



Trampas Topics

October, 2009

SIR Branch 116

Next Meeting: 11:30 am,
Monday, Oct. 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



Those that missed the September meeting missed a very special occasion - on 2 counts - Honoring the past Big SIRs and Floyd Skelton receiving his Honorary Life Member award. First, 8 past Big SIRs were introduced and received a standing ovation that was well deserved. Second, Floyd Skelton received the Certificate of Honorary Life Member of Branch 116. It was presented by SIR State President, David Reiser. Our Regional Director, James Stedman and Area Governor, Dean Steichen were also in attendance, It was a well deserved honor which Floyd earned through his hard work for our Branch. His wife Mary was there and presented him with his HLM Badge. I talked to Floyd after the meeting and he said he was taken by surprise – did not have any idea he was going to get the award. When you see him thank him for all his efforts and don't forget to congratulate him.

The Carson City outing went very well thanks to the hard work of Tim Hubbard, Jerry Hunter and many others. Since I didn't win anything, I'm thinking of changing the format to allow for mulligans for Past Big Sir's whose first name starts with F, middle names starts with R and last name starts with C – It seems fair to me!!! I hope more of you will consider attending this event next year. It is a lot of fun for both the men and the women.

This is a friendly reminder that the Christmas Dinner/Dance is just around the corner. This year it will be on Wednesday evening December 9, 2009 at the Shadelands Art Center on the corner of Ygnacio Valley Road and Wiget Lane. This is always a good event where we can enjoy the holiday season with fellow SIRs, their wives and friends. If you know of any SIR Widows who would like to attend, please invite them. They are always welcome. And remember that guests and their spouse/significant other are also welcome to attend. Robbie will have a display at the next 2 meetings.

See you on October 19th!

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



Big SIR
Frank Crua
932-0975



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Jed Daniel
551-7734



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376-6355



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946-0404



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945-0637



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939-8421

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831-3692



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935-5439



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458-2511



Ben Smith
820-5403



Bill McCord
376-5280



Art Donaldson
934-8391

2009 SIR 116 Committee Chairmen

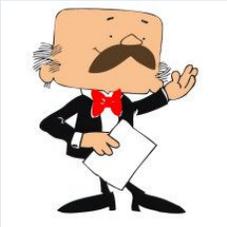
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| Activities Coordinator | Dick Socolich | 376-3090 | Membership Roster | Dick Thomson | 785-7600 |
| Attendance | Jim Nachtweih | 838-7417 | Newsletter Editor | Neil Schmidt | 939-5342 |
| Audit | Dick Thomson | 785-7600 | Asst. Editor (Interim) | Phil Goff | 831-3692 |
| Book Club | Rich Black | 283-8376 | Nominating | Art Donaldson | 934-8391 |
| Bridge | Milt Greenstein | 376-5589 | Photographers | Ken Miller | 256-9343 |
| Candy Sales | Dirk Meyer | 820-6878 | | John Peterson | 946-0335 |
| Chaplain | Rotating | #1 See Below | Piano | Bob Lake | 837-4054 |
| Christmas Party | Robbie Robinson | 798-4276 | | Miles Maynard | 933-8549 |
| Computer & Technology Group | Phil Goff | 831-3692 | Poker Group #1 | Bill Harrington | 935-1625 |
| Computer Support | Dick Thomson | 785-7600 | Poker Group #2 | Bob Nilssen | 837-4446 |
| Duplicate Bridge | Bob Daily | 837-7080 | Spring Party | Robbie Robinson | 798-7276 |
| Fishing | Terry Miller | 686-9298 | Storytellers | Rotating | #2 See Below |
| Golf | Ron Domer | 838-8320 | Sums In Retirement | Ben Smith | 946-0404 |
| | Carlos Xavier | 947-6756 | Sunshine | Matt Arena | 947-6756 |
| Greeters | Tim Hubbard | 944-0742 | Travel | Tom Eller | 939-5897 |
| E-mail Contact | Conrad Robertson | 376-6355 | Volunteers | Bob Kinser | 837-8886 |
| Hiking and Walking | Joel White | 964-0994 | Webmaster | Floyd Skelton | 838-2515 |
| Historian | Matt Arena | 946-0404 | Welcoming | Dick Socolich | 376-3090 |
| Host | Frank Crua | 932-0975 | | | |
| Interviewer | Max Foust | 827-9323 | #1. Doug Aalders, Ron Domer, Marty Ratterree, Lou Sandor, Ben Smith | | |
| Membership | Lytton DeSilva | 254-5289 | #2. Ron Domer, Milt Greenstein, Marty Ratterree, Ben Smith | | |

2009 SIR Area 2 (Inter-branch) Committee Chairmen

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|----------|-----------------|------------------------|----------|
| Bowling | Lloyd West (Br.19) | 228-9037 | Publicity | Walt Schick (Br.8) | 934-0656 |
| Computer & Technology | Co-Derek Southern (Br.8) | 253-1646 | Table Pool | Bill Weinberg (Br.146) | 682-0962 |
| Fishing | Co-Phil Goff (Br.116) | 831-3692 | Rubber Bridge | Fred Bolton (Br.146) | 932-1580 |
| Golf | Craig Walton (Br.8) | 937-4876 | Speakers Bureau | John Roebuck (Br.19) | 685-8764 |
| | Jim Willey (Br.19) | 689-3199 | Sums Retirement | Dave Munson (Br.171) | 377-5851 |

SIR Branch 116 Activity Calendar

October 2009

| Sun. | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Sat. |
|------|---|--|--|--|---|------|
| |  |  |  | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 4 | 5 Pre-Book Grp. Walk (8:15@ Laf. Reservoir) Book Group Mtg. (10:15@ Orinda Books) 18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Boundary Oak) | 6 Duplicate Bridge (9:30@ P.Hill Bridge Ctr) | 7 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Buchanan Fields) | 8 | 9 Hiking & Walking (9:15@ Orind Books Pkng Lot) | 10 |
| 11 | 12 <i>Columbus Day Holiday</i> | 13 Luncheon Bridge (11:30@ Round Hill CC) | 14 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Pine Meadow) 18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Boundary Oak) | 15 Computer & Tech (9:00@ Elks Club) | 16 | 17 |
| 18 | 19 SIR Br 116 Mtg. (11:30@ Elks Club) | 20 18-Hole Golf (10:00@ Monarch Bay) Poker Group 2 (1:00@ Diablo CC) Ladies Day Bridge Event (11:00@Diablo CC) | 21 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Buchanan Fields) | 22 Fishing Group Mtg (8:30@ Diablo Creek GC) | 23 Hiking & Walking (8:15@ Larkey Park) | 24 |
| 25 | 26 Pre-Book Grp. Walk (8:15@ Laf. Reservoir) Book Group Mtg. (10:15@ Orinda Books) 18-Hole Golf (9:00@ Willow Park) | 27 Luncheon Bridge (11:30@ Diablo CC) 18-Hole Golf (9:00@ Lone Tree) | 28 Sums in Retirement (8:00@ Diablo Creek GC) Dine-O-Sir (6:00@Bing Crosby's Restrnt.) 9-Hole Golf (10:15@ Diablo Hills) | 29 | 30 | 31 |

Membership

Lytton DeSilva



SIR 116 Membership Status

Total Current Members — 253
Last Month's Inductees — 0
Those in Interview Stage — 8
 Total in Process — 8
 On Inactive Status — 36
 Left the Branch — 0
 Waiting to be Installed — 0

October Luncheon Menu

Meat Loaf Over Mashed Potato's & Gravy Served
w/ Seasoned Vegetables, Dinner Salad, Rolls, De-
sert & 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

| | Sept. 2009 | 2009 YTD |
|---------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Contributions | \$ 4,080.00 | \$ 37,778.56 |
| Disbursements | \$ (3,659.59) | \$(37,015.06) |
| Net (gain/(loss)) | \$ 420.41 | \$ 763.50 |
| August Cash Balance | | \$ 8,508.25 |

New SIR Branch 116 Members



Dick Krieger with sponsor Carlos Xavier



Bob Mathews with sponsor Dick Breitwieser

In Memoriam
Eugene (Gene) Power

-September 17, 2009

In Memoriam
Paul Morison

September 25, 1933-September 22, 2009

Latest Honorary Life Member

Meet your latest Honorary Life Member, Floyd Skelton. Floyd was born and raised in the land of "Oz" Wichita Kansas. His early years were spent working with his father in the printing business in and around Wichita. This led to a job with the Bayer Corporation which took him from the mid-west to the east coast to sunny California. He has been and remains an avid "Raider Fan" where he held season tickets for many years. He mentioned at the meeting that this was getting harder to do. He also was a big supporter of his favorite baseball team, the Oakland A's. He is considered a pretty good wine connoisseur and spent many days touring, tasting, and collecting the fruits of California. He was once heard saying "if he was ever poor, at least he could enjoy good wine." He has been a terrific Sir member, serving as Big Sir, Director, Web master, Trampas Editor, Bridge and Poker contributor to mention a few. He and his wife Mary have been married for 25 years and have lived in the Danville area for the past 25 years.



SIR State President, David Reiser presenting Honorary Life Member award to Floyd and wife Mary

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

October Birthdays

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

| | |
|------------------|---------------------|
| Bevis, John H. | Langhorst, Carl W. |
| Christen, Urs | Miller, Kenneth G. |
| Cuny, F.B. | Perry, Dennis |
| Daily, Robert F. | Shurr, James |
| Daniel, John E. | Stralovich, Joe A. |
| Fraser, John A. | Thomson, Richard J. |
| Heck, David K. | West, John N. |
| Jacobs, John C. | Wolf, Robert |
| Katz, Marty J. | |

September Birthdays

Due to a "technical glitch", the September birthday boys shown in last month's newsletter were incorrect. Here are the real September Birthday Boys...

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



Lunch Attendance Jim Nachtweih

Attendance at the September 21st, 2009, meeting totaled 189 person. This includes 181 members, 3 visitors, and 5 guests...There were 59 excused members, and 17 un-excused members. The un-excuse members will be asked to pay for their missed lunch.





Bridge

Milt Greenstein

Duplicate Bridge Group

The Branch 116 Duplicate Bridge Group met on September 1st with 18 players attending.

The top scoring team was Oscar Krikorian / Lew Sandor with 59.26 % (42.67 points out of a possible 72). Second place was taken by Bob Wolf / Marv DeHeus with 55.79 %, in third place was Jack Butler / Monte Hall (51.85 %) and in fourth place was Bill Sullivan / Gene Gould (50.93 %) .

Luncheon Bridge Group

The Lunch / Bridge Group met on September 8th at Round Hill C.C. After an excellent salmon lunch, we sat down to 3 hours of low scoring bridge. There were no slams made today. The high scorer with 5,010 points was Mort Schaps. In second place with 4,910 was Fred Massaro, followed by Gene Gould (4,870), Tony Rohrs (4,540) and Jack Butler (4,370). Today's high score was the lowest high score this year, while today's low score was the highest low score this year ! Go figure !

On September 22, the Lunch / Bridge group met at Diablo C.C., with 20 men enjoying an excellent trip lunch and then 3 hours of good bridge. Lou Sandor was our high scoring winner with 6,840 points. Jack Butler was 2nd with 5,330 points, followed by Bob Daily (5,150), Milt Greenstein (5,110) and Ben Yeraka (5,060). We had 2 small slams made today by the teams of Milt Greenstein / Bud Grisanti and Ben Yeraka / Dennis Perry.

Ladies Day Event

Our fall LADIES DAY LUNCH / BRIDGE event will be the last of the Ladies Day Events this year. This event will be on October 20, 11 am, at Diablo C.C. \$41 per couple for lunch plus \$5 for prize money.

Anyone interested that has not signed up, call me.



SIRS Groups Collide on the 16th Tee at Lone Tree (l. to r.: Paul Kim, Tom Eller, Robbie Robinson, Dick Chaffee, John Peterson, Bob Donohue)

"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.

Dine-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.



Br. 116 Book Club

Rich Black

The Book Group will meet on Monday, October 5 to discuss *1776* by David McCullough. It will also meet on Monday October 26 to read Fareed Zakaria's *The Post American World*. All meetings are at 10:15 AM at Orinda Books.



SIR Fishing Group Terry Miller

All SIR members and guests are welcome and, indeed, encouraged to participate in fishing trips as well as attend the monthly meetings. Next meeting will be Thursday, October 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. Tom Boltz and Pete Gates will tell us about Alaskan fishing.

Recent SIR's fishing began with a shore fishing trip to the Alameda Rock Wall, led by Harry Sherinian. Fishing were Dick Thomson, Jack Waddell, Al Brunner, Terry Miller, Carl Moyer, and Kenneth Peterson. Dick Thomson and Carl Moyer experienced a fantastic day drifting live bait in San Francisco bay, catching 3 halibut, one striped bass, and 10 white sea bass to over 40 lbs. All but two of the white sea bass were released. Joe Miscione had never seen a sturgeon before when a large one jumped into Carl Moyer's boat while they were fishing. Joe Peterson joined Carl for a hot day of striper fishing in the delta. Many stripers were caught, and one 6 pounder was killed and eaten. Sal Costanza tried a little fishing at Lake Tahoe with no luck, and George Schulze shore fished at Caples lake with the same result. Harry Sherinian and Terry Miller joined Carl on the ocean for several trips, catching limits of rock cod and a few lings. Craig Walton caught several black bass fishing a tournament in the south delta. Paul Dubow and his son had a wonderful trip to Alaska, limiting out with both salmon and halibut. Roger Borgerson, Kenneth Peterson, Carl Moyer, George Schulze, Ed Dikman, Richard Bal, Gene Schulting, Craig Walton, and Joe Peterson got together with the Sirs in the Kitchen chefs for a fabulous fish feed, featuring Ed Benson's ciopino, Carl Moyers fried rockfish bits, and many other grand accoutrements. The fish were supplied by Kent Cremolini and Carl. Ed Benson was the gracious host.

We will be very busy in the future with: delta fishing for striped bass and sturgeon, trout fishing in our local lakes, shore fishing in the bay for stripers,

sharks, and rays, 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, October 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(Branch 116 Coordinator) (925-686-9298;) or Joe Peterson (Treasurer/Secretary)(916-777-5363.)



Fishing at Alameda Rock Wall

Jack Waddell Seated, Harry Sherinian, standing, talking to Terry Miller, seated, and Dick Thomson standing in the background.

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 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)

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



\$40 per person

Checks only please, payable to
"SIR Branch 116"

Mail to Robbie Robinson or give
it to him at the meeting

Luncheon Speaker

By Little Sir Jed Daniel



Flying the Hump- and more

Our speaker for October is our own SIR member, Leonard Komor. Len was born in Shanghai, China. His father was in the import/export business and owned his own company. He was a firm believer in a good education and sent Len to the German School there which he considered to be the best. He was proved to be correct as after entering Cal-Berkeley, he took freshman Math, Physics, and Chemistry by examination and graduated from Cal in 3 and a half years. Len got a job with the American Shanghai Power Company as junior generation engineer and expected to make that his career but the Japanese had other ideas and Len managed to escape Shanghai just before Pearl Harbor. He was en route to the States by ship in mid pacific when December 7th took place. Having seen the carnage that was Pearl Harbor, Len enlisted immediately in the Air Force after landing in San Francisco. He served as an Air Force pilot in the China Burma India theater. Before going overseas he married his college sweetheart Jane Wilding of Oakland and they have been married for 66 years. They had two sons. The oldest is now a dentist outside the gates of Rossmore. Unfortunately, the youngest son was killed in an automobile accident in which he was a passenger. Len was in the Air Force through the Japanese surrender and then went to work at Pan American Airways for 10 years as a pilot. Realizing that all that goes up has to come down and remembering his father's admonition that he did not send him to Cal to become a flying truck driver, he went to work as an electrical engineer with Sylvania Electric Products which after several gyrations became Verizon, from which he retired in 1986. Since then Len has been indulging in his avocation which is Yachting and he has taken his boat as far as Glacier Bay, Alaska. Over the years Len has been Chairman of the Illuminating Engineering Society, Master of his Masonic Lodge, Founding Commodore of the Northern California Searay Boat Club, District 25 Commander of the United States Power

Squadrons, and Commander of the Oakland, California Power Squadron.

\$ums in Retirement

David Munson



Here below are the remaining speakers in 2009 for \$ums In Retirement. We do not have a meeting in the month of December. Meetings take place at the Diablo Creek golf course starting at 8am and finish about 9:30.

At the October 28 meeting we will have **Mr. Peter Karp of Karp Capital Management**. They are an individual investment advisor offering financial planning, investment account management, mortgages and annuities. You can learn more at their web site www.karpcapital.com.

The last meeting of the year in November we will have **Mr. Tom Kopas of Pring Turner Capital Group**. Tom is a regular speaker to \$ums and is one of our most popular presenters. You can learn more at www.pringturner.com.

I will be stepping down from being the Area 2 Chairman. At this moment I have no one who has stepped forward to take the position but when someone is named I will advise all of you.

A fall Sons In Retirement day at the races!!!

When: Friday October 23, 2009

Where: Golden Gate Fields Turf Club

Time: Please arrive @ 11:15 a.m.

Gates open at 11:00 a.m.

Buffet Hours: 11:30-2:30 p.m.

First race: 12:45 p.m.

Cost: \$25.00 per adult (Groups of 10+ required)

Includes: Valet parking (or parking for a bus), admission & reserved seating, daily racing program, Prime Rib buffet and a race named in honor of your SIR Branch.

DON'T MISS YOUR CHANCE FOR A BIG WIN!!!

For More Information Call Michael Roberts of

Golden Gate Fields @ (510) 559-7380

Or email mroberts@goldengatefields.com

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):

Oct. 23–Nov. 3, 2009: Mexican Riviera Cruise

Experience a 12 day cruise on board Norwegian Cruise Line's Norwegian Sun.

Oct. 23 – Nov. 7, 2009: Fall Foliage Cruise

Fall foliage cruise aboard the Crown Princess from Quebec City to Ft. Lauderdale.

Oct. 22-Nov. 8, 2009: Boston - New Orleans Cruise

A 16 day luxury cruise aboard Norwegian Cruise Line's Spirit.

Nov. 4-13, 2009: Costa Rica, Eruptions of Beauty

Explore the natural beauty of volcanoes, lush rain forests, and gorgeous beaches.

Nov. 7-19, 2009: Mexico's Colonial Jewels

During this 12 day trip we will visit 7 UNESCO World Heritage sights.

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. 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.

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.

Hiking & Walking

Joel White



There will be two Lafayette Reservoir Monday hikes in the Month of October. The hikes begin at 8:15am. The first will be Monday, October 5. Please RSVP to Joel E White, 964-0994, zpz2mrz@yahoo.com. The second will be Monday, October 26. Please RSVP for this hike to Rich Black, argnbck@comcast.net

There will a special outing to Muir Woods on Friday, October 9. We will be meeting at a special time, 9:15 am at the Orinda Bookstore parking lot to carpool to the hike and then out to lunch. Please RSVP to Joel 964-0994, or zpz2mrz@yahoo.com by Oct 6.

On Friday October 23 the walk will start at 8:15am, Larkey Park, 2751 Buena Vista Ave., Walnut Creek. Darrell McClaughry will lead this walk. Please RSVP to Darrell, dvmclaughry@att.net.



Computer & Technology

Derek Southern & Phil Goff



Area 2 Computer and Technology Group announces the following topics for the meeting on Thursday, October 16:

Geoff Baysinger, a Sales Engineer for Cisco Linksys providing support for the Network Magic product will provide a 30-minute to 1 hour Webex seminar to our group to demonstrate Network Magic. Additionally he has created a discount code for our group that will give u s\$5 off the online purchase price.

The website for Network Magic 5.5 says it will: "Easily connect your computers and devices to create your home network; allowing you to easily get connected to the Internet, share printers and files, protect your network from intruders, and

monitor and control access to your network."

Finally we expect to learn from the ever popular Q&A session lead by Dick Curry, supported by other gurus. Suggestions for future presentations are always welcome.

Meetings of the Area 2 Computer and Technology Group are held the 3rd Thursday of each month (except June and December) from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge, 1475 Creekside Drive. 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.

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



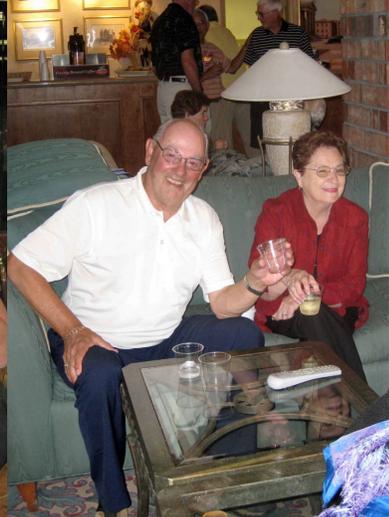
Wine Appreciation Group

Al Reynolds

On September 15 the Wine Appreciation Group activity was hosted by Bob Nilssen who introduced six Italian wines from different wine regions in Italy. In a concise and informative review of the wines, Bob discussed the provenance, history and terroir of each wine. All in attendance enjoyed a convivial afternoon of wine tasting and socializing.. The next meeting of the group will be hosted by Bill McCallum on October 21. For more information contact Al Reynolds at 925-254-1576.

SIR Carson City 2009 Golf Event

Golf, Bridge, Socializing, Eating and Entertainment



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.

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 Oct. and Nov. meetings.

TIP FOR SPEEDING PLAY: When on the green you really don't need to mark your ball unless it is in the line or close to the line of your playing partner's putt or chip. saves a little time.

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.

October 18-Hole Schedule

| Date | Time | Location | Organizer |
|--------|------|--------------|---------------|
| Mon 05 | 9:30 | Boundary Oak | Al Hutchko |
| Wed 14 | 9:30 | Boundary Oak | Al Hutchko |
| Tue 20 | 9:30 | Monarch Bay | John Peterson |
| Mon 26 | 9:00 | Willow Park | John Peterson |

October 9-Hole Schedule

| Date | Time | Location | Organizer |
|--------|-------|-----------------|--------------|
| Wed 07 | 10:00 | Buchanan Fields | Dick Chaffee |
| Wed 14 | 10:00 | Pine Meadow | Joe Ostler |
| Wed 21 | 10:00 | Buchanan Fields | Dick Chaffee |
| Wed 28 | 10:00 | Diablo Hills | Doug Alders |



18 Hole Results

By David Harris

Lone Tree -- September 22, 2009

| Flight 1 | | | Flight 2 | | | Flight 3 | | | Flight 4 | | |
|--------------|----|---|-----------------|----|---|------------------|----|-------------------|------------|----|---|
| Bill McCord | 68 | 3 | Phil Goff | 65 | 3 | Bob Conlon | 63 | 3 | Max Foust | 68 | 3 |
| Frank Crua | 70 | 2 | Jerry Hunter | 65 | 3 | Conrad Robertson | 70 | 2 | Ron Armijo | 70 | 2 |
| Bill Clark | 71 | 1 | Robbie Robinson | 65 | 3 | Al Serafino | 70 | 2 | Art Vogl | 72 | 1 |
| David Harris | 71 | 1 | | | | | | Bernie Wroblewski | 72 | 1 | |
| Low Gross | | | Low Gross | | | Low Gross | | | Low Gross | | |
| Bill McCord | 82 | | Jerry Hunter | 83 | | Bob Conlon | 88 | | Max Foust | 94 | |

Closest to: Hole #5 -- Bill Clark, Max Foust --- Hole 11 - Jerry Hunter, Bob Donohue

Tilden Park -- September 14, 2009

| Flight 1 | | | Flight 2 | | | Flight 3 | | | Flight 4 | | |
|-------------|----|---|---------------|----|---|----------------|----|---|------------|----|---|
| Ron Domer | 70 | 3 | Phil Goff | 67 | 3 | John Peterson | 70 | 3 | Max Foust | 72 | 3 |
| Bill McCord | 71 | 2 | Paul Kim | 70 | 2 | John Story | 70 | 3 | Art Vogl | 72 | 3 |
| Bill Clark | 74 | 1 | Carlos Xavier | 71 | 1 | Carl Langhorst | 71 | 1 | Matt Arena | 74 | 1 |
| Frank Crua | 74 | 1 | | | | | | | | | |
| Low Gross | | | Low Gross | | | Low Gross | | | Low Gross | | |
| Bill McCord | 85 | | Phil Goff | 86 | | John Story | 90 | | Max Foust | 98 | |

Closest to: Hole #4 -- Mel Williams, Conrad Robertson

Boundary Oak -- September 9, 2009

| Flight 1 | | | Flight 2 | | | Flight 3 | | | Flight 4 | | |
|---------------|----|---|-------------------|----|---|----------------|----|---|---------------|-----|---|
| Bill Clark | 70 | 3 | Darrell McLaughry | 71 | 3 | Phil Jenkins | 69 | 3 | Doug Brown | 71 | 3 |
| Lonny Randall | 70 | 3 | Walt Kawecki | 76 | 2 | John Story | 71 | 2 | Chuck Gilliam | 71 | 3 |
| Mel Williams | 78 | 1 | Bob Testa | 80 | 1 | Carl Langhorst | 72 | 1 | Art Vogl | 72 | 1 |
| Low Gross | | | Low Gross | | | Low Gross | | | Low Gross | | |
| Bill Clark | 86 | | Darrell McLaughry | 93 | | John Story | 92 | | Max Foust | 101 | |

Closest to: Hole #2 - Bill McCord, John Peterson --- Hole #17 - Bill McCord, Carl Langhorst

Rancho Solano -- August 31, 2009

| Flight 1 | | | Flight 2 | | | Flight 3 | | | Flight 4 | | |
|---------------|----|---|-----------------|----|---|--------------|-----|---|-------------------|----|---|
| Lonny Randall | 57 | 3 | Tom Eller | 68 | 3 | Bob Donohue | 76 | 3 | Chuck Gilliam | 70 | 3 |
| Bill McCord | 71 | 2 | Robbie Robinson | 68 | 3 | Al Serafino | 76 | 3 | Bernie Wroblewski | 71 | 2 |
| Mel Williams | 71 | 2 | Dick Socolich | 71 | 1 | Dick Chaffee | 77 | 1 | Bill Hemmelsbach | 75 | 1 |
| Low Gross | | | Low Gross | | | Low Gross | | | Low Gross | | |
| Lonny Randall | 76 | | Tom Eller | 87 | | Dick Chaffee | 101 | | Bernie Wroblewski | 99 | |
| | | | | | | Bob Donohue | 101 | | | | |
| | | | | | | John Story | 101 | | | | |

Closest to: Hole #5 -- Bill Clark, John Peterson --- Hole #15 -- David Harris, Al Serafino

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 | |
|-----------------|--------|--------------------|--------|-------------------|--------|--------------------|--------|
| NAME | POINTS | NAME | POINTS | NAME | POINTS | NAME | POINTS |
| Crua, Frank | 32 | Goff, Phil | 45 | Robertson, Conrad | 45 | Gilliam, Chuck | 51 |
| McCord, Bill | 30 | Carlson, David | 28 | Donohue, Bob | 28 | Foust, Max | 41 |
| Randall, Lonny | 27 | Hunter, Jerry | 28 | Story, John | 28 | Vogl, Art | 27 |
| Harris, David | 24 | Robinson, Robbie | 26 | Jenkins, Phil | 20 | Hemmelsbach, Bill | 24 |
| Meyer, Dirk | 20 | Testa, Bob | 14 | Conlon, Bob | 19 | Wroblewski, Bernie | 21 |
| Williams, Mel | 20 | Tinguely, Pat | 14 | Serafino, Al | 17 | Arena, Matt | 20 |
| Clark, Bill | 18 | Eller, Tom | 12 | Chaffee, Dick | 16 | Eckels, Paul | 17 |
| Schmidt, Neil | 15 | Kim, Paul | 11 | Peterson, John | 16 | Brown, Doug | 11 |
| Marks, Phillip | 12 | Hutchko, Al | 8 | Daniel, Jed | 13 | Lockwood, Frank | 11 |
| Zavattero, Al | 12 | Ross, Dennis | 8 | Powell, Troy | 9 | Armijo, Ron | 4 |
| Clizbe, Jim | 10 | McClaghry, Darrell | 6 | Lutkus, Alex | 8 | Kohut, George | 2 |
| Cherepy, Steve | 8 | Nichols, Bob | 6 | Langhorst, Carl | 7 | | |
| Hicks, Jerry | 6 | Socolich, Dick | 5 | Videle, Jim | 2 | | |
| Domer, Ron | 5 | Xavier, Carlos | 5 | King, Paul | 1 | | |
| Benz, Andy | 1 | Canane, John | 3 | Roberts, Don | 1 | | |
| Lowenberg, Stan | 1 | Kawecki, Walt | 3 | | | | |
| | | Smith, Wayne | 3 | | | | |

18-Hole Pay In Advance Deadlines

| Event Date | Location | Deadline | Amount |
|----------------------|------------------------|----------|--------|
| Tuesday October 20 | Monarch Bay | 9-Oct | \$38 |
| Monday October 26 | Willow Park | 16-Oct | \$37 |
| 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 |

Send checks made out to SIR Branch 116, Golf
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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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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.