



Trampas Topics

June, 2011

SIR Branch 116

Next Meeting: 11:30 am,
Monday, June 20, 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

The Spring Fling was a huge success. Our Social Chairman, SIR Jerry Hicks, summarized the responses from those who attended by saying,



“Thanks for attending the SIR 116 Spring Fling. I think that all had a nice time. Timothy James was magical, the food and service were excellent, and the site location and view were great.”

Jerry thanks for a great job as always. Now we look forward to seeing your magic again performed in planning the Christmas Dinner Dance to be held in December.

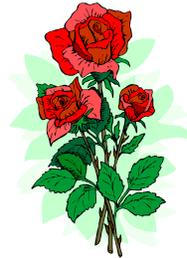
Now for a more serious note, the health of our branch is in trouble. We began this year with a membership count of 251. Since then we have inducted 5 new members and have lost 6 members for various reasons. At mid-year, our net growth stands at minus 1. Our new member target for 2011 is 25. We are far from meeting our goal, yet the solution is very simple. If only 8% of our membership sponsored 1 new member we would meet our goal. So, invite a guest to our luncheon and earn a free lunch if he joins; don't depend on someone else doing it. This is a win-win offer and our branch will benefit. The second half of the year will go fast so we need your help now to turn this situation around. If you have an idea on how to find new members let me or one of our directors know. We are looking for your input and support.

Here are some reminders:

- Collection of Voluntary Contributions will continue to be collected at the e meeting from those who forgot their check book at the April meeting.
- SIR Phil Goff will continue to take pictures of members at the June meeting for posting on our website sir-web.org/116-web/. Bring your smile;
- Is there an activity you would like to see started in our branch? Let Jerry Kaplan, our Activities Coordinator know.

I'll see you at our Luncheon on June 20.

Ron Armijo- Big SIR



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

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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
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SIR Branch 116 Activity Calendar

June 2011

Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
			1 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC)	2	3	4
5	6	7 Duplicate Bridge (9:00@ P.Hill Bridge Ctr)	8 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Pine Meadows GC) 18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Boundary Oak GC) Bowling (10:00@Mounument Bowl)	9	10 Hiking & Walking (8:15@ Larkey Park, WC)	11
12	13 18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Boundary Oak GC)	14 Luncheon Bridge (11:30@ Round Hill CC)	15 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Diablo Hills GC) Bowling (10:00@Mounument Bowl)	16	17	18
19 Fathers Day	20 SIR Br 116 Mtg. (11:30@ Elks Club)	21 18-Hole Golf (10:00@ Franklin Cyn GC) Poker Group 2 (1:00@ Diablo CC)	22 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC) Bowling (10:00@Mounument Bowl) \$ums in Retirement (8:00@ Diablo Creek GC)	23 Fishing Group (8:30@ Legends-Diablo Crk)	24 Hiking & Walking (8:15@ Rudge ar Park, WC)	25
26	27 18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Indian Valley GC) Book Group Mtg. (10:15@ Orinda Books)	28 Luncheon Bridge (11:30@ Diablo CC)	29 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Pine Meadow GC) Bowling (10:00@Mounument Bowl) Dine-O-Sirs (6:00@ El Torito, Concord)	30		

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

June Birthdays

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

Arena, Matthew	McCallum, William E.
Benz, Andrew	McInnis, Charles D.
Bergamini, Richard F.	Meyer, George D.
Carlson, Linton D.	Meylan, C. Louis
Dillon, Frank	Murphy, Mike A.
Goff, Phillip	Powell, Troy
Herold, Bruce G.	Scott, James
Hunter, Jerry	Sherinian, Harry P.
Kaplan, Marvin	Tullus, David S.
Lowenberg, Stanley	Yee, Jai L.
Lutkus, Alex E.	

June Luncheon Menu

Roasted Rosemary Chicken
Buttered Parsley Potatoes, Corn Niblets,
Green Salad, Rolls & Butter,
Coffee & Ice Tea,
Assorted Desserts

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 Treasurer's Report

John Peterson, Treasurer

	<u>May 2011</u>	<u>2011 YTD</u>
Contributions	\$ 510.00	\$ 26,957.65
Disbursements	\$ (3,570.99)	\$ (26,361.87)
Net (gain/(loss))	<u>\$ (3,060.99)</u>	<u>\$ 595.78</u>

May Cash Balance \$ 8,178.27



Luncheon Speaker

By Little Sir Neil Schmidt

Inside The Walls of Alcatraz

The speaker is Frank Hea-ney, a Rossmoor resident who at 21 was youngest correctional officer of all those who worked at Alcatraz prison. During his time working there he came in contact with many infamous felons, including "The Birdman of Alcatraz", Alvin "Creepy" Karpis and Machine Gun Kelly.

He authored the book "Inside the Walls of Alcatraz." He has been interviewed on many television shows including "Good Morning America" and the "David Letterman Show."

Frank was born and raised in Berkeley; he attended Armstrong College, he served in the Coast Guard and in World War II. He also served in the Korean War and had a 27-year stint as a firefighter. After those years, he worked in public relations, promoting tours of Alcatraz Island.

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

With deep regret we report the passing of two of our members during May.

Sir **Warren Westrup**, who had been suffering from bleeding ulcers for quite a while, passed on May 1. Warren was a faithful member of our poker group and enjoyed the game into his 90's. He will be missed by his many friends in the Branch.

Past Big Sir and former Area Governor **Art Miller** passed on May 9 following a massive stroke. He dealt with diabetes and heart surgery along with multiple amputations. Three time a week he received dialysis. Once he obtained a power wheelchair he was out and about in spite of his many deficits. Art will be remembered playing Santa at our Christmas Ladies Day events as he did for other Sir Branches. He was golf chairman, Carson City golf chairman, LADIES Day chair and many more activities too numerous to mention. He will be remembered for his amazing courage.

Sir **Frank Dillon** has had a successful surgery following a diagnose which picked up a cancer in the early stages. He spent one night in the hospital and was back on the golf course the next day. Are these SIR' something else?

Past Big Sir **Courtney Borrecco** is home recovering from his hip operation. He is doing appropriate physical therapy and does need a walker to help with his balance. The surgeon advised him that he has some way to go before he is completely healed. Courtney sends his regards to all of us.

Sir **Harry Honstein** is working on building up his strength following the loss of his dear wife Virginia. He spent 12 years caring for her as well as dealing with his own health issues. Harry would love to join us for lunch but he is hoping to feel

much better before taking the plunge. As usual he sends his regards to his friends.

Past Big Sir **Carlos Xavier** has finished chemo and is about to get a PET SCAN .He is planning to join us for lunch in June. Carlos will have radiation following these treatments. He is playing golf regularly and couldn't be happier.

There a few men on our list that need to be remembered.... Sir **Ed Regalia**, Sir **George Hess**, and Sir **Dan Pope**. They are dealing with health issues and I hope you will keep them in your thoughts and prayers.



Br. 116 Book Club

Rich Black

Surgeons, Surgery, and (unusual) Family Life

On Monday May 23, the SIR Book Group discussed "*Cutting for Stone*" by Abraham Verghese. Joel White recommended the book for the vivid descriptions and images of the medical experience, as well as the engaging, if somewhat imaginative, story line. The book traces transitions from India to Ethiopia to New York, to Boston and back. Group members found there might be more to the tale than they felt they needed, but nonetheless awarded it 4.05 stars out of a possible 5.0. Richard Black and Joel White co-led the discussion with Al Reynolds, Jack Buttler, Jim Scott, Art Donaldson, Bob Mathews, Dick Kaufman, and Jerry Christopher participating.

The group will next meet on June 27 at Orinda Books at 10:15 AM to discuss "*Water for Elephants*" by Sara Gruen.

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!

In Memoriam
W. Arthur Miller
February 13, 1935 - May 9, 2011

In Memoriam
Warren E. Westrup
July 9, 1920 - May 1, 2011

"Dine-O-Sirs" Dinner Group
Ben Smith



Greetings to all the Dine-O-Sir Amigo's-

Our next Dine Out event will be a "Grand Mexican Fiesta" at "El Torito Restaurant" located in the Willow Pass Shopping Center in Concord CA. 1961 Diamond Blvd. 94520. The Fiesta will take place on **Wednesday June 29**. We will have the rear portions of this restaurant for our Dine-O-Sir group.

We have put together what should prove to be a relaxing evening, with lots of good food and great people.

A social re-adjustment time till take place from 6 PM to 6:45 PM with a side board of Mexican goodies and NO HOST BAR--special House golden Margaritas, Domestic Draft Beer, Wine and Well drinks all priced at **\$3.00 plus Tax & Tip**. The Dinner menu will offer the following choices:

Three item Combination Plates (your choice of one)

Start- Small mixed Mexican Caesar Salad

1. Chef Pepe's--Fajitas combo-Grilled Chicken Breast & Steak Fajitas with Cheese Enchilada
2. Two Cheese Enchiladas & crispy shredded beef Taco
3. Cheese Enchilada, Chile Relleno & crispy shredded beef Taco
4. Cheese Enchilada, Carnitas Tamale, crispy shredded beef Taco

Dinner includes, Rice, beans, hot Tortilla's, coffee, Tea, Soft drinks

Dessert--Home Style Flan-Rich vanilla custard with golden caramel sauce & whipped cream

Dinner price will be \$18.00 per person, Tax & Gratuity included. Make check payable to " Sir Branch #116-dining. Send to Ben Smith at 1837 Lackland Dr. Alamo, CA 94507

Reservations will be confirmed on a first to pay basis. If you wish to get you name on the reservation list--send an e-mail to Ben Smith at: bjsssmith@aol.com and send your check within 5 days.

We look forward to a great evening with all the Dine-O-Sir Compadres.



\$ums Investment Group
Allen Espenmiller

The Area 2 \$ums Investment Group will meet on June 22, 2011, 8:00 AM at the Diablo Creek Golf course, 4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord.

Our speaker will be Brian Pretti a Senior Vice President with Mechanics Bank Wealth Management team. Brian's presentation "You Dream of Columbus" will focus on the 2011 US Economy:

Where are we headed being part of the Global Economy, Thinking in Time Frame Environments for Economic Expansion and the part Global Central Banks play in Simulating Economic Growth.

A copy of this presentation will be made available to all who attend. I have seen this presentation and it is one that you will not want to miss. Brian will be adding to his presentation a discussion of Investment Opportunities, particularly in the explosive expansion of the AG industry in California.

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

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



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, June 23rd, 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.

April showers and wind continued into May, and all the fresh water coming down the river really slowed down our usual sturgeon, halibut, and striper fishing. Still, Joe Peterson managed to troll up a plump 7 and one half pounder. Then the trout fishing at Shadow Cliffs became spectacular. Three times in three days Romano Gnusti, Carl Moyer, and Gordon Linebaugh limited out in less than an hour with fish to 3 pounds. Also cashing in were Gene Schulting, Mike Corker, George Schulze, Bill Baltezure, and Joe Miscione, Mike Corker was overjoyed to catch his first ever keeper sturgeon. A fat 5 footer weighing nearly 60 pounds. Mike was fishing with Dick Thomson and Carl Moyer. Another trip with John O'Brien proved futile, as did forays by Rich Bennett and Ron Yates. Making ocean attempts for salmon were Carl Moyer, Terry Miller, and Dick Thomson catching several too small, but coming home empty handed. Karl Droese, Alex Kalafatis, Mike Corker, Clem Teeters, Mario Moratorio, Jack Waddell, and Joe Miscione caught some nice Kokanee salmon on guided trips to Lake Berryessa. Mario and Joe tried twice on their own catching only one trout and one kokanee. Paul Corbitt was disappointed when he only caught 7 yellowfin tuna between 150 and 180 pounds on a long range trip from San Diego. Paul said very large and tasty Yahoo took their baits before they could get them down to the tuna.

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, June 23rd, 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;) Carl Moyer, (925-685-5243;) or Dick Thomson, Treasurer/Secretary, (925-944-1760.)



Wine Appreciation Group

Al Reynolds

Jim and Barbara Shurr hosted the May wine event. Seventeen were in attendance to taste Italian and Spanish wines. Jim did an excellent job in selecting and presenting good-value wines that represented the above-mentioned countries. Great finger food complemented the wines.

The next wine activity will be on July 28.



Computer & Technology

Derek Southern & Phil Goff



The Area 2 Computer and Technology group (CAT) will not have a meeting in June, but will meet again at the Walnut Creek Elks Club at 9 am, Thursday 21 July.

See you there...

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



Bridge

Milt Greenstein

Branch 116 sponsored a **Ladies Day Lunch and Bridge** event on April 28, 2011, at the Diablo C.C. Thirty two people attended. After an excellent lunch, we sat down to 3 1/2 hours of bridge. We had 2 small slams made during the day by Jack and Dorothy Butler, and by Dimitris and Luz Argyriou. Our winners were; 1st - Dimitris and Luz Argyriou, 2nd - Ben and Helen Yeraka, 3rd - Marty and Dorothy Seaman, 4th - Alvin and Françoise Buchignani, and 5th - Jack and Dorothy Butler. Everyone else had a great time!

Duplicate Bridge

On May 3rd, 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.) Twenty two men played. First place was taken by Bill Sullivan/Tony Pimintel with a 63.55 % score (68.63 out of a possible 108 points). In second place was Dick Chaffee/Mike Corker with 59.90 %, followed by Bob Daily/Rudy Gebert (55.21 %) and Jack Butler/Howard Brandis (53.13 %).

Luncheon Bridge

On May 10th, 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 low scoring day, our first place went to Milt Greenstein with 4,870 points. Second place was taken by Ali Aghaiepour with 4,820 points, followed by Art Donaldson and Dick Chaffee tied at 4,300 points. Norm Schoenfeld took 5th place with 4,270 points and Monte Hall took 6th place with 3,940 points. We had four small slams today, made by Milt Greenstein/Tony Rohrs, Joel White/Norm Schoenfeld and Jai Yee/Monte Hall.

The Lunch/Bridge group met again on May 24 at Diablo C.C. Twenty five men had an excellent roast beef lunch before beginning bridge play. Our big winner today was Jack Butler with 5,400 points, followed closely by Ali Aghaiepour with 5,310 points. Bill Sullivan took third place with 5,260 points, followed by Milt Greenstein (5,190), Bob Wolf (4,930) and Gene Gould (4,690). We had

three small slams made today by the teams of Jack Butler / Ben Yeraka, Jack Butler / Dimitris Argyriou and Milt Greenstein / Ron Walberg.

Hiking & Walking

Joel White



The walk on **Friday, June 10** will be led by Joel White: 964-0994; zpz2mrz@yahoo.com. This walk will commence in Larkey Park in Walnut Creek at 8:15 am. Meet in the Buena Vista Avenue parking lot for the park. We will then walk the canal trail north toward Pleasant Hill.

Driving directions: From hwy 680 exit North Main North. Turn left on San Luis Rd, then right on Buena Vista Ave.

On **Friday, June 24th** we will meet at 8:15 am in the Rudgear park and ride lot at the corner of Rudgear and the northbound 680 exit in Walnut Creek. This walk will be led by Art Donaldson. Please RSVP to Art: 934-8391 dnldsn@sbcglobal.net

The 4th Monday walks have been discontinued.

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.

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/>

CARSON CITY GOLF GETAWAY

Time to start thinking about this great September outing. Three days of fun which includes 3 banquets, hosted cocktails, raffle prizes, ladies bridge, shopping, sight seeing, and "yes" 2 days of golf on different courses. Mark the dates Sept. 7, 8 & 9 !!!!!

If you have never attended this event, we suggest you sign up and find out what a fun time is had by all, especially the ladies. There are many things for them to do in the Carson City, Reno & Tahoe area. Many new shops, restaurants and sight seeing await the gals who do not golf or play bridge or want to try their luck in the Casino. Talk to others who come every year to get their opinion of why they come back each year and how much fun they always have. Remember you can bring friends as this event is not limited to Sirs and spouses.

An entry form is included in this issue of the "Topics" for your convenience. Even though the event is a few months away early sign-ups help the organizers in coordinating with the golf courses, Nugget, and Hardman House in Carson City. So it would be greatly appreciated if you could get your check in early. We will not hold them more than a couple of weeks.

If you have any questions, e.g. spouse wants to golf only one day (which will reduce your cost) please give Tim Hubbard a call @ 944-0742 or e-mail tthubbs@astound.net Hope to see you and your significant other in Carson City in September.



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.

Ladies Day Luncheon *"Spring Fling" 2011*



Pick a card, any card. Nancy Robinson helps Timothy James as he kept us in awe with his magical show. Rocky the Raccoon came up with the 4 of hearts on his nose after going through the whole deck of cards while Tim had oversize barbeque gloves on his hands. Margaret Sullivan was hanging on with Tim's clothes hanger tricks. Maggie Chaffee was tied in knots as Tim joined pieces of rope together and then took them apart. Tim kept us all laughing as he was as quick with the quips as was his magic.

Crow Canyon Country Club was a terrific location for the "Spring Fling". Their food was superb and was only matched by their fine service. We overlooked a stunning golf course on a beautiful day.



The ladies had prizes galore for their drawing and Ruby Kusters was thrilled when her name was called. Ruby and Ed, the most senior couple present will be celebrating their 70th wedding anniversary this year. So that they could attend this year's luncheon, they treated their helper, Patty, to lunch with us.

It was a wonderful event and those that missed this, did miss a special occasion.

Jerry Hicks, Party Chair

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Aug 1-12, 2011: Grand Scotland and Ireland Tour (Dublin, Edinburgh, Belfast, Derry with many

tours throughout the trip) 12 days for \$3995, Neil Jameson, Ben Lomond, Br 39, 408-972-1054, 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.

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.

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 or call (925) 944-0742

2011 "Spring Fling" Ladies Luncheon



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.

June 18-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Wed. 08	9:30	Boundary Oak	Jim Clizbe
Mon. 13	9:30	Boundary Oak	Jim Clizbe
Tues. 21	10:00	Franklin Cyn	C. Robertson
Mon. 27	9:30	Indian Valley	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, 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.



SIRs Turn Their Backs on the Giant Water Hazzard at Mare Island
(Al Zavattero, Mel Williams, Matt Arena)

June 9-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Wed. 01	10:00	Buchanan Fields	Dick Chaffee
Wed. 08	10:00	Pine Meadow	D. McClaughry
Wed. 15	10:00	Diablo Hills	Mike Murphy
Wed. 22	10:00	Buchanan Fields	Dick Chaffee
Wed. 29	10:00	Pine Meadow	D. McClughry



18 Hole Results

By David Harris

Mare Island -- Monday May 23, 2011

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
Mel Williams	69	3	David Carlson	74	3	Bob Donohue	71	3	Conrad Robertson	75	3
Al Zattero	71	2	Paul Kim	77	2	John Peterson	73	2	Matt Arena	78	2
David Harris	72	1	Frank Crua	79	1	John Story	78	1	Robbie Robinson	79	1
			Phil Goff	79	1						
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
Mel Williams	87		Paul Kim	96		Bob Donohue	97		Conrad Robertson	103	

Closest to: Hole #3 - David Carlson, Bob Donohue -- Hole #17 - Mel Williams

Lone Tree -- Monday May 16, 2011

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
David Harris	68	3	Frank Crua	69	3	Bob Donohue	71	3	Conrad Robertson	75	3
Bill McCord	74	2	David Carlson	71	2	John Peterson	74	2	Matt Arena	80	2
Jim Clizbe	75	1	Paul Kim	78	1	John Story	77	1	Carl Langhorst	80	2
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
David Harris	85		Frank Crua	89		Bob Donohue	97		Conrad Robertson	102	

Closest to: Hole #5 - Frank Crua, Bob Donohue -- Hole #11 - David Harris, John Story

Metropolitan Oakland -- Monday May 9, 2011

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
Al Zattero	69	3	Paul Kim	70	3	John Peterson	71	3	Conrad Robertson	67	3
Wayne Smith	71	2	David Carlson	75	2	Bob Donohue	73	2	Robbie Robinson	67	3
Mel Williams	71	2	Frank Crua	76	1	Gary Boswell	74	1	Bill Hemmelsback	72	1
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
Al Zattero	87		Paul Kim	89		Gary Boswell	99		Conrad Robertson	94	
						Bob Donohue	99				

Closest to: Hole #7 - David Carlson, Conrad Robertson -- Hole #12 - Mel Williams

Boundary Oak -- Monday May 2, 2011

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
David Harris	68	3	David Carlson	70	3	Dick Chaffee	70	3	Wayne Cook	69	3
Bill Clark	72	2	Paul Kim	74	2	Max Foust	70	3	Carl Langhorst	73	2
Dirk Meyer	72	2	Pat Bermingham	75	1	Bernie Wroblewski	72	1	Matt Arena	81	1
Neil Schmidt	72	2									
Mel Williams	72	2									
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
David Harris	85		David Carlson	93		Dick Chaffee	95		Wayne Cook	100	
			Paul Kim	93		Max Foust	95				

Closest to: Hole #2 - Bob Costa, John Story -- Hole #12 - Paul Kim

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	31	Foust, Max	22	Robertson, Conrad	30
Johnson, Jim	18	Crua, Frank	20	Story, John	17	Robinson, Robbie	18
Zavattero, Al	17	Goff, Phil	16	Wroblewski, Bernie	16	Gilliam, Chuck	14
Williams, Mel	14	Randall, Lonny	14	Peterson, John	15	Hemmelsbach, Bill	14
Meyer, Dirk	11	Kim, Paul	12	Donohue, Bob	13	Armijo, Ron	11
McCord, Bill	10	Eller, Tom	8	Testa, Bob	9	Langhorst, Carl	9
Clizbe, Jim	9	Socolich, Dick	5	Chaffee, Dick	5	Arena, Matt	8
Schmidt, Neil	4	Campbell, Rob	3	Jenkins, Phil	5	Vogl, Art	6
Smith, Wayne	4	Cannon, Larry	3	Serafino, Al	5	Cook, Wayne	5
Hicks, Jerry	3	Hunter, Jerry	2	Conlon, Bob	4	Kallas, Pete	3
Tinguely, Pat	3	Birmingham, Pat	1	Hutchko, Al	4		
Clark, Bill	2			Boswell, Gary	2		
Smith, Ben	1			Madden, Richard	2		

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
Tuesday June 21	Franklin Canyon	Jun-10	\$40
Monday June 27	Indian Valley	Jun-17	\$44
Monday July 11	Diablo Creek	Jun-24	\$38
Tuesday July 19	Deer Ridge	Jul-8	\$35
Monday July 25	Tilden Park	Jul-15	\$37

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



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

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Rules of Attendance and Membership for SIR Branch 116

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

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

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

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

Non Responsibility Declaration

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Checks for Trips

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