



Trampas Topics

December, 2010

SIR Branch 116

Next Meeting: 11:30 am,
Monday, January 17, 2011
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



This will be my last message as Big SIR. It has been a very interesting, enjoyable, and sometimes challenging year. I am sincerely indebted to this years Officers, Directors, and Committee Chairmen for their advice, counsel, and support as they led Branch 116 through another good year. I am sure that the 2011 BEC that was installed at our November luncheon meeting will do an excellent job under the leadership of Big SIR Ron Armijo.

At the present time we have 88 couples who are going to attend the Christmas Dinner/Dance on December 15th. If you have forgotten to make your reservation, contact Jerry Hicks and he may be able to fit you in. Jerry and his committee have been planning what promises to be an excellent function.

Jed Daniel- Big SIR

MERRY CHRISTMAS

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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.



2010 SIR 116 Officers & Directors



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551-7734



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376-6355



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935-5439



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Ben Smith
820-5403



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376-5280



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
Book Club	Chuck Gilliam	682-3782	Asst. Editor (Interim)	Phil Goff	831-3692
Bridge	Rich Black	283-8376	Nominating	Frank Crua	932-0975
Candy Sales	Milt Greenstein	376-5589	Photographers	Ken Miller	256-9343
Chaplain	Dirk Meyer	820-6878		John Peterson	946-0335
Christmas Party	Rotating	#1 See Below	Poker Group #1	Bill Harrington	935-1625
Computer & Tech..	Jerry Hicks	945-7465	Poker Group #2	Al Reynolds	254-1576
Computer Support	Phil Goff	831-3692	Spring Party	Jerry Hicks	945-7465
Dine-O-Sirs	Dick Thomson	785-7600	Storytellers	Rotating	#2 See Below
Duplicate Bridge	Ben Smith	820-5403	Sums In Retirement	Ben Smith	820-5403
Fishing	Bob Daily	837-7080	Sunshine	Matt Arena	946-0404
Guitar	Harry Sherinain	846-7067	Travel	Tom Eller	939-5897
Golf	Paul King	938-3035	Volunteers	Bob Kinser	837-8886
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Hiking and Walking	Conrad Robertson	376-6355	Wine Appreciation	Al Reynolds	254-1576
Historian	Joel White	964-0994			
Host	Matt Arena	946-0404			
Interviewer	Frank Crua	932-0975			
Membership	Max Foust	827-9323			
	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

December 2010

Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
<p><u>Note:</u> The following groups will not be meeting in December: \$Sums, Dine-O-Sirs, Computer & Technology, Book Group and Wine Appreciation</p>			<p>1</p> <p>9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Buchanan Fields)</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>
5	<p>6</p> <p>18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Boundary Oak)</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Duplicate Bridge (9:30@ P.Hill Bridge Ctr)</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Pine Meadow)</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Hiking & Walking (8:15@ Subway Shop on Oak Rd, Walnut Creek)</p>	11
12	<p>13</p> <p>18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Lone Tree)</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Luncheon Bridge (11:30@ Round Hill CC)</p>	<p>15</p> <p><u>Christmas Dinner</u> <u>Dance</u> (6:00@Boundary Oak GC) 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Buchanan Fields)</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Fishing Group (8:30@ Legends, Concord)</p>	<p>17</p>	18
19	<p>20</p> <p>18-Hole Golf (9:00@ Bethel Island)</p>	<p>21</p> <p>18-Hole Golf (10:00@ Blue Rock -West) Poker Group #2 (1:00@ Diablo CC)</p>	<p>22</p> <p>9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Diablo Hills)</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	25 <i>Christmas</i>
26	<p>27</p> <p>18-Hole Golf (9:00@ Delta View)</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Luncheon Bridge (11:30@ Diablo CC)</p>	<p>29</p> <p>9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Pine Meadow)</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	

Membership

Lytton DeSilva



SIR 116 Membership Status

Total Current Members — 251
 Last Month's Inductees — 1
 Those in Interview Stage — 1
 Total in Process — 2
 On Inactive Status — 42
 Left the Branch — 0
 Waiting to be Installed — 0

December Birthdays

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

Antczak, John E.	Jenkins, Phillip
Birmingham, Patrick J.	Jokerst, Norm P.
Best, William G.	Kawecki Jr., Walter
Butler, Jr., John A.	Komor, Leonard A.
Cole, Edward C.	Milano, Bob L.
DeHeus, Marvin P.	Robertson, Conrad
Harris, David C.	Smith, Wayne V.R.
Heaton, Larry A.	Wareham, Leslie D.
Hubbard, Timothy T.	Waterman, Douglas R.

New Branch 116 Member



New member Robert Costa with sponsor Ben Smith

Lunch Attendance

Jim Nachtweih



Attendance at the October 18, 2010, meeting:

Total:	206
Members:	201
Visitors:	0
Speakers:	1
Guests:	4
Excused:	32
Un-Excused:	17

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

Br. 116 Treasurer's Report

Chuck Gilliam, Treasurer



	November 2010	2010 YTD
Contributions	\$ 10,695.00	\$ 62,223.07
Disbursements	\$ (4,820.91)	\$ (56,360.20)
Net (gain/(loss))	\$ 5,874.09	\$ 5,862.87
November Cash Balance		\$13,515.75



Grover Fox Receiving the Governor's Award from Big Sir Jed Daniel



Sunshine Report

Matt Arena

Don Harriss passed away shortly after arising on the morning of November 11, 2010. Don loved playing golf and bridge with the SIR'. You will remember Don with his cultivated wide stance on the tee box as he would swing his driver not unlike a baseball bat. He holds the record of the most Holes- In-One in Branch 116. The golf book records 3 Aces for Don. He will be missed by his many friends.

Past Big SIR and Former Area Governor Jack Harrison passed away on November 22, 2010 in Austin Texas. This was the 47th anniversary of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. Jack was connected to this piece of history since he managed the EASTMAN KODAK film processing lab in Dallas. Following the assassination the Secret Service whisked Mr. Magruder and his grandson and movie camera to Jack's office to have the film developed. As Jack told the story the Secret Service asked that the lab be shut down and to have the film developed with a copy for Mr. Magruder and the original for the government. This footage has been seen by millions around the world. I will always be grateful to my friend Jack Harrison since he sponsored me.

Dan Pope was hospitalized with shortness of breath and his kidneys were not functioning properly. His new dwelling at Atria with wife Peggy was quarantined since they had a break out of flu. Dan expected to return home shortly once the quarantine was lifted. He was disappointed that he was not able to join us for lunch since he was beginning to get settled in his new home. We are looking forward to Dan joining us for lunch in January.

Past Big Sir Art Miller found himself in John Muir Med Center with an infection of unknown origin. When I visited with him he was in his usual good spirits and was sure they had the infection under control. His aim was to be discharged before Thanksgiving. Everybody knows him at the

hospital so I am sure he will be able to talk them out of staying even one more day than he has to.

Al Reynolds had successful knee surgery at JohnMuir. Al has played baseball all his life up through professional and followed by playing at the senior level. He had a distinguished record at CAL as well. Baseball has taken its toll on both his knees. When this knee heals he will be deciding on having the other knee repaired. Al will be a bit put out for my comments but he has been a great asset to Branch 116 chairing a Poker group and developing a Wine Appreciation group. Looking forward to seeing you at the January luncheon.

I got word from Gwen Regalia that **Ed Regalia** continues his rehabilitation following his stroke. It was good to hear from Gwen.

Here's wishing you a **HEALTHY AND HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A GREAT NEW YEAR.**

In Memoriam

Donald R. Harriss

July 21, 1925 - November 11, 2010

In Memoriam

Jack Harrison

- November 22, 2010

State 'SIR Happenings'

SIR Happenings (our State Web Newsletter) is now in it's fifth year of publishing!

Enjoy reading *SIR Happenings* 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 located at:

www.sirinc.org/sirhappenings

"Dine-O-Sirs" Dinner Group

Ben Smith



The Dine-O-Sirs will not have a dine-out event in November or December. The Branch will of course have its annual Holiday Dinner/Dance event in December. This Gala affair will take place on December 15, 2010 at the Boundary Oaks Club House. (Contact Chairman --Jerry Hicks for details)

The next Dine out event will Take place in January. We are working to put together an event at "THE BRASS DOOR " a very good and well known restaurant in San Ramon. Stay tuned for all the details of this upcoming January 2011 event.



\$ums Investment Group

Allen Espenmiller

The Area 2 \$ums Investment Group will not meet in December. We had a productive year in 2010 with mostly good speakers and topics. Thanks to all the club members for the excellent attendance in support of the meetings. We are into planning the 2011 year and have two excellent speakers on board for the January and February meetings. The January 2011 meeting will be on the 26th, same time, same place. Enjoy a happy holiday season with your family and friends.

Allen Espenmiller (Br-174) 925-376-3977 George Schulze (Br-8) 925-429-1756 Leary Wong (Br-8) 925-457-0907 Co-Chairmen



New 2011 SIR Branch 116 Officers



Bridge

Milt Greenstein

Duplicate Bridge

The duplicate bridge group met on November 2nd with 20 men attending. In first place with a very nice 64.35 % score (69.50 points out of a possible 108) was the team of Dan Green/Bob Wolf. In second place with 57.97 % was Bob Daily/Conrad Robertson, followed by Art Donaldson/Howard Brandis (54.63 %) and Bob Kahl/Dan Greenberg (51.39 %).

Luncheon Bridge

On November 9, 26 men gathered at the Round Hill C.C. for lunch and bridge. Our big winner today was Charley Schmidt with 4,530 points, followed by Jai Yee (4,380), Lytton DeSilva (4,250), Jack Butler (4,040) and a tie for 5th at 3,970 points were Jim Nachtweih and Tony Rohrs. We had just one small slam today by Darrell Feay/Charley Schmidt. Today was a very low scoring day. Nobody had good cards.

On November 23, 27 men met at Diablo C.C. for lunch and bridge. Top scorer today was Bob Wolf with 4,850 points. In second place was Darrell Feay with a very close 4,810 points. Third place was taken by Oscar Krikorian (4,460), followed by Bob Kahl (4,330), Walt Kawecki (4,290) and Dimetris Argyiou (4,170). Small slams were made by Bob Kahl / roving dummy and Jack Butler / Gene Gould. (With 27 players, one table is always shy a player, so we have a "roving Dummy").



Luncheon Speaker Steve Burton talking About "Middle East Waterfron Marinas"



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, December 16th, at the Legend Sports Bar and Grill at the Diablo Creek Golf Course at 4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord. Meeting starts at 8:30am.

Jim Andrews and Don Mittelstaedt fished Davis Lake with flies for several pleasant days, catching quite a few. Joe Karg, Terry Miller, and Carl Moyer fished the Sacramento River for sturgeon, catching mostly small ones except for a 47 incher caught and released by Carl and Terry. They also caught a nice tasty striper. Carl and Terry made the first winter trip to Shadow Cliffs Reservoir catching a limit of nice trout. Stan Matsumoto and his brothers caught limits of stripers to 6 lbs near Broad Slough. Most fishing trips were once again cancelled because of the unending, ceaseless winds, but Joe Miscione foiled the pesky gusts by catching small stripers from the shore. AND, Kent Cremolini, with the catch of the year, landed a 188 lb Yellowfin Tuna after an epic one and one half hour struggle. Kent was on a 10 day long range trip from San Diego. A great trip was made to our local fishing hole, Shadow Cliff Reservoir, in Pleasanton. There were nine of us on a beautiful day out in three boats. The fishing was slow but we all enjoyed having a beautiful day on the water. After fishing our Fish Master prepared a simple but delicious lunch of chili, crackers, drinks and desert. It topped off a great day and we were all home by 1:30. (Some with fish and some without)

We will be very busy this winter, if the wind ever dies down, with: delta fishing for bass, catfish, and sturgeon, trout fishing in local lakes, and party boat trips for sturgeon,. 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, December

16th, 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) (925-846-7067); or Dick Thomson, Treasurer/Secretary, (925-944-1760.)



SIRs at Shadow Cliff



Kent Cremoline's 180 lb. Fish

Hiking & Walking

Joel White



The Friday November 12 was led by David Geary. Dave was joined by Art Donaldson, Rich Black and Donna Argenbright, and Dan and Andrea Green. After a pleasant hike starting at the East Bay Regional Park parking area on Pleasant Hill road, coffee was enjoyed at Papillon in Lafayette.

Friday, November 26, 2010 found a cold but beautiful, clear fall morning. A walk on the Iron Horse Trail in Danville helped relieve some of the Thanksgiving stuffing from Dave and Colleen Geary and Joel and Susan White. The walk was followed by coffee and breakfast at the Rising Loafer.

The only walk for December will be Friday, December 10 at 8:15am. Meet in front of the Subway Shop @3116 Oak Road, Walnut Creek, 94597. This is just past the Pleasant Hill Bart station. This walk will be led by Joel White. Please RSVP to Joel (925) 964-0994) or zp2mrz@yahoo.com.

DIRECTIONS: From 680 north take exit 48 for Treat Blvd and keep right at the fork, merging right onto Treat. Turn left at Oak Road and proceed straight onto Oak Rd. Street parking is abundantly available near the meeting point.

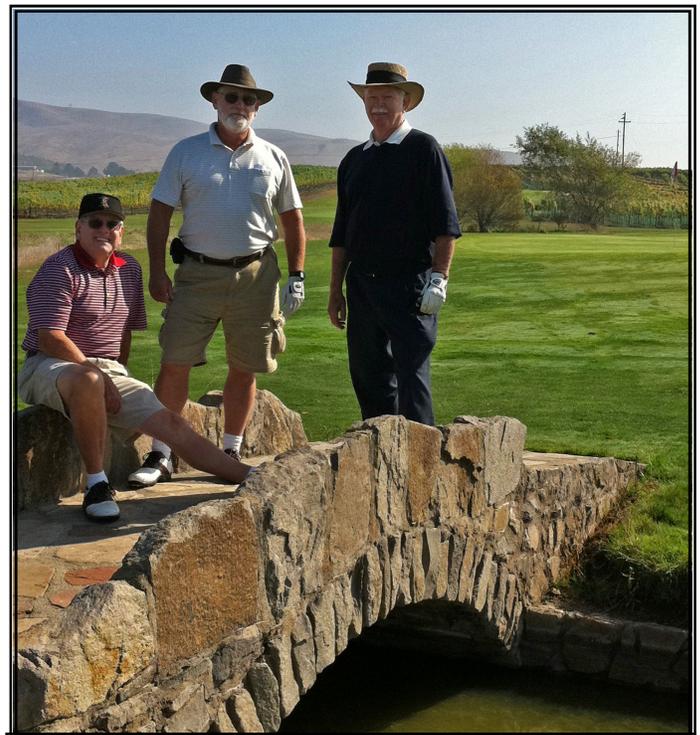
Anyone wishing to be added to the e-mail reminder list should contact Joel White 964-0994 or zp2mrz@yahoo.com.



SIRs at the Water Hazard on the 4th Hole at Blue Rock West (l. to r.: Max Foust, Carl Langhorst, John Peterson)

**Want a Free Lunch?
Sponsor a New Member!**

That's right! Sponsor a new Branch 116 member in 2010 and get a free lunch. Sponsor another and, get another free lunch. No limit on this deal!



Crossing the Bridge at the Eagle Vines 14th Hole (l. to r.: Bob Donohue, David Harris, J. Hunter)



Fish Caught at Shadow Cliff

Funny Golf Sign



Deadly Eight Iron

Off the seventh tee, Brian sliced his shot deep into a wooded ravine. He took his eight iron and clambered down the embankment in search of his lost ball.

After many long minutes of hacking at the underbrush, he spotted something glistening in the leaves. As he drew nearer, he discovered that it was an eight iron in hands of a skeleton!

Joe immediately called out to his friend, "Jack, I've got trouble down here!"

"What's the matter?" Jack asked from the edge of the ravine.

"Bring me my wedge," Brian shouted. "You can't get out of here with an eight iron!"



Wine Appreciation Group

Al Reynolds

On November 11, Bill and Bev McCallum hosted the wine activity. Bill presented four syrahs, explaining how this wine can show many different faces. This was a very informative tasting event with outstanding wines and finger foods.

The next wine event will be on Thursday, January 27, 2011. If you are interested in attending, contact Al Reynolds, 254-1576.



Computer & Technology

Derek Southern & Phil Goff



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 offer coffee & pastries and ask for a donation of \$5 to cover the cost of the hall rental and refreshments. All SIR members and their guests are welcome.

Your Area 2: Computer and Technology Group has more interesting programs set up for 2011 and invite new and existing members to the January meeting.

Your wife just fell out

On a rural road a state trooper pulled this farmer over and said: "Sir, do you realize your wife fell out of the car several miles back?" To which the farmer replied: "Thank God, I thought I had gone deaf!"



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.

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:



SIR State Travel Opportunities 2010/11

Jan 28-Feb 7 2011: Caribbean Cruise (Barbados, Grenadines, St. Kits, St. Barts, St Maartan and Grand Turk) 9 day cruise for \$3950 to \$4850, Tom Sponsler, Moraga, Br. 171 925-708-6584.

Feb 14-28 2011: Magnificent Mediterranean Odyssey (Italy, Egypt, Israel, Greece, Croatia –plus 2 night stay in Venice) Cruise from \$3510 to \$4075. Bill Kurtz Br21 408-268-8830

Apr 16-30, 2011: Ancient Egypt & Nile River (Cairo, Aswan, Luxor plus 7 day Rliver Cruise) 15 days for \$3100 to \$3400 with extensions to Israel and Jordan available. Bob Spellman, Walnut Creek, Br 146 925-934-8428.

May 7-14, 2011: Hawaiian Cruise (Fly to Honolulu, cruise to four different Islands) 7 day cruise for \$1770 to \$2185, Lou Pagni San Lorenzo Br 6 510-276-5025.

May 10-18 2011: Tuscan Vacation (Florence, Pisa, Siena, Montecatini, Lucca and San Gimignano) 9 days for \$3695 to \$4080, Wil Reich, Sonora, Brs 77, 136, 172, 209-533-2626.

May 16-31,2011: Eastern Mediterranean Cruise (Rome, Athens, Patmos, Santorini, Kusadasi, Haifa, Nazareth, Ashod, Cairo and Capri) 12 day Cruise for \$4990 to \$5930, Rick Wayne, Livermore, Br 101, 925-371-3846.

May 27, 2011: Heritage of America (New York, Philadelphia, Amish Country, Gettysburg, Shenandoah Valley, Monticello, Colonial Williamsburg, Mt Vernon and Washington) 10 day motor coach tour, \$ 2799, Rich Small, Br 34, 925-462-1204.

Jun 9-19, 2011: Alaska's Inside Passage (Juneau, Glacier Bay, Haines, Ketchikan, Victoria) 10 day cruise for \$2578 to \$2655, Jim Lunn, San Ramon, Br 8, 925-551-3329.

Jun 13-20 2011: Trains across Colorado (Denver, Durango, Silverton, Cumbres, Toltec, Rio Grande and Pikes Peak) 8 day motor coach trip for \$2390, Werner Schlapfer, Livermore, Br 121, 925-443-8291.

Jul 11-23 2011: Denali Explorer Cruise Tour (Anchorage, Mt. McKinley, Denali, Glacier Bay, Skagway Juneau, Ketchikan, and Vancouver) 13 days 3792 to \$4695. Jim Hohenshelt Santa Clara, Br 62, 408-241-4421.

Sep 1-12, 2011: Danube River Cruise (From Vilshofen, Germany to Budapest, Hungary) 10 day trip, starting at \$ 3875, Rick Wayne, Br 101, 925-337-3846.

Sep 11-21, 2011: The Enchantment of Lake Michigan (Detroit, Mackinac, Green Bay, and Chicago) 10 day trip for \$ 2885. Bob Hagler Br 8, 925-934-7620.

Oct 1-11, 2011: Canada & New England Cruise (Montreal, Quebec, Charlottetown, Sydney, Halifax, Bar Harbor, Boston and New York) 10 day cruise for \$4720 to \$6057. Bob Spellman, Br 146 Walnut Creek, 925-934-8428.

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.

Golf Wedding

The bride came down the aisle and when she reached the altar the groom was standing there with his golf bag and clubs at his side. She said: "What are your golf clubs doing here?"

He looked her right in the eye and said, "This isn't going to take all day, is it?"

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 Book Club

Rich Black

The group last met on November 29 at Orinda Books to discuss "River Town: Two Years on the Yangtze" by Peter Hessler.

There will be no Book Club meetings in December.

New members are always welcome at future meetings and it's a discussion group, not a class. Read the current book and give us your two-cents worth.

Get Your Hole In One Insurance

If you haven't done so already, don't forget to get your Hole In One Insurance—You never know when you might (accidentally) get a hole in one. Insurance cost \$3/year for the 18 hole group and \$5/year for the 9 hold group. Send money to SIR Branch 116 Golf.

FYI- Dick Chaffee got a hole in one at Pine Meadow on March 31, 2010 and won \$84.



Gala Christmas Dinner Dance at Boundary Oak

Wednesday, December 15th, 6:00 PM

**LAST CHANCE—IF YOU HAVEN'T YET
SIGNED UP, CONTACT JERRY HICKS
ASAP**

The SIR 116 Annual Christmas Dinner Dance gala will return this year to "The Clubhouse at Boundary Oak" in Walnut Creek, the site of many of our more successful Christmas parties. We will start the evening at 6:00 PM with a social hour which includes entertainment by the Northgate HS Madrigals, now in their 30th year. Dinner will be served at 7:00 PM and will include a choice of two entrees prepared by Executive Chef Roberto Pellegrino and his staff. Music will be provided by Strawberry Fields DJ playing the original music that we well know and love.

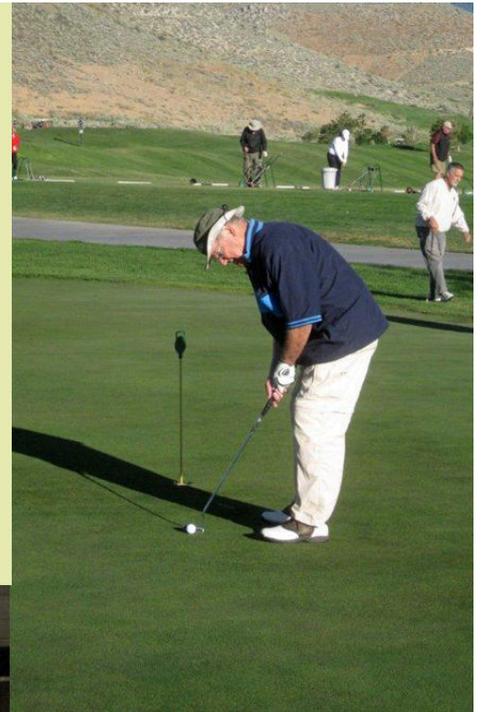
You can expect a fun evening with good food, drink and socializing – and a few other things that will make a memorable evening. Send in your reservations now for this joyous celebration of the holidays. You can name your table companions on the back of the sign up sheet at the bottom of the flyer and you may reserve a table of ten. Just name your seating preferences and have your friends send in their payment or gather all together. You and your lady will enjoy a fine holiday party.

Jerry Hicks, Party Chair

Carson City Golf Getaway

Branch 116 members and their friends had a grand time at the Carson City Golf Getaway this past September. Both golfers and non-golfers found lots to do. There were too many pictures to publish in the Trampas Topics but you can download a short slideshow by logging on to: www.sir-web.org/computer/cc2010.pps

Next year the Carson City Golf Getaway will be held in September 7, 8 & 9th so mark your calendar for this fun event. Sign-ups will begin in early June.



SIR Branch 116 Golf

By Carlos Xavier, Acting 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.

November 18-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Mon. 01	9:30	Boundary Oak	Bob Donohue
Mon. 08	9:30	Boundary Oak	Bob Donohue
Tues. 16	10:00	Blue Rock- West	Bob Donohue
Mon. 22	9:00	Roddy Ranch	Jerry Hunter
Mon. 29	9:30	Franklin Cyn.	Carlos Xavier

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.

2011 Golf Membership

The **2011 Golf Membership** renewal period is 10-1-10 through 12-31-10. The cost will remain \$50 for NCGA and Club membership or \$14 for Club only. The cost will be \$10 more after this period for NCGA membership. Checks should be mailed to the Golf P.O Box . Ron Domer will do the Golf Book and has requested that club membership be fixed by 12-31-10. Send your check **TODAY**.

November 9-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Wed 03	10:00	Buchanan Fields	Dick Chaffee
Wed 19	10:00	Pine Meadow	D. McLaughry
Wed 17	10:00	Buchanan Fields	Dick Chaffee
Wed 24	10:00	Diablo Hills	Doug Alders



18 Hole Results

By David Harris

Roddy Ranch -- Monday November 22, 2010

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
Mel Williams	71	3	Pat Bermingham	68	3	Bernie Wroblewski	71	3	Al Serafino	73	3
Lonny Randall	75	2	Phil Goff	70	2	Bob Donohue	76	2	Chuck Gilliam	77	2
Jim Johnson	76	1	John Story	70	2	Phil Jenkins	77	1	Bill Hemmelsbach	77	2
Bill McCord	76	1									
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
Mel Williams	87		Pat Bermingham	91		Bernie Wroblewski	100		Al Serafino	102	

Closest to: Hole #3 - Jim Johnson, Max Foust -- Hole #17 - ---

Blue Rock Springs West -- Tuesday November 16, 2010

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
David Harris	68	3	Phil Goff	65	3	Conrad Robertson	67	3	Matt Arena	59	3
Bill McCord	70	2	Tom Eller	66	2	Max Foust	71	2	John Peterson	69	2
Neil Schmidt	70	2	Dick Socolich	70	1	Bernie Wroblewski	72	1	Art Vogl	71	1
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
David Harris	84		Phil Goff	85		Conrad Robertson	96		Matt Arena	94	

Closest to: Hole #7 - David Harris, Bernie Wroblewski -- Hole #16 - Bill McCord, Phil Jenkins

Boundary Oak -- Monday November 8, 2010

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
Jerry Hicks	72	3	Frank Crua	67	3	Max Foust	69	3	Art Vogl	71	3
Jim Johnson	75	2	Walt Kawecki	71	2	Bernie Wroblewski	69	3	Chuck Gilliam	76	2
Bill McCord	76	1	John Story	71	2	Bob Donohue	74	1	Carl Langhorst	77	1
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
Jerry Hicks	84		Frank Crua	88		Bernie Wroblewski	96		Al Serafino	106	

Closest to: Hole #2 - Phil Goff, Bob Testa -- Hole #12 - Jim Johnson, John Peterson

Boundary Oak -- Monday November 1, 2010

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
Mel Williams	71	3	Frank Crua	73	3	Phil Jenkins	65	3	Art Vogl	75	3
Lonny Randall	74	2	Tom Eller	74	2	Max Foust	68	2	Al Serafino	77	2
Al Zavattero	74	2	Jerry Hunter	74	2	Conrad Robertson	70	1	Chuck Gilliam	79	1
			Walt Kawecki	74	2						
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
Mel Williams	86		David Carlson	93		Phil Jenkins	93		Al Serafino	105	

Closest to: Hole #2 - David Carlson, Bob Conlon -- Hole #12 - Frank Crua, Phil Jenkins



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	50	Carlson, David	43	Robertson, Conrad	61	Gilliam, Chuck	58
McCord, Bill	39	Crua, Frank	43	Foust, Max	52	Serafino, Al	55
Johnson, Jim	31	Story, John	34	Wroblewski, Bernie	36	Peterson, John	43
Williams, Mel	30	Hunter, Jerry	31	Robinson, Robbie	32	Hemmelsbach, Bill	40
Harris, David	27	Hutchko, Al	23	Donohue, Bob	24	Vogl, Art	24
Schmidt, Neil	22	Kim, Paul	21	Chaffee, Dick	21	Arena, Matt	19
Randall, Lonny	17	Eller, Tom	19	Jenkins, Phil	21	Langhorst, Carl	16
Clizbe, Jim	15	Goff, Phil	18	Daniel, Jed	18	Lockwood, Frank	7
Clark, Bill	14	Tinguely, Pat	15	Testa, Bob	5	Kallas, Pete	6
Meyer, Dirk	14	Socolich, Dick	10	Cook, Wayne	4	Armijo, Ron	4
Cherepy, Steve	7	Kawecki, Walt	8	Conlon, Bob	3	Brown, Doug	2
Domer, Ron	6	Xavier, Carlos	8	Lutkus, Alex	1	Gagliardi, Ron	2
Smith, Wayne	6	Birmingham, Pat	5	McVean, Kirk	1		
Hicks, Jerry	3	Campbell, Rob	3				
Cannon, Larry	2	King, Paul	2				
Nichols, Bob	2	McClaghry, Darrell	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 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.

18-Hole Pay In Advance Deadlines

Event Date	Location	Deadline	Amount
Monday, Dec. 13	Lone Tree	3-Dec	\$35
Monday, Dec. 20	Bethel Island	10-Dec	\$30/\$25
Monday, Dec. 27	Delta View	17-Dec	\$29
Tuesday, Jan. 19	Lone Tree	8-Jan	\$35
Monday, Jan. 24	Deer Ridge	15-Jan	\$35
Monday, Jan 31	Roddy Ranch	22-Jan	\$39
Wednesday, Feb. 9	Silverado South	6-Jan	\$45

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



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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.