



# Trampas Topics

August, 2011

SIR Branch 116

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

As you may recall at our June Luncheon our Nominating Committee, headed by SIR Jed Daniel, introduced the candidate slate for our 2012 Branch Executive Committee (BEC). The August Luncheon is when the new BEC is elected through your vote so please plan on attending this special event.



Speaking of special events, *don't forget to sign up for the Carson City Golf Get-Away as the deadline is only a few weeks away.*

The event begins on Wednesday September 7<sup>th</sup> and continues through Friday September 9<sup>th</sup>. This is a wonderful three day outing with lots of activities that include but is not limited to three days of socializing at cocktail parties, 3 banquets, lodging, and of course playing golf at two different golf courses all inclusive for one price. There is also playing bridge, shopping, sight seeing, gaming, and much-much more to entertain you. Did you know that there is almost \$1,000 in gifts that will be raffled off – yes that's right! *And of course friends are welcome to attend and it is not required that they be a SIR.* If you like fun and making new friends, come join the party but remember to sign up soon so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

In recent newsletters I have suggested that we should be looking for additional branch activities that would be interesting to members. Our list has grown in the past but I have noticed that in other branches the list far exceeds what we have available. We are not in competition to see who has the most activities but it raises the question of whether we are missing out on activities that might be of great interest to our membership. If there is an activity that you might be interested in participating let our Activities Coordinator, SIR Jerry Kaplan know. You might be surprised that there are others with the same interest.

The date for our Christmas Dinner/Dance has been set for Wednesday December 7 at the Crow Canyon Country Club. Mark your calendar. You can be assured that our Christmas Party Chairman, SIR Jerry Hicks is planning another fabulous extravaganza.

I'll see you at our Luncheon on August 15 and remember to bring a friend.

*Ron Armijo* Big SIR



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by the Thursday prior to  
the meeting to  
cancel your standing reser-  
vation or  
to bring a guest.***

## 2011 SIR 116 Officers & Directors



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945-0637



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939-5342



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551-7734



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837-6913



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831-3692



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827-2828



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820-3274



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935-5439

## 2011 SIR 116 Committee Chairmen

Activities Coordinator	Jerry Kaplan	938-1037	Interviewer	Max Foust	827-9323
Attendance	Jim Nachtweih	838-7417	Membership	Andy Benz	937-5706
Audit	Dick Thomson	785-7600	Membership Roster	Dick Thomson	785-7600
			Music Man	Robbie Robinson	798-4276
Book Club	Rich Black	283-8376	Newsletter Editor	Neil Schmidt	939-5342
Bowling	Ron Gagliardi	682-4012	Newsletter Edtr. Asst.	Phil Goff	831-3692
Bridge	Milt Greenstein	376-5589	Nominating	Jed Daniel	551-7734
Candy Sales	Dirk Meyer	820-6878	Photographers	John Peterson	946-0335
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 Sherinian	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

## August 2011

Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
	1  <b>18-Hole Golf</b> (9:00@ Boundary Oak GC)	2  <b>Duplicate Bridge</b> (9:00@ Diablo Valley Bridge Ctr)	3  <b>9-Hole Golf</b> (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC) <b>18-Hole Golf</b> (9:30@ Boundary Oak GC) <b>Bowling</b> (10:00@Mounument Bowl)	4	5	6
7	8  <b>18-Hole Golf</b> (9:00@ Boundary Oak GC)	9  <b>Luncheon Bridge</b> 11:30@ Round Hill CC)	10  <b>9-Hole Golf</b> (10:00@ Pine Meadow GC) <b>Bowling</b> (10:00@Mounument Bowl)	11	12  <b>Hiking &amp; Walking</b> (8:15@ St. Stephens Dr. Exit, NE Parking Lot)	13
14	15  <b>SIR Br 116 Mtg.</b> (11:30@ Elks Club)	16  <b>18-Hole Golf</b> (9:00@ Vintner's GC) <b>Poker Group 2</b> (1:00@ Diablo CC)	17  <b>9-Hole Golf</b> (10:00@ Diablo Hills GC) <b>Bowling</b> (10:00@Mounument Bowl)	18  <b>Computer &amp; Tech</b> (9:00@ Elks Club)	19	20
21	22  <b>18-Hole Golf</b> (10:00@ Franklin Canyon GC) <b>Book Group Mtg.</b> (10:15@ Orinda Books)	23  <b>Luncheon Bridge</b> (11:30@ Diablo CC) <b>Dine-O-Sirs</b> (6:00@ Round Hill CC)	24  <b>9-Hole Golf</b> (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC) <b>Bowling</b> (10:00@Mounument Bowl) <b>Sums Investment Group</b> (8:00@ Diablo Creek GC)	25  <b>Fishing Group</b> (8:30@ Legends-Diablo Crk)	26  <b>Hiking &amp; Walking</b> (8:15@ Heathers Farm Swin Club)	27
28	29  <b>18-Hole Golf</b> (9:00@ Callippe Preserve GC)	30	31  <b>9-Hole Golf</b> (10:00@ Pine Meadows GC) <b>Bowling</b> (10:00@Mounument Bowl)			



## Membership

Andy Benz

### SIR 116 Membership Status

Total Current Members:	248
Last Month's Inductees:	2
Those in Interview Stage:	3
Total in Process:	5
On Inactive Status:	41
Left the Branch:	0
Waiting to be Installed:	0

### August Birthdays

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

Beria, Mario	Johnson, Raymond L.
Berthold, Erich	Landers, William L.
Breitwieser, Richard	McQueen, Arthur D.
Cochran, Donald G.	McVean, Kirk
Contestable, Pasquale	Rinkert, Otto
Cremolini, Kent A.	Smith, Roger
Crua, Frank R.	Turnquist, William H.
Donohue, Robert E.	Walden, Herman
Dorr, Timothy	White, Joel E.
Hood, Leonard E.	

### July Luncheon Menu

BAKED HAM  
 SCALLOPED POTATOES  
 GREEN BEANS ALMONDINE, COLE SLAW  
 FRESH FRUIT  
 ROLLS & BUTTER, COFFEE & ICE TEA  
 DESSERT ASSORTMENT



## Br. 116 Treasurer's Report

John Peterson, Treasurer

	July 2011	2011 YTD
Contributions	\$ 4,968.85	\$ 36,231.50
Disbursements	\$ (6,585.62)	\$ (36,590.79)
Net (gain/(loss))	\$ <b>(1,616.77)</b>	\$ <b>(359.29)</b>

July Cash Balance \$ 7,223.20



## Lunch Attendance

Jim Nachtweih

Attendance at the July 18, 2011 meeting:

Total:	190
Members:	180
Visitors:	2
Speakers:	3
Guests:	5
Excused:	47
Un-Excused:	19

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

## President's Award



Area 2 Governor Ron Smith presenting "President's Awards" to George Willis and George Hess



## Sunshine Report

Matt Arena

Sir **Dan Pope** passed away on June 28<sup>th</sup>. Dan weathered a long siege of health problems following surgery over three years ago. He spent approximately six months in Kaiser Hospital followed by a year and a half at Stonebrook Convalescent Center in Concord before returning home. Dan had great courage in dealing with his illness and was always positive and upbeat. He will be missed by his many friends.

Sir **Al Hutchko** has had knee replacement surgery at John Muir- Concord Campus. Al was already walking the day following his surgery. He was looking forward to returning home in just four days. We anticipate that his golf will be even better once he returns to the links.

Past Big Sir **Courtney Borrecco** was hospitalized to get another surgery on the same hip. For some reason the ball would not stay in the socket thus the second surgery. He has been in a wheelchair for the better part of this year. Let us hope this is the end of his problems since we all know confinement is not compatible with Courtney's life style.

Sir **Joe Lennon** has been told by his doctor that he has done exceptionally well following his heart valve replacement surgery. Joe is out walking in the neighborhood gaining strength every day. He has given up his walker and is in great spirits.

Sir **Harry Honestein** continues making progress with his physical therapy and is enjoying the time he spends with his support group. Harry is a man of great wisdom and knows that it takes time to recover.

Sir **Art Vogl** was scheduled to play golf at Tilden but paid a visit to the hospital instead with pain in his chest. No, it was not a heart attack. He is doing fine and returned home after a three day hospital stay.

The following members are recovering: Sir **Ed Regalia**, Sir **Vic Johnson**, and Sir **Bob Johnstone**.

For all our members and their wives who are ailing please keep them in your thought. A phone call or card will let them know we are thinking of them.

## New Members



New Member Nick Bowles with Sponsor Dennis Perry



New Member Ed Conger with Sponsor Bob Colan

**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!

## "Dine-O-Sirs" Dinner Group

Ben Smith



In June, the Dine-O herd was out in force at El Torito Mexican restaurant in Concord. We had another great evening with some 106 SIR's and friends attending. Lots of food, Margaritas were cool and a wonderful chance to meet and enjoy new people.

The August event is scheduled for Tuesday, August 23 at the Spectacular Roundhill Country Club, located at 3169 Roundhill Road, Alamo, CA 94507. The social reception will start at 6 PM and dinner is served at 6:45 PM. Roundhill has a reputation for serving excellent food and we have a great Menu set for the dinner.

We will be offering a nice mixed salad to start, with two entrees---Medallions of Pork with Marsala mushroom sauce-- or--**Sliced Roast Sirloin with Choron sauce**, finishing with a delicious **Dessert of Vanilla Cream Brulee**. Dinner cost (All inclusive will be \$35 pp.) **Discount Wine and drink specials will be available through out the evening.**

This should prove to be a lovely evening and the ladies are sure to enjoy this upscale outing.

Any one wishing to make reservations should contact Ben Smith at 925-820-5403 e-mail [bjsssmith@aol.com](mailto:bjsssmith@aol.com) Also, pull up the e-mail flyer that covers all the details of the event.



## 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](mailto:rongag@att.net).

## \$ums Investment Group

Allen Espenmiller



The Area 2 \$ums Investment Group will meet on August 24, 2011, 8:00 AM at the Diablo Creek Golf Course, 4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord. Our speaker will be Peter Karp of Karp Capital Management Corporation of San Francisco. Peter's presentation will cover the following topics: How to Understand the Markets... Creating an Investment Thesis to the end of 2011 and Beyond.... It is all about Politics... You Must Control Risk - Portfolio Management. Rick Karp is one of our most dynamic and informative speakers and he will surely continue with a very informative presentation.

A copy of his presentation will be made available to all who attend. The restaurant opens at 7:00 AM for those who would like to enjoy breakfast with your colleagues. If you would like to read Peter's latest Financial Focus newsletter ( his 2nd quarter report is excellent) go to [www.karpcapital.com](http://www.karpcapital.com) and sign up for his newsletter.

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) 925-376-0421

## SIR Website Addresses

### SIR 116 Web Site

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

### Branch 116 Golf

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

### Trampas Topics

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

### Computer and Technology

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

### SIR Happenings State Newsletter

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

### State SIR Web Site

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



## SIR Fishing Group

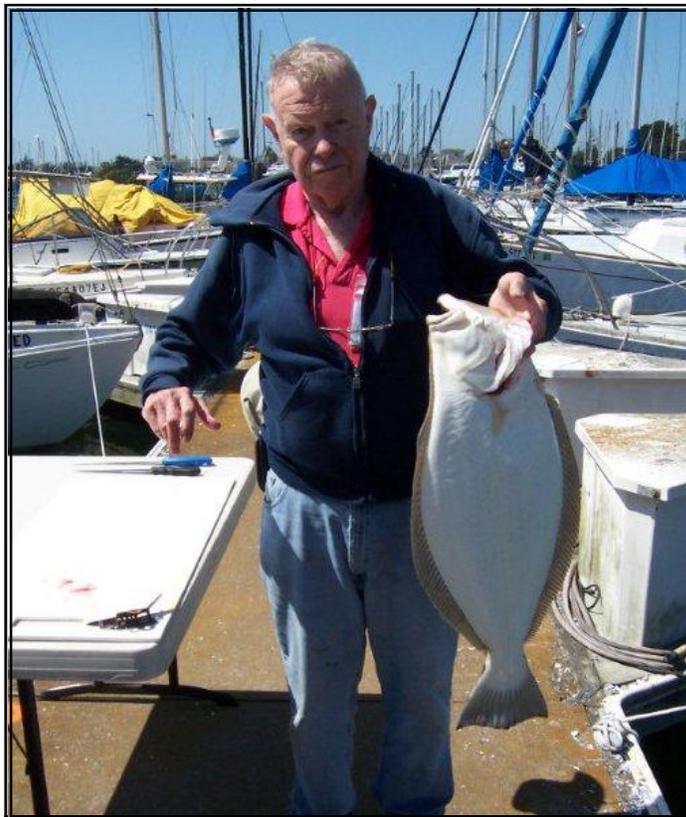
Harry Sherinian

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, August 25th, 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.

Still the odd weather that has plagued us all year persists. The wind and rain have kept us from the delta and bay, and the ocean remains a froth of big waves. Undaunted, our fearless fishermen ventured forth into the froth. Dick Thomson caught a nice halibut on a guided trip with Karl Droese, Carl Moyer and his daughter Leah, Joe Miscione, and Terry Miller. Tom Boltz, Joe Karg, Pete Gates, and Bill Baltezare caught some Kokanee salmon and trout from Lake Berryessa fishing with a guide. Kent Cremolini enjoyed yet another successful long range trip from San Diego, limiting out on yellow-tail, and nearly limiting on Bluefin tuna to 50 lbs. Terry Miller, Craig Walton, George Schulze, Harry Sherinian, Bill Landers, and Karl Droese caught trout at Lake Davis, but the wind and rain hampered their efforts. Richard Ball, Ed Dijkman, Paul Corbitt, and Gary Yancey had a very productive trip to the Columbia River in Oregon, catching about 85 sturgeon and 9 keepers in 3 days. Mike Corker played with sharks and rays in San Pablo bay. John Wall and Bob Olson had fun fly fishing on Fall River for catch and release trout. Gordon Linebaugh caught some Rainbow and Brown Trout at Buck's lake. Gene Schulting went to Canada for Northern Pike to 44 inches and tasty Walleyes. Carl Moyer and Terry Miller caught some small rockfish from the ocean.

We will be very busy this summer with: delta fishing for bass, catfish, and sturgeon, party boat trips for sturgeon, rock fish, salmon, and halibut. 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, August 25th, 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 on 6/24/2011

### DO YOU LIKE:

- Dominos
- Tennis
- Stamp Collecting
- Model Railroading
- Pinochle?

If so, you might want to get involved with one of these SIR Area 2 activities. Contact our Activities Coordinator Jerry Kaplan (938-1037) for more info.

### In Memoriam

**Daniel (Dan) Dope**

*August 31, 1921—July 28, 2011*



## Bridge

Milt Greenstein

The June 28th session at Diablo C.C. had 24 men attending and enjoying a sirloin steak lunch before sitting down to 3 hours of bridge. Our big winner today was Ali Aghaiepour with 6,300 points, followed closely by Charlie Schmidt with 6,190 points. In third place was Jai Yee with 5,950 points, followed by Dick Chaffee ( 5,170 ), Alvin Buchignani ( 4,720 ) and Lou Sandor ( 4,550 ). We had two small slams today made by Charlie Schmidt/Ali Aghaiepour and Bob Wolf/Jerry Christopherson. This was another good scoring day.

The duplicate bridge group met on July 5th at the Diablo Valley Bridge Center, with 20 men attending. Our top scorer with 60.92 points were Bill Sullivan/Howard Brandis. In second place with 56.30 points were Bob Wolf/Oscar Krikorian, followed by Conrad Robertson/Norm Schoenfeld (55.92), Lou Sandor/Lytton DeSilva (52.93) and Jim Nachtweih/Tony Pimintel (47.67).

The lunch/bridge group met at Round Hill C.C. on July 12th with 27 men attending. The high scorer today with 6,910 points was Ali Aghaiepour, with Jai Yee second with 5,800 points, Monte Hall third with 5,120, fourth was Marv DeHues with 4,800, fifth was Charley Schmidt at 4,480 and Lytton DeSilva at sixth with 4,270 points. The day had only one small slam made by Milt Greenstein/Howard Brandis.

The lunch/ bridge group met at Diablo C.C. on July 26 with 30 men attending, our largest group in the last 5 years. Oscar Krikorian was our high scorer today with 7,310 points, the highest core this year. Second place was taken by Ron Wohlberg with 5,130 points, followed by Art Donaldson ( 4,460 ), Jack Butler ( 4,180 ), Jai Yee ( 4,130 ) and Marv DeHeus ( 4,050 ). We had 3 small slams today by Oscar Krikorian / Dick Chaffee, Art Donaldson / Ron Wohlberg and Jim Nachtweih / Ron Wohlberg. Despite the high score by Oscar, the overall average for the day was almost 300 points below our year to date average, one of the lowest of the year.

**Note:** Our next semi-annual LADIES DAY event will be held on October 18 at the Diablo C.C. Mark your calendars !



## Hiking & Walking

Joel White

The first walk in July was enjoyed on a beautiful day by the Blacks, Greens, Whites, DeSilvas, and Donaldsons. Coffee and conversation followed at the Terrazzo Café in Moraga.

The walk on **Friday August 12** Will be led by Lytton DeSilva, [lyttonaudrey@comcast.net](mailto:lyttonaudrey@comcast.net), 254-5289. This Walk will meet at 8:15 am and depart from the northeast parking area of the St. Stephens drive exit from highway 24. Please RSVP to Lytton for this walk.

The walk on **Friday August 26** at 8:15 am will be lead Art Donaldson. Meeting place will be in front of the Heather Farms swim club in Walnut Creek. Please RSVP to ART 934-8391; [dnldsn@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dnldsn@sbcglobal.net).

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

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

## Trampas Topics Submissions



We need your contributions and suggestions for Trampas Topics. Please send photos, news items, SIR activities, and Letters to the Editor to:

Neil Schmidt, Trampas Topics Editor  
[trampastopics@gmail.com](mailto:trampastopics@gmail.com)



## Br. 116 Book Club

Rich Black

### The Candy Bombers

On Monday, July 25, the SIR Book Group discussed *“The Candy Bombers, the Untold story of the Berlin Airlift and America’s Finest Hour”* by Andrei Cherny. Wow, what a lot of detail about Truman, Forrestal, Clay, and LeMay, men who were familiar to us in name only when we were boys and young men, and people like Tunner and Halvorsen who we had never hear of but who actually had quite an impact on our lives. It turns out that the story of the blockade of Berlin is the opening chapter of the story of the cold war. The group awarded it 4.35 stars, mostly on the strength of how much it told us about the men and events of the times. Richard Black led the discussion with Lytton DeSilva, Al Reynolds, Jack Buttler, Art Donaldson, Jim Scott, Bob Mathews, Bob Daily, Dick Kaufman, and Jerry Christopherson participating.

The group will next meet on August 22 at Orinda Books at 10:15 AM to discuss

*“Word of Honor”* by Nelson DeMille. What are the repercussions some years later of a Viet Nam fire-fight? Get a copy and join us.

## 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 Neil Schmidt

### Fall Prevention

The #1 killer for people over 75 is falls. “Meals on Wheels and Fall Protection” is a non-profit organization serving 800+ meals per day to needy folks. They have recently started a new program called Fall Prevention (like falling down). They currently have 2 groups of 10 in their initial classes (Many participants were from SIR Branch 8).

Phil Trapp is a personal trainer certified by the American College of Sports Medicine and is focused on seniors training. He and an applicant from Branch 8 were the primary trainers helping to improve balance and strength of the older folks in this initial training. The program takes place at a gym in downtown Walnut Creek.

Jennifer Mountain, the program manager for the Fall Protection Program, will be assisting Phil in the presentation.

## 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](mailto:mgkplan@astound.net).



SIRS Pay Homage to the Golf Gods on the 'Signature' Third Tee at Tilden Park (Pat Tinguely, Bill Hemmelsbach, Chuck Gilliam)

# 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

**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, jamesons@pacbell.net, or Wayne Dawson 408-972-1054.

**Aug 18-28, 2011: Alaska with Princess Crises.** (Juneau, Skagway, Ketchikan, Victoria, BC and Glacier Bay. 11 day cruise for \$1890 to \$2590. Dale Prior, Auburn, Br 37, 530-878-9089.

**Sep 12-20, 2011: A Journey Down the Crooked Road** (Virginia's Crooked Road is a trail through Southwest Virginia and the Blue Ridge Mt. The region is home to the World's Capital of Old Time Mountain Music. There are eight major music venues on this trip to enjoy.) 9 days for \$2921, Richard Small, Pleasanton, Br 34, 925-462-1204.

**Sep 12-22, 2011: The Enchantment of Lake Michigan**, (Detroit, Mackinac, Green Bay, and Chicago) features: Greenfield Village, Ford Museum, House on the Rock, and Frank Lloyd Wrights Home School, Chicago Mercantile and Sears Tower. 10 day trip for \$ 2885. Bob Hagler, Walnut Creek , Br 8, 925-934-7620.

**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.

**Sep 24-29, 2011: (Custer State Park, Rapid City South Dakota)** for annual buffalo roundup staying at Palmer Gulch Lodge, includes stops a Mt Rushmore and Crazy Horse Memorial, 6 day bus trip for

\$1480. Bruce Bentley, Santa Cruz, Br. 20, 831-465-6590.

**Sep 13-20, 2011: Wild West, Cowboys & Buffalos** (Grand Teton Nat'l Park, Yellowstone Nat'l Park, Cody, Black Hills, Crazy Horse monument, Mt Rushmore Hill City and Bear Country USA) 7 night for \$1550 to \$1995, Henry Puccinelli, San Rafael, Area 6, 415-457-3990.

**Oct 1-11, 2011: Canada & New England Cruise** (Montreal, Quebec, Charlottetown, Sydney, Halifax, Bar Harbor, Boston and New York) 10 day cruise for \$4720 to \$6057. Bob Spellman, Walnut Creek, Br 146, 925-934-8428.

**Oct 2-13, 2011: Grand Tour of Italy** (Montecatini, Rome, Sorrento, Venice, Florence, Naples, Pompeii, and Capri.) 11 night bus trip for \$4115, Joe Guerrero, 510-326-4196 or Emile Lassalle, Castro Valley, Br 26, 510-538-7463

**Oct 4-15, 2011: National Parks of the Southwest** (Bryce Canyon, Zion, Lake Powell, Monument Valley, Mesa Verde, Arches and Canyonland Park, and Mormon Tabernacle Choir) 15 days for \$1975, John Thomason, Santa Rosa, Br 92, 707-538-1016

**Oct 5-11, 2011: Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta.** ( 2 nights Albuquerque, 2 nights Santa Fe and 2 nights Taos. Complete trip from your home. Cost \$2590, Jerry Wisenor, Lodi, Br 145, 209-334-5181.

**Oct 9-28, 2011: Exploring New Zealand** ( Auckland, Bay of Islands, Rotorua, Wellington, Christchurch, Queenstown, Milford Sound and Mt Cook) 20 day trip for \$5329, Bill Rodman, San Jose, Br 38, 408-274-4521 or Tom Lamp 408-274-0666.

Contact Tom Eller for more details on these and other trips (tomeller2000@yahoo.com)

## 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, August 18th at 9am.

eBook Readers and Tablets

Have you been considering buying a Kindle or another brand of eReader? How about an iPad or another Tablet computer? Confused about which to buy? Neil Schmidt will describe the features of all the electronic book readers and tablet computers currently on the market. Find out what they can do for you and which one you may wish to buy.

**Neil asks attendees with eReaders and/or tablets to bring their own devices to the meeting.**

We always have The Gurus of A2CAT whose advice is 'priceless', so bring your vexing questions for their consideration.

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.

Thank you for supporting your Area 2 Computer and Technology Group.



On July 28, 4 to 6:30 pm, Carl Cline will host the Wine Tasting activity. Carl plans to introduce and discuss Chilean wines. For more information about joining this group, contact Al Reynolds - 254-1576.

## CARSON CITY GOLF GETAWAY

The deadline for signing up for the Carson City Golf Getaway is fast approaching, so get your entry form in because this is one event you don't want to miss. For your convenience **the entry form on Page 8 in this issue of the "Trampas Tropics"** and is also on the golf web site.

Past participants consider this to be the best golfing of the year. The golf courses are excellent, the food is great, the cocktails are hosted, there are many free raffle prizes, the ladies have a bridge event; plus there are lots of sights to visit in the area and shopping galore for the ladies. Remember guests are more than welcome so invite them to join you in Carson City.

If you have any questions contact Tim Hubbard at 944-0742 or by e-mail at [tthubbs@astound.net](mailto:tthubbs@astound.net)



SAVE THE DATE FOR  
SIR 116 CHRISTMAS PARTY  
AN ELEGANT EVENING  
DINNER DANCE

The annual Christmas Dinner Dance will be held at the Crow Canyon Country Club on Wednesday evening, December 7th, beginning at 6:00. Dance music will be provided by Mike Vincent Productions. Tell your spouses/ significant other to mark this fun, exciting, gourmet dining extravaganza on your calendars now!

Jerry Hicks, Party Chair

# SIR BRANCH 116

## 2011 CARSON CITY GOLF GETAWAY

### SEPTEMBER 7-8-9, 2011



Sept. 8 at Silver Oak 8:30 Shotgun  
 Sept. 9 at Eagle Valley West (men) 8:00 Shotgun  
 Sept. 9 at Eagle Valley West (Ladies) 8:30 Tees

36 holes of golf, including cart



#### Staying at Hardman House

Includes continental breakfast  
 Golfer...\$363.00 Double Occupancy  
 Non-Golfer...\$258.00 Dbl Occupancy  
 Single ... \$462.00

#### Staying at the City Center Motel

Golfer...\$321.00 Double Occupancy  
 Non-Golfer...\$216.00 Dbl Occupancy  
 Single ... \$357.00

#### ALSO INCLUDES:

Open bar and buffet dinner all 3 nights  
 Golf balls, tee prizes, and raffle prizes  
 Food, gaming, and bar coupons

Prize money of \$15.00 per player collected upon arrival



### Entry deadline is August 23



Mail to: **Tim Hubbard**  
**1744 Carriage Drive**  
**Walnut Creek, CA 94598-1120**



**Non-Golfers!!**  
***A Ladies Bridge Event is being planned—***  
***Please indicate your interest below\*\****



**Please complete the form and circle your selections**  
**Hardman House or City Center Motel**

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Golfer Non-Golfer \*\*

2. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Golfer Non-Golfer \*\*

Golfer's NCGA GHIN # 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to cover my reservation

Please make checks payable to **SIR Branch 116 Golf**

Your e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\* I'm Interested in Playing Bridge – One Day or Both Days (circle choice)

For Questions: e-mail Tim at [tthubbs@astound.net](mailto:tthubbs@astound.net) or call (925) 944-0742

# 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.

## August 18-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Mon. 01	9:00	Boundary Oak	Bill McCord
Mon. 08	9:00	Boundary Oak	Bill McCord
Tues. 16	9:00	Vintner's	Bill McCord
Mon. 22	10:00	Franklin Cyn.	Bill McCord
Mon. 29	9:00	Callipe Pres.	Bill McCord

## Nine Hole Info

Dick Chaffee, 9-Hole Chairman



SIR 116 9-Hole Golf Club membership is open to all Branch members and guests regardless of your golfing ability. We play every Wednesday starting at 10:00am. We rotate playing Buchanan Fields, Concord, Pine Meadows, Martinez and Diablo Hills, Walnut Creek.

The 9 Hole Golf Club is organized into a single flight. The weekly Champion is the player with the lowest net score. The weekly Champion is awarded 3 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> place 2 and 3<sup>rd</sup> place 1. The 2009 Champion will be the golfer with the highest point total.

In December, we will again hold our 9 Hole Golf Championship Tournament. The Tournament will be 3 rounds of golf. One round at each of the courses we play. The Tournament Champion will be the golfer with lowest net total for 2 rounds. If a participant plays all 3 rounds, he can choose which 2 rounds will count.



Bill McCord receiving an award from Al Zavattero for "Shooting his age" (again).

## August 9-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Wed. 03	10:00	Buchanan Fields	Dick Chaffee
Wed. 10	10:00	Pine Meadow	D. McClaughy
Wed. 17	10:00	Diablo Hills	Mike Murphy
Wed. 24	10:00	Buchanan Fields	Dick Chaffee
Wed. 31	10:00	Pine Meadow	D. McClaughy



# 18 Hole Results

By David Harris

## Tilden Park -- Monday July 25, 2011

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
Pat Tinguely	70	3	Bob Nichols	69	3	John Peterson	64	3	Bill Hemmelsbach	70	3
Jimmy Johnson	71	2	Phil Goff	72	2	Phil Jenkins	69	2	Matt Arena	72	2
Mel Williams	72	1	David Carlson	73	1	John Story	72	1	Carl Langhorst	72	2
									John Maclay	72	2
									Conrad Robertson	72	2
<b>Low Gross</b>			<b>Low Gross</b>			<b>Low Gross</b>			<b>Low Gross</b>		
Jimmy Johnson	82		Phil Goff	89		John Peterson	94		Conrad Robertson	99	

Closest to: Hole #4 - Jimmy Johnson, Matt Arena -- Hole #11 - Jimmy Johnson, Phil Jenkins

## Deer Ridge -- Monday July 19, 2011

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
Mel Williams	64	3	David Carlson	65	3	John Peterson	64	3	Bill Hemmelsbach	68	3
Jimmy Johnson	70	2	Frank Crua	66	2	Alex Lutkus	65	2	Carl Langhorst	69	2
Bill McCord	70	2	Phil Goff	69	1	Al Serafino	65	2	Art Vogl	71	1
<b>Low Gross</b>			<b>Low Gross</b>			<b>Low Gross</b>			<b>Low Gross</b>		
Mel Williams	79		Frank Crua	86		Phil Jenkins	92		Conrad Robertson	100	
						John Story	92				

Closest to: Hole #7 - Frank Crua -- Hole #13 - Lonny Randall, John Peterson

## Diablo Creek -- Monday July 11, 2011

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
Mel Williams	73	3	Lonny Randall	70	3	John Peterson	72	3	Bill Hemmelsbach	65	3
David Harris	73	3	David Carlson	71	2	Phil Jenkins	73	2	Chuck Gilliam	65	3
Al Zattero	75	1	Frank Crua	74	1	Gary Boswell	74	1	Conrad Robertson	70	1
<b>Low Gross</b>			<b>Low Gross</b>			<b>Low Gross</b>			<b>Low Gross</b>		
David Harris	87		Lonny Randall	86		Phil Jenkins	98		Conrad Robertson	96	
Mel Williams	87					John Story	98				

Closest to: Hole #4 - Mel Williams, John Story -- Hole #17 - Frank Crua, Al Serafino

## Boundary Oak -- Wednesday July 6, 2011

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
Bill Clark	69	3	Frank Crua	69	3	Bernie Wroblewski	74	3	Chuck Gilliam	70	3
Jim Johnson	69	3	Phil Goff	74	2	John Story	75	2	Bill Hemmelsbach	73	2
Mel Williams	70	1	David Carlson	75	1	Bob Testa	77	1	Matt Arena	74	1
			Jerry Hunter	75	1						
			Lonny Randall	75	1						
<b>Low Gross</b>			<b>Low Gross</b>			<b>Low Gross</b>			<b>Low Gross</b>		
Jim Johnson	80		Frank Crua	89		John Story	98		Chuck Gilliam	109	

Closest to: Hole #2 - Jim Johnson -- Hole #12 - Frank Crua, Joe Ostler

# 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	31	Carlson, David	43	Peterson, John	27	Robertson, Conrad	40
Johnson, Jim	31	Goff, Phil	33	Foust, Max	25	Hemmelsbach, Bill	32
Williams, Mel	29	Crua, Frank	29	Story, John	25	Gilliam, Chuck	24
Zavattero, Al	23	Randall, Lonny	22	Wroblewski, Bernie	23	Robinson, Robbie	24
McCord, Bill	17	Kim, Paul	15	Testa, Bob	17	Langhorst, Carl	15
Clizbe, Jim	12	Eller, Tom	13	Donohue, Bob	13	Arena, Matt	11
Meyer, Dirk	11	Socolich, Dick	5	Jenkins, Phil	13	Armijo, Ron	11
Clark, Bill	8	Hunter, Jerry	4	Chaffee, Dick	8	Cook, Wayne	11
Schmidt, Neil	7	Campbell, Rob	3	Serafino, Al	7	Vogl, Art	7
Tinguely, Pat	6	Cannon, Larry	3	Hutchko, Al	5	Kallas, Pete	3
Smith, Wayne	4	Nichols, Bob	3	Conlon, Bob	4	Maclay, John	2
Hicks, Jerry	3	Birmingham, Pat	1	Boswell, Gary	3		
Smith, Ben	1			Lutkus, Alex	2		
				Madden, Richard	2		
				Roberts, Don	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>
Tuesday August 16	Vintner's	Aug-5	45 / 40
Vintner's is a special event -- guest pay \$40 but can not win prizes			
Monday August 22	Franklin Canyon	Aug-12	40
Monday August 29	Callippe Preserve	Aug-19	47
Wed - Fri September 7-9	Carson City	Aug-23	
Monday September 12	Tilden Park	Sep-2	37
Tuesday September 20	Lone Tree	Sep-9	35
Monday September 26	Lake Chabot	Sep-16	30

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



RETURN TO: Neil Schmidt  
2231 San Miguel Dr.  
Walnut Creek, CA  
94596-5805

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### **Rules of Attendance and Membership for SIR Branch 116**

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

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

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

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

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### **Non Responsibility Declaration**

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

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### **Checks for Trips**

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