



# Trampas Topics

January, 2012

SIR Branch 116

Next Meeting: 11:30 am,  
Monday, January 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

### Happy New Year's and Welcome to 2012!

(and where did last year go?)



Branch 116 did well in 2011— We added 19 new members to our group (see list on page 7), we also added two new activities, i.e., Bowling and Bocce, and had some good luncheons and entertainment. I want to thank last year's Big SIR Ron Armijo for doing a great job successfully leading us through the year.

As the new Big SIR for Branch 116, I hope things will go as well as they did last year— Ron's footsteps will be hard to follow.

I have no major "initiatives" for the new year but would like continue our efforts towards bringing in new members and encourage everyone to help in this effort. If you know someone who may be interested in joining SIR, bring them to a luncheon as a guest.

One area that I would like to expand is the number of activities available to our members. Our Branch has 16 activity groups, which is great, but I am sure there are many other interests out there that go beyond these 16. Just within our SIR Area 2, there are Astronomy, Cribbage, Domino, Internet Games, and Pool groups just to name a few and there are opportunities for our members to attend other, non-Branch 116, Area 2 SIR activity groups. If your are interested in these groups I encourage you to do so. Our past Spring and Christmas Party Chairman, Jerry Hicks will be the new Activities Chairman and please contact him if are interested in these or other activities.

While I am at it, the Christmas Party last month was fantastic! – The venue, the food, the entertainment were all excellent. Check-out the photo collage on page 12 to see our SIR group "Getting Down". Jerry Hicks did a super job setting up this event and I hope to you see you at the 2012 party.

I also want to recognize two new Honorary Life Members in Branch 116. Phil Goff and Thomas "Robbie" Robinson were bestowed this honor in December in recognition of numerous contributions to our organization.

*Neil Schmidt* Big SIR



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***the meeting to***  
***cancel your standing reser-***  
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## 2012 SIR 116 Officers & Directors



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## 2012 SIR 116 Committee Chairmen

Activities Coordinator	Jerry Hicks	945-7465	Membership Roster	Dick Thomson	785-7600
Attendance	Jim Nachtweih	838-7417	Music Man	Robbie Robinson	798-4276
Audit	Ron Armijo	945-0637	Newsletter Editor	Neil Schmidt	939-5342
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Bowling	Ron Gagliardi	682-4012	Nominating	Ron Armijo	945-0637
Bridge	Milt Greenstein	376-5589	Parties		
Candy Sales	Dirk Meyer	820-6878	Photographers	John Peterson	946-0335
Chaplain	Rotating	#1 See Below		Ken Miller	256-9343
Computer & Tech..	Phil Goff	831-3692	Poker Group #1	Bill Harrington	935-1625
Computer Support	Dick Thomson	785-7600	Poker Group #2	Al Reynolds	254-1576
Dine-O-Sir	Ben Smith	820-5403	Storytellers	Rotating	#2 See Below
Duplicate Bridge	Mike Corker	872-7525	Sums In Retirement	Ben Smith	820-5403
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Fishing	Harry Sherinian	846-7067	Travel	Tom Eller	939-5897
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Golf	Al Zavattero	933-0465	Webmaster	Phil Goff	831-3692
Greeters	Pat Bermingham	930-9477	Welcoming	Jerry Kaplan	938-1037
Hiking and Walking	Joel White	964-0994	Wine Appreciation	Al Reynolds	254-1576
	Dan Green	376-7087			
Historian	Matt Arena	946-0404			
Host	Frank Crua	932-0975			
Interviewer	Max Foust	827-9323			

#1. Doug Aalders, Matt Arena, Lou Sandor

#2. Pat Bermingham, Milt Greenstein, Marty Ratterree

## 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	Karl Droese (Br.171)	376-0468	Travel	Bob Spellman (A.2)	934-8428
Golf	Jim Willey (Br.19)	689-3199	Speakers Bureau	John Roebuck (Br.19)	685-8764
Publicity	Walt Schick (Br.8)	934-0656	Sums Retirement	Allen Espenmiller (A.2)	376-3977

# SIR Branch 116 Activity Calendar

## January 2012

Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
1 New Year's Day	2	3 <b>Duplicate Bridge</b> (9:00@ Diablo Valley Bridge Ctr)	4 <b>9-Hole Golf</b> (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC) <b>18-Hole Golf</b> (9:30@ Boundary Oak GC) <b>Bowling</b> (10:00@Mounument Bowl)	5	6	7
8	9 <b>18-Hole Golf</b> (9:30@ Boundary Oak GC)	10 <b>Luncheon Bridge</b> (11:30@ Round Hill CC)	11 <b>9-Hole Golf</b> (10:00@ Pine Meadow GC) <b>Bowling</b> (10:00@Mounument Bowl)	12	13 <b>Hiking &amp; Walking</b> (8:15@ Iron Horse Trail, Stone Valley Rd, Alamo)	14
15	16 <b>SIR Br 116 Mtg.</b> (11:30@ Elks Club)	17 <b>18-Hole Golf</b> (9:06@ Los Positas GC) <b>Poker Group 2</b> (1:00@ Diablo CC)	18 <b>9-Hole Golf</b> (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC) <b>Bowling</b> (10:00@Mounument Bowl) <b>\$ums in Retirement</b> (8:00@ Diablo Creek GC)	19 <b>Computer &amp; Tech</b> (9:00@ Elks Club)	20	21
22	23 <b>18-Hole Golf</b> (9:38@ Deer Ridge GC) <b>Book Group Mtg.</b> (10:15@ Orinda Books)	24 <b>Luncheon Bridge</b> (11:30@ Diablo CC) <b>18-Hole Golf</b> (9:30@ Delta View) <b>Dine-O-Sirs</b> (6:00@ Amoroma, Moraga)	25 <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)	26 <b>Fishing Group</b> (8:30@ Legends-Diablo Crk) <b>Wine Appreciation</b> (4:00@ TBD)	27 <b>Hiking &amp; Walking</b> (8:15@ Moraga Commons Parking Lot, Moraga)	28
29	30 <b>18-Hole Golf</b> (9:00@ Roddy Ranch GC)	31				



## Membership

Andy Benz

### SIR 116 Membership Status

Total Current Members:	252
Last Month's Inductees:	0
Those in Interview Stage:	2
Total in Process:	2
On Inactive Status:	46
Left the Branch:	0
Waiting to be Installed:	0

### November Luncheon Menu

Chicken Cordon Bleu  
with Rice Pilaf,  
Green Beans Almondine, Green Salad Bar,  
Rolls and Butter,  
Dessert Assortment,  
Coffee and Ice Tea



### Br. 116 Treasurer's Report

John Peterson, Treasurer

	<u>Dec. 2011</u>	<u>2011 YTD</u>
Contributions	\$ 187.06	\$ 62,124.56
Disbursements	\$ (6,506.24)	\$ (64,988.24)
Net (gain/(loss))	\$ <b>(6,319.18)</b>	\$ <b>(2,863.68)</b>

December Cash Balance \$ 4,618.81

### January Birthdays

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

Booth, Donald B.	Klein, Ed
Conger, Edward R.	Peckham, Donald E.
Eller, Thomas D.	Ratterree, Marty
Fucik, John J.	Sandor, Louis
Ginter, William K.	Sicabaig, Henry
Hagler, Jack	Sigvaldson, Arni
Harold, Kenneth D.	Socolich, Richard
Hattaway, Dudley P.	Sullivan, William



## Christmas Dinner Dance

December 2011

Santa's elves had no trouble finding Crow Canyon Country Club and they delivered presents galore for the Ladies and Gentlemen of SIR 116. The Club's decorations were lavish, the food was excellent, both of which were excelled by the wonderful service of the staff. Many of the guests were still dancing and partying until DJ Mike Vincent began packing his gear and the bar tenders were busy throughout the evening.

The gavel passed from Ron Armijo to Neil Schmidt and California SIR President, Bob Mannell, presented life awards to the very deserving duo of Robbie Robinson and Phil Goff. Their beautiful ladies pinned the award medallions on the men's lapels. Pat Bermingham's Irish Christmas story brought laughs and the program moved quickly giving much time to dining and friendly conversation.

It was a wonderful evening and brought a great start to the Christmas holiday season. I have enjoyed serving as your party chair these past two years. I thank the many people who pitched in with their support and work to make these parties so fine and fun. Especially, thank you to all who participated and enjoyed the wonderful and entertaining parties. I hope your holidays were blessed and fulfilled.

SSJerry Hicks, Party Chair





## Sunshine Report

Matt Arena

Sir **Marty Mc Nally** has been in John Muir Medical Center since November 28<sup>th</sup>. He is now recovering from brain surgery and Marty tells me he has not experienced pain through this entire hospital stay .He is in good spirits and is looking forward to his release from the hospital. The hospital made arrangements for his family to share Christmas together in a room put aside for this purpose.

Sir **John Canane** has had hip surgery and is gaining his strength during this period of recovery. He will be missed on the links but my guess is that he will be on the links very shortly.

Sir **Vic Remorini** has been operated on for a heart valve replacement and a pacemaker. Vic is waiting to hear from his cardiologist as to the results of his echocardiogram. He sounds good and is anxious to get back on his feet.

Past Big Sir **Frank Dillon** continues to have treatment with radiation and is looking forward to joining us for the luncheons. He has had enough health issues and it will be good to see him again.

Past Big Sir **Courtney Borrecco** is still gaining strength in the leg which is affected by Parkinson's. Thankfully the hip operation is behind him and he is virtually healed from this surgery. He is a hard man to hold down so we expect continued good reports on his progress.

Three members Sir **Joe Lennon**, Sir **Harry Honstein** and Sir **Ed Regalia** have been on this list a long time and here is hoping that they as well as other men in our Branch will see their health improve in this New Year. Please keep them in your thoughts and a call to say HELLO would be appreciated.

From SUNSHINE CENTRAL may you and yours experiences a year of good health and happiness.



## Bowling

Ron Gagliardi

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

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



## "Dine-O-Sir" Dinner Group

Ben Smith



The Dine-O-Sir Herd will be kicking off the new year on Tuesday, Jan 24 at "**Amoroma Restorante**" located at 360 Park Street, Moraga. This a small family owned Italian restaurant which has put together a fine selection of authentic Italian dishes which will be served in a warm family atmosphere.

Along with the food this restaurant offers some excellent wine specials and provides a chance to try a wider offering of wines in their wine cellar room. Reservations are going fast and we expect another sell out crowd.

The Host for the evening will be Sir-Dick Socolich. He has done an excellent of putting this Dine out evening together. If you have not already done so, contact Sir Ben Smith (e-mail: [bjsssmith@aol.com](mailto:bjsssmith@aol.com)) regarding your reservations. The all-in cost for dinner is \$30.00. We all look forward to some excellent Dine-O-Sir events during the coming year. If you have any special restaurants that you think the group would enjoy, let us know about them.



## \$ums Investment Group Allen Espenmiller

The Area 2 \$ums Investment Group will meet on Wednesday January 25, 2012 at 8:00 AM at the Diablo Creek Golf course, 4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord. Our guest speaker Tom Kopas returns again this year to present “**Market Outlook 2012 – Is the Cyclical Bull Market for Stocks Over?**” Tom will deliver an update to Pring Turner Capital Group’s secular and cyclical outlook for stocks, bonds and commodities. Packed with fresh new material based on their unique, internationally recognized research, this presentation will answer many topical questions, including: What’s ahead for the Economy? Are We in a Recession or Not? Is the Cyclical Bull Market for Stocks Over? What are the Long-Term Themes for Profitable Opportunities? Mr. Kopas is a familiar and popular speaker to \$ums in Retirement, having been invited to speak each year since 2001. Tom will discuss what asset allocation decisions will bring investors profitably through this cycle, and where the risks and opportunities are for investors now and in the coming months and years.

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

## Bocce Ball Jerry Kaplan

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 [mgkplan@astound.net](mailto:mgkplan@astound.net).



## New Honorary Life Members



State SIR President Bob Mannell and Big SIR Armijo presenting Honorary Life Member awards to Thomas “Robbie” Robinson and Phil Goff (left to right: Bob Mannell, Robbie & Nancy Robinson, Diane & Phil Goff, Ron Armijo)



### ALL SIR DAY AT ATT PARK

All SIR day at the SF Giants has been selected as Thursday August 2. The opponents will be the New York Mets. The starting time is 12:45. As I’m sure you are all aware the Giants sold out every game last year. However if you contact Ashley Campisi at the Giants [acampisi@sfgiants.com](mailto:acampisi@sfgiants.com) she has at this time 141 reserved lower box seats in Section 131 available for that date. They are adjacent to the 60 seats that Hank Gomez of Branch 25 has reserved. Hank leads the Four Sons Quartet that will be singing the national anthem again this year.

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

That’s right! Sponsor a new Branch 116 member in 2009 and get a free lunch. Sponsor another and, get another free lunch. No limit on this deal!



## SIR Fishing Group

Harry Sherinian

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

Winter wasted no time pouncing on the bay area with near freezing temperatures and rain. Undaunted, our fearless fishermen ventured forth. Joe Miscione and Mario Moratorio continued their assault on Lake Berryessa catching kokanee salmon and trout. Closer to home, Carl Moyer, Barry Rauchle, Ron Yates, Romano Gnusti, George Schulze, Steve Greytak, and Gordon Linebaugh all caught big beautiful trout at Shadow Cliffs Reservoir. Paul Dubow and Carl caught some small sturgeon and a striper on the Sac, and Terry Miller and Carl got some rockfish and crabs on the ocean. Clem Teeters caught a nice limit of trout trolling Eagle Lake, Joe Miscione and Mario Moratorio caught 5 small sturgeons near Pittsburg, Sal Costanza caught limits of stripers on several trips to the same area. George Vogt got a limit of crab and rockfish and a nice ling on a party boat out of Bodega Bay.

This December also found us enjoying our Annual Christmas Gala at Zio Alfredo in Pleasant Hill. Approximately fifty members and wife's dined, laughed and had a wonderful evening together. The food was great and the company outstanding.

This is an annual event and is looked forward to by most of the members. A special thanks to Sir Dick Thompson and Sir Terry Miller for their efforts in making the evening one to remember.

December is also the month that we change our leadership. Big Fish Carl Dorose is stepping down after a great two years at the helm of our club. Through his leadership, the club has had a great two years with many fishing trips and has grown in size with new members. I am sure that our new Big Fish, Pete Gates, will follow in the same vein.

We will be very busy this winter with: delta fishing

for bass, catfish, and sturgeon, trout in local lakes, and party boat trips for kokanee, sturgeon, and crab and rock fish.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, January 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.)



## 2011 New Members

Have you met the new members that have joined us in 2012? Look for them and say "Hi". The 2011 new members are:

- |                       |                   |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Edward B. Berkson     | Gerrett J. Girvan |
| Gary Boswell          | Terry P. Grummitt |
| Robert N. Bowles      | Ivan L. Hendrick  |
| David L. Butner       | Francis J. Krol   |
| Gerald Christopherson | Allen C. Pirkle   |
| Peter G. Coggiola     | Jon M. Rasmussen  |
| Joe E. Collins        | Kenneth W. Sandy  |
| Roger M. Colton       | Dean A. Steuer    |
| Edward R. Conger      | John O. Thompson  |
| Alan Fitzgerald       |                   |

## Poker Group #2

Al Reynolds



Poker Group #2 plays on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at Diablo Country Club in Diablo, from 1-4 p.m. It's a small stakes game, and socializing with fellow SIR members is the primary purpose.

If you would like to join, call Al Reynolds at 254-1576 or send an email to:

reynolds4596@sbcglobal.net.



## Bridge

Milt Greenstein

### Duplicate Bridge

The Duplicate Bridge group met on December 6th at the Diablo Valley Bridge Center with 18 players from 4 different SIR branches playing. The winning team today was Bob Wolf / Barry Rauchle with 61.11% ( 44 points out of a possible 72 ). Mike Corker / Bill Sullivan came in second with 59.72%, Conrad Robertson / Jim Regan were 3rd with 58.33% and Jack Butler / Bob Kahl were 4th with 51.39%. Of the 8 winners, 5 were from Branch 116.

The Lunch / Bridge group met on December 13th at Round Hill C.C. 24 players attending. Our top scorer today was Lou Sandor with a very nice 7,650 points ( aided by the only small slam of the day, made with Milt Greenstein).

Coming in second was Art Donaldson with 5,530 points, followed by Bob Kahl (4,740 ), Milt Greenstein (4,710 ), Fred Massaro ( 4,610 ) and Alvin Buchignani ( 4,430 ).

### Luncheon Bridge

The Lunch / Bridge group met again on December 27th at Diablo C.C. with 22 men attending ( good attendance for the holiday week ).

On December 27th, 21 men gathered at the Diablo C.C. for lunch and bridge. Another high scoring day ! Our big winner today was Tom Baker, a new player to our group, with a score of 7,460 points, which included 2 small slams. In second place was Bob Wolf with 6,390 points and Jai Yee with 6,360 points, just one major suit trick value less. Bob Daily with 5,580 points and Walt Kawecki with 5,340 points round out our winners today. We had four small slams bid and made today with a number more not bid. The bid slams were by Tom Baker / Walt Kawecki, Tom Baker / Bob Wolf, Bob Daily / Jai Yee and Bill Sullivan / Bud Grisanti.

The winner of our year's Achievement Award - the highest average score for the year - was Jai Yee, who averaged 4,712 points per game in 17 games during the year. Others who did very well, averaging over 4,000 points per game, were Bob Wolf, Art Donaldson, Ali Aghaiepour, Charley Schmidt and Ron Wohlberg.



## Hiking & Walking

Joel White

The first walk of the **new year, 2012**, (for those who are not superstitious) on **Friday, January 13** will be led by Joel White: 964-0994; [zpz2mrz@yahoo.com](mailto:zpz2mrz@yahoo.com). This walk will be on **the Iron Horse Trail. Stone Valley Road Trail Head** in the Alamo Safeway Parking lot just west of HWY 680. Please RSVP to Joel.

On **Friday, January 27** we will meet at **8:15 am** in the Moraga Commons parking lot on St. Mary's Road near the intersection of Moraga Road in Moraga. Then we'll walk the trail towards St. Mary's College. Dan Green ([asdgreen@comcast.net](mailto:asdgreen@comcast.net), 376-7087) will be the walk leader. Please RSVP to Dan.

*Please RSVP to the walk leaders if you plan to attend.*

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



*"What - you hate is walking? This is hiking— hiking is different than walking."*

## 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)



## Br. 116 Book Club

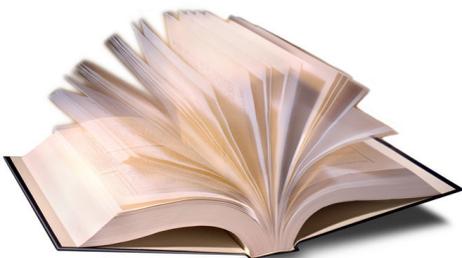
Rich Black

### Tuxedo Park

On Monday, December 5, the SIR Book Group discussed **"Tuxedo Park, A Wall Street Tycoon and the Secret Palace of Science That Changed the Course of WW II"** by Jennet Conant. Yep, Alfred Lee Loomis made a bundle in electric company bonds in the 20's, sold out before the crash, and established a private science lab in an ultra gated community called Tuxedo Park. Kept his mistress in a glass house, well glass bricks, there as well. And yes, he initiated radar research in his lab that was critical for the war effort. Quite a guy, quite a story. The men awarded it 3.75 stars. Richard Black led the discussion with Lytton DeSilva, Al Reynolds, Art Donaldson, Bob Mathews, Bob Daily, Jack Butler, Jim Scott and Jerry Christopherson participating.

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

**"Gallipoli"** by Allan Morehead, a WW I tale about heroism and courage in a campaign about which most of us know nothing.



## 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:

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## Luncheon Speaker

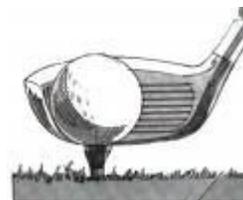
By Little Sir Art Vogl

Speaker: Mary Chapman

Subject: An Elderly Wish Foundation

Mary Chapman retired from the Development Office at Carondelet High School twelve years ago. She was asked by the founder of An Elderly Wish Foundation (AEWF) to help organize this non-profit mission and here she is still organizing. Their office is in Antioch at the Rivertown Resource Center. Mary is the Executive Director and has a nine member Board of Directors.

Elderly Wish Mission Statement: It is the mission of An Elderly Wish Foundation to enrich the lives of the terminally ill elderly by making a special wish which is made possible through individual and corporate donations, memorials, a foundation grant and other major fund raisers.



A golfer teed up his ball on the first tee, took a mighty swing and hit his ball into a clump of trees.

He found his ball and saw an opening between two trees he thought he could hit through.

Taking out his 3-wood, he took another mighty swing; the ball hit a tree, bounced back hit him in the forehead and killed him.

As he approached the gates of Heaven, St. Peter saw him coming and asked, "Are you a good golfer,"

The man replied, "Got here in two, didn't I?"

# SIR Travel

By Tom Eller, Travel Chairman



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



## SIR State Travel Opportunities 2012

**Jan 21-27, 2012: Florida Keys Adventure** (Seven day winter (6 nights) of sunny South Florida to Key West including Florida Everglades, Key Largo, President Truman's Little White House) \$3380 Roy Jordan Br 62, Sunnyvale, 408-735-8465 or Jim Hohenshelt 408-241-4421.

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

**Mar 19-Apr 3, 2012: Hawaiian Islands Cruise** (Round trip from San Francisco aboard Star Princess, Will visit 5 ports of call, Hilo, Honolulu, Nawiliwili, Lahaina and Ensenada)  
16 day cruise from \$2140 to \$3090, Brian Serpa, San Jose, Br 141 408-227-7658 or Rollo Parsons, 408-268-5245.

**Mar 22-26, 2012: Giants Spring Training** (Three Spring Training games in Scottsdale, AZ) The trip includes pick up/return, air, transfers, accommodations, all breakfasts, and 1 free dinner.) \$1295 dbl, \$1745 sgl, Jim Hohenshelt, Br62, Sunnyvale, 408-241-4421 or Roy Jordan, 408-735-8765.

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

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

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

**May 19-24,2012: Seattle/ San Juan Islands** (Tour the Boeing Aircraft factory, and Downtown Seattle (Space Needle) Center. Crab Pot Restaurant dinner, 3 days cruising and whale watching, \$2195 dbl , Jim Hohenshelt Br. 62, Sunnyvale, 408-241-4421.

## 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.



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

Barry Brown will explain why the good looking image on our screen often turns into something unrecognizable when we print it! Why do the colors change so much? (Is my face really that red?) The photos I got back from Costco (or whoever) are terrible considering the time I spent adjusting the colors to get them exactly right! Find out why color is so difficult to define and reproduce. Learn how you can improve your color prints with a little effort that soon becomes a simple routine. The knowledge you gain should reduce wasted ink and paper. Come to learn, socialize, and save money too.

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

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

The planned meetings for the next 4 months will be on: Feb 16, Mar 15, Apr 19, and May 17. Topics should include online telephone services and video, home wireless networks, file organization and back-up, 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.



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 convivial gatherings. Contact Al Reynolds, 925/254-1576, for more information.



#### **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/>

# 2011 Christmas Dinner Party



# SIR Branch 116 Golf

By Al Zavattero, Golf Chairman



## 2012 GOLF DUES

### 18 Hole Members

If you get your GHIN number through our Branch, the 2012 dues will be \$56,00.

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

### 9 Hole Members

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

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

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

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

Thanks to everyone who has made 2011 a successful year.

## Nine Hole Info

Dick Chaffee, 9-Hole Chairman



SIR 116 9-Hole Golf Club membership is open to all Branch members and guests regardless of your golfing ability. We play every Wednesday starting at 10:00am. We rotate playing Buchanan Fields, Concord, Pine Meadows, Martinez and Diablo Hills, Walnut Creek.

The 9 Hole Golf Club is organized into a single flight. The weekly Champion is the player with the lowest net score. The weekly Champion is awarded 3 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> place 2 and 3<sup>rd</sup> place 1. The 2009 Champion will be the golfer with the highest point total.

In December, we will again hold our 9 Hole Golf Championship Tournament. The Tournament will be 3 rounds of golf. One round at each of the courses we play. The Tournament Champion will be the golfer with lowest net total for 2 rounds. If a participant plays all 3 rounds, he can choose which 2 rounds will count.

### 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.

## January 18-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Mon. 04	9:30	Boundary Oak	Al Serafino
Mon. 09	9:30	Boundary Oak	Al Serafino
Tues. 17	9:06	Los Positas	Robbie R.
Mon. 23	9:38	Deer Ridge	Robbie R.
Mon. 30	10:00	Crow Canyon	Robbie R.

## January 9-Hole Schedule

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



# 18 Hole Results

By David Harris

## Delta View -- Tuesday December 27, 2011

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
Al Zavattero	66	3	David Carlson	69	3	Bob Testa	67	3	Bill Hemmelsbach	69	3
Bill McCord	70	2	Paul Kim	71	2	Phil Jenkins	69	2	Chuck Gilliam	70	2
Jim Johnson	76	1	Lonny Randall	75	1	Max Foust	71	1	Conrad Robertson	74	1
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
Al Zavattero	84		David Carlson	89		Bob Testa	94		Bill Hemmelsbach	101	

Closest to: Hole #2 -Lonny Randall -- Hole #13 - Paul Kim, Max Foust

## Lone Tree -- Tuesday December 20, 2011

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
Dirk Meyer	70	3	Phil Goff	71	3	Al Serafino	71	3	Bill Hemmelsbach	63	3
Al Zavattero	71	2	David Carlson	75	2	Bernie Wroblewski	76	2	Frank Lockwood	69	2
David Harris	77	1	Dick Socolich	77	1	Phil Jenkins	78	1	Chuck Gilliam	70	1
Jim Johnson	77	1									
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
Dirk Meyer	87		Phil Goff	89		Al Serafino	97		Bill Hemmelsbach	94	
Jim Johnson	87										

Closest to: Hole #2 -Jim Johnson, Al Serafino -- Hole #11 - Dirk Meyer

## Boundary Oak -- Monday December 12, 2011

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
Jim Clizbe	72	3	David Carlson	72	3	Bob Testa	65	3	Robbie Robinson	69	3
Al Zavattero	75	2	Rob Campbell	80	2	Al Serafino	72	2	Chuck Gilliam	70	2
Bill McCord	77	1	Lonny Randall	82	1	Bob Donohue	75	1	Conrad Robertson	73	1
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
Jim Clizbe	90		David Carlson	93		Bob Testa	91		Conrad Robertson	99	

Closest to: Hole #2 -Al Zavattero, Peter Coggiola -- Hole #12 - David Harris, Chuck Gilliam

## Boundary Oak -- Monday December 5, 2011

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
Jim Clizbe	77	3	Carlos Xavier	73	3	Al Serafino	77	3	Chuck Gilliam	66	3
Dirk Meyer	77	3	David Carlson	74	2	Bob Donohue	78	2	Conrad Robertson	72	2
Bill McCord	79	1	Paul Kim	75	1	John Story	80	1	Matt Arena	73	1
Pat Tinguely	79	1			Bob Testa	80	1				
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
Dirk Meyer	94		Phil Goff	94		John Story	101		Conrad Robertson	99	
			Paul Kim	94							
			Carlos Xavier	94							

Closest to: Hole #2 -Lonny Randall, John Story -- Hole #12 - David Carlson, Bob Donohue



# Final 2011 18 Hole Leader Board

By David Harris

FLIGHT 1		FLIGHT 2		FLIGHT 3		FLIGHT 4	
Index 0.0 - 16.7		Index 16.8 - 21.3		Index 21.4 - 26.5		Index 26.6 - 36.4	
NAME	POINTS	NAME	POINTS	NAME	POINTS	NAME	POINTS
<b>Williams, Mel</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>Carlson, David</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>Story, John</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>Robertson, Conrad</b>	<b>64</b>
Zavattero, Al	46	Goff, Phil	56	Testa, Bob	42	Gilliam, Chuck	50
Harris, David	45	Crua, Frank	46	Peterson, John	38	Hemmelsbach, Bill	47
Johnson, Jim	39	Randall, Lonny	41	Wroblewski, Bernie	38	Robinson, Robbie	42
McCord, Bill	39	Kim, Paul	33	Foust, Max	33	Arena, Matt	20
Meyer, Dirk	31	Eller, Tom	28	Serafino, Al	26	Vogl, Art	18
Clizbe, Jim	24	Socolich, Dick	13	Jenkins, Phil	23	Langhorst, Carl	17
Schmidt, Neil	14	Campbell, Rob	5	Chaffee, Dick	18	Cook, Wayne	16
Tinguely, Pat	13	Hunter, Jerry	4	Donohue, Bob	18	Armijo, Ron	11
Clark, Bill	9	Cannon, Larry	3	Boswell, Gary	12	Grummitt, Terry	10
Smith, Wayne	4	Nichols, Bob	3	Madden, Richard	8	Lockwood, Frank	9
Hicks, Jerry	3	Xavier, Carlos	3	Roberts, Don	6	Kallas, Pete	3
Smith, Ben	1	McClaghry, Darrell	2	Hutchko, Al	5	McVean, Kirk	3
		Birmingham, Pat	1	Conlon, Bob	4	Ostler, Joe	3
		Daniel, Jed	1	Lutkus, Alex	2	Maclay, John	2
						Sherman, Terry	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
Tuesday January 17	Los Positas	Jan-7	\$40
Monday January 23	Deer Ridge	Jan-14	\$35
Monday January 30	Crow Canyon	Jan-21	\$45
Monday February 13	Silverado North	Jan-8	\$49
Tuesday February 21	Brentwood	Feb-11	\$32
Monday February 27	Dublin Ranch	Feb-18	\$38

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



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2231 San Miguel Dr.  
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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.