



# Trampas Topics

May, 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



**SIR 116 SPRING FLING!** Have you made your reservation for our special luncheon for our Ladies on May 11? Time is running out before the cut-off date, which has been extended to May 5th. We are looking for a great turn-out this year with 100 already registered, 200 would make it even more fun for all. So, you still have time to email Jerry Hicks @ [jkhicks@astound.net](mailto:jkhicks@astound.net) to let him know that your reservation request and money is in the mail. You can find a copy of the event flyer in our newsletter. See you there.

**Collection of Voluntary Contributions will continue to be collected at the June meeting from those who forgot their check book at the April meeting. You can send your contribution of \$30 to our treasurer, SIR John Peterson if you will not be at the June meeting. We need your support since this is our only source of revenue to offset operating costs. Thank you for your support.**

Here are some reminders:

- SIR Phil Goff will continue to take pictures of members at the June meeting for posting on our website [sir-web.org/116-web/](http://sir-web.org/116-web/). Bring your smile;
- Mother's Day is on May 8th so don't forget your mother;
- Bring a friend, a neighbor, or someone you just met who might be interested in becoming a SIR, to our next luncheon. The simple requirement is that they must have retired at least once and they like to have fun;
- Are there any activities you would like to see started in our branch? Let Jerry Kaplan, our activities coordinator know;
- Finally, don't forget to introduce yourself to our newest member, SIR Gerald Christopherson (See his picture on page 4).

I'll see you at the Spring Fling or the June Luncheon on June 20.

*Ron Armijo*- Big SIR



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by the Thursday prior to  
the meeting to  
cancel your standing reservation or  
to bring a guest.***

## 2011 SIR 116 Officers & Directors



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## 2011 SIR 116 Committee Chairmen

Activities Coordinator	Jerry Kaplan	938-1037	Interviewer	Max Foust	827-9323
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Dine-O-Sirs	Ben Smith	820-5403	Spring Party	Jerry Hicks	945-7465
Duplicate Bridge	Mike Corker	872-7525	Storytellers	Rotating	#2 See Below
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Fishing	Harry Sherinain	846-7067	Sunshine	Matt Arena	946-0404
Guitar	Paul King	938-3035	Travel	Tom Eller	939-5897
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Hiking and Walking	Joel White	964-0994	Wine Appreciation	Al Reynolds	254-1576
	Dan Green	376-7087			
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Host	Frank Crua	932-0975			

#1. Doug Aalders, Matt Arena, Marty Ratterree, Lou Sandor  
#2. Pat Bermingham, Art Donaldson, Milt Greenstein, Marty Ratterree

## 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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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

## May 2011

Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
1	2 <b>18-Hole Golf</b> (9:30@ Boundary Oak GC)	3 <b>Duplicate Bridge</b> (9:00@ P.Hill Bridge Ctr)	4 <b>9-Hole Golf</b> (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC) <b>Bowling</b> (10:00@Mounument Bowl)	5	6	7
8	9 <b>18-Hole Golf</b> (9:28@ Metropolitan GC)	10 <b>Luncheon Bridge</b> (11:30@ Round Hill CC)	11 <b>Spring Fling Luncheon</b> (11:30@ Crow Cyn. CC) <b>9-Hole Golf</b> (10:00@ Pine Meadow GC) <b>Bowling</b> (10:00@Mounument Bowl)	12	13 <b>Hiking &amp; Walking</b> (8:15@ Moraga Commons)	14
15	16 <b>18-Hole Golf</b> (9:30@ Lone Tree GC)	17 <b>Poker Group 2</b> (1:00@ Diablo CC)	18 <b>9-Hole Golf</b> (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC) <b>Bowling</b> (10:00@Mounument Bowl) <b>Boulder Ck. Golf Outing</b>	19 <b>Computer &amp; Tech</b> (9:00@ Elks Club) <b>Wine Appreciation</b> (TBD- Al Reynolds) <b>Boulder Ck. Golf Outing</b>	20 <b>Boulder Ck. Golf Outing</b>	21
22	23 <b>18-Hole Golf</b> (9:30@ Mare Island GC) <b>Pre-Book Grp. Walk</b> (8:15@ Laf. Reservoir) <b>Book Group Mtg.</b> (10:15@ Orinda Books)	24 <b>Luncheon Bridge</b> (11:30@ Diablo CC) <b>18-Hole Golf</b> (9:30@ Delta View)	25 <b>\$ums in Retirement</b> (8:00@ Diablo Creek GC) <b>9-Hole Golf</b> (10:00@ Diablo Hills GC) <b>Bowling</b> (10:00@Mounument Bowl)	26 <b>Ladies Day Lunch/Bridge</b> (11:15@ Diablo CC) <b>Fishing Group</b> (8:30@ Legends-Diablo Crk)	27 <b>Hiking &amp; Walking</b> (8:15@ Arbolado Park)	28
29	30 <b>Memorial Day Holiday</b>	31 <b>18-Hole Golf</b> (9:30@ Paradise Valley GC)				

## Membership

Andy Benz

### SIR 116 Membership Status

Total Current Members:	252
Last Month's Inductees:	1
Those in Interview Stage:	1
Total in Process:	2
On Inactive Status:	42
Left the Branch:	0
Waiting to be Installed:	0

## May Birthdays

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

Aalders, Dudley	Kohut, George B.
Bird, Francis H.	Maclay, John C.
Cannon, Lawrence S.	Matthews, Robert J.
Conroy, Thomas P.	McClaughry, Darrell L.
Diehl, Joseph L.	McNally, Martin P.
Dunne, Thomas G.	Miller, W. Arthur
Gilliam, Charles E.	Robinson, Thomas
Grant, Walter	Rohrs, Anthony C.
Grivas, Plato	Seaton, Don
Hatton, Douglas F.	Serafino, Albert L.
Hicks, Gerald F.	Singleton, Robert R.
Johnson, Victor	Watanabe, Bob
Kinser, Robert W.	Zavattero, Albert N.



### \$30 Voluntary Contribution

The annual \$30 voluntary contribution was due in April. 145 members made their voluntary contribution at the April meeting, which was an outstanding response. If you have not yet made your contribution, please send a check to Treasurer John Peterson at 1001 Millbrook Court, Walnut Creek, CA 94598. Thank You.



## Lunch Attendance

Jim Nachtweih

Attendance at the April 18, 2011 meeting:

Total:	194
Members:	192
Visitors:	0
Speakers:	1
Guests:	1
Excused:	53
Un-Excused:	11

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



## Br. 116 Treasurer's Report

John Peterson, Treasurer

	<u>April 2011</u>	<u>2011 YTD</u>
Contributions	\$ 12,147.65	\$ 24,527.65
Disbursements	\$ (7,236.64)	\$ (22,790.88)
Net (gain/(loss))	\$ 4,911.01	\$ 1,736.77

April Cash Balance \$ 9,319.26

## New Member



New Member Gerald Christopherson with Sponsor Art Donaldson



## Sunshine Report

Matt Arena

It was so good to see several of our intrepid Sirs' return for the luncheon in April. Welcome back to Sir **Bill Sullivan**, Sir **Chuck Cuny**, Sir **Dennis Perry**, and Sir **Cord Hull**.

Sir **Joe Verdoia** had a couple of falls caused by some balance issues which required that he get stabilized before attempting to come to lunch. He plans to be back with us in June.

Sir **Warren Westrup** is dealing with a bleeding ulcer. He is coming along slowly and would love to have this problem behind him. We hope you continue to improve and look forward to your return very soon.

Past Big Sir **Courtney Borrecco** remains at Tampico recovering from his hip surgery. The ball popped out of its socket and slowed down his recovery. He visited his surgeon whose office is across the street and required an ambu-cab which cost \$80. A regular cab would not do since he uses a wheel chair. Nothing but the best for Courtney.

Past Big Sir **Carlos Xavier** and his wife Ann were shopping at Costco where I ran into them. Carlos really looks good and has one final Chemo treatment to go before he starts radiation. He had a golf date at Boundary Oak with his regular Wednesday foursome this week. We are looking forward to seeing you at the luncheons real soon.

Past Big Sir **Art Miller** has had another siege of health issues. He was hospitalized for 13 days with pneumonia and returned home with antibiotics which had a devastating affect on his gastrointestinal tract. In the process he has lost his voice and it is difficult for him to talk. Art has had so many health problems so please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

Sir **Harry Honstein**, Sir **Ed Regalia**, Sir **George Hess**, Sir **Dan Pope** are not able to join us for now because of their individual circumstances but we

want them to know that they are missed. We are hoping to see them before too long at our luncheons.



## Br. 116 Book Club

Rich Black

*Louis Zamperini, survivor extraordinaire*

On Monday April 25th the SIR Book Group discussed "**Unbroken**" by Laura Hillenbrand. What a tale of survival: first of bombing missions under fire, then on the Pacific in a life raft for forty-seven days, then in several Japanese prison camps and finally from a post war bout with alcoholism. Zamperini's tale was truly amazing, and most of the Sir reading group found it truly a page turner. The group awarded it 4.3 stars out of five. Richard Black led the discussion with Lytton DeSilva, Al Reynolds, Jack Buttler, Jim Scott, Bob Mathews, Bob Daily, Dick Kaufman, Larry Huston, and Jerry Cunningham participating.

The group will next meet on May 23 at Orinda Books at 10:15 AM to discuss "**Cutting For Stone**" by Abraham Verghese. Again we were glad to see three new members for this discussion and hope to see many more.



## 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).

## 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.



## Wine Appreciation Group

Al Reynolds

Jack and Claie Bevis hosted the March 31 Wine Tasting event. Jack introduced four cabernets from different California appellations. A majority of those in attendance chose the most expensive wine as the best. However, some of the less expensive wines were found to be very drinkable. Jack did an outstanding job in selecting this interesting format and in presenting the wines.

The tentative date for the next wine tasting is May 19.



## "Dine-O-Sirs" Dinner Group

Ben Smith



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

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



## SIR Website Addresses

**SIR 116 Web Site**

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

**Branch 116 Golf**

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

**Trampas Topics**

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

**Computer and Technology**

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

**SIR Happenings State Newsletter**

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

**State SIR Web Site**

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



Luncheon Speaker Gary C. Smith talking about the Professional Bowling Tour.



## 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, May 26th, 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 brought poor fishing. Most trips were disappointments, including Sturgeon efforts by Sal Costanza, Carl Moyer, Richard Bennett, Ron Yates, and Mario Mauritorio. With the exception of one good foray, fishing for trout was also bleak. The one good effort came when Carl Moyer, Paul Dubow, and John O'Brien caught 7 nice Thunder Trout to 6 lbs. The other ventures by Carl, Terry Miller, Gordon Linebaugh and Paul Dubow were much less joyous. In fact, Harry Sherinian caught 3 trout fishing from the shore the same day that Carl, Terry and John could only catch one each from a boat. Joe Miscione and 3 friends fished from the shore at Los Vaqueros reservoir and caught a lovely 15 lb striper. Joe Karg tested the salmon fishing from Bodega Bay a day too soon, when rough water ended their salmon fishing, but did let them return with a limit of delicious Dungeness crabs. The same boat limited out the next day. Timing is everything. We had one success,

however, when 27 anglers came to Carl Moyer's back yard for a fish fry and ciopino feed. Joe Miscione cooked the ciopino, and Carl provided fried rock fish for the group. The morning brought rain, but the sun saved the day, and Harry Sherinian, John O'Brien, George Vogt, Paul King, Ekkheart Keller, Ron Yates, Rich Bennett, Craig Walton, George Shulze, Dick Thomson, Ken Peterson, Paul Dubow, Bill Landers, Mario Moratorio, Terry Miller, Mike Corker, Romano Gnusti, Roger Borgerson, Gene Schulting, Gordon Linebaugh, Howard Berkman, Clem Teeters, Alex Kalafatis, Reggi Fromm, and Al Meier all had as much food as they could eat.

We will be very busy this spring with: delta fishing for bass, catfish, stripers, and sturgeon, trout

fishing in local lakes, party boat trips for sturgeon and halibut, and what looks like a very promising salmon season. These outings will include those who rarely fish but would like to try. If you haven't been fishing in a while, but might like to test drive an adventure, come join us.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, May 26th, 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.)



Moyer Fish Fry

## Hiking & Walking

Joel White



### *Amiable Amblers April Announcements*

The Friday May 13th walk will start at 8:15am and will be lead by Dan Green (376-7087; as-dgreen@comcast.net). Meet at Moraga Commons, 1455 St Mary's Road @ corner of Moraga Road.

Please RSVP to Dan at above phone or e-mail.

The Walk for Friday, May 27th will be led by Joel White and start from Arbolado Park Meeting time 8:15am

Please RSVP to Joel 964-0994; zpz2mrz@yahoo.com

Directions: Ygnacio Valley road ( Walnut Creek ) to Oak Grove. Turn right to Arbolado and then left to the first Arbolado Park parking lot.

Joel will also lead the pre-book club walk on Monday, May 22. Please RSVP to him for this walk as well.



## Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee is still looking for a few good men for 2012 Officer and Director positions. If you are personally interested in becoming, or know a person who would be, a good Officer or Director candidate, please let any one of the Committee members know either by telephone or e-mail. Thank you in advance for helping us to pick the best available candidates for our Branch Executive Committee.

Jed Daniel (Chairman)

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Ben Smith (925)820-5403 bjssmith@aol.com

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

## State 'SIR Happenings'

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

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

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

## 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!

## BOULDER CREEK GOLF OUTING

WHEN: May 18 – 20, 2011

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

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

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

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

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

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



## \$ums Investment Group

Allen Espenmiller

The Area 2 \$ums Investment Group will meet on May 25, 2011 at the Diablo Creek Golf course, 4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord. Our speakers will be Edward Rusnak and Jon Elfin of Sagemark Consulting from San Ramon, CA. Jon and Ed will present the topic - **Market Insights: Guide to the Markets**. They will specifically focus on: Equities, the Economy, Fixed Income, International and Asset classes. A comprehensive guide book has been developed covering the topics presented and will be distributed at the meeting.

Plan to attend and share with Jon and Ed your own personal outlook on these topics as they are presented for portfolio management.

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

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



Social hour just before our 2010 Spring Fling Ladies Luncheon

### Last Chance for Reservation!!!

*"Spring Fling"* Ladies Luncheon

May 11, 2011, 11:30 AM

Crow Canyon Country Club

Reservations must be made with me no later than Thursday, May 5, 2011.

You won't want to miss this year's "Spring Fling" to be held at the beautiful Crow Canyon Country Club, the site of a most successful Dine-O-Sir dinner this past year. The food is very good and I sampled the Sunburst Chicken Salad and it was large, delicious, and a complete meal. There will be drawings for the ladies and you will be well entertained by Timothy James.

The cost is just \$30 per person or \$60 per couple. If you have not already signed up, do so right now.

Jerry Hicks, Party Chair

## 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)



SIRS Contemplate a Cool Dip Following a Hot Round at Blue Rock East

# SIR Travel

By Tom Eller, Travel Chairman



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



## SIR State Travel Opportunities 2011

**Apr 23-May 4, 2011 The Legendary Danube** (3 nights in Prague, plus 7 night cruise from Nuremberg to Budapest down the Danube River) for \$4395 to \$4995

**May 7-14, 2011 Hawaiian Cruise** (Fly to Honolulu, cruise to four different Islands) 7 day cruise for \$1770 to \$2185

**May 10-18 2011: Tuscan Vacation** (Florence, Pisa, Siena, Montecatini, Lucca and San Gimignano) 9 days for \$3695 to \$4080

**May 10-17, 2011: Rocky Mountaineer Western Explorer** (Calgary, Banff, Lake Louise, Jasper, Kamloops and Vancouver) 8 days for \$2999

**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

**Jun 9-19, 2011: Alaska's Inside Passage** (Juneau, Glacier Bay, Haines, Ketchikan, Victoria) 10 day cruise for \$2578 to \$2655

**Jun 11-23, 2011: Russian Waterways:** (St Petersburg to Moscow on the newest, best equipped riverboat in Russia) night cruise for \$5895 to \$7695

**Jun 13-20 2011: Trains across Colorado** (Denver, Durango, Silverton, Cumbres, Toltec, Rio Grande and Pikes Peak) 8 day motor coach trip for \$2270

**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.

**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

**Aug 1-12, 2011: Grand Scotland and Ireland Tour** (Dublin, Edinburgh, Belfast, Derry with many tours throughout the trip) 12 days for \$3995

**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 \$3084

**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.

**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

**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.

**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

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.



## Computer & Technology

Derek Southern & Phil Goff



Area 2 Computer and Technology Group invite you to their next meeting on Thursday, May 19th at 9am

The speaker will be Dick Curry who will review the Office 2010 suite and compare it to the 2007 version. He will show why you should, or should not, buy this version. Dick will share tips on how to get the best from the suite, so bring your questions and improve your understanding of this ubiquitous program suite!

We will also have a Q&A session with The Gurus of A2CAT where the advice is always 'priceless'.

Meetings of the Area 2 Computer and Technology Group are held the 3rd Thursday of each month (except June and December) from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge, 1475 Creekside Drive. Whether you are a beginner or a seasoned user, we try to offer something for everyone. We ask for a donation of \$5 to cover the cost of the hall rental, coffee and cookies. All SIR members and their guests (spouses included!) are welcome to attend. See you there.

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

## 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.



## Bridge

Milt Greenstein

### Duplicate Bridge

The duplicate bridge group met for the last time at the Pleasant Hill Bridge Center on April 5th. Future meetings will be at the Diablo Valley Bridge Center in Walnut Creek. We had 16 players. First place was taken by Dan Greenberg/Dimitris Argyriou With 63.10 % ( 53.00 out of a possible 84 points. In second place was Art Donaldson/Conrad Robertson with 55.95 %. Third place was taken by Jack Butler/Rudy Gebert with 54.17 %, and in fourth place was Dan Green/Lou Sandor.

**Duplicate Bridge has moved to Diablo Valley Bridge Club, 2920 Camino Diablo - Suite 100, WC.**

### Luncheon Bridge

The Lunch and Bridge group met on April 12th at Round Hill C.C. with 25 men attending. Our big winner today was Howard Brandis with 5,580 points, followed by Ali Aghaiepour ( 5,370 ), Jai Yee ( 5,290 ), Bill Sullivan ( 5,190 ), Jerry Christopherson ( 4,930 ) and Charley Schmidt ( 4,850 ). The group caught up on their small slams today after not having any for the last three sessions. Today they had five ! Small slams were made by: Bob Daily/Walt Kawecki, Jai Yee/Ali Aghaiepour, Charley Schmidt/Jerry Christopherson, Jai Yee/Walt Kawecki and Howard Brandis/Milt Greenstein. Note that Walt Kawecki was involved in two small slams, but he missed out on any prize money. He finished with just 10 points out of sixth place.

The Lunch and Bridge group met again on April 26th at Diablo C.C. with 26 men attending. After an excellent tri-tip lunch, we sat down to 3 hours of bridge. Our high scorer today was Bob Wolf with 7,170 points, an excellent total. Following Bob was Jack Butler with 6,070 points. In third place was Alvin Buchignani ( 5,060), then Bob Kahl (4,820), Ben Yeraka (4,740) and Dennis Perry (4,170). We had only one small slam today, bid and made by Bob Wolf and Jack Butler, our top two winners.

Branch 116 sponsored a Ladies Day Lunch and Bridge Day at Diablo C.C. on April 28th. ( A report on this event will be in the next issue. )



# SIRS 116



## Spring Fling

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

### The Elegant Main Ballroom at the Crow Canyon Country Club

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

### Wednesday, May 11, 2011

11:30 No Host Social Hour

12:30 Sit-down Luncheon Served

(Full Tables of 8 may be reserved by request; List Names on Back)

**Only \$30.00 Per Person (includes tax and tip)**

**Happy Hour Pricing on Well Drinks**

**Select Wines Available at \$20 per bottle**

**Entertainment with Timothy James**

**Raffle for the Ladies**

#### Menu:

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

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

\*3) Flat Iron Steak with Red Bordelaise Sauce

\*Fresh Seasonal Vegetables and Roasted Red Potatoes

Dessert: Strawberry Shortcake

Detach Here

### Spring Fling – Crow Canyon Country Club

Must be received no later than May 5, 2011

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Sunburst Salad \_\_\_ Salmon \_\_\_ Steak \_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Sunburst Salad \_\_\_ Salmon \_\_\_ Steak \_\_\_

Make Check to: SIR Branch 116

Number x \$30.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Reserve a Table for 8 \_\_\_\_\_

(Seating Preferences, Write names on back)

Mail Check to: Jerry Hicks, 74 Amberwood Lane, Walnut Creek, CA 94598

Ph (925) 945-7465

email: jkhicks@astound.net

# SIR Branch 116 Golf

By Al Zavattero, Golf Chairman



We have an active golf organization consisting of 18-hole and 9-hole groups. A small annual donation is required to play in either group.

The 18-hole group plays once a week in a Tournament format with play alternating between local courses and courses that may be 10 to 50 miles away. Those playing in the 18-hole group must be members of the Northern California Golf Association (NCGA) and establish a handicap index. You may join the NCGA through our SIR club or through another club.

The 9-hole group also plays once a week and alternates play between local courses. Foursomes in both groups are arranged so that players can meet and enjoy playing with most, if not all, the other players in the branch.

All our events are listed in our annual golf book, the Trampas Topics and on our web site at <http://www.sir-web.org/116-golf>. Join up with us and enjoy outings with a great bunch of guys at some great courses with reasonable prices.

## Using the Golf Hotline

For Non-Pay-In Advance SIR 116 Golf Events (9-Hole and Boundary Oak 18-Hole) You may sign-up via the Branch 116 Hotline — 906-5355

Deadline for 18-Hole, the Thursday before and 9-Hole, the Sunday before.  
Please indicate if you want a cart.

## May 18-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Mon. 02	9:30	Boundary Oak	Alex Lutkus
Mon. 09	9:28	Metropolitan	Alex Lutkus
Mon. 16	9:30	Lone Tree	Vetro/Lutkus
Mon. 23	9:30	Mare Island	Alex Lutkus
Tues. 31	9:30	Paradise Villy.	Alex Lutkus

## 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.

## Golfer Reminder

Carson City Golf Getaway  
September 7-8, 2011

## May 9-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Wed 04	10:00	Buchanan Fields	Dick Chaffee
Wed 11	10:00	Pine Meadow	D. McClaughry
Wed 18	10:00	Buchanan Fields	Dick Chaffee
Wed 25	10:00	Diablo Hills	Mike Murphy



# 18 Hole Results

By David Harris

## Rancho Solano -- Monday April 25, 2011

**Rancho Solano canceled due to bad weather**

## Blue Rock Springs - East -- Tuesday April 19, 2011

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
David Harris	60	3	Frank Crua	67	3	Phil Jenkins	63	3	Matt Arena	62	3
Jim Johnson	66	2	David Carlson	72	2	Max Foust	65	2	Chuck Gilliam	66	2
Bill McCord	67	1	Phil Goff	78	1	Dick Chaffee	67	1	Conrad Robertson	68	1
<b>Low Gross</b>			<b>Low Gross</b>			<b>Low Gross</b>			<b>Low Gross</b>		
David Harris	78		Frank Crua	88		Phil Jenkins	91		Matt Arena	98	

Closest to: Hole #8 - Frank Crua, Gary Boswell -- Hole #16 - Phil Goff, Bill Hemmelsbach

## Silverado South -- Monday April 11, 2011

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
Jim Johnson	73	3	Larry Cannon	66	3	John Story	77	3	Bill Hemmelsback	73	3
Neil Schmidt	74	2	Jerry Hunter	74	2	Max Foust	79	2	Robbie Robinson	74	2
Pat Tinguely	74	2	Lonny Randall	74	2	Al Hutchko	81	1	Conrad Robertson	76	1
<b>Low Gross</b>			<b>Low Gross</b>			<b>Low Gross</b>			<b>Low Gross</b>		
Jim Johnson	88		Larry Cannon	86		John Story	101		Robbie Robinson	106	
									Conrad Robertson	106	

Closest to: Hole #3 - no one -- Hole #15 - Jim Johnson

## Boundary Oak -- Monday April 4, 2011

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
Dirk Meyer	72	3	David Carlson	69	3	Max Foust	72	3	Conrad Robertson	67	3
David Harris	74	2	Rob Campbell	76	2	John Peterson	72	3	Bill Hemmelsback	72	2
Jim Johnson	74	2	Phil Goff	77	1	Bernie Wroblewski	73	1	Carl Langhorst	74	1
									Robbie Robinson	74	1
<b>Low Gross</b>			<b>Low Gross</b>			<b>Low Gross</b>			<b>Low Gross</b>		
Jim Johnson	88		David Carlson	91		Max Foust	99		Conrad Robertson	96	

Closest to: Hole #2 - Jim Johnson, John Story -- Hole #12 - Jim Johnson, Dick Chaffee



# 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	21	Carlson, David	21	Foust, Max	19	Robertson, Conrad	21
Johnson, Jim	18	Crua, Frank	15	Story, John	15	Gilliam, Chuck	14
Zavattero, Al	12	Goff, Phil	15	Wroblewski, Bernie	15	Robinson, Robbie	14
Meyer, Dirk	9	Randall, Lonny	14	Testa, Bob	9	Hemmelsbach, Bill	13
Clizbe, Jim	8	Eller, Tom	8	Peterson, John	8	Armijo, Ron	11
McCord, Bill	8	Socolich, Dick	5	Donohue, Bob	5	Vogl, Art	6
Williams, Mel	7	Kim, Paul	4	Jenkins, Phil	5	Langhorst, Carl	5
Hicks, Jerry	3	Campbell, Rob	3	Serafino, Al	5	Arena, Matt	3
Tinguely, Pat	3	Cannon, Larry	3	Conlon, Bob	4	Kallas, Pete	3
Schmidt, Neil	2	Hunter, Jerry	2	Hutchko, Al	4	Cook, Wayne	2
Smith, Wayne	2			Chaffee, Dick	2		
Smith, Ben	1			Madden, Richard	2		
				Boswell, Gary	1		

## Latest SIR 116 Golf Info Available on Our Golf Web Site

The Golf Website address is:

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

Please bookmark it in your "Favorites" list of websites to access information on the following:

2008 Golf Schedule: Dates, times, and courses as well as detailed information on costs, payment information, deadlines, and special event facts.

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

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

## 18-Hole Pay In Advance Deadlines

<u>Event Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Monday May 9	Metropolitan	Apr-29	\$35
Monday May 16	Lone Tree **	May-6	\$35
** Match Play with Branch 146 -- Pleasant Hill			
Monday May 23	Mare Island	May-6	\$34
Tuesday May 31	Paradise Valley	May-20	\$43
Tuesday June 21	Franklin Canyon	Jun-10	40
Monday June 27	Indian Valley	Jun-17	44

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



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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).

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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.