



# Trampas Topics

June, 2012

SIR Branch 116

Next Meeting: 11:30 am,  
Monday, June 18, 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



The **2012 Spring Fling Ladies Luncheon** last month was a blast! The food at the Contra Costa Country Club was excellent, the entertainment by “The Swingin Blue Stars of the USS Hornet” (Three cute and talented ladies who sang familiar 1940-50’s songs) was enjoyable, and of course it was fun socializing with our fellow SIR and their ladies. Be sure and checkout pictures of the event on page 12 of this newsletter. I also I want to thank Jerry Hicks again for his outstanding effort in organizing the event.

We have a couple other special events later this year. The **Carson City Golf Getaway** will be on September 5-7 and features 2 days of golf, 3 banquets, hosted cocktails, raffle prizes and also has lots of activities for the ladies. It is a great 3 day getaway event. In addition, you can bring friends as the event is not limited to SIR and their spouse (page 9 & 11).

Our other special event that is held at the end of the year is the **2012 Christmas Dinner Dance** and this year it will be on December 12 at the Crow Canyon Country Club. December is still a long ways away but be sure and put this date on your calendar so you don’t miss this premier Branch 116 event (I know all us SIR have a calendar full of important events so make sure you have this date blocked out on your calendar).

We are constantly looking for new Branch activities. New Branch activities that are being started and/or investigated include Bocce, Toastmaster’s, biking, and archery. If you are interested in any of these activities don’t forget to read our Activity Chairman Jerry Hicks’ column on page 9. Also, if you have any hobby or activity interests that you think other members might enjoy, give Jerry a call to see what needs to be done to get a new activity started. Let’s keep everyone active!

After taking a month off from our regular Branch 116 Luncheon schedule, in June we startup our regular luncheons again and I look forward to seeing everyone again on the 18th.

*Neil Schmidt*- Big SIR



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*the meeting to*  
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## 2012 SIR 116 Committee Chairmen

Activities Coordinator	Jerry Hicks	945-7465	Interviewer	Max Foust	827-9323
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Duplicate Bridge	Mike Corker	872-7525	Sums In Retirement	Ben Smith	820-5403
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## 2012 SIR Area 2 (Inter-branch) Committee Chairmen

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# SIR Branch 116 Activity Calendar

## June 2012

Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
					1	2
3	<p><b>18-Hole Golf</b> (9:30@ Boundary Oak GC)</p> <p><b>Book Group</b> 10:15@ Orinda Books</p>	<p><b>Duplicate Bridge</b> (9:00@ Diablo Valley Bridge Ctr)</p>	<p><b>9-Hole Golf</b> (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC)</p> <p><b>Bowling</b> (10:00@Mounument Bowl)</p>	7	<p><b>Hiking &amp; Walking</b> (8:15@ Happy Vily &amp; Mt. Diablo Rds.)</p>	9
10	<p><b>18-Hole Golf</b> (9@30 Boundary Oak GC)</p>	<p><b>Luncheon Bridge</b> (11:30@ Round Hill CC)</p>	<p><b>9-Hole Golf</b> (10:00@ Pine Meadow GC)</p> <p><b>Bowling</b> (10:00@Mounument Bowl)</p>	14	15	16
17	<p><b>SIR Br 116 Mtg.</b> (11:30@ Elks Club)</p>	<p><b>18-Hole Golf</b> (10:00@ Sunol Cypress GC)</p> <p><b>Poker Group 2</b> (1:00@ Diablo CC)</p>	<p><b>9-Hole Golf</b> (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC)</p> <p><b>Bowling</b> (10:00@Mounument Bowl)</p>	21	<p><b>Hiking &amp; Walking</b> (8:15@ Moraga Commons)</p>	23
24	<p><b>18-Hole Golf</b> (10:00@ Blue Rock East GC)</p> <p><b>Book Group Mtg.</b> (10:15@ Orinda Books)</p>	<p><b>Luncheon Bridge</b> (11:30@ Diablo CC)</p>	<p><b>9-Hole Golf</b> (10:00@ Diablo Hills GC)</p> <p><b>Bowling</b> (10:00@Mounument Bowl)</p> <p><b>\$ums Investment</b> (8:00@ Diablo Creek GC)</p>	<p><b>Wine Appreciation</b> (4:00@ Carl Cline's House)</p> <p><b>Fishing Group</b> (Legends-Diablo Crk)</p>	29	30



## Membership

Andy Benz  
(anbenz@aol.com)

### SIR 116 Membership Status

Total Current Members:	242
Last Month's Inductees:	0
Those in Interview Stage:	4
Total in Process:	4
On Inactive Status:	53
Left the Branch:	0
Waiting to be Installed:	0



## Br. 116 Treasurer's Report

John Peterson, Treasurer  
(delanaimp@aol.com)

	<u>May 2012</u>	<u>2012 YTD</u>
Contributions	\$ 2,215.00	\$ 31,061.60
Disbursements	\$ (2,353.44)	\$ (24,282.87)
Net gain/(loss)	\$ <b>(138.44)</b>	\$ 6,778.73

May Cash Balance \$ 11,467.66

## June Birthdays

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

- |                    |                     |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Matt Arena      | 11. Bill McCallum   |
| 2. Andy Benz       | 12. Charlie McInnis |
| 3. Dick Bergamini  | 13. George Meyer    |
| 4. Dave Carlson    | 14. Louis Meylan    |
| 5. Phil Goff       | 15. Mike Murphy     |
| 6. Bruce Herold    | 16. Troy Powell     |
| 7. Jerry Hunter    | 17. Jim Scott       |
| 8. Jerry Kaplan    | 18. Harry Sherinian |
| 9. Stan Lowenberg) | 19. David Tullus    |
| 10. Alex Lutkus    | 20. Jai Yee         |

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



## 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.



**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.



## June Luncheon Menu

Roasted Roll/Butter  
Rosemary Chicken  
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy  
Veggie  
Cole Slaw  
Dessert/Coffee/Ice Tea



## Sunshine Report

Matt Arena

(marena@astound.net)

Matt is on vacation and his Sunshine Report will return next month....



## Computer & Technology

Derek Southern & Phil Goff



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 provide coffee, tea, & pastries and ask for a donation of \$5 to cover the cost of the hall rental and refreshments. All SIR members and their guests (spouses included!) are welcome.

**As noted above there will be NO June Meeting.**

Suggestions for future presentations are always welcome. For more information and copies of our prior presentations visit our web site at [www.sir-web.org/computer/](http://www.sir-web.org/computer/).



## Br. 116 Book Club

Rich Black

(blackrw41@comcast.net)

The SIR Book Group did not meet in May because the usual meeting date fell on Memorial Day. To compensate, the group will meet on **Monday, June 4** to discuss "**The Boys of Summer**" by Roger Kahn, and again on **June 25** for "**Killing Lincoln**" by Bill O'Reilly and Martin Dugard

Both meetings will be at Orinda Books at 10:15 AM.

## Why fishing is better than sex

- #20 - No matter how much whiskey you've had, you can still Fish.
- #19 - A limp rod is still useful while Fishing.
- #18 - You don't have to hide your Fishing magazines.
- #17 - It is perfectly acceptable to pay a professional to Fish with you once in a while.
- #16 - The Ten Commandments don't say anything against Fishing.
- #15 - If your partner takes pictures or videotapes of you Fishing, you don't have to worry about them showing up on the Internet.
- #14 - Your Fishing partner doesn't get upset about people you Fished with long ago.
- #13 - It's perfectly respectable to Fish with a total stranger.
- #12 - When you see a really good Fishing person, you don't have to feel guilty about imagining the two of you Fishing together.
- #11 - If your regular Fishing partner isn't available, he/she won't object if you Fish with someone else.
- #10 - Nobody will ever tell you that you will go blind if you Fish by yourself.
- #9 - When dealing with a Fishing pro, you never have to wonder if they are really an undercover cop.
- #8 - You don't have to go to a sleazy shop in a seedy neighborhood to buy Fishing stuff.
- #7 - You can have a Fishing calendar on your wall at the office, tell Fishing jokes, and invite coworkers to Fish with you without getting sued for harassment.
- #6 - There are no Fishing-transmitted diseases.
- #5 - If you want to watch Fishing on television, you don't have to subscribe to the Playboy channel.
- #4 - Nobody expects you to Fish with the same partner for the rest of your life.
- #3 - Nobody expects you to give up Fishing if your partner loses interest in it.
- #2 - You don't have to be a newlywed to plan a vacation primarily to enjoy your favorite activity.
- #1 - Your Fishing partner will never say, "Not again? We just Fished last week! Is Fishing all you ever think about?"



## \$ums Investment Group

Allen Espenmiller

(aespenmiller@pacbell.net)

The Area 2 \$ums Investment Group will meet on Wednesday June 27, 2012, 8:00AM at the Diablo Creek Golf course, 4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord. Our returning speaker will be Brian Pretti a Senior Vice President with Mechanics Bank Wealth Management team. Brian's presentation will cover **"The global (especially in Europe) and US economic problems that can negatively impact the US stock market and our investment portfolios. What precautions can be taken to insure stability for our investments. Where are we headed in 2012?"**

A copy of this presentation will be made available to all who attend. Brian is an exceptional speaker and is both a CFA (Chartered Financial Analyst) and a CFP ( Certified Financial Planner) You will not want to miss Brian's talk. He spoke to the group June of 2011 with his talk **"You dream of Columbus- a commentary on the Global Economy"**

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

## 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.



## 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.

## "Dine-O-Sir" Dinner Group

Ben Smith

(bjsssmith@aol.com)



Following the recent enjoyable Ladies "Spring Fling" we are off on another Dine-O-Sir outing that should prove to be a fun evening. ----- Lots of good Food and excellent SIR comradery.

Our next Dine Out event is set to go on Wednesday, June 20, 2012 at the "CLAIM JUMPER" restaurant located at 1981 Diamond Blvd. Concord, CA 94520. (In the Willows shopping Center). We anticipate that this event will fill-up fast and seating is limited. Make you reservations ASAP.

This restaurant is famous for its Down Home atmosphere and its Prospector portions of tasty food. You want to come Hungry for this event. Social Hour starts at 6 PM, dinner at 6:45 PM. Cost is \$28.00 per person, Tax & Gratuity included. Alcoholic beverages will be at "Happy Hour" prices sold on a no Host basis.

### The Menu selections are as follows:

- **Start:** Green mixed salad W/Tomatoes, Mushrooms, Cheddar Cheese & Croutons.

### Entrees Selections:

1. **CJ-House Chicken Pot Pie**-- baked fresh each day, with onions, carrots, mushrooms, peas, simmered slow in a savory herb cream sauce. Served with a side of fresh fruit.
2. **Roasted Tri-Tip, certified Black Angus Beef**-- (served Med-rare/Med) with mashed potatoes and roasted Veggies.
3. **BBQ Baby Back Pork Ribs**-- W/Smokey BBQ Mesquite sauce, Mashed potatoes and Roast Veggies.
4. **Hickory Chicken Breast**-- Marinated and grilled, W/Mashed Potatoes, and Green beans.
5. **Flame Grilled Salmon**-- W/Garlic herb butter sauce, Rice Pilaf and Roasted Veggies.-

- **Mini hot fudge Sunday**--Vanilla ice cream topped with hot fudge, whipped cream and toasted Almonds
- **Bottomless Beverages**- Selected soft drinks, Iced Tea, Coffee

Send check to Ben Smith ASAP to reserve.



## 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, June 21st, at the Legend Sports Bar and Grill at the Diablo Creek Golf Course at 4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord. Meeting starts at 8:30am. Come early and have breakfast with the member and swap stories of your last fish outing. We are usually there by 8:00am.

The hot topic is salmon. Unfortunately, the ocean has been just a bit too rough for us. 5 of us did make it out and caught 8 salmon to 15 lbs, but May brought big waves and wind, and we chose to fish calmer water. San Pablo Reservoir bore the brunt of our attack, and we did very well there fishing from the shore. Joe Miscione, Gordon Linebaugh, Romano Gnusti, Carl Moyer, Tom Boltz, Terry Miller, Dick Thomson, and John O'Brien all caught near limits or limits to 3 lbs. Romano and Carl tried for sturgeon and caught stripers to 4 lbs. Mario Mauritorio led a group to Lake Berryessa including Craig Walton, Harry Sherinian, Joe Miscione, and Barry Rauchle. They caught some Kokanee and Rainbow trout. Harry and Craig caught Kokanee to 17 inches. This is a great tasting fish. Bill Landers took Jack Waddell and Paul Dubow out in the delta for black bass, and they caught a lot of them to 3 lbs. Bill also spent a weekend at Collins Lake catching several dozen bass each day.

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, rock fish and of course our annual Back Yard Bar-B-Que. [Badge # 0126]

Our next meeting will be Thursday, June 21st, 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.)



Dick Thompson & Terry Miller Showing Off Their Big April 4th Catch



## Luncheon Speaker

By Little Sir Art Vogl

(carolvogl@sbcglobal.net)

Topic: **USS Potomac**

**FDR's "Floating White House"**

Speaker: Stuart Profit

Bio: Stuart is a UCB grad of 1964, followed by 4 ½ years in Us Air Force as a Data Processing Officer in London, Eng. Returning to US to Standard Oil in '69 and left in '79 to a VP of Research in a computer based Income Tax Processing Co. in W.C. In '80 he founded Mast Systems which was bought out in '95 and "retired"

Stuart's involvement with the Potomac began in 2000 when he and his wife were married aboard the ship. In '02 he began volunteering as a Docent on the Potomac.

Presentation: The History and Mission Statement of the USS Potomac since it was built in '34 until today.



## Hiking & Walking

Joel White

(zpz2mrz@yahoo.com)



The **Friday, May 25** at the Lafayette Reservoir was beautiful and enjoyed by those pictured in order of appearance from right to left: Rich Black, Art Donaldson, Allan Chasnoff, Audrey DeSilva, Lytton DeSilva, Susan White, Mary Alice Donaldson (and Joel White behind the camera). The walk was followed by coffee and convivial conversation at Chow restaurant in Lafayette.

The **Friday, June 8th** walk will be led by Lytton DeSilva. We'll gather at 8:15 AM, at the intersection where Happy Valley Road meets Mt. Diablo Blvd in Lafayette. Park in the mall that contains Diablo Foods, CVS Pharmacy, and Trader Joes. We'll walk through a residential area along Happy Valley Rd until we reach the Happy Valley Elementary School and then return. Please RSVP to Lytton (254-5289; [lyttonaudrey@comcast.net](mailto:lyttonaudrey@comcast.net)).

Rich Black will lead the **Friday, June 22** walk. Meet at Moraga Commons, junction of St Mary's rd and Moraga Rd in Moraga. This has become a very popular walk and hope to see a lot of you there. Please RSVP to Rich (283-8376; [blackrw@comcast.net](mailto:blackrw@comcast.net)).

Anyone wishing to be added to the e-mail reminder list should contact Joel White at 964-0994.

## 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)

### Duplicate Bridge

On May 1, 16 SIR met at the Diablo Valley Bridge Center for a duplicate bridge session. Top honors went to Milt Greenstein / Fred Cochran with a very good 72.02% score ( 60.50 points out of a possible 84 ). Bob Wolf / Dimitris Argyriou came in 2nd, followed by Jim Nachtweih / Marv DeHeus and Bill Sullivan / Rudy Gebert. All 4 teams earned ACBL black master points.

### Lunch & Bridge

On May 8th, 25 SIR met at Round Hill C.C. for lunch and bridge. After a tasty beef stroganoff lunch, we sat down to an afternoon of low scoring bridge. Top scorer for this session was Dimitris Argyriou with 5,600 points. Next came Lee Travis ( 4,930 ), Gene Gould ( 4,640 ), Rudy Gebert ( 4,340 ), Bob Wolf ( 4,240 ) and Lytton DeSilva ( 4,130 ). Two small slams were made today by the teams of Marv DeHeus / Lee Travis and Rudy Gebert / Dennis Perry.

On May 22nd, 20 SIR gathered at Diablo C.C. for lunch and bridge. Today was another low scoring day of bridge, even worse than May 8th. Jerry Christopherson came in first with 5,180 points, while Bob Wolf took second with only 4,610 points. Tony Rohrs was third with 4,540, followed by Bob Daily ( 4,250 ) and Dennis Perry ( 3,840 ). We had only one small slam made by Jerry and Dennis. Today's average score and average round were the lowest of the year todate, by over 10%.



Hiking Group at Lafayette Reservoir

## CARSON CITY GOLF GETAWAY - 2012

Time to start thinking about this great September outing. Three days of fun which includes 3 banquets, hosted cocktails, raffle prizes, ladies bridge, shopping, sight seeing, and "yes" 2 days of golf on different courses. Mark the dates Sept. 5, 6 & 7 !!!!!

If you have never attended this event, we suggest you sign up and find out what a fun time is had by all, especially the ladies. There are many things for them to do in the Carson City, Reno & Tahoe area. Many new shops, restaurants and sight seeing await the gals who do not golf or play bridge or want to try their luck in the Casino. Talk to others who come every year to get their opinion of why they come back each year and how much fun they always have. Remember **you can bring friends as this event is not limited to SIR and spouses.**

For your convenience **an entry form is included in this issue of the "Topics"**. Even though the event is a few months away early sign-ups help the organizers in coordinating with the golf courses, the Nugget, and Hardman House in Carson City. So it would be greatly appreciated if you could get your check in early. We will not hold them more than a couple of weeks.

If you have any questions, e.g. spouse wants to golf only one day (which will reduce your cost) please give Tim Hubbard a call @ 944-0742 or e-mail [tthubbs@astound.net](mailto:tthubbs@astound.net) We look forward to seeing you and your significant other in Carson City in September.

## 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)



## Activity Chairman

Jerry Hicks

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

### Hunger Games?

Ever wanted to be an archer? The recent movie, Hunger Games, has brought about a renewed interest in the sport. There is an active archery club that meets in Briones Open Space on Mondays. They would welcome one or several of our SIR to join them and learn about their activities as well as their sport. If you are interested, please email me.

Bocce has begun and several of us have joined with Ron Gagliardi as team members in the Concord league. I went to our first match and thought it was a hoot! We won the first match and I teamed up to win the second game of the three game match. I hope to have a couples Bocce party later this summer; availability of courts is a problem due to the popularity of Bocce. If you are interested in Bocce, contact Jerry Kaplan, the chief pallino!

John Peterson invited me and I attended his Toastmaster's club. Now this is an activity that is very educational and is a confidence builder. It is a small group so you don't have to feel embarrassed. I was called upon for an impromptu short talk and it was a fun and interesting experience.

Lastly, I would like to apologize for not having a bike ride organized. I ran out of time in planning for the Spring Fling. Stay tuned and we'll get one or several good rides in before summer's end.

You will have a much more fulfilled SIR experience by joining in the many activities that we offer in Branch 116.

## 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)

## 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:tthubbs@astound.net)  
 or call (925) 944-0742

# SIR 116 Spring Fling 2012



# 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.



**Lonny Prepares to Tee Off With His Cigar, on the 15th at Lone Tree (l. to r.: Al Hutchko, Lonny Randall, Jim Johnson)**

## Nine Hole Info

Dick Chaffee, 9-Hole Chairman

(rwchaffee@sbcglobal.net)



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

The 9 Hole Golf Club is organized into a single flight. The weekly Champion is the player with the lowest net score. The weekly Champion is awarded 3 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> place 2 and 3<sup>rd</sup> place 1. The 2012 Champion will be the golfer with the highest point total.

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

### Using the Golf Hotline

For Non-Pay-In Advance SIR 116 Golf Events (9-Hole and Boundary Oak 18-Hole) You may sign-up via the Branch 116 Hotline — 906-5355

Deadline for 18-Hole, the Thursday before and 9-Hole, the Sunday before.

Please indicate if you want a cart.

## June 9-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Wed. 06	10:00	Buchanan Fields	Dick Chaffee
Wed. 13	10:00	Pine Meadow	D. McClaughry
Wed. 20	10:00	Buchanan Fields	Dick Chaffee
Wed. 27	10:00	Diablo Hills	Mike Murphy

## June 18-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Mon. 04	9:30	Boundary Oak	Jim Clizbe
Mon. 11	9:30	Boundary Oak	Jim Clizbe
Tue. 19	10:00	Sunol Cypress	C. Robertson
Mon. 25	10:00	Blue Rock East	C. Robertson

# 18-Hole Results

## Lone Tree -- May 21, 2012

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
Jim Clizbe	67	3	Phil Goff	71	3	Al Serafino	68	3	Art Vogl	73	3
David Harris	68	2	David Carlson	73	2	Bob Testa	70	2	Bill Hemmelsbach	74	2
Jimmy Johnson	71	1	Jim Barstow	77	1	Phil Jenkins	76	1	Carl Langhorst	75	1
<b>Low Gross</b>			<b>Low Gross</b>			<b>Low Gross</b>			<b>Low Gross</b>		
Jimmy Johnson	84		David Carlson	91		Bob Testa	94		Robbie Robinson	104	
			Phil Goff	91							

Closest to: Hole #5 - David Harris, Carl Langhorst -- Hole #11 - Mel Williams, Phil Jenkins

## Boundary Oak -- May 14, 2012

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
Al Zavattero	66	3	Frank Crua	67	3	Conrad Robertson	64	3	Art Vogl	69	3
David Harris	69	2	Jim Barstow	73	2	John Peterson	71	2	Matt Arena	70	2
Jimmy Johnson	75	1	Pat Tinguely	74	1	Phil Jenkins	74	1	Bill Hemmelsbach	70	2
Bill McCord	75	1						Carl Langhorst	70	2	
<b>Low Gross</b>			<b>Low Gross</b>			<b>Low Gross</b>			<b>Low Gross</b>		
Al Zavattero	84		Frank Crua	89		Conrad Robertson	93		Bill Hemmelsbach	102	
									Robbie Robinson	102	

Closest to: Hole #6 - Jim Barstow, Ron Armijo -- Hole #12 - Pat Tinguely, Joe Ostler

## Boundary Oak -- May 7, 2012

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
Lonny Randall	69	3	Frank Crua	65	3	Al Serafino	65	3	Frank Lockwood	67	3
Jimmy Johnson	73	2	David Carlson	71	2	Conrad Robertson	68	2	Wayne Cook	68	2
David Harris	76	1	Phil Goff	71	2	Bob Testa	68	2	Mark Jordan	69	1
						Al Hutchko	68	2			
<b>Low Gross</b>			<b>Low Gross</b>			<b>Low Gross</b>			<b>Low Gross</b>		
Jimmy Johnson	86		Frank Crua	87		Al Serafino	92		Wayne Cook	100	
						Bob Testa	92				

Closest to: Hole #6 - Pat Tinguely, Carl Langhorst -- Hole #12 - Jim Barstow, Bill Hemmelsbach

## Franklin Canyon -- April 30, 2012

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
Dirk Meyer	57	3	Phil Goff	58	3	Bob Testa	66	3	Terry Grummitt	66	3
Bill McCord	68	2	John Story	70	2	Al Hutchko	67	2	Matt Arena	67	2
Al Zavattero	68	2	David Carlson	72	1	John Peterson	70	1	Frank Lockwood	68	1
			Pat Tinguely	72	1						
<b>Low Gross</b>			<b>Low Gross</b>			<b>Low Gross</b>			<b>Low Gross</b>		
Dirk Meyer	78		Phil Goff	78		Bob Testa	92		Peter Coggiola	100	

Closest to: Hole #4 - John Story -- Hole #17 - Dirk Meyer, Matt Arena

## 18-Hole "Top Five" Flight Leaders in 2012

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	24	Carlson, David	36	Robertson, Conrad	36	Robinson, Robbie	22
Harris, David	19	Crua, Frank	28	Testa, Bob	22	Vogl, Art	23
Meyer, Dirk	16	Goff, Phil	21	Serafino, Al	20	Grummitt, Terry	14
Johnson, Jim	16	Eller, Tom	10	Donohue, Bob	9	Arena, Matt	9
McCord, Bill	15	Kim, Paul	7	Hutchko, Al	7	Coggiola, Peter	9

## 9-Hole Results

Diablo Hills -- May 23, 2012				Buchanan Fields -- May 16, 2012					
	Net	Points			Net	Points			
Jai Yee	32	3	*** Balls Won ***		J. Christopherson	25	3	*** Balls Won ***	
Mike Casey	33	2	Max Foust	3	Joe Collins	27	2	D. McClaghry	3
Mark Jordan	33	2	J. Christopherson	2	Jai Yee	29	1	Jai Yee	2
*** Low Gross ***			Mark Jordan	1	Bill Harrington	29	1	J. Christopherson	1
Mike Casey	44				Ralph Schwarz	29	1		
Jai Yee	44				*** Low Gross ***				
					J. Christopherson	36			
Pine Meadows - May 9, 2012				Buchanan Fields -- May 2, 2012					
	Net	Points			Net	Points			
D. McClaghry	24	3	*** Balls Won ***		Mark Jordan	24	3	*** Balls Won ***	
Cord Hull	26	2	John Canane	3	Bob Testa	26	2	John Canane	3
John Canane	28	1	---	---	J. Christopherson	27	1	Ron Armijo	2
Joe Collins	28	1	---	---	Joe Ostler	27	1	Dick Chaffee	1
Ralph Schwarz	26	1			*** Low Gross ***				
Bob Testa	28	1			Dick Chaffee	36			
*** Low Gross ***									
D. McClaghry	32								

## 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 June 19	Sunol Cypress	Jun-9	\$44
Monday June 25	Blue Rock Springs -- East	Jun-16	\$35
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

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.