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November, 2010

SIR Branch 116

Next Meeting: 11:30 am,
Monday, November 15, 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

At our November meeting we will install the Officers and Directors for 2011. It is an excellent slate and they will do an outstanding job of leading our Branch in the coming year.



November 2nd is Election Day and I hope that every member of every SIR family will exercise their right to vote for the candidates and propositions of their choice. Every election is important. This one may be more important than most.

Don't forget to make your reservations for the Christmas Dinner/Dance scheduled for December 15th at Boundary Oak. You can mail your check in to Jerry Hicks or bring it to the november luncheon.

Thanks again to the 97% of our active members who have made their annual voluntary contribution. If you are one of the 9 active members who have not yet made the contribution, you may mail your check to our Treasurer, Chuck Gilliam. Thanks in advance for your cooperation.

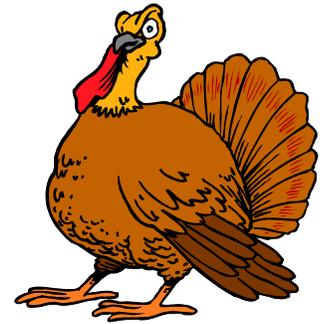
During the month of October we have lost two of our past Big SIRs. Both Floyd Skelton (2007) and Ron Domer (2005) spent a tremendous amount of time working for the betterment of Branch 116. They will be sorely missed. Our heartfelt condolences go out to the families of these two outstanding individuals.

At the time I am writing this, I expect that the current caterer (Bonehead BBQ) will be serving at our luncheon meeting in November. The Elks Club has made a change in the caterer and at our January meeting the new caterer (Lonna Lucas) will be serving our lunch.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all SIR members and their families a very Happy Thanksgiving. I hope that you will all be able to spend some quality time with your family as we take time to reflect on the hardships that the original settlers endured in order to make this country as great as it is today.



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



Little SIR
Ron Armijo
945-0637



Secretary
Conrad Robertson
376-6355



Assist. Secretary
Joel White
964-0994



Treasurer
Chuck Gilliam
682-3782



Assist. Treasurer
Bob Shader
939-8421

DIRECTORS



Phil Goff
831-3692



Bob Wolf
935-5439



Frank Crua
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	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	Carlos Xavier	947-6756	Webmaster	Floyd Skelton	838-2515
Greeters	Pat Bermingham	930-9477	Welcoming	Dick Socolich	376-3090
E-mail Contact	Conrad Robertson	376-6355	Wine Appreciation	Al Reynolds	254-1576
Hiking and Walking	Joel White	964-0994			
Historian	Matt Arena	946-0404			
Host	Frank Crua	932-0975			
Interviewer	Max Foust	827-9323			
Membership	Lytton DeSilva	254-5289			

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

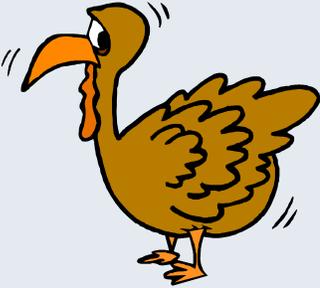
#2. Ron Domer, Art Donaldson, Milt Greenstein, Marty Ratterree

2010 SIR Area 2 (Inter-branch) Committee Chairmen

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

SIR Branch 116 Activity Calendar

November 2010

Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
	1 18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Boundary Oak)	2 Duplicate Bridge (9:30@ P.Hill Bridge Ctr)	3 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Buchanan Fields)	4	5	6
7	8 18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Boundary Oak)	9 Luncheon Bridge (11:30@ Round Hill CC)	10 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Pine Meadow)	11 Wine Appreciation (Call Al Reynolds)	12 Hiking & Walking (8:15@ East Bay Reg. Park on P.H. Rd. Across from Acalanes HS)	13
14	15 SIR Br 116 Mtg. (11:30@ Elks Club)	16 18-Hole Golf (10:00@ Blue Rock -West)	17 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Buchanan Fields)	18 Computer & Tech (9:00@ Elks Club)	19	20
21	22 18-Hole Golf (9:00@ Roddy Ranch)	23 Luncheon Bridge (11:30@ Diablo CC)	24 Sums in Retirement (8:00@ Diablo Creek GC) 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Diablo Hills)	25 Thanksgiving	26	27
28	29 18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Franklin Cyn) Pre-Book Grp. Walk (8:15@ Laf. Reservoir) Book Group Mtg. (10:15@ Orinda Books)	30				

Membership

Lytton DeSilva



SIR 116 Membership Status

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

November Birthdays

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

Berger, John Stuart	Hayes, William J.
Boenig, Robert	Johnson, James H.
Borrecco, Courtney J.	Kosters, Edward H.
Brown, Douglas H.	Krikorian, Oscar
Clarke, William F.	Perrelli, Phillip E.
Cline, Carl F.	Portillo, Frank R.
Conlon, Bob	Randall, Lonny
DeSilva, Lytton E.	Rhodes, Kay S.
Donaldson, Arthur S.	Schmidt, Neil P.
Fox, Grovenor J.	Testa, Robert D.
Green, Russell H.	Vogli, Arthur
Guisti, Fred L.	

New Branch 116 Member



New member Gary Bonfiglio with sponsor Carlos Xavbier

Lunch Attendance

Jim Nachtweih



Attendance at the October 18, 2010, meeting:

Total:	201
Members:	195
Visitors:	1
Speakers:	1
Guests:	4
Excused:	51
Un-Excused:	6

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

November Luncheon Menu

Fresh Roasted Turkey
 Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Stuffing
 Cranberry Sauce, Waldorf Salad
 Roll & Butter, Coffee/Ice Tea & Dessert

Br. 116 Treasurer's Report

Chuck Gilliam, Treasurer



	October 2010	2010 YTD
Contributions	\$ 3,160.00	\$ 48,618.07
Disbursements	\$ (4,133.05)	\$(48,587.35)
Net (gain/(loss))	\$ (973.05)	\$ 30.72
October Cash Balance		\$ 7,683.60

"Alive" Magazine Article on SIRs

Harry Hubinger has written a four part series for "Alive", an East Bay publication. The following is an extract of the fourth of this four part series. — Update (The Fourth of a four-part series dealing with retirement): The enjoyable path of our fictional hero, Rob, continues as he "reposts" himself after retiring from full-time business activities and discovers SIRs. Well, it has been over two and a half years now since Rob packed his belongings at work and headed home. In some respects ...

All four parts of this series are at:

<http://aliveeastbay.com/archives/california-sons-in-retirement-sirs/>



Sunshine Report

Matt Arena

Past Big Sir Floyd Skelton passed away on October 16th at Villa San Ramon after a long illness. Mary Skelton arranged a beautiful memorial service at Crow Canyon Country Club for the family and for Floyd's many friends. Jim Nachtweih was the presider and Floyd's daughter Lori and his grandson Justin gave heartfelt insights into the life of this wonderful man. Art Donaldson, Bob Daily, Phil Goff, Doug Aalders and a colleague from work spoke followed by a closing prayer by Sarah Arena. Many Sirs from several Branches attended to support the family. Refreshment were served following the memorial. Floyd an Honorary Life Member and Webmaster for the branch will be missed by all of us.

On Monday October 25th **Past Big Sir Ron Domer** passed away following a trip with Angela to his beloved Tennessee. They had enjoyed a visit home which included Ron's first Hole-in-One. Not only will Ron will be remembered for his wonderful Tennessee stories but for his leadership as our Golf Chairman and the friendship and warmth he offered to so many of us

Walt Grant had a heart valve replacement and is waiting a good report from his surgeon. He is gaining strength and is hoping to be with us for lunch in November.

Jack Jacobs continues to make progress and is now walking without a cane. He tells me he needs a bit more energy before he is ready to join us.

Otto Rinkert was operated on October 29th at Kaiser Hospital for a gall bladder removal. Otto's wife Sally tells me he should be home by the weekend. They do these surgeries much more quickly than in the past which speeds up the patient's recovery.

Harry Honestein was in the hospital in September with pneumonia and a sepsis infection. It has taken its toll on Harry's energy but thankfully his lovely daughter Mary Lou is taking excellent care of our friend. Harry has had more than his share of health issues but I am amazed how well he handles

things.

As we make it through the fall season take your sweater when you venture outside just like your mother used to tell you. Stay healthy.



\$ums Investment Group

Allen Espenmiller

The Area 2 \$ums Investment Group will meet on Wednesday November 17 (third Wednesday instead of the fourth this month) at 8:00 AM at the Diablo Creek golf club, 4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord. Our speakers will be members from the Dollar Devils Investment Club (DDIC) in Walnut Creek which is made up of SIRs in our area. They will discuss the concepts, resources, guidelines and procedures they use for selecting stocks for the Club's portfolio. They will also share the benefits and knowledge they have learned over the last 10 years the Club has been in existence.

The DDIC is affiliated with a nation-wide organization of over 35,000 investment clubs called Better Investing (formerly the National Association of Investors Corporation) which provides them access to many resources, publications and educational seminars that might not be available elsewhere. The DDIC and its portfolio were recently featured in Better Investing's National magazine for investors. Additional information can be found at the web site, www.betterinvesting.org.

An investment club can be an enjoyable as well as educational experience with positive financial results. This should be an interesting presentation especially to those who make their own investing decisions or do not use a full service broker.

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

Allen Espenmiller (Br-174) 925-376-3977 George Schulze (Br-8) 925-429-1756 Leary Wong (Br-8) 925-457-0807, Co-Chairmen Area 2 \$ums Investment Group Ken Nakashima (Br-171) 925-376-0421

"Dine-O-Sirs" Dinner Group

Ben Smith



The Dine-O-Sirs Herd had a couple of great gatherings in October at "La Finestra Ristorante" in Lafayette.

Due to overwhelming demand for reservations we divided the event into two groupings. This is the first duel sessions we have tried and it seem to work out very well. We had two great evenings with Mr. Jeff Assadi (Owner & Chef) and his very professional staff who provided our Dine-O Herd with an excellent evening of Social adjustment and lots of good food. This is a fine local restaurant with a wonderful Menu.

We now have in excess of 100 members and as our number of Dine-O-Sirs grows and as we look forward to restaurants we wish to attend, reservation space becomes more of a consideration. Many restaurants can handle smaller groups, but cannot handle larger numbers in the 50-100 plus range. We want to continue to offer a selection of upscale restaurants that provide inviting facilities, excellent food, excellent service and good relative value. In order to be able to secure bookings at some smaller restaurants we may look to establishing two dine-out nights instead of just one. People wishing to attend would of course be given the opportunity to choose which date works best for them. All reservations will continue to be taken on a first to pay basis. Anyone having a restaurant they think has merit should make their suggestion known to one of the Dine-out Committee members.

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.



Bridge

Milt Greenstein

Duplicate Bridge

On October 5th, 18 men gathered at the Pleasant Hill Bridge Center for a session of duplicate bridge.

The winning team was Bob Wolf and Howard Brandis with 61.81 % (44.50 out of a possible 72 points), earning 0.90 master points. In second place was Conrad Robertson / Dan Greenberg with 59.03 %, followed by Jack Butler / Joel White (56.25 %) and Oscar Krikorian / Bill Sullivan (54.17 %).

We had one grand slam bid and made by Dan Green / Milt Greenstein, but that was not enough to put them into the winner's circle.

Luncheon Bridge

On October 12th, the lunch / bridge group met at Round Hill C.C. with 27 men attending. Art Donaldson was the high scorer today with 6,160 points, followed by Ali Aghaiepour (5,120), Walt Kawecki (5,030), Marv DeHeus (4290), Charley Schmidt (4,240) and Ron Wolberg (4,080). We had one grand slam bid today by the team of Art Donaldson / Charley Schmidt, but no small slams.

On October 26th, the lunch / bridge group met again at Diablo C.C. with only 18 men in attendance. Bob Wolf was high man with 5,500 points. In second place was Jai Yee (4,720), Norm Schoenfeld (4,690), Lytton DeSilva (4,380) and Milt Greenstein (3,800).

Ladies Day Bridge

We had two small slams today by Bob Wolf / Milt Greenstein and Warren Westrup / Ron Wohlberg.

On October 19th, we had our annual fall Ladies Day event with 40 people from 5 SIR Branches attending. First place was captured by Norm and Bobbie Schoenfeld (Br. 116) with a score of 5,810 points. In second place was Fern Manning and Betty Ann Wheatley (wife of a deceased Br. 116 member) with 5,790, followed by Bill and Karen Untied (Br. 129) with 4,810. Fourth place went to Oscar and Marilyn Krikorian (Br. 116) with 4,790 points and fifth place went to Tony and Lola Rohrs (Br. 116) with 3,650 points. Today was a low scoring day, but a great time was had by all, and all are looking forward to next year's events.



SIR Fishing Group

Harry Sherinian

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, November 18th, 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.

Pete Gates led a group of us on a guided trip to the Klamath River with Pro Guide Kevin Brock for a very successful 2 day trip for King Salmon to 20 lbs. Tom Boltz, Bob Olson, Karl Droese, Joe Miscione, and Paul Dubow landed 8 big salmon. They fished with premier Guide Kevin Brock who is scheduled to be the speaker at our December Fishing Group meeting. Tom Boltz caught a striper fishing with Mario Mauritorio and Joe Miscione in Montezuma Slough on a Sirs Group trip. Mario boated a big beautiful 11 pounder. And then to make the month a fishing bonanza, Tom joined Craig Walton, Karl Droese, Jack Waddell, Paul Dubow, Terry Miller and Harry Sherinian on a several day trip to Lake Davis. They averaged eight spunky trout per day each. Joe Karg and two of his sons fished the Seagull 2 on a party boat trip to the Farallon Islands where they caught 5 legal Ling Cod, and some very large rock fish. One of Joe's Lings won the jackpot money, making the day even more memorable. Joe joined Carl Moyer for a sturgeon/striper foray, catching one keeper striper and 5 small sturgeon. Joe Peterson fished the Sacramento River a few times joined by Karl Droese, Craig Walton and several other fishermen to be named later. Joe was successful, catching up to 7 stripers on one trip, and one lineside on another. Joe later showed his versatility by catching trout from some small streams by June Lake. The fishing group joined Ed Benson for our annual Sirs in the Kitchen lunch. We provided over 25 pounds of fish filets, all eaten. Ed is a most gracious host, and we eagerly look forward to this food orgy every year. Meanwhile, Carl Moyer fished the ocean for rock-fish 6 times for lots of the delectable fishes. Harry

Sherinian joined Carl to fill his freezer. Harry also caught a very nice 50 inch sturgeon fishing with Carl, to match the 51 inch sturgeon Carl caught the week before. Mario Mauritorio joined Carl on another sturgeon hunt catching a nice striper. Mario had an excellent month trolling for stripers in Montezuma Slough and caught lots of the tasty devils.

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, November 18th, 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)

Hiking & Walking

Joel White



The Friday **November 12** walk will start at 8:15am and be led by **David Geary**, dsgeary@comcast.net. Meet at the East Bay Regional Park parking area on Pleasant Hill road across from Acalanes High School.

At this point there will be no formally scheduled walk for Friday **November 26**, the day after Thanksgiving. I am having arthroscopic knee surgery early in November. If I have sufficient mobility to do an easy walk, I will announce by e-mail and at the November luncheon, and will lead a walk that day.

The Monday, pre-bookclub walk on the 29th is also cancelled for November.

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

See's Candies 2010 Christmas Discount Sale

This sale provides group discount prices to SIR Branch 116 members. IT IS NOT A FUND RAISER.

- **Mail** candy orders by **Wednesday, November 10** to:
Dirk Meyer, 112 Castleford Circle,
Danville, CA 94526 (phone 820-6878)

- or **Order** at the **Monday, November 15** SIR Luncheon.

- Make check payable to "Sir Branch 116 - Candy".

- Orders and checks must be from SIR members, *but you may include family and friends in your order.*

- Pick up candies in Elks Club parking lot on **Tuesday, November 23, 9:00 to 10:30 am.**

Your Name _____ **Telephone** _____

Size	Item	Retail	How Many	Discount	Total\$
4 lb 2 oz	<i>Holiday Assortment Pack</i>	\$ 71.00		\$ 58.00	
1 lb	Holiday Fancy	\$ 18.60		\$ 15.55	
8 oz	Truffles	\$ 9.20		\$ 7.50	
1 lb	Truffles	\$ 18.40		\$ 15.00	
2 lb	Gold Fancy	\$ 38.90		\$ 33.00	
4 lb	Gift of Elegance	\$ 77.80		\$ 65.40	
1 lb	Gift Certificate - Continental US only	\$ 16.10		\$ 12.50	
Mailing Cartons (except items in italics) List items here					\$ 1.00 for each carton

Size	Item	Retail	How Many	Discount	Total \$
1 lb	Assorted Chocolates	\$ 16.10		\$ 11.70	
2 lb		\$ 32.20		\$ 23.40	
3 lb		\$ 48.30		\$ 35.10	
5 lb		\$ 80.50		\$ 58.50	
1 lb	Milk Chocolates	\$ 16.10		\$ 11.70	
2 lb		\$ 32.20		\$ 23.40	
3 lb		\$ 48.30		\$ 35.10	
1 lb	Dark Chocolates	\$ 16.10		\$ 11.70	
2 lb		\$ 32.20		\$ 23.40	
1 lb	Soft Centers	\$ 16.10		\$ 11.70	
2 lb		\$ 32.20		\$ 23.40	
1 lb	Nuts & Chews	\$ 16.10		\$ 11.70	
2 lb		\$ 32.20		\$ 23.40	
3 lb		\$ 48.30		\$ 35.10	
1 lb	Bridge Mix	\$ 16.10		\$ 11.70	
1 lb	Victoria Toffee	\$ 16.10		\$ 11.70	
1 lb	Toffee-ettes (can)	\$ 16.10		\$ 11.70	
1 lb	Almond Royal (can)	\$ 16.10		\$ 11.70	
12 oz	Salted Nuts (can)	\$ 8.50		\$ 7.30	
1 lb 8 oz	Peanut Brittle	\$ 15.30		\$ 12.65	
8 oz	Awesome Peanut Brittle Bar (8 pack)	\$ 8.80		\$ 6.20	
12 oz	Awesome Nut & Chew Bar (8 pack)	\$ 8.80		\$ 6.20	
12 oz	Awesome Walnut Square Bar (8 pack)	\$ 8.80		\$ 6.20	
8 oz	Molasses Chips	\$ 8.05		\$ 5.85	
8 oz	Assorted Peppermints	\$ 8.05		\$ 5.85	
4 oz	Little Pops, Assorted	\$ 3.90		\$ 2.55	
4 oz	Little Pops, Café Latte	\$ 3.90		\$ 2.55	
1 lb 5 oz	Lollypops, Assorted	\$ 15.20		\$ 11.50	
1 lb 5 oz	Lollypops, Chocolate	\$ 15.20		\$ 11.50	
1 lb 5 oz	Lollypops, Butterscotch	\$ 15.20		\$ 11.50	
1 lb 5 oz	Lollypops, Café Latte	\$ 15.20		\$ 11.50	
1 lb 5 oz	Lollypops, Vanilla	\$ 15.20		\$ 11.50	
TOTAL ORDER - Both Columns					

Luncheon Speaker

By Little Sir Ron Armijo



Middle East Waterfront Marinas

Have any of you seen the TV Documentary on the Travel Channel that featured the lavishly explosive growth at Abu Dhabi in the United Arab Emirates? It is a travel destination of where not only the rich and famous travel but the very rich and very famous are seen there too. Included in that travel experience is the lavish marinas and their surrounding infrastructure that caters to a traveler's every need.

Aldar Properties, a \$73 billion dollar mixed-use waterfront development company is a significant player in this Middle Eastern country. Our speaker this month is Mr. Steve Burton who is one of today's premier Marina & Waterfront industry specialists in the Middle East. Mr. Burton relocated to Abu Dhabi in 2007 and was hired by Aldar Properties and was the founder of Aldar Marinas LLC a division of Aldar Properties. Expert in the feasibility, master planning, design, development, technical components and management of materials and their economic synergy to adjacent land-side retail, commercial and residential development, he will be speaking to us about his exploits in dealing with the challenges of working in the Middle East.



Wine Appreciation Group

Al Reynolds

The September Wine Tasting event was hosted by Jim and Barbara Shurr. Very good, but relatively inexpensive, Chardonnays and Zinfandels were tasted. Jim's selection of wines demonstrated that one can enjoy good wines at reasonable prices. The weather and setting added to the enjoyment of this activity.

The next event will be on November 11. For information, contact Al Reynolds, 254-1576.



Computer & Technology

Derek Southern & Phil Goff



Your Area 2: Computer and Technology Group invites new and existing members to the final meeting of the year.

On Thursday November 18 Neil Schmidt is scheduled to discuss some of the more powerful editing tools of Photoshop Elements. As usual the presentation will be available on the CAT website - at <http://www.sir-web.org/computer/> - a week, or more, before the meeting.

Following his presentation we'll look at any gadgets brought in for discussion and review. To conclude, Dick Curry will lead an informative Computer Q&A session (time permitting) so bring your questions. For more information and copies of our prior presentations visit the Area 2 CAT web site at <http://www.sir-web.org/computer/>.

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 of interest for everyone. We also offer coffee & pastries. All SIR members and their guests are welcome.

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:



Dec. 30-Jan. 3 — New Year's at the Empress Hotel in Victoria BC

Unpack only once! Enjoy the elegance of New Year's at the beautiful, ivy-covered, Empress Hotel. Experience High Tea, guided tour of Victoria, and train ride to Chemainus, with its exquisite murals and the beautiful grounds, and holiday lights at Butchard Gardens. Highlighting your visit will be an elegant New Year's Eve party!

Jan. 28-Feb 7, 2011—Caribbean Cruise

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

Apr 16-30, 2011 — Ancient Egypt & the Nile River

Enjoy a 7 day cruise on the Nile River and 6 days at the deluxe Cairo Marriott Hotel. In addition to touring around Cairo you will visit Aswan, Kom Ombo, Edfu, Esna and Luxor while on your cruise aboard the M/S River Anuket. The Tour includes 29 meals, 11 exclusive guided sightseeing tours, and RT airfare from San Francisco. Extensions are available to Jerusalem Israel, Alexandria Egypt, Petra & Amman, Jordan. Cost: 3095 to 3395 pp depending on stateroom. Contact Bob Spellman @ 934-8428. Space limited—please reserve by September 30!

Jun 9-19, 2011 — Alaska's Inside Passage

Embark on a 10 night Inside Passage cruise on board the Sea Princess sailing round trip out of San Francisco. Ports of call include: Juneau, Glacier Bay, Haines, Ketchikan and Victoria. Cost: \$2578 to \$2655 pp depending on Stateroom. Contact Jim Lunn @ 925-551-3329 Branch #8 for more information.

Jun 9-19, 2011 — Alaska's Inside Passage

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Jun 22-24, 2011 — Boulder Creek Golf and Fun Outing

This is a fun couple of days with golf, food, relaxation, and good company all close to home. We wanted you to know the date early so you could mark your calendars. Contact Ken Richter @ 689-6217

Oct 1-11, 2011 — Canada & New England Cruise

Experience the colors of Fall as you sail for 10 days aboard Silversea's Silver Whisper from Montreal to New York. You will also visit Quebec City, Charlottetown, Sydney, Halifax, Bar Harbor, Boston and Newport. While aboard the Silver Whisper you will find a most accommodating atmosphere providing impeccable service and world class cuisine. Everything is included in the price, tips, fine wines, all spirits, complimentary In Suit dining, meals airfare, bus to and from airport, port charge, government fees and taxes. You will be treated like royalty. Cost from \$4720 to \$6057 depending on Stateroom. Contact Bob Spellman @ 934-8428. This trip has been very popular with over 50 people signed up.

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.

Mark Your Calendars

The next Carson City Golf Getaway will be held on September 7-8, 2011. Mark you calendar so you don't miss this fun event. Sign-ups in early June.

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

Europe's Muslim Communities

On Monday October 25 The SIR Book Group discussed "While Europe Slept" by Bruce Bawer. The author recounted his personal experiences and observations with hostile Muslim communities in Europe and the ineffective and inappropriate reactions of local European governments to these hostile events. The author contrasted the American melting-pot with the European culture of strong national identities. Book group members agreed the book was a wake-up call and awarded it four stars.

The group will next meet on November 29 at Orinda Books at 10:15 AM to discuss "River Town: Two Years on the Yangtze" by Peter Hessler. New members are welcome. It's a discussion group, not a class. Read the book and give us your two-cents worth.

In Memoriam Floyd Skelton

December 16, 1935 - October 16, 2010



Gala Christmas Dinner Dance at Boundary Oak

Wednesday, December 15th, 6:00 PM

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

In Memoriam Ronald G. Domer

December 29, 1935 - October 25, 2010



SIR 116 Las Trampas Branch Christmas Dinner Dance

Wednesday, December 15, 2010

6:00 PM to 10:30 PM

at

The Clubhouse at Boundary Oak

3800 Valley Vista Road, Walnut Creek

Entertainment by the Madrigals
Music by Strawberry Patch
Transition of Big SIR
Raffle, Surprises



Price: Just \$45.00 per person (inclusive)

No Host Bar Opening at 6:00 PM 
Dinner served at 7:00 PM
Choice of Entrée's:

Beef Tournedos with Zinfandel Butter or
Tilapia with Pineapple and Mint Salsa
(Vegetarian upon Request)

Tables of 10 may be reserved
or submit your table companions
Dancing beginning approx. 8:30

House wine will be available for purchase at the bar for \$20 per bottle



Christmas Dinner Dance – The Clubhouse at Boundary Oak

Must be received no later than November 19, 2010

Name: _____

Beef Tournedos _____ Tilapia _____

Name: (Spouse) _____

Beef Tournedos _____ Tilapia _____

Make Check to: SIR Branch 116

Number x \$45.00 = \$ _____

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

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

Willow Park -- Monday October 25, 2010

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
Al Zavattero	71	3	Frank Crua	68	3	Phil Jenkins	71	3	Bill Hemmelsbac	76	3
Jim Johnson	72	2	Al Hutchko	70	2	Conrad Robertson	73	2	John Peterson	76	3
Jim Clizbe	73	1	David Carlson	73	1	Dick Chaffee	76	1	Chuck Gilliam	83	1
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
Jim Johnson	82		Frank Crua	89		Phil Jenkins	97		John Peterson	104	

Closest to: Hole #3 - Dirk Meyer, Robbie Robinson -- Hole #13 - David Harris, Wayne Cook

Eagle Vines -- Tuesday October 19, 2010

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
Al Zavattero	72	3	Frank Crua	69	3	Bob Donohue	70	3	Al Serafino	70	3
Wayne Smith	73	2	Walt Kewecki	75	2	Bob Conlon	71	2	Frank Lockwood	74	2
Mel Williams	76	1	David Carlson	76	1	Max Foust	78	1	Bill Hemmelsbac	80	1
						Conrad Robertson	78	1			
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
Wayne Smith	89		Frank Crua	91		Bob Donohue	95		Al Serafino	99	

Closest to: Hole #6 - Dirk Meyer, Bob Conlon -- Hole #15 - Phil Goff, Bernie Wroblewski

Boundary Oak -- Wednesday October 13, 2010

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
Jim Johnson	75	3	Phil Goff	73	3	Jed Daniel	70	3	Bill Hemmelsbac	67	3
Bill McCord	76	2	Jerry Hunter	73	3	Bob Donohue	71	2	Al Serafino	71	2
Dirk Meyer	80	1	David Carlson	77	1	Kirk McVean	75	1	Chuck Gilliam	72	1
Lonny Randall	80	1							John Peterson	72	1
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
Jim Johnson	85		Phil Goff	93		Jed Daniel	94		Bill Hemmelsbac	99	
									Al Serafino	99	

Closest to: Hole #2 - Wayne Cook, Chuck Gilliam -- Hole #12 - Bill McCord, Jim Johnson, John Peterson

Mare Island -- Monday October 4, 2010

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
Mel Williams	66	3	Frank Crua	70	3	Conrad Robertson	70	3	John Peterson	69	3
Bill McCord	68	2	John Story	74	2	Dick Chaffee	71	2	Frank Lockwood	73	2
			Paul Kim	76	1	Phil Jenkins	76	1	Bill Hemmelsbac	74	1
						Robby Robinson	76	1			
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
Mel Williams	81		Frank Crua	92		Dick Chaffee	96		John Peterson	98	

Closest to: Hole #3 - Phil Jenkins -- Hole #17 - Frank Crua, Bernie Wroblewski



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	48	Carlson, David	43	Robertson, Conrad	57	Gilliam, Chuck	53
McCord, Bill	35	Crua, Frank	37	Foust, Max	45	Serafino, Al	50
Johnson, Jim	28	Story, John	30	Robinson, Robbie	32	Peterson, John	41
Harris, David	24	Hunter, Jerry	29	Wroblewski, Bernie	29	Hemmelsbach, Bill	38
Williams, Mel	24	Hutchko, Al	23	Chaffee, Dick	21	Vogl, Art	17
Schmidt, Neil	20	Kim, Paul	21	Donohue, Bob	21	Arena, Matt	16
Clizbe, Jim	15	Eller, Tom	15	Daniel, Jed	18	Langhorst, Carl	15
Clark, Bill	14	Tinguely, Pat	15	Jenkins, Phil	17	Lockwood, Frank	7
Meyer, Dirk	14	Goff, Phil	13	Testa, Bob	5	Kallas, Pete	6
Randall, Lonny	13	Socolich, Dick	9	Cook, Wayne	4	Armijo, Ron	4
Cherepy, Steve	7	Xavier, Carlos	8	Conlon, Bob	3	Brown, Doug	2
Domer, Ron	6	Kawecki, Walt	4	Lutkus, Alex	1	Gagliardi, Ron	2
Smith, Wayne	6	Campbell, Rob	3	McVean, Kirk	1		
Cannon, Larry	2	Birmingham, Pat	2				
Nichols, Bob	2	King, Paul	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 web-sites to access information on the following:

2008 Golf Schedule: Dates, times, and courses as well as detailed information on costs, payment information, deadlines, and special event facts.

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

- 18-Hole Leaders and Results: Weekly, usually within a day or two of the event.
- Paid-In-Advance Sign-Ups: Weekly, showing checks that have been received for the next 3 or 4 pre-paid outings.
- Boundary Oak Sign-Ups: Weekly, shortly following 18-hole events, and the monthly luncheon when most signups occur. This listing will show who has signed-up for the next two Boundary Oak sessions, and whether they have indicated using a cart.

18-Hole Pay In Advance Deadlines

Event Date	Location	Deadline	Amount
Tuesday, Nov. 16	Blue Rock-West	5-Nov	\$35
Monday, Nov. 22	Roddy Ranch	12-Nov	\$39
Monday, Nov. 29	Franklin Canyon	16-Nov	\$35
Monday, Dec. 13	Lone Tree	3-Dec	\$35
Monday, Dec. 20	Bethel Island	10-Dec	\$30/\$25

Special Event: Guests Pay \$25 and can not win prizes

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



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

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Rules of Attendance and Membership for SIR Branch 116

RULE 100. A member may be notified in writing by his Branch of the pending termination of his membership (Rule 107) should he be responsible for any of the following:

Miss three (3) consecutive regular luncheon meetings without having been excused by contacting the designated Branch Attendance person prior to the meeting date.

Did not attend one-half (5) of the regular luncheon meetings within the previous twelve consecutive month period. NOTE: Excused meetings cannot be included to achieve the minimum attendance.

RULE 101. Certification of attendance by a member at another Branch meeting will be considered as a credit to his attendance record. (Maximum of 2 visits per calendar year).

Non Responsibility Declaration

RULE 345: All activities arranged for or by, Sons In Retirement, Incorporated, and its Branches, are for the convenience and pleasure of the members and their guests who desire to participate. Sons In Retirement, Incorporated, and its Branches do not assume any responsibility for the well being or safety of the participants or their property, in any matters pertaining to said activities.

Checks for Trips

Trips of 2 days and 1 night or less may be made payable to the Branch conducting the trip. Trips in excess of 1 night must be made payable to the travel agency involved.