



Trampas Topics

December, 2011

SIR Branch 116

Next Meeting: 11:30 am,
Monday, January 16, 2012
Elks Lodge—1475 Creekside Dr,
Walnut Creek, CA 94596

A Nonprofit Public Benefit Organization for Retired Men Enjoying Active Retirement

Sayings of 2011 Big Sir Ron Armijo

Congratulations to SIR William J. Hayes who in November achieved the Milestone Of Life as a Senior SIR at 90 receiving the President's Award presented by our Area 2 Governor SIR Ron Smith. Also, congratulations and a big welcome goes to our 7 new Sir's inducted at our November luncheon who are; Sir's, David Butner, Peter Coggiola, Joe Collins, Roger Colton, Alan Fitzgerald, Garret Gervin, and Kenneth W. Sandy.



Our membership count rebounded this last month. For the year, we began the year with 251 active members and YTD through our luncheon in November we reached a membership level of 253. Over the year we lost 17 members due to either leaving the branch for personal reasons or passing away and we gained 19. Our goal for the year was 25 new members and with 19 new members we achieved 76% of our goal. Our new recruiting team is already showing results and I am looking forward to even greater results next year.

Your attendance this year at our monthly luncheons has been outstanding. I received a congratulatory note from our incoming SIR President, SIR James Stedman indicating that our luncheon attendance numbers this year are one of the highest in all of SIR. Congratulations! We must be doing something right.

Let us all remember our fellow Sir's and their loved ones who have passed away this year: Past Big Sir and former Area Governor SIR Art Miller; Harry Honestein's wife Virginia; SIR Warren Westrup; SIR Dick Gusey; Past Big Sir Carmen Rizzo; Sir Bill Hartung's wife Betty; Sir Werner Fend's wife Helen; Sir Dan Pope.

Our annual Branch 116 Christmas Dinner/Dance is almost here. I hope many of you will be there. Our Christmas Event Chairman, Sir Jerry Hicks, has been working very hard and has a wonderful event planned.

Well, it is time to sign off. Thank you for all of your support over the year, have a wonderful and joyful Christmas Holiday and a safe and prosperous New Year. I'll see you in 2012.

Ron Armijo Big SIR



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by the Thursday prior to
the meeting to
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945-0637



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935-5439

2011 SIR 116 Committee Chairmen

Activities Coordinator	Jerry Kaplan	938-1037	Interviewer	Max Foust	827-9323
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			Music Man	Robbie Robinson	798-4276
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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-Sir	Ben Smith	820-5403	Storytellers	Rotating	#2 See Below
Duplicate Bridge	Mike Corker	872-7525	Sums In Retirement	Ben Smith	820-5403
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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

December 2011

Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
				1	2	3
4	5 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC) 18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Boundary Oak GC) Book Group Mtg. (10:15@ Orinda Books)	6 Duplicate Bridge (9:00@ Diablo Valley Bridge Ctr)	7 Bowling (10:00@ Clayton Valley Bowl & Diablo Lanes)	8	9 Hiking & Walking (8:15@ Lafayette Christian Church)	10
11	12 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Pine Meadow GC) 18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Boundary Oak GC)	13 Luncheon Bridge (11:30@ Round Hill CC)	14 Bowling (10:00@ Clayton Valley Bowl & Diablo Lanes)	15 Fishing Group (8:30@ Legends-Diablo Crk)	16	17
18	19 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC)	20 Poker Group 2 (1:00@ Diablo CC) 18-Hole Golf (9:06@ Lone Trees GC)	21 Bowling (10:00@ Clayton Valley Bowl & Diablo Lanes)	22	23	24
Christmas	26 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Diablo Hills GC)	27 Luncheon Bridge (11:30@ Diablo CC) 18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Delta View GC)	28 Bowling (10:00@ Clayton Valley Bowl & Diablo Lanes)	29	30	31



Membership

Andy Benz

SIR 116 Membership Status

Total Current Members:	253
Last Month's Inductees:	7
Those in Interview Stage:	2
Total in Process:	9
On Inactive Status:	45
Left the Branch:	0
Waiting to be Installed:	0



Lunch Attendance

Jim Nachtweih

Attendance at the November 21, 2011 meeting:

Total:	209
Members:	193
Visitors:	2
Speakers:	1
Guests:	13
Excused:	40
Un-Excused:	20

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

December Birthdays

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

John E. Antczak	Larry A. Heaton
William G. Best	Philip Jenkins
Edward B. Berkson	Norm P. Jokerst
Patrick J. Bermingham	Walter Kawecki, JR
Robert Bowles	Leonard A. Komor
John A. Butler, JR	Bob L. Milano
Edward Cole	Conrad Robertson
Joe E. Collins	Wayne V.R. Smith
Marvin P. DeHeus	Leslie D. Wareham
David C. Harris	Douglas R. Waterman
Timothy T. Hubbard	



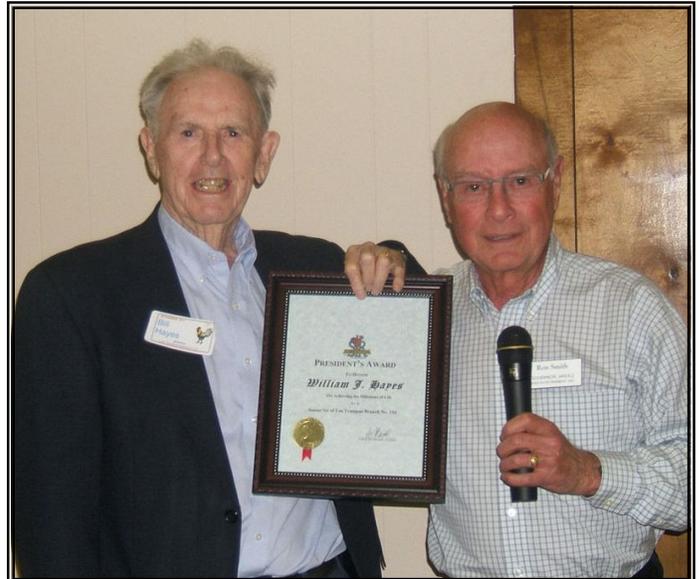
Br. 116 Treasurer's Report

John Peterson, Treasurer

	Nov. 2011	2011 YTD
Contributions	\$ 5,725.00	\$ 57,109.50
Disbursements	\$ (169.66)	\$ (54,430.75)
Net (gain/(loss))	\$ 5,555.34	\$ 2,678.75

November Cash Balance \$ 10,261.24

President's Award



Bill Hayes Receiving the President's Award from Area 2 Governor Ron Smith

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.



Sunshine Report

Matt Arena

Past Big Sir **Frank Dillon** after 2 years following radiation treatment has gone through 8 weeks of new therapy for a return of his squamous cell carcinoma. Frank is doing very well except for being tired. He and Dorothy are out and about enjoying lunch and dinner together but he looks forward to returning to his golf. They live on a golf course so the temptation is always at their back door.

Sir **Don Stedman** has returned to our luncheons. It was good to see Don among his friends. He has had a cochlear implant for his hearing. He hears beautifully now. The clock on the mantle can be heard, the shifter for turn signals in his car can be heard as well as he no longer needs to read the captions on his TV to enjoy the programs. Isn't technology wonderful especially for our age group?

Past Big Sir **Courtney Borrecco** continues with his therapy at Muir Orthopedic Specialists .He is expecting to try water therapy to strengthen his leg which is affected by Parkinson's. The surgery on his hip has turned out extremely well .Now he needs to get back strength in the other leg.

Sir **Al Hutchko** must have loved the first knee operation this year since he had the other knee operated on the day following our luncheon. I called him at the hospital and he was ready to be discharged. There is no stopping the members of our Branch.

Sir **Joe Lennon** had a stroke recently which fortunately has left him with virtually no deficits. The doctors need an MRI to determine the cause of the stroke. Looks like Joe will have to reschedule his MRI since they were unable to inject the dye. He is set to try again now that he has an appointment with an infusion center.

Sir **Harry Honstein** is working very hard to get his strength back. When you lack energy it is difficult to get out and do some exercise. The doctors say they can find nothing wrong with him. This is a mystery he wants solved. I know he would appreciate a call.

This is the end of another year where some of our members are dealing with difficult health issues. I can pass along that speaking or visiting with our members assures all that we are from the GREAT GENERATION .These men handle adversity with courage. Here is hoping you and your family have good health in the coming year.



\$ums Investment Group

Allen Espenmiller

The Area 2 \$ums Investment Group will not meet in December 2011. Our next meeting will be on January 25, 2012. Meeting details to follow in the January 2012 newsletter.

The first reindeer seen in a bar

One evening, in a busy lounge in the deep south, a reindeer walked in the door, bellied up to the bar and ordered a martini. Without batting an eye, the bartender mixed and poured the drink, set it in front of the reindeer, and accepted the twenty-dollar bill from the reindeer's hoof.

As he handed the reindeer some coins in change, he said, "You know, I think you're the first reindeer I've ever seen in here."

The reindeer looked hard at the hoofful of change and said, "Hmmpf. Let me tell you something, buddy. At these prices, I'm the last reindeer you'll see in here."



New Members



New Members Peter Coggiola and Garrett Girvan with Sponsor Bernie Wroblewsky



New Members Roger Colton, Joe Collins and Dave Butner with Sponsor Ron Armijo

Want a Free Lunch ? Sponsor a New Member !

SIR Branch 116 Toastmasters

Thought is being given to forming a Toastmasters club exclusively for Area 2 SIR and their spouses. If you're interested in improving your public speaking skills, enjoying yourself, and meeting some new SIR and their spouses all at the same time, please call John Peterson at 946-0335 for more information.

Dreaming of a White Christmas?

The elves are busy and Santa is making his final preparations for our annual Christmas Dinner Dance. The finely decorated Crow Canyon Country Club is the host of our winter extravaganza on Wednesday, December 7. With a choice menu, the ladies and the men from Branch 116 will revel in the music furnished by DJ Mike Vincent with songs from old as well as new. Our Big SIR, Ron Armijo, will turn over the leadership to incoming Big SIR Neil Schmidt. Santa's elves will deliver gifts to a few lucky participants. Will you be one? It will be an evening of good dining, good friends, and good times. See you there.

Jerry Hicks, Party Chair



Luncheon Speaker Bill Green talking about his Vietnam wartime experiences



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, December 15th, 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, the winds of 2011 continued unabated, and winter made an early appearance. In this tough fishing year, 8 tough fishermen went to Davis Lake in late October conquering the elements and the fish. Terry Miller, Harry Sherinian, Bill Landers, Ed Djikman, Rich Bal, John O'Brien, Dick Thomson and Karl Droese all caught beautiful rainbow trout from 16 to 20 inches. Meanwhile, closer to home, Carl Moyer fished with John O'Brien and Harry Sherinian on the ocean for Rockfish and Ling Cod, with Steve Nelson catching small sturgeon from Pittsburg, and with his daughter on Shadow Cliffs catching 4 nice rainbows to 3 lbs. Harry Sherinian caught a strong 50 inch sturgeon fishing with Terry Miller near Pittsburg. Joe Peterson caught a hefty 12 pound striped bass from the Sacramento River. Mario Moratorio fished Lake Berryessa 4 times, catching good sized king salmon, rainbow trout, and smallmouth bass to 3 pounds. Fishing with Mario were Joe Miscione, Paul Dubow, Jim Lynch, and Karl Droese. Rick Fend braved a rough ocean that kept everyone else at home to go on a rock cod/crab combo trip out the gate. Despite the rough conditions, Rick brought home 6 big crab and a nice limit of Rock Fish. Joe Karg, Paul Dubow, Terry Miller and Carl Moyer fished the Sacramento river near Pittsburg for 3 good sized stripers.

We will be very busy this winter with: delta fishing for bass, catfish, and sturgeon, trout in local lakes, party boat trips for kokanee, sturgeon, crab and rock fish.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, December 15th, 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.)



Harry Sherinian 50" Sturgeon



Terry Miller's Stripers



Carl Moyer 32 lb. Salmon



Bridge

Milt Greenstein

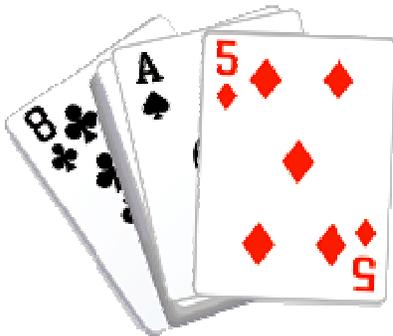
Duplicate Bridge

The duplicate bridge group met on November 1 at the Diablo Valley Bridge Center with 22 men attending. With a respectable 64.06 % score (69.19 points out of a possible 108), Dick Chaffee / Bill Sullivan came in first followed by Dan Green / Joel White with 63.02 % (68.06 points). In third place was Oscar Krikorian / Bob Kahl (59.90 %). Fourth place went to Mike Corker / Rudy Gebert (57.30 %) and fifth place to Jim Nachtweih / Dan Greenberg (50.00 %).

Luncheon Bridge

On November 8th, 23 men met at the Round Hill C. C. for lunch and bridge. Today was a high scoring day, with an average player score of 4,045 points, the second highest average this year ! Our top scorer today was Ali Aghaiepour with 6,210 points, followed by Bob Wolf (5,940), Marv DeHeus and Charley Schmidt (tied at 4,920), Jack Butler (4,900) and Milt Greenstein (4,850). We had 2 small slams today, made by the teams of TonyRohrs / Charley Schmidt and Jack Butler / Ali Aghaiepour.

On November 22nd, 25 men met at Diablo C.C. for lunch and bridge. Today's winner was Jai Yee with 5,830 points. In second place was Jack Butler (5,820 points, only 10 points behind), followed by Hal Redsun (4,840), Ron Wohlberg (4,670), Milt Greenstein (4,490) and Fred Massaro (4,460). Three teams made small slams : Milt Greenstein / Bud Grisanti, Jerry Christopherson / Tony Rohrs and Jack Butler / Jai Yee.



Bowling

Ron Gagliardi

Everyone had a good time at the tournament held Tuesday & Wednesday Nov 15th & 16th, George Kapus and I bowled with a couple from Sacramento and two people from Napa. [Badge No. 170] We enjoyed their company. Till next time this is your bowling chairman. Please contact me if anyone would like to bowl. Thank You, Ron G



Wine Appreciation Group

Al Reynolds

Wine Tasting events are held every other month on the last Thursday of the month from 4 to 6:30 pm. We meet at members' homes on a rotating basis, with the host selecting the wines and finger foods. Usually, four to five different wines are tasted and discussed. The cost is normally between \$5 and \$10 per person. Both SIR members and their wives are invited to attend these informal and convivial gatherings. Contact Al Reynolds, 925/254-1576, for more information.

SIR Website Addresses

SIR 116 Web Site

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

Branch 116 Golf

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

Trampas Topics

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

Computer and Technology

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

SIR Happenings State Newsletter

www.sirinc.org/sirhappenings

State SIR Web Site

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



Br. 116 Book Club

Rich Black

Tuxedo Park

On Monday, December 5, at Orinda Books at 10:15 AM the SIR Book Group will discuss "Tuxedo Park, A Wall Street Tycoon and the Secret Palace of Science that Changed the Course of World War II" by Jennet Conant.

The January meeting, to be held at the same place and time on January 23, will read Gallipoli by Alan Moorehead.

Golfing with an older man

A young man who was also an avid golfer found himself with a few hours to spare one afternoon. He figured if he hurried and played very fast, he could get in nine holes before he had to head home. Just as he was about to tee off an old gentleman shuffled onto the tee and asked if he could accompany the young man as he was golfing alone. Not being able to say no, he allowed the old gent to join him.

To his surprise the old man played fairly quickly. He didn't hit the ball far, but plodded along consistently and didn't waste much time. Finally, they reached the 9th fairway and the young man found himself with a tough shot. There was a large pine tree right in front of his ball - and directly between his ball and the green.

After several minutes of debating how to hit the shot the old man finally said, "You know, when I was your age I'd hit the ball right over that tree."

With that challenge placed before him, the youngster swung hard, hit the ball up, right smack into the top of the tree trunk and it thudded back on the ground not a foot from where it had originally lay.

The old man offered one more comment, "Of course, when I was your age that pine tree was only three feet tall."

"Dine-O-Sir" Dinner Group

Ben Smith



Dine-O-Sir's last outing of the for 2011 was held October 19th at LeCheval restaurant in Walnut Creek. We had a great time and the extensive Menu was excellent. We had a full house once again, with 90 people in attendance.

Our next Dine-out will take place near the end of January. We do not schedule outings in November or December as to not conflict with the "Christmas Dinner/Dance" which will take place at Crow Canyon Country Club on December 7th. This should prove to be another outstanding affair and we look forward to large number of Branch members/Wives/friends enjoying this festive evening. The Country Club will be in full Christmas decoration and it could prove to be a highlight of the Holiday season.

Bocce Ball

Jerry Kaplan

Several SIR 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.



Computer & Technology

Derek Southern & Phil Goff



The Area 2 Computer and Technology group does not meet in December, so please plan to attend the next meeting at the Elks Club on Thursday, January 19, 2012 starting at 9am. The topic will be announced next month.



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:



2011 Travel Opportunities

Dec 7, 2011 Christmas Show Extravaganza. Finocchio's Style. You will be talking about this show for months. Finocchio's was a nightclub in San Francisco with men performing with all the glitter, sophistication and glamour of women. It was a favorite tourist spot from the 1930's to 1990's. In 1999 Finocchio's closed its doors but many of the cast members are still performing and will showcase their talents at this show. Enjoy this fabulous show and a fun filled afternoon. Cost \$81.00 includes, delicious luncheon, motorcoach transportation, and class of wine. Contact **Ken Richter** @ 689-6217. Payment must be received by 10/25/11.

Dec 16, 2011 Beach Blanket Babylon. Enjoy a musical comedy performance. New ideas have been added that will keep you laughing and applauding for more. Included is a hosted dinner at Firenze by Night. Depart Heather Farms by Motorcoach at 3:00 PM Cost \$110 pp. Contact **Bob Hagler** Branch 8, 925-934-7620, for more information.

2012 Travel Opportunities

Jan 21-27, 2012: Florida Keys Adventure (Enjoy a prime time visit to Miami, Key Largo, the Florida Keys, and 4 nights in Key West. Trip includes home pick up, all transfers, air and motorcoach transportation, tours, hotels, 13 meals and all taxes, 7 day cost is \$3380 to \$3975. Roy Jordan, San Jose, Br 62, 408-735-8765 or Jim Hohenshelt, 408-394-7226.

Feb 22-Mar 1, 2012: The Wonders of Costa Rica (Costa Rica is Central America's greatest hidden gem, Includes Air, Motor Coach, Hotels, Professional Naturalist and Guides) 9 days for \$2579, Mike Console, San Jose, Br. 32, 408-246-1080.

Mar 19-Apr 3, 2012: Hawaiian Islands Cruise (Round trip from San Francisco aboard Star Princess, Will visit 5 ports of call, Hilo, Honolulu, Nawiliwili, Lahaina and Ensenada)

16 day cruise from \$2140 to \$3090, Brian Serpa, San Jose, Br 141 408-227-7658 or Rollo Parsons, 408-268-5245.

Mar 22-26, 2012: Giants Spring Training (Fly San Jose to Phoenix for Giants Spring Training. Trip includes home pick up/return air fare, transfers, accommodations, all breakfasts, 1 dinner). Cost is \$1295 (dbl) and \$1745 (sgl.) Jim Hohenshelt, Br62, Santa Clara, 408-241-4421 or 408-394-7226 for questions

May 19-Jun 3, 2012: Romance of the Rhine & Mosel. (cruise begins in Basel with stops at Strasbourg, Baden-baden, Speyer, Boppard, Koblenz, Issel, Trier, Bonn, Kinderdijk and Antwerp.) 16 days \$3895 to \$5295, includes meals, wine W/ dinner, 12 guided tours, cruise director, wireless internet, personal head sets, and experienced program director. Ken Richter, Walnut Creek, Br 146, 925-689-6217.

Oct 26- Nov 11, 2012 Canada & New England Aboard NCL Norwegian Dawn. Beautiful scenery is always on display when cruising down the east coast during the peak weeks of autumn. Along the way visit an exciting array of east coast ports including Quebec City, Portland, Boston, New York, Key West and Tampa. Package price includes RT airfare, transfers, driver and stevedore tips, gov't fees, and taxes, all meals. Prices start at \$2335 to \$3475. Contact **Jim Lunn** Branch 8 @ 925-551-3329 for more information.

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.

State 'SIR Happenings'

Enjoy reading *SIR Happenings* and find out about all the fun things that are going on throughout our organization. The SIR State Website located at:
www.sirinc.org/sirhappenings

Hiking & Walking

Joel White



The Friday **November 11** walk was led by **Art Donaldson**. Six hearty walking club "veterans" braved the cold and threat of rain for a walk from Arbolado Park on this Veterans day. Dan and Andrea Green, David and Colleen Geary, and Art and Mary Alice Donaldson walked along the canal trail past Boundary Oaks Golf Course and had a good look at the emerging fall colors. Afterwards we convened at Panera Bread for a reward of coffee and snacks just as the rain began to fall. We wanted to stay at Panera until 11:11 AM on 11/11/11, but other commitments sent us on our way.

The amble on Friday, **December 9th** will be led by **Rich Black**. We will start at 8:15am from the Lafayette Christian Church parking lot at 584 Glenside Drive. The steeple is easily visible from the corner of Glenside Drive and Saint Mary's Road. For directions and to **RSVP** please call or e-mail Rich (283-8376, blackrw41@comcast.net).

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



RENO SNOW TRAIN

March 6, 2012



Have a fun ride with SIR 19 on the Reno Snow Train on Tuesday March 6, 2012.

Price per person is \$265.00 and includes a round-trip train ride from Martinez to Reno with two nights double occupancy hotel accommodations at Harrah's.

Call Golden Gate Tours @ 925-335-9836 or 800-874-4345 for a brochure or more information.



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

Year 2011 – Branch 116 In Action



SIR Branch 116 Golf

By Al Zavatiero, 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.

2012 GOLF DUES

Deadline: December 15th
Fee: \$56 (GHIN through Branch)
\$20 (w/o GHIN through Branch and 9-Hole Group)
Payment: Send check to: SIR Branch 116 Golf,
P.O. Box 683, Lafayette, CA

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.

December 18-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Mon. 05	9:30	Boundary Oak	Dick Socolich
Mon. 12	9:30	Boundary Oak	Socolich/Vetro
Tues. 20	9:06	Lone Tree	Dick Socolich
Tues. 27	9:30	Delta View	Dick Socolich

December 9-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Mon. 05	10:00	Buchanan Fields	Dick Chaffee
Mon. 12	10:00	Pine Meadow	D. McLaughry
Mon. 19	10:00	Buchanan Fields	Dick Chaffee
Mon. 26	10:00	Diablo Hills	Mike Murphy



18 Hole Results

By David Harris

Shadow Lakes -- Monday November 28, 2011

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
Dirk Meyer	64	3	Lonny Randall	65	3	Bernie Wroblewski	69	3	Matt Arena	66	3
Bill McCord	70	2	David Carlson	71	2	John Story	72	2	Chuck Gilliam	73	2
David Harris	73	1	Tom Eller	73	1	Gary Boswell	73	1	Bill Hemmelsbach	74	1
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
Dirk Meyer	84		Lonny Randall	84		John Story	95		Matt Arena	107	

Closest to: Hole #2 -Mel Williams, Matt Arena -- Hole #17 - Lonny Randall, Matt Arena

Blue Rock Springs - West -- Tuesday November 22, 2011

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
Dirk Meyer	60	3	Tom Eller	66	3	Bob Testa	68	3	Chuck Gilliam	66	3
David Harris	67	2	David Carlson	69	2	Bernie Wroblewski	69	2	Matt Arena	67	2
Al Zavattero	67	2	Lonny Randall	70	1	Max Foust	69	2	Kirk McVean	73	1
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
Dirk Meyer	79		Tom Eller	85		Max Foust	94		Conrad Robertson	103	

Closest to: Hole #2 -Mel Williams, Frank Lockwood -- Hole #15 - Pat Tinguely, Robbie Robinson

Roddy Ranch -- Monday November 14, 2011

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
Al Zavattero	69	3	Lonny Randall	70	3	Phil Jenkins	75	3	Chuck Gilliam	69	3
Mel Williams	72	2	Tom Eller	71	2	Al Serafino	75	3	Matt Arena	70	2
Dirk Meyer	77	1	Paul Kim	71	2	John Story	75	3	Robbie Robinson	70	2
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
Mel Williams	87		Paul Kim	89		John Story	99		Robbie Robinson	105	
			Lonny Randall	89							

Closest to: Hole #2 -Al Zavattero, John Story -- Hole #17 - Mel Williams, Robbie Robinson

Boundary Oak -- Monday November 7, 2011

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
Neil Schmidt	72	3	Frank Crua	70	3	Gary Boswell	77	3	Robbie Robinson	67	3
Al Zavattero	73	2	Phil Goff	71	2	John Story	77	3	Art Vogl	73	2
Dirk Meyer	75	1	David Carlson	76	1	Bob Testa	77	3	Terry Grummitt	75	1
			Paul Kim	76	1						
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
Neil Schmidt	90		Frank Crua	89		John Story	98		Robbie Robinson	99	

Closest to: Hole #2 -Neil Schmidt, Phil Jenkins -- Hole #12 - Pat Tinguely, John Story

Boundary Oak -- Monday October 31, 2011

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
Dirk Meyer	66	3	David Carlson	71	3	Bob Testa	69	3	Terry Grummitt	65	3
Neil Schmidt	72	2	Lonny Randall	73	2	Gary Boswell	70	2	Terry Sherman	67	2
Al Zavattero	72	2	Phil Goff	75	1	Dick Chaffee	71	1	Robbie Robinson	68	1
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
Dirk Meyer	86		David Carlson	91		Gary Boswell	95		Conrad Robertson	97	
			Lonny Randall	91		Bob Testa	95				

Closest to: Hole #2 -Jim Clizbe, Wayne Cook -- Hole #12 - Dirk Meyer, Terry Sherman



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
Williams, Mel	58	Carlson, David	65	Story, John	47	Robertson, Conrad	59
Harris, David	44	Goff, Phil	53	Peterson, John	38	Gilliam, Chuck	42
Zavattero, Al	39	Crua, Frank	46	Testa, Bob	35	Hemmelsbach, Bill	41
Johnson, Jim	37	Randall, Lonny	39	Wroblewski, Bernie	36	Robinson, Robbie	39
McCord, Bill	35	Kim, Paul	30	Foust, Max	32	Vogl, Art	18
Meyer, Dirk	25	Eller, Tom	28	Jenkins, Phil	20	Langhorst, Carl	17
Clizbe, Jim	18	Socolich, Dick	12	Chaffee, Dick	18	Arena, Matt	19
Schmidt, Neil	14	Hunter, Jerry	4	Serafino, Al	18	Cook, Wayne	16
Tinguely, Pat	12	Campbell, Rob	3	Donohue, Bob	15	Armijo, Ron	11
Clark, Bill	9	Cannon, Larry	3	Boswell, Gary	12	Grummitt, Terry	10
Smith, Wayne	4	Nichols, Bob	3	Madden, Richard	8	Lockwood, Frank	7
Hicks, Jerry	3	McClaghry, Darrell	2	Roberts, Don	6	Kallas, Pete	3
Smith, Ben	1	Birmingham, Pat	1	Hutchko, Al	5	McVean, Kirk	3
		Daniel, Jed	1	Conlon, Bob	4	Ostler, Joe	3
				Lutkus, Alex	2	Maclay, John	2
						Sherman, Terry	2

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2011 Golf Schedule: Dates, times, and courses as well as detailed information on costs, payment information, deadlines, and special event facts.

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

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

18-Hole Pay In Advance Deadlines

Event Date	Location	Deadline	Amount
Tuesday December 20	Lone Tree	Dec-9	\$35
Tuesday December 27	Delta View	Dec-16	\$30
Tuesday January 17	Los Positas	Jan-7	\$40
Monday January 23	Deer Ridge	Jan-14	\$35
Monday January 30	Roddy Ranch	Jan-21	\$35
Monday February 13	Silverado North	Jan-8	\$49

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