



# Trampas Topics

December, 2012

SIR Branch 116

Next Meeting: 11:30 am,  
Monday, January 21, 2013

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



Well, the year has sure gone quickly and my reign as the Branch 116 Big SIR is rapidly coming to an end with only minor duties remaining in December. Starting January we will have a new Big SIR, Art Vogl, who I am sure, will do an excellent job in 2013.

Being the Big SIR has been a very enjoyable experience for me. In the last two years, initially as the Little SIR and later as the Big SIR, I have gotten to meet and know many more of our fellow SIR. As I have met more people, I have been constantly amazed at the interesting backgrounds of many of our members. I am also saddened at times, when one of our members pass away and, in reading their obituary, I discover interesting information about their background; information I wish I had known about while they were alive and well. I am going to try to continue meeting and talking to more of our members at our Luncheons and activities and I encourage others to do as well.

Due to the great work of all the volunteers who help run our Branch, whether Officers, Directors, Activity Chairman, assistants, etc., our Branch has been quite successful in 2012. Each year State SIR sets goals for each branch to make sure the branch continues to be successful. There are goals for total membership, new members added, guests brought in and member attendance at Luncheons. In 2012 we exceeded 3 of the 4 State goals and exactly met the 4th one so it has been a good year for Branch 116. I want to thank everyone for their help and I also want to encourage individuals who have not taken a leadership role in our branch to do so in the future. SIR is a great organization and everyone should all help in some way to make sure the branch continues to be successful.

Lastly, I want to remind everyone about the Christmas Dinner Dance that will be held on December 12th at the Crow Canyon Country Club. This is a fun event and I hope to see you there.

Thank you for a great year and have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

*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



**Big SIR**  
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939-5342



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288-0488



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932-5087



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937-5706

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938-1037



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827-2828



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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	\$ums Retirement	Allen Espenmiller (A.2)	376-3977

# SIR Branch 116 Activity Calendar

## December 2012

Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
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2	3 <b>18-Hole Golf</b> (9:30@ Boundary Oak GC) <b>Book Group Mtg.</b> (10:15@ Orinda Books)	4 <b>Duplicate Bridge</b> (9:00@ Diablo Valley Bridge Ctr)	5 <b>9-Hole Golf</b> (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC) <b>Bowling</b> (10:00@Mounument Bowl)	6	7	8
9	10 <b>18-Hole Golf</b> (9:30@ Boundary Oak GC )	11 <b>Luncheon Bridge</b> (11:30@ Round Hill CC)	12 <b>Christmas Dinner Dance</b> (6:00@ Crow Cyn CC) <b>9-Hole Golf</b> (10:00@ Pine Meadow GC) <b>Bowling</b> (10:00@Mounument Bowl)	13	14	15
16	17 <b>18-Hole Golf</b> (9:57@ Lone Tree GC )	18 <b>Poker Group 2</b> (1:00@ Diablo CC)	19 <b>9-Hole Golf</b> (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC) <b>Bowling</b> (10:00@Mounument Bowl)	20 <b>Fishing Group</b> (8:30@ Legends-Diablo Crk)	21	22
23	24	25 <b>Christmas</b> 	26 <b>9-Hole Golf</b> (10:00@ Diablo Hills GC) <b>Bowling</b> (10:00@Mounument Bowl)	27	28	29
30	31 <b>New Years Eve</b>					



## Membership

Andy Benz  
(anbenz@aol.com)

### SIR 116 Membership Status

Total Current Members:	252
Last Month's Inductees:	1
Those in Interview Stage:	0
Total in Process:	1
On Inactive Status:	52
Left the Branch:	0
Waiting to be Installed:	0



## Lunch Attendance

Jim Nachtweih  
(majnacht@sbcglobal.net)

Attendance at the November 19th meeting:

Total:	189
Members:	180
Visitors:	1
Speakers:	1
Guests:	7
Excused:	55
Un-Excused:	16

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

## December Birthdays

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

- |                   |                      |
|-------------------|----------------------|
| 1. John Antczak   | 12. Larry Heaton     |
| 2. Skip Berkson   | 13. Tim Hubbard      |
| 3. Bill Best      | 14. Norm Jokerst     |
| 4. Nick Bowles    | 15. Phil Jenkins     |
| 5. Jack Butler    | 16. Walt Karvecki    |
| 6. Allan chasnoff | 17. Len Komor        |
| 7. Ed Cole        | 18. Bob Matthews     |
| 8. Joe Collins    | 19. Conrad Robertson |
| 9. Marv DeHeus    | 20. Wayne Smith      |
| 10. Jim Gleason   | 21. Doug Waterman    |
| 11. David Harris  |                      |



## Br. 116 Treasurer's Report

John Peterson, Treasurer  
(delanaimp@aol.com)

	<u>November 2012</u>	<u>2012 YTD</u>
Contributions	\$ 7,120.45	\$ 58,323.33
Disbursements	\$ (8,192.99)	\$ (58,341.68)
Net (gain/(loss))	\$ <b>(1,072.54)</b>	\$ <b>(18.25)</b>

November Cash Balance \$ 4,670.68



## 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.

### In Memoriam Joe A. Lennon

March 12, 1925 - November ?, 2012

## New Branch 116 Member



Sponsor Erich Berthold with  
New Member Tom McWilliams



## Sunshine Report

**Matt Arena**

(marena@astound.net)

After a long and courageous fight it is sad to report the passing of Sir **Joe Lennon** this past week. Joe will be missed by his many friends in the branch.

Sir **Will Cabral** has been at the Willows in downtown Walnut Creek for the last 3 years. I spoke with his wife Rae to get an update on his condition. Physically he is doing fine except for some catheter issues but he does suffer from dementia.

Sir **Tim Dorr** tells me he is getting out and exercising every day. He looks good and is optimistic. As he gets stronger I believe we will see him at our luncheons.

Sir **Don Booth** had back surgery and did not miss a meeting. He was using his walker and is progressing nicely.

Sir **Mike Murphy** had a very successful surgery and I expect to see him at the first luncheon in January.

Past Big Sir **Courtney Borrecco** is at Tampico Terrace following a surgery. He is getting treatment for his leg that suffers from Parkinson's. He is in good spirits and sends his regards to everyone.

Sir **Al Groeper** is recovering from the nasty fall he had several months ago. He is 90 and still going strong.

Sir **Ken Sandy** has had 6 back surgeries and is now working with Stanford doctors using a spinal stimulator to give him pain relief. He tells me he is getting the hang of the new technology.

Sir **Joe Verdoia** is at home and according to his lovely wife Norma is progressing.

Sir **John West** has had leg problems but is now dealing with his blood pressure spiking. He tells me that he has good days and bad days.

Sir **George Willis**, one our founding members, is at Manor Care at Rossmoor. He is suffering from dementia. Sir Mel Williams is keeping us up to date on his condition for which I am grateful

Sir **Werner Fend** is breathing much better following his surgery and rehab. He is playing golf tomorrow. What more is there to say about this WWII Veteran?

Sir **Harry Honestein** has gotten weaker since his heart surgery. He is also dealing with arthritis in his knees, back and shoulders. He has to rely on a cane and a walker and on home caregivers. He has an appointment to see his cardiologist in 2 weeks and is hopeful the doctor will give him some good news.

Sir **Gene Gould** is slowly recovering from his stroke .He is paralyzed on his right side. Gene is at Manor Care at Rossmoor for rehabilitation .

Sir **Al Zavatterro** lost his mother-in-law while at John Muir Medical center last week. She was 100 years old.

Don't compare your life to others. You have no idea what their journey is all about.

## SIR Website Addresses

### SIR 116 Web Site

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

### Branch 116 Golf

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

### Trampas Topics

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

### Computer and Technology

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

### SIR Happenings State Newsletter

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

### State SIR Web Site

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



**Bridge**  
**Milt Greenstein**  
 (margmilt@comcast.net)

On November 4th, the duplicate group met at the Bridge Center, with 16 men playing (4 tables). Top winner today was the team of Art Donaldson / Milt Greenstein with 58.33 % (49.00 points out of a possible 84). In second place was Jim Nachtweih / Conrad Robertson (57.14 %), followed by Bob Daily / Bob Kahl (55.36 %) and Dan Greenberg/ Barry Rauchle (54.17 %).

On November 13th, 21 men gathered for lunch at Round Hill C.C. Top scorer today was Art Donaldson with 5,950 points, followed by Fred Massaro (5,180), Tony Rohrs (3,820), Milt Greenstein (3,660), and Ron Wahlberg (3,570). We had 1 small slam today, made by the teams of Art Donaldson / Fred Massaro (on the last hand of the day). Today was the lowest scoring day since continuous records have been kept, (the last 10 years), with an average round of only 496 points, compared to our year's average of 594 points. This beat out the previous low of 511 on October 9th of this year.

The lunch / bridge group met again on November 27th at Diablo C.C. with 23 men in attendance. After an excellent salmon lunch, we sat down to 3 hrs of so-so bridge. Marv DeHeus was our top achiever with a score of 4,890 points, ( the lowest "top" score ever recorded ), Jack Butler was second with 4,720 points, Lou Sandor was third with 4,480 points, Bill Sullivan was fourth with 4,310 points and Bob Wolf and Jai Yee tied for fifth with 4,130 points. We had 3 small slams made by the teams of Milt Greenstein / Alvin Buchignani, Oscar Krikorian / Lee Travis and Lytton DeSilva / Dimitris Argyriou. It is worth noting that none of the small slam people were in the money today.

**SENIOR MOMENTS**

Four 'Senior' women were in a beauty parlor getting their hair done, when in walks a young chick with a low cut blouse that revealed a rose bud tattoo above one boob. One lady leaned over to another and said, "She doesn't know it yet, but in 50 years she'll be wearing a long stemmed rose in a hanging basket.

**T**ime is Running Out

For signing up for the SIR 116 Christmas Dinner Dance at the beautiful Crow Canyon Country Club. The



party will begin at 6:00 PM with a no-host bar, the Ygnacio Valley HS Madrigals will perform, and a sumptuous dinner served about 7:00, finished with dancing and late night partying. Wednesday, December 12, is the date. The price for all this is just \$45.00 per person.

We must have all reservations in by Monday, Dec 2nd. Attire may be "Holiday" semi-formal or a tuxedo optional. Full tables of 8 may be reserved; email Lou Sandor (Lsandor@astound.net) if you have a full table and want a reservation.

Jerry Hicks    Terry Grummitt    Jim Nachtweih  
 John Peterson    Robbie Robinson    Lou Sandor

**Skiing**

**Terry Grummitt**  
 (terry@value.net)



**Are there any skiers out there?**

Terry Grummitt is exploring the possibility of starting up a Branch 116 skiing group. There are many possibilities for such a group such as mid-week ski trips to the Sierras as well as more ambitious trips to out of state ski areas. If you are a skier, contact Terry to get on his mailing list.

**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 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, December 20th, 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.

Mike Corker and son caught 4 nice stripers fishing from Pittsburg, and Joe Miscione and son caught nice stripers to 16 lbs on several ventures to Montezuma Slough. Terry Miller, Dick Thomson, Tom Boltz and Carl Moyer caught nice stripers and small sturgeon from Pittsburg. Paul Dubow joined Carl for yet another striper and more small sturgeon there, and Carl's daughter caught her first ever keeper (53") sturgeon fishing near PG&E. Carl and Terry Miller caught rock fish and ling cod from the ocean. 20 members of the fishing group helped eat some of those rock fish and ling cod in Carl's backyard. They also shared some of Terry's yellowtail cooked in garlic butter, and some of Tom Boltz' smoked salmon. We began our winter trout season at Shadow Cliffs Reservoir. Pete Gates, Brad Hatcher, Harry Sherinian, Bill Landers, Barry Rauchle and Carl had mixed results, but 17 nice trout to 2 lbs met their doom. Paul Dubow released a very feisty 13 lb striper fishing with Bill Landers. Jack Waddell caught many trout and a few small stripers at Los Vaqueros Reservoir. Bill Landers caught bass, and Joe Peterson landed a nice 6 lb striper for a good dinner.

We will be very busy this fall with: delta fishing for bass, catfish, and sturgeon, trout in local lakes, kokanee, crab and rock fish, and attending the various sportsmen shows.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, December 20th, 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.)



Terry Mill & Tom Boltz showing off their "Stripers"



## Br. 116 Book Club

Rich Black

(blackrw41@comcast.net)

### ABOUT DECEMBER AND JANUARY

The SIRS November meeting will be December 3. Got that? We will meet at Orinda Books on Monday, December 3 at 10:15 AM to discuss "Guns, Germs and Steel" by Jared Diamond.

There will be no late December meeting since our normal meeting time would be Christmas Eve.

The January meeting will be on January 28 when the group will discuss "Seven Pillars of Wisdom" by T.E. Lawrence (Lawrence of Arabia.) Same time—10:15; Same Place ----- Orinda Books.



## Computer & Technology

Derek Southern & Phil Goff



Please note there will be no meeting of the Computer and Technology Group in December. Please plan on joining us at our January meeting to be held Thursday, January 17.

## 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)

## 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)

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



**Little SIR Art Vogl congratulating November Luncheon Speaker Chuck Kohler on his outstanding talk about his experiences during the bombing of Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941**

### Woops...Sorry About That!

Marvin, was in the hospital on his death bed. The family called Marvin's Preacher to be with him in his final moments. As the Preacher stood by the bed, Marvin's condition seemed to deteriorate, and Marvin motioned for someone to quickly pass him a pen and paper. The Preacher quickly got a pen and paper and lovingly handed it to Marvin. But before he had a chance to read the note, Marvin died.

The Preacher feeling that now wasn't the right time to read it put the note in his jacket pocket. It was at the funeral while speaking that the Preacher suddenly remembered the note. Reaching deep into his pocket the Preacher said "and you know what, I suddenly remembered that right before Marvin died he handed me a note, and knowing Marvin I'm sure it was something inspiring that we can all gain from.

With that introduction the Preacher ripped out the note and opened it. The note said:

**"HEY, YOU ARE STANDING ON MY OXYGEN TUBE!"**

## Hiking & Walking

Joel White  
(zpz2mrz@yahoo.com)



As is traditional, there will be no scheduled walk the day after Thanksgiving.

*"However, I will be in town that day and am willing to lead either a traditional walk or a longer hike if there is sufficient interest. I will choose a route that is appropriate to the physical levels of those who wish to walk. Please e-mail me ASAP if you are interested. Susan is not able to walk yet, but I will have a couple hours off."*

## \$ums Investment Group

Allen Espenmiller  
(aespenmiller@pacbell.net)



There will not be a December 2012 meeting of the Area 2 \$ums Investment Group.

Our next meeting will be on January 23rd 2013 at the Diablo Creek Golf course, 4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord. Details of that meeting will be in the December newsletter.

## "Dine-O-Sir" Dinner Group

Ben Smith  
(bjsssmith@aol.com)



The Dine-O-Sir herd will be out to pasture in November & December. We will kick off the new year with a gathering in January. We have some good grazing grounds spotted.

We look forward to our Annual SIR Dinner dance at Crow Canyon Country club December 12. This is always a grand affair and will add some real fun to the Holiday season.

## 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.



### New 2013 SIR Branch 116 Officers & Directors

Left to right: Secretary Dick Chaffee, Director Alex Lutkus, Director Neil Schmidt, Director Jerry Kaplan, Director Bernie Wroblewski, Director Bob Testa, Treasurer John Peterson, Little SIR Phil Goff, Membership Secretary Andy Benz, Assistant Treasurer Bob Shader, Big SIR Art Vogl (Missing: Assistant Secretary Joel White, Director Jim Johnson)

## 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 2012-2013

**Dec 5, 2012: Christmas Show Extravaganza.** This show features Joni Morris and the After Midnight Band. Joni will de-light you with songs of the season that will put you in the holiday mood. This holiday performance would even make the "Grinch" smile. Come and enjoy a delicious luncheon and a fabulous show. Price is \$ 97.00 and includes round trip transportation, Christmas Show and Hosted Lunch. Contact Ken Richter, Br 146, 689-6217

**Jan 14-27, 2013: Tahitian Breeze Vacation.** (Starts with a 2 night stay in Papeete, Tahiti, then board the luxurious Marina, one of the newest Oceania Ships. For a 11 day cruise exploring the islands of Moorea, Huahine, Raiatea, Bora Bora, Nuku Hiva, Hiva Oa, and Rangiroa). Prices start at \$5850 pp Larry Martinson Br. 114, San Jose 408-238-8458.

**Feb 6-21, 2013: Panama Canal.** (14 night cruise on the Coral Princess thru the Caribbean Sea with calls at Aruba, and Cartagena before a full day transit thru the Panama Canal. Other stops include Nicaragua and Cabo San Lucas .Prices start at \$3220 to \$4555 based on cabin selection. Allen Daily Br. 74, San Jose, 408-265-8140 or Don House,408-268-1703.

**Mar 15-30, 2013: Romance on the Rhine & Mosel.** Riverboat Cruise from Brussels, Belgium to Switzerland aboard the M/S Harmony. Cost is \$3545 PPDO including r/t air (\$2295 without airfare). All fees, taxes, meals, and wine with dinner are included. Offered by Branch 22 Travel. Call Henry Puccinelli at 415-457-3990.

**Apr 14-22, 2013: Tulip Time Cruise.** Discover the

beauty & History of the Dutch and Belgium waterways in springtime. Cruise ports include, Amsterdam, Arnhem, Antwerp, Bruges, Middelburg, and Rotterdam. Prices range from \$3225 to \$5080 and include airfare, complimentary beverages, many guided tours, tips and gratuities. Contact Jim Lunn Br 8, 925-551-3329 for more information.

**Jun 1-9, 2013: Memphis Blues to the New Orleans Jazz on the American Queen.** A 7 night cruise on board the American Queen down the Mississippi with a pre-cruise stay in Memphis and a optional 2 day post stay in New Orleans. Cruise features RT motor coach to airport, RT airfare, all meals on board, including wine or beer with dinner, daily lectures, nightly entertainment, shore tours, and port charges, transfers, and baggage handling. Prices start a \$3658 to \$6486 depending on accommodations. Contact Bob Spellman, Br. 146, 934-8428.

**Aug 28-Sep 7, 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 are available, Contact your Travel Chairman or Bob Spellman @ Br. 146, 934-9428 for more information.

### 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.





## 18-Hole Golf News

By Al Zavattero, Golf Chairman  
(jandazav@juno.com)

### Another Hole-In-One by Branch 116 SIR!

Jimmy Johnson ACE'd the 7th hole at Shadow Lakes GC on November 20. It is the 2nd ACE by one of our SIR golfers in the last 4 months. Are these guys good or what? (or maybe just lucky)



## Sailing in the Bay

Paul Freitas  
(pmfreitas@pacbell.net)

Our SIR Sailing Group had its inaugural event on a bright, clear November day. Paul and Anna Freitas, John Antczak and Kathleen Farley, Richard and Donna Madden, Bob and Joanne Costa formed the crew on a 34' Catalina sailboat. Initially winds were light, so we motored across to Fish Restaurant in Sausalito for lunch. After lunch and conversation, the winds through the Golden Gate had risen enough for a run across the Bay under full sail. Turning at Alcatraz, we ran down to Angel Island buoy until the winds slackened. A quiet motor home ended an enjoyable first day.

This will be the last sail of this year. Winter weather makes scheduling unpredictable. We'll resume next April/May when the storms have passed and the summer winds start rising.



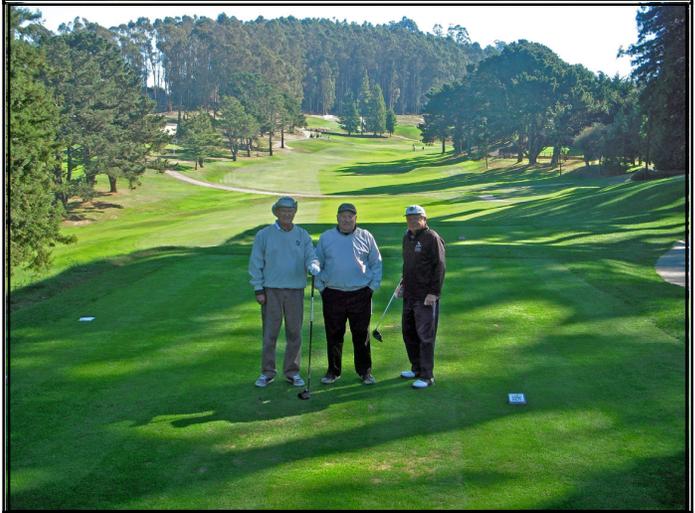
**Bowling**  
Ron Gagliardi  
(rongag@att.net)

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.

## Mira Vista Golf & Country Club

November 12, 2012



**Bottom photo: Tom Eller, Mel Williams & Jack Bobcock absorbed in the view at the 1st tee.**

# SIR 116 Las Trampas Branch Christmas Dinner Dance

Wednesday, December 12, 2012

6:00 PM to 10:30 PM

**Crow Canyon Country Club**

711 Silver Lake Drive, Danville, CA

Entertainment by Ygnacio Madrigals

Music by Strawberry Fields, DJ

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...Dancing beginning approx. 8:30

Choice of Entrée's:

Breaded Asiago Chicken, with Lemon Sauce

Salmon with Buerre Blanc Sauce

New York Strip Steak, Green Peppercorn Brandy Sauce

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 29, 2012

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

Chicken \_\_\_ Salmon \_\_\_ Steak \_\_\_

Name: (Spouse/friend) \_\_\_\_\_

Chicken \_\_\_ Salmon \_\_\_ Steak \_\_\_

Email contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Number x \$45.00 = \$\_\_\_\_\_.

**Make Check to: SIR Branch 116**

**Mail Check to:** Lou Sandor, 849 Stonehaven Drive, Walnut Creek, CA 94598  
Ph (925) 944-1634 \*\*\*\*\* email: [lsandor@astound.net](mailto:lsandor@astound.net)

# SIR Branch 116 Golf

By Al Zavattono, Golf Chairman

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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.

## 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.

### 2013 Golf Dues

**Deadline:** December 15th

**Fee:** \$56 (Ghin through Branch)  
\$20 (w/o Ghin through Branch and 9-Hole Group)

**Payment:** Send check to: SIR Branch 116 Golf,  
P.O. Box 683, Lafayette, CA

See page 9 of newsletter for more information...

### 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.

## December 9-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Wed. 05	10:00	Buchanan Fields	Dick Chaffee
Wed. 12	10:00	Pine Meadow	D. McClaughry
Wed. 19	10:00	Buchanan Fields	Dick Chaffee
Wed. 26	10:00	Diablo Hills	Mike Murphy

## December 18-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Mon. 03	9:30	Boundary Oak	Dick Socolich
Mon. 10	9:30	Boundary Oak	Socolich/Vetro
Tue. 17	9:57	Lone Tree	Dick Socolich

# 18-Hole Results

## Roddy Ranch -- November 26, 2012

Official Scorer:  
Wayne Cook

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
1st	Al Zavattero	72 3	1st	Neil Schmidt	66 3	1st	Jerry Christopherson	73 3	1st	Carl Langhorst	66 3
2nd	Bill McCord	75 2	2nd	Frank Crua	73 2	2nd	Alex Lutkus	74 2	2nd	Terry Grummitt	70 2
3rd	Mel Williams	76 1	3rd	Phil Goff	75 1	3rd	Bob Testa	77 1	3rd	Robbie Robinson	80 1
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
	Jimmy Johnson	91		Neil Schmidt	86		Bob Testa	102		Carl Langhorst	101
	Mel Williams	91									
	Al Zavattero	91									

Closest to: Hole #3 - John Story, Dick Chaffee -- Hole #17 - Neil Schmidt, Bernie Wroblewski

## Shadow Lakes -- November 20, 2012

Official Scorer:  
Frank Crua

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
Tie 1st	David Harris	71 3	1st	John Story	68 3	1st	John Peterson	68 3	1st	Terry Grummitt	65 3
Tie 1st	Jimmy Johnson	71 3	2nd	Phil Goff	69 2	2nd	Alex Lutkus	71 2	2nd	Matt Arena	66 2
Tie 1st	Wayne Smith	71 3	3rd	Jim Barstow	70 1	3rd	Bob Testa	73 1	3rd	Carl Langhorst	68 1
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
	Jimmy Johnson	84		Phil Goff	86		Bob Testa	98		Matt Arena	103
										Carl Langhorst	103

Closest to: Hole #7 - Jimmy Johnson, Robbie Robinson -- Hole #17 - Wayne Smith, Terry Grummitt

**NOTE -- Jimmy Johnson ACE'd hole 7 -- A Hole-In-One. Congratulations**

## Mira Vista Country Club -- November 12, 2012

Official Scorer:  
Mel Williams

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
1st	Wayne Smith	69 3	Tie 1st	Tom Eller	73 3	Tie 1st	Bob Donohue	74 3	1st	Terry Grummitt	70 3
2nd	Denny Giambastiani	72 2	Tie 1st	Frank Portilla	73 3	Tie 1st	Conrad Robertson	74 3	2nd	Carl Langhorst	72 2
Tie 3rd	Jack Babcock	73 1	3rd	Jerry Hunter	74 1	Tie 3rd	Alex Lutkus	80 1	Tie 3rd	Wayne Cook	76 1
Tie 3rd	Al Zavattero	73 1				Tie 3rd	Troy Powell	80 1	Tie 3rd	Ron Armijo	76 1
						Tie 3rd	Bob Testa	80 1			
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
	Denny Giambastiani	89		Tom Eller	93		Bob Donohue	100		Carl Langhorst	106
	Wayne Smith	89		Frank Portilla	93						

Closest to: Hole #2 - Andy Benz, Ron Armijo -- Hole #12 - Denny Giambastiani, Pete Coggiola

## Boundary Oak -- Monday November 5, 2012

Official Scorer:  
Phil Jenkins

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
1st	Lonny Randall	69 3	1st	John Story	70 3	Tie 1st	Dick Chaffee	69 3	1st	Matt Arena	68 3
Tie 2nd	Bill McCord	70 2	2nd	Frank Crua	71 2	Tie 1st	Bob Donohue	69 3	2nd	Pete Coggiola	69 2
Tie 2nd	Dirk Meyer	70 2	3rd	Pat Tinguely	72 1	Tie 1st	Bob Testa	69 3	Tie 3rd	Brent Chaney	73 1
									Tie 3rd	Terry Grummitt	73 1
									Tie 3rd	Carl Langhorst	73 1
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
	Jimmy Johnson	84		Frank Crua	91		Bob Testa	92		Pete Coggiola	96

Closest to: Hole #2 - John Story, Frank Lockwood -- Hole #12 - Steve Cherepy, Ron Armijo

## Rooster Run -- October 29, 2012

Official Scorer:  
Bernie Wroblewski

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
1st	Jimmy Johnson	67 3	1st	John Story	69 3	Tie 1st	John Peterson	69 3	1st	Ron Armijo	61 3
2nd	David Harris	69 2	Tie 2nd	Jim Barstow	73 2	Tie 1st	Conrad Robertson	69 3	2nd	Terry Grummitt	66 2
3rd	Al Zavattero	70 1	Tie 2nd	Frank Crua	73 2	3rd	Bernie Wroblewski	73 1	3rd	Art Vogl	67 1
			Tie 2nd	Phil Goff	73 2						
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
	Jimmy Johnson	80		Jim Barstow	88		Conrad Robertson	96		Ron Armijo	93
				Phil Goff	88						

Closest to: Hole #5 - Paul Ramacciotti, Peter Coggiola -- Hole #15 - Phil Goff, Carl Langhorst

## 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	52	Crua, Frank	52	Robertson, Conrad	61	Grummitt, Terry	45
Harris, David	45	Carlson, David	51	Testa, Bob	50	Arena, Matt	34
Johnson, Jim	39	Goff, Phil	46	Serafino, Al	36	Robinson, Robbie	34
McCord, Bill	38	Story, John	33	Peterson, John	27	Langhorst, Carl	31
Williams, Mel	34	Barstow, Jim	23	Hutchko, Al	25	Vogl, Art	25
Meyer, Dirk	23	Schmidt, Neil	23	Jenkins, Phil	23	Hemmelsbach, Bill	23
Randall, Lonny	21	Eller, Tom	19	Donohue, Bob	19	Coggiola, Peter	17
Clizbe, Jim	15	Tinguely, Pat	13	Chaffee, Dick	17	Cook, Wayne	15
Hicks, Jerry	14	Foust, Max	10	Lutkus, Alex	12	Armijo, Ron	13
Smith, Wayne	13	Kim, Paul	7	Conlon, Bob	9	Sherman, Terry	11
Giambastiani, Denny	4	Socolich, Dick	7	Daniel, Jed	8	Lockwood, Frank	9
Cherepy, Steve	3	Portillo, Frank	6	Christopherson, Jerry	7	Jordan, Mark	8
Babcock, Jack	1	Xavier, Carlos	6	Wroblewski, Bernie	7	McVean, Kirk	7
Clark, Bill	1	Videle, Jim	5	Madden, Richard	4	Ostler, Joe	5
		Hunter, Jerry	4	Roberts, Don	4	Aalders, Doug	3
		Campbell, Rob	3	Powell, Troy	1	Aalders, Doug	3
		Perrelli, Phil	2	Schnieder, Will	1	Chasnoff, Allan	2
		Altomare, Jim	1			Chaney, Brent	1
		Birmingham, Pat	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
Monday December 17	Lone Tree	Dec-8	\$36
Tuesday, January 22	Deer Ridge	Jan-12	\$40
Monday January 28	Roddy Ranch	Jan-21	\$35
Monday February 4	Silverado South	Jan-21	\$50

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.