



Trampas Topics

October, 2012

SIR Branch 116

Next Meeting: 11:30 am,
Monday, October 15, 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



Summer 2012 is history and Halloween is almost here. It amazes me how fast the years go by – It seems, the older you get, the faster they go by.

Talking about fast approaching, our annual Christmas Dinner Dance will be on December 12th and will be here before we know it – Be sure to mark this important date on your calendar and sign-up as soon as possible (see sign-up form on page 12). The Christmas Dinner Dance and Dine-O-SIR dinners (see page 8) are two of our most popular activities. Branch 116 SIR are sure a group of great partiers (or just good eaters).

We had another Luncheon Speaker “hick-up” last month when our speaker did not show up for the luncheon. Apparently his wife, who is expecting, was sick that morning and he needed to tend to her. Unfortunately the message letting us know of his unavailability was lost somewhere between him and his assistant. I want to thank Marty Ratteree for stepping up at the last minute to entertaining us with his Irish stories.

For the golfers in the group, I want to remind everyone that the 18-hole group is having a special golfing event on November 12th at the Mira Vista County Club in El Cerrito. This is an opportunity to play at an exclusive country club so don't miss it (see page 9). Also, all golfers need to start thinking about the 2013 golf fees. The “drop dead” date for paying this fee, without incurring a \$10 penalty, is January 15th so I encourage everyone to pay-up before the end of the year (see page 9).

Please note that we are having our annual “Past Big SIR” recognition at our October Luncheon. If you are a past Big SIR, don't miss it, because your lunch is free!

See you at our next Luncheon, if not before, and bring a friend.

Neil Schmidt Big SIR



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Important Upcoming Branch 116 Events

Bridge Ladies Day	October 16
Dine-O-SIR at The Bridges	October 24 & 30
Mira Vista Country Club Golf	November 12
Christmas Dinner Dance	December 12

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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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	Sums Retirement	Allen Espenmiller (A.2)	376-3977

SIR Branch 116 Activity Calendar

October 2012

Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
	1 18-Hole Golf (9:00@ Boundary Oak GC)	2 Duplicate Bridge (9:00@ Diablo Valley Bridge Ctr)	3 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC) Bowling (10:00@Mounument Bowl)	4	5	6
7	8 18-Hole Golf (9:00@ Boundary Oak GC)	9 Luncheon Bridge 11:30@ Round Hill CC)	10 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Pine Meadow GC) Bowling (10:00@Mounument Bowl)	11	12 Hiking & Walking (8:15@ Olympic Blvd & Pleasant Hill Rd.)	13
14	15 SIR Br 116 Mtg. (11:30@ Elks Club)	16 18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Willow Park GC) Poker Group 2 (1:00@ Diablo CC) Ladies Day Bridge (11:00@ Diablo CC)	17 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Diablo Hills GC) Bowling (10:00@Mounument Bowl)	18 Computer & Tech (9:00@ Elks Club)	19	20
21	22 18-Hole Golf (9:32@ Rancho Solano GC) Book Group Mtg. (10:15@ Orinda Books)	23 Luncheon Bridge (11:30@ Diablo CC) Dine-O-Sirs (6:00@ Round Hill CC)	24 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC) Bowling (10:00@Mounument Bowl) \$ums Investment Group (8:00@ Diablo Creek GC) Dine-O-SIR (6:00@ The Bridges, Danville)	25 Fishing Group (8:30@ Legends-Diablo Crk)	26 Hiking & Walking (8:15@ Camino Pablo & Wildcat Cyn, Orinda)	27
28	29 18-Hole Golf (10:00@ Rooster Run GC)	30 Dine-O-SIR (6:00@ The Bridges, Danville)	31 HALLOWEEN 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Pine Meadows GC) Bowling (10:00@Mounument Bowl)			



Membership

Andy Benz
(anbenz@aol.com)

SIR 116 Membership Status

Total Current Members:	250
Last Month's Inductees:	1
Those in Interview Stage:	0
Total in Process:	1
On Inactive Status:	55
Left the Branch:	0
Waiting to be Installed:	0



Br. 116 Treasurer's Report

John Peterson, Treasurer
(delanaimp@aol.com)

	<u>September 2012</u>	<u>2012 YTD</u>
Contributions	\$ 2,580.00	\$ 48,180.88
Disbursements	\$ (3,24.97)	\$ (45,929.40)
Net (gain/(loss))	\$ (844.97)	\$ 2,251.48

September Cash Balance \$ 6,940.41

October Luncheon Menu

Swiss Steak
Creamy Pasta Alfredo
Veggie, Green Salad
Roll/Butter
Dessert/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:	181
Members:	179
Visitors:	0
Speakers:	0
Guests:	2
Excused:	55
Un-Excused:	13

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

October Birthdays

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

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|-------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Bruce Adair | 10. Carl Langhorst |
| 2. Jack Bevis | 11. Ken Miller |
| 3. Wayne Cook | 12. Dennis Perry |
| 4. Urs Christen | 13. Jon Rasmussen |
| 5. Jerry Christopherson | 14. Jim Shurr |
| 6. Bob Daily | 15. Joe Stralovich |
| 7. Jed Daniel | 16. Dick Thomson |
| 8. John Fraser | 17. John West |
| 9. David Heck | 18. Bob Wolf |



SIR Logo Hats for Sale

Last month we sold 20 SIR logo hats at our luncheon and, due to popular demand, we have ordered an additional set of 10 hats. These stylish hats we will be available at our next luncheon. If you want one of these excellent hats, get them while they last by bringing your money or check to our October luncheon.



Sunshine Report

Matt Arena

(marena@astound.net)

Sir **Al Groeper** fell downstairs and was hospitalized at John Muir Medical Center. Al is a volunteer at the hospital and when he failed to show up on his assigned date someone went to his house and got no answer. Police were called and entered the house to find Al at the bottom of the stairs. He was sent to emergency. There were no broken bones but he was in pain and dehydrated. Al has been transferred to a rehab facility to recover. We hope for a speedy recovery.

Sir **Werner Fend's** new heart valve is working just fine but he does have occasional labored breathing. His appetite is not where he would like it to be but he is already thinking golf. He reminded me that he is 90 years old and going strong.

Sir **Joe Lennon** had a postponement on a follow up colonoscopy. They are rescheduling very shortly. Joe is gaining on his energy and this is a good sign. He has been on this list far too long. Get better, Joe.

Sir Tim Dorr has done well following his heart procedure but now he is experiencing pain in his hips. No matter Tim is hoping to be back at our luncheon in October or November.

Sir **Harry Honestein** has had heart surgery which I just learned about. He also got a second pacemaker. Since I have been speaking to his caregiver the last several months I did not pick up on his surgery. Harry is doing well following this surgery but is resting a great deal of the time. Hopefully I will be able to speak to him and let him know we are thinking of him.

Past Big SIR **Courtney Borrecco** was going for another evaluation for his Parkinsons. The left leg is really failing and he needs help to exit his office chair. His wife Francis is a very petite lady and I

am not sure how she helps him but she is a wonderful caregiver. Courtney is expecting to get a power chair to help him navigate around the house.

Sir **George Willis** was watching football when I called but his caregiver tells me he does get out for short walks. She reminded me that George was 91 in July and considering everything he is in good **spirits**.

Sir **Ed Regalia** plays dominos with Sue and Frank Bryant. They were telling me that Ed enjoys their visits and they have been friends for a long time. I appreciate getting updates on our members so I can pass it along.

Sir **Gene Gould** has had a stroke and was treated at John Muir Medical Center. He is now at Manor Care Rossmoor. He lost the use of his left side but his speech is returning slowly. Thanks to Bill Sullivan I got this info on Gene and have spoken to his son. Gene has been inactive and is 92 years old.

It is OK to get angry with God.... He can take it.

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/>

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



Luncheon Speaker

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

Speaker: Joel H. Dryden, Walnut Creek Police Chief

Bio: Joel was raised in So. CA and obtained a BA from SDSU. He became a police officer with the SDPD in 1980. He spent 28 yrs. with SDPD rising to the rank of Assistant Police Chief which he held for 3 years prior to accepting the Chief of Police of W.C.

Presentation: Joel was sworn in as Police Chief of WC on June 30, 2008 and will speak about his department consisting of approx. 77 sworn officers and 35 civilian employees. WCPD also boasts a Reserve Unit of 29 and a Volunteer Unit of 36. Joel will also talk about two K-9 units.

The Latest Golf "How To's"

- How to line up your fourth putt
- How to hit a Nike from the rough when you hit a Titelist from the tee.
- How to avoid the water when you lie 8 in the bunker.
- How to get more distance off the shank.
- How to use your shadow on the greens to maximize earnings.
- How to handle crying over poor shots
- How to rationalize a 7 hour round.
- How to find that ball that everyone saw go in the water.
- How to relax when you're hitting five off the tee.
- When to suggest swing corrections to your opponent.



Bridge

Milt Greenstein
(margmilt@comcast.net)

On September 4th, the duplicate group met at the Bridge Center, with 20 men playing (5 tables). Top winner today was the team of Conrad Robertson / Mike Corker with 63.43 %

(68.5 points out of a possible 108). In second place was Jim Regen / Dan Greenberg (53.70 %), followed by Bob Wolf / Bob Kahl (53.24 %) and Milt Greenstein / Oscar Krikorian (52.31 %).

On September 11th, 23 men gathered for a delicious salmon lunch at Round Hill C.C. Top scorer today was Lee Travis with 5,800 points, followed by Jim Nachtweih (5,060), Dick Chaffee (4,340),

Bob Wolf (4,060) and Fred Massaro (3,830). We had 2 small slams today, made by the teams of Lou Sandor/Alvin Buchagnani and Jim Nachtweih/Bill Sullivan. Today was the lowest scoring day of

the year so far, with an average round of only 546 points, compared to our year's average of 594 points.

The lunch / bridge group met again on September 25th at Diablo C.C. with 21 men playing. Top honors were taken by Jai Yee with two small slams and 6,180 points. Jack Butler was second with

4,820 points, followed by Norm Schoenfeld (4,610), Dimitris Argyriou (4,580) and Oscar Krikorian (4,570). Jai made his small slams with Bob Wolf and Marv DeHeus.

Remember : Ladies Day is October 16th !

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



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, October 25th, at the Legend Sports Bar and Grill at the Diablo Creek Golf Course at 4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord. Try and come early and have breakfast with us when we tell tales of our latest fishing adventures over a cup of coffee and some eggs. We start getting there about 7:45. Meeting starts at 8:30am.

Salmon fishing is booming. Paul Dubow, Jack Waddell, Joe Miscione, Barry Rauchle, Dick Thomson, Chuck Denney, and Barry Rauchle fished from Chico for limits of nice salmon to 23 lbs. Kent Cremonini fished the Klamath river limiting out every day for 4 days with fish to 25 lbs. Romano Gnusti, Jack Waddell, and Richard Bal did well in Oregon. Barry Rauchle, Gordon Linebaugh, and Carl Moyer caught em out the gate to 25 lbs. Mike Corker caught a nice striper in the Delta. Paul Dubow fished in Baja and caught yellow fin and dorado. Harry Sherinian arranged a foray to the Rio Vista pier where Terry Miller, Carl Moyer, Tom Boltz, Pete Gates, Joe Miscione, and Joe Karg caught at least a hundred undersized stripers. What fun! Carl caught a great many small croaker on a half day party boat from Virginal Beach, Virginia. Carl also caught some small sturgeon near Pittsburg, closer to home. Joe Peterson got married! Betty is quite a catch!

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

Our next meeting will be Thursday, October 25th, 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)

Turning Point of the Civil War

The Sir Book Group reviewed Michael Shaara's *Killer Angels*. It's a novel in name only with its plot and character descriptions taken directly from historical records of the Gettysburg campaign of early July 1863. On a scale of 1 to 5, SIR members gave the book a 3.8 evaluation. Those present were Lytton DeSilva (moderator, sitting in for Richard Black), Bob Mathews, Jerry Christopherson, Cord Hull, Bob Daily, Dick Kauffman, John Frazier, Jack Butler, Garrett Girvan, Ken Sandy and Al Reynolds.

The next meeting of the group will be at Orinda Books at 10:15 AM, October 22. The October book will be *A Walk in the Woods* by Bill Bryson.



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.



Hiking & Walking

Joel White

(zpz2mrz@yahoo.com)



The Friday September 14th walk was led by Lytton DeSilva in Orinda. He was accompanied on a beautiful morning stroll that was enjoyed by Alan Chasnoff, David and Colleen Geary, Dan Green, and Joel and Susan White. Coffee and conversation followed at Gepetto's café.

The **Friday, October 12**, walk will be led by Richard Black. The walk will begin and end at the parking lot at the corner of Olympic Blvd and Pleasant Hill Road. **Please RSVP to Richard (argnblck@comcast.net, 283-8376).**

The **Friday, October 26** walk will be led by **David Geary** at 8:15am. We will meet in north Orinda, where Camino Pablo meets Wildcat Canyon road on the left, and Bear Creek road on the right. About 2 ½ miles north of 24. Park on the northeast corner at the intersection. We will be walking on East Bay MUD lands at the south end of San Pablo Reservoir. Pretty level, and mostly under trees. Please RSVP to DAVID (dsgeary@comcast.net)

A date for an October HIKE is to be determined and members will be informed by e-mail.

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



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.

"Dine-O-Sir" Dinner Group

Ben Smith

(bjsssmith@aol.com)



The Dine-O-Sir Herd is all set for an outstanding set of two evening affairs-- scheduled for Wed. Oct. 24 and Tues Oct. 30. The two evening events will be held at one of the finest restaurants in the Bay area.--"BRIDGES RESTAURANT" located in the center of the town of Danville. The restaurant address is 44 Church Street, Danville CA 94526. A flyer will be sent out to all Dine-O-Sirs detailing the two evening events. As usual the social time will start at 6 PM with dinner served at 6:45 PM

We are dividing this dine-out event into TWO evenings so we can accommodate more of our Branch members and better fit into this lovely upscale dining facility. We will have limited seating and you want to make your reservations early and select your preferred date to attend. We will have to balance the reservations between the two dates. Some of you may remember that "Bridges" restaurant provided one of the major settings for the very memorable comedy Movie " Mrs. Doubtfire" starring Robin Williams.

Our Dinner offering will consist of a three course "Prix Fixe Dinner" with a selection of four Entree's and two Desserts. Price will be \$35.00 PP, inclusive of tax and gratuity. We will have a small Wine Bar in our SIR dining area and special prices will be available to our group on select wines and drinks. As always alcoholic beverages will be available on a NO HOST basis.

Send your Checks and reservation requests to SIR Ben Smith@bjsssmith@aol.com Tele: 925-820-5403. [Badge No. 52]

As always, reservations will be confirmed on a first to pay basis.

The Dine-O-SIR Herd will be out to pasture during the months of November and December. Don't forget the Ladies Christmas Dinner dance on December 12th. The flyer covering all the details of this lovely event is on page 12.



\$ums Investment Group

Allen Espenmiller

(aespenmiller@pacbell.net)

The Area 2 \$ums Investment Group will meet on Wednesday October 24, 2012, 8:00 AM at the Diablo Creek Golf course, 4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord. Our returning guest speaker Peter Karp of Karp Capital Management will discuss the capital management techniques his firm uses to insure consistent growth of their client's portfolios. Especially with the current market problems of slowing Global growth, the European Debt problems, concerns of experiencing inflation or deflation, the fear of a future problem with the U.S. Treasury debt and the problems that the constant drop in "Value of the Dollar" are causing. In addition Peter will discuss the trading range we are now in and how long it will last. Plan to attend to hear one of our best investment group speakers. Karp Capital is ranked in the top 25 best wealth advisors in the Bay Area.

The Legends restaurant at the DCGC opens at 7:00 Am for those who would like to enjoy a good breakfast meal with your colleagues.

Additional Area 2 Activities

Did you know there are additional Area 2 SIR activities available to Branch 116 members? If you are interested in any of the activities listed below, give the contact below a call to find out if there is space available and when/where they meet.

Activity	Contact	Phone
Astronomy	Larry Lange	254-6281
Breakfast	Philip Magen	256-6548
Computer Training	Lo McCarthy	935-3939
Historical	Rich Sjoberg	254-1661
Model Railroading	Ted Wesphal	283-5467
Stamps	Rich Sjoberg	254-1661
Woodworking	Gary Plisco	939-2483

2013 Golf Dues

October 1st starts the NCGA campaign for dues for 2013 with a drop dead date of January 15th. All dues must be collected before January 15th to avoid a \$10 reinstatement fee. The dues for 2013 will be \$36.00 to the NCGA and \$20.00 for Branch 116 for a total of \$56.00. 9 holers, who do not have or want an NCGA handicap, will pay only \$20.00 to participate in weekly tournaments. Max Foust is the membership chairman. Any questions should be directed to Max or myself. You can bring checks to the next luncheon or mail to the PO Box with the checks clearly identified as 2013 golf Dues.



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.

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

Oct 25-Nov 7, 2012: Canada & Colonial America Cruise. (12 nights out of SF to Quebec City, Sydney and Halifax, Bar Harbor, Boston, NY, Charleston, and Ft. Lauderdale. The trip includes all taxes, Sky-caps, and baggage handling. Prices start at \$2956 to \$4037pp, Dennis Nowicki, Br 100, Petaluma, 707-795-3857.

Oct 26-Nov 11 2012: Canada & New England Aboard Norwegian Dawn. (15 night cruise down the east coast including the ports of Quebec City, Portland, Boston, New York, Key West, and Tampa) Package includes all meals, RT airfare, all transfers and tips, govt taxes and fees, Prices start at \$2335 to \$3475. Jim Lunn, Br 8, Walnut Creek, 925-551-3329

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.

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.

For other great SIR Travel trips, checkout SIR web site (web-link shown below) such as:

- **Mar 15-30, 2013: Romance on the Rhine & Mosel**
- **Mar 18-24, 2013: Motor Coach trip to East Side of the Sierras**
- **Mar 31-Apr 10, 2013: Mexican Riviera Cruise**
- **Apr 10-25, 2013: Hawaiian Island Cruise**
- **Apr 14-22, 2013: Tulip Time Cruise**
- **Jun 19-26, 2013: Michigan, Mackinac Island & Chicago**
- **Jul 10-28, 2013: Baltic Cruise: London to St. Petersburg**
- **Jul 15-19, 2013: Pageant of the Masters in Laguna Beach**
- **Aug 10-17, 2013: Colorado Gold Mines & Ghost Towns**
- **Aug 28-Sep 7, 2013: SIR 55th Anniversary Alaska Cruise**
- **Sep 14-21, 2013: Colorado Train Adventure**
- **Sep 12-21, 2013: Italy in September**

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.



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.



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, October 18th at 9am.

Derek Southern will review some current digital cameras and show you how to make a good choice based on budget, capabilities (of both the camera and operator!) and typical subject matter. This may help you with finding a Christmas present, and he will also look at some neat things that you can create from your prize photographs – and these definitely make great presents for the family.

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 usually ask for a donation of \$5 to cover the cost of the hall rental, coffee and cookies, but some months are free. 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



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



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.

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...	

October 9-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Wed. 03	10:00	Buchanan Fields	Dick Chaffee
Wed. 10	10:00	Pine Meadow	D. McClaughry
Wed. 17	10:00	Buchanan Fields	Dick Chaffee
Wed. 24	10:00	Diablo Hills	Mike Murphy
Wed 31	10:00	Pine Meadow	D. McClaughry

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 <u>Non-Pay-In Advance</u> 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.	

October 18-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Mon. 01	9:30	Boundary Oak	Bob Donohue
Mon. 08	8:30	Boundary Oak	Bob Donohue
Tue. 16	9:30	Willow Park	Bob Donohue
Mon. 22	9:32	Paradise Valley	B. Wroblewski
Mon. 29	10:00	Rooster Run	B. Wroblewski

18-Hole Results

Paradise Valley -- Monday September 24, 2012

Official Scorer:
Al Serafino

Flight 1				Flight 2				Flight 3				Flight 4			
Tie 1st	Jim Johnson	70	3	1st	Frank Crua	68	3	1st	Dick Chaffee	70	3	1st	Matt Arena	58	
Tie 1st	David Harris	70	3	2nd	Neil Schmidt	74	2	2nd	Al Serafino	71	2	2nd	Carl Langhorst	76	
3rd	Jim Clizbe	73	1	3rd	Phil Goff	76	1	3rd	Conrad Robertson	72	1	3rd	Frank Lockwood	80	
Low Gross				Low Gross				Low Gross				Low Gross			
	Jim Johnson	83			Frank Crua	86			Dick Chaffee	94			Matt Arena	94	

Closest to: Hole #3 - Phil Goff, Al Hutchko -- Hole #12 - Frank Crua, Phil Jenkins

Delta View -- Tuesday September 18, 2012

Official Scorer:
Lonny Randall

Flight 1				Flight 2				Flight 3				Flight 4			
1st	Jim Johnson	71	3	1st	Jim Barstow	69	3	1st	Jerry Christopherson	72	3	1st	Mark Jordan	67	3
2nd	Mel Williams	76	2	2nd	Frank Crua	71	2	2nd	Al Serafino	76	2	2nd	Robbie Robinson	70	2
3rd	Lonny Randall	81	1	Tie 3rd	Max Foust	72	1	3rd	Phil Jenkins	82	1	Tie 3rd	Matt Arena	76	1
				Tie 3rd	Neil Schmidt	72	1					Tie 3rd	Wayne Cook	76	1
Low Gross				Low Gross				Low Gross				Low Gross			
	Jim Johnson	84			Jim Barstow	85			Al Serafino	102			Robbie Robinson	98	

Closest to: Hole #3 - Jim Johnson -- Hole #13 - Jim Clizbe, Terry Grummitt

Boundary Oak -- Monday September 10, 2012

Official Scorer:
Bill McCord

Flight 1				Flight 2				Flight 3				Flight 4			
1st	Jim Clizbe	71	3	1st	Neil Schmidt	73	3	1st	Conrad Robertson	62	3	1st	Terry Sherman	66	3
Tie 2nd	Al Zavattero	73	2	2nd	Jim Barstow	74	2	2nd	Jed Daniel	71	2	2nd	Matt Arena	69	2
Tie 2nd	Bill Mc Cord	73	2	Tie 3rd	Phil Goff	76	1	Tie 3rd	Al Hutchko	73	1	3rd	Allan Chasnoff	70	1
				Tie 3rd	John Story	76	1	Tie 3rd	Phil Jenkins	73	1				
Low Gross				Low Gross				Low Gross				Low Gross			
	Jim Clizbe	88			Jim Barstow	90			Conrad Robertson	91			Terry Sherman	99	

Closest to: Hole #2 - Bill McCord, Allan Chasnoff -- Hole #12 - John Story, Phil Jenkins

Boundary Oak -- Wednesday September 5, 2012

Official Scorer:
Bill McCord

Flight 1				Flight 2				Flight 3				Flight 4			
1st	Jim Johnson	73	3	Tie 1st	Max Foust	69	3	1st	Bob Testa	63	3	Tie 1st	Mark Jordan	67	3
Tie 2nd	Bill McCord	76	2	Tie 1st	Neil Schmidt	69	3	2nd	Al Hutchko	75	2	Tie 1st	Joe Ostler	67	3
Tie 2nd	Steve Cherepy	76	2	Tie 3rd	Pat Bermingham	75	1	3rd	Al Serafino	76	1	3rd	Wayne Cook	69	1
				Tie 3rd	John Story	75	1								
Low Gross				Low Gross				Low Gross				Low Gross			
	Jim Johnson	86			Neil Schmidt	88			Bob Testa	87			Wayne Cook	99	

Closest to: Hole #2 - Neil Schmidt, Al Serafino -- Hole #12 - Neil Schmidt, Joe Ostler

Trevino On Getting Older

1. The older I get, the better I used to be.
2. The three things an aging golfer loses ...his nerve, his memory and I can't remember the third thing.
3. I'm going to die in a tournament on the golf course, they'll just throw me in a bunker and build it up a little
4. A nice thing about the Senior Tour is that we can take a cart and a cooler. If your game is not going well, you can always have a picnic.

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	42	Carlson, David	51	Robertson, Conrad	50	Grummitt, Terry	32
Harris, David	40	Goff, Phil	41	Testa, Bob	37	Robinson, Robbie	30
Johnson, Jim	33	Crua, Frank	40	Serafino, Al	36	Arena, Matt	26
McCord, Bill	30	Schmidt, Neil	20	Hutchko, Al	25	Langhorst, Carl	24
Williams, Mel	30	Story, John	18	Peterson, John	21	Vogl, Art	24
Meyer, Dirk	21	Barstow, Jim	17	Jenkins, Phil	20	Hemmelsbach, Bill	22
Clizbe, Jim	15	Eller, Tom	16	Donohue, Bob	12	Cook, Wayne	14
Hicks, Jerry	14	Tinguely, Pat	12	Chaffee, Dick	10	Coggiola, Peter	13
Randall, Lonny	13	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	Lockwood, Frank	9
Clark, Bill	1	Xavier, Carlos	6	Wroblewski, Bernie	6	Jordan, Mark	8
		Videle, Jim	4	Christopherson, Jerry	4	Armijo, Ron	6
		Campbell, Rob	3	Madden, Richard	4	Ostler, Joe	5
		Portillo, Frank	3	Roberts, Don	4	Aalders, Doug	3
		Perrelli, Phil	2	Schnieder, Will	1	McVean, Kirk	3
		Altomare, Jim	1			Chasnoff, Allan	1
		Birmingham, Pat	1				
		Kawecki, Walt	1				

Latest SIR 116 Golf Info Available on Our Golf Web Site

The Golf Website address is:

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

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

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

- 18-Hole Pairings: Weekly, usually on the Friday or Saturday prior to the event, showing captains, teams, starting times, and handicaps.

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

18-Hole Pay In Advance Deadlines

<u>Event Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Tuesday October 16	Willow Park	Oct-6	\$37
Monday October 22	Rancho Solano	Oct-13	\$43
Monday October 29	Rooster Run	Oct-20	\$32 /\$41
Monday November 12	Mira Vista	Oct-15	\$50
Tuesday November 20	Shadow Lakes	Nov-10	\$35
Monday November 26	Roddy Ranch	Nov-16	\$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.