3, 2010: New Year's Cruise

A wonderful New Year's cruise aboard the Norwegian Spirit, round trip from New Orleans. 8 nights, including a pre-cruise in New Orleans! Included are several ports of call in the Caribbean and in Cozumel, Mexico.

Mar. 12-27, 2010: Round Trip Cruise to Hawaii

This is a 15 day cruise...5 days cruising to Hawaii, then 5 days visiting 4 of the islands and then 5 days cruising back to San Diego.

Mar. 19-27, 2010: The Magnificent Copper Cyn.

This 9 day trip features a private rail car train ride and sightseeing through the Copper Canyon in Mexico.

Apr. 25-May 7, 2010: Discover Croatia

This is truly a wonderful trip featuring the Dalmatian Coast and Slovenia.

May 7-22, 2010: Panama Canal Cruise

Cruise from Florida through the Panama Canal to San Francisco.

June 6-16, 2010: A Trip of a Lifetime!...Oberammergau

This passion play was first performed in 1634 and is put on during the last year of every decade. The play involves a cast of over 2,000 and celebrates this village in Bavaria, Germany from being spared the worst of the Black Plague.



SIRS Face Into the Breeze at Monarch Bay
(Phil Goff, Robbie Robinson, Frank Lockwood)



Wine Appreciation Group

Al Reynolds

The Wine Tasting activity was hosted by Bill McCallum on October 21. Bill's theme was Rhone wines, and he introduced four varietals. We all enjoyed the wines, the food, the outside setting, and the complementary weather. The next tasting event will be hosted by Lytton DeSilva on November 18 from 3 to 5:30 p.m. For further information, contact Al Reynolds - 254-1576



Computer & Technology

Derek Southern & Phil Goff



Area 2 Computer and Technology Group announces the following topics for their next meeting on Thursday, November 19th:

Making better pictures with your Point and Shoot (or other) camera

Derek Southern will explain how we can make better pictures with our 'simple' Point and Shoot digital cameras. It is said that education is the way to better pictures, rather than bigger and more expensive cameras, so how much better can we make our pictures (memories). We'll see how to avoid the 3 Big Bs (Boring, Blurry and Bad) in our pictures because with a few simple hints your pictures can improve a lot. With the holiday season approaching we can make better pictures of our families and friends, and even our landscapes will be improved. There are times to turn your flash off, and other times you should turn it on, but the choices may be different from what you expect. Come with your questions and an open mind and improve your picture making abilities.

Phil Goff will give some hints about purchasing a netbook computer, and in the remaining time Dick Curry will give us the benefit of his knowledge and experience in a Q&A session.

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. We ask for a donation of \$5 to cover the cost of the hall rental, coffee and cookies, and all SIR members and their guests are welcome.



Br. 116 Book Club

Rich Black

October 5 Book Group Meeting: Spring 1776: General George Washington commands the Continental Army as it forces the British to evacuate Boston; Summer 1776: General George Washington defeated by British in defense of New York; Fall 1776: General George Washington commands an army of about 3000 in a retreat across New Jersey; Christmas 1776: General George Washington achieves stunning victories at Trenton and Princeton. Jack Butler, Al Reynolds, Rich Black, Bob Daily, Lytton DeSilva, Art Donaldson, Tim Tinnes, Jack Frasier and Floyd Skelton learned a lot about George Washington and the tenacity which gained our country's independence as they read David McCullough's "1776."

On October 26 seven SIRs participated in a lively discussion of Farheed Zakaria's The Post- American World. Although we had differing opinions on the causes and significance of specific economic and other trends covered in the book, all present agreed it was a relevant, even-handed analysis of the possible future course of the world as America lives through "the rise of the rest."

Our November/December meeting will be held on Monday, December 7 at 10:15 AM at Orinda Books to discuss *Outliers* by Malcolm Gladwell. This book explains what the Beatles and Bill Gates have in common. Come join the conversation and enjoy freshly baked cookies.

See's Candies 2009 Christmas Discount Sale

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

- Mail candy orders by **Wednesday November 11** to:

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

- or **Order** at the **Monday November 16** SIR 116 Luncheon.

- Make check payable to "Sir Branch 116 - Candy".

- Orders and checks must be from SIR members, *but you may include family and friends in your order.*

- Pick up candies in Elks Club parking lot on

Tuesday November 24, 9:00 to 10:30 am.

Your Name _____ **Telephone** _____

Size	Item	Retail	How Many	Discount	Total\$
4 lb 4 oz	Holiday Assortment Pack	\$ 69.75		\$ 56.60	
1 lb	Christmas Memories Tin	\$ 19.50		\$ 16.60	
1 lb	Holiday Fancy	\$ 18.10		\$ 15.50	
1 lb	Peppermint Twist Gift Box	\$ 6.25		\$ 5.30	
8 oz	Milk Chocolate Foil Balls	\$ 5.50		\$ 4.90	
8 oz	Dark Chocolate Foil Balls	\$ 5.50		\$ 4.90	
7.5 oz	Snowman Box	\$ 5.85		\$ 5.10	
1 lb 5 oz	Chanukah Lollypops	\$ 14.70		\$ 11.40	
1 lb 8 oz	Chanukah Peanut Brittle	\$ 14.70		\$ 12.50	
8 oz	Truffles	\$ 8.95		\$ 7.40	
1 lb	Truffles	\$ 17.90		\$ 14.80	
1 lb	Gold Fancy	\$ 20.50		\$ 17.30	
2 lb	Gold Fancy	\$ 37.90		\$ 32.90	
4 lb	Gift of Elegance	\$ 75.90		\$ 65.15	
Mailing Cartons (except items in italics) List items here					
				\$ 1.00 for each carton	

Size	Item	Retail	How Many	Discount	Total \$
1 lb	Assorted Chocolates	\$ 15.60		\$ 11.40	
2 lb		\$ 31.20		\$ 22.80	
3 lb		\$ 46.80		\$ 34.20	
5 lb		\$ 78.00		\$ 57.00	
1 lb	Milk Chocolates	\$ 15.60		\$ 11.40	
2 lb		\$ 31.20		\$ 22.80	
3 lb		\$ 46.80		\$ 34.20	
1 lb	Dark Chocolates	\$ 15.60		\$ 11.40	
2 lb		\$ 31.20		\$ 22.80	
1 lb	Soft Centers	\$ 15.60		\$ 11.40	
2 lb		\$ 31.20		\$ 22.80	
1 lb	Nuts & Chews	\$ 15.60		\$ 11.40	
2 lb		\$ 31.20		\$ 22.80	
3 lb		\$ 46.80		\$ 34.20	
1 lb	Bridge Mix	\$ 15.60		\$ 11.40	
1 lb	Victoria Toffee	\$ 15.60		\$ 11.40	
1 lb	Toffee-ettes (can)	\$ 15.60		\$ 11.40	
1 lb	Almond Royal (can)	\$ 15.60		\$ 11.40	
12 oz	Salted Nuts (can)	\$ 8.30		\$ 7.30	
1 lb 8 oz	Peanut Brittle	\$ 14.70		\$ 12.50	
8 oz	Awesome Peanut Brittle Bar (8 pack)	\$ 8.80		\$ 6.35	
12 oz	Awesome Nut & Chew Bar (8 pack)	\$ 8.80		\$ 6.35	
12 oz	Awesome Walnut Square Bar (8 pack)	\$ 8.80		\$ 6.35	
8 oz	Molasses Chips	\$ 7.80		\$ 5.70	
8 oz	Assorted Peppermints	\$ 7.80		\$ 5.70	
8 oz	Little Pops, Assorted	\$ 7.40		\$ 4.75	
8 oz	Little Pops, Café Latte	\$ 7.40		\$ 4.75	
1 lb 5 oz	Lollypops, Assorted	\$ 14.70		\$ 11.40	
1 lb 5 oz	Lollypops, Chocolate	\$ 14.70		\$ 11.40	
1 lb 5 oz	Lollypops, Butterscotch	\$ 14.70		\$ 11.40	
1 lb 5 oz	Lollypops, Café Latte	\$ 14.70		\$ 11.40	
1 lb 5 oz	Lollypops, Vanilla	\$ 14.70		\$ 11.40	
1 lb	Gift Certificate - Continental US only	\$ 15.60		\$ 12.10	
TOTAL ORDER - Both Columns					

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.

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.

NCGA DUES:

The response so far has been pretty anemic. It's time for you golfers to stand tall, pony up to the bar, get your heads out and pay your dues. I don't want to get my uncle Leo to pay you a visit. He takes no prisoners and doesn't even take yes for an answer!!

Ron

Golf Club Membership- 2010

Membership in the SIR Branch 116 Golf Club for 2010 will cost \$50 for members getting NCGA membership through the club. Those who get NCGA membership through a different club and the 9 hole group members who do not want an NCGA index will pay \$14 this year. Payment by check only made to SIR Branch 116 Golf Club can be sent to the golf PO box starting Oct.1, 2009. Max Foust will manage the renewal process again this year. Payments can also be made at the golf desk at the November meeting.

Golf etiquette according to the PGA stipulates that from the time you select your club until you actually hit your shot, you should take no more than 45 seconds. At a driving range, practice hitting golf balls with a practice swing and see how long it really takes you. Then, on the course, you won't be so self-conscious about how long it takes and won't worry about the group waiting behind you. **Everyone plays by the 45-second rule.**

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.

November 18-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Mon 02	9:30	Boundary Oak	Carlos Xavier
Mon 09	9:30	Boundary Oak	Tom Eller
Tue 17	10:00	Blue Rock West	Tom Eller
Mon 23	9:30	Roddy Ranch	Tom Eller
Mon 30	9:00	Shadow Lakes	Tom Eller

November 9-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Wed 04	10:00	Buchanan Fields	Dick Chaffee
Wed 11	10:00	Pine Meadow	Joe Ostler
Wed 18	10:00	Buchanan Fields	Dick Chaffee
Wed 25	10:00	Diablo Hills	Doug Alders



18 Hole Results

By David Harris

Willow Park -- October 26, 2009

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4	
David Harris	71	3	David Carlson	68	3	Phil Jenkins	72	3	Max Foust	74
Frank Crua	72	2	Dick Socolich	70	2	Conrad Robertson	73	2	Bernie Wroblewski	75
Mel Williams	72	2	Paul Kim	71	1	Bob Donohue	74	1	Bill Hemmelsbach	81
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross	
Mel Williams	85		Dick Socolich	87		Phil Jenkins	98		Max Foust	98
						Conrad Robertson	98			

Closest to: Hole #3 - Mel Williams, Max Foust --- Hole 13 - Paul Kim, John Story

Monarch Bay -- October 20, 2009

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4	
David Harris	67	3	Phil Goff	76	3	Carl Langhorst	69	3	Bill Hemmelsbach	76
Bill Clark	74	2	Robbie Robinson	80	2	John Peterson	72	2	Max Foust	79
Frank Crua	75	1				Bob Donohue	74	1	Chuck Gilliam	81
Neil Schmidt	75	1								
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross	
David Harris	83		Phil Goff	93		John Story	95		Max Foust	103

Closest to: Hole #4 - Bob Donohue --- Hole 10 - David Harris, Phil Jenkins

Boundary Oak -- October 14, 2009

Canceled due to bad weather

Boundary Oak -- October 5, 2009

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4	
Jim Clizbe	71	3	Carlos Xavier	74	3	John Story	78	3	Chuck Gilliam	69
Jerry Hicks	72	2	Paul Kim	76	2	John Peterson	79	2	Max Foust	71
David Harris	73	1	Phil Goff	77	1	Paul King	79	2	Frank Lockwood	78
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross	
Jerry Hicks	85		Carlos Xavier	93		John Story	99		Max Foust	97

Closest to: Hole #12 - Walt Kawecki --- Hole #17 - Paul King, Bernie Wroblewski

Lake Chabot -- September 28, 2009

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4	
Bill Clark	71	3	Paul Kim	69	3	John Story	68	3	Max Foust	65
Lonny Randall	71	3	Robbie Robinson	73	2	Bob Donohue	72	2	Ron Armijo	74
Mel Williams	71	3	Jerry Hunter	74	1	Phil Jenkins	73	1	Bill Hemmelsbach	74
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross	

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 is the Thursday before and 9-Hole deadline is the Sunday before. Please indicate if you want a cart.

2009 18 Hole Leaders

By David Harris

FLIGHT 1		FLIGHT 2		FLIGHT 3		FLIGHT 4
Index 0.0 - 16.0		Index 16.1 - 21.4		Index 21.5 - 27.0		Index 27.1 - 30.0
NAME	POINTS	NAME	POINTS	NAME	POINTS	NAME
Crua, Frank	35	Goff, Phil	49	Robertson, Conrad	47	Gilliam, Chuck
Harris, David	31	Carlson, David	31	Story, John	34	Foust, Max
McCord, Bill	30	Robinson, Robbie	30	Donohue, Bob	32	Hemmelsbach, Bill
Randall, Lonny	30	Hunter, Jerry	29	Jenkins, Phil	24	Vogl, Art
Williams, Mel	25	Kim, Paul	17	Peterson, John	20	Wroblewski, Bernie
Clark, Bill	23	Testa, Bob	14	Conlon, Bob	19	Arena, Matt
Meyer, Dirk	20	Tinguely, Pat	14	Serafino, Al	17	Eckels, Paul
Schmidt, Neil	16	Eller, Tom	12	Chaffee, Dick	16	Lockwood, Frank
Clizbe, Jim	13	Hutchko, Al	8	Daniel, Jed	13	Brown, Doug
Marks, Phillip	12	Ross, Dennis	8	Langhorst, Carl	10	Armijo, Ron
Zavattero, Al	12	Xavier, Carlos	8	Powell, Troy	9	Kohut, George
Cherepy, Steve	8	Socolich, Dick	7	Lutkus, Alex	8	
Hicks, Jerry	8	McClaghry, Darrell	6	King, Paul	3	
Domer, Ron	5	Nichols, Bob	6	Videle, Jim	2	
Benz, Andy	1	Canane, John	3	Roberts, Don	1	

18-Hole Pay In Advance Deadlines

Event Date	Location	Deadline	Amount
Tuesday, November 17	Blue Rock Springs West	3-Nov	\$35
Monday, November 23	Roddy Ranch	5-Nov	\$39
Monday, November 30	Shadow Lakes	19-Nov	\$40
Monday, December 14	Lone Tree	1-Dec	\$35
Monday, December 21	Bethel Island	7-Dec	\$25/38
<i>Bethel Island is a special event. Guests pay \$33/20 and can not win prizes.</i>			
Monday, December 28	Delta View	15-Dec	\$29

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.



RETURN TO: Lytton DeSilva
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Rules of Attendance and Membership for SIR Branch 116

RULE 100. A member may be notified in writing by his Branch of the pending termination of his membership (Rule 107) should he be responsible for any of the following:

Miss three (3) consecutive regular luncheon meetings without having been excused by contacting the designated Branch Attendance person prior to the meeting date.

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

RULE 101. Certification of attendance by a member at another Branch meeting will be considered as a credit to his attendance record. (Maximum of 2 visits per calendar year).

Non Responsibility Declaration

RULE 345: All activities arranged for or by, Sons In Retirement, Incorporated, and its Branches, are for the convenience and pleasure of the members and their guests who desire to participate. Sons In Retirement, Incorporated, and its Branches do not assume any responsibility for the well being or safety of the participants or their property, in any matters pertaining to said activities.

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.