



# Trampas Topics

September, 2012

SIR Branch 116

Next Meeting: 11:30 am,  
Monday, September 17, 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

### Hobby Table



Lots of our fellow SIR have interesting and unusual hobbies that we would all like to hear about or see. Starting in September, we are going to have a Hobby Table setup in the outer Luncheon room (The room where we collect money and food is served). If you have a hobby that you would like to show us, give me a call to reserve the table for one of our future luncheons. We would love to see your interesting hobbies. (phone: 925-939-5342, e-mail: np\_schmidt@pacbell.net)

### SIR Logo Hats, Shirts, Jackets

Also, at the September luncheon we are going to be selling SIR logo hats (\$11). Other SIR logo apparel is also available to be purchased directly from the supplier. (see page 5)

### Sailing in the Bay

One of our members, Dr. Paul Frietas has graciously offered an opportunity for members to sail in the Bay. Checkout the Jerry Hicks' Activity column on page 9.

### Dine-O-SIR Dinner at Cypress

If you did not attend the August 14<sup>th</sup> Dine-O-SIR event at Cypress Restaurant, you missed a fantastic event. It was a fun night of merriment and great food. These dinner out events are quite popular and everyone should give them a try – I think you will enjoy it. (see page 9)

### Christmas Dinner Dance

Christmas is still a few months away but each year seems to go faster & faster and undoubtedly the Holiday season will be upon use very soon. Make sure you mark December 12<sup>th</sup> on your calendar, the date of our annual Christmas Dinner Dance. This premier SIR event is always one of the best evenings out events of the year. (see page 12)

### Looking for Ideas

Do you have any ideas for improving our SIR branch? If so, give me a call, send me an e-mail or corner me at the Luncheon. I would love to hear your suggestions.

Have a great September...

*Neil Schmidt*- Big SIR



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the meeting to  
cancel your standing reser-  
vation or  
to bring a guest.***

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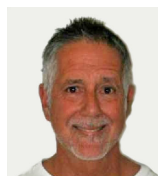
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## 2012 SIR 116 Committee Chairmen

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Historian	Matt Arena	946-0404	#2. Pat Bermingham, Milt Greenstein, Marty Ratterree		
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Publicity	Walt Schick (Br.8)	934-0656	Sums Retirement	Allen Espenmiller (A.2)	376-3977

# SIR Branch 116 Activity Calendar

## September 2012

Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
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2	3 <b>LABOR DAY HOLIDAY</b>	4 <b>Duplicate Bridge</b> (9:00@ Diablo Valley Bridge Ctr)	5 <b>9-Hole Golf</b> (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC) <b>18-Hole Golf</b> (9:30@ Boundary Oak GC) <b>Bowling</b> (10:00@Mounument Bowl)	6 <b>Carson City Golf Getaway</b>	7 <b>Carson City Golf Getaway</b>	8
9	10 <b>18-Hole Golf</b> (9:30@ Boundary Oak GC)	11 <b>Lunch &amp; Bridge</b> (11:30@ Round Hill CC)	12 <b>9-Hole Golf</b> (10:00@ Pine Meadow GC) <b>Bowling</b> (10:00@Mounument Bowl)	13	14 <b>Hiking &amp; Walking</b> (8:15@ Geppetto's Coffee Shop, Orinda)	15
16	17 <b>SIR Br 116 Mtg.</b> (11:30@ Elks Club)	18 <b>18-Hole Golf</b> (9:30@ Delta View GC) <b>Poker Group 2</b> (1:00@ Diablo CC)	19 <b>9-Hole Golf</b> (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC) <b>Bowling</b> (10:00@Mounument Bowl)	20 <b>Computer &amp; Tech</b> (9:00@ Elks Club)	21	22
23	24 <b>18-Hole Golf</b> (9:36@ Paradise Valley GC) <b>Book Group Mtg.</b> (10:15@ Orinda Books)	25 <b>Lunch &amp; Bridge</b> (11:30@ Diablo CC)	26 <b>9-Hole Golf</b> (10:00@ Diablo Hills GC) <b>Bowling</b> (10:00@Mounument Bowl) <b>Sums Investment</b> 8:00@ Diablo Creek GC)	27 <b>Fishing Group</b> (8:30@ Legends-Diablo Crk)	28 <b>Hiking &amp; Walking</b> (8:15@ Inspiration Point, Tilden Park)	29
30						



## Membership

Andy Benz  
(anbenz@aol.com)

### SIR 116 Membership Status

Total Current Members:	249
Last Month's Inductees:	1
Those in Interview Stage:	0
Total in Process:	1
On Inactive Status:	55
Left the Branch:	1
Waiting to be Installed:	0



## Br. 116 Treasurer's Report

John Peterson, Treasurer  
(delanaimp@aol.com)

	<u>August 2012</u>	<u>2012 YTD</u>
Contributions	\$ 7,092.00	\$ 47,155.60
Disbursements	\$ (7,111.36)	\$ (42,498.43)
Net (gain/(loss))	\$ <b>(19.36)</b>	\$ 4,657.17

August Cash Balance \$ 9,346.10

## September Luncheon Menu

Homemade Meatloaf  
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy  
Veggie, Green Salad  
Roll/Butter  
Dessert/Coffee/Ice Tea

## New Branch 116 Member



Sponsor Oscar Krikorian with  
new member Jon Dickson



## Lunch Attendance

Jim Nachtweih  
(majnacht@sbcglobal.net)

Attendance at the August 20th meeting:

Total:	176
Members:	171
Visitors:	1
Speakers:	1
Guests:	3
Excused:	55
Un-Excused:	18

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

## September Birthdays

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

- Richard Black
- Dave Butner
- Rob Campbell
- Michael Carpenter
- Mike Corker
- Don DeGraf
- Alan Fitzgerald
- Al Groeper
- Ivan Hendrick
- Allen Leschot
- Doug McClelland
- Terry Miller
- Jim Nachtweih
- Will Schnieder
- David Tittle
- Joseph Verdoia
- Carlos Xavier



Len Hood receiving SIR Senior Award from  
Area 2 Governor Ron Smith



## Sunshine Report

**Matt Arena**

(marena@astound.net)

Sir **Werner Fend** following surgery is home and on the mend. He is driving and regaining his strength. After 3 false starts beginning in June he was successfully operated on with the new minimally invasive aorta replacement procedure. All ends well.

Sir **Joe Lennon** is improving and is scheduled for a follow up colonoscopy (no fun) shortly. Joe has had more than his share of medical issues so let's hope this is the end.

Sir **Joe Verdoia** has been home for the last 3 weeks and is improving. His main mode of transportation is a wheel chair but this beats the rehabilitation facility where he has spent too many days this past year.

Sir **Tim Dorr** had a little set back but he is moving forward again. Tim had no idea that his recovery would take this long but his wife Kathy tells me he has been an excellent patient.

Sir **Harry Honestein** is getting out and is showing improvement. He misses his friends at the luncheons and is hopeful of returning to join us in the not too distant future.

Sir **Bob Milano** is receiving leg treatment in a therapy pool and is please to report that he is improving. His hope is to join us for lunch in September.

Sir **George Willis** is getting out for short walks and is gaining his strength. Considering that George is 91 he is doing remarkable well.

Sir **Courtney Borrecco** has completed his physical therapy and is happy with the results. He is still dealing with Parkinson which affects his left leg. He will begin treatment for his Parkinson at John Muir at Hookston Square this month. His major concern is being able to get back to driving since he

comes up for license renewal in November for his 83 rd birthdays.

Sir **Fred Massaro** lost his wife Sarah to Alzheimer's disease on August 18 th .

Sir **Dan Gelfi** who passed away in 2009 lost his daughter Ellen Lee on August 10 th at the age of 49.

To both families we want to express our condolences.



## SIR Logo Hats for Sale

Branch 116 has purchased several SIR logo hats that we will be sold at our September Luncheon. These baseball style hats are very nice and are available at great price (\$11). Bring you money or check to our September Luncheon if you want one of these unique and stylish hats.

There are also a number of other excellent SIR logo items available that you can individually order such as:

- Dry Zone Ottoman Sport Polo Shirt (\$34.25)
- EzCotton Pique Polo Shirt (\$34.25)
- EZCotton Pique Polo Shirt w/ Pocket (\$36.50)
- Cubavera Camp Shirt (\$50.00)
- Poplin Jacket (\$57.00)
- Poplin Jacket & Pocket Polo Shirt (\$67.25)

To checkout the entire catalog of SIR logo items and to order individual items (but not the hats), go to:

[embroidmelivermore.businesscatalyst.com/SIR](http://embroidmelivermore.businesscatalyst.com/SIR)

Note: These items may be picked up at the store in Livermore. Shipping is available with a shipping and handling fee of \$7.00 for orders under \$25.00 and \$12.50 for orders over \$25.00.



## Luncheon Speaker

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

**Topic:** SF 49ers – New Stadium/Anecdotes

**Speaker:** Al Guido, Vice President of Sales, 49ers/  
Legends Premium Sales

**Bio:** Guido began his career in sports and entertainment industry with Comcast-Spectacor, owner and operator of the Philadelphia 76ers, NHL's Philadelphia Flyers, AHL's Philadelphia Phantoms, Comcast SportsNet and the Wachovia Complex. Hired as an inside sales representative, he firmly established himself as the leading sales producer and was quickly promoted to corporate sales manager exclusively devoted to the Philadelphia 76ers organization.

Guido received his Bachelor of Business Administration from the College of New Jersey. His collegiate career included a three year letter winner for the College of New Jersey's football team as a wide receiver.

**Presentation:** Al Guido joined the 49ers New Stadium Project in March 2010. In this role, Guido is responsible for all luxury suite and ticket sales at the 49ers new billion dollar stadium. Guido will oversee a team of fifty representatives, dedicated to selling and servicing the greatest fan base in the NFL.

## 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)



## Bridge

Milt Greenstein  
(margmilt@comcast.net)

The Duplicate bridge group met on August 7th with 12 teams playing. Our first place winners were Dick Chaffee/Lytton DeSilva with a very respectable 65.19% game ( 88.00 points out of a possible 135 ). In second place with 55.56% was the team of Joel White/Jim Regan. Third place was taken by Mike Corker/Bob Kahl with 55.19%, followed by Bill Sullivan/Fred Cochran ( 52.22% ), Art Donaldson/Barry Rauchle ( 51.85% ) and Marv DeHeus/Dan Greenberg ( 51.11% ).

The Lunch/bridge group met on Tuesday, August 14th at Round Hill C.C. with 26 players. A high scoring day was led Alvin Buchagnani with 6,820 points, followed by Ali Aghaiepour with 6,730 and Jai Yee with 6,170 points. Fourth place was taken by Fred Massaro ( 5,580 ), Charley Schmidt (4,410 ) and Darrell Feay ( 4,280 ). The only small slam today was made by Darrell Feay and Fred Massaro.

On August 28th, the group met again at Diablo C.C. for lunch and bridge With 27 players. Today was a rather low scoring day with a top score of 5,550 points made by Walt Kawecki. Second place with 5,470 points was the roving dummy, with 4th place taken by Charley Schmidt, and 5th place by Alvin Buchagnani (4,620), 6th place went to Lou Sandor (4,410), and a tie for 7th place at 4,200 by Lytton DeSilva and Jai Yee. ( Since the dummy was one of the top 6 players, the prize money went down to the 7th place finishers.) An average round (4 hands) today was only 579 points, compared to this year's average of almost 600.

### SPECIAL NOTICE !

**Our semiannual LADIES DAY event is coming up !**

On October 16, at 11:00 am, our second **Ladies Day Bridge / Lunch** of the year will happen at Diablo Country Club. Start planning to take your wife (or significant other, or good friend, or someone you like ) for a very enjoyable day of bridge and an excellent lunch. Cost is \$ 47 per couple, including prize money. Contact Milt Greenstein to sign up.



## 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, September 27th, 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. 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. The meeting starts at 8:30am.

Richard Bal got the big fish with his 25 lb. salmon caught out the gate. Bob Stein and Ed Djikman caught nice salmon on that trip. Tom Click caught the big fish on an earlier trip with Richard. Harry Sherinian caught a 20 pounder, with Terry Miller and Carl Moyer who also got limits. The salmon bite has been hot and cold. Easy limits one day, and none for Joe Karg the next. Pete Gates, Terry Miller, and Dick Thomson caught lots of rock fish and a few ling cod fishing with Carl Moyer. Bill Landers and Dick Thomson got some black bass. Bill's friend Sean caught a 20 pound striper in Frank's tract. Joe Miscione and his grandson caught some very nice trout from streams in the High Sierra, and his son joined them on New Melones for limits of Kokanee on two separate days. Terry Miller, Harry Sherinian, Dick Thomson, Pete Gates, John Hayes, Joe Miscione, John O'Brien and Tom Boltz were less fortunate at Lake Berryessa. Which go to prove that there is a reason they call it fishing and not catchin. Mike Corker and his son had a good time catching and releasing sharks and rays in San Francisco Bay. Tom Boltz, Pete Gates, and Steve Lofton went to Alaska where they caught nice size Coho and king salmon, and halibut to 42 pounds. Jim Andrews and John Barry caught some nice trout on flies from their float tubes at Lake Davis, and then played golf in the afternoon. Our annual summer backyard barbecue, generously hosted by Jack Waddell was enjoyed by our fishermen and their mates. This is an annual event when we get together with our wife's or significant other and have an afternoon of swapping stories and just plain socializing with each other. A

special thanks to Dick Thomson for all his help in ordering and setting up the food. Don Mittelstaedt had a good day for shad upriver, but Ernie Wong had several weeks of red hot shad fishing. Gene Schulting caught some Walleye and Northern in Canada. Joe Miscione and Barry Rauchle got rockfish out the gate. Karl Droese took a group of us out on Tahoe for some Mackinaw. Karl, Barry Rauchle and their wives caught sailfish and Dorado from Baja.

We will be very busy this summer 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, September 27th, 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 Harry Sherinian, Branch 116 Coordinator (925-846-7067).



## Br. 116 Book Club

Rich Black

(blackrw41@comcast.net)

### Harry Did It All

The SIR Book Group completed its review of David McCullough's *Truman*. It was all there—The Truman Doctrine, Berlin Airlift, Korea, firing MacArthur, and a whole lot more. SIR members were almost as enthusiastic about the second half of the book as they were about the first, assigning a value of 4.63 out of a perfect 5. Richard Black recommended the book and led the discussion with Al Reynolds, Bob Daily, Allan Chasnoff, Jerry Christopherson, John Frazier, Cord Hull, Jim Scott, Joel White, Lytton DeSilva, Garrett Girvin, Jack Butler and Bob Mathews participating.

The group will next meet at Orinda Books at 10:15 AM on September 24 to discuss "The Killer Angles" by Michael Shaara. The October book will be "Walk in the Woods" by Bill Byrson.

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

## Hiking & Walking

Joel White

(zpz2mrz@yahoo.com)



The inaugural Amiable Amblers "hike" commenced at 8am on **Saturday, August the 25<sup>th</sup>** as the sun rose over a fog enshrouded Mt Diablo. Participants (pictured from left to right) John Antczak, Neil Schmidt, Peter Shea and Joel White (behind the camera) walked the old stage road through Pine Creek Canyon, following the road along the creek from Castle Rock staging area into Mount Diablo State Park. We enjoyed a delightful 3 hours of beautiful changing scenery, rock formations, and good company.

Participants in the Friday, August 10 walk led by Dan Green started at the Moraga Commons and we walked along the path past St. Mary's heading toward Lafayette. We stopped for post walk refreshments at Cafe Terzetto's in Moraga. There were 9 participants for the walk; Allan and Lynda Chasnoff, Rich and Donna Black, Art Donaldson, Lytton DeSilva, David Geary, Dan Green, and Bobbi Schoenfeld. Colleen Geary joined us for coffee.

The Friday, August 24 walk met at the rail platform behind the Museum of the San Ramon Valley in downtown Danville and walked a pleasantly shaded Iron Horse Trail back towards Alamo. Participants were Donna Argenbright and Rich Black, Lytton DeSylva, Art and Mary Alice Donaldson, David and Colleen Geary, Dan and Andrea Green, Bobbi and Norm Schoenfeld, and Joel White, walk leader. Refreshments followed at Pascal's bakery.

The **Friday, September 14**, walk will be led by **Lytton DeSilva**, (925) 254-5289; LyttonAudrey@comcast.net. The walk will commence at Gepetto's café at 87 Orinda Way, Orinda. Please make sure you park in a space that does not have a sign limiting parking time, or park in the lot behind the café. Please RSVP to Lytton for this walk. The **Friday, September 28** walk will be led by **Dan Green** at 8:15am. This walk will start at the Inspiration Point parking lot, Tilden Park, Berkeley.

**Please allow enough time for commute traffic**

**leading up to the tunnel.** Please RSVP to Dan at [asdgreen@comcast.net](mailto:asdgreen@comcast.net) or 925-376-7087.

**Directions:** You can enter the park on its east side from Wildcat Canyon Road off San Pablo Dam Road just north of Orinda Village (take the Orinda exit off Highway 24 east of the Caldecott Tunnel). Then follow the signs to Inspiration Point.

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



**John Antczak, Neil Schmidt and Peter Shea (with Joel White behind camera) on 3 hour August 25th Mt. Diablo Hike**



## 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.





## Activity Chairman

Jerry Hicks  
(jkhicks@astound.net)



## America's Cup in SIR 116?

Dr. Paul Frietas is not sailing in this America Cup race, but he is a sailor and he and his wife have graciously offered to take 3 couples sailing on the Bay on Friday, November 2. This will be full day on the Bay with spectacular views and a lot of fun. Of course, you will have to be in a physical condition that you can help with the sailing and maneuver in and around the boat. If you have never been on the Bay, this is a rare opportunity. Those interested, please contact me by email and I'll pass that on to Paul.

Ron Gagliardi's Bocce team has won first place in their Concord Bocce league and will be in the playoffs during the second week of September. We'll consider a SIR 116 team next summer as an added, enjoyable activity.

The picture of the Golden Gate Bridge reminds me that we also have very active bridge groups, both party and duplicate. See their article in this newsletter and call or send an email to Milt Greenstein if you wish to join the group.

## Poker Group #2

Al Reynolds  
(reynolds4596@sbcglobal.net)



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

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

## "Dine-O-Sir" Dinner Group

Ben Smith  
(bjsssmith@aol.com)



The Dine-O-Sir herd 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 at 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 our Checks and reservation requests to SIR Ben Smith@bjsssmith@aol.com, Tele: 925-820-5403. As always, reservations will be confirmed on a first to pay basis.

The Dine-O group had a most enjoyable evening this past August 14, 2012 at "Cypress" restaurant in Walnut Creek. We had a full house as our SIR group took over the entire restaurant with some 99 people in attendance. We regret that some on the waiting list could not be accommodated.

## 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

#### **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. Cost \$2599pp, single \$3160. Sam Kemp, Roseville, Br.98, 916-781-0822.

**Sep 18-23, 2012: Autumn Sierra Adventure.** (3 nites in Yosemite Nat'l Park with sight seeing tours & hosted lunches at Tenaya Lodge, Ahwahnee and Wawona Hotels. Drive thru Tuolumne Meadows and Tioga Pass for 3 more day of sightseeing along the Eastern Sierras to visiting Columbia and Ironstone Winery. Cost \$1,850pp, Don House Br.74, San Jose, 408-268-1703 or Allen Daily 408-265-8140.

**Oct 5-7, 2012: The Great Italian Festival.** Reno's Great Italian Festival is among the nation's largest.

For other great SIR Travel trips to checkout at SIR Travel web site (web-link shown below):

- **Sep 23-Oct 2, 2012: New England Fall Foliage Express**
- **Sep 28-13, 2012: Full Transit Through to Panama Canal**
- **Oct 6-21, 2012: Cruise to Hawaii from San Francisco**
- **Oct 11-23, 2012: Spain's Costa del Sol & The Portuguese Riviera**
- **Oct 25-Nov 7, 2012: Canada & Colonial America Cruise**
- **Oct 26-Nov 11 2012: Canada & New England Aboard Norwegian Dawn**
- **Nov 24-Dec 1, 2012: Sights and Sounds of the Holiday Season**
- **Jan 14-27, 2013: Tahitian Breeze Vacation**
- **Feb 6-21, 2013: Panama Canal**
- **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**
- **Aug 28-Sep 7, 2013: SIR 55th Anniversary Alaska Golden Age Cruise**

### 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, September 20th at 9am.

Thanks to the efforts of Sir Dick Curry our guest speaker will be **Mr. Jeffrey L. Vaillant, President of the California Genealogical Society and Library**. Jeff, himself a Mayflower descendant, will address such interesting and entertaining questions as: Wonder where to get started with your family history? Wonder why you should interest yourself in your family history? Wonder what is available on the internet versus other locations? Wonder what pitfalls to avoid? Wonder why you are at this meeting (he is humorous)? Jeff enjoys responding to his audience' questions so bring a few thousand, and he will get through as many as time permits. However, he tells us in advance, he does not know your cousin twice removed who lived in Chicago in 1933 (but he will address the tools that will permit you to learn more about him/her).

Time permitting, Dick will then lead a Q&A discussion to address current computer issues that you identify. So please bring [Badge # 243] 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..

## 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.



## \$ums Investment Group

Allen Espenmiller

(aespenmiller@pacbell.net)

The Area 2 \$ums Investment Group will meet on Wednesday September 26, 2012, 8:00AM at the Diablo Creek Golf course, 4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord. Our speaker will be Michael Skinner who is a board member of the local San Francisco Chapter of the American Association of Individual Investors-AAII. Michael was a retired Economist for 26 years with the U.S. Government and has been an Independent Registered Investment advisor for the past 15 years. The AAII is a national organization that was founded in 1978 and currently has 150,000 members. Michael will explain the mission of AAII, which is Investor Education and how you can obtain a membership in the organization. Plan to attend and learn about this outstanding source of investment help.

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

## Christmas Dinner Dance



### 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 **save the date**.

An enthusiastic committee of five is joining me to make a good party even better. **Wednesday, December 12, is the date**. We will begin at 6:00 PM with adult refreshments, a sumptuous dinner served about 6:45, finished with dancing and late night partying.

Our committee will begin taking reservations during the October meeting and the flyer will be in the October newsletter. We will only be able to take reservations through November 30<sup>th</sup>. 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

## 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 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/>

## Something New — "Hobby Table"

If you have a hobby or an activity that you think may be of interest to other members, we are setting up a Hobby Table during our Luncheon in the outer room (where we collect money) for members to show off their hobbies. If you have a unique or interesting hobby you would like to show our members, call or send Neil Schmidt a note to reserve a display space at the Hobby Table.



**SIRS Show Deference to Our Leader, on the Eighth Tee at Blue Rock West." (l. to r.: John Peterson, Dick Socolich, and Golf Captain Al Zattero). The photo was taken by Brent Chaney.**

# 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, 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.

### Walking with wives

During our weekly Lamaze class, the instructor emphasized the importance of exercise, hinting strongly that husbands need to get out and start walking with their wives. From the back of the room one expectant father inquired, "Would it be okay if she carries a bag of golf clubs while she walks?"

### 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.

## September 9-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Wed. 05	10:00	Buchanan Fields	Dick Chaffee
Wed. 12	10:00	Pine Meadow	D. McClaughry
Wed. 19	10:00	Buchanan Fields	Dick Chaffee
Wed. 26	10:00	Diablo Hills	Mike Murphy

## September 18-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Wed.. 05	9:30	Boundary Oak	Bill McCord
Mon. 10	9:30	Boundary Oak	Bill McCord
Tue. 18	9:30	Delta View	Al Serafino
Mon. 24	9:36	Paradise Valley	Al Serafino

# 18-Hole Results

Blue Rock Springs / West -- August 27, 2012

Official Scorer:  
Wayne Cook

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
1st	Jimmy Johnson	71 3	Tie 1st	David Carlso	66 3	1st	Al Hutchko	64 3	1st	Terry Grummitt	64 3
2nd	Al Zavattero	72 2	Tie 1st	John Story	66 3	2nd	Phil Jenkins	65 2	2nd	Matt Arena	66 2
3rd	Mel Williams	73 1	3rd	Dick Socolich	70 1	Tie 3rd	Alex Lutkus	68 1	Tie 3rd	Pete Coggiola	67 1
						Tie 3rd	Al Serafino	68 1	Tie 3rd	Carl Langhorst	67 1
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
	Jimmy Johnson	82		David Carlso	83		Al Hutchko	90		Pete Coggiola	94

Closest to: Hole #7 - David Carlson, Bill Hemmelsbach -- Hole #16 - Jim Barstow, Phil Jenkins

Vintner's -- August 21, 2012

Official Scorer:  
Bob Testa

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
1st	Bill McCord	62 3	1st	David Carlso	63	1st	Bob Testa	62 3	1st	Terry Grummitt	63 3
2nd	David Harris	70 2	2nd	Phil Goff	67	Tie 2nd	John Peterson	64 2	2nd	Robbie Robinsor	64 2
			Tie 3rd	Max Foust	70	Tie 2nd	Conrad Robertson	64 2	3rd	Matt Arena	67 1
			Tie 3rd	Dick Socolich	70						
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
	Bill McCord	80		David Carlso	79		Bob Testa	84		Robbie Robinsor	90

Closest to: Hole #2 - Dick Socolich, Alex Lutkus -- Hole #13 - Phil Goff, Bob Testa

Boundary Oak -- August 13, 2012

Official Scorer:  
Robbie Robinson

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
Tie 1st	David Harris	71 3	1st	Jim Barstow	68 3	1st	Al Hutchko	63 3	1st	Wayne Cook	65 3
Tie 1st	Bill McCord	71 3	2nd	Neil Schmidt	72 2	2nd	Bob Testa	72 2	2nd	Bill Hemmelsbac	66 2
3rd	Jim Clizbe	72 1	3rd	Phil Goff	73 1	Tie 3rd	Jerry Christopherson	73 1	3rd	Ron Armijo	67 1
						Tie 3rd	Al Serafino	73 1			
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
	Jerry Hicks	85		Phil Goff	89		Al Hutchko	89		Wayne Cook	96

Closest to: Hole #2 - Bill McCord, Wayne Cook -- Hole #12 - Mel Williams, Wayne Cook

Boundary Oak -- August 6, 2012

Official Scorer:  
Jim Clizbe

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
1st	Bill McCord	68 3	1st	Carlos Xavier	73 3	Tie 1st	Dick Chaffee	70 3	1st	Kirk McVean	68 3
2nd	Jerry Hicks	71 2	2nd	Tom Eller	74 2	Tie 1st	Al Hutchko	70 3	2nd	Terry Grummitt	69 2
Tie 3rd	Mel Williams	74 1	Tie 3rd	David Carlso	75 1	Tie 1st	Conrad Robertson	70 3	3rd	Frank Lockwood	70 1
Tie 3rd	Al Zavattero	74 1	Tie 3rd	Frank Crua	75 1						
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
	Jerry Hicks	83		Frank Crua	92		Dick Chaffee	94		Kirk McVean	97

Closest to: Hole #2 - Phil Goff, Gary Boswell -- Hole #12 - Jimmy Johnson, Kirk McVean,

Tilden Park -- July 30, 2012

Official Scorer:  
Bill McCord

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
1st	Mel Williams	66 3	1st	Phil Goff	64 3	1st	John Peterson	69 3	1st	Carl Langhorst	73 3
2nd	Bill McCord	67 2	Tie 2nd	Jim Barstow	69 2	2nd	Al Serafino	70 2	2nd	Bill Hemmelsbac	74 2
3rd	Al Zavattero	69 1	Tie 2nd	Dick Socolich	69 2	3rd	Alex Lutkus	73 1	3rd	Terry Grummitt	77 1
			Tie 2nd	John Story	69 2						
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
	Mel Williams	80		Phil Goff	82		Al Serafino	96		Bill Hemmelsbac	106
										Robbie Robinsor	106

Closest to: Hole #4 - David Harris, Phil Jenkins -- Hole #11 - David Carlson

## 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	40	Carlson, David	51	Robertson, Conrad	46	Grummitt, Terry	32
Harris, David	37	Goff, Phil	39	Testa, Bob	34	Robinson, Robbie	28
Williams, Mel	28	Crua, Frank	35	Serafino, Al	31	Vogl, Art	24
McCord, Bill	27	Eller, Tom	16	Hutchko, Al	22	Hemmelsbach, Bill	22
Johnson, Jim	24	Story, John	16	Peterson, John	21	Langhorst, Carl	22
Meyer, Dirk	21	Barstow, Jim	12	Jenkins, Phil	18	Arena, Matt	20
Hicks, Jerry	14	Tinguely, Pat	12	Donohue, Bob	12	Coggiola, Peter	13
Randall, Lonny	12	Schmidt, Neil	11	Conlon, Bob	9	Cook, Wayne	12
Clizbe, Jim	11	Kim, Paul	7	Chaffee, Dick	7	Gilliam, Chuck	10
Smith, Wayne	7	Socolich, Dick	7	Lutkus, Alex	7	Lockwood, Frank	8
Cherepy, Steve	1	Foust, Max	6	Daniel, Jed	6	Sherman, Terry	8
Clark, Bill	1	Xavier, Carlos	6	Wroblewski, Bernie	6	Armijo, Ron	6
		Videle, Jim	4	Madden, Richard	4	Aalders, Doug	3
		Campbell, Rob	3	Roberts, Don	4	McVean, Kirk	3
		Portillo, Frank	3	Christopherson, Jerry	1	Jordan, Mark	2
		Perrelli, Phil	2	Schnieder, Will	1	Ostler, Joe	2
		Altomare, Jim	1				
		Kawecki, Walt	1				

### Latest SIR 116 Golf Info Available on Our Golf Web Site

The Golf Website address is:

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

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

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

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

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

### 18-Hole Pay In Advance Deadlines

Event Date	Location	Deadline	Amount
Tuesday September 18	Delta View	Sep-8	\$ 35
Monday September 24	Paradise Valley	Sep-16	\$ 43
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

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



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94596-5805

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### **Rules of Attendance and Membership for SIR Branch 116**

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

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

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

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

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### **Non Responsibility Declaration**

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

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### **Checks for Trips**

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