



# Trampas Topics

May, 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

We are about to celebrate Mother's Day on May 12th. The following is how this all came about.



The origin of Mother's Day goes back to the era of ancient Greek and Romans. But the roots of Mother's Day history can also be traced in UK where a Mothering Sunday was celebrated much before the festival saw the light of the day in US. However, the celebration of the festival as it is seen today is a recent phenomenon and not even a hundred years old. Thanks to the hard work of the

pioneering women of their times, Julia Ward Howe and Anna Jarvis that the day came into existence. Today the festival of Mothers day is celebrated across 46 countries

(though on different dates) and is a hugely popular affair. Millions of people across the globe take the day as an opportunity to honor their mothers, thank them for their efforts in giving them life, raising them and being their constant support and well wisher.

Spring Fling-Thursday, May 2nd- 11:00 am:  
You still have a couple of days to sign up for a very special celebration: our Annual Ladies

Day Spring Fling. This year the Spring Fling is going to be held at Boundary Oak Country Club and we look forward to seeing you and your guests. Call Jerry Christopherson for further details and reservations (925) 939-3973.

Memorial Day Holiday is on May 27th. Rather than provide you with a brief history of this event, I want to share with you that last year my wife and I were in Northern Italy and visited the U.S. Memorial Cemetery, a 20 minute drive outside of Florence. It is a beautiful and touching place to observe first hand the sacrifices of so many men and women during WWII. The statuary of armed soldiers maintaining their vigil over their fallen comrades is like no other we've seen. Like all U.S. cemeteries overseas, it is maintained by the U.S. Government most respectfully and I'd recommend a short visit to anyone who may be visiting Northern Italy in the future.



*Art Vogl* Big SIR

## MEMORIAL DAY



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***PLEASE CALL 806-8874***  
*by the Thursday prior to the meeting to cancel your standing reservation or to bring a guest.*

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Membership Roster	Dick Thomson	785-7600			
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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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# SIR Branch 116 Activity Calendar

## May 2013

Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
			1  <b>9-Hole Golf</b> (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC)	2  <b>Spring Fling Luncheon</b> (11:00@ The Clubhouse at Boundary Oak)	3	4
5	6  <b>18-Hole Golf</b> (9:30@ Boundary Oak GC)	7  <b>Duplicate Bridge</b> (9:00@ Diablo Valley Bridge Ctr)	8  <b>9-Hole Golf</b> (10:00@ Pine Meadow GC)	9	10  <b>Hiking &amp; Walking</b> (8:15@ Lafayette Christian Church)	11
12 <b>Mothers Day</b>	13  <b>18-Hole Golf</b> (7:00@ Boundary Oak GC)	14  <b>Luncheon Bridge</b> (11:30@ Round Hill CC)	15  <b>9-Hole Golf</b> (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC)	16  <b>Computer &amp; Tech</b> (9:00@ Elks Club)	17	18
19	20  <b>18-Hole Golf</b> (9:30@ San Ramon GC)	21	22  <b>9-Hole Golf</b> (10:00@ Diablo Hills GC) <b>Sums Investment</b> (8:00@ Diablo Creek CC)	23  <b>Fishing</b> (8:30@ Diablo Creek GC)	24  <b>Hiking &amp; Walking</b> (8:15@ Lafayette-Moraga Trailhead at Olympic)	25
26	27  <b>Memorial Day</b>	28  <b>Luncheon Bridge</b> (11:30@ Round Hill CC)	29  <b>9-Hole Golf</b> (10:00@ Rossmoor CC) <b>18-Hole Golf</b> (9:36@ Paradise Valley GC)	30  <b>Wine Tasting</b> (4:00@ TBD)	31	



## Membership

Andy Benz  
(anbenz@aol.com)

### SIR 116 Membership Status

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



## Br. 116 Treasurer's Report

John Peterson, Treasurer  
(delanaimp@aol.com)

	April 2013	2013 YTD
Contributions	\$ 8,862.60	\$ 30,573.62
Disbursements	\$ (8,827.60)	\$ (23,929.76)
Net (gain/(loss))	\$ 35.00	\$ 6,643.86

April Cash Balance \$ 11,369.11

## 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/)



## Lunch Attendance

Jim Nachtweih  
(majnacht@sbcglobal.net)

Attendance at the April 15th meeting:

Total:	198
Members:	193
Visitors:	0
Speakers:	1
Guests:	4
Excused:	41
Un-Excused:	19

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

## May Birthdays

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

- |                    |                        |
|--------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Doug Aalders    | 11. Bob Kinser         |
| 2. Larry Cannon    | 12. George Kohut       |
| 3. Tom Conroy      | 13. Bob Matthews       |
| 4. Joe Diehl       | 14. Darrell McClaughry |
| 5. Rudy Gebert     | 15. Robbie Robinson    |
| 6. Charles Gilliam | 16. Anthony Rohrs      |
| 7. Walt Grant      | 17. Don Seaton         |
| 8. Plato Grivas    | 18. Al Serafino        |
| 9. Doug Hatton     | 19. Al Zavattero       |
| 10. Jerry Hicks    |                        |

## State 'SIR Happenings'

*SIR Happenings* (our State Web Newsletter) is now in it's fifth year of publishing!

Enjoy reading *SIR Happenings* and find out about all the fun things that are going on throughout our organization. You can easily find Happenings on the SIR State Website located at:

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

Want a Free Lunch ?  
Sponsor a New Member !



## Sunshine Report

**Matt Arena**

(marena@astound.net)

Sir **Carl Cline** is completing his extensive therapy at John Muir following his stroke. Carl is making excellent progress and expects to be discharged by the end of April. This has been a long ordeal but Carl is a warrior and expects a good recovery.

Sir **Oscar Krikorian** has reported a successful surgery and is pleased to be home recovering nicely. Hope to see him at our next luncheon.

Past Big Sir **Courtney Borrecco** continues to deal with Parkinson which has affected his left leg. Courtney is ever optimistic and in great spirits but would really like to join us for lunch. If anyone can "jump" over this hurdle Courtney can.

Sir **Mario Beria** finds it a bit taxing to come to our luncheons and asked to be put on inactive status. Mario has celebrated his 98 th birthday and has been a faithful member .Here is hoping that he can join us on an occasional basis in the future.

Sir **Tim Dorr** shows continued progress but is not quite ready to join us for lunch. We look forward to his return.

Sir **Kirk McVean** has not returned from Palm Springs where he had a real scare and was hospitalized with a high fever and radical swing in blood pressure. I will let you know how he is doing after his return this month.

This is the shortest list of members needing some SUSHINE in a long time.

ALL THAT REALLY MATTERS IN THE END IS THAT YOU LOVED!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!His wife Nancy got a good scare as you might imagine. She tells me Kirk is on the mend and has an appointment to see a specialist when they



## \$ums Investment Group

**Allen Espenmiller**

(aespenmiller@pacbell.net)

The Area 2 \$ums Investment Group will meet on Wednesday May 22, 2013. 8:00 AM at the Diablo Creek Golf Course, 4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord.



Our speaker will be Peggy Cabaniss, CFP and NAPFA –

Registered Financial Advisor and sole owner of HC Financial Advisors, Inc. a fee-only financial planning and investment advisory firm in Lafayette, CA. Peggy will present a

workshop on "**Getting your estate plans in order: what to do before someone dies – what to do after someone dies – common mistakes with estate plans and how to fix or avoid them.**" She will review the basic documents of an estate plan, what the current laws are with regard to estate taxes and exemptions, and how to properly title assets during lifetime. In addition she will discuss the pros and cons of sharing estate plans with family members.

There will be a checklist handed out showing what should be done when there is a death in the family. A review of the basics of settling an estate, both at the death of the first spouse and the death of the surviving spouse. Finally a review of the most common mistakes that attorneys see in settling estates and how to avoid those problems. In summary this workshop hopefully will help you prepare carefully and thoroughly so that your estate will someday be settled smoothly and with no problems.

The Legends restaurant opens at 7:00 AM so plan to have an enjoyable breakfast along with your fellow members. Bring along a prospective SIR member to let them know about our Investment Group and enjoy this timely presentation. Let's support the restaurant and its excellent staff. Occasionally George Schulze will ask for 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.



## Hiking & Walking

Joel White

(zpz2mrz@yahoo.com)



A gorgeous spring morning on April 12, 2013 brought an even dozen to a flowering walk on the Iron Horse Trail in Alamo. Walkers are pictured from left to right: Anna Freitas, Rich Black (hidden behind Anna) Susan White, David and Colleen Geary, Marc Jordan, Paul Frietas, Lytton DeSilva, Dan Green, Mary Alice Donaldson, Donna Argenbright, Art Donaldson, and Andrea Green, with Joel White behind the Camera.

Dan Green will lead the **Friday, May 10** walk. Meet at **8:15 AM** at the parking lot for the Lafayette Christian Church (584 Glenside Drive, Lafayette, near the intersection with St. Mary's Road). The trail is adjacent to the parking lot. Please RSVP to Dan (376-7087; [asdgreen@comcast.net](mailto:asdgreen@comcast.net)). Cell 408-2412.

The **Friday, May 24th**, 2013 walk will be led by **Rich Black** ([blackrw41@comcast.net](mailto:blackrw41@comcast.net), 283-8376). Please RSVP to Rich for this walk which will begin at 8:15 am on the Lafayette-Moraga trailhead, in the parking lot at the corner of Olympic Blvd and Pleasant Hill Road.

Anyone wishing to be added to the e-mail reminder list should contact Joel White 964-0994 or [zpz2mrz@yahoo.com](mailto:zpz2mrz@yahoo.com).

## Trampas Topics Submissions



We need your contributions and suggestions for Trampas Topics. Please send photos, news items, SIR activities, and Letters to the Editor to:

Neil Schmidt, Trampas Topics Editor  
[trampastopics@gmail.com](mailto:trampastopics@gmail.com)



Hiking Group on April 12th Alamo Iron Horse Trail hike



## 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, May 23rd, 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.

Wind, rain, flu and colds, and not much fishin. Trout were targeted, Romano Gnusti hit the bullseye catching a limit from the shore at San Pablo Reservoir in 3 hours. Terry Miller, Barry Rauchle, and Carl Moyer did well fishing there in rented boats. Mike Corker was the Shadow Cliffs master, catching a fine limit to 5 lbs fishing with Pete Gates and Carl Moyer. Joe Miscione had a field day with small stripers from Rio Vista. Don Mittlesteadt fished Pyramid Lake in Nevada, but did better at Blodgett Lake. Steve Paulick took a ride on a small party boat for some small stripers and sturgeon. Ernie Wong and Don Mittlesteadt regaled us with shad fishing lore at our meeting, and got us all excited and eager to catch some of these feisty fish this summer. Carl Moyer was the only one of us out for early salmon. Many fishermen found the salmon up and down the coast. Carl did not, but the number and size of salmon caught may bode well for the summer.

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

Our next meeting will be Thursday, May 23rd, 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.).

## A SPECIAL MESSAGE FOR ALL

We look forward to your regular attendance at our monthly meetings..All members have a standing reservation for lunch on the third Monday of each month (exception May and December) If you are unable to attend, you must notify the the Attendance Chairman at (925) 806-8874 by 1:00 P.M. the Thursday before the lunch..We contract to pay for a set number of lunches and we pay unless you call in and tell us you will not be there.

If you are bringing a guest, call the same number, leave your name and badge number and your guest name, spelling out your guest name so we can make up the proper name tag..Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated..If you have any questions contact your attendance chairman...

Jim Nachtweih  
Attendance Chairman

## 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)

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 invites all Sirs and their guests to our next meeting at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge on Thursday, May 16th at 9:30 am.

This month we plan to offer another 'double header'. Dean Steichen will discuss common word processors from the expensive and fully functional (but complex) MS Word to some free alternatives. The free products will satisfy most people's needs most of the time, so instead of upgrading according to Microsoft's plans, find a great alternative where the price can't be beat!

Derek Southern will follow up with a review of today's most popular browsers and will explain why you need to update your version regularly. Each browser offers something different but the newest versions are faster and more flexible than their earlier siblings. If you don't know how old your current browser is, he'll show you how to find out and then update it. Browsers are our entry into the universe of the internet, but some are better than others. Come and find out how a good browser (with better passwords) makes for a safer experience on the web.

Time permitting, Dick Curry will then lead a Q&A discussion to address current computer issues that you identify. So please bring your questions and join us for a fun and informative session. As always there will be coffee and cookies available before and during the meeting.

Meetings of the Area 2 Computer and Technology Group are held the 3rd Thursday of each month (except June and December) from 9:30 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.

## How Old Are You Really?

From the following list of 25 items, count all the ones that you remember -- not the ones you were told about! How to score yourself is at the end.

1. Blackjack chewing gum
2. Wax Coke-shaped bottles with colored sugar-water
3. Candy cigarettes
4. Soda-pop machines that dispensed bottles
5. Coffee shops with tableside jukeboxes
6. Home milk delivery in glass bottles with cardboard stoppers
7. Party lines
8. Newsreels before the movie
9. P. F. Flyers
10. Butch wax
11. Telephone numbers with a word prefix (e.g., Olive - 6933)
12. Peashooters
13. Howdy Doody
14. 45-RPM records ... and 78-RPM records
15. S&H Green Stamps
16. Hi-fi systems
17. Metal ice trays with lever
18. Mimeograph paper
19. Blue flashbulb
20. Packards
21. Rollerskate keys
22. Cork popguns
23. Drive-in theaters
24. Studebakers
25. Washtub wringers

If you remembered!

0 - 5 = You're still young

6 - 10 = You are getting older

11 - 15 = Don't tell your age

16 - 25 = You're older than you think!





## Br. 116 Book Club

Rich Black

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### Miscalculation, Misinformation and Hubris: The Korean War

All three colossal errors can be attributed to General Douglas MacArthur but then Mao Zedong,



Kim Il-sung, Henry Luce and a host of others also bear responsibility for the catastrophic American casualties in "The Coldest Winter: America and the Korean War" described by David Halberstam. Cord Hull

recommended this ambitious tome and Richard Black led the discussion on April 22 attended by Lytton DeSilva, Al Reynolds, John Riordan, Joel White, Jack Butler, Paul Freitas, Jerry Christopher-son, John Frazier, Garrett Girvan and Bob Mathews. The book was awarded 4.6 stars which is about the highest rating which our group gives.

BECAUSE THE 4<sup>TH</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> Century" by George Friedman. The group will then meet on June 24 when *Sutton* by J.R. Moehringer is the book of choice.



## 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 mgkaplan@astound.net.

## "Dine-O-Sir" Dinner Group

Ben Smith

(bjsssmith@aol.com)



The Dine-O-SIR group will be out to pasture in May but have a wonderful evening planned for June 25 at the lovely **LAFAYETTE PARK HOTEL** (Home of the Duck Club restaurant).

A three course dinner is in the works that will anchor a great evening at this first class facility. The dinner will cost \$37.00 per person (All Inclusive) and we will have a special

The Lafayette Park Hotel is operated by **Woodside Properties** and is one of their world famous properties located in Monterey, Menlo park, San Francisco, Bodega Bay and Napa Valley. Woodside is dedicated to delivering great food, memorable experiences and exceeding expectations. You and your wife, or guest, will not want to miss this outstanding event at one of the finest settings in the greater Bay area

### Some Unwritten Rules of Golf (Joke)

1. Brand new golf balls are water-magnetic and, while this cannot be measured scientifically, the more expensive the ball, the greater this water-magnetism.
2. It's not a 'gimme' if you're still away.
3. Hazards attract; fairways repel.
4. Golf balls never bounce off of trees back into play.
5. A ball you can see in the rough from 50 yards away is not yours.
6. If your opponent has trouble remembering whether he shot a six or a seven, he probably shot an eight (or worse).
7. Your best round of golf will be immediately followed by your worst round. The probability of the latter increases with the number of people you tell about the former.

## 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

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

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

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

**Jul 10-17, 2013: The Canadian Rockies and the Calgary Stampede.** (7 day tour starting with flight to Calgary to attend Stampede Rodeo, after two day head to Banff for two nights including Lake Louise, then on to Jasper, Athabasca Glacier, and

Edmonton before returning to S.F.) Cost \$2856 pp  
Dick Schally, Walnut Creek, Br 8, 925-260-5534.

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

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

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

**Aug 28-Sep 7, 2013: SIR 55th Anniversary Alaska Cruise.** SIR will be celebrating our 55<sup>th</sup> 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.

### 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.



## Bridge

Milt Greenstein

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The duplicate bridge group met on **April 2nd** at the Diablo Valley Bridge Center , with 10 teams playing. First place was won by the team of Bob Wolf/Art Donaldson with 67.00 points out of a possible 108, (62.04 %). Second place was taken by the team of Regan /Christopherson (60.95%), followed by Jack Butler/Dan Greenberg (52.78%) and Dan Green/Ernie Sherne (50.00%).

On **April 9th**, the lunch / bridge group met at Round Hill C.C. with 24 men enjoying a chicken cacciatore lunch and 3 hours of bridge. Norm Schoenfeld with 6,430 points was our top score for the day, with Jim Nachtweih second with 6,010. In third place was Dennis Perry with 5,880, followed by Ali Aghaiepour (5,600 ) and Jerry Christopherson (5,310). We had 5 small slams made today by the teams of Norm Schoenfeld / Jerry Christopherson, Ron Wohlberg / Ali Aghaiepour, Dennis Perry / Fred Massaro, Jim Nachtweih / Dimitris Argyriou and Jai Yee / Milt Greenstein. Overall, today was another high scoring day with an average round of 687 points, the highest scoring average we have ever had ! Today was Fred Massaro's last time to play with us (after 19 years) - moving to Salem, Oregon. We are sorry to see him go.

On **April 23rd**, the group met again at Diablo C.C. Twenty four men played bridge, with two very recent Branch 116 members joining us. Our big winner today was Bob Kahl with 6,130 points, then Bud Grisanti (5,470), Milt Greenstein (5,120), Dennis Snarr (4,970) and Marv DeHeus (4,800). Only one small slam was made today, by the team of Bob Kahl and Milt Greenstein.

Our **Ladies Day** event went off very well, with 54 people joining us for a very good lunch and some excellent bridge; 5 small slams and 1 grand slam. Our big winner was Ben and Helen Yeraka with a small slam and 7,490 points. In second place was Marv and Joyce Ellenberg with a small slam and 6,050 points. Third place was taken by Susie Paul and Janet Piper with 4,890, fourth place went to Norm and Bobbie Schoenfeld with a grand slam

and 4,720 points, fifth place was claimed by Jack and Dorothy Butler with 4,350 points and sixth place went to Marv and Barbara DeHeus with 4,260 points and a small slam. Small slams were also made by Tony and Lola Rohrs and by Milt and Marge Greenstein, but unfortunately, the rest of the cards weren't good enough to put them in the money.

**Note that our May schedule is changed from our normal pattern - both sessions this month will be played at Round Hill Country Club.**





## CARSON CITY GOLF GETAWAY 2013

It's time to start thinking about this year's golf outing in Carson City to be held September 4, 5 & 6.

This is the one event that 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. Actually the price is a few dollars less than last year (where can you get a "deal" this good?).

As in the past this event is open to everyone, sirs, spouses, friends and relatives. The ladies especially enjoy this outing; they get together and sight see, have lunch or go shopping where the prices are lower and the tax is less. If they wish, ladies can golf one day and play bridge the next. Lots of fun things to do.

The Entry Form is available on our Web-site [www.branch116.org/116golf](http://www.branch116.org/116golf) and will also be in next month's "Trampas Topics".

If you would like more information contact Tim Hubbard (944-0742) or e-mail [tthubbs@astound.net](mailto:tthubbs@astound.net).



Lake Chabot Golf with Neil Schmidt, Matt Arena, "The Orange Man" Hugh Duggan and Bob Testa



April Luncheon Speaker Mark Bandstra talking about Bay Area radioactive measurements following the Fukushima disaster in Japan

### Golf and Marriage (Joke)

Four married guys go golfing. While playing the 4th hole, the following conversation took place:

1st Guy: "You have no idea what I had to do to be able to come out golfing this weekend. I had to promise my wife that I will paint every room in the house next weekend."

2nd Guy: "That's nothing, I had to promise my wife I will build a new deck for the pool."

3rd Guy: "Man, you both have it easy! I had to promise my wife I will remodel the kitchen for her."

They continued to play the hole when they realized that the 4th guy hadn't said anything. So they asked him, "You haven't said anything about what you had to do to be able to come golfing this weekend. What's the deal?"

4th guy: "I just set my alarm for 5:30 a.m. and when it went off, I shut off the alarm, gave the wife a nudge and said, 'golf course or intercourse?'"

And she said, "Wear your sweater."



# SIR Branch 116 Golf

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

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

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

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



## Nine Hole Info

Dick Chaffee, 9-Hole Chairman  
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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, 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.

## May 9-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Wed. 01	10:00	Buchanan Fields	Dick Chaffee
Wed. 08	10:00	Pine Meadow	D. McLaughry
Wed. 15	10:00	Buchanan Fields	Dick Chaffee
Wed. 22	10:00	Diablo Hills	Mike Murphy
Wed. 29	10:00	Rossmoor	Bob Daily

## May 18-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Mon. 06	9:30	Boundary Oak	Bob Testa
Mon. 13	7:00	Boundary Oak	Bob Testa
Tue. 20	9:30	San Ramon	Testa/Vetro
Wed. 29	9:36	Paradise Valley	Bob Testa

# 18-Hole Results

**Rancho Solano -- Monday April 22, 2013**

Official Scorer:  
Jon Rasmussen

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
1st	Jim Barstow	65 3	1st	Wayne Smith	72 3	1st	Jerry Hunter	61 3	1st	Matt Arena	64 3
2nd	Mel Williams	67 2	2nd	Neil Schmidt	73 2	Tie 2nd	Conrad Robertson	66 2	2nd	Terry Grummitt	67 2
3rd	David Harris	70 1	3rd	Jim Clizbe	75 1	Tie 2nd	Jon Rasmussen	66 2	3rd	Robbie Robinson	72 1
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
	Jim Barstow	83		Neil Schmidt	90		Jerry Hunter	89		Matt Arena	96

Closest to: Hole #5 - Mel Williams, Jerry Hunter -- Hole #15 - Jim Barstow, Conrad Robertson

**Lake Chabot -- Tuesday April 16, 2013**

Official Scorer:  
Jerry Hunter

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
1st	David Harris	60 3	1st	Wayne Smith	72 3	1st	Jerry Hunter	67 3	1st	Carl Langhorst	65 3
2nd	Jim Johnson	67 2	2nd	Neil Schmidt	76 2	Tie 2nd	Conrad Robertson	69 2	2nd	Robbie Robinson	66 2
3rd	Mel Williams	69 1	3rd	Bob Testa	78 1	Tie 2nd	Bernie Wroblewski	69 2	3rd	Art Vogl	68 1
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
	David Harris	78		Wayne Smith	91		Jerry Hunter	94		Carl Langhorst	97
										Robbie Robinson	97

Closest to: Hole #9 - Jim Johnson, Jerry Hunter -- Hole #12 - David Harris, Jerry Hunter

**Silverado North -- Monday April 8, 2013**

Official Scorer:  
Robbie Robinson

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
1st	Jerry Hicks	73 3	Tie 1st	Jim Clizbe	76 3	1st	Hugh Duggan	69 3	1st	Ron Armijo	71 3
Tie 2nd	David Harris	75 2	Tie 1st	David Ferm	76 3	2nd	Jerry Hunter	73 2	2nd	Fred Schafer	78 2
Tie 2nd	Al Zavattero	75 2	3rd	Paul King	77 1	3rd	Al Serafino	78 1	3rd	Chuck Gilliam	79 1
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
	Jerry Hicks	86		Jim Clizbe	96		Hugh Duggan	95		Ron Armijo	106

Closest to: Hole #2 - Frank Portillo, Richard Madden -- guest: Tom Mann -- Hole #11 - David Harris, Ron Armijo -- guest: Mel Taylor

**Boundary Oak -- Monday April 1, 2013**

Official Scorer:  
Jim Johnson

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
1st	Jim Barstow	71 1	1st	John Story	71 3	1st	Phil Jenkins	68 3	1st	Fred Schafer	66 3
Tie 2nd	Phil Goff	73 2	Tie 2nd	Neil Schmidt	74 2	2nd	Hugh Duggan	69 2	Tie 2nd	Robbie Robinson	68 2
Tie 2nd	Jim Johnson	73 2	Tie 2nd	Carlos Xavier	74 2	Tie 3rd	John Peterson	72 1	Tie 2nd	Mark Jordan	68 2
Tie 2nd	Mel Williams	73 2				Tie 3rd	Jon Rasmussen	72 1			
Tie 2nd	Al Zavattero	73 2									
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
	Jim Barstow	88		Neil Schmidt	92		Hugh Duggan	94		Fred Schafer	98
	Jim Johnson	88									

Closest to: Hole #6 - John Story, Pete Coggiola -- Hole #17 - Jim Barstow, Ron Armijo



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## 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	18	Schmidt, Neil	19	Hunter, Jerry	19	Robinson, Robbie	16
Harris, David	17	Smith, Wayne	17	Jenkins, Phil	13	Grummitt, Terry	14
Barstow, Jim	14	Story, John	12	Robertson, Conrad	12	Gilliam, Chuck	13
Williams, Mel	14	Crua, Frank	10	Lutkus, Alex	10	Jordan, Mark	10
Johnson, Jim	12	Clizbe, Jim	9	Duggan, Hugh	7	Arena, Matt	9
Goff, Phil	9	Testa, Bob	7	Donohue, Bob	6	Schafer, Fred	9
Meyer, Dirk	8	Xavier, Carlos	5	Wroblewski, Bernie	6	Langhorst, Carl	8
Hicks, Jerry	7	Randall, Lonny	4	Boswell, Gary	5	Armijo, Ron	6
McCord, Bill	6	Tinguely, Pat	4	Serafino, Al	5	Lockwood, Frank	4
Carlson, David	4	Ferm, David	3	Daniel, Jed	4	Sherman, Terry	4
		Kawecki, Walt	3	Peterson, John	4	Vogl, Art	3
		Perrelli, Phil	3	Legler, Terry	3	Hemmelsbach, Bill	1
		Eller, Tom	2	Rasmussen, Jon	3		
		Madden, Richard	2	Binning, Ken	2		
		Socolich, Dick	2	Conlon, Bob	2		
		Videle, Jim	2	Roberts, Don	2		
		Kim, Paul	1				
		King, Paul	1				
		Portillo, Frank	1				

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

The Golf Website address is:

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

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

2013 Golf Schedule: Dates, times, and courses as well as detailed information on costs, payment information, deadlines, and special event facts.

- 18-Hole Pairings: Weekly, usually on the Friday or Saturday prior to the event, showing captains, teams, starting times, and handicaps.

- 18-Hole Leaders and Results: Weekly, usually within a day or two of the event.
- Paid-In-Advance Sign-Ups: Weekly, showing checks that have been received for the next 3 or 4 pre-paid outings.
- Boundary Oak Sign-Ups: Weekly, shortly following 18-hole events, and the monthly luncheon when most signups occur. This listing will show who has signed-up for the next two Boundary Oak sessions, and whether they have indicated using a cart.

## 18-Hole Pay In Advance Deadlines

Event Date	Location	Deadline	Amount
Monday May 20	San Ramon	May-11	\$34
Wednesday May 29	Paradise Valley	May-18	\$43
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

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



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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**

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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.