



Trampas Topics

July, 2012

SIR Branch 116

Next Meeting: 11:30 am,
Monday, July 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

June was a great month for bringing in new members to our Branch. We had five new members join us (picture on page 4) and we also have five new pending applicants. The total number of Active members for our Branch is now 245, which is slightly less than the number of active members we had at the 1st of the year. Our membership numbers are still doing quite well considering we shifted some of our long-term health related "absentee" Active members to Inactive status

(Joe Lenon, Harry Honstein, Ed Regalia) a few months ago. All Inactive members can of course easily rejoin when they are willing and able to do so. **We still continue to encourage everyone to bring in and sponsor a new member.** In addition, look for the new members at our Luncheon or at event activities and introduce yourself. We are a social organization and it is always fun to meet new folks.

The **Carson City Golf Getaway**, a three day extravaganza of banquets, hosted cocktail parties, playing bridge, sightseeing, gambling and, of course, playing golf in September is rapidly approaching. Note that your non-SIR friends are welcome. The deadline for signing up is August 24th so round-up your significant other and your friends and sign-up for this entertaining event in Carson City (pages 9 & 11).

Parking for our Luncheon can sometimes be a challenge. Normally SIR can park in the Elks Lodge lot (including the slots tagged for apartment parking), the office lot immediately West of the Lodge as well as in the lower office parking lot across Creekside Drive. During our June Luncheon, a tree had fallen in the entrance to the lower office parking across the street and the entrance was blocked and therefore the lot was not available for use. This obviously caused a parking problem for a few of our late arrivals. Hopefully we will not have parking issues in July but I do encourage everyone to carpool if possible because parking is sometimes limited.

Also...



Neil Schmidt Big SIR



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by the Thursday prior to
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vation or
to bring a guest.

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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
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Bowling	Ron Gagliardi	682-4012	Newsletter Edtr. Asst.	Phil Goff	831-3692
Bridge	Milt Greenstein	376-5589	Nominating	Ron Armijo	945-0637
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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

July 2012

Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
1	2 18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Boundary Oak GC)	3 Duplicate Bridge (9:00@ Diablo Valley Bridge Ctr)	4 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC) Bowling (10:00@Mounument Bowl) HAPPY 4th OF JULY	5	6	7
8	9 18-Hole Golf (9:00@ Crow Canyon CC)	10 Luncheon Bridge (11:30@ Round Hill CC)	11 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Pine Meadow GC) Bowling (10:00@Mounument Bowl)	12	13 Hiking & Walking (8:15@ Sweet Affair, WC)	14
15	16 SIR Br 116 Mtg. (11:30@ Elks Club) Hiking & Walking Special Mtg. Following Luncheon	17 18-Hole Golf (9:00@ Mare Island GC) Poker Group 2 (1:00@ Diablo CC)	18 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC) Bowling (10:00@Mounument Bowl)	19 Computer & Tech (9:00@ Elks Club)	20	21
22	23 18-Hole Golf (9:28@ Metropolitan GC) Book Group Mtg. (10:15@ Orinda Books)	24 Luncheon Bridge (11:30@ Diablo CC)	25 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Diablo Hills GC) Sums Investment (8:00@ Diablo Crk. GC) Bowling (10:00@Mounument Bowl)	26 Fishing Group (8:30@ Legends-Diablo Crk) Wine Appreciation (4:00@ TBD) Area 2 Indv. Qualifier Golf (8:00@ Roddy Ranch GC)	27 Hiking & Walking (8:15@ Panera Bread, Countrywood Shopping Ctr., WC)	28
29	30 18-Hole Golf (10:00@ Tilden Park GC)	31				



Membership

Andy Benz
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SIR 116 Membership Status

Total Current Members:	245
Last Month's Inductees:	5
Those in Interview Stage:	5
Total in Process:	10
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>June 2012</u>	<u>2012 YTD</u>
Contributions	\$ 3,103.00	\$ 34,164.60
Disbursements	\$ (4,676.54)	\$ (28,959.41)
Net (gain/(loss))	\$ (1,573.54)	\$ 5,205.19

June Cash Balance \$ 9,894.12

July Luncheon Menu

BBQ Spareribs
Au Gratin Potatoes,
Corn on the Cob
Green Salad, Roll/Butter
Dessert/Coffee/Ice Tea



Lunch Attendance

Jim Nachtweih
(majnacht@sbcglobal.net)

Attendance at the June 18th meeting:

Total:	192
Members:	178
Visitors:	1
Speakers:	2
Guests:	11
Excused:	56
Un-Excused:	7

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

July Birthdays

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

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|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Jim Altomare | 14. Bob Nichols |
| 2. David Bernard | 15. Harold Redsun |
| 3. Gary Boswell | 16. Allen Reynolds |
| 4. Ernie Carson | 17. Ken Sandy |
| 5. Michael Casey | 18. Pete Streich |
| 6. Stephen Cherepy | 19. John Takacs |
| 7. Bill Clark | 20. Tim Tinnes |
| 8. Garrett Girvan | 21. Bob Vetro |
| 9. Milt Greenstein | 22. Jim Videle |
| 10. Al Hutchko | 23. Jack Vollmer |
| 11. Paul King | 24. Fran Walsh |
| 12. Dick Krieger | 25. George Willis |
| 13. Don Miller | 26. Bernie Wroblewski |

New Branch 116 Members



Left to Right: **Jim Gleason** with sponsor Bob Donohue, **Paul Treitas** with sponsor Ron Armjo, **Denny Giambastiani** with sponsor Don Roberts, **Fred Schafer** and **Mac McLoughlin** with sponsor Peter Coggiola



Sunshine Report

Matt Arena

(marena@astound.net)

SIR **Tim Dorr** continues to recover from surgery .He is getting out for dinner and a show .Tim is out walking with a cane but is making progress every day. He looks forward to attending our luncheon.

Sir **Joe Verdoia** has had another fall which put him back in John Muir Hospital. He is at Tampico Terrace recovering nicely.

Sir George Willis has a care giver who reports that George is making progress following his hospitalization at John Muir Hospital. He is feeling stronger every day.

Sir **Paul Kim** tells me he is continuing to improve and looks forward to joining us for lunch very shortly. He is still not up for golf but is anxious to get back to the links.

Past Big Sir **Courtney Borrecco** looked very sharp this past week end while attending an anniversary party. He still uses his walker but it is hard to slow this warrior down.

Sir **Stan Hill** is making progress following his illness but his best news was about his wife Marian. After 4 months of not being able to hear she found a hearing aid that worked. Stan is quite relieved that he no longer has to shout at his wife to be heard.

Sir **Joe Lennon** after watching the Giants no-hitter he got up from his chair and tore a muscle in his groin. He said the pain was the worst he ever felt. He is better now but doesn't want to go through that experience again.

Sir **Werner Fend** was scheduled for an aorta replacement at John Muir, Concord. On the day of surgery scheduled for 1 P.M. he waited patiently to be called. At 4P.M. he was told that he would have to be rescheduled for another day. He is hoping this time they will keep the appointment and not do this ever again.

For are members and their families who are experiencing health issue we want you to know we are thinking of you and wish for speedy recoveries.

In Memoriam

Kenneth Dale Harold

January 3, 1935 - May 25, 2012

Nominating Committee

The work of the Branch 116 Nominating Committee to present a slate of candidates for the 2013 Officers and Directors of Branch 116 Branch Executive Committee is complete. During the June luncheon the slate of Officers and Directors were approved after closing the open floor nomination process.

The slate of Officers and Directors for the year 2013 is as follows:

Big SIR:	Art Vogl
Little SIR:	Phil Goff
Secretary	Dick Chaffee
Asst. Sec.:	Joel White
Treasurer:	John Peterson
Asst. Treasurer:	Bob Shader
Membership Sec.:	Andy Benz
Director:	Neil Schmidt
Director:	Bob Testa
Director:	Jim Johnson
Director:	Jerry Kaplan
Director:	Alex Lutkus
Director:	Bernie Wroblewski

Branch election will be held at our September 17th luncheon with the installation of Officers and Directors to take place at the November 19th luncheon. Our incoming Big SIR will be recognized at our annual Christmas Dinner/Dance in December.

I would like to thank the Nominating Committee members for their work on the committee and the vetting process they used to narrow down the talented members who volunteered for these important branch leadership positions. The committee members were Dirk Meyer, Dick Socolich, John Story, and Carlos Xavier. Thank you!

Ron Armijo, Committee Chairman

"Senior" President's Award



Frank Bird & Walt Grant receiving Presidents Award from Area 2 Governor Ron Smith (ctr.)



Bridge

Milt Greenstein

(margmilt@comcast.net)

Duplicate Bridge

The Duplicate bridge group met on June 5th with 10 teams playing. Bob Daily-Jim Regan came in first with 58.80% (63.50 out of a possible 108 points). Joel White-Conrad Robertson were second with 56.94%, followed by Jim Nachtweih-Rudy Gebert (56.02%), Bob Wolf-Milt Greenstein (53.24%) and Norm Schoenfeld-Bob Kahl (51.39%).

Luncheon Bridge

The Lunch/bridge group met on Tuesday, June 12th at Round Hill C.C. with 26 players. A high scoring day was led by Ron Wohlberg with 6,640 points, followed by Fred Massaro (5,680), Lytton DeSilva (5,630), Bob Kahl (5,500), Charley Schmidt (5,330) and Bob Wolf (5,110). Fred Massaro and Lytton DeSilva made a grand slam, the first for this year! Small slams were made by the teams of Ron Wohlberg / Charley Schmidt, Bob Wolf / Bob Kahl and Jai Yee / Alvin Buchagnani. [Badge No. 201]

On June 26th, the group met again at Diablo C.C. for lunch and bridge with 25 men playing. What a high scoring day today! With one grand slam and

four small slams, the average score today was 3,968 points and the average round (4 hands) was 661 points, by far the best this year. Ron Wohlberg was high scorer for the second session in a row with 7,900 points the highest score of the year to date. Tony Rohrs was second with 7,400, Lytton DeSilva was third with 5,740, fourth was Charley Schmidt with 5,280, followed by Jim Nachtweih (5,060) and Bob Wolf (4,870). The grand slam was made by Ron Wohlberg/Tony Rohrs (a lay down, cold, 7 no trump), and the small slams were made by Walt Kawecki/Charley Schmidt, Lytton DeSilva/Jim Nachtweih, Ron Wohlberg/Jack Butler and Art Donaldson/Milt Greenstein. An interesting statistic - of the 33 people who have played at in at least 4 of the 12 sessions so far this year, 31 have been in the money, ie; one of the 6 winners each week!



Luncheon Speaker

By Little Sir Art Vogl

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Speaker: Dick Callahan

Bio: Callahan is a popular host and speaker at athletic conferences and events. He has been the voice of basketball in San Francisco area for Saint Mary's College and the Golden State Warriors.

Dick Callahan has earned a devoted following and Bay Area fame for his "shhhhhhhhhoo-ting two" free-throw call. His boisterous "FIRST DOWN BEARS" is a signature sound at Cal's Memorial Stadium.

Presentation: The man with the voice thousands pay hundreds to hear, Dick Callahan.

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



SIR Fishing Group

Harry Sherinian

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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, July 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.

The hot topic is salmon. Unfortunately, the ocean has been just a bit too rough for us. In fact, we have not even tried for rock fish. An old friend told me the last time he could remember the ocean this rough was 1982. The wind in this month of tears has kept us off the delta as well, but the trout have been cooperating. Terry Miller, Craig Walton, Harry Sherinian, and Paul Dubow fished Lake Davis for nice limits to 21 inches over two days. George Shulze and Carl Moyer caught smaller limits at Shadow Cliffs Reservoir, and Carl fished the shore at San Pablo Reservoir on 4 occasions, limiting out each day with fish to 3 lbs. John O'Brien and Gordon Linebaugh joined Carl on other days for more limits and some nice size fish. John did not fare as well on a party boat trip on the bay for halibut and stripers, catching only small sharks. Bill Landers fished in a Bass Tournament, and caught a lot of fish. He and Joe Miscione fished Lake Davis for some nice trout. Tom Boltz, Pete Gates, and Steve Lofton fished the feather river and Lake Davis for even more trout. Paul Dubow escaped to Wisconsin for 3 days where he caught many walleye and bass

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

Our next meeting will be Thursday, July 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.)



Br. 116 Book Club

Rich Black

(blackrw41@comcast.net)

A Literary Doubleheader

The SIR Book Group met twice in June because Memorial Day preempted our normal forth Monday of the month meeting in May. On June 4 the SIR Book Group discussed "The Boys of Summer" by Roger Kahn. The author had a two part book chronicling growing up with the Jacky Robinson Brooklyn Dodgers in a literary household in the first section and then visiting team members again in the late 60ies for the second part. The group awarded the book 3.64 stars on a 5 point scale. Richard Black recommended the book and led the discussion with Al Reynolds, Jack Butler, Bob Daily, Dick Kauffman, Garrett Girvin, Allan Chasnoff, Art Donaldson, Lytton DeSilva and Jerry Christopherson participating.

The group then met on June 25 to discuss "The Killing of Lincoln" by O'Reilly and Dugard. This highly episodic account of Lincoln's assassination provided a wealth of detail on the weeks leading up to Appomattox, as well as the life of Lincoln and Booth prior to and following the assassination. Jack Butler recommended the book and Richard Black led the discussion with Lytton DeSilva, Bob Daily, Art Donaldson, Al Reynolds, and Alan Chasnoff. The group, based on the ratings of those present, awarded the book 4.56 stars out of 5.

The group will next meet at Orinda Books at 10:15 AM on July 23 to discuss Truman by David McCullough. IMPORTANT NOTICE. By consensus of those present at the June 25 meeting, this will be a two-meeting book-July and August-book. Read up to "Mr. President," page 467 for the July mtg.



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 mgkplan@astound.net.

Hiking & Walking

Joel White

(zpz2mrz@yahoo.com)



The **Friday, Jun 22**, 2012 starting at Moraga Commons was enjoyed by those pictured in "training" in order of appearance from left to right: Donna Argenbright, Rich Black, Allan Chasnoff, Lytton DeSilva, Mary Alice and Art Donaldson, Susan White, (and Joel White behind the camera). A beautiful walk along the first part of the St Mary's road trail then crossed onto the campus and circled through the sports fields and administrative buildings, around the chapel. Coffee was then enjoyed in a private setting at the Moraga Art Gallery in the Rheem shopping center. Pictured in the Gallery from left to right are Lytton DeSilva, Rich Black, Joel White, and Donna Argenbright, manager of the gallery and exhibiting artist.

The **Friday, July 13** walk will be led by Allan Chasnoff. We'll gather at **8:15 AM**, at the Sweet Affair bakery in Walnut Creek, across from Heather Farms Park. Please RSVP to Allan (933-6665; achasnoff@hotmail.com).

Art Donaldson will lead the **Friday, July 27** walk. Meet at **8:15 AM** at Panera Bread at the Countrywood Shopping Center, corner of Treat and Bancroft in Walnut Creek. Please RSVP to Art (934-8391; dnldsn@sbcglobal.net).

SPECIAL MEETING: There will be a special meeting of those interested in forming a once every month or two, Bay area traveling hiking group. The idea will be to go to interesting places for a several hour hike. This meeting will be held immediately following the Monday, July 16th, monthly sirs luncheon. Please RSVP to Joel at phone/e-mail address below. If you are interested but unable to attend, please e-mail me your thoughts and suggestions so we may discuss them at the meeting.

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



June 22, 2012 Moraga Commons Hike

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.

"Dine-O-Sir" Dinner Group

Ben Smith

(bjsssmith@aol.com)



The Dine-O-Sir Herd attended a fun evening matching lots of good food with good company. There is no Dine-out event scheduled for July, but your Dine-O committee is working for an outstanding event for the month of August. Stay tuned for all the details.....

State 'SIR Happenings'

SIR Happenings (our State Web Newsletter) is now in it's fifth year of publishing!

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

www.sirinc.org/sirhappenings

CARSON CITY GOLF GETAWAY

We hope you are planning to join us in Carson City this September 5, 6 & 7 for 3 days of fun. Those of you who have attended in the past know what a great time we have: socializing for 3 days at the banquets, hosted cocktail parties, playing bridge, sightseeing, gambling (if that's your thing) and of course, playing golf on two separate golf courses.

If you have not been to this 3 day event before, we suggest you come this year and participate in the fun. Even if you or your ladies do not golf there are still lots of things to do in the area. Talk to those who have been to Carson City in past years and find out why they come back each year. Find out what a great time is had by all !!

The ladies have a wonderful time even though many of them don't play golf. Some play bridge together, either one day or both days, when the men golf. There are many stores & gift shops in the area that the ladies can "shop until they drop" They tell us shopping is such a good deal in the Carson City area since the Nevada sales tax is less than at home that they are actually saving us men lots of money.

Friends are always welcome; many have come in the past; some come every year. Remember the cost is all inclusive for two rounds of golf (including cart), 3 nights lodging, and 3 banquets with hosted cocktails, raffle prizes, golf balls, tee prizes and food, gaming and bar coupons.

The "Entry form" is included in this issue of the "Trampas Topics" and is also on the Branch Golf Web Site. Early sign-ups would be greatly appreciated and gives us the opportunity to get more rooms should it become necessary. If you sign up early we will not hold you check for any length of time as we deposit them frequently.

If you have questions or would like more information contact Tim Hubbard at 944-0742 or by e-mail at tthubbs@astound.net We are looking forward to seeing you in Carson City in September.



Activity Chairman

Jerry Hicks

(jkhicks@astound.net)

Christmas in July?

The 2012 Spring Fling is history and now it's time to begin the planning for our Christmas Dinner Dance. Crow Canyon Country Club will again be the site for the Wednesday, December 12 evening gala.

A five person committee is needed to host the Christmas event. If you can spare a little time, want to have some fun, and get to know fellow SIR's better, please volunteer. If you are interested, contact me at jkhicks@astound.net.

This and all issues of Trampas Topics contain reports and announcements from our many activities. Our golfing groups are very active and enjoyable, and there are many more opportunities to get involved. Refer to our June announcement of an archery group. You can join John Peterson's Toastmaster organization. Join by calling the committee chair and get on their mailing and activity list.



\$ums Investment Group

Allen Espenmiller

(aespenmiller@pacbell.net)

The Area 2 \$ums Investment Group will meet on Wed. July 25, 2012-8:00 AM at the Diablo Creek Golf course, 4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord. Our speaker will be Barry N. Mendelson, CFP, President of Elevation Wealth Management of Walnut Creek. Barry's presentation "Five Ways to Beat Wall Street at Its own Game" is based on NY Times bestselling book "The Investment Answer" by Daniel C. Goldie, CFA, CFP and Gordon S. Murray. The book is a 70 page primer that can be read in one or two settings, that explains the five decisions every investor needs to make. You all might pick up a copy and read before the meeting. A copy of Barry's presentation will be made available on the Investment Group web site prior to the meeting so you can print yourselves a copy to bring along.

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

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

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

Jun 15-23, 2012: Harbor Hopping in New England. (2 nights in Boston, 6 nights aboard the American Star. Ports include Providence, Newport, Bristol, New Bedford, Fall River, Martha's Vineyards and Block Island.) 9 days for \$4408-\$5268, Ralph Hunt, Mt View, Br153, 650-967-8467 or Alan Patmore 408-867-4197.

Jul 13-22, 2012: Bermuda Plus 2 nights in New York. (2 nights at the Best Western President Hotel at Times Square with guided tour of New York. Then set sail for Bermuda aboard the Holland America's MS Veendam for 7 night cruise. Ports of Call include, St George, Hamilton) Cost is \$2995 To \$3775. John Pletsch, San Jose, Br. 32, 408-274-2992 or Mike Console, 408-246-1080.

Aug 4-16, 2012: Switzerland & the Enchanting Rhine. (Cruise up the Rhine River from Basel to Amsterdam. Includes stops in Zurich, Lucerne, Colmar, Strasbourg, Heidelberg and Rhine Gorge) 13 days for \$6425 to \$8500. Jim Stoner Br.114, 408-238-8458 or Larry Martinson 528-0746.

Aug 12-18, 2012: Canadian Rockies Family Discovery. (7 days 10 meals, Highlights, Banff, Columbia Field, Lake Louise). Great for Grandkids! Bill Bulanti, Br 16, San Mateo. 650-369-4450.

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Aug 18, 2012: Castles Along The Rhine & Danube. (16 day cruise thru Austria, Czech Republic, Germany, and the Netherlands. Board the River Boat in Budapest, Hungary on Aug 18th 2012.) Cost from \$4699 pp to \$6599. Earl Nelson Br.172 Twain Harte 209-586-5661 or Wil Reich Br. 77 Sonora, 209-533-2626.

Aug 13-30, 2012: Walking in Switzerland and Cruising the Romantic Rhine. (Lucerne with public transportation excursions each day plus a 8 day river cruise from Basel to Amsterdam) Werner Schlapfer, Br 121, Livermore, 925-443-8291.

Sep 1-14, 2012: Paris, Rhone River, and Provence. (14 days Cruise the Rhone River (8 days) TGV (Bullet Train) to Paris (5 nights) near the Eiffel Tower includes a guided tour of Versailles and Paris (full day each) Cost, \$7000 to \$8000 Jim Hohenshelt, Br 62, Sunnyvale, 408-241-4421 or Roy Jordan 408-735-8765.

Sep 9-14, 2012: San Juan Island Cruise. (aboard the Viking Star, view Orca whales and other wildlife, talk with our knowledgeable captain and crew about the biology and geology of the area. 3 nights in Friday Harbor and 2 nights in Leavenworth.) cost \$2060pp or \$2495 single. Lee Suess, Br 96, Jackson, 209-296-2235.

Sep 15-22, 2012: Colorado Trains 7 Fall Foliage. (Enjoy 8 days of railroad history in the scenic Rocky Mt of Colorado. Tours include: AF Academy, Pikes Peak, Royal George, Rio Grande, Durango & Silverton railroad plus Mesa Verde Nat'l Park & Colorado Monument.

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.

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
 or call (925) 944-0742



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, July 19th at 9am.

Phil Goff is offering an overview of the most common internet scams, spams, rotten tricks and general skullduggery. He'll identify the current status of phishing, hijacking, malware, and how thieves steal your email address book. Although you cannot be totally immune from these rogue tricks, there are some simple things you can do to increase your safety. A few simple safeguards and actions will make the bad guys look elsewhere.

An important part of being safe is to use high quality protection software. We will identify the top rated free utilities to protect you from the various internet criminal activities.

Although you may be quite secure from any fraudulent practices, it's good to know what is out there in the wild world of the internet. This will help you answer questions from friends and family members who don't use secure practices and may fall victim to one of these thieves.

Also, we had a good response to our member survey to identify topics of interest for the coming year. There were many good ideas submitted and we'll show a summary of the survey results and ideas for future topics.

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.

Upcoming Golf Events

There are **two Individual Qualifier events** for those interested.

The first is the **Area 2 Individual Qualifier** for Finals at Poppy Hills. This takes place at Roddy Ranch on **July 26th** with an 8:00am Shotgun Start. The cost is \$42 which includes Green Fees, State Fees and Prize money. I must provide the Area 2 Chairman the names of those who want to play and their \$42 fees by **JULY 15th**. At least 28 players will qualify for the next Qualifier held at Boundary Oak on **August 22nd** at 8:00am Shotgun. The cost of that round will be \$49 including Green Fees, State Fees and Prize money. There will be 7 flights and the 2 top finishers in each flight will qualify for the State Championship at Poppy Hills on **October 22nd** and it will be free.

PLEASE check your calendars and if interested mail a check for \$42 made out to Area 2 Golf to Bill Hemmelsbach, 583 Marina Rd., Bay Point, CA **no later than July 6th**.



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 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.



SIRS Drink In the View From the 7th Tee at Blue Rock East (Bob Testa, Matt Arena, Al Hutchko)

July 9-Hole Schedule

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

Nine Hole Info

Dick Chaffee, 9-Hole Chairman

(rwchaffee@sbcglobal.net)



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

The 9 Hole Golf Club is organized into a single flight. The weekly Champion is the player with the lowest net score. The weekly Champion is awarded 3 points, 2nd place 2 and 3rd place 1. The 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.

July 18-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Mon. 02	9:30	Boundary Oak	Jim Clizbe
Mon. 09	9:00	Crow Cyn. CC	Jim Clizbe
Tue. 16	9:00	Mare Island	C. Robertson
Mon. 23	9:28	Metropolitan	C. Robertson
Mon. 30	10:00	Tilden Park	C. Robertson

18-Hole Results

Blue Rock Springs - East -- June 25, 2012

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
David Harris	67	3	Neil Schmidt	69	3	John Peterson	66	3	Terry Grummitt	66	3
Lonny Randall	68	2	Phil Goff	72	2	Al Hutchko	67	2	Robbie Robinson	66	3
Bill McCord	73	1	Dick Socolich	74	1	Dick Chaffee	69	1	Wayne Cook	69	1
			John Story	74	1	Al Serafino	69	1			
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
David Harris	83		Neil Schmidt	87		Al Hutchko	91		Robbie Robinson	93	

Closest to: Hole #8 - Phil Goff, Al Serafino -- Hole #16 - Bill McCord, Conrad Robertson

Sunol Valley - Cypress Course -- June 19, 2012

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
Mel Williams	71	3	John Story	74	3	Phil Jenkins	66	3	Carl Langhorst	65	3
Jimmy Johnson	72	2	Phil Goff	75	2	John Peterson	66	3	Terry Grummitt	66	2
David Harris	76	1	David Carlson	76	1	Conrad Robertson	70	1	Robbie Robinson	71	1
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
Jimmy Johnson	83		David Carlson	92		Phil Jenkins	93		Robbie Robinson	98	
			Phil Goff	92							

John Story got a Hole-In-One on the 132 yard par 3 Hole 11

Closest to: Hole #3 - Jimmy Johnson, Dick Chaffee -- Hole #11 - John Story, Dick Chaffee

Boundary Oak -- June 11, 2012

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
Jimmy Johnson	70	3	Frank Crua	68	3	Phil Jenkins	66	3	Terry Sherman	62	3
Mel Williams	70	3	Neil Schmidt	72	2	Al Serafino	68	2	Terry Grummitt	68	2
Bill Clark	72	1	Pat Tinguely	72	2	Bob Testa	70	1	Wayne Cook	69	1
Al Zavattero	72	1									
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
Jimmy Johnson	82		Frank Crua			Phil Jenkins	93		Terry Sherman	96	

Closest to: Hole #2 - Al Zavattero, Gary Boswell -- Hole #12 - Mel Williams, Matt Arena

Boundary Oak -- June 4, 2012

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
David Harris	65	3	Frank Crua	71	3	Bob Conlon	65	3	Wayne Cook	62	3
Al Zavattero	73	2	John Story	72	2	Phil Jenkins	68	2	Matt Arena	64	2
Jim Clizbe	76	1	Neil Schmidt	73	1	John Peterson	68	2	Bill Hemmelsbach	66	1
			Carlos Xavier	73	1						
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
David Harris	82		Frank Crua	89		Bob Conlon	89		Wayne Cook	93	

Closest to: Hole #2 - Al Zavattero, Al Serafino -- Hole #12 - Jim Barstow, Robbie Robinson

Paradise Valley -- May 29, 2012

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
David Harris	67	3	David Carlson	65	3	Al Hutchko	64	3	Bill Hemmelsbach	66	3
Mel Williams	69	2	Pat Tinguely	70	2	Al Serafino	65	2	Carl Langhorst	75	2
Wayne Smith	71	1	Jim Barstow	71	1	Conrad Robertson	70	1	Art Vogl	76	1
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
David Harris	84		David Carlson	83		Al Hutchko	89		Bill Hemmelsbach	98	

Closest to: Hole #3 - David Carlson, Carl Langhorst -- Hole #12 - Pat Tinguely, Bob Testa

Note: John Story had an ACE on the 132 yard Hole 11 at Sunol Valley -- Cypress Course. John hit a hybrid nine iron (made for him by Mel Williams, thank you very much) and the ball landed in the cup on the fly. This was John's second Hole-In-One. Witnesses were David Harris, Conrad Robertson and Phil Goff.

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
Harris, David	29	Carlson, David	40	Robertson, Conrad	38	Robinson, Robbie	26
Zavattero, Al	27	Crua, Frank	34	Serafino, Al	25	Vogl, Art	24
Johnson, Jim	21	Goff, Phil	25	Testa, Bob	23	Grummitt, Terry	21
Williams, Mel	18	Eller, Tom	10	Jenkins, Phil	13	Hemmelsbach, Bill	15
McCord, Bill	16	Tinguely, Pat	10	Peterson, John	13	Langhorst, Carl	14
Meyer, Dirk	16	Schmidt, Neil	9	Hutchko, Al	12	Arena, Matt	11
Hicks, Jerry	12	Story, John	8	Donohue, Bob	9	Coggiola, Peter	9
Randall, Lonny	10	Barstow, Jim	7	Conlon, Bob	6	Cook, Wayne	9
Clizbe, Jim	9	Kim, Paul	7	Daniel, Jed	6	Gilliam, Chuck	8
Smith, Wayne	7	Foust, Max	5	Wroblewski, Bernie	6	Sherman, Terry	8
Clark, Bill	1	Campbell, Rob	3	Lutkus, Alex	5	Lockwood, Frank	7
		Socolich, Dick	3	Madden, Richard	4	Aalders, Doug	3
		Videle, Jim	3	Roberts, Don	4	Armijo, Ron	2
		Xavier, Carlos	3	Chaffee, Dick	1	Jordan, Mark	2
		Perrelli, Phil	2			Ostler, Joe	1
		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
Monday July 9	Crow Canyon	Jun-18	\$45
Tuesday July 17	Mare Island	Jul-7	\$35
Monday July 23	Metropolitan	Jul-7	\$35
Monday July 30	Tilden Park	Jul-20	\$37
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

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



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

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Rules of Attendance and Membership for SIR Branch 116

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

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

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

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

Non Responsibility Declaration

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

Checks for Trips

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