



Trampas Topics

November, 2011

SIR Branch 116

Next Meeting: 11:30 am,
Monday, November 21, 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

Congratulations to SIR John West who in October achieved the Milestone Of Life as a Senior SIR receiving the President's Award presented by our Area 2 Governor SIR Ron Smith. Also, congratulations and a big welcome goes to SIR Dean Steuer who was inducted into our branch at our October luncheon.



Thanks go to SIR's Bob Donohue and Bernie Wroblewski, our Recruitment Committee Chairmen, for their recruiting efforts. They are beginning to show results. At our last luncheon we had four guests attend our luncheon. They all looked like great candidates. We look forward to seeing them again for induction. We need your help through the, "Legacy of One...or more" program to continue this momentum.

Each year our branch recognizes our past Big SIR's at one of our luncheons. This year our November Luncheon will be our Past Big SIR Luncheon. So, please plan to attend this luncheon to say, "Thank You" to each of them for their past and ongoing support of our branch. Also at our luncheon we will have the installation ceremony for the 2012 Branch Executive Committee (BEC) officiated by our Area 2 Governor.

Our Treasurer, SIR John Peterson, will begin the budgeting process in early November for the 2012 budget. A preliminary budget will be presented to our BEC at the November BEC meeting for review and comment. The final version will be approved at the January, 2012 BEC meeting and presented to the membership at that luncheon. The voluntary contribution recommendation is computed by dividing our projected annual expense by the number of members in our branch. Therefore, it is important to know what level of voluntary contribution we can expect, which should be 100%, in order to spread the expense evenly to all members and to maintain a positive cash flow. Remember, this is our only source of revenue, which among other expenses subsidizes our monthly luncheons. For those who have not yet made their 2011 contribution please send it to our treasurer

Our Christmas Dinner/Dance Party is just around the corner. Make sure you review the enclosed flyer and make your reservation early. This year's event is shaping up to be one of our best at the beautiful Crow Canyon Country Club.

Ron Armijo- Big SIR



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***PLEASE CALL 806-8874
by the Thursday prior to
the meeting to
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vation or
to bring a guest.***

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945-0637



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935-5439

2011 SIR 116 Committee Chairmen

Activities Coordinator	Jerry Kaplan	938-1037	Interviewer	Max Foust	827-9323
Attendance	Jim Nachtweih	838-7417	Membership	Andy Benz	937-5706
Audit	Dick Thomson	785-7600	Membership Roster	Dick Thomson	785-7600
			Music Man	Robbie Robinson	798-4276
Book Club	Rich Black	283-8376	Newsletter Editor	Neil Schmidt	939-5342
Bowling	Ron Gagliardi	682-4012	Newsletter Edtr. Asst.	Phil Goff	831-3692
Bridge	Milt Greenstein	376-5589	Nominating	Jed Daniel	551-7734
Candy Sales	Dirk Meyer	820-6878	Photographers	John Peterson	946-0335
Chaplain	Rotating	#1 See Below		Ken Miller	256-9343
Christmas Party	Jerry Hicks	945-7465	Poker Group #1	Bill Harrington	935-1625
Computer & Tech..	Phil Goff	831-3692	Poker Group #2	Al Reynolds	254-1576
Computer Support	Dick Thomson	785-7600	Spring Party	Jerry Hicks	945-7465
Dine-O-Sirs	Ben Smith	820-5403	Storytellers	Rotating	#2 See Below
Duplicate Bridge	Mike Corker	872-7525	Sums In Retirement	Ben Smith	820-5403
E-mail Contact	Neil Schmidt	939-5342	Sunshine	Matt Arena	946-0404
Fishing	Harry Sherinian	846-7067	Travel	Tom Eller	939-5897
Guitar	Paul King	938-3035	Volunteers	Bob Kinser	837-8886
Golf	Al Zavattero	933-0465	Webmaster	Phil Goff	831-3692
	Carlos Xavier	947-6756	Welcoming	Jerry Kaplan	938-1037
Greeters	Pat Bermingham	930-9477	Wine Appreciation	Al Reynolds	254-1576
Hiking and Walking	Joel White	964-0994			
	Dan Green	376-7087	#1. Doug Aalders, Matt Arena, Marty Ratterree, Lou Sandor		
Historian	Matt Arena	946-0404	#2. Pat Bermingham, Art Donaldson, Milt Greenstein, Marty Ratterree		
Host	Frank Crua	932-0975			

2011 SIR Area 2 (Inter-branch) Committee Chairmen

Bowling	Lloyd West (Br.19)	228-9037	Rubber Bridge	Fred Bolton (Br.146)	932-1580
Computer & Tech	Co-Derek Southern (Br.8)	253-1646	Table Pool	Bill Weinberg (Br.146)	682-0962
Fishing	Karl Droese (Br.171)	376-0468	Travel	Bob Spellman (A.2)	934-8428
Golf	Jim Willey (Br.19)	689-3199	Speakers Bureau	John Roebuck (Br.19)	685-8764
Publicity	Walt Schick (Br.8)	934-0656	Sums Retirement	Allen Espenmiller (A.2)	376-3977

SIR Branch 116 Activity Calendar

November 2011

Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
		1 Duplicate Bridge (9:00@ Diablo Valley Bridge Ctr)	2 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC) Bowling (10:00@Mounument Bowl)	3	4	5
6	7 18-Hole Golf (9:00@ Boundary Oak GC)	8 Luncheon Bridge (11:30@ Round Hill CC)	9 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Pine Meadow GC) Bowling (10:00@Mounument Bowl)	10	11  Hiking & Walking (8:15@ Arbolado Park)	12
13	14 18-Hole Golf (9:00@ Roddy Ranch GC)	15 Poker Group 2 (1:00@ Diablo CC)	16 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC) Bowling (10:00@Mounument Bowl) \$ums Investment (8:00@ Diablo Creek GC)	17 Computer & Tech (9:00@ Elks Club) Fishing (8:30@ Diablo Creek GC)	18	19
20	21 SIR Br 116 Mtg. (11:30@ Elks Club)	22 18-Hole Golf (10:00@ Blue Rock-West GC)	23 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Diablo Hills GC) Bowling (10:00@Mounument Bowl)	24  Thanksgiving	25	26
27	28 18-Hole Golf (9:36@ Shadow Lakes GC)	29 Luncheon Bridge (11:30@ Diablo CC)	30 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Pine Meadow GC) Bowling (10:00@Mounument Bowl)			



Membership

Andy Benz

SIR 116 Membership Status

Total Current Members:	248
Last Month's Inductees:	4
Those in Interview Stage:	0
Total in Process:	4
On Inactive Status:	43
Left the Branch:	2
Waiting to be Installed:	0



Lunch Attendance

Jim Nachtweih

Attendance at the October 19, 2011 meeting:

Total:	194
Members:	187
Visitors:	1
Speakers:	1
Guests:	5
Excused:	51
Un-Excused:	10

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

November Luncheon Menu

Roasted Turkey
 Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Candied Yams,
 Cranberry Sauce, Waldorf Salad
 Rolls & Butter, Coffee & Ice Tea
 Dessert Assortment

SIR Branch 116 Toastmasters

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



Br. 116 Treasurer's Report

John Peterson, Treasurer

	Oct. 2011	2011 YTD
Contributions	\$ 5,962.00	\$ 49,124.50
Disbursements	\$ (6,717.46)	\$ (52,091.09)
Net (gain/(loss))	\$ (755.46)	\$ (2,966.59)

October Cash Balance	\$ 4,615.90
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November Birthdays

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

Berger, John Stuart	Guisti, Fred L.
Boenig, Robert	Hayes, William J.
Borrecco, Courtney J.	Johnson, James H.
Brown, Douglas H.	Kosters, Edward H.
Clarke, William F.	Krikorian, Oscar
Cline, Carl F.	Perrelli, Phillip E.
Conlon, Bob	Randall, Lonny
DeSilva, Lytton E.	Rhodes, Kay S.
Donaldson, Arthur S.	Schmidt, Neil P.
Fox, Grovenor J.	Testa, Robert D.
Green, Russell H.	Vogl, Arthur

Meet Your 2012 Officers & Directors



Big SIR
Neil Schmidt



Little SIR
Art Vogl



Secretary
Dick Chaffee



Asst. Sec.
Joel White



Treasurer
John Peterson



Asst. Treas.
Bob Shader



Director
Bob Donohue



Director
Ron Armijo



Director
Jim Johnson



Director
Jerry Kaplan



Director
Alex Lutkus



Director
B. Wroblewski



Sunshine Report

Matt Arena

By my latest count few of our members are either ill or unable to return to our luncheons during the last 2-3 months.

This in no way diminishes the pain and suffering of these members however it is good to know that we are much healthier than expected for our age group. There is the possibility that I have missed someone therefore if you know of a member who I should check-in with this month please let me know.

Past Big Sir **Courtney Borrecco** is still dealing with the aftermath of his hip replacement. To compound his recovery is the issue of Parkinson in his other leg. Courtney is keeping up his physical therapy to gain his strength but he is still only able to navigate in a wheel chair or a walker. This confinement has been tough for such an active Sir. Here is hoping he will show improvement in the months to come.

Sir **Joe Lennon's** doctor is using a heart monitor to observe an unexpected high blood pressure for the next month. Hopefully this test will discover why he is not feeling well. This has been a long siege for Joe and hopefully this test will produce some answers.

Sir **Harry Honstein** and I have been out of communication this month. I will be checking in with him again hoping to find Harry improving. He has a strong constitution and I know he is working hard to get his strength back.

Sir **Ed Regalia** is reporting that he is doing well following his stroke and continues to make progress. It has been a long time since he has been able to make a luncheon but with his determination he will surprise us one of these days.

**Want a Free Lunch ?
Sponsor a New Member !**



Christmas is just around the corner and Santa and the elves are hard at work. To help welcome Santa, the SIR 116 annual **Christmas Dinner Dance** will be held at the festive **Crow Canyon Country Club** on Wednesday, **December 7**. You'll thrill at the Christmas atmosphere and the food delivered by the top chef will please your palate. We'll have entertainment, drawings, and dancing with music by Mike Vincent, a long time club favorite. The full evening will cost just \$45 per person. Since I must get final counts to Crow Canyon before Thanksgiving, you will have to get your reservation, entrée selection and money in to me by November 19th. If you wish to reserve a table of 8 or have a seating preference, just write that on your reservation slip. Full details and the reservation slip are on the flyer which is included in this newsletter.

Start the Christmas season with the SIR Dinner Dance.

See you on December 7, beginning at 6:00 PM.

Jerry Hicks (Party Chairperson)

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.

SIR 116 Las Trampas Branch Christmas Dinner Dance

Wednesday, December 7, 2011

6:00 PM to 10:30 PM

Crow Canyon Country Club

711 Silver Lake Drive, Danville, CA



Entertainment
Music by Mike Vincent
Transition of Big SIR
Drawing, Surprises, Fun

Price: Just \$45.00 per person (inclusive)

No Host Bar Opening at 6:00 PM



Dinner served at 7:00 PM

Choice of Entrée's:

Salmon with Buerre Blanc Sauce

New York Strip Steak, Dried Cranberry Demi Glaze

Center Cut Pork Chop, Roasted Walnut Sage with Apple Cider Butter

Tables of 8 may be reserved

(Indicate your table companions)

Dancing beginning approx. 8:30

Wine available at the bar for \$20 per bottle (Please tip accordingly)



Christmas Dinner Dance – Crow Canyon Country Club

Must be received no later than November 19, 2011

Name: _____

Steak ___ Pork Chop ___ Salmon ___

Name: (Spouse/friend) _____

Steak ___ Pork Chop ___ Salmon ___

Make Check to: SIR Branch 116

Number x \$45.00 = \$ _____ 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 Fishing Group

Harry Sherinian

All SIR members and guests are welcome and, indeed, encouraged to participate in fishing trips as well as attend the monthly meetings. Next meeting will be **Thursday, November 17th**, 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.

The joint meeting of the Area 2 fishing group and the Branch 8 Sirs in the Kitchen was a food orgy. Graciously hosted by Ed Benson, over 18 fishermen joined 24 diners to devour nearly 40 pounds of fish. This was the 3rd annual assembly of merry gluttons, and we hope to continue it for many years. Meanwhile, we actually caught some salmon. Rich Bal, Ed Djikman, and Joe Karg limited fishing outside the gate, and Paul Dubow, Jack Waddell, Karl Droese, and Carl Moyer limited fishing the Sacramento River near Chico. Carl was very lucky, and caught a 33 pound salmon and a big sturgeon which had to be released. Just before that trip, Carl and Mario Moratorio limited on sturgeon in 3 hours, fishing near Pittsburg. Spurred by that success, 10 Sirs in 5 boats returned to that area. Terry Miller and son, Pete Gates, Mike Corker, George Schulze, Rich Bennett, Ron Yates, Mario and Joe Miscione, Carl and Tom Boltz, all fished in vain. Carl and Steve Greytak caught 2 stripers, while Harry Sherinian caught a keeper sturgeon fishing with Terry Miller there a week later. Carl, Steve and Terry managed only 2 catfish the next day on the first foray for trout at Shadow Cliffs. Paul Dubow and Craig Walton caught trout to 19 inches fishing Lake Davis.

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

For further meeting 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.)



\$ums Investment Group

Allen Espenmiller

The Area 2 \$ums Investment Group will meet on **November 16, 2011** at 8:00 AM at the Diablo Creek Golf course, 4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord. Remember that our November meeting is on the 3rd Wednesday instead of the 4th Wednesday to avoid the Thanksgiving holiday time.

Our speaker will be Steve Gelfand from the office of Merrill Lynch in San Francisco. Steve's presentation will discuss "Emerging Markets and Globalization: Beyond the Hype." In summary form he will review what's positive and exciting about Emerging Markets (EM) and yet be sensible and honest about the challenges that confront these markets and countries.

Steve has over 32 years of experience in the world of Finance and Advisory positions for a variety of Clients in the industrial part of the spectrum including Mattel Electronics and the Disney Channel. He brings a thoughtful and measured approach to wealth management. Utilizing the insight gained through study and experience, Steve questions the traditional models of wealth management that are popular on Wall Street. He strives to provide stability and peace of mind in a world that is ever more uncertain.

The timeliness of this talk is one all will enjoy. The restaurant at the course opens at 7:00 AM for those would like to enjoy breakfast with your colleagues.

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

Our October 18 Ladies Day event was very successful with 54 people attending and enjoying an excellent lunch and some great, some good and some miserable bridge hands, but everyone had a grand time and are looking forward to our next event next April. Marv DeHues and his wife Barbara had 2 small slams and came away as the big winner with 6,140 points. In second place with 5,760 points and one small slam was Ali Aghaiepour and Simi Zabtian. Third place went to Alvin and Francoise Buchagnani with 4,840 points. In fifth place was Stan and Wendy Holcenberg with 4,430 points. Milt and Marge Greenstein took sixth place with 4,330 points and one small slam. Small slams were also made by Oscar and Marilyn Kerkorian and by Dave and Claire Rasmussen, but their small slams were not enough to get them into the money. We had a total of 6 small slams.

The duplicate bridge group met on October 4th at the Diablo Valley Bridge Center with 20 men attending. The team of Dan Green/Dan Greenberg took top honors with 64.50 points out of a possible 108 points (59.72%). Jack Butler/Bob Daily took second place with 62.50 points, followed by Bill Sullivan/Greg Tcherkoyan (57.50 points) and Mike Corker/Monte Hall (56.00 points).

On October 11, the lunch/bridge group met at Round Hill C.C. with 22 men attending. Today's session was won by Art Donaldson with 5,790 points, followed by Ron Wohlberg (5,430), Bob Wolf (4,900), Norm Schoenfeld (4,780) and Jim Nachtweih (4,640). We had 3 small slams made by Art Donaldson/Gene Gould, Art Donaldson/Ron Wohlberg and Dick Chaffee/Jai Yee.

The lunch/bridge group met again on October 25 at Diablo C.C. with 25 men attending, Ron Wahlberg was top man today with 5,600 points followed by Ken Harold (5,570), Dennis Perry (4,790), Norm Schoenfeld (4,770), Bob Kahl (4,680) and Bill Sullivan (4,450). We had just one small slam today made by Bill Sullivan / Gene Gould.



Bowling
Ron Gagliardi

Hi, well the season's started and we are all having fun. There are two sessions' you can join, either at the Clayton Valley Bowl or Diablo Lanes, they are both in Concord. They meet at 10 am on Wednesday's, please come and join us.

There is a bowling tournament coming up on the 15th & 16th of November at the Clayton Valley Bowl in Concord. You can sign up for either day or both days. It's a lot of fun, but you must have a book average with the USBC. Contact me at rongag@att.net for the application.



Wine Appreciation Group
Al Reynolds

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

SIR Website Addresses

SIR 116 Web Site

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

Branch 116 Golf

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

Trampas Topics

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

Computer and Technology

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

SIR Happenings State Newsletter

www.sirinc.org/sirhappenings

State SIR Web Site

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



Br. 116 Book Club

Rich Black

The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks

On Monday, October 24, the SIR Book Group discussed "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks" by Rebecca Skloot. There is cell biology, medical ethics, differences in class and race experience and a whole lot more. SIR Joel White added considerably to the discussion with his personal professional experiences with much of that material. As an aside, one message of this book is that you may want to read those disclaimers the next time you have surgery. [Badge 038] Attending the discussion were Richard Black, Lytton DeSilva, Al Reynolds, Art Donaldson, Bob Daily, Jim Scott, Jack Butler, Dick Kauffman and Don Peckham. The group awarded it 4.262 stars, showing that the group clearly felt the read rewarded the effort.

The group will next meet on **Monday, December 5** (Note different time of month!) at Orinda Books at 10:15 AM to consider "Tuxedo Park" by Jennet Conant which purports to be "the secret palace of science that changed the course of World War II.



Luncheon Speaker

By Little Sir Neil Schmidt

Celebrate Our Veterans Month

Our November speaker, Bill Green, is from Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley. VNVDV is a non-profit organization, composed primarily of present and former members of the Armed Forces of the United States, who served during the Vietnam conflict and who are eligible for the Vietnam Service Medal. They are committed to improving the image of Viet Nam Veterans and providing support to Veterans, especially Viet Nam Veterans, through selected government and private organizations. Their purpose is to foster patriotism and loyalty to the United States of America, through the support of local community activities, which recognize the contributions and sacrifices of Veterans.

Bill will talk about Viet Nam statistics, how he got there and what he did, how he was received when he returned home, Agent Orange impacts and post traumatic stress.

New Member



New Member Dean Steuer with Sponsor Ron Armijo



John West is presented with the President's Award by Area 2 Governor Ron Smith

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 2012

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

Feb 22-Mar 1, 2012: The Wonders of Costa Rica (Costa Rica is Central America's greatest hidden gem, Includes Air, Motor Coach, Hotels, Professional Naturalist and Guides) 9 days for \$2579, Mike Console, San Jose, Br. 32, 408-246-1080 or John Pletsch, 408-274-2992.

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

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

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

Apr 11- 16, 2012: National Cherry Blossom Festival (Tour includes reservations at Cherry Blossom parade, tram tour of Arlington, Kennedy Center, Smithsonian, Space Shuttle Enterprise, Mt Vernon

and Potomac River cruise) 6 day trip for \$2170, John Pletsch, San Jose, Br 32, 408-274-2992 or Mike Console- 408-246-1080.

Apr 12-20, 2012; Ama Waterways Tulip Time Cruise, (Discover the beauty and history of the Dutch and Belgian waterways in the springtime aboard the new 160 passenger ship Amaverde, ports include Antwert, Ghent , Amsterdam, and Bruges). 9 days cruise for \$2546 to \$4445 plus air. Richard Small, Pleasanton, Br 34, 925-4621204.

Apr 13-28, 2012: Cruise Hawaii. (15 night Cruise aboard the "Star Princess" sailing RT from SF to Hawaii. Excursions in Hilo, Honolulu, Kauai, Maui, and Ensenada. Cost \$2090 to \$2990, David Abrahams, Livermore, Br 101, 925-447-9386. or Bruce Bentley, Santa Cruz, Br 20, 831-465-6590 or Henry Puccinelli Br. 22, 415-457-3990.

May 18-24, 2012: Southern Sights & Southern Lights. (This 7 day trip features the lovely Southern cities of Savannah, Jekyll Island, Beaufort and Charleston. The tour includes a riverboat ride in Savannah and a narrated carriage tour of downtown Beaufort) Cost \$2695, Bill Kurtz, San Jose, Br. 21, 268-8830, or Dick Kohl, 268-0428.

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

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.

Hiking & Walking

Joel White



The Friday **November 11** walk will start at 8:15am and be led by **Art Donaldson**, 934-8391, dnldsn@sbcglobal.net. The Walk will commence from the lower parking lot at Arbolado Park.

Directions: From hwy 680, take Ygnatio Valley Rd approximately 3 miles to Oak Grove Rd. Turn right on Oak Grove Rd, then left on Arbolado (4th stop sign). Park is on the left about 2 blocks from turn.

At this point there will be no formally scheduled walk for Friday November 25, the day after Thanksgiving. (even though we could probably all use one).

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



Computer & Technology

Derek Southern & Phil Goff



The Area 2 Computer and Technology Group invites all Sirs and their guests to our next meeting on **Thursday, November 17th** at 9am.

Phil Goff will present information on online services for backing up and storing computer data. Commonly known as "the cloud," companies such as Mozy, Carbonite and others will backup your data to their servers for a nominal charge. However, there is an increasing amount of free storage available in sites such as Google Docs, Microsoft's Skydrive and others that enable you to backup and share data with others for free.

Since November 17 will be our last meeting of 2011, we also want to have some fun and prepare for the Holiday season. Phil will show you a list of ideas and ways to make online purchases for Christmas. It's fun and with a little advance planning, your Christmas shopping will be easy. Also,

we will have a free raffle of some interesting prizes for computer users.

After this presentation Dick Curry will lead a Q&A to address current computer issues and questions. So please join us for a fun and informative session. As always there will be coffee and cookies available before and during the meeting.

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. See you there.

"Dine-O-Sirs" Dinner Group

Ben Smith



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

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

State 'SIR Happenings'

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

www.sirinc.org/sirhappenings

See's Candies 2011 Christmas Discount Sale

This sale provides group discount prices to SIR Branch 116 members. IT IS NOT A FUND RAISER.

- **Mail** candy orders by **Wednesday, November 16** to:
Dirk Meyer, 112 Castleford Circle,
Danville, CA 94526 (phone 820-6878)

- or **Order** at the **Monday, November 21** SIR Luncheon.

- Make check payable to "Sir Branch 116 – Candy".

- Orders and checks must be from SIR members,
you may include family and friends in your order.

- Pick up candies in Elks Club parking lot on
Thursday, December 1, 9:00 to 10:30 am.

Your Name _____ **Telephone** _____

Size	Item	Retail	How Many	Discount	Total\$
2 lb 7 oz	<i>Festive Favorites</i>	\$ 48.75		\$ 34.90	
4 lb 2 oz	<i>Holiday Assortment</i>	\$ 74.75		\$ 55.00	
5 lb 12 oz	<i>Celebration Assortment</i>	\$90.50		\$ 71.00	
1 lb 4 oz	<i>Xmas Ornament Fancy</i>	\$31.50		\$ 26.40	
1 lb	<i>Holiday Fancy</i>	\$ 19.00		\$ 15.90	
1 lb	<i>Christmas Victoria Toffee</i>	\$ 16.50		\$ 12.05	
1 lb	<i>Peppermint Twist Box</i>	\$ 7.00		\$ 5.85	
8 oz	<i>Milk Chocolate Foil Balls</i>	\$ 6.00		\$ 5.25	
8 oz	<i>Dark Chocolate Foil Balls</i>	\$ 6.00		\$ 5.25	
7.5 oz	<i>Polar Bear Box</i>	\$ 6.20		\$ 5.35	
1 lb 5 oz	<i>Hanukkah Lollypops</i>	\$ 15.80		\$ 11.90	
1 lb 8 oz	<i>Hanukkah Peanut Brittle</i>	\$ 15.90		\$ 12.95	
8 oz	<i>Truffles</i>	\$ 9.45		\$ 7.75	
1 lb	<i>Truffles</i>	\$ 18.90		\$ 15.50	
1 lb	<i>Gold Fancy</i>	\$ 21.60		\$ 17.75	
2 lb	<i>Gold Fancy</i>	\$ 39.80		\$ 33.85	
4 lb	<i>Gift of Elegance</i>	\$ 79.60		\$ 67.10	
Mailing Cartons (except items in italics) List items here					\$ 1.00 each

Size	Item	Retail	How Many	Discount	Total \$
8 oz	<i>Signature Box</i>	\$ 9.45		\$ 7.75	
1 lb		\$ 16.50		\$ 12.05	
2 lb	<i>Assorted Chocolates</i>	\$ 33.00		\$ 24.15	
3 lb		\$ 49.50		\$ 36.20	
5 lb		\$ 82.50		\$ 60.35	
1 lb	<i>Milk Chocolates</i>	\$ 16.50		\$ 12.05	
2 lb		\$ 33.00		\$ 24.15	
3 lb		\$ 49.50		\$ 36.20	
1 lb	<i>Dark Chocolates</i>	\$ 16.50		\$ 12.05	
2 lb		\$ 33.00		\$ 24.15	
1 lb		\$ 16.50		\$ 12.05	
2 lb	<i>Soft Centers</i>	\$ 33.00		\$ 24.15	
1 lb		\$ 16.50		\$ 12.05	
2 lb		\$ 33.00		\$ 24.15	
1 lb	<i>Nuts & Chews</i>	\$ 16.50		\$ 12.05	
2 lb		\$ 33.00		\$ 24.15	
3 lb		\$ 49.50		\$ 36.20	
1 lb	<i>Bridge Mix</i>	\$ 16.50		\$ 12.05	
1 lb	<i>Toffee-ettes (can)</i>	\$ 16.50		\$ 12.05	
1 lb	<i>Almond Royal (can)</i>	\$ 16.50		\$ 12.05	
12 oz	<i>Mixed Salted Nuts (can)</i>	\$ 8.75		\$ 7.60	
1 lb 8 oz	<i>Peanut Brittle</i>	\$15.90		\$ 12.90	
8 oz	<i>Awesome Peanut Brittle Bar (8 pack)</i>	\$ 9.15		\$ 6.40	
12 oz	<i>Awesome Nut & Chew Bar (8 pack)</i>	\$ 9.15		\$ 6.40	
12 oz	<i>Awesome Walnut Square Bar (8 pack)</i>	\$ 9.15		\$ 6.40	
8 oz	<i>Molasses Chips</i>	\$ 8.25		\$ 6.00	
8 oz	<i>Assorted Peppermints</i>	\$ 8.25		\$ 6.00	
4 oz	<i>Little Pops, Assorted</i>	\$ 4.00		\$ 2.60	
4 oz	<i>Little Pops, Café Latte</i>	\$ 4.00		\$ 2.60	
1 lb 5 oz	<i>Lollypops, Assorted</i>	\$ 15.80		\$ 11.90	
1 lb 5 oz	<i>Lollypops, Chocolate</i>	\$ 15.80		\$ 11.90	
1 lb 5 oz	<i>Lollypops, Butterscotch</i>	\$ 15.80		\$ 11.90	
1 lb 5 oz	<i>Lollypops, Café Latte</i>	\$ 15.80		\$ 11.90	
1 lb 5 oz	<i>Lollypops, Vanilla</i>	\$ 15.80		\$ 11.90	
1 lb	Gift Certificate – Continental US only	\$ 16.50		\$ 13.00	
TOTAL ORDER - Both Columns					

SIR Branch 116 Golf

By Al Zavattero, Golf Chairman



2012 GOLF DUES

18 Hole Members

If you get your GHIN number through our Branch, the 2012 dues will be \$56.00.

If you get your GHIN number through another club and do not want to participate in any Area 2 or state SIRS events, your dues will be \$20.00. If you do want to participate in Area 2 or state SIRS events, your dues will be \$56.00.

9 Hole Members

If you are only going to play in 9 hole events, your dues will be \$20.00.

If you are going to play in both 9 hole and 18 hole events, use the 18 hole criteria for cost of dues.

Please send your checks to the Lock Box or bring to the November luncheon. Write 2012 Dues in the for line at the bottom of the check. We would like to get all members re-registered for 2012 by December 15th. If you have any questions, please contact Max Foust or myself, by phone or e-mail.

One very important date: Monday February 13, 2012. That's the date we play the re-vamped Silverado North course for \$49.00. We have room for 100 players. Invite your friends. We need to fill all 100 spots,

Thanks to everyone who has made 2011 a successful year.

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.

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.

November 18-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Mon. 07	9:30	Boundary Oak	Art Vogl
Mon. 14	9:00	Roddy Ranch	Al Serafino
Tues. 22	10:00	Blue Rock-West	Robbie R.
Mon. 28	9:36	Shadow Lakes	B.Wroblewski

November 9-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Wed. 02	10:00	Buchanan Fields	Dick Chaffee
Wed. 09	10:00	Pine Meadow	D. McLaughry
Wed. 16	10:00	Buchanan Fields	Dick Chaffee
Wed. 23	10:00	Diablo Hills	Mike Murphy
Wed. 30	10:00	Pine Meadow	D. McLaughry



18 Hole Results

By David Harris

Willow Park -- Monday October 24, 2011

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
Bill McCord	70	3	Tom Eller	69	3	Dick Chaffee	73	3	Art Vogl	61	3
Mel Williams	70	3	Phil Goff	69	3	Bernie Wroblewski	76	2	Terry Grummitt	64	2
David Harris	74	1	Lonny Randall	71	1	John Peterson	79	1	Conrad Robertson	67	1
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
Mel Williams	84		Phil Goff	86		Dick Chaffee	96		Conrad Robertson	93	

Closest to: Hole #3 - Lonny Randall, Terry Grummitt -- Hole #13 - Al Zavattero, Bernie Wroblewski

Paradise Valley -- Tuesday October 18, 2011

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
David Harris	67	3	Tom Eller	65	3	Max Foust	68	3	Terry Grummitt	59	3
Pat Tinguely	67	3	Lonny Randall	70	2	Al Serafino	72	2	Robbie Robinson	64	2
Mel Williams	67	3	David Carlson	71	1	Don Roberts	75	1	Frank Lockwood	67	1
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
Mel Williams	82		Tom Eller	85		Max Foust	93		Conrad Robertson	95	

Closest to: Hole #3 - David Harris, Robbie Robinson -- Hole #12 - Mel Williams, Terry Grummitt

San Ramon -- Monday October 10, 2011

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
Bill McCord	72	3	Tom Eller	71	3	John Story	68	3	Chuck Gilliam	73	3
Mel Williams	74	2	Phil Goff	71	3	Al Serafino	74	2	Robbie Robinson	73	3
Al Zavattero	74	2	Jed Daniel	75	1	Don Roberts	74	2	Wayne Cook	80	1
			David Carlson	75	1						
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
Bill McCord	89		Phil Goff	88		John Story	90		Robbie Robinson	105	

Closest to: Hole #7 -Al Zavattero, Phil Jenkins -- Hole #17 - Phil Goff, Terry Grummitt

Metropolitan Golf Links -- Monday October 3, 2011

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
Mel Williams	69	3	Frank Crua	70	3	Dick Chaffee	68	3	Bill Hemmelsbach	64	3
Bill McCord	71	2	Phil Goff	70	3	Phil Jenkins	72	2	Art Vogl	69	2
David Harris	73	1	Paul Kim	73	1	Bernie Wroblewski	74	1	Conrad Robertson	72	1
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
Mel Williams	84		Phil Goff	87		Dick Chaffee	92		Bill Hemmelsbach	97	

Closest to: Hole #7 -Al Zavattero, Art Vogl -- Hole #12 - Mel Williams, Phil Jenkins

Carson City Golf Getaway Recap

Phil Goff has put together a nice video of the pictures he took during the Carson City Golf Getaway in September. The outing was a success and everyone had lots of fun. To view the video click on the following link: http://sir-org/116web/carson_city_golf.html

The 2012 Carson City Golf Getaway has been scheduled for Wed. 9/5 through Fri 9/7. The Getaway includes 3 nights lodging at a choice of 2 hotels, 2 rounds of golf with cart, open bar and buffet banquet all 3 nights, tee prizes, ladies bridge, raffle prizes, and food, gaming and bar coupons. Put the dates on your calendar so you join us for a fun filled event next year. Friends and family members are always welcome.

2011 18 Hole Leaders

By David Harris

FLIGHT 1		FLIGHT 2		FLIGHT 3		FLIGHT 4	
Index 0.0 - 16.7		Index 16.8 - 21.3		Index 21.4 - 26.5		Index 26.6 - 36.4	
NAME	POINTS	NAME	POINTS	NAME	POINTS	NAME	POINTS
Williams, Mel	56	Carlson, David	57	Story, John	39	Robertson, Conrad	59
Harris, David	41	Goff, Phil	50	Peterson, John	38	Hemmelsbach, Bill	40
Johnson, Jim	37	Crua, Frank	43	Wroblewski, Bernie	31	Gilliam, Chuck	34
McCord, Bill	33	Randall, Lonny	30	Foust, Max	30	Robinson, Robbie	33
Zavattero, Al	30	Kim, Paul	27	Testa, Bob	26	Langhorst, Carl	17
Clizbe, Jim	18	Eller, Tom	22	Chaffee, Dick	17	Cook, Wayne	16
Meyer, Dirk	14	Socolich, Dick	12	Jenkins, Phil	17	Vogl, Art	16
Tinguely, Pat	12	Hunter, Jerry	4	Donohue, Bob	15	Arena, Matt	12
Clark, Bill	9	Campbell, Rob	3	Serafino, Al	15	Armijo, Ron	11
Schmidt, Neil	9	Cannon, Larry	3	Madden, Richard	8	Lockwood, Frank	7
Smith, Wayne	4	Nichols, Bob	3	Boswell, Gary	6	Grummitt, Terry	6
Hicks, Jerry	3	McClaghry, Darrell	2	Roberts, Don	6	Kallas, Pete	3
Smith, Ben	1	Birmingham, Pat	1	Hutchko, Al	5	Ostler, Joe	3
		Daniel, Jed	1	Conlon, Bob	4	Maclay, John	2
				Lutkus, Alex	2	McVean, Kirk	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:

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

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

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

18-Hole Pay In Advance Deadlines

Event Date	Location	Deadline	Amount
Monday November 14	Roddy Ranch	Nov-4	40
Tuesday November 22	Blue Rock Springs -- West	Nov-11	35
Monday November 28	Shadow Lakes	Nov-18	30
Tuesday December 20	Lone Tree	Dec-9	35
Tuesday December 27	Delta View	Dec-16	30

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



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

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Rules of Attendance and Membership for SIR Branch 116

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

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

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

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

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.

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.