



# Trampas Topics

August, 2012

SIR Branch 116

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

### Hawaiian Shirt & Table Scramble

We are going to do something a little different at our August Luncheon – I am encouraging everyone to wear a Hawaiian shirt on lunch day and I am also asking folks to sit somewhere else besides their normal table. We are doing this as a “one-time” event for a couple reasons:



We have had several new members join our Branch over the last few months and by sitting with different folks, it will give you an opportunity for you to meet some of the new members and also, perhaps, get to know some of our other fellow SIR a little better.



The Hawaiian shirt idea is just way to liven-up our meetings and make them a bit more festive. I hope you enjoy...

### Carson City Golf Getaway

The entry deadline of August 24<sup>th</sup> for this outstanding event is rapidly approaching. The event on September 5-7 includes 2 days of golf, 3 dinners, prizes, gaming & bar coupons, and ladies daytime activities. It is a fun event so sign-up now (see more details and entry form on pages 11 & 12).



### Activities, Activities

I continue to encourage folks to participate in as many activities as possible. Our Amiable Ambler Hiking Group is exploring the possibility of having an occasional more rigorous 2-4 hour hike and the first one is scheduled for August 25 (see page 8). Also checkout the list of other Area 2 activities available to our members (page 9).



*Neil Schmidt* Big SIR



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by the Thursday prior to  
the meeting to  
cancel your standing reser-  
vation or  
to bring a guest.***

## 2012 SIR 116 Officers & Directors



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Duplicate Bridge	Mike Corker	872-7525	Sums In Retirement	Ben Smith	820-5403
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	Dan Green	376-7087	#1. Doug Aalders, Matt Arena, Art Donaldson, Lou Sandor		
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## 2012 SIR Area 2 (Inter-branch) Committee Chairmen

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# SIR Branch 116 Activity Calendar

## August 2012

Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
			<b>1</b>  <b>9-Hole Golf</b> (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC)  <b>Bowling</b> (10:00@Mounument Bowl)	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>  <b>18-Hole Golf</b> (9:30@ Boundary Oak GC )	<b>7</b>  <b>Duplicate Bridge</b> (9:00@ Diablo Valley Bridge Ctr)	<b>8</b>  <b>9-Hole Golf</b> (10:00@ Pine Meadow GC)  <b>Bowling</b> (10:00@Mounument Bowl)	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>  <b>Hiking &amp; Walking</b> (8:15@ Moraga Commons)	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>  <b>18-Hole Golf</b> (9:30@ Boundary Oak GC )	<b>14</b>  <b>Luncheon Bridge</b> (11:30@ Round Hill GC)  <b>Dine-O-SIR</b> (6:00@ Cypress Restaurant)	<b>15</b>  <b>9-Hole Golf</b> (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC)  <b>Bowling</b> (10:00@Mounument Bowl)	<b>16</b>  <b>Computer &amp; Tech</b> (9:00@ Elks Club)	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>  <b>SIR Br 116 Mtg.</b> (11:30@ Elks Club)	<b>21</b>  <b>18-Hole Golf</b> (9:00@ Vintners GC)  <b>Poker Group 2</b> (1:00@ Diablo CC)	<b>22</b>  <b>9-Hole Golf</b> (10:00@ Diablo Hills GC)  <b>Bowling</b> (10:00@Mounument Bowl)  <b>\$ums Investment</b> (8:00@ Diablo Creek GC)	<b>23</b>  <b>Fishing</b> (8:30@ Lengend Sports Bar, Diablo Creek GC)	<b>24</b>  <b>Hiking &amp; Walking</b> (8:15@ Danville Railroad Station)	<b>25</b>  <b>Special Hike</b> (8:00@ Castle Rock)
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>  <b>18-Hole Golf</b> (10:00@ Blue Rock West GC)  <b>Book Group Mtg.</b> (10:15@ Orinda Books)	<b>28</b>  <b>Luncheon Bridge</b> (11:30@ Diablo CC)	<b>29</b>  <b>9-Hole Golf</b> (10:00@ Pine Meadow GC)  <b>Bowling</b> (10:00@Mounument Bowl)	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	



## Membership

Andy Benz  
(anbenz@aol.com)

### SIR 116 Membership Status

Total Current Members:	251
Last Month's Inductees:	7
Those in Interview Stage:	0
Total in Process:	7
On Inactive Status:	54
Left the Branch:	0
Waiting to be Installed:	0



## Br. 116 Treasurer's Report

John Peterson, Treasurer  
(delanaimp@aol.com)

	<u>July 2012</u>	<u>2012 YTD</u>
Contributions	\$ 6,072.00	\$ 40,003.60
Disbursements	\$ (6,253.57)	\$ (35,387.07)
Net (gain/(loss))	\$ <b>(181.57)</b>	\$ 4,616.53

July Cash Balance \$ 9,305.46

## August Luncheon Menu

Crab Stuffed Salmon  
Rice Pilaf  
Veggies, Caesar Salad  
Rolls/Butter  
Dessert/Coffee/Tea



## Lunch Attendance

Jim Nachtweih  
(majnacht@sbcglobal.net)

Attendance at the July 16th meeting:

Total:	190
Members:	181
Visitors:	0
Speakers:	1
Guests:	8
Excused:	60
Un-Excused:	13

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

## August Birthdays

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

- |                     |                    |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Jim Barstow      | 13. Len Hood       |
| 2. Mario Beria      | 14. Larry Johnson  |
| 3. Bert Berthold    | 15. Frank Krol     |
| 4. Dick Breitwieser | 16. Wiliam Landers |
| 5. Donald Cochran   | 17. Don McQueen    |
| 6. Peter Coggiola   | 18. Kirk McVean    |
| 7. Kent Cremolini   | 19. Otto Rinkert   |
| 8. Frank Crua       | 20. Roger Smith    |
| 9. Bob Donovan      | 21. Bill Turnquist |
| 10. Tim Dorr        | 22. Herman Walden  |
| 11. Paul Freitas    | 23. Joel White     |
| 12. Terry Grummitt  |                    |

## New Branch 116 Members



Left to Right: Sponsor Carlos Xavior with **Brent Chaney**, Sponsor Bernie Wroblewski with **Andy Anderson** & **Don Schroeder**, **John Maerzke** with Sponsor Bob Bowles, **Tom Van Voorhis** with Sponsor Neil Schmidt & **Ernie Wong**, Sponsor Bob Donohue with **Doug McClellano**



## Sunshine Report

**Matt Arena**

(marena@astound.net)

Two of our faithful members passed away this month; **Sir Fran Walsh and Sir Ed Koster**. These fine gentlemen will be missed by their many friends in the branch.

**Sir Werner Fend** was scheduled for an operation on his aorta but due to circumstances beyond their control at John Muir- Concord they postponed the procedure. He was rescheduled and it was postponed again. They will try again shortly and I will keep you informed on the results.

**Sir Harry Honestein** according to his caregiver is getting stronger. He has been a real trooper through this long siege and here is hoping he will make some real improvement very soon.

**Sir Joe Lennon** had suffered from severe "shakes" and was taken to the hospital with a severe prostate infection. Joe is doing much better but sure would like to get past all of these episodes that are setting him back during his recovery.

**Sir Tim Dorr** tells me that he is feeling much better but still tires easily. We met at a funeral and he and his wife Kathie were in good spirits.

**Sir George Willis'** caregiver advises that he is gaining his strength and can now use a walker. He looks forward to getting back with his fisherman friends.

**Sir Joe Verdoia** had another fall and is back at Tampico Terrace recuperating. Joe has had his share of setbacks and here is hoping he recovers swiftly from this last fall.

**Past Big Sir Courtney Borrecco** was planning to attend the last luncheon but had to take a rain check. He is hopeful that we will see him in August.

**Sir Stan Hill** continues to improve and is particularly pleased that his wife Marian has found a hearing aid that really works. He no longer has to shout to be heard.

The good news this month is that no new members were added to the Sunshine report. You must be taking better care of yourselves and that is a blessing. Enjoy the balance of your summer.

### In Memoriam Francis Walsh

July 21, 1937 - July 2, 2012

### In Memoriam Edward H. Koster

November 1, 1914 - July 4, 2012

## 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)

## Golf Joke

### Bad Day At The Range

A guy is at the driving range having a heck of a day.

Everything thing he tries to hit he tops, balls only going about 20' and burning worms the whole way. Finally disgusted, he turns to the pro on the range and mutters, "If I don't connect with this one, I'm gonna jump in that lake and drown myself!"

Pro looks at him and says "I don't think you can do it."

"Why not" He asks.

Pro says "I don't think you can keep your head down that long!"



## Luncheon Speaker

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

Topic: **Senior Fraud/Scam Presentation**

Speaker: Ms. Katie Knudson

Bio: Katie Knudson is the No. CA. Education & Outreach Coordinator for Dept. of Corps (DOC) The DOC protects California consumer by licensing and regulating individuals and companies that offer securities, investment advice, consumer finance loans and residential mortgage loans.

Presentation: Ms. Knudson will talk of the flagship program of the DOC which is Seniors Against Investment Fraud (SAIF) The SAIF program alerts and educates Californians over the age of 50 about financial and investment fraud, scams, and unscrupulous sales practices that specifically target seniors. The SAIF message is delivered through community events and presentations at senior centers and other locations throughout the state.

## 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)

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

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



## Bridge

Milt Greenstein  
(margmilt@comcast.net)

### Duplicate Bridge

The Duplicate bridge group met on July 3rd with 8 teams playing. Joel White-Rudy Gebert came in first with 64.29% (54.00 out of a possible 84 points). Mike Corker-Jim Reagan were second with 63.69%, followed by Jack Butler-Conrad Robertson (57.74%) and Bob Wolf-Fred Cochran (53.57%).

### Luncheon Bridge

The Lunch/bridge group met on Tuesday, July 10th at Round Hill C.C. with 24 players. A low scoring day was led by Norm Schoenfeld and Dimitris Argyriou, who tied with 5,490 points, the first time we have had a tie for first place in the last 9 years. Ron Wohlberg was third with 4,990 points, followed by Dennis Perry ( 4,650 ), Art Donaldson ( 4,520 ) and Darrell Feay ( 4,510 ). Two small slams were made by Norm Schoenfeld, one with Art Donaldson and one with .

On July 26th, the group met again at Diablo C.C. for lunch and bridge with 24 men playing. Top scorer today was Charley Schmidt with 6,020 points, with Milt Greenstein in second place with 5,470 points. Third place was taken by Dimitris Argyriou with 5,340 points, followed by Jack Butler ( 4,610 ), Tony Rohrs ( 4,580 ) and Art Donaldson ( 4,530 ). Two small slams were made today by the teams of Dennis Perry/Fred Massaro and by Art Donaldson/Milt Greenstein ( the last one on the very last hand of the day).



## 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.



## 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, August 23rd, at the Legend Sports Bar and Grill at the Diablo Creek Golf Course at 4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord. Meeting starts at 8:30am. Try and come early and have breakfast with us when we tell tales of our latest fishing adventures over a cup of coffee and some eggs. We start getting there about 7:45.

The salmon are there, but only Carl Moyer has braved the harsh ocean conditions. He limited out both trips, one on a party boat out the gate, another with a friend fishing from Bodega Bay. The salmon are a good distance from both the Golden Gate and Half Moon Bay making it hard on us. Bill Landers could care less as he continues his pursuit of black bass in the Delta and Lakes. He had a stellar day on the Delta recently, catching over 60 bass. John O'Brien, Dick Thomson, and Terry Miller joined Carl Moyer for rock fish and ling cod limits. Craig Walton and Harry Sherinian tried Lake Berryessa on a tip of a hot salmon bite. They got only Kokanee, to 20 inches. Paul Dubow did part day trips in Alaska for small salmon, all released. And the strong winds followed Kent Cremolini all the way to Mexico, forcing them to fish closer in than they wanted. So no yellowfin tuna were caught, but the yellowtail were very cooperative, and large, and they returned with a good catch.

We will be very busy this summer with: delta fishing for bass, catfish, and sturgeon, trout in local lakes, and party boat trips for salmon, kokanee, sturgeon, and crab and rock fish. We are open to all kinds of fishing and are eager to try different forms of fishing and new locations are always well received. Come and wet a line with us.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, August 23rd, at the Legend Sports Bar and Grill at the Diablo Creek Golf Course at 4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord. Meeting starts at 8:30 am. For further information, please contact Pete Gates, Big Fish (925-937-2035) Harry Sherinian, Branch 116 Coordinator, (925 846-7067).



## Br. 116 Book Club

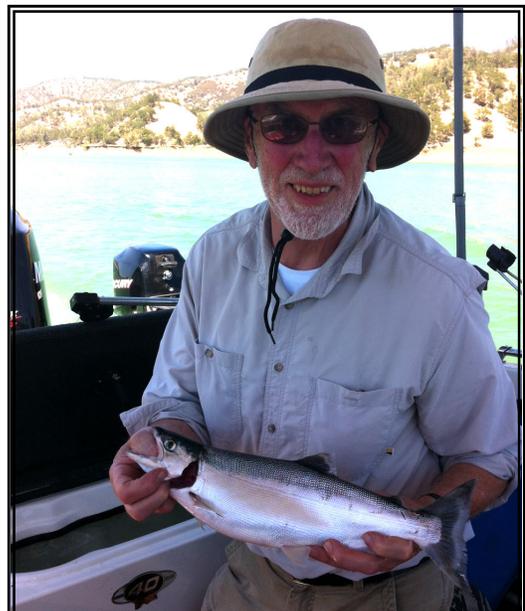
Rich Black

(blackrw41@comcast.net)

### The Man from Independence

The SIR Book Group tackled the first half of David McCullough's *Truman*. We started with Harry's pre-Civil War forbearers and saw him through the Potsdam Conference and the dropping of the Atom bomb in 1945. Several members of the group recognized names in the book from the newspapers of their youth, and were pleased now to be able to reflect on their significance. The story of Harry Truman is the story of a boy and man whose experiences resonated with the SIR members present and the group awarded the first half of this hefty tome a 4.7 out of a possible 5. Richard Black recommended the book and led the discussion with Al Reynolds, Bob Daily, Allan Chasnoff, Art Donaldson, Jerry Christopherson, John Frazier, Cord Hull, Tim Tinnis, John Frietas, Jim Scott and Bob Mathews participating.

The group will next meet at Orinda Books at 10:15 AM on August 27 to conclude our discussion of *Truman* by David McCullough. **IMPORTANT NOTICE:** If you missed the July discussion but want to join the August meeting, begin your reading with "Mr. President," on page 467.



Craig Walton with his Kokonee

## Hiking & Walking

Joel White

(zpz2mrz@yahoo.com)



The **July, Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>**, walk led by Allan Chasnoff had a **lucky 13 walkers**. It commenced at the Sweet Affair bakery in Walnut Creek, across from Heather Farms Park. A beautiful walk in a heat relieving cool breeze proceeded through the park and left on the Contra Costa Canal trail toward the Iron Horse Trail. On the return we circled the lake enjoying beautiful reflections of wild-life and flora. This was followed by coffee and conversation at Sweet Affair. Participants were Donna Argenbright and Rich Black, Alan and Linda Chasnoff, Mary Alice and Art Donaldson, Andrea and Dan Green, new members Anna and Paul Freitas, Norm Schoenfeld, and Susan and Joel White

**A SPECIAL MEETING** was held immediately following the Monday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, monthly sirs luncheon. In attendance were John Antczak, Dave Carlson, Dick Chaffee, Alan Chasnoff, Paul Freitas, Peter Schea, Neil Schmidt, and Joel White. We discussed and agreed upon the formation of an additional **once every 2 months traveling hiking activity** of the Amiable Amblers that would last 2-4 hours, followed by snack or lunch.

As a trial run, the first such activity will take place on the **4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of August, the 25<sup>th</sup>**. We will meet at 8am (to avoid summer heat) at the Castle Rock Park staging area in Walnut Creek. This hike will last 2-3 hours depending upon the groups tolerance, the temperature, water supply, etc. (bring plenty of water). This particular hike is relatively "flat" and features an out and back route. Spouses are invited if they wish to participate in this more strenuous than usual amiable amblers walk. Future hikes will feature local highlights such as the Marin Headlands, Little Yosemite trail, and other popular bay area trails. If you wish to join this new group, please contact Joel (info below).

**Directions:** From 680/24 interchange area take Ygnacio Valley Road past John Muir Hospital to the Bancroft/Walnut cross road and turn right onto Walnut. (Alternatively take Ygnacio to Oak Grove

and turn right). Turn right at the round-about at the end of Walnut onto Castle Rock Road (or if on Oak Grove proceed straight through the round-about with Oak Grove becoming Castle Rock Rd) and proceed to the end of the road where the staging area will be found. **If you wish to participate, please RSVP to Joel no later than August 24<sup>th</sup>.**

The regular **Friday, August 10** walk will be led by **Dan Green** at 8:15am. Meet at the Moraga Commons parking lot. Please RSVP to Dan at [as-dgreen@comcast.net](mailto:as-dgreen@comcast.net) or 925-376-7087.

**Directions:** The park is located at the corner of St. Mary's Road and Moraga Road in Moraga. The parking entrance is on St. Mary's Road.

The **Friday, August 24** walk will be led by **Joel White, 964-0994 [zpz2mrz@yahoo.com](mailto:zpz2mrz@yahoo.com)**. We will meet at the rail platform behind the Museum of the San Ramon Valley (old railroad station in downtown Danville). Please RSVP to Joel.

**Directions:** Take I 680 to Danville: Exit I 680 freeway at Diablo Road. Go west on Diablo Road to Hartz Avenue. Turn left (south) on Hartz Avenue. Go one block to Prospect Avenue. At Prospect, turn right (west). Go one block west to Railroad

Anyone wishing to be added to the e-mail reminder list should contact Joel White 964-0994 or [zpz2mrz@yahoo.com](mailto:zpz2mrz@yahoo.com).



## 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](mailto:rongag@att.net) for the application.



## Activity Chairman

Jerry Hicks  
(jkhicks@astound.net)

### Hiking the Bay!

The Amiable Amblers were joined this past Friday by Walnut Creek Mayor Bob Simmons. Bob is a hiker and a member of the Orinda Hiking Club. He has taken, before getting real busy with his Mayoral duties, overseas trips to explore and hike in remote and challenging areas. Our SIR walking group every other month will be hiking rather than walking. You can expect 2 – 4 hour hikes in interesting places around the Bay area. See our hiking club announcement to join these interesting excursions.

### Bocce Team Wins 1st Place!

Ron Gagliardi's Bocce team is in first place in the Concord league. Two of us have joined his team and it is really a hoot! If you haven't tried Bocce, it's a must. Jerry Kaplan will put you on a list for next year if you have interest in getting involved in a great and old Italian pastime. [Badge #249]

## Additional Area 2 Activities

Did you know there are additional Area 2 SIR activities available to Branch 116 members? If you are interested in any of the activities listed below, give the contact below a call to find out if there is space available and when/where they meet.

Activity	Contact	Phone
Astronomy	Larry Lange	254-6281
Breakfast	Philip Magen	256-6548
Computer Training	Lo McCarthy	935-3939
Historical	Rich Sjoberg	254-1661
Model Railroading	Ted Wesphal	283-5467
Stamps	Rich Sjoberg	254-1661
Woodworking	Gary Plisco	939-2483

## "Dine-O-Sir" Dinner Group

Ben Smith  
(bjsssmith@aol.com)



The Dine-O-Sir Herd will be getting together for it's next Dine-out event at "Cypress" restaurant on Tuesday, August 14, 2012. This promises to be an excellent night of Food, Fun and frolic at one of the fine new premier restaurants to open in the East Bay in the past year. The owner/Executive Chef, Mr. Rick Delamain has many years of experience in the food/wine business and has provided his food magic at several fine food establishments over the past years. "Cypress Restaurant" was selected as the "BEST NEW RESTAURANT" in the East Bay by Diablo Magazine. Chef Delamain and "Cypress" Restaurant is also featured in "A' La carte Magazine", Summer issue.

It appears that we will have another sell out crowd in attendance for this event. We have an excellent French styled 3 course menu and will have our own dedicated Bar area serving select wines and drinks at special SIR discount prices. SIR Tom Eller will be our Host for this Dine-Out and has done a great job of putting this event together.

The social hour starts at 6 PM and dinner is set for 6:45 PM. Street parking is limited at this downtown Walnut Creek restaurant. Parking meters are in effect till 6 PM. The best parking is located 1/2 block south of the restaurant at the WC parking facility on Locust Street, next to the "Lark Creek Cafe". Parking is also available 1-1/2 blocks to the north, next to the Civic Theater. "Cypress" restaurant is located at 1388 Locust St., WC at the corner of Locust & Cypress streets.

## 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.

## 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

**Aug 8, 2012 Les Miserables.** Matinee performance of Les Miserables at the San Francisco Orpheum Theatre. At 10:00am leave Concord by Motorcoach to SF for lunch at Louies then on to the show returning to Concord around 6:30pm. Contact **Harry Reiter**, br 19, 709-2820 for more information.

**Oct 5-7, 2012 The Great Italian Festival.** Reno's Great Italian Festival is among the nation's largest and most famous events. Celebrate the food, culture, music and tradition of Italy. Free activities and entertainment highlight the festivals main focus. The cost is \$308.00 pp and includes motor coach transportation, 2 night stay at the Eldorado with hosted seafood dinner and a show by the Jersey Boys. Contact **Bob Hager**, Br 8, 934-7620 for more information.

**Oct 6-21 2012 Cruise to Hawaii from San Francisco.** 16 day cruise aboard the Star Princess visiting Hilo, Honolulu, Nawillwili, and Lahaina plus a stop in Ensenada. Price from \$2100 to \$3590 and include fees & taxes, transfer drivers, skycaps, and stevedores. Contact **Harry Reiter** Br 19, 709-2820 for more information.

**Oct 6, 2012 Blue Angels & the San Francisco Belle.** Enjoy the best aviation show in the country featuring the US Navy Blue Angels. Join us on the Hornblowers "San Francisco Belle" a Bay Area landmark and the largest private charter yacht on the West Coast. We will board at 1:30pm and cruise around the Bay, stopping in a great spot to view the aviation show between 3:00-4:00pm. Cost is \$128.00pp which includes: Bay Cruise, Motorcoach transport-

ation, Hosted All-You-Can It Buffet Lunch, Complimentary FREE champagne, coffee, tea, juice, tips and taxes. Contact **Bob Spellman** Br 146, 934-8428, for more information. Remaining space is limited so get applications in soon.

**Oct 26- Nov 11, 2012 Canada & New England Aboard NCL Norwegian Dawn.** Beautiful scenery is always on display when cruising down the east coast during the peak weeks of autumn. Along the way visit an exciting array of east coast ports including Quebec City, Portland, Boston, New York, Key West and Tampa. Package price includes RT airfare, transfers, driver and stevedore tips, gov't fees, and taxes, all meals. Prices start at \$2335 to \$3475. Contact **Jim Lunn** Br 8, 925-551-3329 for more information.

**Aug 28-sep7, 2013 SIR 55th Anniversary Alaska Golden Age Cruise.** Save the Date for a CELEBRATION! We will leave out of San Francisco and visit the ports of Juneau, Skagway, Tracy Arm Fjord, Ketchikan, Victoria and return to San Francisco on the Grand Princess. The cost of the 10 day Cruise is from \$1579 to \$3300 depending on accommodations and includes: Gratuities on the ship, Ship Board Credit, Cocktail Party, Hospitality Suite, Transportation by Motor Coach to and from the Pier, Wine, Gifts, and a Alaska Salmon Bake excursion. Flyers will be available soon. in the meantime if you have any questions contact **Bob Spellman** @9349428.

## 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.



**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.



**Computer & Technology**  
Derek Southern & Phil Goff

### Free Software!!!

The Area 2 Computer and Technology Group invites all Sirs and their guests to our next meeting at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge on Thursday, August 16th at 9am.

Barry Brown will discuss FREE software (useful, free software) in a wide ranging presentation. He will point us towards 40 or more programs, some of which can do the same job as expensive programs like MS Office and PhotoShop. If you just want to try a program out, or you need to update Word, come and hear Barry's ideas.

Time permitting, Dick Curry will lead a Q&A discussion to address current computer issues that you identify. 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.

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.

## 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)

## CARSON CITY GOLF GETAWAY

The entry deadline for the Carson City Golf Getaway (September 5, 6 &7) is fast approaching, so get your check and form in because this is one event you don't want to miss. For your convenience **the entry form is in this issue of the "Trampas Topics"** and also on the golf web site.

Past participants consider this to be the best golfing event of the year. The golf courses are excellent, the food is great, the cocktails are hosted, there are many free raffle prizes, the ladies have a bridge event; plus there are lots of sights to visit in the area and shopping galore for the ladies. All inclusive for one very reasonable price !

Remember guests are more than welcome so invite them to join you in Carson City. We hope to see you there in September. A fun time is guaranteed and who knows you might get lucky if you enjoy gambling.

If you have any questions contact Tim Hubbard at 944-0742 or by e-mail at [tthubbs@astound.net](mailto:tthubbs@astound.net)



## \$ums Investment Group

Allen Espenmiller  
([aespenmiller@pacbell.net](mailto:aespenmiller@pacbell.net))

The Area 2 \$ums Investment Group will meet on Wednesday, August 22, 2012 at 8:00 AM at the Diablo Creek Golf course, 4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord. Our speaker will be John Hutchinson CFP and Vice President/Investments with the Stifel Nicolaus & Company of San Francisco. John was a principal at Stone and Youngberg LLC which specialized in municipal finance and fixed income securities. Stone and Youngberg was acquired by Stifel Nicolaus in 2011. Johns presentation will be about opportunities in fixed income, especially the various bond markets. A copy of John's presentation will be available on the reminder message a few days before the meeting for downloading.

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

# SIR BRANCH 116

## 2012 CARSON CITY GOLF GETAWAY

### SEPTEMBER 5-6-7, 2012



Sept. 6 at Silver Oak 8:30 Shotgun  
 Sept. 7 at Eagle Valley West (Men) 8:00 Shotgun  
 Sept. 7 at Eagle Valley East (Ladies) 8:30 Tees

36 holes of golf, including cart



#### Staying at Hardman House

Includes continental breakfast

Golfer.....\$368.00 Double Occupancy  
 Non-Golfer.....\$263.00 Dbl Occupancy  
 Single.....\$467.00

#### Staying at the City Center Motel

Golfer..... \$332.00 Double Occupancy  
 Non-Golfer.... \$227.00 Dbl Occupancy  
 Single..... \$374.00

#### ALSO INCLUDES:

Open bar and buffet dinner all 3 nights  
 Golf balls, tee prizes and raffle prizes  
 Food, gaming and bar coupons

Prize money of \$15.00 collected upon arrival

### Entry deadline is August 24



Mail to: **Tim Hubbard**  
**1744 Carriage Drive**  
**Walnut Creek, CA 94598**



**Non-Golfers!!**  
**A Ladies Bridge Event is being planned**  
**Please indicate your interest below\*\***

**Please complete the form and circle your selections**  
**Hardman House or City Center Motel**

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ **Golfer Non-Golfer \*\***

2. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ **Golfer Non-Golfer \*\***

Golfer's NCGA GHIN # 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to cover my reservation

Please make checks payable to **SIR Branch 116 Golf**

Your e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\* I'm Interested in Playing Bridge – One Day or Both Days (circle choice)

For Questions: e-mail Tim at [tthubbs@astound.net](mailto:tthubbs@astound.net)  
 or call (925) 944-0742

# SIR Branch 116 Golf

By Al Zavattero, Golf Chairman

(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.



Al Zavattero presenting John Story his "Feather in the Cap" award for a hole-in-one at Sunol Valley GC on June 19th.

## August 18-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Mon. 06	9:30	Boundary Oak	John Peterson
Mon. 13	9:30	Boundary Oak	John Peterson
Tue. 21	9:00	Vintners	McCord/Vetro
Mon. 27	9:28	Blue Rock-West	Bill McCord

## 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> place 2 and 3<sup>rd</sup> place 1. The 2012 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.

## August 9-Hole Schedule

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

# 18-Hole Results

## Metropolitan Golf Links -- July 23, 2012

Official Scorer:  
Al Hutchko

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
1st	Al Zavattero	63 3	1st	Phil Goff	64 3	Tie 1st	Bob Donohue	62 3	1st	Carl Langhorst	59 3
2nd	Mel Williams	69 2	2nd	Pat Tinguely	69 2	Tie 1st	John Peterson	62 3	2nd	Terry Grummitt	62 2
3rd	Lonny Randall	71 1	3rd	Tom Eller	70 1	Tie 3rd	Al Hutchko	64 1	3rd	Bill Hemmelsbach	65 1
						Tie 3rd	Conrad Robertson	64 1			
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
	Mel Williams	83		Phil Goff	82		Bob Donohue	87		Carl Langhorst	93

Closest to: Hole #7 - Mel Williams, Al Hutchko -- Hole #12 - John Story, John Peterson

## Mare Island -- July 17, 2012

Official Scorer:  
Bill Hemmelsbach

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
1st	David Harris	71 3	1st	Phil Goff	68 3	1st	Conrad Robertson	73 3	1st	Matt Arena	72 3
2nd	Mel Williams	73 2	Tie 2nd	David Carlson	75 2	2nd	Phil Jenkins	78 2	2nd	Chuck Gilliam	76 2
3rd	Lonny Randall	74 1	Tie 2nd	Tom Eller	75 2	3rd	Alex Lutkus	81 1	3rd	Bill Hemmelsbach	77 1
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
	David Harris	86		Phil Goff	86		Conrad Robertson	102		Matt Arena	109
										Bill Hemmelsbach	109

Closest to: Hole #3 - Tom Eller, Phil Jenkins -- Hole #17 - David Harris

## Crow Canyon Country Club -- July 9, 2012

Official Scorer:  
Tom Eller

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
1st	Al Zavattero	63 3	1st	Frank Portillo	67 3	1st	Bob Testa	63 3	1st	Pete Coggiola	68 3
2nd	Dirk Meyer	68 2	2nd	Phil Goff	68 2	2nd	Al Serafino	68 2	2nd	Bill Hemmelsbach	72 2
3rd	Mel Williams	69 1	3rd	Tom Eller	69 1	3rd	Will Schnieder	71 1	3rd	Joe Ostler	73 1
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
	Al Zavattero	81		Phil Goff	86		Bob Testa	91		Pete Coggiola	

Closest to: Hole #4 - Pete Coggiola -- Hole #12 - Dirk Meyer, Matt Arena

## Boundary Oak -- July 2, 2012

Official Scorer:  
Bob Conlon

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
Tie 1	Dirk Meyer	72 3	1st	John Story	70 3	Tie 1	Dick Chaffee	67 3	Tie 1	Matt Arena	67 3
Tie 1	Al Zavattero	72 3	2nd	David Carlson	73 2	Tie 1	Bob Conlon	67 3	Tie 1	Ron Armijo	67 3
Tie 3	Steve Cherepy	74 1	3rd	Jim Videle	74 1	Tie 1	Bob Testa	67 3	3rd	Carl Langhorst	69 1
Tie 3	Jim Clizbe	74 1									
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
	Steve Cherepy	88		David Carlson	90		Bob Testa	91		Robbie Robinson	100
	Jimmy Johnson	88									

Closest to: Hole #2 - Mel Williams, Jed Daniel -- Hole #12 - Al Zavattero, Matt Arena

## 18-Hole Leader Board

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	36	Carlson, David	44	Robertson, Conrad	42	Robinson, Robbie	26
Harris, David	32	Crua, Frank	34	Testa, Bob	29	Vogl, Art	24
Williams, Mel	23	Goff, Phil	33	Serafino, Al	27	Grummitt, Terry	23
Johnson, Jim	21	Eller, Tom	14	Peterson, John	16	Hemmelsbach, Bill	18
Meyer, Dirk	21	Tinguely, Pat	12	Jenkins, Phil	15	Langhorst, Carl	18
McCord, Bill	16	Story, John	11	Hutchko, Al	13	Arena, Matt	17
Hicks, Jerry	12	Schmidt, Neil	9	Donohue, Bob	12	Coggiola, Peter	12
Randall, Lonny	12	Barstow, Jim	7	Conlon, Bob	9	Gilliam, Chuck	10
Clizbe, Jim	10	Kim, Paul	7	Daniel, Jed	6	Cook, Wayne	9
Smith, Wayne	7	Foust, Max	5	Wroblewski, Bernie	6	Sherman, Terry	8
Cherepy, Steve	1	Videle, Jim	4	Lutkus, Alex	5	Lockwood, Frank	7
Clark, Bill	1	Campbell, Rob	3	Chaffee, Dick	4	Armijo, Ron	5
		Portillo, Frank	3	Madden, Richard	4	Aalders, Doug	3
		Socolich, Dick	3	Roberts, Don	4	Jordan, Mark	2
		Xavier, Carlos	3	Schnieder, Will	1	Ostler, Joe	2
		Perrelli, Phil	2				
		Altomare, Jim	1				
		Kawecki, Walt	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:

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
Tuesday August 21	Vintners - SE*	Aug-11	\$40 / \$35
<i>* Note: Vintners is a Special Event -- guests pay \$35 but can't win prizes</i>			
Monday August 27	Blue Rock Springs West	Aug-17	\$35
Tuesday September 18	Delta View	Sep-8	\$35
Monday September 24	Paradise Valley	Sep-16	\$43

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



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

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### **Rules of Attendance and Membership for SIR Branch 116**

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

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

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

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

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### **Non Responsibility Declaration**

RULE 345: All activities arranged for or by, Sons In Retirement, Incorporated, and its Branches, are for the convenience and pleasure of the members and their guests who desire to participate. Sons In Retirement, Incorporated, and its Branches do not assume any responsibility for the well being or safety of the participants or their property, in any matters pertaining to said activities.

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### **Checks for Trips**

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