



Trampas Topics

April, 2011

SIR Branch 116

Next Meeting: 11:30 am,
Monday, April 18, 2011
Elks Lodge—1475 Creekside Dr,
Walnut Creek, CA 94596

A Nonprofit Public Benefit Organization for Retired Men Devoted to the Promotion of Independence and Dignity of Retirement.

Sayings of 2011 Big Sir Ron Armijo

Well, the first quarter of 2011 is history and Branch 116 is doing fine. We are exceeding our goals in several areas such as luncheon attendance, which in March was at 78% of active members, number of guests attending our luncheons at 18, and new member count started great at the beginning of the quarter with 4 but ended with no new members in March. However I am confident that we will meet our year-end goal of 25+.



Are you all practicing your picture posing for our April Luncheon when SIR Phil Goff will be photographing each of you for posting on our website? As you go through the registration line, at the end SIR Phil will ask to take your picture and SIR Matt Arena will ask for your name as you want it to appear below your picture. This will be a great addition to our ever growing website. No longer will you wonder who that person is that is sitting across the room.

Thanks to SIR Dirk Meyer for another successful See's Candies Easter Discount Sale. This year he was able to place orders for close to \$900 worth of candy. It looks like there are plenty of "Sweet Tooth's" out there.

Don't forget that in April we begin collecting your Voluntary Contribution so please don't forget your checkbook. The voluntary contribution for calendar year 2011 is \$30, which is the same as last year. This is our only source of revenue to offset our operating cost with no contribution to reserves so we are expecting full participation.

Finally, I am still looking for someone to volunteer to chair our recruitment program. This position is vital in helping us achieve our membership goals. You will be interfacing with our BEC and other Area 2 recruitment chairmen to bringing new ideas to help gain new members. Please contact me if you are interested in offering your time and talent to this branch position.

Have a great April and I will see you on April 18th.

Ron Armijo Big SIR



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by the Thursday prior to
the meeting to
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to bring a guest.

2011 SIR 116 Officers & Directors



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2011 SIR 116 Committee Chairmen

Activities Coordinator	Jerry Kaplan	938-1037	Interviewer	Max Foust	827-9323
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Bridge	Milt Greenstein	376-5589	Nominating	Jed Daniel	551-7734
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Chaplain	Rotating	#1 See Below		Ken Miller	256-9343
Christmas Party	Jerry Hicks	945-7465	Poker Group #1	Bill Harrington	935-1625
Computer & Tech..	Phil Goff	831-3692	Poker Group #2	Al Reynolds	254-1576
Computer Support	Dick Thomson	785-7600	Spring Party	Jerry Hicks	945-7465
Dine-O-Sirs	Ben Smith	820-5403	Storytellers	Rotating	#2 See Below
Duplicate Bridge	Mike Corker	872-7525	Sums In Retirement	Ben Smith	820-5403
E-mail Contact	Neil Schmidt	939-5342	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	Al Zavattero	933-0465	Webmaster	Phil Goff	831-3692
	Carlos Xavier	947-6756	Welcoming	Jerry Kaplan	938-1037
Greeters	Pat Bermingham	930-9477	Wine Appreciation	Al Reynolds	254-1576
Hiking and Walking	Joel White	964-0994			
	Dan Green	376-7087	#1. Doug Aalders, Matt Arena, Marty Ratterree, Lou Sandor		
Historian	Matt Arena	946-0404	#2. Pat Bermingham, Art Donaldson, Milt Greenstein, Marty Ratterree		
Host	Frank Crua	932-0975			

2011 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

April 2011

Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
					1	2
3	4 18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Boundary Oak GC)	5 Duplicate Bridge (9:00@ P.Hill Bridge Ctr)	6 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC) Bowling (10:00@Mounument Bowl)	7	8 Hiking & Walking (8:15@ Heather Farms Swim Ctr.)	9
10	11 18-Hole Golf (9:00@ Silverado South CC)	12 Luncheon Bridge (11:30@ Round Hill CC)	13 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Pine Meadow GC) Bowling (10:00@Mounument Bowl)	14	15	16
17	18 SIR Br 116 Mtg. (11:30@ Elks Club)	19 18-Hole Golf (10:00@ Blue Rock East GC) Poker Group 2 (1:00@ Diablo CC)	20 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC) Bowling (10:00@Mounument Bowl)	21 Computer & Tech (9:00@ Elks Club)	22 Hiking & Walking (8:15@ Olympic Blvd. & Pleasant Hill Rd.)	23
24 Easter	25 18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Rancho Solano GC) Pre-Book Grp. Walk (8:15@ Laf. Reservoir) Book Group Mtg. (10:15@ Orinda Books)	26 Luncheon Bridge (11:30@ Diablo CC) 18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Delta View)	27 Sums in Retirement (8:00@ Diablo Creek GC) 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Diablo Hills GC) Bowling (10:00@Mounument Bowl)	28 Ladies Day Lunch/Bridge (11:15@ Diablo CC) Fishing Group (8:30@ Legends-Diablo Crk)	29	30

Membership

Andy Benz

SIR 116 Membership Status

Total Current Members:	253
Last Month's Inductees:	0
Those in Interview Stage:	1
Total in Process:	1
On Inactive Status:	40
Left the Branch:	3
Waiting to be Installed:	0

April Birthdays

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

Bryant, Frank R.	Ostler, Joseph
Canane, John T.	Peters, Pat
Chaffee, Richard	Schneider, William R.
Clizbe, Robert J.	Shader, Robert J.
Dulac, Leon E.	Smith, Ben J.
Hemmelsbach, William	Stashyn, Marshall G.
Honstein, Harry C.	Wheeler, David G.
Kapus, George	Yeraka, Benjamin M.
Madden, Richard A.	Yniguez, Anthony J.
McDowell, Ralph L.	

April Luncheon Menu

Spaghetti with Meatballs
Fresh Shredded Parmesan
Sautéed Zucchini, Caesar Salad
Garlic Bread, Coffee & Ice Tea
Dessert Assortment

Want a Free Lunch? Sponsor a New Member!

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



Lunch Attendance

Jim Nachtweih

Attendance at the March 21, 2011 meeting:

Total:	201
Members:	197
Visitors:	0
Speakers:	1
Guests:	3
Excused:	36
Un-Excused:	19

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



Br. 116 Treasurer's Report

John Peterson, Treasurer

	March 2011	2011 YTD
Contributions	\$ 3,135.00	\$ 12,380.00
Disbursements	\$ (5,218.65)	\$ (15,554.24)
Net (gain/(loss))	\$ (2,083.65)	\$ (3,174.24)

March Cash Balance \$ 4,408.25

\$30 Voluntary Contribution

Due in April

In order to stay financially solvent, a voluntary contribution is needed every year from each of our members. **Please bring your \$30 voluntary contribution check to our April Luncheon meeting or mail it to Treasurer John Peterson at 1001 Millbrook Court, Walnut Creek, CA 94598. Thank You.**

Bocce Ball

Jerry Kaplan

Several SIRS members have expressed interest in starting a bocce ball group. If you are interested, please contact Jerry Kaplan at 925-938-1037 or mgkplan@astound.net.



Sunshine Report

Matt Arena

Three Past Big Sir' find themselves under the care of physicians.

Past Big Sir **Carlos Xavier** has 2 more chemo treatments. He is doing very well and except for some recovery time following his treatments Carlos continues with golf. He has gotten good reports from his doctors which we are all very pleased to hear.

Past Big Sir **Courtney Borrecco** is doing his rehab at TAMPICO following his hip surgery. His patience is being tested since he dislikes being confined but he is following doctor's orders and is making good progress. He will be seeing his surgeon to get an update on his progress this week.

Past Big Sir **Art Miller** found himself in the hospital again to deal with an infection he picked up. The port near his shoulder where he receives his dialysis treatments put him in isolation so the bugs would not move on to other patients. There was a fire drill while I was with him so the visit was shorted till they announced the all clear.

Warren Westrup had a bleeding ulcer which put in John Muir Med Center. He is back home and making a good recovery.

Vic Johnson developed a strep infection which put him in the hospital. He is at Manor Care Rossmoor where he is gaining back his strength.

Dennis Perry had a valve replacement and a double by-pass. He is doing nicely and the surgery went very well. We look forward to see Dennis at an upcoming luncheon.

Chuck Cuny tells me his colon surgery has been postponed but has had chemo to treat his condition. He is hopeful of joining us for lunch in April.

Ed Regalia was with his wife Gwen at the funeral for Peg Kovar, Walnut Creek's first woman mayor. It was so good to see Ed and chat with him. His speech was wonderful and he looked great.

Harry Honestein whose wife Virginia passed away was together with many of his friends from

SIR at her memorial. Harry who always dresses so impeccably was at his best greeting his circle of friends. He tells he there will be no further shoulder surgery and now he needs to recover from his long period as caregiver to Virginia. Here is hoping that sometime this year Harry will join us for lunch.

Stay healthy and enjoy the nice weather when it finally appears.



Br. 116 Book Club

Rich Black

At What Cost St. Petersburg?

On Monday March 28 the SIR Book Group discussed *"Peter the Great, His Life and Times"* by Robert K. Massie. This is required reading before you take a Baltic cruise, and a great read if you have already taken it. The boy king turned Russia's face to the west, and through his alliances and conquests set in motion the Russia we have known. Members found this 880 page book a bit of a challenge, but awarded it four stars for what it taught about the man, his nation and life in the early seventeenth hundreds. Lytton DeSilva led the group, with Al Reynolds, Jack Buttler, Jim Scott, John Frazier, Art Donaldson, Rich Black and Bob Mathews participating.

The group will next meet on April 25 at Orinda Books at 10:15 AM to discuss *"Unbroken"* by Laura Hillenbrand. Again we were glad to see a new member this time and hope to see many more.

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.

New Members (in Feb.)



**New Member John Thompson with
Sponsor George Kapus**



**Sponsor Bert Berthold with
New Member Jon Rasmussen**



**New member Ivan Hendrick with
Sponsor Frank Crua**

"Dine-O-Sirs" Dinner Group

Ben Smith



The Dine-O-Sir Herd will be kept in the pasture for the months of April and May, but all the SIR's and their Ladies will be looking forward to the annual "Spring Fling Ladies Lunch" which will be held at the Crow Canyon Country club on May 11, 2011. This event promises to be an outstanding get together in a very gracious and lovely setting. Be sure and obtain all the program details from the flyer that has been prepared by Sir- Jerry Hicks and his committee.

The March Dine-out evening was held at "Salvatore's" Ristorante". We had another sell-out crowd.

It was a wonderful evening with good Italian fare and good friendship which was shared by all.

The next Dine-out evening is being planned for June and we will be looking forward to a wonderful evening, with lots of good food, fun and merriment.....stay tuned for all the details.



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/>



SIR Fishing Group

Harry Sherinain

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, April 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. We also try to have speakers at these meetings who peak our interest in new methods of fishing, new places to go fishing and the latest techniques that are developing in the fishing industry for the sportsman.

March first roared in like a gift from the Gods. Nine SIR fishermen, in 4 boats, caught over 45 sturgeon, including Richard Bennett's first ever keeper. John O'Brien caught his first, second and third sturgeon and was fighting a keeper of around 55 inches when it leaped high in the air, called him names, and broke the line. John is now a certified sturgeon-fishing addict. Terry Miller, his son Steve, George Shulze, Ron Yates, Dick Thomson, Carl Moyer, and Harry Sherinian all joined in the fun. Terry Miller and Carl Moyer fished the same spot on two other occasions, catching more small ones and Terry's first keeper of the year, a 51-inch beauty. Paul Dubow and Carl were not so lucky, fishing near Benicia without a bite, and at Shadow Cliffs Reservoir with Joe Miscione when the trio caught only one trout. Dick Thomson and his son Lee got a very nice limit to 4 lbs fishing there with Carl a few weeks later, and Joe Miscione and a friend caught 4 to 3 lbs the same day. Joe and his son Keith had a banner day at Bass Lake catching over 40 of the feisty rainbows. Alas a scheduled SIR's trip to that lake has been cancelled when Joe learned they are draining it to repair the dam. Joe Peterson got an early start on the striped bass fishing when he trolled up two nice ones to 28 inches. That is rare for this early in the season, and may be a great omen. Jerry Smith and his son made another trip to the upper Sacramento River fly fishing for trout. This one a bit more successful with a stout steelhead of 24 inches and three trout. Check

out the pictures of a few of our Branch 116 Members who had some very successful days of fishing.

We will be very busy this spring with: delta fishing for bass, catfish, stripers, and sturgeon, trout fishing in local lakes, party boat trips for sturgeon and halibut, and what looks like a very promising salmon season. 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, April 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, (925-846-7067) or Dick Thomson, Treasurer/Secretary, (925-944-1760.)



Dick Thomson & Son With Their Limit



Miller's 52 Inch Sturgeon

Hiking & Walking

Joel White



Amiable Amblers April Announcements

The Friday **April 8th** walk will start at **8:15am** and be led by **Art Donaldson**. Meet at the Heather farms swim club parking lot for a walk on the Contra Costa Canal trail. Please RSVP to **Art: 934-8391; dnldsn@sbcglobal.net**.

The Friday **April 22nd** walk will start at **8:15am** and will be lead by **Rich Black: 283-8376; blackrw41@comcast.net**. Meet at the **Olympic Blvd. Parking lot, corner of Olympic and Pleasant Hill Road** for a walk on the Lafayette-Moraga trail. Please RSVP to Rich at above phone or e-mail.

The Monday, pre-book club walk at Lafayette Reservoir will be at 8:15 am on the **25th** and led by Rich Black. RSVP as above.

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 zp2mrz@yahoo.com.

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee, made up of members Ben Smith, Bill McCord, John Maclay, and Chairman Jed Daniel, are still accepting candidate ideas for our 2012 Officer and Director positions. If you are personally interested in becoming, or know a person who would be, a good Officer or Director candidate, please let any one of the Committee members know either by telephone or e-mail. Thank you in advance for helping us to pick the best available candidates for our Branch Executive Committee.

Jed Daniel (Chairman)

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Bill McCord (925)376-5280 jnmwam@comcast.net

John Maclay (925)937-2399 piloto@aol.com

State 'SIR Happenings'

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

Enjoy reading *SIR Happenings* and find out about all the fun things that are going on throughout our organization. You can easily find Happenings on the SIR State Website located at:

www.sirinc.org/sirhappenings



Wine Appreciation Group

Al Reynolds

The Wine Tasting activity for March was held on Thursday, the 31st. Details of this event will be reported in the next issue of Trampas Topics.

BOULDER CREEK GOLF OUTING

WHEN: May 18 – 20, 2011

WHERE: Boulder Creek Golf & Country Club
Located in the Santa Cruz Mountains ~3 miles off Hwy. 9.

DISCRIPTION: A scenic course in the midst of redwoods. It is well maintain, short (4500yds), and is tight with demanding greens. It is a co-ed format and spouses are encourage to play.

ACCOMODATIONS/ACTIVITIES: Staying in Private villas; one or two bedrooms. After golf we hold a social gathering in the late afternoon where we share snacks and beverages. We then head off to the club house for dinner.

COSTS: Golf package is \$361 per couple
Vacation package is \$259 per couple

It is a warm and friendly environment and we would welcome more couples.

Please contact Andy Benz(anbenz@aol.com) for additional details.



\$ums Investment Group Allen Espenmiller

The Area 2 \$ums Investment Group will meet on April 27, 2011 at the Diablo Creek Golf course, 4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord. Our speaker will be Greg Vogel of GKV Capital Management. Greg will discuss how using **International Market ETF's and Fixed Income Instruments to build a diversified portfolio with the risks of today's markets.** He will discuss the benefits and pitfalls of using International ETF's, in all their increasingly varied forms to diversify a portfolio. ETF's can provide exposure to new geographies and investment classes without requiring the complexity or the same risk exposure that a direct investment might. There are pitfalls however, and investors should understand the individual characteristics of any ETF before making any Investment.

Plan to attend and discuss with Greg the investment opportunities of these types of funds as a way to enhance portfolio diversification.

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

Co-Chairmen: Allen Espenmiller (Br-174) 925-376-3977, George Schulze (Br-8) 925-429-1756, Leary Wong (Br-8) 925-457-0807, Ken Nakashima (Br-171) (25-376-0421)



Willows Weep While SIRS Putt At Delta View
(l. to r.: Art Vogl, Bernie Wroblewski, Tom Eller)



Luncheon Speaker By Little Sir Neil Schmidt

Amenhokit, the Ancient Egyptian God of Bowling

Amenhokit, pronounced "Aim and hook it", provides esoteric insights into the value and meaning of bowling. Tips for improvement in bowling, on the lanes and off. Amenhokit's lessons have spread to all degrees of bowlers. From professionals to Barack Obama's game.

Our speaker will be Gary C Smith of Gary C Smith Public Speaking, Trainings, & Clarity Coaching.

Gary began bowling at age nine in 1957. He was a west coast junior champion, went to University of Oregon on a bowling scholarship, spent time on the PBA tour as a young donator, before retiring in 1970. He returned to professional bowling at age 40 as a working professional with the PBA, High Rollers, and Senior tours. He has 86 perfect games, 24 sanctioned.

He began his speaking career in 1971. He specializes in attention, and healthy communication. Seen as a Master of Ceremonies at many events, a published author, artist, and proud grandfather of Trent, Zoë and Gage. He is married for 28 years to Raleen St Smith and resides in Crockett where he has restored the 1893 Gratitude House.



Bowling Ron Gagliardi

Well since football is coming to a close, maybe some of you would like to do something besides reside on your backsides. I know bowling is half over, but we are looking to fill some spots on teams that are missing members. It's a lot of fun, so if you're interested in getting a little exercise, please join us at Monument Bowling Lanes on each Wed at 10:00 am. Please drop by and we can sign you up. You can also call me at 925/682-4012 or e-mail me at rongag@att.net.

SIR Travel

By Tom Eller, Travel Chairman



Pick up brochures, forms, etc., at the travel desk at the luncheons. If we run out of these and you are still interested in the trip, please ask your travel chairman and he will have one sent to you. Payment should be made to the travel agency arranging the event unless otherwise stated:



SIR State Travel Opportunities 2011

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

Apr 23-May 4, 2011 The Legendary Danube (3 nights in Prague, plus 7 night cruise from Nuremberg to Budapest down the Danube River) for \$4395 to \$4995, Brian Serpa, San Jose, Br 141, 408-227-7658 or Rollo Parsons 408-268-5245

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

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

May 10-17, 2011: Rocky Mountaineer Western Explorer (Calgary, Banff, Lake Louise, Jasper, Kamloops and Vancouver) 8 days for \$2999, Mike Console, San Jose, Br 32, 408-246-1080.

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

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

Jun 11-23, 2011: Russian Waterways: (St Petersburg to Moscow on the newest, best equipped riverboat in Russia) night cruise for \$5895 to \$7695, Jim Stoner, San Jose, Br 114, 408-528-0746 or Larry Martinson 408-238-8458.

Jun 13-20 2011: Trains across Colorado (Denver, Durango, Silverton, Cumbres, Toltec, Rio Grande and Pikes Peak) 8 day motor coach trip for \$2270, Werner Schlapfer, Livermore, Br 121, 925-443-8291.

Jul 11-14, 2011: The Laguna Arts Festival & Pageant of the Masters (Motorcoach to Ronald Reagan Presidential Library, The Getty Center, La Brea Tar Pits, Legoland and the Laguna Art Festival. Four days three nights for \$975.00, Gary DeRosa, Amador Br 96, 209-296-4934.

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

Aug 1-12, 2011: Grand Scotland and Ireland Tour (Dublin, Edinburgh, Belfast, Derry with many tours throughout the trip) 12 days for \$3995, Neil Jameson, Ben Lomond, Br 39, 408-972-1054 or Wayne Dawson 408-972-1054.

Sep 1-12, 2011: Danube River Cruise (From Vilshofen, Germany to Budapest, Hungary) 10 day trip, starting at \$ 5145, Rick Wayne, Livermore, Br 101, 925-337-3846.

Sep 16-26, 2011: West Coast Swing (Seattle, Kelowna, Whistler and Vancouver plus 2 night cruise to San Francisco) 10 day trip for \$2980 to \$3220, Allen Daily, San Jose, Br 74, 408-265-8140 or Don House 408-268-1703.

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.



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

The speaker in April will be Derek Southern who will discuss the **Impact of the Cloud!** Cloud Computing is a phrase that is bandied around, but what does it mean? Is it important to regular users who are only using their computers for email? Is it for big business only? The answers to these and other questions will become clear and will help you understand the power of the concept today, and the increasing power in the future. You may be surprised at the low cost of the Cloud! Branch 8 is already investigating a move to the Cloud, come and find out what's planned.

We will also have a Q&A session 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. All SIR members and their guests (spouses included!) are welcome to attend. See you there.

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



Duplicate Bridge

The Branch 116 duplicate bridge group met on March 1st at the Pleasant Hill Bridge Center with 18 players in attendance. The top scoring team for this session was Jack Butler / Dan Greenberg with 65.28 % (47.00 points out of a possible 72). In second place was Bob Wolf / Rudy Gelbert with 61.81 % Third place with 57.64 % was a tie between Joel White / Howard Brandis and Michael Corker / Fred Cochran. Next month we start playing at a new location in Walnut Creek: 2920 Camino Diablo, Suite 100.

Luncheon Bridge

The lunch / bridge group met at Round Hill C.C. on March 8th with 26 men attending. After an excellent lunch, we played 24 hands of bridge. High scorer today with 4,540 points was Lou Sandor, with Ali Aghaiepour in second place with 4,440 points. Third place was taken by Milt Greenstein (4,220), followed by Art Donaldson (4,180), Jai Yee (4,150) and Ron Wohlberg (3,860). This was an exceptionally low scoring day with no slams made, (for the third session in a row !).

On March 22nd, 26 men gathered at Diablo C.C. for lunch and bridge. What a difference between today and the last session ! We had 6 small slams today ! This is the most we have ever had in one day ! Our high scorer was Art Donaldson with 6,330 points. In second place was Ali Aghaiepour (6,080). Third place was taken by Monte Hall (5,860), followed by Dick Chaffee (5,400), Ron Wolberg (5,060) and Jai Yee (4,820). Note that Lou Sandor's score last session wouldn't even have rated an honorable mention today. The 6 small slam bidders were : Art Donaldson / Jack Butler, Ron Wohlberg / Bud Grisante, Bob Wolf / Dick Chaffee, Marv DeHeus / Ron Wohlberg, Ben Yeraka / Ali Aghaiepour and Jai Yee / Dick Chaffee.

REMINDER! Ladies Day Lunch & Bridge: April 28, 11:15 am, Diablo C.C., \$41/couple for lunch and \$5/couple for prize money (6 prizes). We have room for up to 60 players. Need to have reservations by April 25th. The food is excellent, the ambience is excellent and the companionship can't be beat !



SIRS 116



Spring Fling

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

The Elegant Main Ballroom at the Crow Canyon Country Club

711 Silver Lake Drive, Danville, CA 94526 * Ph 735-5700

Wednesday, May 11, 2011

11:30 No Host Social Hour

12:30 Sit-down Luncheon Served

(Full Tables of 8 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

Raffle for the Ladies

Menu:

Entrée – Choice of: 1) Sunburst Chicken Salad (complete lunch), or

*2) Grilled Salmon with Lemon Cream Buerre Blanc, or

*3) Flat Iron Steak with Red Bordelaise Sauce

*Fresh Seasonal Vegetables and Roasted Red Potatoes

Dessert: Strawberry Shortcake

Detach Here

Spring Fling – Crow Canyon Country Club

Must be received no later than May 2, 2011

Name: _____

Sunburst Salad ___ Salmon ___ Steak ___

Name: _____

Sunburst Salad ___ Salmon ___ Steak ___

Make Check to: SIR Branch 116

Number x \$30.00 = \$ _____

Reserve a Table for 8 _____

(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 Al Zavattero, 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.

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.

Golfer Reminder

**Carson City Golf Getaway
September 7-8, 2011**

April 18-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Mon. 04	9:30	Boundary Oak	Jerry Hunter
Mon. 11	9:00	Silverado So.	Bob Vetro
Tues. 19	10:00	Blue Rock E.	Jerry Hunter
Mon. 25	9:30	Rancho Solano	Jerry Hunter

April 9-Hole Schedule

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



18 Hole Results

By David Harris

Lone Tree -- Monday March 28, 2011

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
Mel Williams	73	3	Frank Crua	75	3	John Story	76	3	Carl Langhorst	72	3
Al Zavattero	73	3	Tom Eller	78	2	Max Foust	77	2	Conrad Robertson	74	2
Jim Johnson	74	1	Lonny Randall	78	2	Bob Donohue	79	1	Robbie Robinson	75	1
			Dick Socolich	78	2	Bernie Wroblewski	79	1			
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
Jim Johnson	87		Frank Crua	95		John Story	98		Conrad Robertson	103	

Closest to: Hole #5 - Paul Kim, John Peterson -- Hole #11 - Al Zavattero, Carl Langhorst

Delta View -- Tuesday March 22, 2011

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
David Harris	71	3	Tom Eller	72	3	Bernie Wroblewski	73	3	Art Vogl	70	3
Bill McCord	71	3	Dick Socolich	73	2	John Peterson	77	2	Robbie Robinson	71	2
Al Zavattero	72	1	David Carlson	74	1	Max Foust	79	1	Bill Hemmelsbach	71	2
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
Jim Johnson	88		Tom Eller	92		Bernie Wroblewski	101		Robbie Robinson	102	
Bill McCord	88										

Closest to: Hole #3 - Jerry Hunter, Bernie Wroblewski -- Hole #13 - Paul Kim, Ron Armijo

Boundary Oak -- Monday March 14, 2011

Boundary Oak canceled due to bad weather

Boundary Oak -- Monday March 7, 2011

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
Jim Johnson	70	3	David Carlson	75	3	Bob Testa	74	3	Chuck Gilliam	70	3
David Harris	73	2	Phil Goff	77	2	Phil Jenkins	75	2	Robbie Robinson	74	2
Ben Smith	76	1	Rob Campbell	78	1	John Story	77	1	Carl Langhorst	79	1
			Lonny Randall	78	1						
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
Jim Johnson	83		David Carlson	97		John Story	100		Robbie Robinson	104	
			Paul Kim	97							

Closest to: Hole #2 - Jim Johnson, Robbie Robinson -- Hole #12 - David Harris

Dublin Ranch -- Monday February 28, 2011

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
Jim Clizbe	65	3	David Carlson	65	3	Bob Testa	62	3	Conrad Robertson	63	3
David Harris	66	2	Phil Goff	66	2	Richard Madden	63	2	Chuck Gilliam	65	2
Dirk Meyer	66	2	Lonny Randall	67	1	Gary Boswell	64	1	Bill Hemmelsbach	70	1
						Max Foust	64	1			
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
Jerry Hicks	79		Phil Goff	82		Richard Madden	84		Conrad Robertson	88	
Dirk Meyer	79										

Closest to: Hole #7 - Tom Eller, Max Foust -- Hole #13 - Bernie Wroblewski

2011 18 Hole Leaders

By David Harris

FLIGHT 1		FLIGHT 2		FLIGHT 3		FLIGHT 4	
Index 0.0 - 16.7		Index 16.8 - 21.3		Index 21.4 - 26.5		Index 26.6 - 36.4	
NAME	POINTS	NAME	POINTS	NAME	POINTS	NAME	POINTS
Harris, David	16	Carlson, David	16	Wroblewski, Bernie	14	Robertson, Conrad	16
Zavattero, Al	12	Goff, Phil	13	Foust, Max	12	Gilliam, Chuck	12
Johnson, Jim	11	Crua, Frank	12	Story, John	12	Armijo, Ron	11
Clizbe, Jim	8	Randall, Lonny	12	Testa, Bob	9	Robinson, Robbie	11
McCord, Bill	7	Eller, Tom	8	Donohue, Bob	5	Hemmelsbach, Bill	8
Williams, Mel	7	Socolich, Dick	5	Peterson, John	5	Vogl, Art	6
Meyer, Dirk	6	Kim, Paul	4	Serafino, Al	5	Langhorst, Carl	4
Hicks, Jerry	3	Campbell, Rob	1	Conlon, Bob	4	Kallas, Pete	3
Smith, Wayne	2			Hutchko, Al	3	Cook, Wayne	2
Smith, Ben	1			Jenkins, Phil	2		
Tinguely, Pat	1			Madden, Richard	2		
				Boswell, Gary	1		
				Chaffee, Dick	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

<u>Event Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Monday, April 11	Silverado South *	Mar-5	\$40/\$45
	* Special Event—Guests pay \$45 and can not win prizes		
Tuesday, April 19	Blue Rock East	Apr-8	\$35
Monday, April 25	Rancho Solano	Apr-15	\$43
Monday, May 09	Metropolitan	Apr-29	\$35
Tuesday, May 16	Long Tree **	May-6	\$35
	** Match Play with Branch 146 -- Pleasant Hill		
Monday, May 23	Mare Island	May-6	\$34
Tuesday, May 31	Paradise Valley	May-20	\$43

Send checks made out to SIR Branch 116 Golf, P.O. Box 683, Lafayette, CA 94549-0683



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

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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).

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.