



# Trampas Topics

August, 2013

SIR Branch 116

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



Ah, the lazy, crazy days of summer! Here we are already in August and feel the temperatures rising. One way to keep out of the heat would be for all of you to take part of SIR's indoor activities. There's Book Club, Bridge, Computer & Tech, Bowling, (always cool fun), and Table Pool. When I think of the summers of my youth, I couldn't get enough of it. Now, we can replay those days with our grandkids or great-grandkids, if we can get them away from their computer games or i-pads. When my wife and I were on vacation two years ago to places like Yellowstone National Park, Mount Rushmore, Grand Tetons, etc. we couldn't believe how many children were there with their grandparents. How about you? Any road trips planned with the little ones?

Attendance at the July 15th SIR Meeting: We had a rather disappointing attendance of 174 or 69% of the membership. The goal of attendance is at least 70% of active members. I realize that there are a lot of vacationers and other reasons but hopefully, August 19th meeting attendance will be a tad better. Thus far we have been running 74% to 84% through the year. I realize all of you have your commitments, just want to keep you all abreast of what the attendance situation is.

Once again Phil Goff came across with a winner guest speaker at the July meeting. For those of you that were unable to attend, you missed out on an extremely dynamic, informative speaker commenting on every aspect of wine production, marketing, and distribution as well as tasting. He is a co-owner of a winery in New Zealand and is also a wine importer. Note: Don't be afraid of screw top bottles. I tip my glass (Merlot) to you Phil. Good going!

Carson City Golf Getaway: The entry deadline of August 21st for this outstanding event is rapidly approaching. The event takes place September 4-6 and includes 2 days of golf, 3 dinners with open bar, 3 nights lodging, prizes, gaming, and ladies daytime activities.

Continue to have a great summer, try to stay cool, and I'll see you all August 19th at the SIR meeting.

*Art Vogl* Big SIR



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# SIR Branch 116 Activity Calendar

## August 2013

Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
				1	2	3
4	<b>18-Hole Golf</b> (9:30@ Boundary Oak GC)	<b>Duplicate Bridge</b> (9:00@ Diablo Valley Bridge Ctr)	<b>9-Hole Golf</b> (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC)	8	<b>Hiking &amp; Walking</b> (8:15@ Lafayette Reservoir Parking Lot)	10
11	<b>18-Hole Golf</b> (9:30@ Boundary Oak GC)	<b>Luncheon Bridge</b> (11:30@ Round Hill GC)	<b>9-Hole Golf</b> (10:00@ Pine Meadow GC)	<b>Computer &amp; Tech</b> (9:00@ Elks Club)	16	17
18	<b>SIR Br 116 Mtg.</b> (11:30@ Elks Club)	<b>18-Hole Golf</b> (12:00@ Rossmoor CC) <b>Poker Group 2</b> (1:00@ Diablo CC) <b>Dine-O-SIR</b> (6:00@ Peasant & The Pear)	<b>9-Hole Golf</b> (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC)	<b>Fishing</b> (8:30@ Lendend Sports Bar, Diablo Creek GC)	<b>Hiking &amp; Walking</b> (10:00@ Rite Aid, Orinda)	24
25	<b>18-Hole Golf</b> (9:30@ Blue Rock East GC) <b>Book Group Mtg.</b> (10:15@ Orinda Books)	<b>Luncheon Bridge</b> (11:30@ Diablo CC) <b>Dine-O-SIR</b> (6:00@ Peasant & The Pear)	<b>9-Hole Golf</b> (10:00@ Diablo Hills GC) <b>\$ums Investment</b> (8:00@ Diablo Creek GC)	29	30	31



## Membership

Andy Benz  
(anbenz@aol.com)

### SIR 116 Membership Status

Total Current Members:	254
Last Month's Inductees:	3
Those in Interview Stage:	2
Total in Process:	5
On Inactive Status:	53
Left the Branch:	1
Waiting to be Installed:	0



## Br. 116 Treasurer's Report

John Peterson, Treasurer  
(delanaimp@aol.com)

	<u>July 2013</u>	<u>2013 YTD</u>
Contributions	\$ 6,534.00	\$ 43,782.62
Disbursements	\$ (8,534.10)	\$ (39,601.11)
Net (gain/(loss))	\$ (2,000.11)	\$ 4,181.51
July Cash Balance		\$ 8,906.76

## August Birthdays

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

- |                     |                    |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Jim Barstow      | 12. Terry Grummitt |
| 2. Bert Berthold    | 13. Larry Johnson  |
| 3. John Braun       | 14. Frank Krol     |
| 4. Dick Breitwieser | 15. Wiliam Landers |
| 5. Don Cochran      | 16. Don McQueen    |
| 6. Peter Coggiola   | 17. Kirk McVean    |
| 7. Kent Cremolini   | 18. Otto Rinkert   |
| 8. Frank Crua       | 19. Roger Smith    |
| 9. Bob Donohue      | 20. Bill Turnquist |
| 10. Tim Dorr        | 21. Herman Walden  |
| 11. Paul Freitas    | 22. Joel White     |

Want a Free Lunch ?  
Sponsor a New Member !



## Lunch Attendance

Jim Nachtweih  
(majnacht@sbcglobal.net)

Attendance at the July 15th meeting:

Total:	174
Members:	166
Visitors:	1
Speakers:	1
Guests:	7
Excused:	67
Un-Excused:	21

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

## REMINDER

To cancel your standing Luncheon reservation, please call Luncheon Hotline (925-806-8874) no later than Thursday AM in the previous week.

## August Luncheon Menu

Grilled Ham Steak with Rum Raisin Sauce  
Garlic Roasted Red Potatoes  
Veggie, Salad  
Roll/Butter  
Dessert/Coffee/Ice Tea

## 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/)

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



## Sunshine Report

**Matt Arena**

(marena@astound.net)

Sir **Larry Johnson** is recovering from his bike accident. He was confined to a reclining chair to sleep because of the painful rib injury. He is now able to sleep in his bed. He is thankful for small favors.

Sir **Tim Dorr** has returned after much surgery and a long rehab. It was great to see him at our last luncheon.

Sir **Alex Lutkus** found himself in John Muir Hospital dealing with a very high temperature. He was admitted on Saturday and discharged on Monday. He is doing follow up with his doctor to see what caused his problem. He should have his answer after his visit with the urologist. Alex is feeling much better and getting his strength back.

Sir **Carl Cline** is dealing with the after effects following his stroke. He had a minor stroke which returned him to the hospital. He is at home receiving therapy. Carl is a fighter and he will beat this set back.

Sir **Pat Bermingham** returned to lunch this month after his hip surgery. He is using a cane primarily for balance. Pat was already at his station greeting our members at the door to the lodge.

Past Big Sir **Courtney Borrecco** had every good intention to join us for lunch but at the last minute he was not able to make it. We look forward to seeing Courtney at the August Luncheon.

Sir **Len Komor**- A Super Senior -is doing well following a surgery on his side and back. He is now doing the necessary work of changing dressing to assure a complete recover.

FRAME EVERY DISASTER WITH THESE WORDS  
'IN FIVE YEARS WILL THIS MATTER?' .....



## Wine Appreciation Group

**Jack Bevis**

(jackb435@comcast.net)

A very small and very congenial group met on July 25th at the home of Dick and Gail Breitwieser for the July Wine Appreciation event. Only four couples attended making it the smallest gathering in the history of the group. But what it lacked in size it made up for with very enjoyable, spirited and knowledgeable conversation.

Dick explained that his theme for the day would be using a new source of supply instead of the usual, Costco or BevMo. He did his shopping at Esquin wine Merchants in Seattle Washington. Esquin supplied an interesting topic of conversation as well as five affordable and drinkable wines. The favorite wine was a red. Casarena 505 'Essencia' Cab/Malbec 2011. Dick intentionally stayed away from the usual Cabernet Sauvignon and Chardonnay.

Our every- other- month schedule means that the next event will be on Sept. 26th. We would be happy to have you come and join us. Call Jack Bevis at 925-254-7256.



## 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)

## Hiking & Walking

Joel White  
(zpz2mrz@yahoo.com)



On July 12, twelve energetic walkers (**led by past Big Sir Art Donaldson**) and one service dog met at Panera Bread in Countrywood Shopping Center in Walnut Creek for a one hour walk along the regional parks trail to Walden Park. Weather conditions were excellent and all enjoyed brunch and conversation afterwards. Pictured from left to right are Colleen Geary, Mary Alice Donaldson, Dan Green, Dianne Fohrman, Andrea Green, Gail Riordan, John Riordan, Linda Chasnoff (with Tzeitel in her lap), Alan Chasnoff, Marty Fohrman, David Geary and (behind camera) Art Donaldson.

The **Friday, August 9** walk will be led by **Rich Black**. The walk will commence at 8:15am at the west end of the Lafayette Reservoir parking lot. Please RSVP to Rich blackrw@comcast.net, 283-8376.

The regular **Friday, August 23** walk will be led by **Dan Green**. **PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE**. We will meet at **10:00 am** in the parking lot of Rite Aid in Orinda (27 Orinda Way) to carpool to Oakland for a one hour walk on the trail around Lake Merritt. After our walk, we will have lunch at the Lake Chalet Seafood Bar and Grill, with a view of Lake Merritt. Then we will drive back to Orinda. RSVP to Dan Green at (925) 376-7087 or as-dgreen@comcast.net .

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

## Luncheon Speaker

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



In August our speaker will be Gail Murray who is elected to the BART Board of Directors. Gail represents District 1 which includes Clayton, Concord, Danville, Lafayette, Martinez, San Ramon and Walnut Creek. Gail was first elected in 2004 and has been re-elected in 2008 and 2012.

Gail will talk about the current status of BART and future plans that will impact the Walnut Creek area.

Gail has been Mayor, Council Member, Planning Commissioner and Transportation Commissioner for the city of Walnut Creek. She holds a BA from San Jose State University and an MPA from Harvard University.

## Br. 116 Book Club

Rich Black  
(blackrw41@comcast.net)



### *The Future of Freedom* by Fareed Zakaria

Fareed Zakaria warns that to protect the freedoms democracy offers, democracy must be constantly monitored and regulated. History has shown that existing and nascent democracies, by limiting freedoms, have transformed from "liberal" to "illiberal" democracies and ultimately to autocracies. In a spirited discussion most of the book group felt that Islamic terrorism would ultimately fail and therefore not imperil those freedoms offered in a liberal democracy. Al Reynolds recommended this book and led the discussion which was also attended by Lytton DeSilva, Cord Hull, Jack Butler, Paul Frietas, Jerry Christopherson, Garret Girvan, Nick Bowles, Art Donaldson, Bob Matthews, and Jim Scott. The book was awarded 4.0 stars. The Group will next meet on August 26 to discuss *A Year in the Life of William Shakespeare* by James Shapiro.



## 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 26th, 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.

Salmon fishing from Bodega Bay, Carl Moyer, Ekk Keller, Terry Miller, John Wall, Barry Rauchle, and Gordon Linebaugh got beautiful salmon to 25 lbs on a SIR outing. Our oldest SIR, John Wall, fittingly caught the two biggest fish. When the ocean settles and the fish show, the salmon fishing has been very good, and we have high expectations for the rest of the season. Karl Droese and Paul Dubow got Mackinaw trout from Lake Tahoe. Mike Corker got a keeper striper in Honker Bay. ing cod from the big pond. Kent Cremolini and

Terry Miller and Carl Moyer got nice rockfish and Barry Rauchle were upon the not so peaceful Pacific Ocean for 5 days on a long range trip from San Diego. They caught blue fin and yellow fin tuna and yellowtail. There were 5 blue fins over 100 pounds caught, but our stalwart anglers did not get any of those. Bill Landers took a friends grandson out on the delta and he caught several black bass. Another fisherman joins us.

We will be very busy this summer with: delta fishing for bass, catfish, and sturgeon; trout, king and kokanee salmon in mountain lakes and rivers; salmon, halibut and rock fish from the ocean; as well as some distant forays to Mexico, Canada, and Alaska.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, August 22, 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) or Harry Sherinian (925-846-7067)



Area 2 SIR Salmon Catch at Bodega Bay



The Area 2 Computer and Technology Group advises all Sirs and their guests that our next meeting will be a trip to the Computer Museum in Mountain View on August 15. Their museum website is at <http://www.computerhistory.org> if you want to preview the attractions. We have asked for a docent lead tour so need to let them know How Many of us to expect. Spouses (and SO's) definitely welcomed.

Some members signed up at the July 18 meeting, and an email will shortly offer signups to all. The cost for our special docent lead tour is \$16 and this must be paid **AT THE LATEST 10 DAYS BEFORE THE TRIP** ie by August 5th! No refunds after August 5th as the final payment will be made on that date.

The initial plan is to car-share leaving Walnut Creek 9:15 for our scheduled tour at 10:45am. The Museum has a great cafeteria (report from Branch 171 members who visited a couple of years ago) and there are other restaurants in the area. The departure time may be adjusted to an earlier time, but any change will be notified to participants beforehand.

The Area 2 Computer and Technology Group reminds all Sirs and their guests that the following meeting at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge will be on Thursday, **SEPTEMBER 19th** at 9:30 am. We hope to offer a presentation about the important topic of Home Security Systems. We are inviting a speaker from ATT who can describe to us the state-of-the-art in terms of controlling a system from a smart phone or tablet, as well as the more usual demands of a security system.



The Area 2 \$ums Investment Group will meet on Wednesday August 28, 2013, 8:00 AM at the Diablo Creek Golf course, 4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord. Our speaker will be one of one of own SIRs, David Munson from Branch 174. David has studied the government and other public economic web sites for many years in order to make better investment decisions based on present conditions. David's presentation will be "How to understand the U.S Budget." David spent 35 years as an International Banker working in Europe and Asia as well as domestic assignments with Wells Fargo, Bank of America and Bank of Hawaii. David is an excellent speaker and brings an intimate amount of knowledge to his presentation.

The Legends restaurant opens at the course opens at 7:00 AM so plan to have an enjoyable breakfast with your colleagues. Plan to bring a guest or a prospective SIR to let them know about our Investment Group and enjoy an informative presentation.



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-Sirs are all set for the Herd to meet for an upcoming 2 night event at the award

Winning PEASANT & THE PEAR restaurant in heart of Danville. This intimate small restaurant will host our SIR group on two evenings-Tuesday, August 20 and Tuesday August 27, 2013. We will have to limit reservations to 50 people each evening. Social time will start at 6 PM with dinner served at 6:45 PM. A flyer will be sent to all Dine-O-Sir's with all the details for reservations. You may e-mail your reservation request to Ben Smith (bjsssmith@aol.com) and they will be held for 5 days pending payment. The cost per person is \$35 PP, tax and gratuity included. Reservations are confirmed on a first to pay basis.

The menu will consist of:

First Course- Chopped Caesar salad

Your Choice of Entree:

- Summer Chicken-Fennel dusted organic "Rocky" boneless half chicken, herb mashed potatoes, sautéed green beans w/sherry vinegar Jus.
- Petrale Sole-Herb mashed potatoes, sautéed green beans with lemon beurre blanc.
- 6oz. Angus reserve New York steak-Herb mashed potatoes, sautéed green beans with bordelaise sauce

Dessert- Puff Pastry baked with pears & cinnamon streusel, with vanilla ice cream drizzled with caramel sauce.

We will enjoy a wine bar in a patio area, with special prices on select wine and Bar call drinks.

The Peasant & the Pear is located at 267 Hartz Ave. Danville, CA 94526. Free public parking is available in a large lot behind the restaurant.

These two events should prove to be great dine-out affairs and they should sell out quickly, so make your reservations as soon as possible.



## Bridge

**Milt Greenstein**

(margmilt@comcast.net)

The duplicate bridge group met on July 2nd at the Diablo Valley Bridge Center, with 9 teams playing. First place was won by the team of Fred Cochran / Bob Wolf with 44.50 points out of a possible 72, (61.57%). Second place was taken by the team of Bill Sullivan / Jack Butler (61.11%), followed by Marv DeHeus / Milt Greenstein (52.78%) and Norm Schoenfeld/ Dan Green (50.69%).

On July 9th, the lunch / bridge group met at Round Hill C.C. with 28 men enjoying lunch and 3 hours of bridge. Jerry Christopherson with 5,960 points was our top score for the day, with Milt Greenstein second with 5,620. In third place was Phil Paris with 4,660, followed by Bob Wolf at 4,620 and Hal Redsun (4,370). We only had 1 small slam today by the team of Jerry Christopherson / Ron Wohlberg.

On July 23rd, the group met again at Diablo C.C. for a sirloin steak lunch and bridge. Top score for the day was 5,790 points by Oscar Krikorian, followed by Charlie Schmidt with 5,720 points. Rounding out the top 5 scores included Ernie Scherne (4,850), Milt Greenstein (4,710) and Ron Wohlberg (4,620). We had no slams today.

**First alert !** Our next Ladies Day event is coming up soon. OCTOBER 15. Get your act together and be ready.



## 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.

## 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 2013-14

**August 28- September 7, 2013**

#### **SIR 55th Anniversary Alaska Cruise**

Save this date for a celebration! Sons In Retirement will be celebrating its 55th anniversary with a 10 day round-trip cruise from San Francisco to Alaska on the Princess Cruise Line. Prices range from \$1579 to \$3300 depending on accommodations. This should be a great opportunity to spend time with fellow members while enjoying the wonderful scenery that Alaska offers. There are already 100 cabins reserved. The cost includes: Gratuities on the ship, Ship Board Credit, Cocktail Party, Hospitality Suite, Transportation to and from the Pier, Wine and Gifts, and an Alaska Salmon Bake Excursion. If you need flyers or more information contact Sonoma Travel at 707-763-1545.

August 18-24, 2013

#### **Best of the Canyon Lands**

#### **Spend six days touring the canyons of Utah & AZ**

You will visit Moab, Arches National Park, Mesa Verde National Park, Monument Valley and the Grand Canyon. Tour includes a guide and r/t air. Cost is \$2588 PPDO. Offered by Branches 32 & 54. Call John Pletsch at 408-274-2992.



**September 12-21, 2013:**

#### **Sorrento Italy Tour**

Tour highlights include an overnight stay out-bound in Boston and 7 nights at the 4-star Hotel Michelangelo in Sorrento. We will visit the Museum of Correale, spend a full day on the Isle of Capri, see the lost city of Pompeii, tour the Royal Palace and the magnificent grounds and gardens of Caserta & Montecassino and visit the famous hill-top Abbey of Montecassino which was destroyed during WW II and rebuilt again. A three day Rome extension option is available. Cost is \$3795 PPDO. Offered by Branch 96 Travel. Call Lee Suess at 209-296-2235 or Gary De Rosa 209-296-4934.

**Oct 18, 2013: SIR**

#### **Day at the Races.**

It's that time to again enjoy horse racing at Golden Gate Fields. Cost \$29.00 pp which includes: admission, reserve parking, daily race program, great buffet lunch and tax & tips. It's a great entertainment value. Contact Bob Spellman 934-8428

**Jan 9, 2014:**

#### **Cuba: Music, Culture & the Roots of Revolution.**

A people to people program that visits Santiago de Cuba a cultural melting pot of Afro-Cuban traditions as well as Baracoa an unspoiled gem on the coast. The Cuban capital will also be included. The cost of \$5295 includes RT airfare, all accommodations, 28 meals, private motorcoach, and English speaking guide. Contact Russ Aubry, Br. 171, 510-644-2692 for more information.

### **Additional SIR Travel Opportunities on State Web**

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

## New Branch 116 Members



Sponsor Marty Ratterree with  
New Member Roger Craig



Sponsor Dick Socolich with  
New Member John Braun



Sponsor Bruce Adair with  
New Member Harry Kinney



## CARSON CITY GOLF GETAWAY – 2013



The entry deadline for the Carson City Golf Getaway (September 4, 5, & 6) is fast approaching, so get your check and entry form in because this is one event you don't want to miss. For your convenience **the entry form is on page 12 of this issue of the "Trampas Tropics"** and also on the golf web site.

Past participants consider this to be the best golfing event of the year. The golf courses are excellent, the food is great, the cocktails are hosted, there are many free raffle prizes, the ladies have a bridge event; plus there are lots of sights to visit in the area and shopping galore for the ladies. All inclusive for one very reasonable price !

Remember guests are more than welcome so invite them to join you in Carson City. We hope to see you there in September. A fun time is guaranteed and who knows you might get lucky if you enjoy gambling as the Casino awaits.

**Monday, August 19 is the last SIR luncheon prior to the deadline for signing up and bringing your check.** We have a specific deadline with the hotels in order to get enough rooms, so it would be greatly appreciated if you can get your check in within the next 2 weeks.

If you have any questions please contact Tim Hubbard at 944-0742 or by e-mail at [tthubbs@astound.net](mailto:tthubbs@astound.net).

# SIR BRANCH 116

## 2013 CARSON CITY GOLF GETAWAY

### SEPTEMBER 4-5-6, 2013



Sept. 5 at Dayton Valley 8:30 Shotgun  
 Sept. 6 at Eagle Valley West (Men) 8:00 Shotgun  
 Sept. 6 at Eagle Valley East (Ladies) 8:30 Tees

36 holes of golf, including cart



#### Staying at Hardman House

Includes continental breakfast  
 Golfer.....\$365.00 Double Occupancy  
 Non-Golfer.....\$260.00 Dbl Occupancy  
 Single.....\$464.00

#### Staying at the City Center Motel

Golfer..... \$329.00 Double Occupancy  
 Non-Golfer.... \$224.00 Dbl Occupancy  
 Single..... \$371.00

**ALSO INCLUDES:**

Open bar and buffet dinner all 3 nights  
 Golf balls, tee prizes and raffle prizes  
 Food, gaming and bar coupons

Prize money of \$15.00 collected upon arrival

**Entry deadline is August 21**



Mail to: **Tim Hubbard**  
**1744 Carriage Drive**  
**Walnut Creek, CA 94598**



**Non-Golfers!!**  
**A Ladies Bridge Event is being planned**  
**Please indicate your interest below\*\***

**Please complete the form and circle your selections**  
**Hardman House or City Center Motel**

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Golfer Non-Golfer \*\*

2. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Golfer Non-Golfer \*\*

Golfer's NCGA GHIN # 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to cover my reservation

Please make checks payable to *SIR Branch 116 Golf*

Your e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\* I'm Interested in Playing Bridge – One Day or Both Days (circle choice)

For Questions: e-mail Tim at [tthubbs@astound.net](mailto:tthubbs@astound.net)  
 or call (925) 944-0742

# SIR 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 [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.

## 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.

## 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.



## August 9-Hole Schedule

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

## August 18-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Mon. 05	9:30	Boundary Oak	Bill McCord
Mon. 12	9:30	Boundary Oak	Bill McCord
Tue. 20	12:00	Rossmoor	Bill McCord
Mon. 26	9:30	Blue Rock East	Bill McCord

# 18-Hole Results

## Metropolitan -- Monday July 22, 2013

Official Scorer:  
Bob Testa

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
Tie 1st	Phil Goff	66 3	1st	Lonny Randall	72 3	1st	Hugh Duggan	64 3	1st	Mark Jordan	67 3
Tie 1st	Jim Johnson	66 3	2nd	Jim Clizbe	73 2	2nd	Jon Rasmussen	67 2	2nd	Ron Armijo	68 2
3rd	Jim Barstow	70 1	3rd	Norm Alberts	75 1	3rd	Jerry Hunter	70 1	3rd	Matt Arena	72 1
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
	Jim Johnson	81		Lonny Randall	92		Hugh Duggan	87		Mark Jordan	96

Closest to: Hole #8 - Frank Crua, Jon Rasmussen -- Hole #12 - Jimmy Johnson, Jon Rasmussen

## Mare Island -- Tuesday July 16, 2013

Official Scorer:  
Conrad Robertson

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
1st	Jim Barstow	66 3	1st	Frank Crua	71 3	1st	Hugh Duggan	64 3	1st	Matt Arena	66 3
2nd	Bill McCord	68 2	2nd	Bob Testa	75 2	2nd	Al Serafino	68 2	2nd	Chuck Gilliam	68 2
3rd	Mel Williams	70 1	3rd	John Story	78 1	3rd	Jon Rasmussen	70 1	3rd	Fred Schafer	71 1
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
	Jim Barstow	81		Frank Crua	93		Hugh Duggan	87		Matt Arena	98

Closest to: Hole #3 Jim Barstow, Fred Schafer -- Hole #17 - Jim Barstow, Hugh Duggan

## Crow Canyon Country Club -- Monday July 8, 2013

Official Scorer:  
Hugh Duggan

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
1st	Bill Clark	60 3	1st	John Story	65 3	1st	Conrad Robertson	65 3	1st	Fred Schafer	67 3
2nd	Alan Fitzgerald	65 2	Tie 2nd	Bob Nichols	67 2	2nd	Alex Lutkus	66 2	Tie 2nd	Mark Jordan	68 2
3rd	Harry Oberle	67 1	Tie 2nd	Neil Schmidt	67 2	Tie 3rd	Al Satake	69 1	Tie 2nd	Ron Armijo	68 2
						Tie 3rd	Pete Coggiola	69 1			
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
	Bill Clark	79		Neil Schmidt	85		Jed Daniel	94		Mark Jordan	98

Closest to: Hole #8 Neil Schmidt -- Hole #12 - Bob Nichols, Jerry Hunter

## Boundary Oak -- Monday July 1, 2013

Official Scorer:  
Jim Videle

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
1st	Phil Goff	71 3	1st	Bob Testa	70 3	1st	Bernie Wroblewski	65 3	1st	Art Vogl	66 3
Tie 2nd	Jim Barstow	73 2	2nd	Lonny Randall	72 2	2nd	Bob Donohue	70 2	2nd	Matt Arena	67 2
Tie 2nd	Harry Oberle	73 2	3rd	Jim Videle	73 1	Tie 3rd	Phil Jenkins	71 1	3rd	Ron Armijo	68 1
Tie 2nd	Al Zavattero	73 2				Tie 3rd	Alex Lutkus	71 1			
						Tie 3rd	Conrad Robertson	71 1			
						Tie 3rd	Al Serafino	71 1			
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
	Jim Barstow	88		Lonny Randall	92		Bernie Wroblewski	90		Matt Arena	100

Closest to: Hole #2 - Phil Goff, Chuck Gilliam -- Hole #12 - Al Zavattero, Art Vogl



## 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	29	Schmidt, Neil	25	Hunter, Jerry	33	Gilliam, Chuck	24
Barstow, Jim	26	Smith, Wayne	23	Jenkins, Phil	23	Robinson, Robbie	24
Harris, David	21	Crua, Frank	22	Robertson, Conrad	20	Grummitt, Terry	22
Goff, Phil	20	Clizbe, Jim	21	Lutkus, Alex	19	Jordan, Mark	21
Williams, Mel	20	Story, John	21	Serafino, Al	15	Arena, Matt	17
Johnson, Jim	19	Testa, Bob	20	Duggan, Hugh	14	Schafer, Fred	17
McCord, Bill	14	Randall, Lonny	14	Rasmussen, Jon	14	Langhorst, Carl	16
Carlson, David	13	Eller, Tom	8	Donohue, Bob	9	Armijo, Ron	15
Oberle, Harry	11	Videle, Jim	7	Wroblewski, Bernie	9	Vogl, Art	10
Meyer, Dirk	10	Xavier, Carlos	5	Boswell, Gary	8	Lockwood, Frank	9
Hicks, Jerry	9	Tinguely, Pat	4	Coggiola, Peter	8	Sherman, Terry	4
Clark, Bill	5	Ferm, David	3	Daniel, Jed	4	Chasnoff, Allan	3
Fitzgerald, Alan	2	Kawecki, Walt	3	Legler, Terry	4	Hemmelsbach, Bill	1
		Kim, Paul	3	Peterson, John	4		
		Perrelli, Phil	3	Binning, Ken	2		
		Madden, Richard	2	Chaffee, Dick	2		
		Nichols, Bob	2	Conlon, Bob	2		
		Socolich, Dick	2	Powell, Troy	2		
		Alberts, Norm	1	Roberts, Don	2		
		King, Paul	1	Satake, Al	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
Tuesday, Aug. 20	Rossmoor	Aug-10	\$36/\$48
Monday, Aug. 26	Blue Rock East	Aug-19	\$36
Tuesday, Sept. 17	Paradise Valley	Sep-08	\$43
Monday, Sept. 23	Napa Kennedy	Sep-16	\$35
Monday, Sept. 30	Rancho Solano	Sep-21	\$42

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.