



Trampas Topics

October, 2010

SIR Branch 116

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

At our October luncheon we will honor all of our past Big SIRs for their contribution to the success of Branch over the past 26 years.



As we start to wind down towards the end of the year, I would like to thank this years Officers, Directors, and Committee Chairmen for their outstanding work during the year. These people are the backbone of this organization and they work tirelessly for the benefit of the entire membership. Many of these people have filled

these positions for many years and I am sure that they would appreciate some help so I encourage all members to be willing to contribute when called upon to do so.

A very sincere thank you to the 95% of our membership who have made the annual \$30 voluntary contribution. This has helped the Branch to remain in good financial shape as we approach the end of the year. If you are one of the eleven active members who have not made your voluntary contribution, you may mail your check to Chuck Gilliam, our Treasurer. Thanks in advance for your cooperation.

I want to assure you that we have passed along all your comments regarding the Caterer to both the Caterer himself and also to the Elks Club. The Elks Club has put the Caterer on six months notice during which time they, as well as us, would expect to see some improvement.

Elsewhere in this issue of Trampas Topics you will find a reservation form for the Christmas Dinner-Dance to be held on December 15th at Boundary Oak in Walnut Creek. Please make your reservations early so that Jerry Hicks and his Committee have ample time to work within their budget for items like favors for the ladies, raffle prizes, and other similar things.

I know that it seems like it's a long way away but for those of you with small grandkids, enjoy the Halloween costumes and the "trick or treating".



Jed Daniel- Big SIR



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PLEASE CALL 806-8874 by the Thursday prior to the meeting to cancel your standing reservation or to bring a guest.

2009 SIR 116 Officers & Directors



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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
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Book Club	Rich Black	283-8376	Nominating	Frank Crua	932-0975
Bridge	Milt Greenstein	376-5589	Photographers	Ken Miller	256-9343
Candy Sales	Dirk Meyer	820-6878		John Peterson	946-0335
Chaplain	Rotating	#1 See Below	Poker Group #1	Bill Harrington	935-1625
Christmas Party	Jerry Hicks	945-7465	Poker Group #2	Al Reynolds	254-1576
Computer & Tech..	Phil Goff	831-3692	Spring Party	Jerry Hicks	945-7465
Computer Support	Dick Thomson	785-7600	Storytellers	Rotating	#2 See Below
Dine-O-Sirs	Ben Smith	820-5403	Sums In Retirement	Ben Smith	820-5403
Duplicate Bridge	Bob Daily	837-7080	Sunshine	Matt Arena	946-0404
Fishing	Harry Sherinain	846-7067	Travel	Tom Eller	939-5897
Guitar	Paul King	938-3035	Volunteers	Bob Kinser	837-8886
Golf	Ron Domer	838-8320	Webmaster	Floyd Skelton	838-2515
	Carlos Xavier	947-6756	Welcoming	Dick Socolich	376-3090
Greeters	Pat Bermingham	930-9477	Wine Appreciation	Al Reynolds	254-1576
E-mail Contact	Conrad Robertson	376-6355			
Hiking and Walking	Joel White	964-0994			
Historian	Matt Arena	946-0404			
Host	Frank Crua	932-0975			
Interviewer	Max Foust	827-9323			
Membership	Lytton DeSilva	254-5289			

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

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

2010 SIR Area 2 (Inter-branch) Committee Chairmen

Bowling	Lloyd West (Br.19)	228-9037	Rubber Bridge	Fred Bolton (Br.146)	932-1580
Computer &Tech	Co-Derek Southern (Br.8)	253-1646	Table Pool	Bill Weinberg (Br.146)	682-0962
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Publicity	Walt Schick (Br.8)	934-0656	Sums Retirement	Allen Espenmiller (A.2)	376-3977

SIR Branch 116 Activity Calendar

October 2010

Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
					1	2
3	4 18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Mare Island)	5 Duplicate Bridge (9:30@ P.Hill Bridge Ctr)	6 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Buchanan Fields)	7	8 Hiking & Walking (8:15@ San Ramon Vly Museum, Danville)	9
10	11	12 Luncheon Bridge (11:30@ Round Hill CC)	13 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Pine Meadow) 18-Hole Golf (9:30 Boundary Oak)	14	15	16
17	18 SIR Br 116 Mtg. (11:30@ Elks Club)	19 18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Eagle Vines)	20 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Buchanan Fields)	21 Computer & Tech (9:00@ Elks Club) Dine-O-Sirs (6:00@ Crow Cyn CC)	22 Hiking & Walking (8:15@ Rudgear Rd ParknRide)	23
24	25 18-Hole Golf (9:00@ Willow Park) Pre-Book Grp. Walk (8:15@ Laf. Reservoir) Book Group Mtg. (10:15@ Orinda Books)	26 Luncheon Bridge (11:30@ Diablo CC)	27 Sums in Retirement (8:00@ Diablo Creek GC) 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Diablo Hills)	28 Fishing (8:30@ Legend Sports Bar)	29	30
31 Halloween						

Membership

Lytton DeSilva



SIR 116 Membership Status

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

Lunch Attendance

Jim Nachtweih



Attendance at the September 20, 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.

Br. 116 Treasurer's Report

Chuck Gilliam, Treasurer



	September 2010	2010 YTD
Contributions	\$ 3,505.00	\$ 45,353.07
Disbursements	\$ (3,967.46)	\$44,342.98
Net (gain/(loss))	\$ (462.46)	\$ 89,696.05
September Cash Balance		\$ 8,661.97

Wine Appreciation Group

Al Reynolds



Jim and Barbara Shurr hosted a Wine Tasting event on September 30th. A review of this event and the date of the next Wine Tasting activity will be reported in the next Las Trampas issue. For information on participation in the Wine Appreciation Group, call Al Reynolds - 254-1576.

October Birthdays

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

Adair, Bruce R.	Jacobs, John C.
Bevis, John H.	Langhorst, Carl W.
Christen, Urs	Miller, Kenneth G.
Cook, Wayne	Perry, Dennis
Cuny, F.B.	Shurr, James
Daily, Robert F.	Stralovich, Joe A.
Daniel, John E.	Thomson, Richard J.
Fraser, John A.	West, John N.
Heck, David K.	Wolf, Robert

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!

State 'SIR Happenings'

August Edition of SIR Happenings is now available.

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

October Luncheon Menu

Ham
 Mashed Potatoes , Carrots
 Green Salad, French Bread
 Pudding
 Coffee/Ice Tea



Sunshine Report

Matt Arena

We are sad to report the passing of **Herman Dost**. Herm will be missed by his many friends in the Branch.

Otto Rinker after a long hospital stay and recovery time at Stone Brook will be operated on October 20. Otto's wife Sally tells me he has lost weight but he is getting ready for the surgery and should be back by Thanksgiving.

Past Big Sir Art Miller developed an infection in his arm which prevented him from sleeping because of the pain. Art surprised us by attend the luncheon in August and was disappointed he missed the September meeting.

Past Big Sir Floyd Skelton is in a lovely 24 hour assisted living facility -Villa San Ramon. Floyd is upbeat as usual and has had enjoyable visits from fellow SIR'.

Jack Jacobs called to say that he would miss the last luncheon since he is still recovering but is hoping to join us next month.

Walter Grant is scheduled to have heart surgery this month. We wish Walt a speedy recovery.

Paul King has had hip surgery. He will have the usual rehab and physical therapy. I will keep you posted on his recovery.

George Hess fell and broke some ribs. This can be a painful injury and hopefully George is making good progress.

Dave Hecht is still dealing with some heart issues. He hopefully is making progress so that he can join us for lunch.

Both **Harry Honstein** and **Ed Regalia** continue to work on their recovery.

At our September luncheon we were so happy to see the return of **Troy Powell** and **Larry Johnson**. It is so good to see these warriors back with us and to see how well they look.

In Memoriam
Herman Dost

- August 16, 2010

SIR Awards



Erich Berthold Receiving the President's Award from Area 2 Governor Dean Steichen



Leonard Romor Receiving the President's Award from Area 2 Governor Dean Steichen



"Dine-O-Sirs" Dinner Group

Ben Smith



The August Dine-O-Sir gathering was a wonderful affair held at Crow Canyon Club. We had 94 members of the herd in attendance and we feasted on Juicy cuts of Prime Rib, Fried Chicken, grilled Salmon and finish off the meal with some down home Banana Foster dessert. The Social hour was a great time to meet new people and swap tales with other Dine-O friends. The Group had the pleasure to wrap up the evening with a Champaign toast in honor of the 46th wedding anniversary of Sally and Dick Socolich.

The Dine-O-Sir group will not be active in September, but will be gearing up for great evening at "La Finestra Ristorante" in Lafayette on Thursday October 21, 2010. Social Hour will start at 6 PM and seating for dinner at 7 PM. This is a wonderful "Olde World" Italian style Ristorante that is offering an outstanding menu to our Group. The Owner-Chef (**Mr. Mr. Jeff Assadi**) will be preparing a real Italian feast, consisting of --A Special Antipasti plate to start, followed by Insalata mixed, four Entree choices of --Grilled Sole--Braised short Ribs--Thinly sliced Pork Tenderloin with cheese/ Spinach Ravioli---or Baked Beef/Italian Sausage Lasagna with Marinara sauce and Provolone Cheese. Dessert will consist of home made Cannoli filled with Ricotta Impastata and candied fruits. A nice selection of wine will be available to complement the meal, along with house drinks at reduced prices. (No Host) This should prove to be a evening that will bring out the good Italian blood in all attending. This restaurant is rather limited in seating space and we will take over the entire facility for this outing. We expect another sell out crowd and we will be limited to 64 reservations. Reservations are locked in on a first to pay basis. If numbers justify, we may consider setting up a second evening for Dine-out.

The Restaurant is located at 100 Lafayette Circle, Lafayette, CA 94549. Many of you are familiar with "PETAR'S" restaurant located on the same street. " La Finestra " is located about 300 yards

past "Petar's" on the right side of the street. It is tucked away and you have to keep an eye peeled. You can park in a small lot in front of the restaurant or on the street.

Your Dine-O-Sir committee looks forward to providing all attending an outstanding evening dinner party.

"Alive" Magazine Article on SIRs

Harry Hubinger has written a four part series for "Alive", an East Bay publication. The following is a extract of the second of this four part series.

—

Rob, our fictional hero, becomes bored after six months of retirement and begins to hunt around for stimulation. He meets a SIR (Sons in Retirement) group on the golf course and is invited to their next meeting.

Even when he awoke that morning, Rob wasn't sure if he would attend the SIR meeting he had been invited to. Certainly after meeting a few SIRs on the putting green at the golf course and hearing about the organization, he felt like going with the flow. But now, as the time neared he wasn't so sure. He'd looked at the SIR web site and couldn't find a reason not to go. He had selected a branch website near to where he lived and liked the list of activities they had available for members. But, even so, he wasn't a joiner and hated to go to meetings where he didn't know anyone.

Are you going to that thing you talked to me about? his wife asked. Maybe, maybe not. Not sure. he replied.

Well if you don't go you'll need to find something around here for lunch. This is my card day, and I won't be around.

That settled it. Another homemade tuna lunch all alone was not what he had in mind. Guess I'll go.

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Part 2 is at

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



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

Well, it is more of the same sad old story. Wind, wind, and more wind. The salmon fishing was not very good, and the ocean was rough. Now for the good news: The wind eased long enough for Joe Miscione and Mario Moratorio to catch some nice stripers trolling in Montezuma slough. Joe Peterson and Craig Walton trolled up quite a few from the Sacramento. Carl Moyer and Dick Thompson caught a nice striper while trying to catch sturgeon. Harry Sherinian and Carl did catch a keeper sturgeon the day before, the nice 51 incher has been smoked and eaten. Terry Miller and Carl caught only small sturgeon the day before that. John O'Brien and Carl tried to go fishing for sturgeon, but the wind found them, and that, like so many other fishing trips this year was cancelled. Kent Cremolini most thoroughly enjoyed 2 days on the Klamath River limiting out both days on hefty King Salmon still bright from the ocean. The first day of their trip they fished in a heavy rain storm, and still had fun with the big strong fish. A group of about 7 members went up to Davis Lake to troll for trout. All who attended had a great trip and caught a lot of fish. Branch 116 members Terry Miller and Harry Sherinian caught and released many fish and came home with a nice limit of fish. Most of the fish caught were in the 16 to 18 inch class.

We will be very busy this fall, if the wind ever dies down, with: delta fishing for bass, crappie, bluegill, catfish, and sturgeon, trout fishing in mountain lakes and rivers, and party boat trips for salmon, sturgeon, halibut, and stripers. 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, October 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 Karl Droese, Big Fish, (925-376-0468;) Harry Sherinian (Branch 116 Coordinator;) or Dick Thomson, Treasurer/Secretary, (925-944-1760.)

Terry Miller
at
Davis Lake



Harry Sherinian at Davis Lake



Bridge

Milt Greenstein

Duplicate Bridge

On September 7th, the duplicate group had its monthly game at the Pleasant Hill Bridge Center with 20 players attending. Today's top scoring was Bob Wolf / Dan Greenberg with 67 points out of a possible 108 (62.04 %), earning 1.00 master points. Bob Daily / Oscar Krikorian were second with 62.00 points, Milt Greenstein / Dick Corker were third with 61.50 points, Bill Sullivan / Norm Schoenfeld were 4th with 58.00 points and Art Donaldson / Lou Sandor were 5th with 56.50 points, all earning black master points.

Luncheon Bridge

The lunch / bridge group met on September 14th at Round Hill C.C. with 28 men enjoying an excellent lunch, but a low scoring day of bridge. Our top score today was 5,050 points earned by Ali Aghaiepour, with second place going to Lee Travis with 4,940 points. In third place with 4,770 points was Bob Daily, and fourth place went to Monte Hall. Jack Butler took fifth place with 4,450 points, and sixth place went to Norm Schoenfeld with 4,120 points. We had two small slams today made by the teams of Norm Schoenfeld / Bob Daily and Art Donaldson / Gene Gould.

On September 28, the Lunch/bridge group met at Diablo C.C. 24 men attended this session. Our bridge scores improved today with the top honors going to Ali Aghaiepour with 7,300 points. In second place was Marv DeHeus with 5,310 points followed by Art Donaldson (5,200), Darrell Feay (4,810), Jai Yee (4,260) and Norm Schoenfeld (4,060). We had two small slams today by the teams of Marv DeHeus / Darrell Feay and Joel White / Norm Schoenfeld. The game today featured the year's second highest total and the year's second lowest total scores, a major change from the 9/14 game.

NOTICE - Our FALL LADIES DAY EVENT will take place on October 19th at Diablo C.C., starting at 11:15 am for lunch, followed by bridge until about 3:30 pm. It is not too late to sign up. Lunch will be a choice of chicken picatta, salmon or a vegetarian meal.



Br. 116 Book Club

Rich Black

"Winston, Dickie, Jawaharlal, Edwinia, Jinnah and the Mahatma"

Alex Von Tunzelmann gives us quite an intimate account of the private lives of the people involved in the 1947 independence and partition of India. In fact she told more than the members of the SIR's book group wanted to know on that topic. On the other hand, all agreed that they were ignorant of the background and occurrences occasioned by these two historic events, including the death of 200,000 to 2,000,000 people, and appreciated the education they received from this book. Al Reynolds, Rich Black, Joel White, Monte Hall, Jim Scott, Jack Butler, Art Donaldson and Lytton DeSilva supplemented the discussion by discussing their own observations of India on Monday September 27, 2010. They awarded the book 3.0 stars out of a possible 5.

The group will next meet on Monday, October 25 to read "While Europe Slept" by Bruce Bawer at Orinda Books at 10:15 AM. New members 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.

Luncheon Speaker

By Little Sir Ron Armijo



Computer & Technology

Derek Southern & Phil Goff



Afghanistan: And the War for Hearts and Minds

The expanding US military commitment in Afghanistan often obscures the involvement of hundreds of private American civilians in providing vital services to the Afghan people, often at substantial personal risk. Budd MacKenzie of Lafayette is one of these unsung heroes.

In 2003, he and a group of neighbors founded the non-profit organization Trust in Education. For their initial project they decided to collect funds to build a school at Lalander, a village near Kabul. They now sponsor not only educational institutions, but a variety of medical, reconstruction, and development programs. Working with like-minded organizations, they supply food and clothing to refugee camps in Kabul and find sponsors for "street children."

Mr. MacKenzie is personally involved in these programs, and will be reporting on their status following an extended visit to Afghanistan just this past September. He will also provide a first-hand assessment of how the US is faring in winning the hearts and minds of the Afghans and the challenges that lie ahead.

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/>

The Area 2 Computer and Technology Group invite you to their next meeting on Thursday, October 21 at 9am.

Sir Derek Southern will demonstrate and explain the free photo program Picasa. This program not only helps you manage all your image files, but it also has a face recognition capability which adds a lot of fun, and makes it easier to retrieve old files. But there's a LOT more! You can do basic editing (like cropping, red-eye removal, and adjustments for incorrect exposure), you can convert a whole group of files to a smaller size for emailing, you can create a web album (with 2 GB free storage) so others can share your latest masterpieces, you can even add an address to an email so readers can visit your online album with one simple click. There's a lot more to show you, so come to the meeting and bring your questions! You can use as much, or little, of Picasa's power as you need to, and it is FREE!

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

Meetings of the Area 2 Computer and Technology Group are held the 3rd Thursday of each month (except June and December) from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge, 1475 Creekside Drive. Whether you are a beginner or a seasoned user, we try to offer something for everyone. We ask for a donation of \$5 to cover the cost of the hall rental, coffee and cookies (donations are not requested every meeting, this may be your lucky month!). All SIR members and their guests (spouses included!) are welcome to attend.

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:



Nov. 5-7 — Weekend of Golf in The Napa Valley

Two nights at Embassy Suites Napa Valley, walking distance to the Napa River Walk. One round of golf at Eagle Vines Vineyards and Golf Club.

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.

Nov. 10-15 — Branson Holiday

Start with the Truman Library in Independence, Mo. Then see the Johnny Mathis Show, The Omonds, Twelve Irish Tenors, Yakov Smirnoff, Andy Williams, Shoji Tabuchi, and the Festival of Lights, plus much more.

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 — Ancient Egypt & Nile Cruise

Enjoy a 7 day cruise on the Nile River and 6 days at the deluxe Cairo Marriott Hotel

Jun. 9-19, 2011 — Alaska's Inside Passage
10-night cruise onboard the Sea Princess sailing out of San Francisco. Ports of call include Juneau, Glacier Bay, Haines, Ketchikan & Victoria, BC.

Hiking & Walking

Joel White



The opening walk of the fall season was enjoyed by Rich Black and Donna Argenbright, Art and Mary Alice Donaldson, and Susan and Joel White. On a beautiful sunny and not too hot day, we meandered among the mature oaks and redwoods in Lafayette following which a pleasant meal and conversation were enjoyed at Rich and Donna's nearby home.

The Friday **October 8** walk will start at **8:15am** and be led by **Joel White, 964-0994**

zpz2mrz@yahoo.com. This walk will also be on **the Iron Horse Trail**. Meeting point will be the parking lot behind the Museum of the San Ramon Valley in Downtown **Danville**, west of HWY 680. Take Diablo Rd exit west, left on Hartz Avenue, 1st right onto W Prospect Ave, and left at Railroad Ave. Address is 205 Railroad Avenue.

The Friday **October 22** walk will depart at **8:15am** from the Rudgear Road Park and Ride lot and will traverse an **Alamo** portion of **the Iron Horse Trail**. This walk will be led by **Art Donaldson, 934-8391** dnldsn@sbcglobal.net.

The Monday, pre-bookclub walk (you do not need to attend the book club to participate in this beautiful walk) at Lafayette Reservoir will be at 8:15 am on the 25th and also led by myself.

Please RSVP to the walk leaders 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.



\$ums Investment Group

Allen Espenmiller

The Area 2 \$ums Investment Group will meet on Wednesday October 27 at 8:00 AM at the Diablo Creek golf course on Port Chicago highway in Concord. Our speakers will be Jonathan Chaet and Sandino Napolois representing Advanced Equities, Inc. AEI is part of the Advanced Equities Financial Corporation (AEFC) and is one of the industry's most progressive financial services firms. Focusing on retail, institutional securities and venture capital investment banking business. Jonathan and Sandino will present "Access to Opportunity", who wants to be with the next Goggle? How the individual investor can take part in pre-IPO selections. AEI's web site is www.advancedequities.com for you to review prior to the meeting.

The restaurant at the 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 925-429-1756 – Leary Wong 925-457-0807 Co-Chairmen Area 2 \$ums Investment Group and Ken Nakashima 925-376-0421 (Br-171)



SIRS Start the Shotgun From the 15th Tee at Lone Tree (l. to r.: Bill Hemmelsbach, Ron Domer, Conrad Robertson, Bob Donohue)



Remember This?

Christmas 2005

Gala Christmas Dinner Dance at Boundary Oak

Christmas Dinner Dance

Wednesday, December 15th, 6:00 PM

Note Price Reduction

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.

Following the September flyer, I again discussed with the staff at Boundary and they agreed to sell bottles of wine at the bar for \$20.00 each, which you can bring to the tables. This is slightly less expensive and better for those that do not drink alcohol or want something other than wine. Thus the price is reduced to \$45.00 per person for the holiday party.

Send in your reservations now 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.



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

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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.

A New Set Of Golf Clubs

Bill shares with his golf partner "I just got a new set of golf clubs for my wife!"

The partner replies, "Great trade!"

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.

October 18-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Mon 04	9:30	Mare Island	Carlos Xavier
Wed. 13	9:30	Boundary Oak	Jerry Hunter
Tues. 19	9:00	Eagle Vines	Jerry Hunter
Mon. 25	9:30	Willow Park	Jerry Hunter

October 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

Lake Chabot -- Monday September 27, 2010

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
Bill McCord	69	3	David Carlson	67	3	Robby Robinson	69	3	Ron Armijo	71	3
Lonny Randall	71	2	John Story	73	2	Conrad Robertson	70	2	John Peterson	71	3
Bill Clark	73	1	Tom Eller	73	2	Bernie Wroblewski	71	1	Matt Arena	73	1
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
Bill McCord	83		David Carlson	85		Robby Robinson	96		John Peterson	99	
						Bernie Wroblewski	96				

Closest to: Hole #9 - Paul Kim, John Peterson -- Hole #12 - Bill McCord, Conrad Robertson

Lone Tree -- Tuesday September 21, 2010

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
Bill McCord	70	3	Frank Crua	68	3	Max Foust	67	3	Chuck Gilliam	70	3
Mel Williams	71	2	David Carlson	70	2	Conrad Robertson	73	2	Bill Hemmelsbach	71	2
Larry Cannon	72	1	Jerry Hunter	73	1	Bob Donohue	74	1	Pete Kallas	72	1
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
Bill McCord	84		David Carlson	89		Max Foust	91		John Peterson	102	
			Frank Crua	89					Al Serafino	102	

Closest to: Hole #5 - Jerry Hunter, Herman Walden -- Hole #11 - David Carlson, Max Foust

Boundary Oak -- Monday September 13, 2010

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
Bill Clark	71	3	Al Hutchko	69	3	Conrad Robertson	74	3	Carl Langhorst	72	3
Mel Williams	71	3	Carlos Xavier	73	2	Jed Daniel	76	2	Al Serafino	73	2
Al Zattero	73	1	Paul Kim	75	1	Wayne Cook	77	1	Matt Arena	74	1
						Phil Jenkins	77	1			
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
Mel Williams	86		Carlos Xavier	93		Conrad Robertson	102		Al Serafino	101	
						Jed Daniel	102				

Closest to: Hole #2 - David Harris, Herm Walden -- Hole #12 - Mel Williams

Boundary Oak -- Wednesday September 8, 2010

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
Neil Schmidt	67	3	Al Hutchko	70	3	Jed Daniel	80	3	Al Serafino	74	3
Al Zattero	73	2	John Story	75	2	Max Foust	80	3	Art Vogl	76	2
Jim Clizbe	74	1	Paul Kim	81	1	Phil Jenkins	80	3	Ron Armijo	77	1
Bill McCord	74	1									
Bob Nichols	74	1									
Mel Williams	74	1									
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
Neil Schmidt	83		Al Hutchko	95		Max Foust	105		Al Serafino	102	

Closest to: Hole #2 - Bob Testa -- Hole #12 - Neil Schmidt



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	42	Carlson, David	40	Robertson, Conrad	51	Gilliam, Chuck	51
McCord, Bill	31	Crua, Frank	28	Foust, Max	44	Serafino, Al	45
Harris, David	24	Story, John	28	Robinson, Robbie	31	Peterson, John	34
Johnson, Jim	22	Hunter, Jerry	26	Wroblewski, Bernie	29	Hemmelsbach, Bill	30
Williams, Mel	22	Hutchko, Al	21	Chaffee, Dick	18	Vogl, Art	17
Schmidt, Neil	20	Kim, Paul	20	Donohue, Bob	16	Arena, Matt	16
Clark, Bill	14	Eller, Tom	15	Daniel, Jed	15	Langhorst, Carl	15
Clizbe, Jim	14	Tinguely, Pat	15	Jenkins, Phil	13	Kallas, Pete	6
Meyer, Dirk	13	Goff, Phil	10	Testa, Bob	5	Armijo, Ron	4
Randall, Lonny	12	Socolich, Dick	9	Cook, Wayne	4	Lockwood, Frank	3
Cherepy, Steve	7	Xavier, Carlos	8	Conlon, Bob	1	Brown, Doug	2
Domer, Ron	5	Campbell, Rob	3	Lutkus, Alex	1	Gagliardi, Ron	2
Smith, Wayne	4	Birmingham, Pat	2				
Nichols, Bob	2	Kawecki, Walt	2				
Cannon, Larry	1	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
Monday, Oct. 04	Mare Island	23-Sep	\$34
Tuesday, Oct. 19	Eagle Vines	08-Sep	\$49
Monday, Oct. 25	Willow Park	15-Oct	\$38
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

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

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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.