



Trampas Topics

June, 2013

SIR Branch 116

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



Greetings to all this fine month of June, 2013. My congratulations to our new Party Committee Chairman, Chris Christopherson and his crew for the excellent job on the annual "Ladies Day Luncheon" also dubbed the "Spring Fling." Chris pulled out all stops by arranging a great party at Boundary Oak Country Club. We had ample time to liquefy ourselves before the lunch and I and others were amazed at how very festive our dining area looked. All reports were great and the dessert was awesome! Following lunch Chris introduced our entertainment for the afternoon, John De Mers, who elegantly sang Sinatra. We were dancing in the aisles. We then had ample door prizes for the ladies and then bid one and all adieu. Look for "Ladies Day Luncheon" photos on page 11.

For you new members of SIR Branch 116, I want you to know that in lieu of two luncheon meetings, May and December, we have two great events—the "Spring Fling" in May and the Christmas Dinner Dance in December. As of this date Chris and his crew are working on the Christmas Dinner Dance and will let us all know as soon as possible about details of this special event. You can bet it will be terrific. Please plan on attending, you won't be disappointed.

Now let's discuss a little about Branch activities. Don't be afraid to come forth with an idea and head it up. You'll have others say, "Why didn't I think of that?" My favorite of Neil Schmidt's ideas of last year was a hobby table. I know a good percentage of you have at least one you could display for the entire membership to enjoy. I promise you'll be the hit of the luncheon meeting!

The upcoming annual 2013 Carson City Golf/Shopping Get-Away scheduled for September 4 thru 6th. Thursday the men and women will play at Dayton Valley Golf Course with a shot-gun start. On Friday the men will play Eagle Valley West while the women will play Eagle Valley East. Checkout pages 8 & 12 of the newsletter or The Golf website for more information about this fun-for-all event so check it out and don't get left behind.

On June 17th where Neil Schmidt, SIR Nominating Chairman, will announce the SIR Nominating Committee's potential 2014 Branch 116 Officers. Election of Officers will be at the August luncheon (Aug. 19th). Looking forward to seeing all of you at our next meeting, June 17th.

Art Vogl Big SIR



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

2013 SIR 116 Officers & Directors



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2013 SIR 116 Committee Chairmen

Activities Coordinator	J. Christopherson	939-3973	Newsletter Editor	Neil Schmidt	939-5342
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Book Club	Rich Black	283-8376	Parties	J. Christopherson	393-9373
Bridge	Milt Greenstein	376-5589	Photographers	John Peterson	946-0335
Candy Sales	Dirk Meyer	820-6878	"	Phil Goff	831-3692
"	Don Seaton	932-4115	"	Neil Schmidt	939-5342
Chaplain	Rotating	#1 See Below	Poker Group #1	Bill Harrington	935-1625
Computer & Tech..	Phil Goff	831-3692	Poker Group #2	Al Reynolds	254-1576
Dine-O-Sir	Ben Smith	820-5403	Storytellers	Rotating	#2 See Below
Duplicate Bridge	Mike Corker	872-7525	Sums In Retirement	Ben Smith	820-5403
E-mail Contact	Phil Goff	831-3692	Sunshine	Matt Arena	946-0404
Fishing	Harry Sherinian	846-7067	Travel	Tom Eller	939-5897
Guitar	Paul King	938-3035	Volunteers	Bob Kinser	837-8886
Golf	Al Zavattero	933-0465	Webmaster	Phil Goff	831-3692
"	Carlos Xavier	947-6756	Welcoming	Jerry Kaplan	938-1037
Greeters	Pat Bermingham	930-9477	Wine Appreciation	Jack Bevis	254-7256
Hiking and Walking	Joel White	964-0994			
Historian	Matt Arena	946-0404			
Host	Frank Crua	932-0975			
Interviewer	Max Foust	827-9323			
Membership Roster	Dick Thomson	785-7600			
Music Man	Robbie Robinson	798-4276			

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

#2. Pat Bermingham, Milt Greenstein, Marty Ratterree

2013 SIR Area 2 (Inter-branch) Committee Chairmen

Bowling	Lloyd West (Br.19)	228-9037	Rubber Bridge	Fred Bolton (Br.146)	932-1580
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Publicity	Walt Schick (Br.8)	934-0656	\$ums Retirement	Allen Espenmiller (A.2)	376-3977

SIR Branch 116 Activity Calendar

June 2013

Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
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2	3 18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Boundary Oak GC) Book Group 10:15@ Orinda Books	4 Duplicate Bridge (9:00@ Diablo Valley Bridge Ctr)	5 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC)	6	7	8
9	10 18-Hole Golf (8:00@ Boundary Oak GC)	11 Luncheon Bridge (11:30@ Round Hill CC)	12 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Pine Meadow GC)	13	14 Hiking & Walking (8:15@ Stone Vly Rd & Iron Horse Trail)	15
16 Fathers Day	17 SIR Br 116 Mtg. (11:30@ Elks Club)	18 18-Hole Golf (10:00@ Los Positas GC) Poker Group 2 (1:00@ Diablo CC)	19 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC)	20	21	22
23	24 18-Hole Golf (10:00 Blue Rock West GC) Book Group Mtg. (10:15@ Orinda Books)	25 Luncheon Bridge (11:30@ Diablo CC)	26 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Diablo Hills GC) \$ums Investment (8:00@ Diablo Creek GC)	27 Wine Appreciation (4:00@ TBD) Fishing Group (8:30@ Legends-Diablo Crk)	28 Hiking & Walking (8:15@ El Nido Ranch Rd between Acalanes Rd & Upper Happy Vly Rd)	29
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Membership

Andy Benz
(anbenz@aol.com)

SIR 116 Membership Status

Total Current Members:	252
Last Month's Inductees:	0
Those in Interview Stage:	3
Total in Process:	3
On Inactive Status:	51
Left the Branch:	1
Waiting to be Installed:	0



Br. 116 Treasurer's Report

John Peterson, Treasurer
(delanaimp@aol.com)

	May 2013	2013 YTD
Contributions	\$ 3,540.00	\$ 34,428.62
Disbursements	\$ (3,494.95)	\$ (27,424.71)
Net (gain/(loss))	\$ 45.05	\$ 7,003.91

May Cash Balance \$ 11,729.16

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/

June Luncheon Menu

Roasted Rosemary Chicken
Mashed Potatoes & Chicken Gravy
Veggie, Cole Slaw
Roll/Butter
Dessert/Coffee/Ice Tea

June Birthdays

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

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|--------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Matt Arena | 12. Charlie McInnis |
| 2. Andy Benz | 13. George Meyer |
| 3. Dick Bergamini | 14. Louis Meylan |
| 4. Dave Carlson | 15. Mike Murphy |
| 5. Phil Goff | 16. Troy Powell |
| 6. Bruce Herold | 17. Don Schroeder |
| 7. Jerry Hunter | 18. Jim Scott |
| 8. Jerry Kaplan | 19. Harry Sherinian |
| 9. Stan Lowenberg) | 20. David Tullus |
| 10. Alex Lutkus | 21. Bob Wilson |
| 11. Bill McCallum | 22. Jai Yee |

Want a Free Lunch ?
Sponsor a New Member !

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



Sunshine Report

Matt Arena

(marena@astound.net)

The Sunshine Chairman will be on the Right Coast visiting family so this report will be in the next issue of The Trampas Topics.

Sir **Harry Sherinian's** wife Margaret passed away on MAY 9 . The services have already been held. Our Branch wishes to express our condolences to Harry and his family.

Sir **Paul King's** wife Ruth passed away on MAY 18. Services will be held on June 15th at 11:00 AM at the Unity Church in Walnut Creek.

GET OUTSIDE EVERY DAY. MIRACLES ARE WAITING EVERYWHERE !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



\$ums Investment Group

Allen Espenmiller

(aespenmiller@pacbell.net)

The Area 2 \$ums Investment Group will meet on Wednesday June 26, 2013, 8:00 AM at the Diablo



Creek Golf Course, 4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord. Our speaker will be Geoffrey Cable , CFP is Managing Director and Assistant Manager of the Advisor Division at Destination

Wealth Management a financial planning and investment services firm in Walnut Creek, California. Geoffrey will present a workshop on " Long Term Care- What you need to Know" Geoff will discuss " What are Long-Term Care Services" – "Will I need Long-Term Care Services" – " Factors to Consider" – "Planning and Paying for Long-Term Care" – " Long-Term Care Insurance and types of Policies" and the numerous details that you need to consider before Buying a Long-Term Policy. Finally understanding State of California Partnership Policies. This meeting will bring needed in-sight to a health care issue that we all may need in the future.

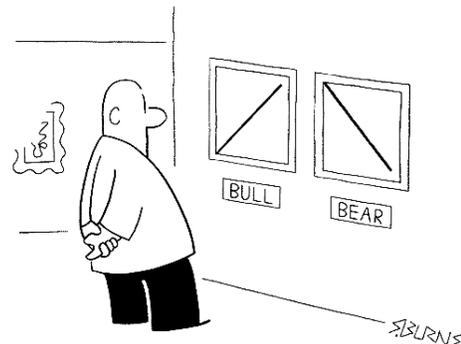
The Legends restaurant opens at 7:00AM, so plan to have an enjoyable breakfast along with your fellow members and guests. Bring along a prospective SIR member to let them know about our Investment Group and enjoy a timely presentation. Let's support the restaurant and its excellent staff. Occasionally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

Unforgettable Senior Moments

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"A man in his eighties went to the doctor for his annual health check-up. He told the doctor: 'I'm getting really forgetful. I forget where I live, I forget where I've parked my car, and I go into shops and I can't remember what it is that I want. And when I do get to the checkout, I find I've forgotten my wallet. It's getting pretty bad, doc. What can I do?'

The doctor thought for a moment and said: 'Pay me in advance.'"
—

Asked by a reporter how he had managed to live to the age of 100, an old man explained: 'Well, son, I got married when I was 21. The wife and I decided that if ever we argued the loser should take a long walk to cool off. So I guess I've benefited from 79 years of fresh air.'"



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Hiking & Walking

Joel White
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The **Friday, May 10** walk led by Dan Green, meandered along a quiet, beautifully landscaped residential area adjacent to the Lafayette Moraga trail. This walk was enjoyed by Rich Black and Donna Argenbright, Lytton DeSilva, Dan and Andrea Green, Paul Frietas, and Susan and Joel White. Coffee and conversation followed at La Boulange, Lafayette.

The **June 14** walk, will meet at **8:15am** at the junction of Stone Valley Road West and the Iron Horse Trail. The walk will be led by Paul Frietas. Please RSVP to Paul pmfreitas@pacbell.net, 939-3921.

DIRECTIONS: This is 3280 Stone Valley Road West on the Google maps. Park in the adjacent parking lot. Afterwards we will gather at Cherubini Coffee House, 37 Alamo Square Dr., Alamo.

The **Friday, June 28, 2013** walk will be led by **Lytton DeSilva**. Please RSVP to Lytton (lyttonaudrey@comcast.net; 925-254-5289) for this walk which will begin at **8:15 AM** at the corner of El Nido Ranch Rd. and Upper Happy Valley Rd. in Lafayette.

DIRECTIONS: Take Highway 24 to the Acalanes Rd. off ramp, exit to the north side of the freeway and park on El Nido Ranch Rd. between Acalanes Rd. and Upper Happy Valley Rd.

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

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.

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.

Wine Appreciation Group

Jack Bevis
(jackb435@comcast.net)



Wine Tasting events are held every other month on the last Thursday of the month from 4 to 6:30 pm. We meet at members' homes on a rotating basis, with the host selecting the wines and finger foods. Usually, four to five different wines are tasted and discussed. The cost is normally between \$5 and \$10 per person. Both SIR members and their wives are invited to attend these informal and enjoyable gatherings. Contact Jack Bevis at 925-254-7256, for more information.





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, June 27th, at the Legend Sports Bar and Grill at the Diablo Creek Golf Course at 4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord. Meeting starts at 8:30am. Many members come early and have breakfast before the meeting. It's a great time swap fishing stories and to get to know each other on a more personal basis.

Joe Karg and son were again the headliners with a nice limit of salmon from a Berkeley party boat. Carl Moyer got a salmon on a private boat. Carl, Terry Miller, Jerry Flahiff, George Vogt and Gordon Linebaugh struck out on their salmon attempt. However, the salmon are definitely back in good numbers and sizes, and when they bite folks do very well on the red meat. Joe Miscione had a good trip with a shovel, getting lots of delicious clams from Bodega Bay. Don Mittlestaedt had a good day at Kelsey Bass Ranch, catching lots of bass on wiggle tails and poppers. Big winds kept us off the water as is normal for spring. Sal Costanza caught a nice ten pound striper trolling near the Antioch Bridge. Trout were very cooperative when we could get out. Joe Miscione and son, Terry Miller, Harry Sherinian, Craig Walton and Romano Gnusti got limits at Lake McSwain. Mike Corker, Barry Rauchle, Romano Gnusti, Bill Landers, Gene Schulting and Carl Moyer had an epic morning at Shadow Cliffs. They limited out in 2 hours, and released many smaller trout. What fun! Shad fishing season is just around the corner and we are planning a trip up on the American River in the first part of June. It should be a blast.

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, June 27th, at the Legend Sports Bar and Grill at the Diablo Creek Golf Course at 4050 Port Chicago Highway in

Concord. Meeting starts at 8:30 am. For further information, please contact Pete Gates, Big Fish (925-937-2035) Harry Sherinian, Branch 116 Coordinator, (510-207-7067) or Tom Boltz, Treasurer/Secretary, (925-825-5695.).



Ernie Wong Shad Fishing Presentation



Toshiro Suwa's 26lb Salmon





The Area 2 Computer and Technology Group reminds all Sirs and their guests that our next meeting will be at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge on Thursday, JULY 18th at 9:30 am, there is no meeting in June.



The topic for the July meeting will be announced in your July newsletters.

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.



Health for Seniors

At our June Luncheon Dr. Ken Howayeck will speak to us about bone health for seniors.

Dr. Howayeck is a Board Certified Foot and Ankle Surgeon and author of the book "Bone Health Made Easy." He will tell us why this particular issue is quite important to us and particularly so to the women in our lives.

If you want to stay healthy and active, please plan to attend Dr. Howayeck's presentation.

CARSON CITY GOLF GETAWAY 2013

It's time to start thinking about signing up for this year's golf outing in Carson City to be held

September 4, 5 & 6.

This event has it all -- 3 nights lodging, 2 rounds of golf with cart, 3 banquets with open bar, ladies bridge, raffle prizes, golf balls, tee gift, bar, food & gaming coupons all for one reasonable price. The price is actually a few dollars less than last year ("what a great deal").

We will be playing Dayton Valley and Eagle Valley West (the women will play the East course). Golf carts and a sleeve of golf balls will be provided. There will be 3 flights for men and 2 for women. The mens' 3rd flight will hit from the red tees. Format will be shot gun. Couples will play together on the first day. Several prizes will be awarded for lowest net scores in each flight; also for closest to the pin and most improved from the first day to the second for both men and women.

A group of ladies will be playing bridge both days or if one chooses they can play bridge one day and golf the next day. There are also many things for the ladies who do not golf to do in the Carson City, Reno and Tahoe area. In addition to the Casino, many shops are close by, there are lots of good restaurants, and sight seeing trips and tours are available.

If you have never attended this 3 day event, we suggest you sign up and find out what a fun time is had by everyone every year. This outing is always open to your friends and family. Several guests have come in the past and have had a great time. They are always welcome, as this event is not limited to SIRs.

The **Entry Form** is available on page 12 in this issue of the "Trampas Topics" and on our branch golf Web-site www.branch116.org/116golf Early sign ups would be greatly appreciated as it gives us the opportunity to get more rooms should it become necessary. If you would like more information contact Tim Hubbard (925) 944-0742 or e-mail tthubbs@astound.net.



Br. 116 Book Club

Rich Black

(blackrw41@comcast.net)

The Next 100 Years: A Forecast for the 21st Century

BECAUSE THE 4TH MONDAY OF MAY FALLS ON MEMORIAL DAY, the group will next meet on Monday June 3 at Orinda Books at 10:15 AM to discuss "*The Next 100 Years: A Forecast for the 21st Century*" by George Friedman. The group will then meet on June 24 when *Sutton* by J.R. Moehringer is the book of choice.



"Dine-O-Sir" Dinner Group

Ben Smith

(bjsssmith@aol.com)



The Dine-O-Sir herd will be gathering for another fun grazing and social event on Tuesday, June 25, 2013 at the Lafayette Park Hotel at 3287 Mount Diablo Boulevard, Lafayette Ca 94509. This outing should prove to be outstanding and will start with our social time at 6:00 PM and dinner will follow at 7:00 PM.



The Menu for this event will consist of a baby green salad with chef's special dressing, a choice of Arctic Char Fish, Sliced Flank Steak and Grilled chicken breast with all the trimmings. Dessert consisting of a fresh fruit tart will wrap up the final

course. We will have our own Bar arrangement that will be placed just outside the dining area in a lovely patio area.

The all inclusive price for this dinner is \$37.00 PP.

Parking is available below the Hotel, with an elevator directly up to the dining area.

If you have not signed up to attend this event you should do so soon. We still have a few openings. Contact Ben Smith at bjsssmith@aol.com or Tel. 820-5403.



Bridge

Milt Greenstein

(margmilt@comcast.net)

The duplicate bridge group met on May 7th at the Diablo Valley Bridge Center, with 10 teams playing. First place was won by the team of Jack Butler / Marv DeHues with 64.00 points out of a possible 108, (59.26 %). Second place was taken by the team of Arnold Jacobson / Bob Horowitz (55.09%), followed by Dick Chaffee / Bob Daily (53.24%) and Norm Schoenfeld / Jim Regan (51.85%).

On May 14th, the lunch / bridge group met at Round Hill C.C. with 19 men enjoying lunch and 3 hours of bridge.

Jai Yee with 8,250 points was our over-the-top, top score for the day, with Ali Aghaiepour second with 6,770. In third place was Art Donaldson with 6,690, followed by Lou Sandor, 6,220. We had 3 small slams made today by the teams of Ali Aghaiepour / Art Donaldson, Jai Yee / Lou Sandor and Bill Sullivan / Ernie Sherne. Overall, today was another exceptionally high scoring day with an average round of 762 points, the highest scoring average we have ever had, far surpassing the last high session! Note all four of our high scorers today had small slams. The slams help! Even our lowest score of 2,650 was double

On May 28th, the group met again at Diablo C.C. A delicious salmon lunch was enjoyed by 21 men, before sitting to bridge. A high score of 5,560 points was achieved by Ali Aghaiepour, followed by Norm Schoenfeld with 4,970. Jai Yee was third with 4,850, fourth was Lou Sandor at 4,810 and fifth was Tony Rohrs with 4,620. And we had 4 small slams today made by Jai Yee / Ron Wolberg, Norm Schoenfeld / Ali Aghaiepour, Lou Sandor / Jai Yee and Bob Wolf / Jim Nachtweih. What a difference from our last session!



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

, Sonoma, Br 172, 209-586-0777.

Jun 19-26, 2013: Michigan, Mackinac Island & Chicago. (This 8 day excursion starts in Detroit with visits to Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village, Motown Museum, Ford Rouge plant, then off to Mackinac Island with visits to Sleeping Bear Dunes, and Traverse City. The trip ends with a complete tour of Chicago.) Cost \$3170 pp, Bill Kurtz, San Jose, Br 21, 408-268-8830 or Dick Kohl, 408-268-0428.

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

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

Aug 17-24, 2013: Colorado Gold Mines & Ghost Towns. (Experience places in Colorado few get to see. It's off the highways and byways and into the wilderness. Tour includes round trip home pickup, 7 night hotel stay, admissions to all attractions,

taxes, baggage handling. Costs \$2085 to \$2475 pp. Ralph Hunt, Mountain View, Br 153, 650-967-8467 or Alan Patmore, Br 125, 408-867-4197.

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

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.

May, 2014: Hidden Gems of the Dalmation Coast & Greece. A 16 day Cruise aboard a privately owned Grand Circle small ship with a maximum of 50 passengers. Ports of Call will include Zagreb,



Split, Hvar, Korcula, Dubrovnik, Montenegro, Butrint, Albania, Corfu, Delphi and Athens. Prices range from approximately \$4595 to \$6170 depending on accommodations and airfare. Trip also includes 37 meals, 12 exclusive

tours with personal headsets, home hosted dinner, and resident Grand Circle Program Director. Contact **Ken Richter** Br 146, 689-6217.

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.

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

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We have an active golf organization consisting of 18-hole and 9-hole groups. A small annual donation is required to play in either group.

The 18-hole group plays once a week in a Tournament format with play alternating between local courses and courses that may be 10 to 50 miles away. Those playing in the 18-hole group must be members of the Northern California Golf Association (NCGA) and establish a handicap index. You may join the NCGA through our SIR club or through another club.

The 9-hole group also plays once a week and alternates play between local courses. Foursomes in both groups are arranged so that players can meet and enjoy playing with most, if not all, the other players in the branch.

All our events are listed in our annual golf book, the Trampas Topics and on our web site at www.branch116.org/116-golf. Join up with us and enjoy outings with a great bunch of guys at some great courses with reasonable prices.

COUNTRY CLUB GOLF IN JULY (CROW CANYON)

We are playing **Crow Canyon on July 8, 2013**. 9:00 AM shotgun. Price is \$45 with cart. Please invite your golf friends as we would like to get 72 golfers in our group. The cut-off date is at our June luncheon on June 17th. We need to give the course a solid number by the end of that week. So start getting your money into the PO Box or bring to the June luncheon.

Nine Hole Info

Dick Chaffee, 9-Hole Chairman

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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.

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.

June 9-Hole Schedule

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

June 18-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Mon. 03	9:30	Boundary Oak	Jim Clizbe
Mon. 10	8:00	Boundary Oak	Jim Clizbe
Tue. 18	10:00	Los Positas	C. Robertson
Wed. 24	10:00	Blue Rock West	C. Robertson

18-Hole Results

San Ramon -- Monday May 20, 2013

Official Scorer:
Pete Coggiola

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
1st	Mel Williams	72 3	1st	Lonny Randall	67 3	1st	Alex Lutkus	67 3	Tie 1st	Robbie Robinson	73 3
2nd	David Harris	75 2	Tie 2nd	Frank Crua	75 2	2nd	Pete Coggiola	71 2	Tie 1st	Fred Schafer	73 3
Tie 3rd	Jim Barstow	76 1	Tie 2nd	John Story	75 2	Tie 3rd	Hugh Duggan	73 1	3rd	Matt Arena	76 1
Tie 3rd	David Carlson	76 1				Tie 3rd	Jon Rasmussen	73 1			
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
Mel Williams 88			Lonny Randall 85			Alex Lutkus 97			Robbie Robinson 104		

Closest to: Hole #7 - Matt Arena -- Hole #17 - Paul Kim, Terry Grummitt

Boundary Oak -- Monday May 13, 2013

Official Scorer:
Wayne Cook

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
1st	David Carlson	68 3	Tie 1st	Jim Clizbe	71 3	1st	Jerry Hunter	61 3	1st	Robbie Robinson	61 3
Tie 2nd	Jim Barstow	69 2	Tie 1st	Wayne Smith	71 3	2nd	Conrad Robertson	66 2	2nd	Carl Langhorst	68 2
Tie 2nd	Jerry Hicks	69 2	3rd	Frank Crua	72 1	3rd	Al Serafino	68 1	3rd	Art Vogl	71 1
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
Jerry Hicks 82			Wayne Smith 91			Jerry Hunter 88			Robbie Robinson 91		

Closest to: Hole #2 - Robbie Robinson -- Hole #12 - David Harris, Hugh Duggan

Boundary Oak -- Monday May 6, 2013

Official Scorer:
Jed Daniel

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
1st	Jim Barstow	64 3	1st	Jim Clizbe	65 3	1st	Jerry Hunter	63 3	1st	Chuck Gilliam	61 3
2nd	Bill Clark	72 2	Tie 2nd	Paul Kim	69 2	Tie 2nd	Alex Lutkus	64 2	2nd	Robbie Robinson	63 2
3rd	Dirk Meyer	74 1	Tie 2nd	Jim Videle	69 2	Tie 2nd	Troy Powell	64 2	3rd	Mark Jordan	66 1
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
Jim Barstow 81			Jim Clizbe 86			Jerry Hunter 90			Robbie Robinson 90		

Closest to: Hole #2 - Phil Goff, Bernie Wroblewski -- Hole #12 - Jim Barstow, Jai Yee

Mare Island -- Monday April 29, 2013

Official Scorer:
Chuck Gilliam

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
1st	Al Zavattero	67 3	1st	Wayne Smith	67 3	1st	Jerry Hunter	65 3	1st	Frank Lockwood	66 3
2nd	Mel Williams	69 2	2nd	John Story	75 2	2nd	Jon Rasmussen	66 2	2nd	Chuck Gilliam	67 2
3rd	Dirk Meyer	70 1	3rd	Jim Clizbe	76 1	3rd	Alex Lutkus	67 1	3rd	Terry Grummitt	68 1
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
Al Zavattero 84			Wayne Smith 87			Jerry Hunter 92			Carl Langhorst 100		
									Robbie Robinson 100		

Closest to: Hole #5 - Harry Oberle, Carl Langhorst -- Hole #17 - Mel Williams, Robbie Robinson



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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	21	Smith, Wayne	23	Hunter, Jerry	28	Robinson, Robbie	24
Barstow, Jim	20	Schmidt, Neil	19	Lutkus, Alex	16	Gilliam, Chuck	18
Harris, David	19	Clizbe, Jim	16	Robertson, Conrad	14	Grummitt, Terry	15
Williams, Mel	19	Story, John	16	Jenkins, Phil	13	Schafer, Fred	12
Johnson, Jim	12	Crua, Frank	13	Duggan, Hugh	8	Jordan, Mark	11
Meyer, Dirk	10	Randall, Lonny	7	Donohue, Bob	6	Arena, Matt	10
Goff, Phil	9	Testa, Bob	7	Rasmussen, Jon	6	Langhorst, Carl	10
Hicks, Jerry	9	Xavier, Carlos	5	Serafino, Al	6	Lockwood, Frank	7
Carlson, David	8	Tinguely, Pat	4	Wroblewski, Bernie	6	Armijo, Ron	6
McCord, Bill	6	Videle, Jim	4	Boswell, Gary	5	Sherman, Terry	4
Clark, Bill	2	Ferm, David	3	Daniel, Jed	4	Vogl, Art	4
		Kawecki, Walt	3	Peterson, John	4	Hemmelsbach, Bill	1
		Kim, Paul	3	Legler, Terry	3		
		Perrelli, Phil	3	Binning, Ken	2		
		Eller, Tom	2	Coggiola, Peter	2		
		Madden, Richard	2	Conlon, Bob	2		
		Socolich, Dick	2	Powell, Troy	2		
		King, Paul	1	Roberts, Don	2		
		Portillo, Frank	1				

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
Tuesday June 18	Las Positas	Jun-8	\$40
Monday June 24	Blue Rock West	Jun-15	\$35
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

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



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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.

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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.