



Trampas Topics

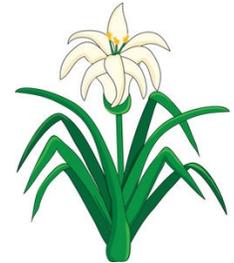
April, 2012

SIR Branch 116

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

A Nonprofit Public Benefit Organization for Retired Men Enjoying Active Retirement

Sayings of 2012 Big Sir Neil Schmidt



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Our Activity Chairman, Jerry Hicks is sure firing things up by helping start several new activities for our Branch (see page 9). A new "Driving in the Bay Area" activity, led by Roger Colton, had its first event on March 28. Thanks to an idea presented by Dave Butner, we are looking at expanding our Poker groups to include a new Texas Holdem group. Jerry is also trying to setup a bicycle outing sometime in late April or early May (I wish I hadn't disposed of my bicycle during a garage clean-out a couple years ago). If you are interested in participating in one of these activities or have an idea for another new one, give Jerry a call.



The Nominating Committee has begun trying to setup a slate of candidates for 2013 Branch officers and directors. It is important that everyone get involved with not only our Branch activities but also with it's administration. If you have any ideas or want to volunteer for a position, please contact the Chairman Ron Armijo.

The **Boulder Creek Golf & Vacation Outing** to be held on May 16-18 is just around the corner. If you haven't been to this event before, the Boulder Creek area and golf course are beautiful and it is a great get-a-way event for golfers and their spouses (or significant others).

The **Spring Fling** on May 11th is rapidly approaching and reservations are needed no later than May 2nd. This is one of our "premier" events, 2nd only to the Christmas Dinner dance. The event is being held at the Contra Costa Country Club and will have great food and live entertainment. These events are always lots of fun so please sign-up (see page 12).

Have a happy Easter and watch out on April Fools Day...

Neil Schmidt Big SIR

The Spring Fling Luncheon
Friday, May 11, 2012
Contra Costa Country Club

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

2012 SIR 116 Officers & Directors



Big SIR
Neil Schmidt
939-5342



Little SIR
Art Vogl
288-0488



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Dick Chaffee
932-5087



Asst. Secretary
Joel White
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939-8421



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Andy Benz
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825-7437



Jerry Kaplan
938-1037



Alex Lutkus
827-2828



Bernie Wroblewski
820-3274

2012 SIR 116 Committee Chairmen

Activities Coordinator	Jerry Hicks	945-7465	Interviewer	Max Foust	827-9323
Attendance	Jim Nachtweih	838-7417	Membership Roster	Dick Thomson	785-7600
Audit	Ron Armijo	945-0637	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	Ron Armijo	945-0637
Candy Sales	Dirk Meyer	820-6878	Parties	Jerry Hicks	945-7465
Chaplain	Rotating	#1 See Below	Photographers	John Peterson	946-0335
Computer & Tech..	Phil Goff	831-3692		Ken Miller	256-9343
Computer Support	Dick Thomson	785-7600	Poker Group #1	Bill Harrington	935-1625
Dine-O-Sir	Ben Smith	820-5403	Poker Group #2	Al Reynolds	254-1576
Driving in the BA	Roger Colton	937-2652	Storytellers	Rotating	#2 See Below
Duplicate Bridge	Mike Corker	872-7525	Sums In Retirement	Ben Smith	820-5403
E-mail Contact	Art Vogl	288-0488	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	Jack Bevis	254-7256
Hiking and Walking	Joel White	964-0994			
	Dan Green	376-7087	#1. Doug Aalders, Matt Arena, Art Donaldson, Lou Sandor		
Historian	Matt Arena	946-0404	#2. Pat Bermingham, Milt Greenstein, Marty Ratterree		
Host	Frank Crua	932-0975			

2012 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	Pete Gates (Br. 146)	937-2035	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

April 2012

Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
1	2 18-Hole Golf (9:00@ Silverado South CC)	3 Duplicate Bridge (9:00@ Diablo Valley Bridge Ctr)	4 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC) Bowling (10:00@Mounument Bowl)	5	6 Good Friday	7
8 Easter	9 18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Lake Chabot GC)	10 Luncheon Bridge (11:30@ Round Hill CC)	11 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Pine Meadow GC) Bowling (10:00@Mounument Bowl)	12	13 Hiking & Walking (8:15@ Fresh & Easy Mkt, Ygnacia Villy. Rd, WC)	14
15	16 SIR Br 116 Mtg. (11:30@ Elks Club)	17 18-Hole Golf (10:00@ Mare Island GC) Poker Group 2 (1:00@ Diablo CC) Ladies Day Bridge (11:00@ Diablo C.C.)	18 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC) Bowling (10:00@Mounument Bowl)	19 Computer & Tech (9:00@ Elks Club)	20	21
22	23 18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Rancho Solano GC) Book Group Mtg. (10:15@ Orinda Books)	24 Luncheon Bridge (11:30@ Diablo CC)	25 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Diablo Hills GC) Bowling (10:00@Mounument Bowl) \$ums Investment 8:00@ Diablo Creek GC)	26 Fishing Group (8:30@ Legends-Diablo Crk) Wine Appreciation (4:00@ TBD)	27 Hiking & Walking (8:15@ Moraga Commons Parking Lot, Moraga)	28
29	30 18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Franklin Cyn. GC)					



Membership

Andy Benz
(anbenz@aol.com)

SIR 116 Membership Status

Total Current Members:	249
Last Month's Inductees:	2
Those in Interview Stage:	3
Total in Process:	5
On Inactive Status:	47
Left the Branch:	2
Waiting to be Installed:	0



Br. 116 Treasurer's Report

John Peterson, Treasurer
(delanaimp@aol.com)

	March 2012	2012 YTD
Contributions	\$ 7,160.00	\$ 22,840.00
Disbursements	\$ (6,410.05)	\$ (17,365.16)
Net gain/(loss)	\$ 749.95	\$ 5,474.84

March Cash Balance \$ 10,163.77

April Birthdays

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

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|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Frank Bryant | 10. Ralph McDowell |
| 2. John Canane | 11. Joseph Ostler |
| 3. Richard Chaffee | 12. Pat Peters |
| 4. Jim Clizbe | 13. William Schneider |
| 5. Roger Colton | 14. Robert Shader |
| 6. Leon Dulac | 15. Ben Smith |
| 7. Bill Hemmelsbach | 16. Marshall Stashyn |
| 8. Mark Jordan | 17. David Wheeler |
| 9. Richard Madden | |

April Luncheon Menu

Spaghetti with Meatballs
Sautéed Zucchini
Caesar Salad
Sliced French Bread & Butter
Dessert/Coffee/Ice Tea



Lunch Attendance

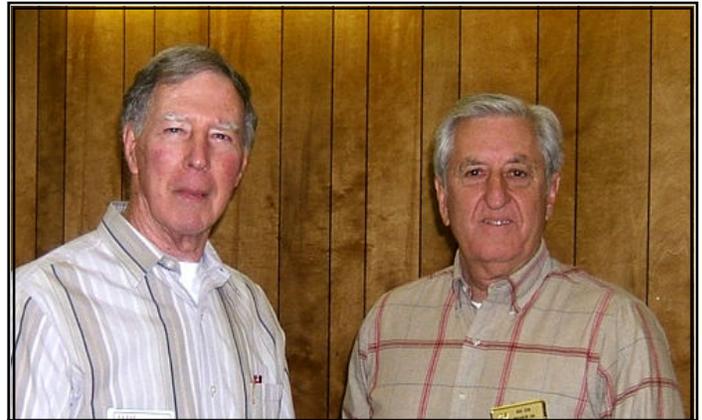
Jim Nachtweih
(majnacht@sbcglobal.net)

Attendance at the March 19, 2012 meeting:

Total:	189
Members:	184
Visitors:	1
Speakers:	0
Guests:	4
Excused:	49
Un-Excused:	12

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

New Br. 116 Member



New Member Dennis J. Lowe
with Sponsor Neil Schmidt

In Memoriam

Anthony J. (Tony) Uniguez

April 27, 1923 – February 29, 2012

In Memoriam

Martin P. (Marty) McFally

May 1, 1943 – March 1, 2012

In Memoriam

Kay S. (Dusty) Rhodes

November 20, 1924 – March 23, 2012



Sunshine Report

Matt Arena

(marena@astound.net)

Sir **Marty McNally** passed away March 1, 2012 after a long battle following his operation for brain cancer. Marty leaves behind many friends who visited with him during his illness.

Sir **Tony Yniguez** passed away on February 29, 2012 rather suddenly following a bout of respiratory illness. Tony had joined us for lunch on February 20 and even though he had lost some weight seemed to be recovering nicely. We never know the time or the place

Sir **Tim Dorr** was operated on for a replacement of a heart valve of Monday March 19. Here is hoping he has a speedy recovery.

Past Big Sir **Courtney Borrecco** wanted to let me know that he was not up to attending the Luncheon but that he had every intension to bring his voluntary contribution to the meeting. I told him he was good for the money and not to worry.

Sir **Joe Verdoia** is recuperating at Trampas Terrace after a short stay at John Muir Medical center. He is in good hands with the loving care of his wife Norma.

Sir **Dusty Rhodes** was taken to the hospital with a blood clot but is now home recuperating. Dusty has had a tough road since his fall last year and in addition he is experiencing early stages of dementia. Past Big Sir Carlos Xavier visited Dusty and knows he was cheered by the visit. *Note: Dusty passed away on March 23rd.*

Sir **Bob Milano** has been diagnosed with nerve pain in his back. Bob sees the doctor every Monday so for the next 3-4 months he will have to miss our luncheons. Where he used to walk an hour a day the best he can do is ten minutes with discomfort.

Sir **Les Wareham** was hospitalized at John Muir with a heart issue. Thankfully he has been discharged and is at home recovering.

Sir **Mac McDowell** is doing better but is not quite

ready to return to the luncheons. He tells me he is feeling better.

Sir **Paul Kim** is recovering from a stroke. He was in good spirits when visited at John Muir and he tells me he should be back on the golf course in two months.

GENTLEMEN: SOME OF OUR MEMBERS HAVE BEEN ON THE SUN SHINE LIST A LONG TIME - SIRS **Harry Honestein**, **Ed Regalia**, and **Joe Lennon**. Keep them in your thoughts and a call or card would be appreciated.

Looking for Some Good Men

The Nominating Committee is responsible for developing a slate of officers and directors who will function as our Branch Executive Committee (BEC) in 2013.

Please let the committee know whether you would like to be considered for one of the positions or if you know of someone who you believe would be a good candidate. Also, if you have any questions concerning the duties and responsibilities of any of the officer or director positions or you just want to pass on a member name to the committee please feel free to talk with any one of the committee members. We look forward to hearing from you for this very important branch activity.

Committee members are Ron Armijo (Chairman), Dirk Meyer, Dick Socolich, John Story, and Carlos Xavier all long time members of Branch 116.

Sons In Retirement on Facebook!

Are you using the popular social networking system Facebook? Did you know that Sons In Retirement has a Facebook "Wall". Check it out at: <http://www.facebook.com/SonsInRetirement>



Luncheon Speaker

By Little Sir Art Vogl
(carolvogl@sbcglobal.net)

Topic: US Green Building Council

Speakers: Alex Gilmete, LEED*AP, Exec. V.P. and Eric Golangco, Chair of Diablo East Bay Branch of No. CA Chapter of the USGBC.

Bio: Alex has more than 18 yrs. of commercial interiors experience, including 4 yrs. at Interform Commercial Interiors. He's a CA native and has a degree in Public Relations from No. Arizona University. Eric is an advocate in having a sustainable world for all. He is a civil engineer with a BS in Civil Engineering from Santa Clara Univ., Masters Degree in Const. Mgmt. from Stanford, and a MBA from Moraga's St. Mary's College.

Presentation: Together, with a handful of slides, will introduce the USGBC, explain the mission of the organization and then discuss the LEED certifications, They then will provide examples of local LEED projects.

*Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design

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

Poker Group #2

Al Reynolds
(reynolds4596@sbcglobal.net)



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.



\$ums Investment Group

Allen Espenmiller
(aespenmiller@pacbell.net)

The Area 2 \$ums Investment Group will meet on **Wednesday April 25, 2012 at 8:00 AM** at the Diablo Creek golf course, 4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord. Our speaker J. Wesley Smith an Attorney with Buchman Provine Brothers Smith LLP of Walnut Creek. His presentation will be "Current Estate Planning under the new 2010 Tax Act". The presentation will discuss essential details that need to be considered in setting up a Revocable Living Trust to protect your estate's assets from Probate and Estate Taxes. He will also present examples of other Trusts that are available.

Wes is one of the Five Star Wealth Managers for 2011 that were selected for overall satisfaction by consumers, peers and industry experts from more than 5500 registered financial professionals in the San Francisco East Bay area. Estate Planning is something that needs to be reviewed every 5 years to make sure your plan is current with laws that each succeeding presidential administration passes.

"Dine-O-Sir" Dinner Group

Ben Smith
(bjsssmith@aol.com)



Dine-O-Sir's have no event planned for April or May. We are working on our next event which we are hoping to have at "THE CLAIR JUMPER" Restaurant in Concord in the last half of June.....Stay tuned for all the details.

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



SIR Fishing Group

Harry Sherinian

(h.sherinian@comcast.net)

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, April 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. Come early and have some breakfast with the members and swap fishing stories. We usually are there by about 8:00am.

Well the big news and only news was from San Pablo Reservoir. Carl Moyer did the big news with a monster 11 pound rainbow. Seniors can rent boats there at half off, and taking advantage of this bargain were: Tom Boltz, Jack Waddell, Barry Rauchle, Karl Droese, Carl Moyer, George Shulze, Jerry Flahiff, Mike Corker, Gordon Linebaugh, and Joe Miscione. Almost everybody caught fish, and no one went home empty handed. When the rain stops we shall return. Don Mittelstaedt caught some steelhead fly fishing in the Trinity River. Our only sturgeon trip was not productive, and the names have been withheld to protect the unfortunate.

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

Our next meeting will be Thursday, **April 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 Pete Gates, Big Fish (925-937-2035;) Harry Sherinian, Branch 116 Coordinator, (925-846-7067;) or Tom Boltz, Treasurer/Secretary, (925-825-5695.)



Bowling

Ron Gagliardi

(rongag@att.net)

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.



Bridge

Milt Greenstein

(margmilt@comcast.net)

On February 28th, the bridge group met at Diablo C.C. for lunch and bridge. Twenty four men attended. Our top scorer today was Jim Regan with 5,770 points, followed by Jack Butler (5,600), Bob Daily (4,980), Dennis Perry (4,320), Norm Schoenfeld (4,220) and Bud Grisanti (4,060). We had one small slam today made by the team of Bob Daily / Jim Nachtweih.

On March 6, the duplicate bridge group met with 20 men present. Top honors went to Art Donaldson / Jim Regan with 67.50 points out of a possible 104 points (62.50%). They were followed by Bob Wolf / Conrad Robertson (59.26%), Mike Corker / Dimitris Argyriou (53.70%) and Jack Butler / Norm Schoenfeld (53.24%).

The lunch / bridge group met at Round Hill C.C. on March 13th with 23 men playing. Our top achiever today was Ali Aghaiepour with 5,740 points, with a last round charge of 2,580 points to come from the middle of the pack to take first place. In second place was Gene Gould with 5,070 points. Third place was taken by Bill Sullivan with 4,790 points, followed by Dimitris Argyriou (4,750), Fred Massaro (4,440) & Walt Kawecki (4,380). Three small slams were made today by the teams of Walt Kawecki / Phil Paris, Walt Kawecki / Ali Aghaiepour and Gene Gould / Dennis Perry.

Hiking & Walking

Joel White

(zpz2mrz@yahoo.com)



In March we had two enjoyable walks led by **Rich Black** and **Lytton DeSilva**.

The walk on **Friday, April 13, at 8:15a.m.**, will be led by **Allan Chasnoff** (cell 925-286-9266; achasnoff@hotmail.com). **Meeting place** is in front of the Fresh and Easy Grocery Market on 1821 Ygnacio Valley Rd, Walnut Creek. It is located in the shopping center on Ygnacio Valley Rd across from Heather Farms Park in Walnut Creek. Please RSVP to Allan.

The **Friday, April 27, at 8:15 a.m.**, walk will be led by **Norm Schoenfeld**. **Meet** at the Moraga Commons parking lot. The park is located at the corner of St. Mary's Road and Moraga Road. The parking entrance is on St. Mary's Road. Please RSVP to Norm at Bobbieschoenfeld@gmail.com or 925 376-7469.

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



BOULDER CREEK GOLF & VACATION OUTING

May 16, 17, 18, 2012

Golf Package: \$395.00 Per Couple + Cart
(includes 3 days of golf.)

Vacation Package: \$293.00 Per Couple (if you choose to golf, it will be paid separately at the clubhouse.)

Golf is played on Wednesday and Thursday. Tee Time is 10:30AM each day.

You will be housed in private Villas, one or two bedrooms.

There will be a food and wine gathering on Wednesday and Thursday (5:30PM) in one of the larger Villas. Each attendee will bring their favorite snack and share them with others. All attendees should bring their favorite beverage and enjoy.

Wednesday at 7:00PM we will gather at the Club House for a Italian Buffet Dinner. About \$30.00 per person

Thursday will be our Award Banquet at the Club House, also at 7:00PM. We will have BBQ Chicken and Ribs. About \$30.00 per person.

This is a beautiful area and we all have a great time.

Contact Andy Benz or Robbie Robinson for more details.



The Enthusiastic Hiking Group Getting Ready to Launch on Their March 9th Trek



Activity Chairman

Jerry Hicks
(jkhicks@astound.net)

Holdem, Texas Style

Roger Colton began the first event of Drive the Bay with the trip up Mt Diablo followed by lunch in Antioch. He has several interesting destinations in mind that you may never have seen or it has been years since you have visited. These day trips will be full of interest and fun.

The next new idea was given by Dave Butner. Dave is a member of the Poker group and would like to additionally expand into a Texas Holdem group. He needs about 10 -12 players to join with about 7 playing at a time. Let Dave know if you are interested: dlbutner@astound.net. New poker players who watch the Las Vegas competitions in awe are very welcome.

Look toward the latter part of April or first week in May for our first bicycle outing. Any riding ability will be welcome – you just need a tuned up bike and a helmet. Plan on joining in for this little bit of exercise in the fresh air.

Lastly, our Ladies Day luncheon is going to be one you don't want to miss. The flyers and signups were available at the March meeting and have been sent to all by email or snail mail. The Spring Fling will be held at the **Contra Costa Country Club on Friday, May 11**, beginning at 11:30. Please send your reservation and check for \$30 per person to me as soon as possible. The flyers will be available at the April SIR lunch and are included in this Trampas Topics.

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



Br. 116 Book Club

Rich Black
(blackrw41@comcast.net)

Was Bryson really at home?

On Monday, March 26, the SIR Book Group discussed "At Home: A Short History of Private Life" by Bill Bryson which covered everything under the sun in 19th century Britain and a whole lot before and since. While the guys appreciated the discussion of cast iron, the manufacture of glass, the sleeping arrangements of the poor—and the rich—as well as their diet and sexual proclivities, the sum total was too disjointed to compensate for the entertaining encyclopedic descriptions. The group awarded the book 3.24 stars on a 5 point scale. Jim Scott recommended the book and Richard Black led the discussion with Lytton DeSilva, Al Reynolds, Ken Sandy, Art Donaldson, Bob Mathews, Jack Butler, John Frazier, Larry Heaton, and Garrett Girvin participating.

The group will next meet on **April 23 at Orinda Books at 10:15 AM** to discuss

"**Civilization: The West and the Rest**," by Niall Ferguson. Because of Memorial Day, the following meeting will be on June 4 and the book "The **Boys of Summer**" by Roger Kahn.

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/>

SIR Travel

By Tom Eller, Travel Chairman
(tomeller2000@yahoo.com)



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

Apr 9-26, 2012: Hong Kong to Tibet Via the World's Highest Railway. (visit Hong Kong, Shanghai, and take the Yangtze River cruise. From Chongqing fly to Lhasa, Tibet for 3 full days, return to Xi'ning via the luxury Tibet Express Train. Then return to Beijing. 16 nights for \$5191 pp/ \$ 6291 sp, Neil Jameson, Garden City, Br 39, 831-336-2476.

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 12-19, 2012: Southern Culture (Board the elegant Paddlewheeler American Queen and Cruise roundtrip from New Orleans including a Free pre-night in New Orleans. Wine with dinner and free shore tours included. Ports of call: Oak Alley, St. Francisville, Natchez, Vicksburg and Houmas House) \$2825 to \$4060, Neil Jameson, Garden City, Br 39, 831-336-2476 or Wayne Dawson, 708-972-1054

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.

Apr 23-28, 2012 Southern California & Catalina. (Take Amtrak to Santa Barbara to visit Reagan Library. Proceed to Pechanga Resort in Temecula for two days tour of S. Cal. Including, Flower Fields of Carlsbad, Birch Aquarium, Catalina, and live performance of Romeo & Juliet at Santa Maria) Cost \$1540, Allen Daily, Br.74, San Jose, 408-265-8140 or Don House 408-268-1703.

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.

Jun 15-21, 2012: Southern Culture. (Cruise on the Mississippi, round trip from New Orleans). Cost \$2670 to \$3905 including airfare. Lou Pagni, Castro Valley, Br 6, 276-5025.

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



The Area 2 Computer and Technology Group invites all Sirs and their guests to our meeting at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge on Thursday, **April 19th at 9am.**

We feature a live web presentation about something more of us really need to do: backing up our computer's hard drive. Gene Barlow will discuss the more popular backup approaches and point out the advantages and limitation of each approach. He will then describe a backup approach that he believes will give you the best protection of your computer. Gene says he will offer a free software product to each of the attendees to monitor the well being of their own hard drive. He will also offer the two outstanding products he demonstrates at half the normal retail cost for those that wish to try them out.

Time permitting, Dick Curry will lead a Q&A discussion to address current computer issues that you identify. [Badge No. 51] So please bring your questions and join us for a fun and informative session. As always there will be coffee and cookies available before and during the meeting.

Our meeting on **May 17** will include home automation and security, and new consumer technology devices. Later in the year we hope to discuss principles of basic scanning and sending images, photo restoration and, possibly, developments in genealogy research. If you can suggest other titles of interest please contact one of the co-chairs.



Bocce Ball
Jerry Kaplan
(mgkaplan@astound.net)

Several SIR members have expressed interest in starting a bocce ball group. If you are interested, please contact Jerry Kaplan at 925-938-1037 or mgkaplan@astound.net.



Driving in the Bay Area
Roger Colton
(nausset@astound.net)

A new Activity being offered is "Bay Area Drives." Once a month we will take a morning drive and end with Lunch in a local restaurant. Our first Drive will be held on Wednesday, **March 28th.** We will drive through the hills and to the top of Mt. Diablo, stop to admire the great view and then proceed out to Antioch for Lunch. Gathering Place will be announced and Reservations will be taken at the March meeting so we can give the restaurant a head count in advance.

Each month following, we will drive to new places and familiar places via unusual routes. We will usually motor at or near the speed limit, not above. Men Only to start, till we see how this works out. Are you ready to rumble? Tune up those engines and mark your calendars now.

For further information, contact Roger Colton. Phone: (925) 037-2652. E-mail: nausset@astound.net




Wine Appreciation Group
Jack Bevis
(jackb435@comcast.net)

Wine Tasting events are held every other month on the last Thursday of the month from 4 to 6:30 pm. We meet at members' homes on a rotating basis, with the host selecting the wines and finger foods. Usually, four to five different wines are tasted and discussed. The cost is normally between \$5 and \$10 per person. Both SIR members and their wives are invited to attend these informal and enjoyable gatherings. Contact Jack Bevis at 925-254-7256, for more information.



SIRS 116



Spring Fling

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

The Main Banquet Room at the Contra Costa Country Club Cocktails on the Diablo View Patio

801 Golf Club Road, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523 * Ph 798-7135

Friday, May 11, 2011

11:30 No Host Social Hour

12:30 Sit-down Luncheon Served

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

Special Pricing on Well Drinks

Select Wines Available at \$20 per bottle

**Entertainment with "The Swingin' Blue Stars" of the USS Hornet
Raffle for the Ladies**

Entrée Menu: Choice of

- 1) Chicken Scaloppini with Mushroom Marsala Sauce, or
 - 2) Grilled Salmon Filet with Champagne Sauce, or
 - 3) Vegetable Wellington in a Puff Pastry (Vegetarian)
- Fresh Seasonal Vegetables and Starch

Dessert: New York Cheese Cake with Berry Coulis

Detach Here

Spring Fling – Contra Costa Country Club Must be received no later than May 2, 2012

Name: _____

Chicken ____ Salmon ____ Wellington ____

Name: _____

Chicken ____ Salmon ____ Wellington ____

Note: No table reservations this year; arrange your own seating partners

Make Check to: SIR Branch 116

Number x \$30.00 = \$ _____

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

(jandazav@juno.com)



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.



Robbie Gets Ready to 'Put Out' on the 13th tee at Callippe Preserve. (l. to r.: Robbie Robinson, Phil Jenkins, Don Roberts)

April 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

Nine Hole Info

Dick Chaffee, 9-Hole Chairman

(rwchaffee@sbcglobal.net)



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.

April 18-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Mon. 02	9:00	Silverado South	Mel Williams
Mon. 09	9:30	Lake Chabot	Mel Williams
Tues. 17	10:00	Mare Island	Mel Williams
Mon. 23	9:30	Rancho Solano	Mel Williams
Mon. 30	9:30	Franklin Cyn.	Mel Williams



18 Hole Results

By David Harris

(davyharris@aol.com)

San Ramon -- Monday March 26, 2012

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
Dirk Meyer	73	3	David Carlson	73	3	Bob Testa	72	3	Terry Sherman	72	3
Bill McCord	75	2	Tom Eller	73	3	Alex Lutkus	75	2	Art Vogl	73	2
Jimmy Johnson	76	1	Frank Crua	74	1	Conrad Robertson	75	2	Terry Grummitt	74	1
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
Bill McCord	90		David Carlson	91		Bob Testa	96		Bill Hemmelsbach	106	
Jimmy Johnson	90		Tom Eller	91					Robbie Robinson	106	
									Terry Sherman	106	

Closest to: Hole #7 - David Harris, Bob Testa -- Hole #17 - David Harris, Robbie Robinson

Callippe Preserve -- Monday March 20, 2012

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
Bill McCord	72	3	David Carlson	73	3	Conrad Robertson	71	3	Robbie Robinson	68	
Jimmy Johnson	74	2	Frank Crua	73	3	Alex Lutkus	73	2	Peter Coggiola	76	
Jerry Hicks	75	1	Tom Eller	75	1	Richard Madden	73	2	Terry Grummitt	77	
Mel Williams	75	1			Al Serafino	73	2				
Al Zavattero	75	1									
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
Bill McCord			David Carlson	92		Richard Madden	99		Robbie Robinson	97	
Jerry Hicks											

Closest to: Hole #6 - Dirk Meyer, Wayne Cook -- Hole #13 - David Carlson, Ron Armijo

Boundary Oak -- March 12, 2012

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
Jim Clizbe	71	3	Frank Crua	63	3	Conrad Robertson	67	3	Terry Grummitt	68	3
Jerry Hicks	71	3	David Carlson	67	2	Al Serafino	67	3	Bill Hemmelsbach	69	2
Bill McCord	73	1	Carlos Xavier	70	1	Bernie Wroblewski	70	1	Wayne Cook	70	1
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
Jerry Hicks	85		David Carlson	86		Al Serafino	94		Peter Coggiola	100	
									Bill Hemmelsbach	100	

Closest to: Hole #6 - David Carlson, Matt Arena -- Hole #12 - Phil Goff, Conrad Robertson

Boundary Oak -- March 5, 2012

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
Dirk Meyer	70	3	Jim Barstow	72	3	Conrad Robertson	70	3	Art Vogl	67	3
Bill McCord	71	2	Jim Videle	72	3	Al Serafino	71	2	Robbie Robinson	67	3
Jim Johnson	73	1	Phil Goff	73	1	Bob Donohue	72	1	Frank Lockwood	70	1
			Frank Crua	73	1						
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
Bill McCord	87		Jim Barstow	92		Bob Donohue	97		Robbie Robinson	96	

Closest to: Hole #2 - Bill McCord, Matt Arena -- Hole #17 - Jimmy Johnson, Robbie Robinson

Dublin Ranch -- Monday February 27, 2012

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
David Harris	60	3	Frank Crua	67	3	Conrad Robertson	67	3	Robbie Robinson	56	3
Jimmy Johnson	63	2	Phil Goff	68	2	Don Roberts	69	2	Peter Coggiola	59	2
Dirk Meyer	66	1	David Carlson	69	1	Phil Jenkins	71	1	Art Vogl	64	1
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
David Harris	74		Phil Goff	83		Conrad Robertson	91		Robbie Robinson	82	

Closest to: Hole #7 - David Harris, Robbie Robinson -- Hole #13 - Lonny Randall, Peter Coggiola

2012 18 Hole Leader Board

By David Harris

FLIGHT 1		FLIGHT 2		FLIGHT 3		FLIGHT 4	
Index 0.0 - 16.4		Index 16.5 - 22.9		Index 23.0 - 26.9		Index 27.0 - 36.4	
NAME	POINTS	NAME	POINTS	NAME	POINTS	NAME	POINTS
Zavattero, Al	16	Carlson, David	25	Robertson, Conrad	22	Robinson, Robbie	15
Harris, David	12	Crua, Frank	13	Serafino, Al	12	Vogl, Art	11
Johnson, Jim	11	Goff, Phil	9	Donohue, Bob	9	Grummitt, Terry	10
Meyer, Dirk	10	Kim, Paul	7	Testa, Bob	9	Coggiola, Peter	9
Hicks, Jerry	9	Eller, Tom	6	Daniel, Jed	6	Hemmelsbach, Bill	7
McCord, Bill	9	Foust, Max	5	Wroblewski, Bernie	6	Gilliam, Chuck	6
Williams, Mel	6	Barstow, Jim	3	Lutkus, Alex	5	Sherman, Terry	5
Smith, Wayne	4	Campbell, Rob	3	Roberts, Don	4	Langhorst, Carl	4
Clizbe, Jim	3	Schmidt, Neil	3	Conlon, Bob	3	Arena, Matt	2
Randall, Lonny	3	Videle, Jim	3	Jenkins, Phil	3	Armijo, Ron	2
		Perrilli, Phil	2	Madden, Richard	2	Cook, Wayne	2
		Socolich, Dick	2			Lockwood, Frank	1
		Tinguely, Pat	2			Ostler, Joe	1
		Xavier, Carlos	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:

2012 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 April 2	Silverado South	Mar-5	\$49
Monday April 9	Lake Chabot	Mar-30	\$27
Tuesday April 17	Mare Island	Apr-7	\$35
Monday April 23	Rancho Solano	Apr-14	\$43
Monday April 30	Franklin Canyon	Apr-21	\$35
Monday May 21	Lone Tree *	May-12	\$41 / 36
* Lone Tree is a Special Event -- guests pay \$36 and can not win prizes			
Tuesday May 29	Paradise Valley	May-21	43

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



RETURN TO: Neil Schmidt
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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.