



# Trampas Topics

January, 2010

SIR Branch 116

Next Meeting: 11:30 am,  
Monday, Jan. 18, 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 2009 Big Sir Frank Crua

As I write this message, Rosemary and I are surrounded by four kids and five grandkids who range in age from one month to 44years old. I hope that all of you are as fortunate as we are to be able to spend the holidays with family and friends. On behalf of the Executive Committee and the Committee Chairmen, I hope that all of you had a very Merry Christmas, are in the process of having a Happy and Safe New Year, and had a very enjoyable holiday season.



Those of you who didn't attend the Christmas Dinner-Dance at the Shadelands missed out on a very good party. Robbie and his Committee did an excellent job of organizing an event that had very good refreshments, excellent food, and outstanding music by the "Diplomats". Everyone who attended had a very enjoyable time.

I would like to thank Frank Crua, the Executive Committee, and Committee Chairmen for leading Branch 116 through a very successful year. We are in good financial shape, our membership has increased, and several new activities were started. The 2010 Officers, Directors, and Committee Chairmen are dedicated to continuing to build on this progress during this coming year.

I look forward to seeing you at our first meeting of the New Year on Monday, January 18th.

*Jed Daniel*- Big SIR

# Happy New Year!



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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**  
Jed Daniel  
551-7734



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945-0637



**Secretary**  
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376-6355



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831-3692



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935-5439



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932-0975



Ben Smith  
820-5403



Bill McCord  
376-5280



Bob Donohue  
837-6913

## 2010 SIR 116 Committee Chairmen

Activities Coordinator	Dick Socolich	376-3090	Music Man	Robbie Robinson	798-7276
Attendance	Jim Nachtweih	838-7417	Newsletter Editor	Neil Schmidt	939-5342
Audit	Dick Thomson	785-7600	Asst. Editor (Interim)	Phil Goff	831-3692
	Chuck Gilliam	682-3782	Nominating	Frank Crua	932-0975
Book Club	Rich Black	283-8376	Photographers	Ken Miller	256-9343
Bridge	Milt Greenstein	376-5589		John Peterson	946-0335
Candy Sales	Dirk Meyer	820-6878	Piano	Bob Lake	837-4054
Chaplain	Rotating	#1 See Below		Miles Maynard	933-8549
Christmas Party	Jerry Hicks	945-7465	Poker Group #1	Bill Harrington	935-1625
Computer & Tech..	Phil Goff	831-3692	Poker Group #2	Bob Nilssen	837-4446
Computer Support	Dick Thomson	785-7600	Spring Party	Jerry Hicks	945-7465
Dine-O-Sirs	Ben Smith	820-5403	Storytellers	Rotating	#2 See Below
Duplicate Bridge	Bob Daily	837-7080	Sums In Retirement	Ben Smith	946-0404
Fishing	Harry Sherinain	846-7067	Sunshine	Matt Arena	947-6756
Golf	Ron Domer	838-8320	Travel	Tom Eller	939-5897
	Carlos Xavier	947-6756	Volunteers	Bob Kinser	837-8886
Greeters	Pat Bermingham	930-9477	Webmaster	Floyd Skelton	838-2515
E-mail Contact	Conrad Robertson	376-6355	Welcoming	Dick Socolich	376-3090
Hiking and Walking	Joel White	964-0994	Wine Appreciation	Al Reynolds	254-1576
Historian	Matt Arena	946-0404			
Host	Frank Crua	932-0975	#1. Matt Arena, Doug Aalders, Ron Domer, Marty Ratterree, Lou Sandor		
Interviewer	Max Foust	827-9323			
Membership	Lytton DeSilva	254-5289	#2. Ron Domer, Art Donaldson, Milt Greenstein, Marty Ratterree		
Membership Roster	Dick Thompson	785-7600			

## 2010 SIR Area 2 (Inter-branch) Committee Chairmen

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
	Co-Phil Goff (Br.116)	831-3692	Rubber Bridge	Fred Bolton (Br.146)	932-1580
Fishing	Karl Derose (Br.8)	376-0468	Speakers Bureau	John Roebuck (Br.19)	685-8764
Golf	Jim Willey (Br.19)	689-3199	Sums Retirement	Dave Munson (Br.171)	377-5851

# SIR Branch 116 Activity Calendar

## January 2010

Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
					1	2
3	4 <b>18-Hole Golf</b> (9:30@ Boundary Oak)	5 <b>Duplicate Bridge</b> (9:30@ P.Hill Bridge Ctr)	6 <b>9-Hole Golf</b> (10:00@ Buchanan Fields)	7	8 <b>Hiking &amp; Walking</b> (8:15@ Countrywood Safeway, WC)	9
10	11 <b>18-Hole Golf</b> (9:30@ Boundary Oak)	12 <b>Luncheon Bridge</b> (11:30@ Round Hill CC)	13 <b>9-Hole Golf</b> (10:00@ Pine Meadow)	14	15	16
17	18 <b>SIR Br 116 Mtg.</b> (11:30@ Elks Club)	19 <b>18-Hole Golf</b> (9:30@ Bethel Island) <b>Dine-O-Sir</b> (6:00@ Uncle Yu's Rest.) <b>Poker Group 2</b> (1:00@ Diablo CC)	20 <b>9-Hole Golf</b> (10:00@ Buchanan Fields)	21 <b>Computer &amp; Tech</b> (9:00@ Elks Club)	22 <b>Hiking &amp; Walking</b> (8:15@ Alamo Safeway)	23
24	25 <b>Pre-Book Grp. Walk</b> (8:15@ Laf. Reservoir) <b>Book Group Mtg.</b> (10:15@ Orinda Books) <b>18-Hole Golf</b> (9:00@ Roddy Ranch)	26 <b>Luncheon Bridge</b> (11:30@ Diablo CC) <b>18-Hole Golf</b> (9:00@ Lone Tree)	27 <b>\$ums in Retirement</b> (8:00@ Diablo Creek GC) <b>9-Hole Golf</b> (10:15@ Diablo Hills)	28 <b>Fishing Group</b> (8:30@ Legends-Diablo Crk)	29	30
31	Notes:					

## Membership

Lytton DeSilva



### SIR 116 Membership Status

Total Current Members — 260  
 Last Month's Inductees — 0  
 Those in Interview Stage — 0  
     Total in Process — 2  
 On Inactive Status — 38  
     Left the Branch — 0  
 Waiting to be Installed — 0

### In Memoriam

**Harold H. Sorensen**

*August 2, 1928-December, 2009*



## 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](http://www.sirinc.org/sirhappenings)

**State SIR Web Site**

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



## Br. 116 Treasurer's Report

Ron Armijo, Treasurer

	Dec. 2009	2009 YTD
Contributions	\$ 361.90	\$ 55,137.11
Disbursements	\$ (6,079.88)	\$(55,176.00)
Net (gain/(loss))	\$ (5,717.98)	\$ (38.89)
November Cash Balance		\$ 7,705.86

## 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](http://www.sirinc.org/sirhappenings)

## January Birthdays

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

Booth, Donald B	Knopf, William G.
Doyle, Albert L.	Peckham, Donald E.
Dygert, Lowell S.	Ratterree, James M.
Eckels, Paul	Sandor, Louis
Eller, Thomas D.	Sicabaig, Henry
Fucik, John J.	Sigvaldson, Arni
Ginter, William K.	Socolich, Richard
Hagler, Jack	Stedman, Donald G.
Harold, Kenneth D.	Sullivan, William
Hattaway, Dudley P.	With, Merle E.
Klein, Ed	



## Luncheon Speaker

By Little Sir Ron Armijo



David C. (Dave) Reeves  
Chevron Corporation

Our speaker this month will be Mr. Dave Reeves who will be speaking to us about the "GENERAL WORLD OF OIL".

Dave Reeves is president of Global Supply and Trading for Chevron Corporation – a position he assumed in May 2006. He is responsible for leading the corporation's worldwide supply and trading operations, as well as its aviation and marine fuels businesses.

A native of Erie, Pennsylvania, Dave graduated from the University of Washington in 1978, after earning a bachelor's degree in civil engineering. He joined Chevron the same year as an associate engineer in the company's marketing department, based in San Francisco, and progressed through various positions of increasing responsibility. At the time of the merger between Chevron and Texaco and until 2003, Dave served as president of North America Products for Chevron. In this capacity, he was responsible for refining and product marketing activities, pipeline transportation and energy management solutions within North America and for Chevron's global aviation fuels marketing.

From 2003 to 2006, he was managing director and chief executive officer of Caltex Australia Ltd., the largest refining and marketing company in Australia. Caltex Australia Ltd., in which Chevron holds a 50 percent interest, is a public company listed on the Australian Stock Exchange.

Dave is a past chairman of the Western States Petroleum Association and the Australian Institute of Petroleum. He previously served as a board member of the California Chamber of Commerce in Australia and currently chairs the Downstream Committee of the American Petroleum Institute.

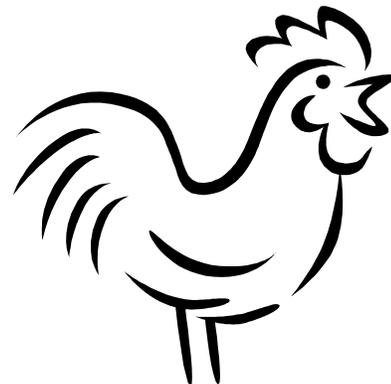
He was born in May 1955.

## FUTURE SIR SPEAKERS

Each year the Little SIR is responsible for selecting 10 speakers, one each for the ten monthly luncheons. I am looking for dynamic speakers/topics that would appeal to the broad cross-section of interests of our group. For example, topics such as sports, health, safety, travel, finance, or humor to mention just a few. Please see me personally, call or send an e-mail (rrarhya@aol.com) with a brief description of the speaker and contact information or your ideas for future talks. Also let me know if you personally have heard the speaker speak. I'd appreciate your input.

## January Luncheon Menu

Chicken Piccata with Lemon Caper Sauce,  
Rice Pilaf & Buttered Penne Pasta,  
Seasonal Vegetables, Green Salad Bar,  
Roll & Butter,  
Coffee/Ice Tea, and Dessert



**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!



## Bridge Milt Greenstein

### Duplicate Bridge

The Branch 116 Duplicate Bridge Group met on Tuesday, December 1st at the Pleasant Hill Bridge Center with 18 players attending. The winning team today was Jack Butler / Marty Seaman with a 65.28 % score ( 47.00 out of a possible 72 points ). In second place was the team of Bill Sullivan / Bob Daily with 59.03 %. Third place was captured by Marv DeHeus / Tony Pimentel, and in fourth place was Dick Chaffee / Joel White with 50.69 %. These four teams earned ACBL black master points.

### Luncheon Bridge

On December 8th, the Lunch / Bridge Group met at Round Hill C.C. with 22 men attending. Our top scorer today was Oscar Krikorian with 6,810 points, and in second place was Gene Gould with 5,730 points. Third place was won by Jai Yee ( 5,660 ) followed by Fred Massaro ( 5,300 ) and Lou Sandor ( 5,150 ). Three small slams were made today by the teams of Bill Sullivan / Oscar Krikorian, Jack Butler / Lou Sandor and Jai Yee / Dennis Perry. This was one of our highest scoring average day this year with an average score of 4,077 points.

On December 22nd, 20 men gathered at Diablo C.C. for lunch and bridge. Our top scorer today was Art Donaldson ( 6,770 ) followed by Jack Butler ( 6,450 ), Bob Daily ( 5,420 ), Fred Massaro ( 5,020 ) and Ken Harold ( 4,470 ). Small slams were made by Art Donaldson / Bob Kahl, Ali Aghaiepour / Marv DeHeus and Fred Massaro / Walt Kawecki.

### 2009 Review

During 2009, we had an average attendance of 23.5 men per session, with four men who attended all



24 bridge sessions. For the year, our average high scorer was Ali Aghaiepour with a 4,399 point average ( with at least 15 sessions attended ). In second place was Gene Gould with an average score of 4,367, followed by Ron Wohlberg with 4,181 points. During the year , we had 5 grand slams and 63 small slams bid and made. 2009 was a good year for the bridge group, and we are looking forward to an even better year in 2010.

## Hiking & Walking Joel White



### Amiable Amblers January Announcements

The Amiable amblers Friday walks continue to be popular. Bob and Carrol Wolf are our newest members.

The Friday Amiable Amblers walk for **January 8** will be led by **Art Donaldson** and will depart from **The Countrywood Safeway** in Walnut Creek at **8:15 am**. **Directions:** The simplest route to the meeting place is to take Treat Road from 680 to Bancroft Rd, Rt on Bancroft and left into Countrywood. We will plan on walking toward Oak Grove.

The walk on **Friday the 22nd** will be led by Joel White and will depart at **8:15 AM** from the **Alamo Safeway parking lot**. **Directions:** From 680 take Stone Valley Road West to the trail head.

The **fourth Monday** walk at **Lafayette Reservoir** will be on **Jan 25th** and led by Rich Black at **8:15am**.

Please RSVP to the trip leader if you plan to attend.

Anyone wishing to be added to the e-mail reminder list should contact Joel White 964-0994 or [zpz2mrz@yahoo.com](mailto:zpz2mrz@yahoo.com).



## 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, January 28th, at the Legend Sports Bar and Grill at the Diablo Creek Golf Course at 4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord. Meeting starts at 8:30.

The weather and seasonal duties kept us off the water this past 4 weeks, but those who got out when the wind calmed did well. Carl Moyer continued his astounding sturgeon run, when he caught a 78-inch monster, released, fishing with Harry Sherinian. Harry boated a beautiful 7 lb striper, which was not released. Carl also caught and released a 55-inch sturgeon on another venture, and kept two nice stripers a day later. Fishing with Guy Brown from the Sacramento Sirs, Carl released another 60-inch sturgeon. But the wind denied Terry Miller, Harry Sherinian, and Carl, who were forced to flee the wintry blast. Harry Sherinian did better with Carl at Shadow Cliffs Reservoir, catching a nice limit of trout to 3 lbs. Paul Dobow fished with Carl and his daughter, Leah at Shadow Cliffs on a balmy December day for 13 pretty trout.

We will be very busy this winter with: delta fishing for striped bass and sturgeon, trout fishing in our local lakes, and party boat trips for sturgeon, stripers, and crab/fish combo's. 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.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Craig Walton (our Big Fish) and Joe Peterson (Secretary/Treasurer) for doing a great job at the helm of Area 2 Fishing Club for the last two years. We have had a great array of speakers and outings under their leadership. Our new Big Fish, Carl Droese (Branch 171) and Secretary/Treasurer, Dick Thomson (Branch 116) will, I am sure, continue the great

traditions of their predecessors.

Next meeting will be Thursday, January 28th, 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 Harry Sherinian (Branch 116 Coordinator) Karl Droese, Big Fish, (925-376-0468;) (925-685-5243;) or Dick Thomson, Treasurer/Secretary, (925-944-1760.)

## \$ums in Retirement

David Munson



Our January meeting will be January 27 at the Diablo Creek Golf Club in Concord starting at 8:00AM. For those who want breakfast the restaurant is open at 7:00AM. David Chee, a CPA with 28 years of executive financial experience will do a presentation on the concepts of Reverse Mortgages and the details you should know to see if it fits into your or a family members retirement planning. Following will be a Q and A wrap up.



## Wine Appreciation Group

Al Reynolds

No meeting was held in December, but the next wine tasting will be held in January or February, date to be determined. Call Al Reynolds for information - 254-1576.



## "Dine-O-Sirs" Dinner Group

Ben Smith



We are all set for our next evening out and it should prove to be a lot of fun. The Dino-Herd will meet for a Fantastic "CHINESE BANQUET DINNER" at Uncle Yu's restaurant in LaFayette on Tuesday, January 19, 2010. This is an excellent upscale restaurant with a reputation for fine food and should prove to be a great way to start off the new year.

The price per person will be \$27 all inclusive of tax & gratuity. The restaurant has a full Bar facility and alcoholic beverages will be available on a NO HOST BASIS. Wine specials will be available.

We will meet at 6 PM and dinner will be served about 6:30 PM.

We will have our own Banquet Room with seating limited to 50 people. Reservations will be accepted on a first to pay basis. Be sure and make your payment/reservations early as we anticipate a sell out crowd.

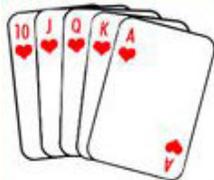
If you have any questions about Dine-O-Sirs, contact Ben Smith--925-820-5403, e-mail [bjsssmith@aol.com](mailto:bjsssmith@aol.com)

## Poker Group #2

Bob Nilssen



Poker Group #2 plays on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:nilssen@aol.com) to become a member of the group.

## Br. 116 Book Club

Rich Black



What do Bill Gates and The Beatles have in common? They came at the right time, they practiced 10,000 hours, and they were good but not necessarily smashingly brilliant. Malcolm Gladwell presented his supporting data in *Outliers* which the book group discussed on Monday December 7 at Orinda Books. Monte Hall, Jack Butler, Jim Scott, Al Reynolds, Joel White, Rich Black, Bob Daily, John Frasier and Lytton DeSilva attended.

The group will next meet on Monday, January 25 to read April 1865, *The Month that Saved America* by Jay Winik. All meetings are at 10:15 AM at Orinda Books, and yes, the chocolate chip cookies are great..



## 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](mailto:trampastopics@gmail.com)



## Sunshine Report

Matt Arena

A newer member and previous guest speaker **Len Komor** has informed us that his wife Jane after a valiant 8 year fight with spinal stenosis had passed away on November 30. We extend our condolences to Len and his family at his time of loss.

**Hal Sorenson** who has been inactive passed away in January this year. Herm Dost, his executor, was kind enough to advise us of this passing. Herm is experiencing back problems but does get some relief from cortisone injections.

**Past Big Sir Art Miller** is recovering from his second leg amputation. I want everyone to know how courageous Art has been dealing with his multiple health issues. When I have visited with him at John Muir Medical Center he continues to amaze me. Carson City Golf Chairman Tim Hubbard visited Art and presented him with a Carson Nugget golf cap. I know he appreciated Tim's thoughtfulness since he wanted me to see his new souvenir

**Dan Pope** is hopeful that he might be able to return home in 2010. To correct the last Sunshine Report Dan has actually not been home following a stay at Kaiser and Stone Brook for 16 months. Dan used his walker when I visited and he showed me around the facility. Then I joined him to listen to Christmas music and enjoyed hot chocolate while we talked about many subjects. Sir Dick Bergamini visited Dan recently and he enjoyed their time together.

**Gary Schoen** will take his final chemo treatment January 11th. His loving wife Judy reports that after some rest he will then start radiation and the Doctor advises Gary will be free of the cancer after this is all behind him. Alleluia!!!!

We still have a number of SIRS' who are dealing with health problems. Among them are members you have seen in this report before. **Sir Harry Honstein, Sir Mike Carpenter, Sir Norm Schoenfeld, Sir Troy Powell, Sir Ed Regalia and Sir Bob Johnston.** Here is hoping that the health of these gentlemen will improve in the coming year. For those members who are caregivers to family we would love to see you as well even if only at an occasional luncheon.

Wishing that your NEW YEAR will be a healthy one.



## Computer & Technology

Derek Southern & Phil Goff



Area 2 Computer and Technology Group announces their next meeting is on Thursday, January 21st 2010.

Neil Schmidt is the featured speaker and his talk is titled "Smartphones, What Are They And What Are They Good For?". One definition of a Smart Phone is "'A device that lets you make telephone calls, but also adds in features that you might find on a personal digital assistant or a computer.'" He has screen captures of many available applications (Apps) some of which you will surely want (lust after!)? Following the main topic, if time permits, Phil Goff says "I've done about 4-5 installs of Win 7 and I can talk to people about it."

Meetings of the Area 2 Computer and Technology Group are held the 3rd Thursday of each month (except June and December) from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge, 1475 Creekside Drive. Whether you are a beginner or a seasoned user, we try to offer something for everyone. We ask for a donation of \$5 to cover the cost of the hall rental, coffee and cookies, and all SIR members and their guests are welcome.

## 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.



### *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 the following (see their web site for more details and cost):

### *Feb. 17-28, 2010: Eastern Caribbean Voyager*

10 day cruise aboard the Ruby Princess (their newest ship), round trip from Ft. Lauderdale. Ports of call include: Princess Cay, Bahamas, St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands, St. Kitts & Nevis, Barbados, St. Lucia, and Antigua.

### *Mar. 10-17, 2010: Cruise the Caribbean*

Experience a 7 night cruise aboard the luxurious MS Silver Cloud, of Silversea Cruises. Along the way, visit an exciting array of ports...Bridgetown, Barbados, Castries, St Lucia, St George's, Grenada, Kingstown, St. Vincent, & Grenadines, St John's, Antigua, Spanish Town, Virgin Gorda, and San Juan.

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

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

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

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

### *Apr. 25-May 7, 2010: Discover Croatia*

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

### *May 7-22, 2010: Panama Canal Cruise*

Cruise from Florida through the Panama Canal to San Francisco.

### *May 11-21, 2010: Shades of Ireland*

Round trip to Dublin. Tour Kilkenny, Blarney Castle, Jaunting Car ride, Ring of Kerry, Kilarney, Limerick, Cliffs of Moher, Galway, and castle stays.

### *May 21-Jun.1, 2010: Italian Lakes & Greek Islands*

Immerse yourself in the beauty of the Italian Lakes and visit the most popular of the Greek Islands. Stay 3 days in Stresa on the shores of Lake Maggiore, cruise on the Costa Fortuna for 7 days and visit the ports of Bari, Katakolon, Dubrovnik, Venice, plus the Greek Islands of Santorini, Mykonos and Rhodes.

### *May 31-June 13, 2010: Paris-Burgundy-Provence*

Five nights in Paris...TGV to Dijon...8-day river cruise through Burgundy and Provence. All outside staterooms on the luxurious Grand River Royale. 6 shore excursions with English speaking guides.

## 2010 SIR State Golf Trips

### Golfing in Coeur d'Alene

May 16,-21,2010

Enjoy 5-nights at the luxurious **COEUR d'Alene RESORT & SPA**

#### PLUS

Play 2 rounds of golf at

The **Coeur d'Alene Resort Golf Course** featuring the world's only floating, moveable golf green AND 1 round of golf at **Circling Raven Golf Club**.

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### Golfing at MESQUITE

November 7-12, 2010

Enjoy **FIVE** nights & six days (Sunday to Friday) in Nevada, featuring **three** rounds of golf in Mesquite—tee off against spectacular backdrops: rugged arroyos, natural wetlands, and inspiring vistas

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See SIR State Golf web site at <http://www.sirstategolf.com/> for more information on these trips and other 2010 SIR State Golfing events.

## Warriors Basketball

### SIR Day at the Warriors

Vs. the Chicago Bulls  
January 18 (Monday) at 1:00 PM  
Tickets \$15 Club 200 Sideline  
Tichect \$55 Lower Level

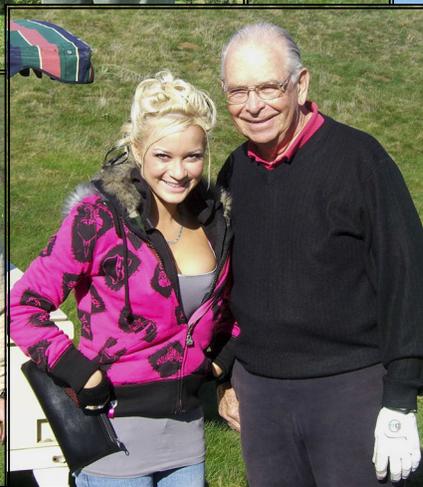


## Golf Truisms

- Golf balls are like eggs . they're white. They're sold by the dozen ... and a week later you have to buy more.
- A pro-shop gets its name from the fact that you have to have the income of a professional golfer to buy anything in there.
- It's amazing how a golfer who never helps out around the house will replace his divots, repair his ball marks, and rake his sand traps.
- When you stop to think about it, did you ever notice that it's a lot easier to get up at 6:00 a.m. to play golf than at 10:00 to mow the yard?
- Golf is by far the ultimate love / hate relationship. Sometimes it seems as though your cup runneth and moveth over.
- It takes longer to learn good golf than it does brain surgery. On the other hand, you seldom get to ride around on a cart, drink beer eat hot dogs and fart while performing brain surgery.
- A good drive on the 18th hole has stopped many a golfer from giving up the game.
- Water hazards are no walk in the park for fish, turtles, frogs or gators either.
- Golf is the perfect thing to do on Sunday because you always end up praying a lot.
- A good golf partner is one who's always slightly worse than you.
- That rake by the sand trap is there for golfers who feel guilty about skipping out on lawn work.
- If there's a storm rolling in, you'll be having the game of your life.
- If your opponent has trouble remembering whether he shot a six or a seven, he probably shot an eight.
- You probably wouldn't look good in a Green Jacket anyway! A sweatshirt will do just fine!

# Who Were These Good Looking Golfers in 2009?

(Note that I cut-off almost all the guys bare legs but not the lady's ...)



# SIR Branch 116 Golf

By Ron Domer, Golf Chairman



We have an active golf organization consisting of 18-hole and 9-hole groups. A small annual donation is required to play in either group.

All our events are listed in our annual golf book, the Trampas Topics and on our web site at <http://www.sir-web.org/116-golf>. Join up with us and enjoy outings with a great bunch of guys at some great courses with reasonable prices.

## A Message From Our Leader

The schedule for the first quarter 2010 was passed out at the November luncheon and has been posted on the SIR 116 website. The schedule for 2010 has been finalized, Organizers chosen and the 2010 Golf Book will be available at the January luncheon. Those who did not get their 2010 dues in on time can still pay and be a member in good standing but will not be in the Golf Book.

I would like to say a special thanks to David Harris, Dick Chaffee, Max Foust and Steve Cherepy for an outstanding job in 2009. I also want to recognize those who served as Organizers for 2009 for the 18 hole group: Jed Daniels, Conrad Robinson, Dirk Meyer, Al Zattero, Neil Schmidt, Pat Tinguely, Phil Goff, Alex Lutkus, Bill McCord, Bill Clark, Al Hutchko, John Peterson and Tom Eller. For the 9 hole group: Dick Chaffee, Doug Alders, Joe Ostler and Joe Stralovich Many of these men have agreed to serve again in 2010. There are many golfers who could step up and relieve those who have served as Organizers for two or three years. Next year we need to have some more new faces taking on this responsibility. It's your club, too.

*Ron*

## 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> place 2 and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

## January 18-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Mon 04	9:30	Boundary Oak	Jed Daniel
Mon 11	9:30	Boundary Oak	Jed Daniel
Tues 19	9:30	Bethel Island	C. Robertson
Mon 25	9:00	Roddy Ranch	C. Robertson

## January 9-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Wed 06	10:00	Buchanan Fields	Dick Chaffee
Wed 13	10:00	Pine Meadow	D. McLaughry
Wed 20	10:00	Buchanan Fields	Dick Chaffee
Wed 27	10:15	Diablo Hills	Doug Alders



# 18 Hole Results

By David Harris

## Delta View -- December 28, 2009

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4	
Jim Clizbe	74	3	Al Hutchko	69	3	Dick Chaffee	78	3	Max Foust	74
Al Zavattero	74	3	Paul Kim	70	2	Phil Jenkins	78	3	Bernie Wroblewski	75
Bill McCord	79	1	Phil Goff	72	1	John Story	78	3	Chuck Gilliam	79
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross	
Jim Clizbe	91		Paul Kim	88		John Story	98		Max Foust	99

Closest to: Hole #3 - Dirk Meyer --- Hole 13 - Pat Tinguely, Max Foust

## Bethel Island -- December 21, 2009

Canceled due to bad weather

## Lone Tree -- December 14, 2009

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4	
Frank Crua	71	3	Jerry Hunter	69	3	Al Serafino	76	3	Max Foust	74
Jim Clizbe	73	2	David Carlson	74	2	Bob Donohue	77	2	Art Vogl	77
David Harris	75	1	Robbie Robinson	74	2	Phil Jenkins	78	1	Chuck Gilliam	77
Mel Williams	75	1								
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross	
Frank Crua	89		Jerry Hunter	90		Bob Donohue	102		Max Foust	98
Jim Clizbe	89									

Closest to: Hole #5 - Jerry Hunter, Art Vogl --- Hole 11 - Ron Domer, Art Vogl

## Boundary Oak -- December 7, 2009

Canceled due to bad weather

## 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.

## 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.

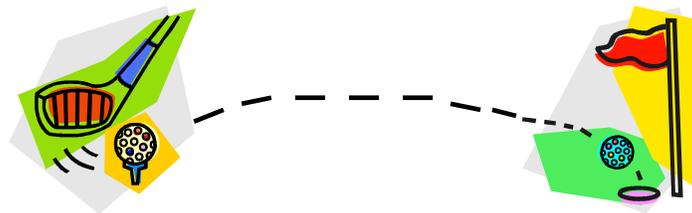
- 18-Hole Pairings: Weekly, usually on the Friday or Saturday prior to the event, showing captains, teams, starting times, and handicaps.

- 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.

# 2009 18 Hole Leaders

By David Harris

FLIGHT 1		FLIGHT 2		FLIGHT 3		FLIGHT 4	
Index 0.0 - 16.0		Index 16.1 - 21.4		Index 21.5 - 27.0		Index 27.1 - 36.4	
NAME	POINTS	NAME	POINTS	NAME	POINTS	NAME	POINTS
Crua, Frank	39	Goff, Phil	52	Robertson, Conrad	50	Foust, Max	68
Randall, Lonny	32	Carlson, David	39	Donohue, Bob	42	Gilliam, Chuck	60
Harris, David	32	Hunter, Jerry	33	Story, John	40	Hemmelsbach, Bill	35
McCord, Bill	31	Robinson, Robbie	33	Peterson, John	31	Wroblewski, Bernie	31
Clark, Bill	28	Kim, Paul	24	Jenkins, Phil	28	Vogl, Art	30
Meyer, Dirk	27	Testa, Bob	20	Serafino, Al	24	Arena, Matt	27
Williams, Mel	26	Tinguely, Pat	20	Chaffee, Dick	22	Eckels, Paul	17
Zavattero, Al	22	Eller, Tom	16	Conlon, Bob	19	Lockwood, Frank	12
Clizbe, Jim	18	Hutchko, Al	16	Daniel, Jed	13	Brown, Doug	11
Marks, Phillip	17	Ross, Dennis	9	Langhorst, Carl	11	Armijo, Ron	6
Schmidt, Neil	16	Xavier, Carlos	8	Powell, Troy	9	Kohut, George	2
Hicks, Jerry	13	Socolich, Dick	7	Lutkus, Alex	8		
Cherepy, Steve	8	McClaghry, Darrell	6	King, Paul	3		
Domer, Ron	5	Nichols, Bob	6	Videle, Jim	2		
Benz, Andy	1	Canane, John	3	Roberts, Don	1		
Lowenberg, Stan	1	Kawecki, Walt	3				
		Smith, Wayne	3				
		Birmingham, Pat	2				



## 18-Hole Pay In Advance Deadlines

Event Date	Location	Deadline	Amount
Tuesday, January 19	Bethel Island	9-Jan	\$44
	<i>Bethel Island — \$25 to ride, \$15 to walk</i>		
Monday, January 25	Roddy Ranch	15-Jan	\$39
Monday, February 8	Silverado South	9-Jan	\$44
Tuesday, February 16	Dublin Ranch	4-Feb	\$38
Monday, February 22	Brentwood	10-Feb	\$35

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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).

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### **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.

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### **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.