



# Trampas Topics

April, 2013

SIR Branch 116

Next Meeting: 11:30 am,  
Monday, April 15, 2013  
Elks Lodge – 1475 Creekside  
Dr, Walnut Creek, CA 94596

A Nonprofit Public Benefit Organization for Retired Men Enjoying Active Retirement

## Sayings of 2013 Big Sir Art Vogl



Here we are again in that time of year when an unsuspecting person gets fooled. You know its coming but still they get you. April Fool's Day is celebrated in many countries on April 1st every year. Its origins are unknown but may have begun around 1582 in France when the Gregorian calendar was introduced and New Year's Day changed from April 1st to January 1st.

Gentlemen, this year is starting off with a bang with eight new inductees in March and a total of 14 for the first quarter of 2013. Let's keep this going and keep growing.

I encourage you all, especially the new members, to participate in as many activities as you can. Check through this newsletter and see all the different and enticing activities available to you all throughout the year.

Lastly, don't forget our 2013 Spring Fling coming May 2nd at the Clubhouse at Boundary Oak Golf Course. Please find the flyer in the newsletter and send your entry no later than April 26th. I can also assume that your voluntary contribution of \$45.00 has been sent in.

So, remember to look over your shoulders for whatever may come April 1st and I'll see you all at our April 15th meeting (if not sooner!)

*Art Vogl* - Big SIR

### SIGN UP NOW!!!

....for the 2013 edition of our "Spring Fling" Ladies Luncheon. This year's entertainment will be John DeMers performing Frank Sinatra favorites. John has performed widely in the western U.S., including the Golden Nugget in Las Vegas. We look forward to a great lunch and an exciting afternoon at Boundary Oak.



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by the Thursday prior to  
the meeting to  
cancel your standing reser-  
vation or  
to bring a guest.

## 2013 SIR 116 Officers & Directors



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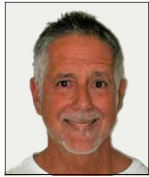


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## 2013 SIR 116 Committee Chairmen

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Bridge	Milt Greenstein	376-5589	Photographers	John Peterson	946-0335
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Golf	Al Zavattero	933-0465	Webmaster	Phil Goff	831-3692
"	Carlos Xavier	947-6756	Welcoming	Jerry Kaplan	938-1037
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Historian	Matt Arena	946-0404			
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Interviewer	Max Foust	827-9323			
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#1. Doug Aalders, Matt Arena, Art Donaldson, Lou Sandor

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# SIR Branch 116 Activity Calendar

## April 2013

Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
	1  <b>18-Hole Golf</b> (9:30@ Boundary Oak GC)	2  <b>Duplicate Bridge</b> (9:00@ Diablo Valley Bridge Ctr)	3  <b>9-Hole Golf</b> (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC)	4	5	6
7	8  <b>18-Hole Golf</b> (9:00@ Silverado North CC)	9  <b>Luncheon Bridge</b> (11:30@ Round Hill CC)	10  <b>9-Hole Golf</b> (10:00@ Pine Meadow GC)	11	12  <b>Hiking &amp; Walking</b> (8:15@ Rucgear Park & Ride, WC)	13
14	15  <b>SIR Br 116 Mtg.</b> (11:30@ Elks Club)	16  <b>18-Hole Golf</b> (9:00@ Lake Chabot GC) <b>Poker Group 2</b> (1:00@ Diablo CC) <b>Ladies Day Bridge</b> (11:00@ Diablo C.C.)	17  <b>9-Hole Golf</b> (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC)	18  <b>Computer &amp; Tech</b> (9:00@ Elks Club)	19	20
21	22  <b>18-Hole Golf</b> (9:00@ Rancho Solano GC) <b>Book Group Mtg.</b> (10:15@ Orinda Books)	23  <b>Luncheon Bridge</b> (11:30@ Diablo CC)	24  <b>9-Hole Golf</b> (10:00@ Diablo Hills GC) <b>Sums Investment</b> 8:00@ Diablo Creek GC)	25  <b>Fishing Group</b> (8:30@ Legends-Diablo Crk) <b>Wine Appreciation</b> (4:00@ TBD)	26  <b>Hiking &amp; Walking</b> (8:15@ Arbola do Park, WC)	27
28	29  <b>18-Hole Golf</b> (9:00@ Mare Island GC)	30				



## Membership

Andy Benz  
(anbenz@aol.com)

### SIR 116 Membership Status

Total Current Members:	258
Last Month's Inductees:	8
Those in Interview Stage:	0
Total in Process:	8
On Inactive Status:	47
Left the Branch:	2
Waiting to be Installed:	0



## Br. 116 Treasurer's Report

John Peterson, Treasurer  
(delanaimp@aol.com)

	<u>March 2013</u>	<u>2013 YTD</u>
Contributions	\$ 4,515.00	\$ 21,441.02
Disbursements	\$ (3,600.33)	\$ (15,099.16)
Net (gain/(loss))	\$ 914.67	\$ 6,341.86

February Cash Balance \$ 11,067.11

## February Luncheon Menu

Spaghetti with Meatballs  
Sautéed Zucchini  
Caesar Salad  
Sliced French Bread & Butter  
Dessert/Coffee/Ice Tea

## 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)



## Lunch Attendance

Jim Nachtweih  
(majnacht@sbcglobal.net)

Attendance at the March 18th meeting:

Total:	190
Members:	179
Visitors:	0
Speakers:	3
Guests:	8
Excused:	58
Un-Excused:	15

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

## April Birthdays

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

- |                       |                      |
|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Frank Bryant       | 11. Richard Madden   |
| 2. John Canane        | 12. Mac Mcloughlin   |
| 3. Richard Chaffee    | 13. Joseph Ostler    |
| 4. Robert(Jim) Clizbe | 14. Pat Peters       |
| 5. Roger Colton       | 15. Bill Schneider   |
| 6. Leon Dulac         | 16. Robert Shader    |
| 7. Denny Giambastiani | 17. Ben Smith        |
| 8. Bill Hemmelsbach   | 18. Marshall Stashyn |
| 9. Jake Jacob         | 19. David Wheeler    |
| 10. Mark Jorden       |                      |

Want a Free Lunch ?  
Sponsor a New Member !

In Memoriam  
**George H. Willis**

July 8, 1921—March 1, 2013





## Sunshine Report

**Matt Arena**

(marena@astound.net)

SIR **George Willis Jr.** passed away on February 22, 2013. George was 91 years old and was a founding member of Branch#116. He will be missed by his many friends in the branch.

Sir **Don Roberts** suffered a stroke but is responding to treatment and is making tremendous progress. Hopefully he will make a full recovery and return to join us for lunch.

Sir **Carl Cline** suffered a stroke while in the South Bay and now is at Tampico Terrace following stops at three different hospitals. He was preparing to attend an international convention on ballistics to deliver a paper just prior to this set back. Carl is following his rehabilitation very faithfully according to his lovely wife Karen.

Sir **Harry Honestein** is feeling stronger but he still suffers with pain in his shoulder and knee. Somewhere down the road he hopes to have a hernia repair which has been delayed because of overall health. He is up all day and does lots of reading and watching his TV.

Past Big Sir **Courtney Borrecco** continues to deal with affects of Parkinson in his left leg but he tells me he would like to join us for lunch. He is hoping to see us next month.

Sir **Tim Dorr** continues to make improvement. He has lost weight but his spirits are good and gets about with his cane.

Sir **Joe Verdoia** and his wife Norma were spotted shopping at Target recently. They are both in their nineties and Joe is home recuperating. Hopefully Joe will be joining us for lunch in the not too distant future.

Sir **Kirk McVean** while at his vacation home in Palm Springs was hospitalized with sepsis, a spiked fever and extremely low blood pressure. His wife Nancy got a good scare as you might imagine. She tells me Kirk is on the mend and has an appointment to see a specialist when they

return to Walnut Creek in April.

IF WE ALL THREW OUR PROBLEMS IN A PILE AND SAW EVERYONE ELSE'S WE'D GRAB OURS BACK.....



## \$ums Investment Group

**Allen Espenmiller**

(aespenmiller@pacbell.net)

The Area 2 \$ums Investment Group will meet on Wednesday April 24, 2013, 8:00 AM at the Diablo Creek Golf Course, 4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord. Our speaker will be Gary Gardner of Life and Wealth Advisors, Inc. from Walnut Creek. Gary will discuss the recently passed " American Tax Relief Act and how it applies to us and how it applies to the estate laws and thus to planning". This timely presentation is one that will be very helpful.

The Legends restaurant opens at 7:00AM so plan to have an enjoyable breakfast along with your fellow members. Bring along a prospective SIR member or two to let them know about our Investment Group and enjoy this timely presentation. Let's support the restaurant and its excellent staff. Occasionally George Schulze will ask for \$2.00 donation which we need to pay for items that come up. Please make sure that you all support George on this.

## SIR Website Addresses

**SIR 116 Web Site**

[www.branch116.org](http://www.branch116.org)

**Branch 116 Golf**

[www.branch116.org/116-golf/](http://www.branch116.org/116-golf/)

**Trampas Topics**

[www.branch116.org/trampas/](http://www.branch116.org/trampas/)

**Computer and Technology**

[www.a2cat.sirinc2.org/](http://www.a2cat.sirinc2.org/)

**SIR Happenings State Newsletter**

[www.sirinc.org/sirhappenings](http://www.sirinc.org/sirhappenings)

**State SIR Web Site**

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## New Branch 116 Members



**New member Harry Oberle with  
Sponsor Al Zavattero**



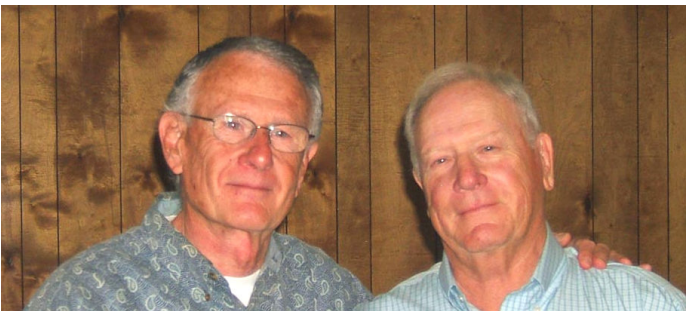
**Sponsor Jon Rasmussen with  
New member Ken Binning**



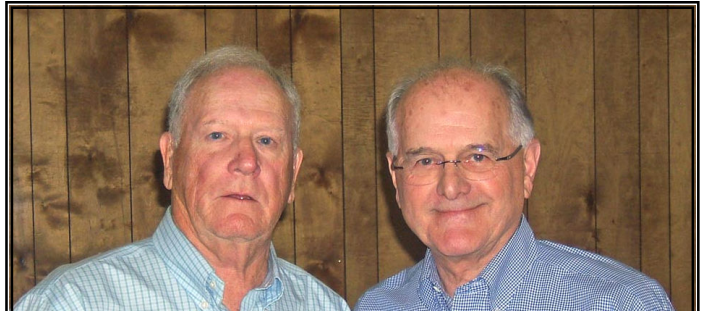
**New member David Ferm with  
Sponsor Al Zavattero**



**New member Jim Amland with  
Sponsor Andy Benz**



**New member Mike Loughery with  
Sponsor Bernie Wroblewski**



**Sponsor Bernie Wroblewski with  
New member Norm Alberts**



**New member Dennis Snarr with  
Sponsor Jerry Kaplan**



**Sponsor Bob Donohue with  
New member Al Satake**





## 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, April 25th, at the Legend Sports Bar and Grill at the Diablo Creek Golf Course at 4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord. Meeting starts at 8:30am but a lot of us get there early for breakfast and to exchange fish stories. A lot of good info is passed on at these sessions with some questionable info also. All in all a good time is had by all. Remember, whether you are a seasoned fisherman or a newbie, you are welcome to join us.

Wind and cold kept us off the water for much of late February and March. Every attempt to the Delta was blown off early except for Mike Corker who got a keeper striper in Honker Bay, and Joe and Betty Peterson who released a giant sturgeon by Rio Vista. Joe Karg caught 2 nice stripers on a party boat in the bay. Trout kept us joyful or tragic. San Pablo Reservoir continued to be our best spot. Paul Dubow, Barry Rauchle, Terry Miller, Rich Fiscina, Romano Guisti, Al Brunner, and Carl Moyer all caught many fine trout. Shadow Cliffs Reservoir treated Pete Gates and Carl Moyer to some nice fish. However, Terry Miller, Carl Moyer, Karl Droese, Pete Gates, and Corrie Oranje suffered a most unusual skunk, not a bite. Terry Miller prepared a lunch for us after the morning of awful fishing. The hot chili and soft drinks served up after a morning of fishing eased our pain.

We will be very busy this spring with: delta fishing for bass, catfish, and sturgeon, trout in local lakes, kokanee, salmon and crab, and attending the various sportsmen shows.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, April 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.).



**Terry Miller and fellow fisherman showing off their trout at San Pablo Reservoir**

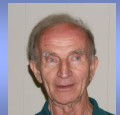


**Dave Carlson, Bill Smith and Tom Eller taking a break at Sequoyah Country Club's 2nd Hole**

## 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.



## Computer & Technology

Derek Southern & Phil Goff



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, April 18th at 9am.

This month we offer a 'double header'. Phil Goff will discuss ways of remembering passwords because it seems that building good passwords and protecting them is becoming increasingly important to thwart hackers. We can all build complex passwords but remembering them can be quite a problem. That is where Password Organizer Programs are of value. Phil will show you how to use some of the most popular ones to make your internet experience safe and a little easier.

Derek Southern will follow up with a review of today's most popular browsers and will explain why you need to update your version regularly. Each browser offers something different and if you don't know how old your current one is, he'll show you how to find out and how to update. Browsers are our entry into the world of the internet, but some are better than others. Come and find out how a good browser and better passwords make for a safer experience on the web.

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. See you there...

## Hiking & Walking

Joel White  
(zpz2mrz@yahoo.com)



A pleasant early spring-like morning, on March 8, found Lytton DeSilva, Art and Mary Alice Donaldson, David and Colleen Geary, and Joel and



Susan White, strolling the Iron Horse trail in Danville from Sycamore Valley Road to Downtown and back. This was

followed by coffee and conversation at Country Waffle in Downtown Danville where an excellent breakfast was served.

On March 22, Lytton led a walk starting and ending at the Diablo Foods shopping center in Lafayette. Participants included Art Donaldson, Richard Black, Donna Arganbright, David and Colleen Geary, and Paul and Anna Freitas. The walkers then retired for coffee at la Boulange de Lafayette.

Art Donaldson will lead the **Friday, April 12** walk. Meet at **8:15 AM** at the Rudgear park and ride at the intersection of Rudgear Road and Broadway extension in Walnut Creek. Please RSVP to Art (934-8391; [dnldsn@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dnldsn@sbcglobal.net)).

The **Friday, April 26** walk will be led by Allan Chasnoff. We'll gather at **8:15 AM**, at the lower parking lot of Arbolado Park in Walnut Creek. Please RSVP to Allan (933-6665; [achasnoff@hotmail.com](mailto:achasnoff@hotmail.com)).

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).

## 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)





## Br. 116 Book Club

Rich Black

(blackrw41@comcast.net)

### The Burning Barn

SIR Richard Black's historical novel, *The Burning Barn*, got a good going over at the March 25 meeting. Richard black led the discussion with Cord Hull, Lytton DeSilva, Al Reynolds, Dick Kauffman, John Riordan, Art Donaldson, Nick Bowles, Joel White, Allan Chasnoff, Jack Butler, Ken Sandy, Garrett Girvan and Bob Mathews participating. The book is historical fiction based on the civil war Missouri experiences of Richard's great grandfather and great grandmother. The group awarded the work 4.3 stars, although the rating may have been inflated by the presence of the author.

The group will next meet at Orinda Books at 10:15 AM on April 22 to discuss *The Coldest Winter: America and the Korean War*, by David Halberstam. Although the book is not available from the publisher, new and used copies are available from Amazon. The book is also available in Kindle format and numerous copies are on the shelves of the Contra Costa Library.

The Group will not meet in May because its' normal meeting date would be Memorial Day. It will meet twice in June, once on June 3 to discuss *The Next 100 Years: A forecast for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century* by George Friedman.



## 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.



## "Dine-O-Sir" Dinner Group

Ben Smith

(bjsssmith@aol.com)



The Dine-O-SIR group will be out to pasture during the month of April and May. The next get-together will take place in June, 2013. Our Branch will of course be holding our annual "Spring Fling" Ladies Day Lunch at Boundary Oaks Golf course on May 2, 2013, The party will start at 11:00 AM for a social time and lunch will be served at 12:00. Be sure and make your reservations for this outstanding event

Your Dine-Out committee is currently working on our June event. Stay tuned for all the upcoming details.



### Dining Out Jokes

Joke 1: A customer was continually bothering the waiter in a restaurant. First, he asked that the air conditioning be turned up because he was too hot, then he asked for it to be turned down because he was too cold, and so on for about half an hour. Surprisingly, the waiter was very patient, walking back and forth and never once getting angry. Finally, a second customer asked why they didn't just throw out the pest. 'Oh, I don't mind,' said the waiter with a calm smile. 'We don't even have air conditioning.'

Joke 2: A man had invited the vicar and his wife for dinner, and it was little Billy's job to set the table. But when it was time to eat, Billy's mother said with surprise, 'Why didn't you give Mrs Brown a knife and fork, dear?' 'I didn't think I needed to,' Billy explained. 'I heard Daddy say she always eats like a horse.'

## 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 Area 2 Travel Opportunities 2013

**May 9-19, 2013 Blues & Barbecue, New Orleans to Memphis.** (9 day excursion on the steamboat American Queen visiting the towns of Memphis, Natchez, Vicksburg, Helena and 3 nights New Orleans.) Costs range from \$4109 to \$5709 including air. John Pletsch, San Jose, Br 32&54, 408-274-2992 or Mike Console, 408-246-1080.

**Jun 1-9, 2013: Memphis to New Orleans on the American Queen.** 7 night cruise down the Mississippi with pre-cruise stay in Memphis with optional 2 day stay in New Orleans. Cruise includes RT airfare, all meals on board, wine or beer with dinner, daily lectures, nightly entertainment, shore tours, port tax, and transfers. Prices range from \$3658 to \$6486 subject to space available. Bob Spellman, Walnut Creek, Br 146, 925-934-8428

**June 4-16, 2013: French Waterways Cruise.** (13 day trip starting in Nice then travel to Arles and board ship for 10 day cruise. Ports include Burgundy, Provence area on the Rhone and Saone Rivers. You will visit many cities, wineries and World Heritage Sites. The cruise ends in Chalon-Saone with last night in Paris.) Pre & Post extensions available. Prices range from \$5300 to \$6000. Rich Schwarzmann, Sonoma, Br 172, 209-586-0777.

**Jun 19-26, 2013: Michigan, Mackinac Island & Chicago.** (This 8 day excursion starts in Detroit with visits to Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village, Motown Museum, Ford Rouge plant, then off to Mackinac Island with visits to Sleeping Bear Dunes, and Traverse City. The trip ends with a

complete tour of Chicago.) Cost \$3170 pp, Bill Kurtz, San Jose, Br 21, 408-268-8830 or Dick Kohl, 408-268-0428.

**Jul 10-17, 2013: The Canadian Rockies and the Calgary Stampede.** (7 day tour starting with flight to Calgary to attend Stampede Rodeo, after two day head to Banff for two nights including Lake Louise, then on to Jasper, Athabasca Glacier, and Edmonton before returning to S.F.) Cost \$2856 pp Dick Schally, Walnut Creek, Br 8, 925-260-5534.

**Jul 10-28, 2013: Baltic Cruise: London to St. Petersburg.** (Fly to London and board the Crown Princess for a 14 day Cruise with stops at Oslo, Gothenburg, Tallinn, St Petersburg, Helsinki, Stockholm, Copenhagen, and Brussels. Costs range from \$3950 to \$5445 pp, not including air fare which is not yet available.) Jim Hohenshelt, Sunnyvale, Br 62, 408-394-7226 or Roy Jordan 408-241-4421.

**Aug 17-24, 2013: Colorado Gold Mines & Ghost Towns.** ( Experience places in Colorado few get to see. It's off the highways and byways and into the wilderness. Tour includes round trip home pickup, 7 night hotel stay, admissions to all attractions, taxes, baggage handling. Costs \$2085 to \$2475 pp. Ralph Hunt, Mountain View, Br 153, 650-967-8467 or Alan Patmore, Br 125, 408-867-4197.

**Aug 18-24, 2013: Best of the Canyon Lands.** ( 6 nights touring the canyons of Utah and Arizona. You will visit Moab, Arches National Park, Mesa Verde Nat'l Park, Monument Valley and the Grand Canyon.) Tour includes accommodations, guide, gratuities, airport transfers. Cost \$2588 pp. John Pletsch San Jose, Br. 32 & 54, 408-274-2992.

### 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.



## Luncheon Speaker

By Little Sir Phil Goff  
(philgoff@yahoo.com)

Remember the Nuclear Power Plant disaster at Fukushima in Japan? We are honored to have Dr. Mark Bandstra of UC Berkeley talk about his as-



essment of the disaster and the radioactive measurements made after the incident.

Mark Bandstra did his undergraduate work at Harvard in High Energy Physics and completed his Doctorate in the UC Berkeley Nuclear Engineering Department.

Around March 17, 2011, trace amounts of radioactive isotopes from the Fukushima plant became detectable in California air and rainwater. A group of students, faculty, and postdocs in the UC Berkeley Nuclear Engineering Department began measuring these radioisotopes in our local environment and communicating the results to the public. Mark will discuss both the results of their measurements and the related public outreach effort, especially the concerns and misperceptions they heard from the public and how they responded.



## 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.



## Bridge

Milt Greenstein  
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The duplicate bridge group met on March 5th at the Diablo Valley Bridge Center, with 11 teams playing. First place was won by the team of Norm Schoenfeld / Barry Rauchle with 65.96 points out of a possible 120, ( 61.07 % ). Second place was taken by the team of Rudy Gebert / Bob Kahl ( 58.33% ), followed by Mike Corker / Milt Greenstein ( 55.99% ) and Conrad Robertson/ Dan Greenberg ( 55.08% ). Close !! A couple of tricks makes a big difference.

On March 12th, the lunch / bridge group met at Round Hill C.C. with 24 men enjoying a chicken picatta lunch and 3 hours of bridge. Lou Sandor with 6,330 points was our top score for the day, with Norm Schoenfeld second with 6,150. In third place was Dimitrious Argyriou with 4,670, followed by Jai Yee ( 4,490 ) and Bob Daily ( 4,260 ). One small slam was made today by Joel White playing with the roving dummy. Overall, today was another low scoring day with an average round of 575 points, almost 60 points lower than our last session.

On March 26th, the group met again at Diablo C.C. with 20 men enjoying a delicious spicy meatloaf lunch. Our top scorer today was Jack Butler with an outstanding score of 7,080, the best score of the year to date. Bob Daily took second place with 5,910 points, In third place was Ernie Sherne ( 5,60 ), then Lou Sandor ( 5,180 ) and Ron Wolberg ( 4,940 ). We had two small slams made today, Bob Kahl / Alvin Buchignani and Bill Sullivan / Dimitrious Argyriou. Interesting that none of the slam players were in the money today.

SECOND ALERT- Our first Ladies Day event for 2013 is coming up - April 16, 11:00 am at Diablo C.C., \$ 48 per couple includes lunch and prize money. Mark the date, sign up your partner, get your practice rounds in !

CALL ME TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATION:  
376.5589



# 2013



# SPRING FLING

FOR

## SIR BRANCH 116

A Special Luncheon for our Ladies (Replacing Regular May Lunch Meeting)

### The CLUBHOUSE at BOUNDARY OAK GOLF COURSE

#### Cocktails in the MIRAVISTA ROOM

3800 VALLEY VISTA ROAD WALNUT CREEK, CA 94598 PHONE 925-934-3600

## THURSDAY, May 2, 2013

11:00 No Host Social Hour

12:00 Sit-down Luncheon Served

**Fun! Entertainment! Special drink prices! Door prizes! Fun!**

### \$35.00 Per Person (includes tax and tip)

#### Menu

Entrée choice:

1) Braised BBQ Short Rib

2) Alaskan Halibut

3) Mushroom/Spinach Galette (Vegetarian)

(MENU INCLUDES SALAD, DESSERT & SEASONAL VEGETABLES)

Detach Here-----

### Spring Fling – Boundary Oak Golf Course

Must be received no later than April 26, 2013

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Beef \_\_\_ Halibut \_\_\_ Galette \_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Beef \_\_\_ Halibut \_\_\_ Galette \_\_\_

**Note: No table reservations this year; arrange your own seating partners**

Make Check to: SIR Branch 116

Number x \$35.00 = \$\_\_\_\_\_

Mail Check to: Jerry Christopherson 161 Kingsdale Drive, Walnut Creek, CA 94596

Phone: 925-939-3973 Email: jchris161k@aol.com



# SIR Branch 116 Golf

By Al Zavattero, Golf Chairman  
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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 [www.branch116.org/116-golf](http://www.branch116.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.

### 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.

## April 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

## April 18-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Mon. 01	9:30	Boundary Oak	Mel Williams
Mon. 08	9:00	Silverado North	John Peterson
Tue. 16	9:00	Lake Chabot	Mei Williams
Mon. 22	9:00	Rancho Solano	Mel Williams
Mon. 29	9:00	Mare Island	Mel Williams

# 18-Hole Results

## Dublin Ranch -- Monday March 25, 2013

Official Scorer:  
Conrad Robertson

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
Tie 1st	Al Zavattono	65 3	1st	Neil Schmidt	62 3	1st	Terry Legler	55 3	Tie 1st	Carl Langhorst	58 3
Tie 1st	Jimmy Johnson	65 3	2nd	Bob Testa	63 2	2nd	Jerry Hunter	56 2	Tie 1st	Frank Lockwood	58 3
Tie 3rd	David Carlson	66 1	Tie 3rd	Frank Crua	64 1	3rd	Hugh Duggan	60 1	3rd	Bill Hemmelsback	63 1
Tie 3rd	Bill McCord	66 1	Tie 3rd	John Story	64 1						
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
	Jimmy Johnson	77		Neil Schmidt	77		Terry Legler	78		Carl Langhorst	83

Closest to: Hole #6 - Dirk Meyer, Kenneth Binning -- Hole #13 - Paul Kim

## Callippe Preserve -- Tuesday March 19, 2013

Official Scorer:  
David C Harris

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
1st	Dirk Meyer	72 3	1st	Wayne Smith	71 3	1st	Alex Lutkus	71 3	1st	Terry Grummitt	66 3
2nd	Mel Williams	73 2	2nd	Tom Eller	74 2	Tie 2nd	Bob Donohue	72 2	2nd	Fred Schafer	73 2
Tie 3rd	Phil Goff	76 1	3rd	Jim Clizbe	77 1	Tie 2nd	John Peterson	72 2	3rd	Mark Jordon	74 1
Tie 3rd	David Harris	76 1									
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
	Dirk Meyer	89		Wayne Smith	92		Bob Donohue	97		Terry Grummitt	100

Closest to: Hole #6 - David Harris, Alex Lutkus -- Hole #13 - David Harris, Conrad Robertson

## Sequoyah Country Club -- Monday March 11, 2013

Official Scorer:  
Bernie Wroblewski

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
1st	Al Zavattono	67 3	1st	Wayne Smith	68 3	1st	Phil Jenkins	67 3	1st	Chuck Gilliam	60 3
2nd	Bill McCord	75 2	2nd	Richard Madden	71 2	2nd	Bernie Wroblewski	69 2	2nd	Carl Langhorst	65 2
Tie 3rd	Phil Goff	76 1	Tie 3rd	Lonny Randall	76 1	3rd	Ken Binning	74 1	Tie 3rd	Terry Grummitt	73 1
Tie 3rd	Dirk Meyer	76 1	Tie 3rd	Dick Socolich	76 1				Tie 3rd	Mark Jordan	73 1
									Tie 3rd	Terry Sherman	73 1
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
	Al Zavattono	86		Wayne Smith	90		Bernie Wroblewski	97		Chuck Gilliam	100
										Carl Langhorst	100

Closest to: Hole #5 - John Story, Jerry Hunter, guest Eric Kavert -- Hole #12 - Dirk Meyer, Mark Jordan, guest Kurk Reisinger

## Boundary Oak -- Monday March 4, 2013

Official Scorer:  
Phil Jenkins

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
1st	Jimmy Johnson	69 3	1st	Neil Schmidt	69 3	1st	Bob Donohue	69 3	1st	Chuck Gilliam	68 3
2nd	David Carlson	73 2	2nd	Frank Crua	70 2	2nd	Jerry Hunter	70 2	2nd	Robbie Robinson	69 2
Tie 3rd	Phil Goff	75 1	Tie 3rd	Jim Clizbe	76 1	Tie 3rd	Ken Binning	72 1	3rd	Mark Jordan	70 1
Tie 3rd	Mel Williams	75 1	Tie 3rd	John Story	76 1	Tie 3rd	Conrad Robertson	72 1			
						Tie 3rd	Al Serafino	72 1			
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
	Jimmy Johnson	84		Neil Schmidt	87		Bob Donohue	94		Robbie Robinson	101

Closest to: Hole #2 - Jim Clizbe, Carl Langhorst -- Hole #12 - Bill McCord, Jerry Hunter

## Crow Canyon Country Club -- Monday February 25, 2013

Official Scorer:  
Phil Perelli

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
1st	Mel Williams	66 3	1st	Lonny Randall	64 3	1st	Conrad Robertson	64 3	1st	Terry Grummitt	63 3
2nd	Jim Barstow	68 2	2nd	Wayne Smith	67 2	2nd	Hugh Duggan	66 2	Tie 2nd	Robbie Robinson	67 2
3rd	Al Zavattono	69 1	3rd	Frank Portillo	70 1	3rd	Phil Jenkins	70 1	Tie 2nd	Terry Sherman	67 2
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
	Mel Williams	84		Lonny Randall	83		Hugh Duggan	92		Terry Grummitt	99
										Terry Sherman	99

Closest to: Hole #8 - Wayne Smith, Terry Sherman -- Hole #12 - Frank Portillo, Conrad Robertson

## 2013 18-Hole Leader Board

FLIGHT 1		FLIGHT 2		FLIGHT 3		FLIGHT 4	
Index 0.0 - 15.9		Index 16.0 - 23.1		Index 23.2 - 29.0		Index 29.1 - 36.4	
NAME	POINTS	NAME	POINTS	NAME	POINTS	NAME	POINTS
Zavattero, Al	15	Schmidt, Neil	13	Hunter, Jerry	11	Gilliam, Chuck	12
Harris, David	11	Smith, Wayne	11	Jenkins, Phil	10	Grummitt, Terry	12
Williams, Mel	9	Crua, Frank	10	Lutkus, Alex	10	Robinson, Robbie	11
Barstow, Jim	8	Story, John	9	Robertson, Conrad	8	Jordan, Mark	8
Johnson, Jim	8	Testa, Bob	6	Donohue, Bob	6	Arena, Matt	6
Meyer, Dirk	8	Clizbe, Jim	5	Boswell, Gary	5	Langhorst, Carl	6
Goff, Phil	7	Randall, Lonny	4	Daniel, Jed	4	Lockwood, Frank	4
McCord, Bill	5	Tinguely, Pat	4	Serafino, Al	4	Schafer, Fred	4
Hicks, Jerry	4	Kawecki, Walt	3	Wroblewski, Bernie	4	Sherman, Terry	4
Carlson, David	3	Perrelli, Phil	3	Duggan, Hugh	3	Armijo, Ron	3
		Xavier, Carlos	3	Legler, Terry	3	Vogl, Art	2
		Eller, Tom	2	Binning, Ken	2	Hemmelsbach, Bill	1
		Madden, Richard	2	Conlon, Bob	2		
		Socolich, Dick	2	Peterson, John	2		
		Videle, Jim	2	Roberts, Don	2		
		Kim, Paul	1				
		Portillo, Frank	1				

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

The Golf Website address is:

[www.branch116.org/116-golf](http://www.branch116.org/116-golf)

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

2013 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 April 8	Silverado North	Mar-18	\$50
Tuesday April 16	Lake Chabot	Apr-6	\$27
Monday April 22	Rancho Solano	Apr-13	\$42
Monday April 29	Mare Island	Apr-20	\$34
Monday May 6	* SE - San Ramon	May-11	\$34
Wednesday May 15	Paradise Valley	May-18	\$43

\* San Ramon is a "Special Event" -- guests pay 38, but do not win prizes

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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### **Non Responsibility Declaration**

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

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### **Checks for Trips**

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