



# Trampas Topics

July, 2011

SIR Branch 116

Next Meeting: 11:30 am,  
Monday, July 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, summer has finally arrived the rain is gone so now it is picnics on the beach, summer travel to new destinations, and family summer get-togethers.



This month the Fourth of July will bring the remembrances of our Declaration of Independency in 1776, and the freedoms we all cherish. Do you also remember that on Sunday July 20, 1969 Neal A. Armstrong was the first man to walk on the moon? It was the Apollo 11 Moon Expedition with the crew consisting of: Neil A.

Armstrong (Commander); Michael Collins (Command Module Pilot); Edwin E. "Buzz" Aldrin, Jr. (Lunar Module Pilot) plus a staff of thousands that made it happen.

During these first 6 months of 2011 I have focused on membership and new member recruitment. At our recent luncheon I introduced the concept of, "Legacy of One ... or more", which encourages all members to engage and take ownership of recruiting new members by inviting a friend, neighbor, or a new contact to our luncheon or other branch event with the eventual goal of your guest becoming a new member. We must keep this as our challenge for the remainder of the year.

For the last half of the year I would like to see our list of member activities increase. We have a good list of activities now, but what about Bocce Ball, Cribbage, or maybe a pool/billiards group? In one branch I read that they have started a, "Singles Man Dine-Out" group where on a regular interval single SIRs meet for lunch or dinner out. These are ideas and probably many more that we might want to pursue. All it takes is for someone to introduce the formation of a new activity and invite participants. Let Jerry Kaplan, our Activities Coordinator know then away you go.

Here are some reminders:

- The date for our Christmas Dinner/Dance has been set for Wednesday December 7 at the Crow Canyon Country Club. Mark your calendar;
- Collection of Voluntary Contributions will continue to be collected at our monthly luncheons or you may send your check to our treasurer, SIR John Peterson;

I'll see you at our Luncheon on July 18 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



**Big SIR**  
Ron Armijo  
945-0637



**Little SIR**  
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939-5342



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932-5087



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Joel White  
964-0994



**Treasurer**  
John Peterson  
946-0335



**Asst. Treasurer**  
Bob Shader  
939-8421

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Jed Daniel  
551-7734



Bob Donohue  
837-6913



Phil Goff  
831-3692



Alex Lutkus  
827-2828



Bernie Wroblewski  
820-3274



Bob Wolf  
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 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

## July 2011

Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
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3	4 	5 <b>Duplicate Bridge</b> (9:00@ Diablo Valley Bridge Ctr)	6 <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)	7	8 <b>Hiking &amp; Walking</b> (8:15@ Moraga Commons)	9
10	11 <b>18-Hole Golf</b> (10:00@ Diablo Creek GC)	12 <b>Luncheon Bridge</b> (11:30@ Round Hill CC)	13 <b>9-Hole Golf</b> (10:00@ Pine Meadow GC) <b>Bowling</b> (10:00@Mounument Bowl)	14	15	16
17	18 <b>SIR Br 116 Mtg.</b> (11:30@ Elks Club)	19 <b>18-Hole Golf</b> (9:38@ Deer Ridge GC) <b>Poker Group 2</b> (1:00@ Diablo CC)	20 <b>9-Hole Golf</b> (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC) <b>Bowling</b> (10:00@Mounument Bowl) <b>\$ums in Retirement</b> (8:00@ Diablo Creek GC)	21 <b>Computer &amp; Tech</b> (9:00@ Elks Club)	22 <b>Hiking &amp; Walking</b> (8:15@ Tilden Park)	23
24	25 <b>18-Hole Golf</b> (10:00@ Tilden Park GC) <b>Book Group Mtg.</b> (10:15@ Orinda Books)	26 <b>Luncheon Bridge</b> (11:30@ Diablo CC)	27 <b>9-Hole Golf</b> (10:00@ Diablo Hills GC) <b>Bowling</b> (10:00@Mounument Bowl)	28 <b>Wine Appreciation</b> (4:00@ Carl Cline's House) <b>Fishing Group</b> (Legends-Diablo Crk)	29	30
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## Membership

Andy Benz

### SIR 116 Membership Status

Total Current Members:	250
Last Month's Inductees:	0
Those in Interview Stage:	1
Total in Process:	1
On Inactive Status:	42
Left the Branch:	0
Waiting to be Installed:	0

## July Birthdays

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

Tinnes, Tim	Miller, Don C.
Redsun, Harold	King, A. Paul
Carson, Ernie J.	Vollmer, John M.
Clark, William S.	Vetro, Robert
Altomare, James	Hutchko, Alvan
Willis, George H.	Bernard, David M.
Boswell, Gary F.	Walsh, Fran
Greenstein, Milton	Videle, James A.
Nichols, Robert E.	Wroblewski, Bernard B.
Hess, George A.	Streich, Joe R.
Reynolds, Allen G.	Casey, Michael L.
Cherepy, Stephen	Krieger, Richard T.
Takacs, John C.	



## June Luncheon Menu

Hickory & Honey Spareribs  
Smokey Mountain Baked Beans  
Picnic Potato Salad  
Fresh Watermelon Wedges  
Rolls & Butter, Coffee & Ice tea  
Blueberry Shortcake



## Br. 116 Treasurer's Report

John Peterson, Treasurer

	June 2011	2011 YTD
Contributions	\$ 4,215.00	\$ 31,262.65
Disbursements	\$ (3,643.30)	\$ (30,005.17)
Net (gain/(loss))	\$ 571.70	\$ 1,257.48

June Cash Balance \$ 8,839.97

## 2012 Officers & Directors

The nominating committee consisting of Ben Smith, Bill McCord, John Maclay, and myself has come up with an excellent slate of candidates for the Officers and Directors of Branch 116 for the year 2012. The complete list of nominees is as follows:

Big SIR- Neil Schmidt  
Little SIR- Art Vogl  
Treasurer- John Peterson  
Asst. Treasurer- Bob Shader  
Secretary- Richard Chaffee  
Asst. Secretary- Joel White  
Director- Bob Donahue  
Director- Jerry Kaplan  
Director- Alex Lutkus  
Director- Bernie Wroblewski  
Director- Jim Johnson  
Director- Ron Armijo

These candidates were introduced to the membership by Ben Smith at the June luncheon meeting. They will be elected at the August luncheon meeting and installed at the November luncheon meeting. The committee thanks all the nominees for their willingness to apply their time, energy, and talents towards the betterment of Branch 116.

Jed Daniel- Nominating Committee Chairman



## Sunshine Report

Matt Arena

Sir **Dick Gusey** passed away on June 2, 2011 following a brief stay with Hospice of East Bay. Dick was a past Sunshine chairman and enjoyed his card group. He will be missed by his many friends.

Past Big Sir **Carmen Rizzo** who had moved to Southern California to with his children passed away on June 16th following a hip operation where he developed pneumonia. Carmen was Big Sir in 1992.

Sir **Bill Hartung** lost his beloved Betty on June 16th. Bill will be remembered as a most compassionate Sunshine chairman. Sunshine Chairmen who followed Bill wanted to emulate him.

Sir **Werner Fend**'s lovely wife Helen passed away on May 21. A memorial service was conducted at their home and was attended by a number of our members.

Past Big Sir **Courtney Borrecco** is now going to physical therapy at Muir Orthopedic Specialist to continue his rehabilitation following his hip surgery. He is hopeful that this change in his treatment will speed up his recovery.

Past Big Sir **Jed Daniel** is recovering nicely following a knee replacement. Jed will get 24 staples removed and then expects to join us for the July luncheon.

Sir **Joe Lennon** is recovering from heart valve replacement surgery. Joe tells me the surgery went well and now he is working to gain back his strength. Joe is a fighter and I know he will be back good and strong again.

Sir **Ed Regalia** is continuing to improve following his stroke. He works very diligently to regain full use of his affected areas. We have a wonderful group of men in this Branch who persevere in their

recovery.

Sir **Vic Johnson** is dealing with a number of health issues and now has stopped driving. He tells me he might go inactive but is weighing this decision. Hopefully he will be able to join us for lunch even on an irregular basis.

Sir **Dan Pope** is not doing too well. He has battled health problem for an extended period and it is taking its toll on him. Dan is a fighter and he will continue to do what it takes.

Sir **Harry Honstein** is making progress and working hard in gaining back his strength. He has joined a support group with the encouragement of his daughter. Harry will keep me posted on how this is working out.

Sir **Walt Hubrig** and I met at the Hartung memorial service. Walt looks wonderful and doing very well following a cancer of over a year ago. He will take some tests shortly to check the status of his condition.

Here's hoping you are all doing well, enjoying the summer, planning nice vacations, and enjoying good health.

In Memoriam  
**Richard (Dick) Gusey**

*July 2, 1932—June 2, 2011*

In Memoriam  
**Carmen Rizzo**

*January 14, 1922-June 16, 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.

## "Dine-O-Sirs" Dinner Group

Ben Smith



The Dine-O-SIR Herd met for an outstanding Fiesta evening this past June 29 at El Torito Mexican Restaurant.

We had another sell out crowd and a good time was had by all. These Dine out evening are not just about enjoying a good meal, but present members of our Branch, along with their spouses and friends a chance to socialize and meet new people. We would encourage all of our members to sign in and join the good times that can be had at these events.....all for a reasonable price.

The main objectives of the Dine-O-SIR group is to dine at good value restaurants, negotiate a reasonable all-in price for the meal and provide an enjoyable setting to meet with our fellow SIR. We try and keep the program simple, so all people have to do is show-up and have a good time.

We normally try to schedule events on a mid-week night as this seems to be the best time to obtain a reasonably priced menu and not conflict with peoples week-end plans. It should be noted that about 25% of our all-in meal costs are for sales tax and gratuity. We have left the costs of alcoholic beverages out of our package dinner price, leaving it up to each individual to make their own choice for what they wish to drink.

Looking ahead to our next Dine-out evening, we are planning a Grand event for Tuesday, August 23, 2011 at ROUNDHILL COUNTRY CLUB, in Alamo. This will be a first class affair in one of the finest private clubs in the Bay area. Be sure and make a note on your calendars. Details to follow...



## \$ums Investment Group

Allen Espenmiller

The Area 2 \$ums Investment Group will meet on July 27th 2011, 8:00AM at the Diablo Creek Golf course, 4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord. Our will be Rick Vandenburg who is the Managing Director of Atlantic Trust's San Francisco Office. Rick's presentation will be "Market Update: Where are We Now and Where Could be Going" Rick has 29 years of Investment Management experience with the Bessemer Trust, Merrill Lynch and with Goldman-Sachs & Company and brings a wealth of perspective to the investment market. I'm sure you will want to hear what Rick has to say that will bring some insight to your investment portfolio. A informative link is < [www.AtlanticTrust.com](http://www.AtlanticTrust.com)> Atlantic Trust is part of the Invesco Group.

A copy of the 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.

Co- Chairman: Allen Espenmiller (Br-174) 925-376-3977.



## 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).





## SIR Fishing Group

Harry Sherinain

All SIR members and guests are welcome and, indeed, encouraged to participate in fishing trips as well as attend the monthly meetings. Next meeting will be Thursday, July 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.

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. There were no salmon tries upon the sea by our group. Folks that braved the white water did not fare well. We had a very well attended guided venture to Lake Oroville for Coho Salmon. It was a Jeckel and Hyde affair. Those fishing on Monday: Craig Walton, Jack Waddell, Mario Moratorio, Joe Miscione, Sal Constanza, and Bill Lanier caught only 3 fish in the pouring rain and gusty winds. Those fishing Tuesday: Tom Boltz, Karl Droese, Gordon Linebaugh, Paul Dubow, Bill Baltezare, and Pete Gates had pleasant weather and caught 19 tasty salmon. Closer to home, Shadow Cliffs reservoir produced limits to 3 lbs for Terry Miller, Carl Moyer, Harry Sherinian, and Paul Dubow. Paul Dubow does an annual trip to Wisconsin where he fishes with old friends. This year was one of his best, catching 14 walleyes. In our only trip on the bay aboard a party boat, Karl Droese caught a nice halibut, while Karl and Dick Thomson boated small stripers. Carl Moyer caught less. Joe Peterson managed two quick forays on the delta for stripers between wind gusts, catching 10 to 28 inches, all released. Mario Moritorio, and Joe Miscione are trying to learn Lake Berryessa, and their efforts continue to improve. This time they caught 3 salmon and 4 trout. Richard Bennett and Ron Yates also tried their luck at Berryessa. On their first attempt they caught only 4 small kokanee salmon, but had a lot of excitement when a 12 pound catfish took their light lure on their second time out. They also caught 2 kokes and a rainbow that day.

We will be very busy this summer with: delta fishing for bass, catfish, and sturgeon, trout fishing in local lakes, party boat trips for sturgeon, 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, July 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.)



Bill Landers With His 11 lbs, 8 oz Bass

## 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)



## Bridge

Milt Greenstein

### Duplicate Bridge

On June 7th, the duplicate group met at the new Diablo Valley Bridge Center. ( This is a new location for our group, and it is a major upgrade from the previous location. ) Eighteen men played today. First place was taken by Howard Brandis/Dan Greenberg with a 67.36 % score (48.50 out of a possible 72 points). In second place was Bill Sullivan/Joel White with 58.33 %, followed by Conrad Robertson/Dimitris Argyriou (53.47 %) and Bob Wolf/Tony Pimintel (50.69 %).

### Luncheon Bridge

On June 14th, the Lunch and Bridge group met at Round Hill C.C. with 25 men attending. After an excellent beef stroganof lunch, we played bridge for 3 hours. With a relatively high scoring day, our first place went to Jai Yee with 7,160 points. Second place was taken by Bob Wolf with 6,190 points, followed by Jack Butler with 6,000 points. Bill Sullivan took 4th place with 5,370 points, Milt Greenstein was 5th with 5,130 and Lytton DeSilva took 6th place with 4,740points. We had only one small slam today, made by Jai Yee/Gene Gould. What a difference in scoring from our last session !

The June 28th session at Diablo C.C. was played after the reporting deadline, and will be reported in next month's TRAMPAS TOPICS.

## 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)

## Hiking & Walking

Joel White



Rich Black and Donna Argenbright, Art and Mary Alice Donaldson, Lytton and Audrey DeSilva and Susan and Joel White celebrated Audrey's birthday by walking a beautiful flower and wildlife infused portion of the Contra Costa canal trail in the Northgate area of Walnut Creek on **May 27th**. Coffee and treats followed the walk at Sweet Affair.

The walk on **Friday, June 10** commenced in Larkey Park in Walnut Creek and was enjoyed by Donna Argenbright and Rich Black, Audrey and Lytton DeSilva, Mary Alice and Art Donaldson, Colleen and David Geary, Andrea and Dan Green, and Susan and Joel White. A walk on the Contra Costa Canal trail was followed by coffee and conversation, enjoyed by all, at Café Latte in Pleasant Hill.

On **Friday, July 8th** we will meet at **8:15 am** at Moraga Commons, corner of Moraga Road and St Mary's Road in Moraga, for a walk led by Rich Black. RSVP to Rich argnblck@comcast.net, 283-8376.

On **Friday, July 22** a special walk will be lead by David Geary starting at **8:15 am** at inspiration point parking area in Tilden Park. Please RSVP to David and he will be happy to give any additional needed directions. dsgeary@comcast.net, 376-7031.

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

*Anyone wishing to join this friendly group or to be added to the e-mail reminder list should contact Joel White 964-0994 or zpz2mrz@yahoo.com.*

## 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.



## Br. 116 Book Club

Rich Black

### Water for Elephants

On Monday, June 27, the SIR Book Group discussed “**Water for Elephants**” by Sara Gruen, who set a story for with a little bit of everything in the depression 1930’s. The novel had sex, animal abuse, broken dreams, murder, revenge, and elephants. There were the memories and frustrations of advanced age, ending with a nonagenarian running away to the circus. The group awarded it 4.2 stars, which is a pretty impressive tribute. Richard Black led the discussion with Lytton DeSilva, Al Reynolds, Jack Buttler, Joel White, Jim Scott, Bob Mathews, Bob Daily, John Frazier, Larry Heaton, and Jerry Cunningham participating.

The group will next meet on July 25 at Orinda Books at 10:15 AM to discuss “**The Candy Bombers**” by Andrei Cherny. 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.

## 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)



## Luncheon Speaker

By Little Sir Neil Schmidt

### Guitars Not Guns

Changing the World, One Kid at a Time - The goal of **Guitars Not Guns** is to help prevent violence in schools and on the streets by providing foster kids and at-risk youth with focus and self-actualization. The aim is to empower them with the most fundamental tool to succeed: *Believe in yourself and you can accomplish anything.*

The speaker, DeHaven Sanson, has been in the financial planning industry for over 20 years. He lives with his wife in Walnut Creek and is the proud parents of three children and two grandchildren.



**SIRS Gasp in Awe as Conrad Sinks Yet Another 1-Putt on the Ninth Green at Boundary Oak**

(l. to r.: Conrad R., Robbie, Al Serafino).

## 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!

# 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

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

**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 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 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, July 21 at 9am.

This month will have a combination of short subjects presented by Phil Goff.

1. How do SIR Branches create websites? We will demystify the process of creating and displaying a website on the internet.
2. How to use free software to remotely control a friend's computer. This is an excellent process to help someone solve a computer problem without leaving the comfort of your chair.

If these topics don't fill the available time Phil has more topics of interest ready to go. And we always have The Gurus of A2CAT whose advice is '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.

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



The next wine event will be held on Thursday, July 28, from 4 to 6:30 pm., with Carl Cline hosting at his Danville home. Call if you are interested in participating--925-254-1576.

## CARSON CITY GOLF GETAWAY

If you are planning to join us in Carson City this September 7, 8 & 9, and we really hope you are, now is the time to sign up as we are less than 2 months away from the deadline for making arrangements with the Hardman House and the City Center Motel.

We can usually get the choice of rooms if we make our reservations earlier than if we wait until the deadline.

Those of you who have attended in the past know what a great time we always have: socializing for 3 days at the banquets, cocktail parties, playing bridge, sight seeing, gambling (if that's your thing) and of course, playing golf on two separate golf courses.

If you have not been to this 3 day event, we strongly suggest you come this year and participate in the fun and frivolity. Talk to some of those who have been to Carson City in past years and who usually come back each year, to find out what a great time they always have. The ladies always have a wonderful time even though many of them don't play golf. There are many stores & gift shops in the area that the ladies take full advantage of each year. They tell us shopping is such a good deal in the Carson City area because the Nevada sales tax is less than at home that they are saving us men lots of money.

Friends are always welcome; many have come in the past; some come every year. Remember the cost is all inclusive for golf (including cart), 3 nights lodging, and 3 banquets with hosted cocktails, raffle prizes, food, gaming and bar coupons, golf balls and tee prizes.

The "Entry form" is included in this issue of the "Trampas Topics" and is on the Branch Golf Web Site. If you sign up early we will not hold you check more than a week or two.

If you have questions or would like more information contact Tim Hubbard at 944-0742 or by e-mail at [tthubbs@astound.net](mailto:tthubbs@astound.net) We hope to see you in Carson City in September.

# 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.

## July 18-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Wed. 06	9:30	Boundary Oak	TBD
Mon. 11	10:00	Diablo Creek	C. Robertson
Tues. 19	9:38	Deer Ridge	C. Robertson
Mon. 25	10:00	Tilden Park	C. Robertson

## 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.

## Golf Joke

A very bad golfer is playing at new course and he is having a very bad day.

He is on the 18th hole, and he see's a lake.

He says to his caddy "I think I'm going to go drown myself in that lake".

The caddy says, "I don't think you can, you can't keep your head down that long."

## July 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. 22	10:00	Diablo Hills	Mike Murphy



# 18 Hole Results

By David Harris

## Indian Valley -- Monday June 27, 2011

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
Al Zavattero	61	3	Tom Eller	64	3	Phil Jenkins	68	3	Wayne Cook	68	3
Mel Williams	63	2	Phil Goff	64	3	John Story	71	2	Bill Hemmelsbach	72	2
Jim Johnson	67	1	Jerry Hunter	66	1	Don Roberts	75	1	Conrad Robertson	74	1
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
Al Zavattero	79		Phil Goff	83		Phil Jenkins	95		Wayne Cook	99	
						John Story	95				

Closest to: Hole #4 - Jerry Hicks, Don Roberts -- Hole #17 - Al Zavattero, Conrad Robertson

## Franklin Canyon -- Monday June 21, 2011

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
Bill Clark	67	3	Phil Goff	65	3	Max Foust	64	3	Conrad Robertson	69	3
Mel Williams	69	2	Tom Eller	73	2	John Story	70	2	Bill Hemmelsbach	72	2
Jim Clizbe	70	1	Lonny Randall	73	2	John Peterson	74	1	Robbie Robinson	72	2
Jim Johnson	70	1									
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
Jim Johnson	83		Phil Goff	85		Max Foust	91		Conrad Robertson	97	

Closest to: Hole #3 - Jim Johnson, Max Foust -- Hole #17 - David Harris, Max Foust

## Boundary Oak -- Monday June 13, 2011

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
Mel Williams	67	3	Phil Goff	71	3	Bob Testa	70	3	Chuck Gilliam	72	3
Jim Johnson	68	2	Frank Crua	74	2	John Peterson	74	2	Conrad Robertson	75	2
Jim Clizbe	71	1	Lonny Randall	75	1	Al Hutchko	75	1	Robbie Robinson	75	2
						Phil Jenkins	75	1			
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
Jim Johnson	82		Phil Goff	91		Bob Testa	98		Conrad Robertson	102	

Closest to: Hole #2 - Phil Goff, Bob Testa -- Hole #12 - Tom Eller

## Boundary Oak -- Wednesday June 8, 2011

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
Neil Schmidt	74	3	Phil Goff	72	3	Bob Testa	67	3	Wayne Cook	69	3
Bill McCord	78	2	David Carlson	76	2	Bernie Wroblewski	70	2	Carl Langhorst	75	2
Al Zavattero	78	2	Paul Kim	79	1	John Story	72	1	Chuck Gilliam	78	1
			Lonny Randall	79	1						
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
Neil Schmidt	90		Phil Goff	92		Bob Testa	95		Wayne Cook	100	

Closest to: Hole #2 - Lonny Randall, Bernie Wroblewski -- Hole #12 - Al Zavattero, John Story

## Paradise Valley -- Monday May 31, 2011

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
Bill McCord	66	3	David Carlson	66	3	Dick Chaffee	68	3	Bill Hemmelsbach	67	3
Jim Johnson	69	2	Paul Kim	68	2	Bernie Wroblewski	70	2	Conrad Robertson	69	2
Jim Clizbe	70	1	Frank Crua	71	1	Bob Testa	72	1	Robbie Robinson	72	1
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
Jim Johnson	82		Paul Kim	86		Dick Chaffee	92		Conrad Robertson	96	
*** Bill McCord ***	82										

\*\*\* Bill McCord shot his age -- again

Closest to: Hole #3 - Pat Tinguely, Conrad Robertson -- Hole #12 - Jim Clizbe, Al Serafino

# 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	28	Carlson, David	36	Foust, Max	25	Robertson, Conrad	38
Johnson, Jim	24	Goff, Phil	28	Story, John	22	Robinson, Robbie	23
Zavattero, Al	22	Crua, Frank	23	Wroblewski, Bernie	20	Hemmelsbach, Bill	21
Williams, Mel	21	Randall, Lonny	18	Peterson, John	18	Gilliam, Chuck	18
McCord, Bill	15	Kim, Paul	15	Testa, Bob	16	Armijo, Ron	11
Clizbe, Jim	12	Eller, Tom	13	Donohue, Bob	13	Cook, Wayne	11
Meyer, Dirk	11	Socolich, Dick	5	Jenkins, Phil	9	Langhorst, Carl	11
Schmidt, Neil	7	Campbell, Rob	3	Chaffee, Dick	8	Arena, Matt	8
Clark, Bill	5	Cannon, Larry	3	Hutchko, Al	5	Vogl, Art	6
Smith, Wayne	4	Hunter, Jerry	3	Serafino, Al	5	Kallas, Pete	3
Hicks, Jerry	3	Bermingham, Pat	1	Conlon, Bob	4		
Tinguely, Pat	3			Boswell, Gary	2		
Smith, Ben	1			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

Event Date	Location	Deadline	Amount
Monday, July 11	Diablo Creek	Jun-24	\$38
Tuesday, July 19	Deer Ridge	Jul-8	\$35
Monday, July 25	Tilden Park	Jul-15	\$37
Tuesday, August 16	Vintner's	Aug-5	\$45 / \$40
Vintner's is a special event -- guests pay \$40 and does not win prizes			
Monday, August 22	Franklin Canyon	Aug-12	\$40
Monday, August 29	Callippe Preserve	Aug-19	\$47

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.