



Trampas Topics

July, 2013

SIR Branch 116

Next Meeting: 11:30 am,
Monday, July 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



Many of you may remember years ago that television broadcasters use to end their broadcasts about midnight or so with a picture of the flag waiving and either The Star Spangled Banner, God Bless America, or other patriotic music playing before signing off. To me, that was always a moving moment, a time at the end of my day when, before bed, I'd have a feeling of comfort in that waiving flag with accompanying music. If you're not familiar with this remembrance, perhaps similar feelings came while watching a parade on the 4th of July, while waiving your own flag. In any case, our patriotism stems from these small childhood experiences. It's my hope that you'll continue to enjoy these small symbolic gestures during this 4th of July and many more to come.

As I mentioned at our last meeting, I'm happy to welcome our 3 new members, and the 5 guests who joined us. If this trend continues, we'll be sure to surpass our goal of 25 new members for the year and inching us towards a new yearly high.

Many thanks to Phil Goff for providing us with an excellent speaker at our June meeting. We'll look forward to July's meeting speaker with much enthusiasm as everyone is interested in wine, and imported wines especially. Keep your fingers crossed! How's your bones?

Golfers, don't forget the annual Carson City Golf Get-a-way. Be sure to sign up soon . . .this year promises to be a fun filled three days of golf, parties, socializing, sightseeing, playing bridge, shopping, and a host of other special events.

We encourage everyone to sponsor a new member, and make him a new friend to all.

Again, Happy 4th of July.

Art Vogl Big SIR



Independence Day

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

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SIR Branch 116 Activity Calendar

July 2013

Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
	1 18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Boundary Oak GC)	2 Duplicate Bridge (9:00@ Diablo Valley Bridge Ctr)	3 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC)	4 	5	6
7	8 18-Hole Golf (9:00@ Crow Canyon CC)	9 Luncheon Bridge (11:30@ Round Hill CC)	10 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Pine Meadow GC)	11	12 Hiking & Walking (8:15@ Panera Bread, Countrywood Shopping Ctr., WC)	13
14	15 SIR Br 116 Mtg. (11:30@ Elks Club)	16 18-Hole Golf (9:00@ Mare Island GC) Poker Group 2 (1:00@ Diablo CC)	17 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC)	18 Computer & Tech (9:00@ Elks Club)	19	20
21	22 18-Hole Golf (9:28@ Metropolitan GC) Book Group Mtg. (10:15@ Orinda Books)	23 Luncheon Bridge (11:30@ Diablo CC)	24 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Diablo Hills GC) Sums Investment (8:00@ Diablo Crk. GC)	25 Fishing Group (8:30@ Legends-Diablo Crk) Wine Appreciation (4:00@ TBD)	26 Hiking & Walking (8:15@ Café Terzetto, Moraga Shopping Ctr.)	27
28	29 18-Hole Golf (10:00@ Tilden Park GC)	30	31 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Rossmoor CC)			



Membership

Andy Benz
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SIR 116 Membership Status

Total Current Members:	254
Last Month's Inductees:	3
Those in Interview Stage:	3
Total in Process:	6
On Inactive Status:	51
Left the Branch:	1
Waiting to be Installed:	0



Lunch Attendance

Jim Nachtweih

Attendance at the June 17th meeting:

Total:	185
Members:	175
Visitors:	1
Speakers:	1
Guests:	8
Excused:	50
Un-Excused:	26

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



Br. 116 Treasurer's Report

John Peterson, Treasurer
(delanaimp@aol.com)

	June 2013	2013 YTD
Contributions	\$ 2,820.00	\$ 37,248.62
Disbursements	\$ (3,642.30)	\$ (31,067.01)
Net (gain/(loss))	\$ (822.30)	\$ 6,181.61

June Cash Balance \$ 10,906.86

July Luncheon Menu

Swiss Steak
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
Veggie, Salad
Roll/Butter
Dessert/Coffee/Ice Tea

July Birthdays

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

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|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Jim Amland | 12. Don Miller |
| 2. David Bernard | 13. Bob Nichols |
| 3. Gary Boswell | 14. Harold Redsun |
| 4. Michael Casey | 15. Allen Reynolds |
| 5. Stephen Cherepy | 16. Ken Sandy |
| 6. Bill Clark | 17. John Takacs |
| 7. Garrett Girvan | 18. Tim Tinnes |
| 8. Milt Greenstein | 19. Bob Vetro |
| 9. Al Hutchko | 20. Jim Videle |
| 10. Paul King | 21. Jack Vollmer |
| 11. Dick Krieger | 22. Bernie Wroblewski |

Want a Free Lunch ?
Sponsor a New Member !

SIR Website Addresses

SIR 116 Web Site
www.branch116.org

Branch 116 Golf
www.branch116.org/116-golf/

Trampas Topics
www.branch116.org/trampas/

Computer and Technology
www.a2cat.sirinc2.org/

SIR Happenings State Newsletter
www.sirinc.org/sirhappenings

State SIR Web Site
www.sirinc.org/



Sunshine Report

Matt Arena

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We are saddened to report the loss of two members. **Sir Stan Hill** and **Sir Will Cabral** were very faithful members of our Branch and we extend our condolences to their families. They will be missed by their many friends.

Sir Paul King and **Sir Harry Shirinian** lost their wives Ruth King and Margaret Shirinian after long illnesses. We extend our sympathies to our fellow SIR'S.

Past big **Sir Courtney Borrecco** who has been affected by Parkinson's paid us a visit after 3 years of dealing with the disease. We were so pleased to see him join us for lunch.

Sir Larry Johnson had a bad fall from his bike when hitting a pot hole. He is on the mend following 4 cracked ribs and a fractured scapula.

Sir Carl Cline was coming along nicely following his stroke when he was taken to the hospital with another minor stroke. He is in good spirits and the prognosis looks good.

Sir Tim Dorr has gotten rid of his walker and cane and is planning to be with us for lunch in July. It has been too long waiting for his return but he is ready to join us again.

Sir John West has been battling blood pressure problems for over a year. John tells me it is affected by his autonomic nervous system. He doesn't know from day to day whether his blood pressure drops off the charts or skyrockets to new highs. It is not easy to live with but he is fighting the good fight.

Sir Harry Honestein sounded good when we talked. He is still dealing with leg problems and a chronic arthritis. He sends his regards to his

many friends.

Sir Jim Altimore had a fall at home which caused him to fracture a leg. He is on the mend.

Sir Pat Bermingham has had his hip surgery. I spoke to Margaret and she tells me Pat is already working among his plants in the garden.

LIFE ISN'T TIED WITH A BOW, BUT IT'S STILL A GIFT!!

In Memoriam
Stanley R. Hill
February 21, 1917—May 29, 2013

In Memoriam
Wilfred (Will) Cabral
May 15, 1922—June 5, 2013

SIR President's Award



Area 2 Governor Gary Plisco Presents SIR President's Senior Award to Robert Kinser

Hiking & Walking

Joel White
(zpz2mrz@yahoo.com)



The **Friday, Jun 14** walk was lead by Paul Freitas and enjoyed by the following attendees: Rich Black and Donna Argenbright, Lytton DeSilva, Paul and Anna Freitas, Andrea and Dan Green, and Norm Schoenfeld.

Art Donaldson will lead the **Friday, July 12** walk. Meet at **8:15 AM** at Panera Bread at the Countrywood Shopping Center, corner of Treat and Bancroft in Walnut Creek. Please RSVP to Art (934-8391; dnldsn@sbcglobal.net).

The **Friday, July 26** walk will be led by Norman Schoenfeld .

We will meet at Cafe Terzetto in the Moraga Shopping Center - 1419 Moraga Way at 8:15am. Please RSVP to Norm 376-7469; bobbi-eschoenfeld@gmail.com.

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

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

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

\$ums Investment Group

Allen Espenmiller
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The Area 2 \$ums Investment Group will meet on Wednesday July 24, 2013 8:00 AM at the Diablo Creek Golf course, 4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord. Our speaker will be Richard O. Vandenberg - Managing Director whose responsibilities include business development officer and head of Atlantic Trust Private Wealth Management Co., the San Francisco office for Northern California and the Pacific Northwest. Rick will present "Asset Allocation Update: A Third Market Peak or Room to Run? Should I stay invested? If so where? In which asset classes." Rick has more than 31 years of investment management experience whose primary responsibilities include leading the client service teams and business development efforts of ultra-high net worth clients. Plan to attend and hear important timely information concerning your investment strategy.

The Legends restaurant opens at 7:00 AM so plan to have an enjoyable breakfast along with your fellow members and quests. Bring along a prospective SIR member to let them know about our Investment Group and enjoy an informative presentation.

Poker Group #2

Al Reynolds
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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.



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, July 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.

Jack Waddell, Paul Dubow, Karl Droese, Joe Misicione, Barry Rauchle, and Gordon Linebaugh limited out by noon with lovely silver salmon on a guided trip from Lake Oroville. Rich Fiscina and Carl Moyer got big rockfish and some lingcod in Shelter Cove. Carl and his brother brought back a nice limit of rock fish and 2 ling cod from a party boat trip to the Faralon Islands. Brad Hatcher and a friend got 2 five lb. mackinaws at Lake Tahoe, and Brad caught and released 5 trout from Deer Lake in the Sierras. George Schulze, Carl Moyer, and Harry Sherinian caught trout from Shadow Cliffs Reservoir. About 25 fishermen enjoyed the spring fish fry in Carl Moyer's back yard. This event has turned into an annual event that Carl has graciously donated his house and most of the fish for. Harry Sherinian tried the Sierra's lakes east of Fresno and caught some nice trout but reported that some of the lakes are down so low that it is impossible to launch a boat. Don Mittlesteadt and Ernie Wong led about a dozen of us on a shad fishing adventure near Sacramento. The shad were uncooperative, and only a few played with us. Still it was nice to try this different kind of fishing for a change. This is an event that will have to be tried again when the fish are more cooperative. The ocean was generally windy and nasty, and so the salmon catch was spotty. On the few good days, the party boats did very well. We are optimistic about salmon when the big water lies down.

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 annual back yard Bar-B-Que will be held in August. This function does include the

ladies and again Jack Waddell has offered the use of his lovely home for the function.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, July 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.



Dick Thomson & Tom Boltz at Lake Berryessa



Wine Appreciation Group

Jack Bevis

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The wine Appreciation Group held another enjoyable gathering On May 30th around the pool at the home of Jim and Barbara Shurr. Jim had selected five wines from the Paso Robles area. They were all enjoyed and discussed but no winner was proclaimed.

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.



The Area 2 Computer and Technology Group reminds all Sirs and their guests that our next meet-



ing will be at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge on Thursday, JULY 18th at 9:30 am

Phil Goff is arranging a presentation about the important topic of Home Security Systems. We are inviting a speaker from a provider 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. As soon as details are final they will be posted on the A2CAT website, www.a2cat.sirinc2.org.

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.

The August meeting will be different! We are planning a trip to the Computer Museum in Mountain View on August 15. Their website is www.computerhistory.org/visit/ if you want to review the attractions. One of the newest attractions is the Jeopardy stage set that was used in the Watson challenge on TV, not to mention a 1 ton computer with less computing power than your tablet or even smart phone! We have asked for a docent lead tour so need to let them know How Many of us to expect. There will be a sign-up sheet at the July meeting for those interested in attending solo or with spouses. The cost for Seniors (65+) and a "Revolution Guide" docent is \$16! The initial plan is to car-share leaving Walnut Creek 9:15 or 9:30 then having lunch somewhere after the visit.

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 May is one of those!

See you there in July, remember we start at 9:30 am!



At our July luncheon we are honored to have Mr. Gillett Johnson, a wine industry entrepreneur, speak to us about the wine business. Gillett graduated from the American University in Paris and began his career on Wall Street in the fast paced world of currency trading.

In 1990 Gillett moved to San Francisco and began his new life dedicated to the wine business. He has worked with over 200 wholesalers, represented over 30 wineries and 50 brands from Napa to Romania. Additionally, he owns a winery and vineyards in New Zealand.

Gillet is a very successful businessman and will tell us some of the history and inner workings of the wine development and distribution business.



Several SIR members have expressed interest in starting a bocce ball group. If you are interested, please contact Jerry Kaplan at 925-938-1037 or mgkaplan@astound.net.



Br. 116 Book Club

Rich Black

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A June Doubleheader: *The Next 100 Years* By George Friedman and *Sutton* by J.R. Moehringer

The book group met twice on June to make up for the May meeting rescheduled from Memorial Day.

George Friedman has a number of predictions for the remainder of the 21st century in *The Next 100 Years*. He believes the conflict with the Islamic world will be resolved before the end of the second decade of this century and America's control of the seas, the air and later space will continue to make it the dominant power. He foresees a time when Russia will implode because of declining population and other issues, and Poland, Turkey and Japan will become major world players. He advances data and theory for all his predictions. Discussion of the book was among the most spirited in recent months, with opinion sharply divided: some loved the book and some loathed it although this division was concealed in an average score of 3.5 stars. Lytton DeSilva recommended this perhaps prescient work while Richard Black led the discussion on June 3 attended by Cord Hull, Al Reynolds, John Riordan, Joel White, Jack Butler, Paul Freitas, Jerry Christopherson, Garrett Girvan, Nick Bowles, Dick Kauffman, Art Donaldson and Ken Sandy.

J.R. Moehringer's *Sutton* is fiction based on the life of Willie Sutton, who seems to have robbed over 200 banks in his time while achieving somewhat the status of a folk hero. The group loved the guy, as described by Moehringer, perhaps because during the twenties and thirties, as in the present day, it's easy to love a guy who takes advantage of banks. John Riordan recommended the book and Richard Black led the discussion on June 24 which was also attended by Lytton DeSilva, Cord Hull, Al Reynolds, Jack Butler, Jerry Christopherson, Garrett Girvan, Nick Bowles, Dick Kauffman, Art Donaldson, Shel Lawrence, and Larry Heaton. The group awarded the book 4.4 stars.

The group will next meet on July 22 to discuss *The Future of Freedom* by Fareed Zakaria.



Bridge

Milt Greenstein

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The duplicate bridge group met on June 4th at the Diablo Valley Bridge Center, with 10 teams playing. First place was won by the team of Jim Nachtweih / Bob Wolf with 64.50 points out of a possible 108, (61.57 %). Second place was taken by the team of Arnold Jacobson / Dan Green (55.09%), followed by Dick Chaffee / Mike Corker (54.63%), Art Donaldson / Conrad Robertson (54.50%) and Norm Schoenfeld / Marv DeHeus (54.00%).

On June 11th, the lunch / bridge group met at Round Hill C.C. with 28 men enjoying lunch and 3 hours of bridge. Art Donaldson with 6,520 points was our top score for the day, with Jack Butler second with 5,630. In third place was Bob Wolf with 4,670, followed by Charley Schmidt at 4,620 and Jon Dickson (4,440). We had only 1 small slam today by the team of Milt Greenstein / Dennis Perry. The cards were not as good today as our last session.

On May 25th, the group met again at Diablo C.C. 24 men had an excellent salmon lunch before playing bridge. Top scorer today was Tony Rohrs with 5,900 points, followed by Dimitrius Argyriou at 5,880. (Close, I'd say.) Third place was taken by Charlie Schmidt with 5,560, then Bob Wolf at 5,480 and Jack Butler with 5,410 points. Small slams were made today by Bob Wolf / Norm Schoenfeld and by Tony Rohrs / Lou Sandor.

Country Club Golf

Our next Country Club outing is Rossmoor on Tuesday August 20th. We will be teeing off at 12:00 noon. This is not a shotgun but tee times. The price is \$36 to walk and \$48 to ride. Even though the due date for signing up is August 10th, I would appreciate if you could either bring your checks to the July 15th luncheon or send to the PO Box. The main reason is that Rossmoor has only 20 carts. So if we know before hand that we are going to have more than 40 riding golfers, we can make some arrangements for more carts.

SIR Travel

By Tom Eller, Travel Chairman
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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

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.

Aug 28-Sep 7, 2013: SIR 55th Anniversary Alaska Cruise. SIR will be celebrating our 55th anniversary with a 10 day round trip cruise from San Francisco to Alaska on Princess Cruise Line. Cost, \$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 with over a 100 cabins already 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 a Alaska Salmon Bake Excursion. If you need flyers or more information contact Sonoma Travel @ 707-763-1545.

Sep 14-21, 2013: Colorado Train Adventure. (7 night Colorado Rocky Mountain trip aboard historic railroads through ruggedly beautiful mountains. You will visit Airforce Academy, Pikes Peak, Garden of the Gods, Royal Gorge, Mesa Verde plus other stops. Cost is \$2595pp includes home pick up, 7 night hotel accommodations, meals, airfare, and taxes and gratuities. Bruce Bentley, Santa Cruz, Br 20, 831-465-6590.

Sep 15-23, 2013: Arriba! Cuba! (Overnight in Miami, fly to Cuba. A 9 day extensive touring from Trinidad City, than Havana with touring and night time activities. Visit a cigar factory and see historical landmarks; lectures, nature tours, shopping and restaurants.) Includes 19 meals and RT airfare. Cost \$3999, Neil Jameson, San Jose, Br 39, 831-336-2476 or Wayne Dawson 408-833-8435.

Sep 12-21, 2013: Italy in September. (Sorrento, 10 days round trip Naples with three day Rome extension option.) Cost is \$3795 pp, for more information go to Branch #96 web site.www.sir96.org/tours/travel.htm or call Lee Suess, 209-296-2235.

Sep 25-Oct 10, 2013: Panama Canal Full Transit Through the Canal. (15 night cruise aboard the Island Princess from San Francisco to Ft Lauderdale including the ports of Cabo San Lucas, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Panama Canal, Cartagena and Aruba) Cost is \$2955 to \$3595 which includes Air Fare from Ft Lauderdale, meals, home pick-up, transfers, taxes, and porter gratuities. Bruce Bentley, Santa Cruz, Br.20, 831-465-6590.

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



**New Member Arnie Jacobson with
Sponsor Dan Green**



**Sponsor Marty Ratteree with
New Member Bill Hayes**



**New Member John Riordan with
Sponsor Rich Black**



CARSON CITY GOLF GETAWAY – 2013

This 3 day event is one you don't want to miss. It has something for everyone who likes to golf, eat out, attend cocktail parties, play bridge, sightsee, shop or gamble. **The cost is all inclusive for:**

- two rounds of golf, with cart, on two courses (Dayton Valley & Eagle Valley)
- three nights lodging at a choice of motels, one with continental breakfast
- three banquets - includes wine on the table and is preceded by an open bar
- ladies bridge, either 1 day (& play golf the other) or bridge both days
- free raffle prizes with a total value over \$1,000
- coupon books for cocktails, food and gaming at the Nugget Casino
- a tee gift and a sleeve of balls for each golfer

This year's Getaway will be September 4 – 5 - 6

Friends, relatives and all SIRs are welcome. Ladies, especially, have a wonderful time even if they don't golf. There are beautiful shopping centers close by and lots of things to do and see in the Carson City, Virginia City, Reno and Tahoe areas.

The "Entry form" is included in this issue of the *Trampas Topics* and is also available on the Branch Golf Web Site. Early sign-ups would be greatly appreciated as it gives us the

opportunity to get more motel rooms should it become necessary. If you sign up early we will not hold your check for any length of time as we deposit them frequently.

If you have questions or would like more information please contact Tim Hubbard at 944-0742 or e-mail at tthubbs@astound.net. We are looking forward to seeing you in Carson City in September where a "fun time" is guaranteed!

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
 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. 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.

July 9-Hole Schedule

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

Nine Hole Info

Dick Chaffee, 9-Hole Chairman

(rwchaffee@sbcglobal.net)



SIR 116 9-Hole Golf Club membership is open to all Branch members and guests regardless of your golfing ability. We play every Wednesday starting at 10:00am. We rotate playing Buchanan Fields, Concord, Pine Meadows, Martinez and Diablo Hills, Walnut Creek.

The 9 Hole Golf Club is organized into a single flight. The weekly Champion is the player with the lowest net score. The weekly Champion is awarded 3 points, 2nd place 2 and 3rd place 1. The 2012 Champion will be the golfer with the highest point total.

In December, we will again hold our 9 Hole Golf Championship Tournament. The Tournament will be 3 rounds of golf. One round at each of the courses we play. The Tournament Champion will be the golfer with lowest net total for 2 rounds. If a participant plays all 3 rounds, he can choose which 2 rounds will count.



July 18-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Mon. 01	9:30	Boundary Oak	Jim Clizbe
Mon. 08	9:00	Crow Canyon	Jim Clizbe
Tue. 16	9:00	Mare Island	C. Robertson
Mon. 22	9:28	Metropolitan	C. Robertson
Mon. 29	10:00	Tilden Park	C. Robertson

18-Hole Results

Blue Rock Springs - West -- Monday June 24, 2013

Official Scorer:
Neil Schmidt

Flight 1				Flight 2				Flight 3				Flight 4			
1st	Harry Oberle	65	3	1st	Bob Testa	64	3	Tie 1st	Phil Jenkins	68	3	1st	Carl Langhorst	58	3
Tie 2nd	David Carlson	69	2	2nd	Frank Crua	66	2	Tie 1st	Al Serafino	68	3	2nd	Mark Jordan	62	2
Tie 2nd	David Harris	69	2	3rd	Tom Eller	68	1	Tie 3rd	Gary Boswell	70	1	3rd	Ron Armijo	65	1
								Tie 3rd	Terry Legler	70	1				
Low Gross				Low Gross				Low Gross				Low Gross			
	Harry Oberle	84			Tom Eller	87			Gary Boswell	94			Carl Langhorst	88	

Closest to: Hole #7 Bob Testa, Carl Langhorst -- Hole #15 - Neil Schmidt, Carl Langhorst

Las Positas -- Tuesday June 18, 2013

Official Scorer:
David C Harris

Flight 1				Flight 2				Flight 3				Flight 4			
1st	Phil Goff	66	3	1st	Frank Crua	65	3	1st	Pete Coggiola	61	3	1st	Ron Armijo	64	3
2nd	David Carlson	74	2	2nd	Tom Eller	73	2	Tie 2nd	Dick Chaffee	65	2	2nd	Terry Grummitt	65	2
3rd	Bill McCord	76	1	3rd	Neil Schmidt	74	1	Tie 2nd	Phil Jenkins	65	2	Tie 3rd	Matt Arena	69	1
												Tie 3rd	Chuck Gilliam	69	1
Low Gross				Low Gross				Low Gross				Low Gross			
	Phil Goff	83			Frank Crua	87			Dick Chaffee	91			Ron Armijo	97	

Closest to: Hole #4 Frank Crua, Chuck Gilliam -- Hole #11 - Neil Schmidt, Dick Chaffee

Boundary Oak -- Monday June 10, 2013

Official Scorer:
Bob Conlon

Flight 1				Flight 2				Flight 3				Flight 4			
1st	Bill McCord	70	3	1st	Neil Schmidt	72	3	1st	Phil Jenkins	64	3	1st	Carl Langhorst	66	3
Tie 2nd	Jim Johnson	71	2	Tie 2nd	Jim Clizbe	74	2	Tie 2nd	Pete Coggiola	65	2	Tie 2nd	Terry Grummitt	67	2
Tie 2nd	Al Zavattero	71	2	Tie 2nd	Lonny Randall	74	2	Tie 2nd	Jerry Hunter	65	2	Tie 2nd	Art Vogl	67	2
								Tie 2nd	Jon Rasmussen	65	2				
Low Gross				Low Gross				Low Gross				Low Gross			
	Jim Barstow	87			Neil Schmidt	90			Pete Coggiola	93			Carl Langhorst	96	
	Jim Johnson	87							Bob Conlon	93					

Closest to: Hole #2 - Jim Clizbe, Art Vogl -- Hole #12 - Bill McCord, Hugh Duggan

Boundary Oak -- Monday June 3, 2013

Official Scorer:
Bill Clark

Flight 1				Flight 2				Flight 3				Flight 4			
1st	Al Zavattero	72	3	1st	Bob Testa	66	3	1st	Jon Rasmussen	63	3	Tie 1st	Allan Chasnoff	72	
Tie 2nd	Harry Oberle	73	2	2nd	Jim Videle	67	2	2nd	Jerry Hunter	65	2	Tie 1st	Chuck Gilliam	72	
Tie 2nd	Jim Johnson	73	2	Tie 3rd	Frank Crua	71	1	3rd	Conrad Robertson	68	1	Tie 1st	Terry Grummitt	72	
Tie 2nd	Phil Goff	73	2	Tie 3rd	Jim Clizbe	71	1								
Low Gross				Low Gross				Low Gross				Low Gross			
	Jim Johnson	89			Jim Clizbe	91			Jerry Hunter	90			Carl Langhorst	104	

Closest to: Hole #2 - Bill Clark, Allan Chasnoff -- Hole #12 - Frank Crua, Jon Rasmussen

Paradise Valley -- Wednesday May 29, 2013

Official Scorer:
Bob Testa

Flight 1				Flight 2				Flight 3				Flight 4			
1st	Harry Oberle	67	3	1st	Tom Eller	66	3	1st	Al Serafino	65	3	1st	Mark Jordan	67	3
2nd	Bill McCord	70	2	2nd	Bob Testa	70	2	2nd	Gary Boswell	66	2	2nd	Frank Lockwood	71	2
Tie 3rd	David Carlson	71	1	3rd	John Story	73	1	Tie 3rd	Bob Donohue	71	1	Tie 3rd	Fred Schafer	74	1
Tie 3rd	Al Zavattero	71	1					Tie 3rd	Phil Jenkins	71	1	Tie 3rd	Art Vogl	74	1
								Tie 3rd	Conrad Robertson	71	1				
Low Gross				Low Gross				Low Gross				Low Gross			
	Harry Oberle	84			Tom Eller	85			Gary Boswell	90			Mark Jordan	101	

Closest to: Hole #3 - Jim Barstow, Fred Schafer -- Hole #1 - Bob Testa

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	27	Schmidt, Neil	23	Hunter, Jerry	32	Robinson, Robbie	24
Harris, David	21	Smith, Wayne	23	Jenkins, Phil	22	Gilliam, Chuck	22
Barstow, Jim	20	Clizbe, Jim	19	Lutkus, Alex	16	Grummitt, Terry	22
Williams, Mel	19	Crua, Frank	19	Robertson, Conrad	16	Jordan, Mark	16
Johnson, Jim	16	Story, John	17	Serafino, Al	12	Langhorst, Carl	16
Goff, Phil	14	Testa, Bob	15	Rasmussen, Jon	11	Schafer, Fred	13
Carlson, David	13	Randall, Lonny	9	Boswell, Gary	8	Arena, Matt	11
McCord, Bill	12	Eller, Tom	8	Duggan, Hugh	8	Armijo, Ron	10
Meyer, Dirk	10	Videle, Jim	6	Coggiola, Peter	7	Lockwood, Frank	9
Hicks, Jerry	9	Xavier, Carlos	5	Donohue, Bob	7	Vogl, Art	7
Oberle, Harry	8	Tinguely, Pat	4	Wroblewski, Bernie	6	Sherman, Terry	4
Clark, Bill	2	Ferm, David	3	Daniel, Jed	4	Chasnoff, Allan	3
		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		
		Socolich, Dick	2	Conlon, Bob	2		
		King, Paul	1	Powell, Troy	2		
		Portillo, Frank	1	Roberts, Don	2		

Latest SIR 116 Golf Info Available on Our Golf Web Site

The Golf Website address is:

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 July 8	Crow Canyon CC	Jun-17	\$45
Tuesday July 16	Mare Island	Jul-6	\$34
Monday July 22	Metropolitan	Jul-13	\$35
Monday July 29	Tilden Park	Jul-20	\$37
Tuesday August 20	Rossmoor	Aug-10	\$36 / \$48
Monday August 26	Blue Rock East	Aug-19	\$36

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



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

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Rules of Attendance and Membership for SIR Branch 116

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

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

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

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

Non Responsibility Declaration

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

Checks for Trips

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