



Trampas Topics

November, 2013

SIR Branch 116

Next Meeting: 11:30 am,
Monday, November 18, 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

Here we are in November and already we're seeing the signs of the Christmas Season approaching. We're also approaching our last regular SIRs meeting on November 18th. Maybe some day we'll even see some rain, at least we're seeing plenty of leaves as we begin the Fall Season. I think back in time, way, back, when my father would rake the leaves in front of our house (didn't have leaf blowers at that time) into a pile by the curb and burn them. I guess it was legal at that time.



The biggie for November is, of course, Thanksgiving, which is a holiday celebrated in the United States on the fourth Thursday in November. It has been an annual tradition since 1863, when during the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national day of "Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens", to be celebrated on Thursday, November 26th. U.S. tradition compares the holiday with a meal held in 1621 by the Wampanoag and the Pilgrims who settled in Plymouth, Massachusetts. This tradition has continued into modern times with the Thanksgiving dinner, still featuring the traditional turkey playing a central role in the celebration.

I personally cherish the memories of Thanksgiving Days gone bye. The family gatherings, uncles, aunts, grandparents and lots and lots of cousins all enjoying a festive holiday together. As time has gone bye, the tradition has stayed the same but our roles have certainly changed so I'm no longer allowed at the "children's table" and haven't been for quite a few years. So happy "traditional" Thanksgiving to you all.

Now that we are in November, I encourage you all to sign up for our annual SIRs **Christmas Dinner Dance Party on December 17th** at the Crow Canyon Country Club. They decorate the facility like you can't believe, and the food, ambiance, and entertainment are all above and beyond. Hope to see you all there where you'll witness the passing on of the gavel to the 2014 Big SIR.

Art Vogl Big SIR



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by the Thursday prior to
the meeting to
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to bring a guest.

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SIR Branch 116 Activity Calendar

November 2013

No	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
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3	4 18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Mira Vista CC)	5 Duplicate Bridge (9:00@ Diablo Valley Bridge Ctr) Dine-O-SIR (6:00@ El Charo Restaurant)	6 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC)	7	8 Hiking & Walking (8:15@ Macy's Broadway Plaza, WC)	9
10	11  18-Hole Golf (10:00@ Boundary Oak GC)	12 Luncheon Bridge (11:30@ Round Hill CC)	13 <u>Candy Order Deadline</u> 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Pine Meadow GC)	14	15	16
17	18 SIR Br 116 Mtg. (11:30@ Elks Club)	19 18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Shadow Lakes GC) Poker Group 2 (1:00@ Diablo CC)	20 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC) Sums Investment (8:00@ Diablo Creek GC)	21 <u>Candy Order Pick-up</u> (9:00-10:30@ Elks Lodge) Fishing (8:30@ Diablo Creek GC) Computer & Tech (9:30@ Elks Lodge)	22 Hiking & Walking (8:15@ CC Canel Trail & Boyd Rd, PH)	23
24	25 18-Hole Golf (9:00@ Roddy Ranch GC)	26 Luncheon Bridge (11:30@ Diablo CC) 18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Delta View)	27 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Diablo Hills GC)	28 Thanksgiving 	29	30



Membership

Andy Benz
(anbenz@aol.com)

SIR 116 Membership Status

Total Current Members:	253
Last Month's Inductees:	0
Those in Interview Stage:	4
Total in Process:	4
On Inactive Status:	55
Left the Branch:	1
Waiting to be Installed:	0



Br. 116 Treasurer's Report

John Peterson, Treasurer
(delanaimp@aol.com)

	<u>Oct. 2013</u>	<u>2013 YTD</u>
Contributions	\$ 2,522.00	\$ 53,980.62
Disbursements	\$ (3,869.00)	\$ (52,856.60)
Net (gain/(loss))	\$ (1,347.00)	\$ 1,124.02
October Cash Balance		\$ 5,849.27

November Birthdays

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

- | | |
|----------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Norm Alberts | 13. Bill Hayes |
| 2. Stuart Berger | 14. JJ Johnson |
| 3. Courtney Borrecco | 15. Oscar Krikorian |
| 4. Doug Brown | 16. Dennis Lowe |
| 5. Brent Chaney | 17. Tom McWilliams |
| 6. Bill Clark | 18. Lonny Randle |
| 7. Carl Cline | 19. Ralph Reamy |
| 8. Bob Conlon | 20. Neil Schmidt |
| 9. Lytton DeSilva | 21. Peter Shea |
| 10. Art Donaldson | 22. Bob Testa |
| 11. Grove Fox | 23. Art Vogl |
| 12. Fred Guisti | |

Want a Free Lunch ?
Sponsor a New Member !



Lunch Attendance

Jim Nachtweih
(majnacht@sbcglobal.net)

Attendance at the October 21th meeting:

Total:	184
Members:	178
Visitors:	0
Speakers:	1
Guests:	4
Excused:	66
Un-Excused:	10

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

👉 REMINDER 👈

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

November Luncheon Menu

Fresh Roast Turkey
Mashed Potatoes & Turkey Gravy
Candied Yams, Cranberry Sauce
Jello Salads, Roll/Butter, Pumpkin Pie
Coffee/Ice Tea

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

(marena@astound.net)

Sir **Jack Vollmer** returned to join us for lunch after much surgery and follow up rehab. We missed you Jack, and we were pleased to see how well you looked.

Sir **Bob Donohue** will be back for the November luncheon. His shoulder has healed nicely following his surgery. Bob will be filling the shoes of the Little Sir for the coming year and he will need all the strength he can muster to carry the heavy load on his shoulders.

Past Big Sir **Courtney Borrecco** has made it two months in a row, wheel chair and all. It is great to see the effort he must take to be with his friends for lunch. It is hard to hold down the spirit in these gentlemen.

Sir **Bob Costa** has been dealing with kidney issues for some time and he will not be able to join us since Monday is one of his dialysis treatment days. Bob's spirits are good but this regimen has certainly slowed his down.

Sir **Marty Ratterree** missed lunch this month since he had to have his pacemaker checked out. He promised that he would be back next month so he could bring us up to date on the meanderings of this close friend Doolan.

Sir **Carl Cline** continues with therapy to work on restoring full motion to his affected body parts. The better part of this year has passed following his stroke but he is upbeat and works hard to get the help he needs.

Sir **Kirk McVean** was at the lunch with a cane just for stability. He had a successful knee operation and he looks none the worse for wear. It is amazing how quickly our members recover from their many orthopedic surgeries. This IS the Greatest

Generation!

Sir **Doug Brown** was hospitalized according to my reports. I have not been able to reach him. Should anyone know how Doug is doing give me a call. THANKS.

LIFE ISN'T FAIR , BUT IT IS STILL GOOD.....



Br. 116 Book Club

Rich Black

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This Town- Two Parties and a Funeral - by Mark Leibovich

Washington is in the grip of greed fostered by politicians, lobbyists, the media and government officials and to prove it Leibovich cites name after name of those involved in the revolving door for these denizens of the D.C. beltway . That's about the extent of the book. The average score was a most disparaging 1.9 stars. Al Reynolds recommended and defended this book while engaging in the discussion were Richard Black, Cord Hull, John Riordan, Jack Butler, Jerry Christopherson, Garrett Girvan, Dick Kauffman, Jim Scott, John Fraser and Lytton DeSilva.

Consistent with our long standing practice there will be no November meeting, rather the group will have a combined November/December meeting on December 2. We will discuss The Judgment of Paris by George M. Taber.

Jerry Christopherson noted that there was a new children's book based on aspects of the Berlin Airlift which was the topic of an adult book the group had previously read. The new book is Christmas from Heaven—The True Story of the Berlin Candy Bomber by Brokaw, Barrett and Warner. He recommended it as a grandchild gift for the holidays.



Hiking & Walking

Joel White
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The Friday October 11 walk was led by Rick Black at Inspiration Point in Tilden Park. Those on the walk were Rich Black and Donna Argenbright, Lytton DeSilva, Art and Mary Alice Donaldson, Allan Chasnoff, Marc Jordon, David Geary and John Riordan.

The Friday October 25 walk was led by Dan Green, starting at the Moraga Commons and walking on the trail towards Lafayette. The walkers were Rich Black and Donna Argenbright, Lytton DeSilva, Art and Mary Alice Donaldson, John Riordan, David and Colleen Geary and Andrea and Dan Green. Coffee/breakfast and conversation followed at Terzetto's.

The Friday, November 8, walk will be led by Joel White, meeting at the Macy's Broadway Plaza parking lot at the corner of Broadway and Newell in Walnut Creek at 8:15 am. Please RSVP to Joel (925) 964-0994 or zpz2mrz@yahoo.com)

The Friday, November 22 walk will be led by David Geary at 8:15am. We will walk north on the Contra Costa Canal trail from Boyd Road in Pleasant Hill, just a few yards east of the Pleasant Hill Road. After the walk, coffee/breakfast at the Corner Bakery Café, 35 Crescent Drive.

Directions to the walk: One way to get to Boyd Road is to take the Contra Costa Blvd. when going north on HW680, Boyd is the first signal after you have crossed HW680. Turn left (west) on Boyd and the Canal trail is about a mile to the west. Please RSVP to David (925) 376-7031 or dgeary@comcast.net .

Anyone wishing to be added to the e-mail reminder list should contact Joel White.

Wine Appreciation Group

Jack Bevis
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The Wine Appreciation Group meets every second month on the last Thursday of the month from 4:00 to 6:30 PM. There is no meeting in October. We meet at members homes on a rotating basis with the host selecting the wines and the finger foods. Four or 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 events. For more information contact Jack Bevis at 925-254-7257.

SIR Presidential Citation



SIR Region 6 Director Dean Steichen presents to Branch 116 Big SIR Art Vogl the "Presidential Citation" for the best SIR branch in our region.

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



Luncheon Speaker

By Little Sir Phil Goff
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“How Could it be Pearl?” was the question asked by Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox on December 7, 1941.

At our December lunch, Wayne Korsinen will portray Secretary Knox as he visits with Chief of Naval Operations, Harold Stark, during the early afternoon of the attack. His monologue style of presenting the conversation is very educational and quite revealing of military thinking at the time.

Wayne is a native Californian and a retired educator. He is an honorary member of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association and is the chairman of the annual Pearl Harbor beacon lighting ceremony atop Mt. Diablo every December 7.



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, November 21st, at the Legend Sports Bar and Grill at the Diablo Creek Golf Course at 4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord. Come early and have breakfast with us. The stories really fly and you can pick up some gems of wisdom. Meeting starts at 8:30am.

Joe Miscione has done well in Montezuma Slough getting limits of stripers on several occasions. Jack Waddell, Paul Dubow, Karl Droese, Barry Rauchle, Pete Gates, and Tom Boltz, got 7 salmon to 28 lbs. up the Sacramento River with a guide. Mike Corker caught and released a 7 foot sturgeon fishing with Carl Moyer near Pittsburg. Mike said it was not only the biggest fish he ever caught, it was the biggest fish he had ever seen! Tom Boltz and Terry Miller also fished with Carl there but got only shakers and one striper. Harry Sherinian and George Vogt joined Carl on the ocean for big rockfish. Bill Landers fought the wind on the delta for black bass. Steve Paulick got a salmon from the Sacramento River. Carl Moyer and granddaughter fished in a trout tournament at San Pablo reservoir, but won nothing. However, this latest cold weather is starting the local trout fishing early this year, and we have great expectations.

We will be very busy this fall with: delta fishing for bass, catfish, and sturgeon; trout in mountain and local lakes, crab and rock fish from the ocean. In December our Gala Christmas Party with our wives and friends takes place and is usually attended by a large group of party goers.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, November 21st, 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, (925-846-7067) or Tom Boltz, Treasurer/Secretary, (925-825-5695.).



Br. 116 Christmas Dinner Dance

Our Christmas Dinner Dance is just a couple months away!

This year's event is again at Crow Canyon Country Club and will be held on Tuesday, **December 17th**. The price remains the same @ \$45pp. Additional information and a sign-up sheet is on page 11 of this newsletter. Either mail in your reservation check or sign-up at our November Luncheon.





Computer & Technology

Derek Southern & Neil Schmidt



The Area 2 Computer and Technology Group advises all Sirs and their guests that our next meeting will be at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge on Thursday, NOVEMBER 21st at 9:30 am.

Phil Goff will give an overview of Windows 8 and show the enhancements offered by Windows 8.1. Everyone knows that Windows 8 had a bumpy start. Now, Microsoft is releasing a major upgrade named Windows 8.1 and it promises to address many of the issues that were causing the complaints.

Although the user interface is different than earlier Operating Systems, Windows 8 is a good system and the 8.1 upgrade just makes it better. If you plan to purchase a new PC anytime soon, then Windows 8.1 will be your operating system. Also, if you are running an older system like Windows XP, you might as well plan on upgrading since support for that system is quickly diminishing. Making the transition from Windows XP or 7 isn't all that difficult so come see how Windows 8.1 works.

Meetings of the Area 2 Computer and Technology Group are held the 3rd Thursday of each month (except June and December) from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge, 1475 Creekside Drive. Whether you are a beginner or a seasoned user, we try to offer something for everyone. We ask for a donation of \$5 to cover the cost of the hall rental, coffee and cookies, but some months are free, so come and see if November is one of those!



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.



\$ums Investment Group

Allen Espenmiller
(aespenmiller@pacbell.net)

The Area 2 \$ums Investment Group will meet on Wednesday November 20, 2013 8:00 AM at the Diablo Creek Golf course, 4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord. Note: We usually have our meeting on the 4th Wednesday of each month but this year that date would fall on the day before Thanksgiving, so to avoid the holiday we are meeting on the 3rd Wednesday, the 20th. No meeting in December.

We will not feature a speaker for this meeting. Instead your chairmen will host a members only review and future planning seminar for all to discuss what types of subjects you would like to have for the 2014 year. So put your thinking caps on and bring forth your ideas for our future meetings. If any of you have a particular good investment story about how well your investments may have done in 2013, please let us know if you would like to share this news with your colleagues.

The Legends restaurant opens at 7:00 AM so plan to have a leisurely breakfast along with your fellow members. I am going to try to bring my wife's famous Aunt Mary's coffee cake to have with your coffee afterwards. Let's have a large turnout so we get many suggestions that can further enhance the quality of subjects covered.

See's Candies 2013 Christmas Discount Sale

This sale provides group discount prices to SIR Branch 116 members.
IT IS NOT A FUND RAISER.

- Mail candy orders by **Wednesday, November 13** to:

Don Seaton, 1961 San Miguel Dr.
Walnut Creek, CA 94596 phone 932-4115

- or Order at the **Monday, November 18** SIR Luncheon.

- Make check payable to "Sir Branch 116 - Candy".

- Orders and checks must be from SIR members,
you may include family and friends in your order.

- Pick up candies in Elks Club parking lot on
Thursday, November 21, 9:00 to 10:30 am.

Name _____ Phone _____

Size	Item	Retail	How Many	Discount Price	Total\$
1 lb	Holiday Fancy	\$ 21.00		\$ 17.60	
1 lb	Victoria Toffee	\$17.50		\$ 12.85	
1 lb	Xmas Gold Wreath Box	\$ 32.75		\$ 27.40	
2 lb 7 oz	Festive Favorites	\$54.00		\$38.95	
2 lb 7 oz	Classic Gift Pack	\$54.00		\$38.95	
4 lb 2 oz	Holiday Delights Gift Pk	\$85.00		\$61.75	
8 oz	Milk Chocolate Foil Balls	\$ 6.40		\$ 5.60	
8 oz	Dark Chocolate Foil Balls	\$ 6.40		\$ 5.60	
7.5 oz	Reindeer Box	\$ 6.60		\$ 5.70	
1 lb 5 oz	Hanukkah Lollypops	\$ 17.50		\$ 12.75	
1 lb 8 oz	Hanukkah Peanut Brittle	\$ 17.85		\$ 13.80	
8 oz	Truffles	\$ 9.86		\$ 8.20	
1 lb	Truffles	\$ 19.80		\$ 16.35	
1 lb	Gold Fancy	\$ 22.75		\$ 19.00	
2 lb	Large Gold Fancy	\$ 42.20		\$ 35.90	
4 lb	Gift of Elegance	\$ 84.80		\$ 72.00	
Mailing Cartons (except items in <i>italics</i>) List items here					
				\$ 1.00 each	

Size	Item	Retail	How Many	Discount Price	Total \$
4 oz	Christmas Bear Box	\$ 5.85		\$ 4.85	
8 oz	Happy Holiday Box	\$ 9.95		\$ 8.20	
1 lb	Assorted Chocolates	\$ 17.50		\$ 12.85	
2 lb		\$ 35.00		\$ 25.65	
3 lb		\$ 52.50		\$ 38.50	
5 lb		\$ 87.50		\$ 64.15	
1 lb		\$ 17.50		\$ 12.85	
2 lb	Milk Chocolates	\$ 35.00		\$ 25.65	
3 lb		\$ 52.50		\$ 38.50	
1 lb		\$ 17.50		\$ 12.85	
2 lb	Dark Chocolates	\$ 35.00		\$ 25.65	
1 lb		\$ 17.50		\$ 12.85	
2 lb	Soft Centers	\$ 35.00		\$ 25.65	
1 lb		\$ 17.50		\$ 12.85	
1 lb	Nuts & Chews	\$ 17.50		\$ 12.85	
2 lb		\$ 35.00		\$ 25.65	
3 lb		\$ 52.50		\$ 38.50	
1 lb	Bridge Mix	\$ 17.50		\$ 12.85	
1 lb	Toffee-ettes (can)	\$ 17.50		\$ 12.85	
1 lb	Almond Royal (can)	\$ 17.50		\$ 12.85	
12 oz	Mixed Salted Nuts (can)	\$ 9.60		\$ 8.30	
1 lb 8 oz	Peanut Brittle	\$ 17.10		\$ 13.80	
8 oz	Awesome Peanut Brittle Bar (8 pack)	\$ 9.80		\$ 6.90	
12 oz	Awesome Nut & Chew Bar (8 pack)	\$ 9.80		\$ 6.90	
12 oz	Awesome Walnut Square Bar (8 pack)	\$ 9.80		\$ 6.90	
8 oz	Molasses Chips	\$ 8.75		\$ 6.40	
8 oz	Assorted Peppermints	\$ 8.75		\$ 6.40	
4 oz	Little Pops, Assorted	\$ 4.35		\$ 2.95	
4 oz	Little Pops, Café Laitte	\$ 4.35		\$ 2.95	
1 lb 5 oz	Lollypops, Assorted	\$ 16.75		\$ 12.75	
1 lb 5 oz	Lollypops, Chocolate	\$ 16.75		\$ 12.75	
1 lb 5 oz	Lollypops, Butterscotch	\$ 16.75		\$ 12.75	
1 lb 5 oz	Lollypops, Café Laitte	\$ 16.75		\$ 12.75	
1 lb 5 oz	Lollypops, Vanilla	\$ 16.75		\$ 12.75	
1 lb	Gift Certificate Cont. US	\$ 17.50		\$ 14.00	
1 lb	Gift Certificate Hawaii	\$ 18.80		\$ 15.00	
TOTAL ORDER - Both Columns					

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

Dec 30-Jan 3, 2014: New Year's Celebration in Albuquerque. Gala Dinner Dance and Day Brunch with a City Tour of Albuquerque including visits to Pueblo Cultural Center. Then tour Santa Fe with stops at Sandia peak Tram Ride and Georgia O'Keefe Museum. Lee Suess, Jackson, Br 96, 209-296-2235.

Jan 9, 2014: Cuba: Music, Culture & the Root of Revolution. (13 day people to people exchange program with Cuba.) You will visit Santiago de Cuba, Baracoa and Havana. Includes Airfare, 28 meals, Motorcoach, and English speaking guide. Cost \$5295, Russ Aubry, Br 171, 510-644-2692.

Jan 19-25, 2014: Palm Springs "Golfer's Paradise" Trip. 6 days 5 nights with Tours of Reagan Library & Air Force One. Follies-Last Hurrah performance and 12 meals, Deluxe Bus and stops in Santa Barbara, Solvang, 3 nights stay at the Palm Springs Spa Casino Resort. Cost \$1275 pp + \$225 for 3- 18 hole Rounds of Golf at Indian Canyon Course. Henry Puccinelli, Br 22, 415-457-3990

May 13, 2014: Hidden Gems of the Dalmatian Coast & Greece. (16 day cruise aboard a small ship with maximum of 50 passengers. Ports of Call include Zagreb, Split, Hvar, Korcula, Dubrovnik, Montenegro, Albania, Corfu, Delphi, and Athens. Cost is \$4595 to \$6170 including accommodations, 37 meals, airfare and 12 exclusive tours. Ken Richter, Walnut Creek, Br.146, 925-689-6217.

May 23, 2014: Eastern Europe to the Black Sea. (13 day River Cruise/Tour starting in Budapest with

stops in Hungary, Croatia, Serbia, Bulgaria, and Romania.) Includes 32 meals, 6 exclusive tours, personal headsets, Program Director and Airfare. Cost is \$4345 pp. Bruce Saltzman, San Ramon, Br.128, 925-735-2366.

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

Nov 4-17, 2014: Spain. (14 day tour features 5 nights in Madrid, and 4 nights in both Valencia and Barcelona.) The cost is \$4095 pp and includes Air, Hotels, and some meals. There is a pre- trip option to the Basque region and Malaga. Jim Hohenshelt, San Jose, Br.62, 408-394-7226 or Roy Jordan, 408-735-8765.

Additional SIR Travel Opportunities on State Web

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

State 'SIR Happenings'

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THE 2013 EDITION OF OUR BRANCH 116

CHRISTMAS DINNER DANCE

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

Crow Canyon Country Club

711 Silver Lake Drive, Danville, CA

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

-ENJOY-

Entertainment by a local High School Choir

DANCING with music by DJ Mike Vincent

Door prizes

Lots of Holiday Cheer!

Choice of Entree @\$45.00 per person:

Chicken Marcella

Tri-Tips

Grilled Salmon

Spinach Ravioli

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

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

RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 3, 2013

(Circle entrée choice)

NAME: _____ Chicken Tri-tip Salmon Ravioli

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

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

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



Bridge
Milt Greenstein
 (margmilt@comcast.net)

The duplicate bridge group met on September 3rd at the Diablo Valley Bridge Center , with 9 teams playing. First place was won by the team of Conrad Robertson / Don Sturmer with 43.50 points out of a possible 72, (60.42%). Second place was a tie between the teams of Jack Butler / Dan Green and Jerry Christopherson / Milt Greenstein (57.64%). Fourth place was won by Jim Nachtweih / Dick Chaffee (55.56%).

On September 8th, the lunch / bridge group met at Round Hill C.C. with 24 men enjoying lunch and 3 hours of bridge. Bill Sullivan broke a long winning drought with 4,960 points as our top score for the day, Rudy Gebert was second with 4,430. In third place was Art Donaldson with 4,380 points, Charley Schmidt came in fourth with 4,220, followed by Jai Yee at 4,140. We had 2 small slams today by the teams of Jim Nachtweih / Dick Chaffee, and Art Donaldson / Charley Schmidt.

On September 22, the group met again at Diablo C.C. with 21 men playing bridge. For only the second time this year, no slams were made today. Our top scorer was Jack Butler with a respectable 5,490 points. Second place was won by Lytton DeSilva with 5,050 points, third place was taken by Jai Yee with 4,950 points, fourth place went to Alvin Buchignani at 4,770 points and fifth place to Charlie Schmidt with 4,710 points. Not a big scoring day.

The Ladies Day lunch and bridge event on October 15th went off smoothly with 44 people for lunch and bridge at Diablo Country Club. Our big winner was Dennis and Renee Ross (Branch 174) with 5,340 points, (helped tremendously with the only two small slams of the day). Dimitris and Luz Argyriou were second with 5,260 points, followed by Edna Nebinger and Yolande Smith (4,670), Jack and Dorothy Butler (4,380) and a tie for fifth place at 4,330 between Jon Dickson / Elaine Riesert and Susie Paul / Janet Piper. Every one had a great day and we are looking forward to our next event in April, 2014.



Activity Chairman
Jerry Christopherson
 (jchris161k@aol.com)

NEW ACTIVITIES

We are almost ready to kick off a Book Exchange activity. It will work like this...prior to each monthly meeting, we will have tables set up where members can donate books they have enjoyed. Other members can review what's there and take home something they might like to read. So, bring books, browse books, take books--it's up to you. Watch this space for our start date.

On another topic, there has been a suggestion to form a choral group. YES.... the "Singing SIRS". If this sounds like something that might interest you, email me at jchris161k@aol.com. If there's enough response, we'll get started.

And yet on another topic, there is also interest in starting a chess club. The format for games and other details is to be determined. Again, email me if you are interested.

CHRISTMAS DINNER DANCE

ATTENTION!! ATTENTION!! Less than six weeks are left to sign up for our annual holiday party! Check this issue for the registration form. Cut it out, write a check, and mail it. Do Not Put This Off!!! This is one of the highlights of our social year, in a great setting with good food, good music and prizes to boot! Join your friends and fellow members for a memorable evening on December 17.



Bocce Ball
Jerry Kaplan
 (mgkaplan@astound.net)

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

SIR Branch 116 Golf

By Al Zavattero, Golf Chairman

(jandazav@juno.com)



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

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

Foursomes in both the 18-hole and 9-hole groups are arranged so that players can meet and enjoy playing with most, if not all, the other players in the branch.

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



Jim Barstow, Neil Schmidt, David Harris and "JJ" Johnson on the 11th Tee at Franklin Canyon GC.

November 9-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Wed. 06	10:00	Buchanan Fields	Dick Chaffee
Wed. 13	10:00	Pine Meadow	D. McClaughry
Wed. 20	10:00	Buchanan Fields	Dick Chaffee
Wed. 27	10:00	Diablo Hills	Mike Murphy

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.

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.

November 18-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Mon. 04	9:30	Mira Vista CC	Jimmy Johnson
Mon. 11	10:00	Boundary Oak	Jimmy Johnson
Tue. 19	9:30	Shadow Lakes	Jimmy Johnson
Mon. 25	9:00	Roddy Ranch	Jimmy Johnson

18-Hole Results

Lone Tree -- October 28, 2013

Official Scorer:
Harry Oberle

Flight 1				Flight 2				Flight 3				Flight 4			
1st	Mel Williams	69	3	1st	Frank Crua	67	3	1st	Alex Lutkus	66	3	1st	Ron Armijo	68	3
2nd	Bill McCord	71	2	2nd	Norm Alberts	69	2	Tie 2nd	Hugh Duggan	70	2	2nd	Mark Jordan	72	2
3rd	Jerry Hicks	72	1	3rd	Bob Testa	70	1	Tie 2nd	Bernie Wroblewski	70	2	3rd	Bill Hemmelsbach	75	1
Low Gross				Low Gross				Low Gross				Low Gross			
	Jerry Hicks	85			Frank Crua	89			Hugh Duggan	93			Ron Armijo	97	

Closest to: Hole #5 - Frank Crua, Hugh Duggan -- Hole #11 - Bill McCord, Troy Powell

Franklin Canyon -- Tuesday October 22, 2013

Official Scorer:
Jim Clizbe

Flight 1				Flight 2				Flight 3				Flight 4			
1st	Bill McCord	70	3	1st	Norm Alberts	66	3	Tie 1st	Troy Powell	62	3	1st	Bill Hemmelsbach	63	3
Tie 2nd	Jim Barstow	71	2	2nd	Jim Clizbe	69	2	Tie 1st	Conrad Robertson	62	3	2nd	Ron Armijo	64	2
Tie 2nd	Jim Johnson	71	2	3rd	Bob Testa	72	1	3rd	Wayne Cook	63	1	3rd	Frank Lockwood	65	1
4th	David Carlson	74	-					4th	Hugh Duggan	66	-				
Low Gross				Low Gross				Low Gross				Low Gross			
	Jim Johnson	84			Norm Alberts	89			Hugh Duggan	91			Ron Armijo	93	
					Jim Clizbe	89									

Closest to: Hole #4 - Jim Johnson, Ron Armijo -- Hole #17 - David Carlson, Wayne Cook

Boundary Oak -- Monday October 14, 2013

Official Scorer:
Norm Alberts

Flight 1				Flight 2				Flight 3				Flight 4			
1st	Steve Cherepy	64	3	1st	David Ferm	68	3	Tie 1st	Troy Powell	67	3	1st	Terry Grummitt	65	3
Tie 2nd	Jerry Hicks	69	2	2nd	Frank Crua	69	2	Tie 1st	Al Serafino	67	3	2nd	Bill Hemmelsbach	69	2
Tie 2nd	Harry Oberle	69	2	Tie 3rd	John Story	74	1	Tie 3rd	Wayne Cook	68	1	Tie 3rd	Robbie Robinson	71	1
				Tie 3rd	Bob Testa	74	1	Tie 3rd	Hugh Duggan	68	1	Tie 3rd	Terry Sherman	71	1
Low Gross				Low Gross				Low Gross				Low Gross			
	Steve Cherepy	76			Bob Costa	92			Hugh Duggan	91			Terry Grummitt	95	

Closest to: Hole #2 - Frank Crua, Hugh Duggan -- Hole #12 - Harry Oberle, Ron Armijo

Boundary Oak (front nine twice) -- Monday October 7, 2013

Official Scorer:
Jim Barstow

Flight 1				Flight 2				Flight 3				Flight 4			
1st	Harry Oberle	69	3	Tie 1st	Rob Campbell	68	3	1st	Troy Powell	64	3	1st	Mark Jordan	64	3
2nd	Jim Barstow	71	2	Tie 1st	Jim Videle	68	3	Tie 2nd	Jed Daniel	69	2	2nd	Fred Schafer	69	2
Tie 3rd	David Carlson	74	1	3rd	Paul King	74	1	Tie 2nd	Al Serafino	69	2	Tie 3rd	Chuck Gilliam	70	1
Tie 3rd	David Harris	74	1									Tie 3rd	Robbie Robinson	70	1
Low Gross				Low Gross				Low Gross				Low Gross			
	Jim Barstow	86			Rob Campbell	94			Jed Daniel	92			Mark Jordan	93	

Closest to: Hole #5 - David Carlson, Fred Schafer -- Hole #6 - Paul King, Jed Daniel

Rancho Solano -- Tuesday September 30, 2013

Official Scorer:
David Ferm

Flight 1				Flight 2				Flight 3				Flight 4			
1st	Bill McCord	72	3	1st	Lonny Randall	70	3	1st	Troy Powell	69	3	1st	Terry Grummitt	64	
2nd	Mel Williams	74	2	2nd	John Story	71	2	2nd	Al Serafino	70	2	2nd	Mark Jordan	66	
3rd	David Harris	77	1	3rd	Neil Schmidt	73	1	3rd	Terry Legler	71	1	3rd	Carl Langhorst	70	
Low Gross				Low Gross				Low Gross				Low Gross			
	Mel Williams	91			Lonny Randall	89			Jerry Hunter	98			Mark Jordan	94	
									Bernie Wroblewski	98					

Closest to: Hole #5 - David Harris, Terry Grummitt -- Hole #15 - Neil Schmidt, Bernie Wroblewski

More Country Club Golf!!!

Golf at Contra Costa CC - December 2, 2013

Another exciting venue in our back yard. This is an opportunity for those golfers who normally only play Boundary Oak to enjoy a close to home opportunity. Please start sending in your checks for this event as soon as possible. Even though the deadline isn't until November 16th, we need a count before that. Price is \$50. Guests are welcome.

2013 18-Hole Leader Board

FLIGHT 1		FLIGHT 2		FLIGHT 3		FLIGHT 4	
Index 0.0 - 15.9		Index 16.0 - 23.1		Index 23.2 - 29.0		Index 29.1 - 36.4	
NAME	POINTS	NAME	POINTS	NAME	POINTS	NAME	POINTS
David Harris	36	Neil Schmidt	38	Jerry Hunter	37	Terry Grummitt	38
Al Zavattero	34	John Story	32	Al Serafino	36	Chuck Gilliam	36
Jim Barstow	32	Frank Crua	31	Troy Powell	28	Robbie Robinson	33
Harry Oberle	30	Jim Clizbe	30	Conrad Robertson	27	Mark Jordan	32
Bill McCord	29	Bob Testa	29	Alex Lutkus	26	Ron Armijo	30
Jim Johnson	27	Wayne Smith	25	Hugh Duggan	24	Carl Langhorst	22
Mel Williams	25	Lonny Randall	20	Phil Jenkins	23	Fred Schafer	22
Phil Goff	20	Norm Alberts	11	Jon Rasmussen	17	Matt Arena	20
David Carlson	19	David Ferm	10	Bernie Wroblewski	13	Bill Hemmelsbach	11
Jerry Hicks	12	Jim Videle	10	Peter Coggiola	11	Frank Lockwood	10
Dirk Meyer	10	Tom Eller	8	Bob Donohue	9	Terry Sherman	8
Bill Clark	9	Pat Tinguely	7	Gary Boswell	8	Allan Chasnoff	3
Steve Cherepy	3	Paul Kim	6	Jed Daniel	6	Jai Yee	1
Alan Fitzgerald	2	Richard Madden	5	Terry Legler	5		
		Carlos Xavier	5	John Peterson	4		
		Walt Kawecki	4	Dick Chaffee	3		
		Dick Socolich	4	Wayne Cook	3		
		Rob Campbell	3	Ken Binning	2		
		Phil Perrelli	3	Bob Conlon	2		
		Paul King	2	Kirk McVean	2		
		Bob Nichols	2	Don Roberts	2		
		Frank Portillo	2	Max Foust	1		
				Al Satake	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
Monday, Nov. 4	Mira Vista	Oct-21	\$50
Tuesday, Nov. 19	Shadow Lakes	Nov-09	\$30
Monday, Nov. 25	Roddy Ranch	Nov-18	\$34
Monday, Dec. 2	Contra Costa CC	Nov-18	\$50
Monday, Dec. 16	Diablo Creek	Dec-07	\$39
Monday, Dec. 23	Delta View	Dec-14	\$35

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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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

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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.