



# Art Vogl- Big SIR Trampas Topics

December, 2013

SIR Branch 116

Next Meeting: 11:30 am,  
Monday, January 20, 2014  
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

Oh my goodness, here it is already December, the occasion of the SIRs Christmas Dinner Dance December 17th and the passing of the gavel from Big SIR to the new 2014 Big SIR. You all know that I was a bit apprehensive about being Big SIR for the first ten or eleven months but after that, everything seems to have fit into place.



So, in parting, let me say with pride that together, we were able to bring Branch 116 into good shape--well enough to receive a citation

in October for the Best Branch out of 31 branches in the Region. I owe this prestigious recognition not only to all of my Executive Officers and Directors, but to all of the volunteers in the Branch. One doesn't run a SIR Branch without volunteers. We have many activities to keep the Branch active and with those activities we need volunteers. We have them here in spades, so congratulations and thanks to all.

For you new inductees, we know who you are, all 32 of you this year, and we expect you to all jump in and join in the fun. I know your sponsors have told you of all the various activities you can join in and this is why you're here—so have fun!

Throughout the year, Little SIR Phil Goff (soon to be Big SIR) has provided our lunches with some really good and some really excellent speakers...a most important function of the Little SIRship. I was extremely impressed, and I hear most of you were also, by our latest speaker, Wayne Korsinen, who spoke about Pearl Harbor. It really provided me with an insight into the pre-attack on Pearl Harbor rather than the standard narrative of the attack itself on Pearl Harbor. In speaking with Wayne privately, he also mentioned he is deeply involved with the lighting of the beacon on top of Mt. Diablo on each December 7th in commemoration of the attack.

Once again, I can only attribute the success of Branch 116 this year to all of you. Without your support and devotion to the Branch there would be no Branch at all and if you were to research the branches overall, you'd see that many others have met their demise.

I leave my post with a great feeling of accomplishment, because of all of you standing by me and supporting me, especially my Executive Officers and Directors and Committee Chairmen. Thanks guys! With that, I hope to see you at the Christmas Dinner Dance and wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

*Art Vogl, Big SIR*



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to bring a guest.***

## 2013 SIR 116 Officers & Directors



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## 2013 SIR 116 Committee Chairmen

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#1. Doug Aalders, Matt Arena, Art Donaldson, Lou Sandor

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## 2013 SIR Area 2 (Inter-branch) Committee Chairmen

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Publicity	Walt Schick (Br.8)	934-0656	Sums Retirement	Allen Espenmiller (A.2)	376-3977

# SIR Branch 116 Activity Calendar

## December 2013

Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
1	2 <b>18-Hole Golf</b> (9:30@ Contra Costa CC) <b>Book Group Mtg.</b> (10:15@ Orinda Books)	3 <b>Duplicate Bridge</b> (9:00@ Diablo Valley Bridge Ctr)	4 <b>9-Hole Golf</b> (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC)	5	6	7
8	9 <b>18-Hole Golf</b> (9:30@ Boundary Oak GC)	10 <b>Luncheon Bridge</b> (11:30@ Round Hill CC)	11 <b>9-Hole Golf</b> (10:00@ Pine Meadow GC)	12	13 <b>Hiking Group</b> (8:15@ Sweet Affair Bakery, WC)	14
15	16 <b>18-Hole Golf</b> (10:32@ Diablo Creek GC)	17 <b>Christmas Dinner Dance</b> (6:00@ Crow Canyon CC) <b>Poker Group 2</b> (1:00@ Diablo CC)	18 <b>9-Hole Golf</b> (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC)	19 <b>Fishing Group</b> (8:30@ Legends-Diablo Crk)	20	21
22	23 <b>18-Hole Golf</b> (9:30@ Delta View GC)	24	25 <b>Christmas</b> 	26	27 <b>Hiking Group</b> (No formal walk schedule d. See newsletter Pg. 8)	28
29	30	31 <b>New Years Eve</b>	<b>HAPPY HOLIDAYS</b> 			



## Membership

Andy Benz  
(anbenz@aol.com)

### SIR 116 Membership Status

Total Current Members:	254
Last Month's Inductees:	7
Those in Interview Stage:	0
Total in Process:	7
On Inactive Status:	60
Left the Branch:	1
Waiting to be Installed:	0



## Br. 116 Treasurer's Report

John Peterson, Treasurer  
(delanaimp@aol.com)

	Nov. 2013	2013 YTD
Contributions	\$ 5,162.00	\$ 59,142.62
Disbursements	\$ (6,291.62)	\$ (59,298.03)
Net (gain/(loss))	\$ (1,129.62)	\$ (155.41)
November Cash Balance		\$ 4,569.84

## December Birthdays

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

- |                   |                      |
|-------------------|----------------------|
| 1. John Antczak   | 12. Dave Harris      |
| 2. Skip Berkson   | 13. Larry Heaton     |
| 3. Pat Bermingham | 14. Tim Hubbard      |
| 4. Bill Best      | 15. Norm Jokerst     |
| 5. Nick Bowles    | 16. Phil Jenkins     |
| 6. Jack Butler    | 17. Walt Karvecki    |
| 7. Allan Chasnoff | 18. Len Komor        |
| 8. Ed Cole        | 19. Bob Milano       |
| 9. Joe Collins    | 20. Conrad Robertson |
| 10. Marv DeHeus   | 21. Wayne Smith      |
| 11. Jim Gleason   | 22. Doug Waterman    |

Want a Free Lunch ?  
Sponsor a New Member !



## Lunch Attendance

Jim Nachtweih  
(majnacht@sbcglobal.net)

Attendance at the October 21th meeting:

Total:	191
Members:	183
Visitors:	0
Speakers:	1
Guests:	7
Excused:	52
Un-Excused:	14

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.

## 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)

## Do You Want to Receive Hardcopies of the Trampas Topics?

For Branch 116 members who don't like reading electronic issues on the Trampas Topics, you can select to get hardcopy distribution of the newsletter. The subscription price for receiving printed copies of the "Topics", sent to you each month in the mail, is \$20/year. If you want to receive, or to continue receiving printed copies in Year 2014, send a \$20 check now, payable to "SIR Branch 116", to our new 2014 Treasurer:

Carl Langhorst  
120 Mount Whitney Way  
Clayton, CA 94517



## Sunshine Report

**Matt Arena**

(marena@astound.net)

Sir **Carl Cline** is out and about following almost a year of therapy. Both He and Karen attended the final Wine Tasting Group Event for 2013.

Sir **Doug Brown** is now at home since recovering from a knee operation with complications. His wife Charlotte was also in treatment at the same facility and she could be discharged by the middle of December. Doug can't wait for the both of them to be at home together.

Stay healthy so that we can have a clean slate of all our members at our January luncheon. For our members and their families we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May 2014 be a healthy and blessed year for everyone.



## Br. 116 Book Club

**Rich Black**

(blackrw41@comcast.net)

### The Book Group .....Not Yet.....

Consistent with our long standing practice there was no November meeting, rather the group will have a combined November/December meeting on Monday December 2 at 10:15 AM at Orinda Books. We will discuss The Judgment of Paris by George M. Taber.

The Group will then meet for the first time in 2014 on January 27, same time, same place, to discuss The Army at Dawn – The War in North Africa by Rick Atkinson.



## \$ums Investment Group

**Allen Espenmiller**

(aespenmiller@pacbell.net)

Please note our Investment Group does not meet in December. Our next scheduled meeting will be on January 22 at the Legends in Concord.



## Br. 116 Christmas Dinner Dance

Our Christmas Dinner Dance is just a few days away.

This year's event is again at Crow Canyon Country Club and will be held on Tuesday, **December 17th**. The price remains the same @ \$45pp. Additional information and a sign-up sheet is on page 11 of this newsletter. The signup deadline is December 3rd so you need to immediately signup if you want to attend this premier event.



## "Dine-O-Sir" Dinner Group

**Ben Smith**

(bjsssmith@aol.com)



The Dine-O-Sir herd will be out of action in December. We will meeting everyone at the Christmas party at Crow Canyon Country Club on December 17, 2013.

The "Dine-O" group will be back in January 2014 looking for Gourmet delights and lots of food and good times.....look forward to seeing everyone next year.

## 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.

## Wine Appreciation Group

Jack Bevis

(jackb435@comcast.net)



We held our final wine event of the year last Thursday, Nov 21st, at the home of Lou and Zora Sandor. Lou went California based on various visits that he and Zora had made to wineries in the state. He started us off with a very nice Chardonnay. Then he produced three reds including two first class cabs. In the meantime Zora had been busy at the buffet table where the polish sausage was a big hit. A very enjoyable affair. We were all happy that Carl Cline and his wife Karen were able to attend. Carl has been recovering from the effects of a stroke for some months now.

Our next event will be the last Thursday in January, the 30th. I hope everyone enjoys the upcoming holidays. If you would like more information about the group contact Jack Bevis at jackb435@comcast.net.



## 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

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



Br.. 116 SIR Golfers Saluting the Military at Mira Vista Country Club on November 4th



## 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, December 19th, 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.

As suspected, the winter trout season is off with a bang. The cold nights in November really got it going. Catching beautiful trout from Shadow Cliffs Reservoir were Gordon Linebaugh, Terry Miller, Harry Sherinian, Mike Corker, Carl Moyer, and Tom Boltz. Tom got the big fish with a beauty around 5 lbs. Meanwhile, Joe Miscione and son continue to catch stripers in Montezuma Slough. Carl Moyer, Terry Miller, Gordon Linebaugh, Pete Gates, and George Vogt, caught rock cod and ling cod from the ocean. George Vogt even came home with a big crab. However, a crab and rock cod combo trip from Bodega Bay by some of us resulted in a complete flop because of a rough ocean

and broken gear. It happens. Brad Hatcher had a great day from Kona, Hawaii, with a lot of tasty ono. Sal Costanza caught a 37 pound salmon up the river, biggest salmon he has ever caught.

On a warm sunny afternoon this last month, about 17 members of the Area 2 Fishing Club attended the semiannual Moyer fish fry. We all gathered in Carl's backyard to partake in Smoked Salmon hours and copious amounts of fried Rock Fish and Ling Cod. Add macaroni and potato salad and you can see why we all ate too much. A good time was had by all and we thank Carl for this great event.

We will be very busy this winter with: delta fishing for bass, catfish, and sturgeon; trout in mountain and local lakes, crab and rock fish from the ocean.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, December 19th, 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. Secretary, (925-825-5695.).



Area 2 Fishing Club at Semiannual Moyer Fish Fry

## Hiking & Walking

Joel White

(zpz2mrz@yahoo.com)



The Friday, November 8, walk was led by Joel White, meeting at the Macy's Broadway Plaza parking lot at the corner of Broadway and Newell in Walnut Creek. Richard Black, Art and Mary Alice Donaldson, Lytton De Silva, David and Colleen Geary, John Riordan, Dennis Snarr, and Joel White proceeded North along the Walnut Creek portion of the canal trail, crossing the Ygnacio bridge in time to watch the backed up traffic trying to access the freeways. Coffee afterwards was complicated by the crowd at La Boulange. Hopefully our breakfast maven, Colleen, will find us an alternative for future walks originating in this area.

The Friday, November 22 walk was led by David Geary. 9 walkers, David and Colleen Geary, Alan Chasnoff, Lytton DeSilva, John Riordan, Art and Mary Alice Donaldson, Anna & Paul Freitas headed north on the Contra Costa Canal trail from Boyd Road in Pleasant Hill, just a few yards east of Pleasant Hill Road. After the walk, there were 9 eaters (no Lytton but Linda Chasnoff added) for coffee/breakfast at the Corner Bakery Café, 35 Crescent Drive.

The **Friday, Dec. 13** walk will be led by Alan Chasnoff. We will meet at Sweet Affair Bakery 8:15 am, 1815 Ygnacio Valley Rd, Walnut Creek, in the shopping center across from Heather Farm Park and walk the Contra Costa canal trail with a stop at the rose garden. Please RSVP to Alan allanchasnoff@gmail.com. If you have not already done so, please also copy me with your cell number for the walkers emergency contact list.

There is no formal walk scheduled for December 27th, however, if enough people are in town and interested in walking that day, I

will send out a reminder notice with leader and location.



## Computer & Technology

Derek Southern & Neil Schmidt



There will be no Area 2 CAT meeting in December. We look forward to seeing you January 16, 2014, at the Walnut Creek Elks Club.

Meetings of the Area 2 Computer and Technology Group are held the 3rd Thursday of each month (except June and December) from 9:30 to 11:30 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, but some months are free, so come and see if November is one of those!

## New Branch 116 Members



Sponsor Terry Sherman with  
New Member Al Robinson

## New Branch 116 Members



Sponsor Don Schroeder with  
New Member Chick Walsh



New Member Chuck Vanoncini with  
Sponsor Dick Thomson



Sponsor Darrell McClaughry with  
New Member Gary Howard



Sponsor Walt Kawecki with  
New Member Norm Azevedo



Sponsor Tom Eller with  
New Member Dave Williams



Sponsor Roger Craig with  
New Member George Pryhuber

## 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

#### Jun 3-14, 2014: Alaska Cruise from San Francisco.

(This 11 day cruise on the Star Princess starts and ends in San Francisco with stops in Ketchikan, Juneau, Skagway, and Victoria.) Cost \$2185 to \$3785 include 1 bottle of wine, one cocktail party, porter tips for luggage, port taxes, Travel protection. Bill Rodman, Br.38, San Jose, 408-274-4521 or Hank Clark, 408-223-6466.

**Aug 18-25, 2014: Canadian Rockies.** ( 8 day trip traveling on the Rocky Mountaineer sightseeing train which only travels during the day so you can see the renowned beauty of Vancouver, Jasper, Lake Louise and Banff stay in deluxe hotels) Cost \$5265 to \$5735 Includes 16 meals, Gratuities, trip insurance, transfers, baggage handling, tax, park passes and airfare. Jim Stoner, Br,114, San Jose, 408-238-8458 or Larry Martinson. 408-528-0746.

**Sep 5-12, 2014: Nantucket, Martha's Vineyard & Cape Code in the Fall.** Three nights at the Crown Plaza, Warwick, four nights at the Holiday Inn, Hyannis, Tour the mansions of the Vanderbilt's and other rich and famous; the storybook island of Martha's Vineyard; Hyannisport and view Korean and Kennedy War Memorials: enjoy stunning Nantucket and much more. Lee Suess, Jackson, Br 96, 209-296-2235

**Sep 28-Oct 14, 2014: Istanbul and Black Sea Cruise.** 3 nights in Istanbul with guided tours of the city. Followed by cruise on Celebrity Constellation to Yalta, Sevastopol, and Odessa, Ukraine. Burgas, Bulgaria, Mykonos, Greece and Kusadasi,

Turkey. Cost approx.. \$4490 to 5360 pp. including airfare. Werner Schlapfer, Br 101/121, Livermore, 925-443-8291

**Oct 12-Nov 8, 2014: Cruise the Islands of Spain & Portugal.** (25 day cruise on Emerald Princess to Madeira, Canary Islands, Santiago, Le Havre, Lisbon, Azores Islands and finally a Trans Atlantic crossing to Bermuda ending in Ft Lauderdale. Cost range from \$5395 to \$6995 and includes meals, entertainment, luggage handling, transfers, air, taxes, fees and porter gratuities. Brian Serpa, Br 141, San Jose, 408-227-7658, or Rollo Parsons, 408-268-5245.

**Nov 3-17, 2014: Spain.** ( 13 days to experience historic and culturally diverse Spain. You will travel to Madrid, Segovia, Toledo, Valencia, and Barcelona. The cost is \$4195 to \$4395 and includes airfare, accommodations, tours, taxes, gratuities, transfers and many meals. Jim Hohenshelt, Br 62, San Jose, 408-394-7226 or Roy Jordan 408-735-8765.

### 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 mgkplan@astound.net.

### State 'SIR Happenings'

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)



THE 2013 EDITION OF OUR BRANCH 116

# CHRISTMAS DINNER DANCE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2013 – 6:00pm to 10:30PM

## Crow Canyon Country Club

711 Silver Lake Drive, Danville, CA

No Host Bar from 6 to 7pm, followed by Dinner and Dancing

**-ENJOY-**

**Entertainment by a local High School Choir**

**DANCING with music by DJ Mike Vincent**

**Door prizes**

**Lots of Holiday Cheer!**

Choice of Entree @\$45.00 per person:

**Chicken Marcella**

**Tri-Tips**

**Grilled Salmon**

**Spinach Ravioli**

Wine at \$20/ bottle..... wine per glass and well drinks \$5.00

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CHRISTMAS DINNER DANCE - CROW CANYON COUNTRY CLUB - 12/17/2013

RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 3, 2013

(Circle entrée choice)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken Tri-tip Salmon Ravioli

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken Tri-tip Salmon Ravioli

MAKE CHECK TO:  Sir Branch 116 ( \$45.00 Per Person)

MAIL CHECK TO:  Lou Sandor, 849 Stonehaven Drive, Walnut Creek, CA 94598

I WOULD LIKE TO RESERVE A TABLE WITH THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE: (tables of eight)



**Bridge**  
**Milt Greenstein**  
 (margmilt@comcast.net)

The duplicate bridge group met on November 5th at the Diablo Valley Bridge Center , with 11 teams playing. First place was won by the team of Conrad Robertson /Ron Wolberg with 67.97 points out of a possible 108, (62.94 %). Second place was taken by the team of Dan Greenberg / Norm Schoenfeld (61.35%). Third place was won by Arnold Jacobsen/Jim Regan (55.11 %). In fourth place was Ernie Sherne/Don Sturmer (51.76 %) and in fifth place was Jack Butler / Art Donaldson (50.44 %).

On November 12th, the lunch / bridge group met at Round Hill C.C. with 24 men enjoying lunch and 3 hours of bridge. Jack Butler with 6,890 points was our top score for the day, Rudy Gebert was second with 6,410. In third place was Lytton DeSilva with 5,940, followed by Ron Wolberg at 5,910 and Milt Greenstein with 5,670. We had 4 small slams today by the teams of Milt Greenstein/Rudy Gebert, Ron Wolberg/Tony Rohrs, Ron Wolberg / Marv DeHues and Tony Rohrs / Lou Sandor.

On November 26, the group met again at Diablo C.C., 20 men attending. After lunch, we had a very good scoring day with 5 small slams made. Ali Aghaiepour was our high scorer with 2 small slams and 7,730 points, (after missing 1 1/2 months due to surgery. Welcome back, Ali !). His slam Partners were Jon Dickson and Bud Grisanti. In second place was Dimitris Argyriou with 2 small slams, both with Milt Greenstein and 1 small slam with Oscar Krikorian for 6,850 points. On the strength of those 2 slams, Milt Greenstein came in third with 6,270 points. Bud Grisanti came in fourth with 5,780 points, and Oscar came in fifth with 5,740 points. Average scores today were up, indicating that the group is playing better bridge. A full report on that feature will be coming in next month's report.



**Activity Chairman**  
**Jerry Christopherson**  
 (jchris161k@aol.com)

### CHRISTMAS DINNER DANCE

It's still not too late to get your reservation in for our annual Holiday Dinner Dance on December 17th at Crow Canyon Country Club. Our entertainment this year will be provided by singers from the San Ramon Valley High School. Come and socialize, have a great meal, dance if you like and maybe even win a door prize!

Find the "flyer" in this issue, select your meal option, write your check and MAIL IT! See you there.

### NEW BRANCH ACTIVITY

Starting at our January 2014 Luncheon Meeting, we will begin an activity called "**THE BOOK EXCHANGE**". We got the idea from Branch 8, who say it's one of their most popular activities. It will work as follows:

1. Prior to each monthly meeting, an area will be set up to accept donated books, review books at your leisure, and take a book you might like.
2. Donated books should be books that members have enjoyed, in good condition, no textbooks, manuals, romance books, or trashy books. No videos, but audio books are OK. (Note: this is not a book dump)
3. This Exchange will on a very informal basis. No sign outs, return dates, etc.

After you have finished with the book...bring it back, keep it, or give it to somebody else.

To summarize, if you want to take part, bring a book, review books we have or take a book, but please, enjoy the experience of reading!

**OTHER NEW ACTIVITIES:** We're continuing to look for members interested in starting a singing group and/or a chess club. Let me (Jerry Christopherson) know if you might like to participate at jchris161k@aol.com

# 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.

Foursomes in both the 18-hole and 9-hole 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.

## 2014 Golf Membership Dues

If you haven't yet paid your 2014 golf membership dues, you need to do so immediately. Send your check to:

SIR Branch 116 Golf,  
P.O. Box 683  
Lafayette, CA 94549-0683

The annual fee is:

- \$56: 18-Holer's with NCGA through Br. 116
- \$20: 18-Holer's with NCGA elsewhere
- \$20: 9-Holer's with NCGA through Br. 116

## December 9-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Wed. 04	10:00	Buchanan Fields	Dick Chaffee
Wed. 11	10:00	Pine Meadow	D. McClaughry
Wed. 18	10:00	Buchanan Fields	Dick Chaffee

## 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.

## December 18-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Mon. 02	9:30	Contra Costa	Phil Jenkins
Mon. 09	9:30	Boundary Oak	Jenkins/Vetro
Mon. 16	10:32	Diablo Creek	Phil Jenkins
Mon. 23	9:30	Delta View	Phil Jenkins

# 18-Hole Results

Roddy Ranch -- Monday November 25, 2013

Official Scorer:  
Jim Johnson / dcha

Flight 1				Flight 2				Flight 3				Flight 4			
1st	David Harris	63	3	1st	John Story	65	3	1st	Hugh Duggan	60	3	1st	Bill Hemmelsbach	60	3
2nd	Dirk Meyer	68	2	Tie 2nd	Neil Schmidt	72	2	2nd	Bernie Wroblewski	61	2	2nd	Robbie Robinson	63	2
3rd	Jim Barstow	69	1	Tie 2nd	Bob Testa	72	2	3rd	Phil Jenkins	65	1	3rd	Carl Langhorst	64	1
Low Gross				Low Gross				Low Gross				Low Gross			
	David Harris	80			Neil Schmidt	91			Hugh Duggan	87			Carl Langhorst	97	
					John Story	91									

Closest to: Hole #3 - Phil Goff, Conrad Robertson -- Hole #17 - David Harris, Al Hutchko

Shadow Lakes -- Tuesday November 19, 2013

Official Scorer:  
David C Harris

Flight 1				Flight 2				Flight 3				Flight 4			
1st	David Harris	60	3	1st	John Story	61	3	1st	Bernie Wroblewski	59	3	1st	Terry Grummitt	56	3
Tie 2nd	Dirk Meyer	69	2	2nd	Richard Madden	62	2	2nd	Phil Jenkins	61	2	2nd	Robbie Robinson	60	2
Tie 2nd	David Carlson	69	2	3rd	Frank Crua	64	1	3rd	Conrad Robertson	63	1	3rd	Ron Armijo	64	1
Tie 2nd	Phil Goff	69	2												
Low Gross				Low Gross				Low Gross				Low Gross			
	David Harris	77			Frank Crua	87			Bernie Wroblewski	87			Terry Grummitt	91	
					John Story	87									

Closest to: Hole #7 - Jim Johnson, Hugh Duggan -- Hole #17 - Phil Goff, Ron Armijo

Boundary Oak -- Monday November 11, 2013

Official Scorer:  
Bill Hemmelsbach

Flight 1				Flight 2				Flight 3				Flight 4			
1st	Jim Barstow	68	3	1st	Neil Schmidt	68	3	1st	Hugh Duggan	63	3	1st	Terry Grummitt	63	3
2nd	Al Zavattero	70	2	2nd	Carlos Xavier	73	2	Tie 2nd	Jerry Christopherson	73	2	2nd	Robbie Robinson	64	2
3rd	Harry Oberle	73	1	3rd	John Story	76	1	Tie 2nd	Pete Coggiola	73	2	3rd	Carl Langhorst	71	1
Low Gross				Low Gross				Low Gross				Low Gross			
	Jim Barstow	84			Neil Schmidt	86			Hugh Duggan	87			Terry Grummitt	95	

Closest to: Hole #2 - Al Zavattero, Al Serafino -- Hole #12 - Neil Schmidt, Matt Arena

Mira Vista Country Club -- Monday November 4, 2013

Official Scorer:  
Jim Johnson and Al Satake

Flight 1				Flight 2				Flight 3				Flight 4			
1st	Al Zavattero	72	3	Tie 1st	Neil Schmidt	73	3	Tie 1st	Troy Powell	68	3	1st	Terry Grummitt	69	3
2nd	David Carlson	75	2	Tie 1st	Dick Socolich	73	3	Tie 1st	Al Satake	68	3	2nd	Chuck Gilliam	70	2
3rd	Jerry Hicks	76	1	3rd	Jim Videle	74	1	Tie 3rd	Wayne Cook	69	1	3rd	Fred Schafer	72	1
								Tie 3rd	Hugh Duggan	69	1				
Low Gross				Low Gross				Low Gross				Low Gross			
	Jerry Hicks	89			Neil Schmidt	92			Hugh Duggan	94			Terry Grummitt	103	

Closest to: Hole #2 - Jim Clizbe, Wayne Cook -- Hole #12 - Harry Oberle, Bernie Wroblewski

Closest to: Hole #2 - guests: Mike Edwards and Will Mulcahy -- Hole #12 - guest: Dave Dunlap

## 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
David Harris	42	Neil Schmidt	46	Jerry Hunter	37	Terry Grummitt	47
Al Zavattero	39	John Story	39	Al Serafino	36	Robbie Robinson	39
Jim Barstow	36	Frank Crua	32	Hugh Duggan	31	Chuck Gilliam	38
Harry Oberle	31	Bob Testa	31	Troy Powell	31	Mark Jordan	32
Bill McCord	29	Jim Clizbe	30	Conrad Robertson	28	Ron Armijo	31
Jim Johnson	27	Wayne Smith	25	Phil Jenkins	26	Carl Langhorst	24
Mel Williams	25	Lonny Randall	20	Alex Lutkus	26	Fred Schafer	23
David Carlson	23	Norm Alberts	11	Bernie Wroblewski	18	Matt Arena	20
Phil Goff	22	Jim Videle	11	Jon Rasmussen	17	Bill Hemmelsbach	14
Dirk Meyer	14	David Ferm	10	Peter Coggiola	13	Frank Lockwood	10
Jerry Hicks	13	Tom Eller	8	Bob Donohue	9	Art Vogl	10
Bill Clark	9	Richard Madden	7	Gary Boswell	8	Terry Sherman	8
Steve Cherepy	3	Dick Socolich	7	Jed Daniel	6	Allan Chasnoff	3
Alan Fitzgerald	2	Pat Tinguely	7	Terry Legler	5	Jai Yee	1
		Carlos Xavier	7	Wayne Cook	4		
		Paul Kim	6	John Peterson	4		
		Walt Kaweck	4	Al Satake	4		
		Rob Campbell	3	Dick Chaffee	3		
		Phil Perrelli	3	Ken Binning	2		
		Paul King	2	Jerry Christopherson	2		
		Bob Nichols	2	Bob Conlon	2		
		Frank Portillo	2	Kirk McVean	2		
				Don Roberts	2		
				Max Foust	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

<u>Event Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Monday, Dec. 2	Contra Costa CC	Nov-18	\$50
Monday, Dec. 16	Diablo Creek	Dec-07	\$39
Monday, Dec. 23	Delta View	Dec-14	\$35
Tuesday, Jan. 21,	Deer Ridge	Jan-11	\$40
Monday, Jan. 27	Sunol/Cypress	Jan-20	\$44

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.