



Trampas Topics

November, 2012

SIR Branch 116

Next Meeting: 11:30 am,
Monday, November 19, 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

Parking, Parking, Parking...



A few people have talked to me about our Luncheon parking arrangements. Apparently when some folks have tried to park North of Creekside Drive in the Quail Court parking lot, they have been intercepted by a maintenance person who has told them that we shouldn't be parking in their lot.

I have confirmed that, as an overflow parking accommodation, SIR folks are allowed to park in the lower Quail Court lot across from Building 33, but nowhere else in the Quail Court development. Before parking in this lower Quail Court lot, you should first try to park either in the Elks Lodge lot, the chained lot next door to the Lodge or on the street. Since late arrivers can have difficulty finding parking, I suggest car-pooling as much as possible with other SIR members.

Hobby Table

We are going to have our 1st Hobby Table setup at our November Luncheon. Allan Chasnoff has volunteered to show off this hobby of collecting political buttons. He has been collecting, coins, stamps, baseball cards, political buttons, etc. since childhood. For 50 years he has collected every button that was handed out free by candidates or political parties. About ten years ago he started purchasing buttons on the Internet and at trade shows. He has buttons from the first mass production of metal buttons dating back to 1896 William McKinley campaign for president and has buttons from every presidential election since 1896. In addition he has many buttons from California elections and many buttons in non-English languages for USA elections. He says the buttons are not very expensive, and it is an easy hobby to start. The Hobby Table will be setup next to the Travel Table, so don't forget to stop and checkout his collection at the November Luncheon.

If you have a hobby that you would like to show our fellow SIR, let me know and we can arrange for you to set it up on the Hobby Table at a future Luncheon.

Christmas Dinner Dance

One final reminder, our annual Christmas Dinner Dance event will be on December 12th at the Crow Canyon Country Club. This is our premier social event and should not be missed. The entry form for signing up is on page 12 of this newsletter.

Neil Schmidt Big SIR



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PLEASE CALL 806-8874
*by the Thursday prior to
the meeting to
cancel your standing reser-
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
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Candy Sales	Dirk Meyer	820-6878	Parties	Jerry Hicks	945-7465
Chaplain	Rotating	#1 See Below	Photographers	John Peterson	946-0335
Computer & Tech..	Phil Goff	831-3692		Ken Miller	256-9343
Computer Support	Dick Thomson	785-7600	Poker Group #1	Bill Harrington	935-1625
Dine-O-Sir	Ben Smith	820-5403	Poker Group #2	Al Reynolds	254-1576
Driving in the BA	Roger Colton	937-2652	Storytellers	Rotating	#2 See Below
Duplicate Bridge	Mike Corker	872-7525	Sums In Retirement	Ben Smith	820-5403
E-mail Contact	Art Vogl	288-0488	Sunshine	Matt Arena	946-0404
Fishing	Harry Sherinian	846-7067	Travel	Tom Eller	939-5897
Guitar	Paul King	938-3035	Volunteers	Bob Kinser	837-8886
Golf	Al Zavattero	933-0465	Webmaster	Phil Goff	831-3692
	Carlos Xavier	947-6756	Welcoming	Jerry Kaplan	938-1037
Greeters	Pat Bermingham	930-9477	Wine Appreciation	Jack Bevis	254-7256
Hiking and Walking	Joel White	964-0994			
	Dan Green	376-7087	#1. Doug Aalders, Matt Arena, Art Donaldson, Lou Sandor		
Historian	Matt Arena	946-0404	#2. Pat Bermingham, Milt Greenstein, Marty Ratterree		
Host	Frank Crua	932-0975			

2012 SIR Area 2 (Inter-branch) Committee Chairmen

Bowling	Lloyd West (Br.19)	228-9037	Rubber Bridge	Fred Bolton (Br.146)	932-1580
Computer & Tech	Co-Derek Southern (Br.8)	253-1646	Table Pool	Bill Weinberg (Br.146)	682-0962
Fishing	Pete Gates (Br. 146)	937-2035	Travel	Bob Spellman (A.2)	934-8428
Golf	Jim Willey (Br.19)	689-3199	Speakers Bureau	John Roebuck (Br.19)	685-8764
Publicity	Walt Schick (Br.8)	934-0656	\$ums Retirement	Allen Espenmiller (A.2)	376-3977

SIR Branch 116 Activity Calendar

November 2012

No	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
				1	2	3
4	5 18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Boundary Oak GC)	6 Election Day Duplicate Bridge (9:00@ Diablo Valley Bridge Ctr)	7 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC) Bowling (10:00@Mounument Bowl)	8	9 Hiking & Walking (8:15@ Countrywood Shopping Ctr.)	10
11	12 18-Hole Golf (9:00@ Mira Vista GC)	13 Luncheon Bridge (11:30@ Round Hill CC)	14 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Pine Meadow GC) Bowling (10:00@Mounument Bowl)	15 Computer & Tech (9:00@ Elks Club)	16	17
18	19 SIR Br 116 Mtg. (11:30@ Elks Club)	20 18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Shadow Lakes GC) Poker Group 2 (1:00@ Diablo CC)	21 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC) Bowling (10:00@Mounument Bowl)	22 Thanksgiving 	23	24
25	26 18-Hole Golf (9:00@ Roddy Ranch GC)	27 Luncheon Bridge (11:30@ Diablo CC) 18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Delta View)	28 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Diablo Hills GC) Bowling (10:00@Mounument Bowl) \$ums Investment (8:00@ Diablo Creek GC)	29	30	



Membership

Andy Benz
(anbenz@aol.com)

SIR 116 Membership Status

Total Current Members:	251
Last Month's Inductees:	1
Those in Interview Stage:	0
Total in Process:	1
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>October 2012</u>	<u>2012 YTD</u>
Contributions	\$ 3,112.00	\$ 51,292.88
Disbursements	\$ (4,219.19)	\$ (50,148.59)
Net (gain/(loss))	\$ (1,107.19)	\$ 1,144.29

October Cash Balance \$ 5,833.22

October Luncheon Menu

Roast Turkey & Gravy
 Cornbread Stuffing, Candied Yams
 Ambrosia & Jello Salads
 Rolls/Butter
 Pumpkin Pie
 Coffee/Ice Tea

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.



Lunch Attendance

Jim Nachtweih
(majnacht@sbcglobal.net)

Attendance at the Septemberr 17th meeting:

Total:	193
Members:	188
Visitors:	0
Speakers:	1
Guests:	4
Excused:	39
Un-Excused:	18

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

November Birthdays

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

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|----------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Bob Boenig | 12. Bill Hayes |
| 2. Courtney Borrecco | 13. JJ Johnson |
| 3. Doug Brown | 14. Oscar Krikorian |
| 4. Brent Chaney | 15. Dennis Lowe |
| 5. Bill Clark | 16. Philip Perrelli |
| 6. Carl Cline | 17. Frank Portillo |
| 7. Bob Conlon | 18. Lonny Randle |
| 8. Lytton DeSilva | 19. Neil Schmidt |
| 9. Art Donaldson | 20. Peter Shea |
| 10. Grove Fox | 21. Bob Testa |
| 11. Fred Guisti | 22. Art Vogle |

New Branch 116 Member



New Member Bob Wilson with Sponsor Nick Bowles



Sunshine Report

Matt Arena

(marena@astound.net)

GENTLEMEN: I have just returned from a trip and do not have up-to-date information on the health of our members. I am hopeful that you are improving and can wait to next month for good news of your health status. My apologies to all.



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.

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

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

State SIR Web Site

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



Christmas at Crow Canyon!

Beautiful Crow Canyon Country Club will again be the site of our **2012 Christmas Dinner Dance**. Those that attended last year had a wonderful meal, great service, and a very holiday season atmosphere. You won't want to miss it this year so **send in your reservations early**.

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

Our committee will begin taking reservations during the October meeting. The flyer with reservation form is in this newsletter with your dinner selections. We will only be able to take reservations through November 29th. Attire may be "Holiday" semi-formal or a tuxedo optional. A request has been sent to the North Pole to see if Santa is available!

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





Bridge
Milt Greenstein
 (margmilt@comcast.net)

On October 2nd, the duplicate group met at the Bridge Center, with 18 men playing (4.5 tables). Top winner today was the team of Art Donaldson / Rudy Gebert with 58.33 % (42.00 points out of a possible 72). In second place was Jack Butler / Dan Green (56.25 %), followed by Norm Schoenfeld / Mike Corker (53.47 %) and Lou Sandor / Barry Rauchle (52.08 %).

On October 9th, 23 men gathered for lunch at Round Hill C.C. Top scorer today was Charley Schmidt with 5,130 points, followed by Bill Sullivan and Jai Yee, tied for 2nd with (4,890), Bob Kahl (4,550), and Ali Aghaiepour (4,340). We had 2 small slams today, made by the teams of Walt Kawecki / Phil Paris and Bill Sullivan / Jai Yee. Today was the lowest scoring day of the year so far, with an average round of only 511 points, compared to our year's average of 594 points. This beat out the previous low of 546 on September 11th.

The lunch / bridge group met again on October 23rd at Diablo C.C. with 21 men having lunch, and then playing bridge for 3 hours. Today was a high scoring day with Ron Wohlberg amassing 8,060 points, the highest point count total this year. Art Donaldson came in second with 5,880 points, and Walt Kawecki in third place with 5,250 points. Rounding out the winners were Ali Aghaiepour (4,870) and Bob Wolf (4,720). We had three small slams today, made by Milt Greenstein / Ron Wohlberg, Art Donaldson / Dimitris Argyriou and Jai Yee / Jerry Christopherson.

The SIR Branch 116 semi annual Ladies Day event went off very smoothly, with 46 people enjoying an excellent lunch and then 3 plus hours of bridge. Bob and Carol Wolf had the only small slam of the day, and walked away with top honors for the day with 4,640 points, (and they had to leave early and only played 4 rounds instead of the usual 6 rounds). Art and Mary Alice Donaldson took second place with 4,430 points, Alvin and Françoise Buchignani were third with 4,300 points, Ali Aghaiepour and Simi Zabtian took fourth place with 4,290 points, Dimitris and Luz Argyriou were fifth with 4,070 points and Edna Nebinger and

Yolande Smith were sixth with 3,930 points. An interesting note: the average team score and the average round today were identical to the scores made in last April's game.



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

Topic: Bombing of Pearl Harbor Dec. 7, 1941

Speaker: Chuck Kohler, U.S.N. Ret.

Bio: Born and raised on a farm in W. Central Minnesota, Chuck voluntarily enlisted in U.S. Navy on April 3rd, 1941, at the age of 17. Chuck completed basic training at Great Lakes Naval Training Center then was sent on to Detroit, Michigan, for additional Aviation Metal smith training. Chuck then went on to San Diego for further assignment. He boarded U.S.S. Lexington, an Aircraft Carrier for transport to Hawaii. In October 1941 he reported to Aerial Patrol Squadron VP#23 located on Ford Island in the center of Pearl Harbor for duty

Presentation: On the morning of Dec. 7th, 1941, he was assigned 0800 to 1200 security watch GP-23s hangar located on the Harbor inlet end of Ford Island Naval Air Station in the center of Pearl Harbor. The rest of the story will be told in detail by Chuck Kohler. I can't wait.

"Dine-O-Sir" Dinner Group

Ben Smith
 (bjsssmith@aol.com)



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

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



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, November 15th, 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.

Nearing the end of a good year for salmon, Jack Waddell, Pete Gates, Paul Dubow, Barry Rauchle, Karl Droese and Carl Moyer got early limits from the Feather River. Paul Corbitt and Glen Renk, joined Carl on a party boat out the gate where Carl got a nice 26 lber. Joe Miscione and son caught nice stripers on several trips to Montezuma slough, where an earlier ill-fated shore fishing trip for 12 of us was overcome by the wind and aborted at the dock. John O'Brien and Terry Miller joined Carl Moyer on the ocean for rock cod and ling cod, and Terry and Carl caught small sturgeon near Pittsburg. The annual fish fry with Branch 8 Sirs in the Kitchen was once again a glorious food orgy. Thanks to host Ed Benson for yet another very memorable feast.

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

Our next meeting will be Thursday, November 15th, 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)

Did He Walk that Walk?

Bill Bryson will have you believe that he walked the 2200 mile Appalachian Trail, well at least a third of it, with his boyhood friend Katz. The title of his book was *A Walk in the Woods*. The group

found parts of the book laugh-out-loud funny and other parts lacking credibility. Overall it awarded the book 3 1/3 stars out of a possible 5. Richard Black led the discussion which included Paul Frientas, Bob Daily, Allan Chasnoff, Jerry Christopher-son, John Frazier, Cord Hull, Jim Scott, Garrett Girvin, Jack Butler and Bob Mathews.

The group will next meet at Orinda Books at 10:15 AM on December 3 to discuss "Guns, Germs and Steel" by Jared Diamond. NOTE THE SHIFT IN THE DATE FROM THE USUAL 3RD MONDAY.



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.



Harry Sherinian showing off his "big" catch (He says "It is not always great")



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, November 15th at 9am.

Phil Goff will show you how to store and share pictures, videos, data files, etc in the Cloud for free. Most of us have more than one computer type device (desktop, laptop, tablet, smartphone, etc.) and we want to be able to access our most important files from all of our devices. Also, we want to share many of the pictures, etc with our family members. This is most easily accomplished by using the Cloud.

Cloud storage and retrieval has become easier than ever and Phil will show you how it works. Best of all, he will show you how to get a lot of space for free. The top services are Picasa Web, Dropbox, Google Drive, Skydrive and Amazon Cloud. If you aren't using one or more of these services, you are missing one of the most powerful features of the internet.

Also, since we are approaching the Christmas season, Phil will do an overview of the most popular electronic gadgets on the market. Each year there are more electronic devices sold as Christmas presents than the year before, and this year will likely follow that trend. It promises to be a fun review and discussion.

Time permitting, Dick Curry will then lead a Q&A discussion to address current computer issues that you identify. So please bring your questions and join us for a fun and informative session. As always there will be coffee and cookies available before and during the meeting.

Meetings of the Area 2 Computer and Technology Group are held the 3rd Thursday of each month (except June and December) from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge, 1475 Creekside Drive. Whether you are a beginner or a seasoned user, we try to offer something for everyone. We ask for a donation of \$5 to cover the cost of the hall rental, coffee and cookies. See you there.

Trampas Topics Submissions



We need your contributions and suggestions for Trampas Topics. Please send photos, news items, SIR activities, and Letters to the Editor to:

Neil Schmidt, Trampas Topics Editor
trampastopics@gmail.com



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.



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

Hiking & Walking

Joel White
(zpz2mrz@yahoo.com)



The **Friday, October 26** walk led by **David Geary** on a beautiful sunny morning traversed a gently sloping forested trail stopping just shy of the south end of San Pablo Reservoir. Participants pictured from left to right were David Geary, Lytton De-Silva, Art Donaldson, Susan White (in foreground), Richard Black, Dan Green, Allan and Lynda Chasnoff, Mary Alice Donaldson, and Donna Argenbright. Not pictured are Joel White, Andrea Green, and Colleen Geary. Coffee and conversation followed at Gepetto's café in Orinda.

The next walk, **Friday November 9**, will be led by Allan Chasnoff. Meet at 8:15 in front of the Panera Bread in the Countrywood shopping center (corner of Treat and Bancroft) in Walnut Creek. Please **RSVP for this walk to Allan: 933-6665; al-lanchasnoff@gmail.com**.

As is traditional, there will be no scheduled walk the day after Thanksgiving. However, I will be in town that day and am willing to lead a longer hike if there is sufficient interest. I will choose a route that is appropriate to the physical levels of those who wish to walk. Please e-mail me prior to the November 19th SIR luncheon so that I may make an announcement at the meeting: zpz2mrz@yahoo.com.

Hiking Group on October 25th Hike (below)



\$ums Investment Group

Allen Espenmiller
(aespenmiller@pacbell.net)



The Area 2 \$ums Investment Group will meet on Wednesday November 28, 2012. 8:00 AM at the Diablo Creek Golf course, 4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord. Note: We usually have our November meeting on the 3rd Wednesday in November to avoid the Thanksgiving Holiday but the November 2012 calendar is such that if we did the 3rd Wednesday that would be the day before Thanksgiving, so we are moving to the 4th Wednesday the 28th. No meeting in December.

We will not feature a speaker for this meeting. Instead your chairmen will host a members only review and future planning seminar for all hands to discuss what type of subjects and speakers you would like to have for the 2013 year. So put your thinking caps on and bring forth your ideas for our future meetings. If any of you have a particular good investment story about how well your investments may have done in 2012, please let us know if you would like to share this news with your colleagues.

The Legends restaurant opens at 7:00 AM so plan to have a leisurely breakfast along with your fellow members. I might be able to bring my famous Aunt Mary's coffee cake to have with your coffee afterwards. Let's have a large turn out so we get suggestions that can further enhance the quality of subjects covered. [Badge # 265]

SIR Travel

By Tom Eller, Travel Chairman
(tomeller2000@yahoo.com)



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



SIR State Travel Opportunities 2012-2013

Nov 24-Dec 1, 2012: Sights and Sounds of the Holiday Season. (7 nights with 13 meals, Round trip from home, and guaranteed departure to Louisville, Pigeon Forge and Nashville. Kick off the holiday season. Price \$2580 pp, Jerry Wisenor, Br.145, 209-334-5181.

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

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

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

Apr 14-22, 2013: Tulip Time Cruise. Discover the beauty & History of the Dutch and Belgiun water-

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

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

Aug 28-Sep 7, 2013: SIR 55th Anniversary Alaska Golden Age Cruise. Save the Date for a CELEBRATION! We will leave out of San Francisco and visit the ports of Juneau, Skagway, Tracy Arm Fjord, Ketchikan, Victoria and return to San Francisco on the Grand Princess. The cost of the 10 day Cruise is from \$1579 to \$3300 depending on accommodations and includes: Gratuities on the ship, Ship Board Credit, Cocktail Party, Hospitality Suite, Transportation by Motor Coach to and from the Pier, Wine, Gifts, and a Alaska Salmon Bake excursion. Flyers are available, Contact your Travel Chairman or Bob Spellman @ Br. 146, 934-9428 for more information.

Additional SIR Travel Opportunities on State Web

The quarterly State SIR Happenings Web Site at: <http://www.sirinc.org/sirhappenings/> offers additional SIR travel options.



See's Candies 2012 Christmas Discount Sale

This sale provides group discount prices to SIR Branch 116 members. IT IS NOT A FUND RAISER.

- **Mail** candy orders by **Wednesday, November 14** to:

Dirk Meyer, 112 Castleford Circle,
Danville, CA 94526 (phone 820-6878)

- or **Order** at the **Monday, November 19** SIR Luncheon.

- Make check payable to "Sir Branch 116 – Candy".

- Orders and checks must be from SIR members, *you may include family and friends in your order.*

- Pick up candies in Elks Club parking lot on **Thursday, November 29, 9:00 to 10:30 am.**

Name _____

Phone _____

Size	Item	Retail	How Many	Discount Price	Total \$
2 lb 7 oz	<i>Festive Favorites</i>	\$ 49.50		\$36.05	
4 lb 2 oz	<i>Holiday Assortment</i>	\$77.90		\$57.50	
5 lb 12 oz	<i>Celebration Gift Pack</i>	\$94.50		\$72.15	
1 lb	Holiday Fancy	\$19.40		\$16.25	
1 lb	Victoria Toffee	\$16.90		\$12.05	
1 lb	Peppermint Twist Box	\$7.15		\$5.95	
8 oz	Milk Chocolate Foil Balls	\$ 6.20		\$ 5.45	
8 oz	Dark Chocolate Foil Balls	\$ 6.20		\$ 5.45	
7.5 oz	Polar Bear Box	\$ 6.40		\$ 5.55	
1 lb 5 oz	<i>Hanukkah Lollypops</i>	\$ 16.20		\$ 12.35	
1 lb 8 oz	<i>Hanukkah Peanut Brittle</i>	\$ 16.50		\$ 13.30	
8 oz	Truffles	\$ 9.70		\$ 8.00	
1 lb	Truffles	\$ 19.40		\$ 16.00	
1 lb	Gold Fancy	\$ 22.00		\$ 18.35	
4 lb	Gift of Elegance	\$ 82.00		\$ 69.75	
Mailing Cartons (except items in italics) List items here					\$ 1.00 each

Size	Item	Retail	How Many	Discount Price	Total \$
8 oz	<i>Happy Holiday Box</i>	\$ 9.70		\$ 8.00	
1 lb		\$ 16.90		\$ 12.45	
2 lb	Assorted Chocolates	\$ 33.80		\$ 24.90	
3 lb		\$50.70		\$ 37.35	
5 lb		\$ 84.50		\$ 62.25	
1 lb	Milk Chocolates	\$ 16.90		\$ 12.45	
2 lb		\$ 33.80		\$ 24.90	
3 lb		\$50.70		\$ 37.35	
1 lb	Dark Chocolates	\$ 16.90		\$ 12.45	
2 lb		\$ 33.80		\$ 24.90	
1 lb		\$ 16.90		\$ 12.45	
2 lb	Soft Centers	\$ 33.80		\$ 24.90	
1 lb		\$ 16.90		\$ 12.45	
2 lb		\$ 33.80		\$ 24.90	
1 lb	Nuts & Chews	\$ 16.90		\$ 12.45	
2 lb		\$ 33.80		\$ 24.90	
3 lb		\$50.70		\$ 37.35	
1 lb	Bridge Mix	\$ 16.90		\$ 12.45	
1 lb	Toffee-ettes (can)	\$ 16.90		\$ 12.45	
1 lb	Almond Royal (can)	\$ 16.90		\$ 12.45	
12 oz	Mixed Salted Nuts (can)	\$ 9.25		\$ 8.05	
1 lb 8 oz	<i>Peanut Brittle</i>	\$ 16.50		\$ 13.30	
8 oz	Awesome Peanut Brittle Bar (8 pack)	\$ 9.50		\$ 6.65	
12 oz	Awesome Nut & Chew Bar (8 pack)	\$ 9.50		\$ 6.65	
12 oz	Awesome Walnut Square Bar (8 pack)	\$ 9.50		\$ 6.65	
8 oz	<i>Molasses Chips</i>	\$ 8.45		\$ 6.25	
8 oz	Assorted Peppermints	\$ 8.45		\$ 6.25	
4 oz	<i>Little Pops, Assorted</i>	\$ 4.20		\$ 2.85	
4 oz	<i>Little Pops, Café Latte</i>	\$ 4.20		\$ 2.85	
1 lb 5 oz	Lollypops, Assorted	\$ 16.20		\$ 12.35	
1 lb 5 oz	Lollypops, Chocolate	\$ 16.20		\$ 12.35	
1 lb 5 oz	Lollypops, Butterscotch	\$ 16.20		\$ 12.35	
1 lb 5 oz	Lollypops, Café Latte	\$ 16.20		\$ 12.35	
1 lb 5 oz	Lollypops, Vanilla	\$ 16.20		\$ 12.35	
1 lb	Gift Certificate – Continental US only	\$ 16.90		\$ 13.50	
TOTAL ORDER - Both Columns					

SIR 116 Las Trampas Branch Christmas Dinner Dance

Wednesday, December 12, 2012

6:00 PM to 10:30 PM

Crow Canyon Country Club

711 Silver Lake Drive, Danville, CA

Entertainment by Ygnacio Madrigals

Music by Strawberry Fields, DJ

Transition of Big SIR

Drawing, Surprises, Fun



Price: Just \$45.00 per person (inclusive)



No Host Bar Opening at 6:00 PM



Dinner served at 7:00 PM...Dancing beginning approx. 8:30

Choice of Entrée's:

Breaded Asiago Chicken, with Lemon Sauce

Salmon with Buerre Blanc Sauce

New York Strip Steak, Green Peppercorn Brandy Sauce

Wine available at the bar for \$20 per bottle (Please tip accordingly)



Christmas Dinner Dance – Crow Canyon Country Club

Must be received no later than November 29, 2012

Name: _____

Chicken ___ Salmon ___ Steak ___

Name: (Spouse/friend) _____

Chicken ___ Salmon ___ Steak ___

Email contact: _____

Number x \$45.00 = \$ _____

Make Check to: SIR Branch 116

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

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.

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.

2013 Golf Dues

Deadline: December 15th

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

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

See page 9 of newsletter for more information...

Using the Golf Hotline

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

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

Please indicate if you want a cart.

November 9-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Wed. 07	10:00	Buchanan Fields	Dick Chaffee
Wed. 14	10:00	Pine Meadow	D. McClaughry
Wed. 21	10:00	Buchanan Fields	Dick Chaffee
Wed. 28	10:00	Diablo Hills	Mike Murphy

November 18-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Mon. 05	9:30	Boundary Oak	Bob Donohue
Mon. 12	9:00	Mira Vista	Bob Donohue
Tue. 20	9:30	Shadow Lakes	Bob Donohue
Mon. 26	9:00	Roddy Ranch	B. Wroblewski

18-Hole Results

Rancho Solano -- October 22, 2012

Canceled due to bad weather

Willow Park -- October 16, 2012

Official Scorer:
Terry Grummitt

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
1st	Lonny Randall	66 3	1st	Jim Barstow	67 3	1st	Bob Testa	74 3	1st	Robbie Robinson	69 3
Tie 2nd	Bill McCord	70 2	Tie 2nd	Frank Crua	69 2	2nd	Conrad Robertson	75 2	2nd	Terry Grummitt	70 2
Tie 2nd	Denny Giambastia	70 2	Tie 2nd	John Story	69 2	3rd	Phil Jenkins	79 1	3rd	Bill Hemmelsbach	77 1
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
	Mel Williams	84		Jim Barstow	81		Bob Testa	97		Robbie Robinson	98

Closest to: Hole #3 - Frank Crua, Robbie Robinson -- Hole #11 - Mel Williams, Terry Grummitt

Lone Tree -- October 8, 2012

Official Scorer:
Bill Hemmelsbach

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
1st	Mel Williams	71 3	1st	Jerry Hunter	72 3	1st	Conrad Robertson	71 3	1st	Ron Armijo	67 3
2nd	Al Zavattero	72 2	2nd	Frank Crua	73 2	2nd	Phil Jenkins	74 2	Tie 2nd	Peter Coggiola	74 2
3rd	Bill McCord	74 1	3rd	John Story	75 1	Tie 3rd	Dick Chaffee	75 1	Tie 2nd	Kirk McVean	74 2
						Tie 3rd	Bob Testa	75 1	4th	Carl Langhorst	75
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
	Mel Williams	84		Frank Crua	91		Bob Testa	98		Ron Armijo	101
										Pete Coggiola	101

Closest to: Hole #5 - Jim Barstow, Bob Donohue -- Hole #11 - Al Zavattero, Bill Hemmelsbach

Boundary Oak -- Monday October 1, 2012

Official Scorer:
Kirk McVean

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
1st	Al Zavattero	73 3	1st	John Story	70 3	Tie 1st	Dick Chaffee	67 3	1st	Matt Arena	67 3
2nd	Lonny Randall	75 2	2nd	Frank Crua	73 2	Tie 1st	Bob Testa	67 3	2nd	Kirk McVean	69 2
3rd	Bill McCord	76 1	3rd	Jim Videle	75 1	3rd	Bob Donohue	72 1	3rd	Allan Chasnoff	72 1
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
	Jimmy Johnson	91		John Story	94		Dick Chaffee	91		Kirk McVean	99
	Bill McCord	91					Bob Testa	91			

Closest to: Hole #2 - Kirk McVean -- Hole #12 - David Harris, Jai Yee

LAST CHANCE: SPECIAL GOLF EVENT

NOVEMBER 12, 2012

We have an opportunity to play Mira Vista Country Club in El Cerrito on November 12, 2012 for \$50. incl. cart. This is a chance to play a course that is 92 years old and has just gone through a \$12 million renovation. We had to guarantee 60 players to get the rate and privilege to play. We need to have a good idea how many from branch 116 and their friends would like to play by the September luncheon to determine if we need to go out to the other branches to supplement our numbers. We had 63 players at Crow Canyon the last time we played, so I hope all our golfers would be interested in maybe a once in a lifetime experience. Please ask your golfing buddies and send in your checks to the PO Box as soon as possible. We do not cash your check until the day of the event, so your cash flow will not be compromised by sending in your checks early.. Driving time is approx. 35 minutes from Walnut Creek.

18-Hole Leader Board

FLIGHT 1		FLIGHT 2		FLIGHT 3		FLIGHT 4	
Index 0.0 - 16.4		Index 16.5 - 22.9		Index 23.0 - 26.9		Index 27.0 - 36.4	
NAME	POINTS	NAME	POINTS	NAME	POINTS	NAME	POINTS
Zavattero, Al	47	Carlson, David	51	Robertson, Conrad	55	Grummitt, Terry	34
Harris, David	40	Crua, Frank	46	Testa, Bob	44	Robinson, Robbie	33
McCord, Bill	34	Goff, Phil	41	Serafino, Al	36	Arena, Matt	29
Johnson, Jim	33	Story, John	24	Hutchko, Al	25	Langhorst, Carl	24
Williams, Mel	33	Barstow, Jim	20	Jenkins, Phil	23	Vogl, Art	24
Meyer, Dirk	21	Schmidt, Neil	20	Peterson, John	21	Hemmelsbach, Bill	23
Randall, Lonny	18	Eller, Tom	16	Chaffee, Dick	14	Coggiola, Peter	15
Clizbe, Jim	15	Tinguely, Pat	12	Donohue, Bob	13	Cook, Wayne	14
Hicks, Jerry	14	Foust, Max	10	Conlon, Bob	9	Sherman, Terry	11
Smith, Wayne	7	Kim, Paul	7	Daniel, Jed	8	Gilliam, Chuck	10
Cherepy, Steve	3	Socolich, Dick	7	Lutkus, Alex	7	Armijo, Ron	9
Giambastiani, Denny	2	Xavier, Carlos	6	Wroblewski, Bernie	6	Lockwood, Frank	9
Clark, Bill	1	Videle, Jim	5	Christopherson, Jerry	4	Jordan, Mark	8
		Campbell, Rob	3	Madden, Richard	4	McVean, Kirk	7
		Hunter, Jerry	3	Roberts, Don	4	Ostler, Joe	5
		Portillo, Frank	3	Schnieder, Will	1	Aalders, Doug	3
		Perrelli, Phil	2			Chasnoff, Allan	2
		Altomare, Jim	1				
		Bermingham, Pat	1				
		Kawecki, Walt	1				

Latest SIR 116 Golf Info Available on Our Golf Web Site

The Golf Website address is:

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

Please bookmark it in your "Favorites" list of websites to access information on the following:

2012 Golf Schedule: Dates, times, and courses as well as detailed information on costs, payment information, deadlines, and special event facts.

- 18-Hole Pairings: Weekly, usually on the Friday or Saturday prior to the event, showing captains, teams, starting times, and handicaps.
- 18-Hole Leaders and Results: Weekly, usually within a day or two of the event.
- Paid-In-Advance Sign-Ups: Weekly, showing checks that have been received for the next 3 or 4 pre-paid outings.
- Boundary Oak Sign-Ups: Weekly, shortly following 18-hole events, and the monthly luncheon when most signups occur. This listing will show who has signed-up for the next two Boundary Oak sessions, and whether they have indicated using a cart.

18-Hole Pay In Advance Deadlines

Event Date	Location	Deadline	Amount
Monday November 12	Mira Vista	Oct-15	\$50
Tuesday November 20	Shadow Lakes	Nov-10	\$35
Monday November 26	Roddy Ranch	Nov-16	\$35
Monday December 10	Lone Tree	Dec-08	\$36

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.