



Trampas Topics

May, 2010

SIR Branch 116

Next Meeting: 11:30 am,
Monday, June 21, 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 two newest members, Mike Corker and Robert Laughlin, who were inducted at our Executive Committee meeting and introduced to the membership at our April meeting by their respective sponsors, Conrad Robertson and Michael Yale. Encourage both Mike and Robert to participate in whatever activities are interesting to them.



A very sincere thank you to all 176 members who made the annual voluntary contribution of \$30 at our April meeting. That's 69% of our total membership. If you did not make the voluntary contribution at the April meeting you can send a check to our Treasurer, Chuck Gilliam, or you can pay it at the June meeting.

Congratulations to the Branch 116 golf team which won the prestigious "Governor's Cup" trophy on April 15th by 24 strokes. The members of this team are Bob Donohue, Max Foust, Chuck Gilliam, Jim Johnson, Dirk Meyer, Al Serafino, Bernie Wroblewski, and Al Zavattero. The team captain is Al Hutchko. "These guys can play".

Congratulations also to our Senior SIR Ralph Schwarz (90 years old) and our Super Senior SIR Ed Kusters (95 years old). They were presented with their certificates of recognition by our Region 6 Director, Jim Stedman, at our April meeting.

Frank Crua has formed his Nominating Committee and the members are Jack Bevis, Lonny Randall, and Robbie Robinson. If you are interested in running for office or would like to nominate someone please see one of these individuals.

We currently have 42 couples signed up to attend the Ladies Day Luncheon (Spring Fling) on May 18th at the San Ramon Golf Club. We need at least 18 more couples to enable us to make this a break-even event financially. Don't procrastinate any longer. Just call Jerry Hicks (945-7465) any time before May 7th to make your reservation. It's just another fine way to honor your favorite lady shortly after Mother's Day.

And speaking of Mother's Day, it falls on Sunday, May 9th this year. Remember to pay tribute to all the Mothers in your family. It seems to me that being a good "Mom" has always been one of the most important functions in the world and in today's society I believe that it is more important than ever. Any mother will tell you that the "job" seems to get more difficult every year. So- Congratulations to all the Mothers in our extended SIR family. Have a very Happy Mother's Day.

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



Big SIR
Jed Daniel
551-7734



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945-0637



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376-6355



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964-0994



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935-5439



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932-0975



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
	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	#1. Matt Arena, Doug Aalders, Ron Domer, Marty Ratterree, Lou Sandor		
Historian	Matt Arena	946-0404			
Host	Frank Crua	932-0975	#2. Ron Domer, Art Donaldson, Milt Greenstein, Marty Ratterree		
Interviewer	Max Foust	827-9323			
Membership	Lytton DeSilva	254-5289			

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	Allen Espenmiller (A.2)	376-3977

SIR Branch 116 Activity Calendar

May 2010

Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
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2	3 18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Boundary Oak)	4 Duplicate Bridge (9:30@ P.Hill Bridge Ctr)	5 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Buchanan Fields)	6	7 Hiking & Walking (8:15@ Briones Park Trailhd)	8
9 Mothers Day	10 18-Hole Golf (7:30@ Boundary Oak)	11 Luncheon Bridge (11:30@ Round Hill CC)	12 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Pine Meadow)	13	14	15
16	17 18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Lone Tree)	18 "Spring Fling" Luncheon (11:30@ San Ramon GC)	19 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Buchanan Fields)	20 Computer & Tech (9:00@ Elks Club) Wine Appreciation (Call Al Reynolds)	21 Hiking & Walking (8:15@ Laf. Reservoir)	22
23	24 18-Hole Golf (8:0-0@ Mare Island) Pre-Book Grp. Walk (8:15@ Laf. Reservoir) Book Group Mtg. (10:15@ Orinda Books)	25 Luncheon Bridge (11:30@ Diablo CC)	26 \$ums in Retirement (8:00@ Diablo Creek GC) 9-Hole Golf (10:15@ Diablo Hills)	27 Fishing (8:30@ Legend Sports Bar)	28	29
30	31 Memorial Day Holiday					

Membership

Lytton DeSilva



SIR 116 Membership Status

Total Current Members — 255
 Last Month's Inductees — 0
 Those in Interview Stage — 3
 Total in Process — 5
 On Inactive Status — 42
 Left the Branch — 1
 Waiting to be Installed — 0



Br. 116 Treasurer's Report

Chuck Gilliam, Treasurer

	April 2010	2010 YTD
Contributions	\$ 13,687.65	\$ 26,098.07
Disbursements	\$ 7,784.65	\$(23,677.41)
Net (gain/(loss))	\$ 5,903.00	\$ 2,420.66
April Cash Balance		\$ 9,718.54



Lunch Attendance

Jim Nachtweih

Attendance at the March 15, 2010, meeting:

Total:	191
Members:	185
Visitors:	1
Speakers:	1
Guests:	4
Excused:	56
Un-Excused:	12

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

IMPORTANT NOTE:

Please remember, if you are bringing a guest to our meeting, be sure to call the hot line and leave your name and number as well as your guests name, spelling out their name so we get the name tag right. This is important for head count as well as scheduling his initial interview. Thank you for your help...

May Birthdays

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

Aalders, Dudley	Maclay, John C.
Bird, Francis H.	Matthews, Robert J.
Cannon, Lawrence S.	McClaghry, Darrell L.
Conroy, Thomas P.	McNally, Martin P.
Diehl, Joseph L.	Miller, W. Arthur
Dunne, Thomas G.	Robinson, Thomas
Gilliam, Charles E.	Rohrs, Anthony C.
Grant, Walter	Seaton, Don
Grivas, Plato	Serafino, Albert L.
Hatton, Douglas F.	Singleton, Robert R.
Hicks, Gerald F.	Watanabe, Bob
Johnson, Victor	Yale, Michael J.
Kinser, Robert W.	Zavattero, Albert N.
Kohut, George B.	

Want a Free Lunch ? Sponsor a New Member !

That's right! Sponsor a new Branch 116 member in 2009 and get a free lunch. Sponsor another and, get another free lunch. No limit on this deal!

SIR Website Addresses

SIR 116 Web Site

<http://www.sir-web.org/116-web/>

Branch 116 Golf

<http://www.sir-web.org/116-golf/>

Trampas Topics

<http://www.sir-web.org/trampas/>

Computer and Technology

<http://www.sir-web.org/computer/>

SIR Happenings State Newsletter

www.sirinc.org/sirhappenings

State SIR Web Site

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



Sunshine Report

Matt Arena

It was great to see two of our warriors back at the luncheon this past month. **Tim Hubbard** and **Don DeGraf** following surgeries were once again back with us.

Gary Schoen was in John Muir again last week for a short stay but is now at home. His abdomen is quite swollen so much so that it is hard to tie his shoes or to sit upright. Gary is scheduled for a PET SCAN then follows up with an appointment at UCSF to be evaluated for his stem cell transplant. Here's hoping he feels better soon.

Past Big Sir Art Miller keeps trucking along now that he is mobile. Art would love to make a luncheon but he receives his dialysis every Monday and it is unlikely that schedule will change.

Ron Domer has completed his first round of chemo. He has gotten a second opinion from Stamford doctors and a second treatment was recommended. Ron will be recovering for the next three weeks. Following a transfusion Ron has gained back some of his strength and he is feeling better. Please keep Angela and Ron in your thoughts and prayers.

Dan Pope remains at Stonebrook . Tim Hubbard reports while the two of them were at the facility both he and Dan had lots of good conversations together and that he was moving about the place with his walker.

Troy Powell following his stem cell replacement is home and feeling good. Troy is still confined to the house to protect his immunity but on May 1 he will see his doctors again to get checked out with a bone biopsy to see how he is doing. He would love to get out and hit a bucket of golf balls but he will follow doctor's orders. It is great to hear good

news from a SIR.

Past Big Sir Floyd Skelton wanted very much to join us for lunch this month but it appears he was long on desire but a bit short on energy. Here is hoping he is feeling better.

Harry Honstein is still dealing with the post-operative effects of his surgery.

Ed Regalia is working on his therapy following his stroke.

A number of our members are dealing with chronic health problems so if you feel so moved a card or email would be appreciated and let them know we are thinking of them.



New Member Michael Corker with Sponsor Conrad Robertson



Sponsor Michael Yale with New Member Robert Laughlin



Bridge
Milt Greenstein

Duplicate Bridge

The Branch 116 Duplicate Bridge Group met on April 6th at the Pleasant Hill Bridge Center. We had 14 players. Bill Sullivan / Dan Green were the high scorers with a 60.85 % rating, followed closely by Conrad Robertson / Mike Corker with 58.33 % (out of a possible 48 points). Third place was a tie between the teams of Jack Butler / Marv Ellenberg and Jim Nachtweih / Norm Schoenfeld with 50 % scores.

Luncheon Bridge

On April 13th, 27 men gathered at Round Hill C.C. for lunch and bridge. In a very low scoring day, Joel White was high man with 5,630 points, followed by Jai Yee (5,500), Bob Kahl (4,890), Ali Aghaiepour (4,500), Lee Travis (4,300) and Monte Hall (3,990).

Small slams were made by Jai Yee / Monte Hall and Ron Wohlberg / Ali Aghaiepour.

Today's session had the lowest average scores in the last 6 years of record keeping for this group; 2,997 for the day's average, and 499 for a round's average, (4 hands).



Super Senior SIR Ed Kosters and Senior SIR Ralph Schwarz were Presented with President's Award Certificates by Region 6 Director, Jim Stedman at the April Meeting.

"Dine-O-Sirs" Dinner Group

Ben Smith



GREETING TO ALL YOU DINE-O-SIR'S

Our next outing of the "Dine-O-SIR" Herd is set for **Tuesday, June 22, 2010** at "ZIO FRAEDO'S" ITALIAN & CONTENTIAL RESAURANT located in Pleasant Hill. This a long established restaurant that has an excellent reputation for good food and service. The social readjustment hour will start at 5:30 PM with dinner served at 6:30 PM

The Host for the evening will be SIR Tom Eller who has worked out all the details with the Proprietor of ZF. (Mr. Tony)

Total cost for the below meal is \$30.00 per person, **Tax and Tip included.**

The evenings morsels of goodness will consist of the following:

- **Appetizer:** Fried Zucchini and Fried Calamari during the Social Hour
- **First Course:** Mixed green salad
- **Entree's,** Choice of:
 - New Your Steak, Chicken Toscano-White sauce, Mushrooms and artichoke hearts, Grilled Salmon, or Pasta Primavera-Alfredo Sauce (For Vegetarians)
 All Entree's include a Starch and Fresh Vegetable sides, Dessert, Coffee or Hot Tea.
- **Wine:** Select White/Red wines--\$20 a bottle, \$5 per glass, plus tax and tip. All alcoholic beverages are NO HOST.

Reservations will be taken on a first to pay basis. If possible try and make your reservation at the next SIR meeting or by e-mail. Make your check to: SIR Branch 116 dining. Send it to Ben Smith, 1837 Lackland Dr. Alamo, CA 94507. Tel: 925-820-5403 or e-mail bjsssmith@aol.com

If you have any questions, please contact me or other member of your Dine-O-SIR committee.

Ben Smith, Tom Eller, Phil Goff, Jerry Hicks & Dick Socolich



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, May 27th 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.

In a year full of storms they yet rage on. Salmon await, but only a lucky few find the ocean flat enough to do any catching. The good news is the salmon season will probably continue into September. The bad news is they will close it before the big fish get to the gate. Boats have begun working the bay for halibut, and that looks promising. Carl Moyer fished by Candlestick Park for two keepers. Sturgeon in the bays and delta are available, but on two occasions, Ron Yates, Richard Bennett, and Romano Gnusti, fishing with Carl Moyer caught only small ones. Ron had one in the boat that was within an inch of being food. It was 45 and a bit inches long, just under the 46-inch minimum. Sal Costanza also found small fish on a trip to the Mothball fleet. Joe Miscione had a wonderful trout bite at Bass Lake near Yosemite, and feasted on quite a few of the tasty fish. George Schultze was high man at a Sir's Shadow Cliffs group venture, landing 4 feisty rainbow trout. He was joined by Romano Gnusti, Gordon Linebaugh, Gene Schulting, Carl Moyer, Sal Costanza, Jim Andrews, and Paul King. While George caught the most fish, Paul King caught by far the biggest landing a trout over 4 lbs. Craig Walton, Harry Sherinian, Carl Moyer, George Schultze and Romano Gunsti did not fare as well fishing the Comanche lake trout pond. Before he crawled out of his float tube with waders full of cold water, Carl managed to catch the only trout. Kent Cremolini found several big schools of male stripers in the Sacramento River near Sacramento and caught and released many between 5 and 7 pounds. And finally, a return to fishing after nearly a year of pain was less than triumphant for Joe Karg who joined a

group on the party boat the Morning Star for sturgeon. Many of those aboard caught fish, but Joe was not among them. However, we have great expectations for Joe in the future. Let us pray.

We will be very busy this spring with: delta fishing for striped bass and sturgeon, trout fishing in mountain lakes and rivers, and party boat trips for salmon, sturgeon, halibut, and stripers. 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, May 27th at the Legend Sports Bar and Grill at the Diablo Creek Golf Course at 4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord. We usually try and have a guest speaker or some type of film on items of interest to fisherman. The meeting starts at 8:30 AM. A lot of us meet at 8:00 AM and have breakfast before the meeting. 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



George Schultz and Carl Moyer showing of their catch at Shadow Cliff Reservoir in Pleasanton

Hiking & Walking

Joel White



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. Breakfast was enjoyed outdoors at the Oasis Café.

Friday April 23, by popular demand, saw a return of couples to the beautiful Lafayette reservoir led by Rich Black. Rich Black and Donna Argenbright, David and Colleen Geary, and Joel and Susan White started the walk in an unexpected fog and finished as the sun was beginning to break the fog. Coffee/tea was thereafter enjoyed with good conversation at the Panache Caffe.

The Monday walk, by contrast, was enjoyed by the 3 "walkskateers" in beautiful morning sun.

Friday May 14 walk will be led by Darrel McClaughry. Meet at the Heather Farms swim center parking lot in Walnut Creek at 8:15 am. Please RSVP to Darrel (933-1147: dvmcclayghry@att.net) for this walk.

The fourth Monday Lafayette reservoir walk will be led by Joel White at 8:15 am sharp. RSVP zpz2mrz@yahoo.com

There will be no 4th Friday walk as that is Memorial Day weekend.

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



April Luncheon Speaker Ms. Kit Ohlman

Computer & Technology

Derek Southern & Phil Goff



Area 2 Computer and Technology Group announces the following main topic for their meeting on Thursday, May 20th.

All of us use email, but there are many programs to choose from and we usually stick with our old favorite. Derek Southern will review some classics and will show some of the latest choices. Time permitting he will also discuss sizing images to fit your monitor screen (or this could be a separate presentation another time). We hope to have time for a Q&A session with the gurus, and if anyone has an interesting gadget to 'show and tell' please let either Phil or Derek know beforehand.

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



April Book Group Meeting

Sums in Retirement

Allen Espenmiller

The Area 2 Sums Investment Group will meet on May 26th at the Diablo Creek Golf Club in Concord off Port Chicago Highway at 8:00AM. Those who would like to enjoy breakfast prior to the meeting, the restaurant opens at 7:00AM. Our speaker will be Geoffrey Cable, Vice President of Wealth Management Services at YCMNET Advisors in Walnut Creek, CA. His topic " **Long Term Care- What You Need To Know**" for your own personal retirement planning. Plan to attend and acquire the necessary knowledge and information to make correct long term care decisions.

A web site to visit for information:

<http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/Itc/Documents/BYB2010.pdf>

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.

Wine Appreciation Group

Al Reynolds



The next wine event will be held on Thursday, May 20. For information call Al Reynolds at 254-1576.

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

Br. 116 Book Club

Rich Black



How Did They Do It?

Twenty-eight men set off to cross Antarctica in 1914 under the command of Sir Ernest Shackleton. The tale of their endurance through the next two years of entrapment in the ice, navigation to a glacier covered island, and eventual rescue by Shackleton himself is a page turner. The SIR Branch 116 Book Group recommends, *Endurance, Shackleton's Incredible Voyage*, without reservation. Present at the discussion, and pictured below, were Al Reynolds, Rich Black, Art Donaldson, Joel White, John Frazier, Monte Hall, Jim Scott and Bob Daily.

The group will next meet on Monday, May 24 to read *White Tiger* by Aravind Adiga at Orinda Books at 10:15 AM.

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

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 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, Moraco; Baecelona, Spain; Palma de Mallorca, Spain; Carthage, Tunis; Trapani, Italy; Naples, Italy. Sponsored by Jim Lunn SIR branch #8 (925) 551-3329

July 28-29 – Silver Sizzles Review

See the show at the Grand Sierra Resort in Reno. Cost \$99 per person, double occupancy. This overnight trip includes deluxe motorcoach transportation.

Oct. 19-Nov. 8—Pure New Zealand

Immerse yourself in a land where wild rivers and glaciers flow through rain forests to the sea, pristine lakes and pastoral forest hug volcanic slopes, and snowcapped peaks pierce the sky. Visit Auckland, Rotorua, Arrowtown, Franz Josef Glacier, Greymouth, and Christchurch. Sponsored by Branch 146 & space is limited—Reserve before Feb. 21, 2010. Call 1-800-353-6262, Option #2. Be sure to mention Service Code: G022221.

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.

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):

May 31-June 13 – 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.

Jun. 2-9 – New York City

We will be staying at the Belvedere Hotel in the theater district. Stops will include Ellis Island, the Statue of Liberty, Radio City Music Hall, the Empire State Building, several museums, and at least one Broadway Show. There will also be some free time for shopping or individual sightseeing

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.

May 28-31 – Sacramento Jazz Jubilee

Visit the top Jazz Festival in the country with over 100 bands to entertain you. Tickets are available, at SIR discounted prices, for May 28th, May 29-30 and/or May 31st.

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.



SIRS 116 Spring Fling



A Special Luncheon for our Ladies (Replacing Regular May Lunch Meeting)

The Fabulous Wedgewood Banquet Room at San Ramon Golf Club

9430 Fircrest Lane, San Ramon, CA 94583

Tuesday, May 18, 2010

11:30 No Host Social Hour

12:30 Sit-down Luncheon Served

(Full Tables of 10 may be reserved by request; List Names on Back)

Only \$30.00 Per Person (includes tax and tip)

Happy Hour Pricing on Well Drinks

Select Wines Available at \$20 per bottle

Entertainment by "Houseblend" an a cappella quartet

Raffle for the Ladies

Menu:

Tossed Spring Green Salad with Wedgewood Dressing
Fresh Baked Breads

Entrée – Choice of Chicken Madeira or Baked Salmon
Fresh Vegetables

Chef's Special Dessert

Detach Here

**Spring Fling – San Ramon Golf Club
Must be received no later than May 7, 2010**

Name: _____

Chicken Madeira _____ Salmon _____

Name: (Spouse) _____

Chicken Madeira _____ Salmon _____

Make Check to: **SIR Branch 116**

Number x \$30.00 = \$ _____

Reserve a Table for 10 _____

(Seating Preferences, Write names on back)

Mail Check to: Jerry Hicks, 74 Amberwood Lane, Walnut Creek, CA 94598

Ph (925) 945-7465

email: jkhicks@astound.net

Branch 116 Golfers Win Governor's Cup



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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**.

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

For full details, go to the SIR State Golf website at www.sirstategolf.com or call us at 800- 874-4345.

CARSON CITY GOLF GETAWAY

SEPTEMBER 8, 9, 10

Plans have been finalized for our 2010 golf event in Carson City which is always a "great time" especially for the ladies.

The package (cost) includes; 2 rounds of golf with cart for both men and women, 3 nights lodging, 3 hosted cocktail parties and banquets, tee prizes, golf balls, almost \$1,000 worth of raffle prizes, plus gaming, bar and food coupons.

You have your choice of lodging; the Hardman House which provides a wine reception in the afternoon and a continental breakfast in the morning starting at 6:00 AM, or the City Center Motel which is also nice and reduces one's cost by \$80. Both are within easy walking distance from the Nugget Casino where the cocktail parties and dinners are held.

We will be playing golf on Thurs 9/9 at Silver Oak and on Fri 9/10 the men will play Eagle Valley West and the ladies will play Eagle Valley East. Both events will be shotgun. The courses are no more than a 10 minute drive from our motels.

There will be a ladies bridge event both days. Ladies can play bridge one day and golf the next if they choose. There are many things to do around the Carson City and Lake Tahoe area. Many spouses form groups and visit historic towns, gamble, have lunch at quaint restaurants or "shop until they drop" where prices are less expensive than in the Bay Area.

Sign up sheets will be sent by separate cover within the next few weeks and will be available at our next luncheon. We would appreciate your signing up early because once again we are inviting Branch 8 and others, and we want to make sure all Branch 116 attendees get first priority.

Remember guests are always welcome so call your friends and invite them to join you at this event. We have plenty of space reserved and are looking forward to a good turnout. We hope to see you all in Carson City. It should be a blast. It always is.

If you have any questions call Tim Hubbard at (925) 944-0742 or e-mail tthubbs@astound.net.

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.

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.

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.

Golf Match Play Event Br. 116 vs. Br. 171 !!!

Mare Island GC

Monday, May 24, 2010

Winner gets free drinks purchased by the losing team.

Sign-up to play and "Lets get them!"

May 18-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Mon 03	9:30	Boundary Oak	N. Schmidt
Mon 10	7:30	Boundary Oak	N. Schmidt
Mon 17	9:30	Lone Tree	N. Schmidt
Mon 24	8:00	Mare Island	N. Schmidt

May 9-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Wed 05	10:00	Buchanan Fields	Dick Chaffee
Wed 12	10:00	Pine Meadow	D. McClaughy
Wed 19	10:00	Buchanan Fields	Dick Chaffee
Wed 26	10:00	Diablo Hills	Doug Alders



18 Hole Results

By David Harris

Callippe Preserve -- April 26, 2010

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4	
Bill McCord	66	3	David Carlson	72	3	Max Foust	74	3	Al Serafino	68
Dirk Meyer	66	3	Al Hutchko	72	3	Dick Chaffee	74	3	Chuck Gilliam	78
Mel Williams	67	1	John Story	73	1	Conrad Robertson	75	1	Art Vogl	79
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross	
Jimmy Johnson	83		David Carlson	93		Bob Donohue	103		Al Serafino	101
						Max Foust	103			

Closest to: Hole #6 - David Carlson, Max Foust -- Hole #16 - Bill Clark, Dick Chaffee

Blue Rock Springs - East -- April 20, 2010

***** EVENT CANCELED DUE TO BAD WEATHER *****

Boundary Oak -- April 12, 2010

***** EVENT CANCELED DUE TO BAD WEATHER *****

Silverado North -- April 5, 2010

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4	
Mel Williams	72	3	John Story	69	3	Dick Chaffee	78	3	Bill Hemmelsbach	68
Dirk Meyer	73	2	David Carlson	72	2	Max Foust	80	2	Chuck Gilliam	75
Neil Schmidt	73	2	Pat Tinguely	72	2	Robbie Robinson	82	1	John Peterson	76
Al Zavattero	73	2								
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross	
Neil Schmidt	90		Pat Tinguely	93		Dick Chaffee	105		John Peterson	107

Closest to: Hole #2 - Mel Williams -- Hole #11 - Neil Schmidt, Dick Chaffee



Long ago, when men cursed and beat the ground with sticks, it was called witchcraft. Today it's called golf. (Will Rodgers)

"Unsuspecting SIRS Step Up to the First Tee at Callippe." (l. to r.: Bill Hemmelsbach, Chuck Gilliam, Dick Chaffee).

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	22	Carlson, David	15	Robertson, Conrad	17	Gilliam, Chuck	18
Meyer, Dirk	13	Crua, Frank	13	Foust, Max	16	Serafino, Al	18
McCord, Bill	11	Hunter, Jerry	12	Robinson, Robbie	16	Peterson, John	16
Marks, Phillip	8	Kim, Paul	8	Donohue, Bob	11	Hemmelsbach, Bill	11
Williams, Mel	7	Eller, Tom	7	Wroblewski, Bernie	9	Vogl, Art	11
Randall, Lonny	6	Goff, Phil	7	Chaffee, Dick	6	Langhorst, Carl	5
Cherepy, Steve	5	Hutchko, Al	5	Daniel, Jed	5	Arena, Matt	2
Harris, David	5	Story, John	4	Jenkins, Phil	4	Kallas, Pete	2
Schmidt, Neil	5	Xavier, Carlos	4			Lockwood, Frank	1
Clizbe, Jim	4	Campbell, Rob	3				
Smith, Wayne	4	Socolich, Dick	3				
Clark, Bill	3	Tinguely, Pat	3				
Domer, Ron	3	King, Paul	2				
Johnson, JJ	3	Portillo, Frank	1				
Nichols, Bob	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, May 17	Lone Tree	14-May	\$35
Monday, April 24	Mare Island	13-May	\$34
Note: Mare Island is a Match Play event vs. Br. 171 w/ shot-gun start			
Monday, June 7	Franklin Canyon	21-May	\$35
Tuesday, June 15	Chardonay	4-Jun	\$46
Monday, June 22	Franklin Canyon	8-Jun	\$38
Monday, June 28	Indian Valley	21-Jun	\$43

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



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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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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.