



Trampas Topics

August, 2010

SIR Branch 116

Next Meeting: 11:30 am,
Monday, August 16, 2010
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 2010 Big Sir Jed Daniel



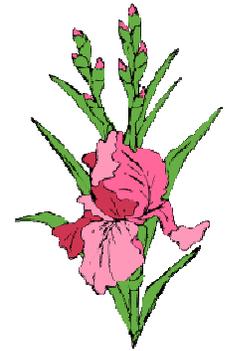
Please welcome our three newest members who are Hal Redsun, Mike Murphy, and Wayne Cook. They were inducted at our Executive Committee meeting and introduced to the membership by their sponsors at our June luncheon meeting. Please encourage Hal, Mike, and Wayne to participate in whatever activities are of interest to them.

A very sincere thank you to the 210 (84%) members who have already made their \$30 voluntary contribution for 2010. If you are one of the 43 active members who have not yet made this voluntary contribution, you will receive a letter in the mail requesting that you mail your check to our Treasurer, Chuck Gilliam. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

We have received a fair number of comments about the new catering service at our luncheons. These comments have been passed along to both the caterer and the Elks Club. We expect to see some improvement in the near future.

We all recognize that the Trampas Topics is the prime communication medium for the entire membership. Presently approximately half of our active members receive a hard copy in the mail each month. Half of those members who receive a hard copy also have e-mail addresses. At this time it costs us a little over \$3,000 per year to print and mail out these hard copies. We would like to get the Branch in a financial position that would allow us to reduce the amount of the voluntary contribution next year. In order to do this we need to look at reducing our costs wherever it is practical. Starting with the September issue of the Trampas Topics, all active and inactive members with an e-mail address will receive the Trampas Topics through e-mail. If you are an active member with an e-mail address and you also need a hard copy, please let our editor Neil Schmidt know about this prior to September 1st. Inactive members will not receive a hard copy. Thank you in advance for helping us to reduce our cost of doing business while at the same time continuing to make sure that everyone gets the important communications that are contained in the Trampas Topics.

Jed Daniel- Big SIR



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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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Bob Donohue
837-6913

2010 SIR 116 Committee Chairmen

Activities Coordinator	Dick Socolich	376-3090	Membership Roster	Dick Thompson	785-7600
Attendance	Jim Nachtweih	838-7417	Music Man	Robbie Robinson	798-7276
Audit	Dick Thomson	785-7600	Newsletter Editor	Neil Schmidt	939-5342
	Chuck Gilliam	682-3782	Asst. Editor (Interim)	Phil Goff	831-3692
Book Club	Rich Black	283-8376	Nominating	Frank Crua	932-0975
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	Poker Group #1	Bill Harrington	935-1625
Christmas Party	Jerry Hicks	945-7465	Poker Group #2	Al Reynolds	254-1576
Computer & Tech..	Phil Goff	831-3692	Spring Party	Jerry Hicks	945-7465
Computer Support	Dick Thomson	785-7600	Storytellers	Rotating	#2 See Below
Dine-O-Sirs	Ben Smith	820-5403	Sums In Retirement	Ben Smith	820-5403
Duplicate Bridge	Bob Daily	837-7080	Sunshine	Matt Arena	946-0404
Fishing	Harry Sherinain	846-7067	Travel	Tom Eller	939-5897
Guitar	Paul King	938-3035	Volunteers	Bob Kinser	837-8886
Golf	Ron Domer	838-8320	Webmaster	Floyd Skelton	838-2515
	Carlos Xavier	947-6756	Welcoming	Dick Socolich	376-3090
Greeters	Pat Bermingham	930-9477	Wine Appreciation	Al Reynolds	254-1576
E-mail Contact	Conrad Robertson	376-6355			
Hiking and Walking	Joel White	964-0994			
Historian	Matt Arena	946-0404			
Host	Frank Crua	932-0975			
Interviewer	Max Foust	827-9323			
Membership	Lytton DeSilva	254-5289			

#1. Matt Arena, Doug Aalders, Ron Domer, Marty Ratterree, Lou Sandor

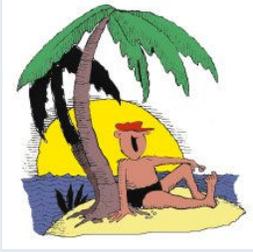
#2. Ron Domer, Art Donaldson, Milt Greenstein, Marty Ratterree

2010 SIR Area 2 (Inter-branch) Committee Chairmen

Bowling	Lloyd West (Br.19)	228-9037	Rubber Bridge	Fred Bolton (Br.146)	932-1580
Computer &Tech	Co-Derek Southern (Br.8)	253-1646	Table Pool	Bill Weinberg (Br.146)	682-0962
Fishing	Karl Droese (Br.171)	376-0468	Travel	Bob Spellman (A.2)	934-8428
Golf	Jim Willey (Br.19)	689-3199	Speakers Bureau	John Roebuck (Br.19)	685-8764
Publicity	Walt Schick (Br.8)	934-0656	Sums Retirement	Allen Espenmiller (A.2)	376-3977

SIR Branch 116 Activity Calendar

August 2010

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 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Pine Meadow)	12	13	14
15	16 SIR Br 116 Mtg. (11:30@ Elks Club)	17 18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Vintners)	18 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Buchanan Fields)	19 Computer & Tech (9:00@ Elks Club) Dine-O-Sirs (6:00@ Crow Cyn CC)	20	21
22	23 18-Hole Golf (9:00@ Mare Island) Pre-Book Grp. Walk (8:15@ Laf. Reservoir) Book Group Mtg. (10:15@ Orinda Books)	24 Luncheon Bridge (11:30@ Diablo CC)	25 \$ums in Retirement (8:00@ Diablo Creek GC) 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Diablo Hills)	26 Fishing (8:30@ Legend Sports Bar)	27 Hiking & Walking (8:15@ Iron Horse Trail, Downtown Danville)	28
29	30 18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Callippe)	31	 			

Membership

Lytton DeSilva



SIR 116 Membership Status

Total Current Members — 250
 Last Month's Inductees — 0
 Those in Interview Stage — 3
 Total in Process — 5
 On Inactive Status — 45
 Left the Branch — 0
 Waiting to be Installed — 0

Lunch Attendance

Jim Nachtweih



Attendance at the July 19, 2010, meeting:

Total: 193
 Members: 188
 Visitors: 0
 Speakers: 1
 Guests: 4
 Excused: 45
 Un-Excused: 17

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

Br. 116 Treasurer's Report

Chuck Gilliam, Treasurer



	July 2010	2010 YTD
Contributions	\$ 1,024.00	\$ 35,068.07
Disbursements	\$ (1,630.98)	\$33,658.78
Net (gain/(loss))	\$ (606.98)	\$ 68,726.85
July Cash Balance		\$ 9,061.17

Note: As of 6/23/2010, 78% of members have made Voluntary contributions.

2011 Officer Nominees

The SIR Branch 116 election of the 2011 Officers will be held at the August Meeting. Please plan to attend. The nominees are:

The candidates are:

Big Sir - Ron Armijo
 Little Sir - Neil Schmidt
 Secretary - Richard Chaffee
 Asst. Secretary - Joel White
 Treasurer - John Peterson
 Asst. Treasurer - Bob Shader
 Directors: Jed Daniel
 Bob Donahue—incumbent
 Phil Goff—incumbent
 Bob Wolf—incumbent
 Alex Lutkus
 Bernie Wroblewski

Franck Crua, Nominee Chairman

August Birthdays

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

Beria, Mario	Johnson, Raymond L.
Berthold, Erich	Landers, William L.
Breitwieser, Richard	McQueen, Arthur D.
Cochran, Donald G.	McVean, Kirk
Contestable, Pasquale	Pope, Daniel C.
Cremolini, Kent A.	Rinkert, Otto
Crua, Frank R.	Smith, Roger
Donohue, Robert E.	Turnquist, William H.
Dorr, Timothy	Walden, Herman
Hood, Leonard E.	White, Joel E.



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



Sunshine Report

Matt Arena

With sadness we report the passing of **Bill Knight**. Bill will be missed by his many friends in the Branch .

Larry Johnson had an emergency visit to John Muir Hospital following a small stroke. Larry had only a short stay because he did so well. The doctors are evaluating his medication to prevent a re-occurrence. Other than some feeling issues in his hand Larry has had no other deficits. Larry will join us for lunch in August

Past Big Sir **Art Miller** continues to deal with his many health issues and as usual he keeps a good disposition. Some day he would love to join us for our monthly luncheon.

Past Big Sir **Floyd Skelton** is taking it a day at a time as his lovely wife Mary supports all his efforts. Floyd is his usual upbeat self and is a delight to chat with. Jim and Maryalice Nachtweih had the pleasure of visiting with the Skelton's recently and enjoyed the time together.

Ron Domer is back at the meetings and out on the golf course. His doctor's advised them that he is now in remission. Could you ask for more of a blessing?

Troy Powell also has been given the good news that he is in remission. Troy is gaining strength and is enjoying trips with Kay in their R.V..

Jack Jacobs has returned from the hospital and is home recuperating. We wish Jack a speedy recovery.

Harry Honstein is busy caring for his wife Virginia. He is still on the mend from his surgery and we wish him a complete recovery.

Ed Regalia is doing his rehab following his stroke. We talked and he would like to be further along in his recovery but he continues to hang in there with Gwen as his wonderful caregiver.

Dan Pope made the newspapers with a photo of him walking a bride down the aisle at her

wedding. It is a long story but Dan is now preparing to leave Stone Brook after 21 months and will be moving to his own home at Atria (across from Rossmoor)with wife Peggy early in August. This is truly a success story of Dan's determination .We wish them both much happiness.

ENJOY YOUR SUMMER AND MOST OF ALL STAY HEALTHY!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

In Memoriam William R. Knight

-June 10, 2010



Br. 116 Book Club

Rich Black

They Saw It Coming

In *The Big Short*, Michael Lewis identifies a small group of investors who as early as 2004 identified massive errors in the way mortgage-backed bonds were rated, and set out to profit from those errors. Michael Lewis puts the blame for the Great Recession following the sub-prime mortgage collapse of 2008 on senior Wall Street managers and the rating agencies, but SIRs Bookgroup members agreed that there was plenty of blame left over for others. Al Reynolds, Rich Black, Art Donaldson, Joel White, Monte Hall, Jim Scott, Jack Butler, Bob Daily, Tim Tinnes, and Lytton DeSilva engaged in a lively review of the book on Monday July 28.

The group will next meet on Monday, August 23 to read *Wings Like Eagles* by Michael Korda at Orinda Books at 10:15 AM.

August Luncheon Menu

Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes,
Corn, Green Salad, Rolls,
Cookies, Coffee Ice Tea



\$ums Investment Group

Allen Espenmiller

The Area 2 \$ums Investment Group will meet on Wednesday August 25, 8:00 AM at the Diablo Creek golf club on Port Chicago highway in Concord. Our speaker will be David Munson who will present the following: **“Every week the federal government and private economists release statistics on various facets of the U.S. economy. These releases are examined and discussed by investors resulting in positive or negative movements in stocks, fixed income, currency and commodity markets depending on how they are interpreted.”** As an investor we should all be interested in these reports and come to our own conclusions.” Questions? Which reports are more important than others? Where to find the reports? What data is more important and should be focused on in the report? And finally what do the reports tell us?

Many of us remember David’s pre-meeting updates of the financial and investment markets and his ability to make sense of all the statistics. He will give us the roadmap so each of us can obtain this data in a timely manner.

The restaurant at the course opens at 7:00 AM for those who would like to enjoy breakfast with your colleagues.

Poker Group #2

Al Reynolds



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 is the primary purpose.



If you would like to join, call Al Reynolds at 254-1576 or send an email to reynolds4596@sbcglobal.net.

“Dine-O-Sirs” Dinner Group

Ben Smith



The next Dine-O-Sir evening out is scheduled for Thursday, August 19, 2010 at Crow Canyon Country Club, in Danville CA.

The Social hour will start at 6 PM and dinner will be at 7 PM. Dinner cost is \$30 per person, **all inclusive** of tax and tip. Wine and drink specials will be extra, but at special discount prices.

Menu will consist of:

- Appetizers served during the social hour.
- Starters- Your choice of Salad wedge w/blue cheese, bacon, tomato **OR** special Clam Chowder
- Entree selections- Prime Rib,... Crispy fried chicken... or Salmon w/ Beurre rouge sauce.
- Dessert- Bananas Foster w/ Ice Cream
- All entrees include potato dish and in season vegetables, bread, coffee or hot tea.

People wishing to attend this event should fill out the reservation information on the enclosed flyer and mail it with their check to Ben Smith, 1837 Lackland Dr. Alamo, CA. e-mail bjssmith@aol.com. Telephone 925-820-5403. Checks should be made payable to **"Sir Branch #116-Dining"**

We have a great menu and this event should prove to be a wonderful summer dinner with nice people.

The flyer setting out all the details of this event is enclosed for your information.

Reservations are filling up fast so be sure and make yours as soon as possible. They will be accepted on a first to pay basis.

This evening has a dress code....**Dressy Casual**





SIR Fishing Group

Harry Sherinain

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, August 26th 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.

A rough ocean and high winds inland had all but stopped our fishing in late June and early July, but with stout hearts and great hopes 11 of us set sail for rockfish on the good ship Gravy. Eight of us got sick, but we caught fish. Joe Miscione, Fish Master, Howard Berkman and Carl Moyer's daughter Leah were the survivors. Losing their breakfasts were Carl Moyer, Ekkheart Keller, Bob Olson, Jack Waddell, Karl Droese, Al Brunner and his Grandson, Mike Corker, and Joe's son Keith. We are going back, but not all of us. Paul Corbitt spent five days in Mexican waters catching yellowtail, albacore, and yellow fin tuna. Scoring on Trout at Shadow Cliffs Reservoir fishing with Carl Moyer, were Bill Landers, Terry Miller, Pete Gates, Harry Sherinian, Mike Corker, and Mario Mauritorio. Gordon Linebaugh took his grandchildren to Bucks Lake and had a grand time helping them catch trout from the shore. Harry Sherinian and Carl Moyer had their hands full in Montezuma Slough when a 7 foot 180 lb. sturgeon challenged them to a fight. The sturgeon nearly won, and it took both of them to bring the brawler boat side. Richard Bennett and Ron Yates yelled encouragement from their boat nearby. Karl Droese put his boat in San Pablo reservoir with cohorts Joe Miscione and Howard Berkman, but no fish were harmed. Paul Dubow, John Wall, Joe Barry and his son took nice limits of Mackinaw trout to 5 lbs. from Lake Tahoe fishing with a guide. Bill Landers took Stan Matsumoto, Harry Sherinian, Joe Miscione and Carl Moyer upon the windy delta in his bass boat, and everybody caught some.

We will be very busy this summer with: delta fishing for bass, crappie, bluegill, catfish, and sturgeon,

trout fishing in mountain lakes and rivers, and party boat trips for salmon, sturgeon, halibut, and stripers. We will also be doing some shoreline fishing for those who do not care to get on a boat. 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 join us.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, August 26th 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 Karl Droese, Big Fish, (925-376-0468;); Harry Sherinian (Branch 116 Coordinator); or Dick Thomson, Treasurer/Secretary, (925-944-1760.)



Bill Landers Delta Fishing

Are There Any Bowlers Out There?

If you are interested in bowling, Contact Ron Gagliardi (a branch 116 member) at ron-gag@att.net He has all the info.



Friday April 9 a Special Wildflower Walk at Briones Park led by Art Donaldson included: Art and Mary Alice, Rich Black and Donna Argenbright, David and Colleen Geary, and Dan and Andrea Green, all pictured above.

Hiking & Walking

Joel White



Due to vacations, family visits and responsibilities, and injuries, the July walks were all cancelled, as has been the August Friday the 13th Walk.

The **Monday, August 23** walk will be led by Rich Black. Meet at the East end of the Lafayette reservoir parking lot at 8:15 am. Please RSVP to Rich Black (283-8376; argnblck@comcast.net)

The walk on **Friday, August 27** at 8:15 am will be lead by Darrel McClaughry

(dvmclaughry@att.net: 933-1147). It will be on the Iron Horse Trail, in a pleasant semi-shaded area. Meet at the Museum of the San Ramon Valley in Downtown Danville. Exit 680 at Diablo road west, turn left at clock tower dead end and then first right. Located at corner of Railroad and Prospect avenues (www.museumsvr.org for directions).

Please RSVP to the walk leaders if you plan to attend.



Bridge

Milt Greenstein

Duplicate Bridge

The Duplicate bridge group met on July 6th at the Pleasant Hill Bridge Center with 16 men playing. Art Donaldson and Bill Sullivan came in on top with 52.00 points (61.90 %). Jack Butler / bill Corker were second with 50.50 points, followed by Conrad Robertson / Jim Nachtweih with 45.00 points.

Luncheon Bridge

On July 13th, 24 men gathered at Round Hill C.C. for lunch and bridge. Oscar Krikorian was high scorer with 5,470 points, followed by Walt Kaweck (5,200), Bill Sullivan (4,870), Monte Hall (4,480), Milt Greenstein (4,430) and Ken Harold (4,390). Small slams were bid and made by Jack Butler / Monte Hall, Bob Wolf / Milt Greenstein and Bob Daily / Hal Redsun.

On July 27th, 24 men met at Diablo C.C. for lunch and bridge. Our high scorer today as Lou Sandor with 7,500 points. In second place was Dimitris Argyriou with 6,810, trailed by Ben Yeraka (5,590), Dick Chaffee (5,420), Gene Gould (5,050) and Bob Daily (4,730). Small slams were made by Ben Yeraka / Dimitris Argyriou and Bob Daily / Bob Wolf. Imagine that Lou Sandor got that high score without any slams - nothing but game bids ! That's what you call " good cards " .

Start thinking about our next **SIR LADIES DAY** bridge event coming up on October 19th !

Luncheon Speaker

By Little Sir Ron Armijo



ROTH IRA CONVERSIONS

Should you convert to a Roth IRA? This month we will hear about Roth conversions. In many situations, results from a conversion will generate significantly more money for your family. Furthermore, there is a one time opportunity for conversion in 2010.

Our speakers will be Jon Elfin and Ed Rusnak, Financial Planners with Sagemark Consulting. They each have over 25 years experience in the Financial Services Industry. Jon has been with Sagemark for the past 8 years. He has his MBA and is a Certified Retirement Planning Consultant and teaches a financial planning course at St Mary's College. Ed has been with Sagemark for 5 years, and also has his MBA.

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/>

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!

Computer & Technology

Derek Southern & Phil Goff



Area 2 Computer and Technology Group offers the following topics at their next meeting on Thursday, August 19th

"Buying a New Computer and Moving Your Data to Windows 7" presented by Phil Goff

Phil promises to talk about a range of topics but he is particularly interested in recent advances in the cpu area. He plans to broaden the discussion to include hard drives, memory and other components. Then he will discuss laser vs inkjet printers and ink sources. Even if you already have a Windows 7 computer, the discussion of new hardware on the market should be interesting.

Time permitting, there may be also be a Show & Tell featuring any gadgets attendees bring, and possibly a Q&A session with The Gurus of A2CAT where the advice is always 'priceless'.

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 (but not every month!). All SIR members and their guests are welcome.

Wine Appreciation Group

Al Reynolds



The last Wine Tasting activity was scheduled for July 27. Details of this event will be reported in the next Trampas Topics. For information on participation in the Wine Appreciation Group, call Al Reynolds - 254-1576.

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:



Sept. 9-19 — Cruise Alaska's Inside Passage

Embark on a 10-night inside passage cruise aboard the Sea Princess, sailing round trip from San Francisco. Ports of call include: Ketchikan, Juneau, Haines, Tracy Arm Fjord, and Victoria BC.

Sept. 16-29 — Montreal, Quebec, & Canadian Maritimes

Discover Montreal, Quebec City, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia via motor coach and ferry.

Sept. 17-30 — Mediterranean Enchantment

Cruise on Holland America's ms Noordam sailing round trip from Civitavecchia (Rome) plus a 2 night post stay in Rome. Stops in many ports including: Livorno, Italy; Monte Carlo, Barcelona, Spain; Palma de Mallorca, Spain; Carthage, Tunis; Trapani, Italy; Naples, Italy. Sponsored by Jim Lunn SIR branch #8 (925) 551-3329

Sept. 20-28 — A Capital Experience

A nine-day tour to Washington, D.C., Williamsburg, & Charlottesville. Visit our nation's capital with friends and family. Call Golden Gate tours today! Space is still available for your group on this wonderful tour. (800) 874-4345.

Sept. 23-31 — Copper Canyon Train

Travel in your private rail car on the only passenger train in Mexico. Cross 37 bridges and 86 tunnels as you make your way through the spectacular Copper Canyon.

Sept. 25-30 — Custer State Park Buffalo Roundup

A visit to southwest South Dakota that will include stops at the Crazy Horse Monument, Mount Rushmore, Badlands National Park and many other notable places in the area that highlight the romantic "Old West."

Sept. 25-Oct. 2 — Trains Across New England

Autum in Vermont, New Hampshire and Massachusetts is a beautiful time of the year. This 8 day tour includes a number of excursions on local sightseeing trains.

Sept. 26-Oct. 6—Canada & New England Cruise

See the colors of Canada & New England on a 10-day cruise sailing on Holland America's ms Eurodam.

Oct 26-27—Glen Campbell

Golden Gate Tours is proud to present the legendary Glen Campbell as our exclusive show at the Grand Sierra Showroom in Reno, Nevada.

Nov. 30-Dec. 11—Dubai to Mumbai Cruise

9-day cruise aboard the Silver Wind with stops at Dubai, Fujairah (UAE), Bandar Abbas, Khasab (Iran), Muscat (Oman), Porbandar (Oman) and Mumbai.

Nov. 8-13 or 9-14 — Johnny Mathis LIVE!

Experience the magic of the season with JOHNNY MATHUS Live! and the Branson Area Festival of Lights 2010 as all of Branson is aglow for the holidays. Two dates to choose from.

Jan. 28-Feb 7, 2011—Caribbean Cruise

9-night cruise from Bridgetown to Ft. Lauderdale with stops at Bequia (Barbados), Roseau (Grenadines), Basseterre (Dominica), Gustavia (St Kitts) and Grand Turk (St. Maartin).

2011—Alaska's Inside Passage

10-night cruise onboard the Sea Princess. Three dates to choose from:

May 10-20 or Sept. 7-17: Juneau, Skagway, Glacier Bay NP, Ketchikan, Victoria BC

Aug. 28-Sept. 7: Ketchikan, Juneau, Skagway, Tracy Arm Fjord, Victoria BC.

New Branch 116 Members



Sponsor Terry Sherman with New Member Mike Murphy



Sponsor Darrell McClaughry with New Member Wayne Cook



New Member Hal Redsun with Sponsor Dan Green

CARSON CITY GOLF GETAWAY

SEPTEMBER 8, 9, 10

Don't forget to sign-up for this fabulous outing which participants consider to be the best golfing event of the year. The golf courses are excellent, the food is great, the cocktails are hosted, there are many free raffle prizes and ladies have a bridge event; plus there are lots of sights to visit in the area and shopping galore for the ladies.

The cost is all inclusive and you have a choice of lodging, both motels are within short walking distance of the Nugget Casino where we hold the dinners and cocktail parties. For your convenience the entry form is in this issue of the "Trampas Topics" and is also on the golf web site.

The entry deadline is fast approaching. Monday August 19 is the last SIR luncheon for signing up and bringing your check, however if it is more convenient you can mail your entry at any time to Tim Hubbard. The final deadline for signing up is August 24. The sooner you send in your entry the better so we can make sure we have enough rooms reserved and arrangements can be finalized.

Remember, guests are more than welcome so call and invite them to join you in Carson City. We hope to see you there in September. A fun time is guaranteed and who knows you may get lucky if you enjoy gambling!

If you have questions contact Tim directly at 944-0742 or by e-mail at tthubbs@astound.net

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
2010 CARSON CITY GOLF GETAWAY
SEPTEMBER 8-9-10**



Sept. 9 Silver Oak 8:30 Shotgun
 Sept 10 Eagle Valley West (Men) 9:00 Shotgun
 Sept 10 Eagle Valley East (Ladies) 9:00 Tees



Staying at Hardman House

Includes continental breakfast
 Golfers - Double Occupancy
 Men \$354.00
 Ladies \$339.00
 Single Occupancy \$453.00
 Non-Golfer \$244.00

Staying at the City Center Motel

Golfer - Double Occupancy
 Men \$312.00
 Ladies \$297.00
 Single Occupancy \$348.00
 Non-Golfer \$202.00 Dbl Occupancy

ALSO INCLUDES:

Open bar and buffet dinner all 3 nights
 Golf balls, tee prizes, and **exceptional raffle prizes**
 Food, gaming, and bar coupons

Prize money of \$15.00 per player collected upon arrival

Entry deadline is August 24



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. _____

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

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

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 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.
Please indicate if you want a cart.

August 18-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Wed 02	9:30	Boundary Oak	Bill McCord
Mon 11	9:30	Boundary Oak	Bill McCord
Tue 17	9:30	Vintners	Bill McCord
Mon 23	9:00	Mare Island	Bill McCord
Mon 30	9:30	Callippe	Bill McCord

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.

Those Awesome Branch 116 Golfers!

Congratulations to our Branch 116 golfers **Lonnie Randall, Pat Bermingham, Bob Conlon and Tom King** who finished second in the Area 2 Team Scramble Championship match held at Franklin Canyon on July 16. This team is now qualified to play in the Championship round at Poppy Ridge GC on August 9th. Good luck "Boys"!

August 9-Hole Schedule

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



18 Hole Results

By David Harris

Lone Tree -- Monday July 26, 2010

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
Bill Clark	65	3	Jerry Hunter	70	3	Dick Chaffee	69	3	Pete Kallas	66	3
David Harris	69	2	Paul Kim	71	2	Conrad Robertson	72	2	Carl Langhorst	66	3
Bill McCord	71	1	John Story	71	2	Alex Lutkus	73	1	John Peterson	67	1
Mel Williams	71	1			Robbie Robinson	73	1				
Al Zattero	71	1			Bernie Wroblewsk	73	1				
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
Bill Clark	81		Paul Kim			Dick Chaffee	95		John Peterson	97	

Closest to: Hole #5 - Mel Williams, Carl Langhorst -- Hole #11 - Paul Kim, Bob Testa

Deer Ridge -- Tuesday July 20, 2010

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
Jim Johnson	64	3	Al Hutchko	65	3	Robbie Robinson	65	3	Chuck Gilliam	65	3
Mel Williams	66	2	Pat Tinguely	69	2	Conrad Robertson	69	2	John Peterson	71	2
Jim Clizbe	67	1	Paul Kim	70	1	Bernie Wroblewsk	69	2	Al Serafino	72	1
			John Story	70	1						
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
Jim Johnson	77		Paul Kim	88		Bob Donohue	95		Chuck Gilliam	101	
			John Story	88		Bernie Wroblewsk	95		John Peterson	101	

Closest to: Hole #2 - Jim Clizbe, Bernie Wroblewski -- Hole #13 - Bill Clark, Alex Lutkus

Boundary Oak -- Wednesday July 14, 2010

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
Neil Schmidt	66	3	John Story	72	3	Jed Daniel	70	3	John Peterson	66	3
Jim Johnson	68	2	Walt Kawecki	75	2	Bob Donohue	71	2	Doug Brown	67	2
Bill McCord	71	1	Tom Eller	76	1	Conrad Robertson	76	1	Bill Hemmelsbac	67	2
Al Zattero	71	1	Darrell McClaugh	76	1						
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
Jim Johnson	81		John Story	95		Bob Donohue	95		John Peterson	96	

Closest to: Hole #2 - Jim Johnson, Doug Brown -- Hole #12 - Jim Johnson

Boundary Oak -- Wednesday July 7, 2010

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
Mel Williams	66	3	David Carlson	72	3	Conrad Robertson	70	3	Chuck Gilliam	66	3
Jim Clizbe	69	2	Al Hutchko	73	2	Bernie Wroblewsk	72	2	John Peterson	68	2
Lonny Randall	72	1	Tom Eller	74	1	Jed Daniel	75	1	Carl Langhorst	69	1
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
Mel Williams	84		David Carlson	92		Conrad Robertson	98		John Peterson	98	
						Bernie Wroblewsk	98				

Closest to: Hole #2 - Jerry Hicks, Max Foust -- Hole #12 - Jed Daniel



2010 18 Hole Leaders

By David Harris

FLIGHT 1		FLIGHT 2		FLIGHT 3		FLIGHT 4	
Index 0.0 - 16.9		Index 17.0 - 20.9		Index 21.0 - 25.9		Index 26.0 - 36.4	
NAME	POINTS	NAME	POINTS	NAME	POINTS	NAME	POINTS
Zavattero, Al	33	Carlson, David	28	Robertson, Conrad	36	Gilliam, Chuck	43
Johnson, Jim	20	Hunter, Jerry	24	Foust, Max	31	Serafino, Al	30
McCord, Bill	19	Crua, Frank	22	Robinson, Robbie	26	Peterson, John	27
Schmidt, Neil	16	Story, John	19	Wroblewski, Bernie	22	Hemmelsbach, Bill	25
Williams, Mel	15	Kim, Paul	15	Chaffee, Dick	15	Vogl, Art	15
Harris, David	14	Hutchko, Al	13	Donohue, Bob	14	Langhorst, Carl	11
Clizbe, Jim	13	Tinguely, Pat	11	Daniel, Jed	9	Arena, Matt	8
Meyer, Dirk	13	Eller, Tom	10	Jenkins, Phil	9	Kallas, Pete	5
Randall, Lonny	8	Goff, Phil	10	Testa, Bob	3	Lockwood, Frank	3
Clark, Bill	7	Socolich, Dick	7	Conlon, Bob	1	Brown, Doug	2
Cherepy, Steve	6	Xavier, Carlos	4	Lutkus, Alex	1		
Domer, Ron	5	Campbell, Rob	3				
Smith, Wayne	4	Kawecki, Walt	2				
Nichols, Bob	1	King, Paul	2				
		McClaghry, Darr	1				
		Portillo, Frank	1				

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 web-sites 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.

18-Hole Pay In Advance Deadlines

Event Date	Location	Deadline	Amount
Tuesday, Aug. 17	Vintners	6-Aug	\$45 (guests \$40)
Monday, Aug. 23	Mare Island	13-Aug	\$34
Monday, Aug 30	Callippe Preserve	13-Aug	\$47
Tuesday, Sept. 21	Lone Tree	13-Sep	\$35
Monday, Sept. 27	Lake Chabot	17-Sep	\$30

Send checks made out to SIR Branch 116, Golf
to PO Box 3426, Walnut Creek, CA 94598-9991



RETURN TO: Lytton DeSilva
60 Muth Drive
Orinda, CA
94563-2819

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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.