



Trampas Topics

October, 2013

SIR Branch 116

Next Meeting: 11:30 am,
Monday, October 21, 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



Ah!...October. Being of German descent, the mere mention of October means to me, "Oktoberfest"! We are very fortunate in Walnut Creek to be very close to Clayton which I feel has the very best of Oktoberfest celebrations anywhere, that's second only to Germany. They have a huge tent with many tables and benches to eat and drink, plus an authentic "Umpapa" German Band and folk dancers. It's a blast. Outside they have numerous booths with authentic German foods and of course lots of beer booths. There are many more activities offered but I've mention those we like best. Check it out for yourselves on the internet at "Clayton Oktoberfest 2013."

Here we are in October and the month that we give special notice and acknowledge our past Big SIRs. I'm going to list them now to make sure that I don't miss any of them. They are 1990, William Hayes; 1999, Kenneth G. Miller; 2000, Paul Eckles; 2001, Courtney Borrecco; 2003, Carlos Xavier; 2004, Tom Robinson; 2005, Ron Domer, 2006, Jerry Hunter; 2008, Art Donaldson; 2009, Frank Crua; 2010, Jed Daniel; 2011, Ron Armijo; and 2012, Neil Schmidt. With our thanks for jobs well done, they do, of course, get a free lunch.

It goes without saying that we are closing in on another great year in SIR's Branch #116.

Phil Goff has done an excellent job of getting great speakers and we seem to be holding on to the masses until the end of the meetings because of this. I personally feel rewarded when I see that you all are enjoying the meetings. I don't want to make it sound like a premature swan song, but just want to recognize what is happening.

That brings us to remembering the Christmas Dinner Dance at Crow Canyon Country Club December 17th. You won't want to miss it. You and your wife and/or significant other will have a ball. You can't believe how Crow Canyon Country Club decorates the area for the Christmas season. With wonderful food, music, a choral group, and dancing 'til the lights go out, you'll be in the mood to celebrate the holidays for the remainder of the month. See you there!

See you at our next Luncheon October 21st, if not before, and don't forget to bring a friend.

Art Vogl Big SIR



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2013 SIR Area 2 (Inter-branch) Committee Chairmen

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SIR Branch 116 Activity Calendar

October 2013

Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
		1 Duplicate Bridge (9:00@ Diablo Valley Bridge Ctr)	2 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC)	3	4	5
6	7 18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Boundary Oak GC)	8 Luncheon Bridge 11:30@ Round Hill CC)	9 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Pine Meadow GC) Bowling (10:00@Mounument Bowl)	10	11 Hiking & Walking (8:15@ Inspiration Point Parking, Tilden Park)	12
13	14 18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Boundary Oak GC)	15 Poker Group 2 (1:00@ Diablo CC) Ladies Day Bridge (11:00@ Diablo CC)	16 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC)	17 Computer & Tech (9:30@ Elks Club)	18	19
20	21 SIR Br 116 Mtg. (11:30@ Elks Club)	22 18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Franklin Cyn GC) Luncheon Bridge (11:30@Diablo CC)	23 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Diablo Hills GC) \$ums Investment Group (8:00@ Diablo Creek GC)	24 Fishing Group (8:30@ Legends-Diablo Crk)	25 Hiking & Walking (8:15@ Moraga Commons parking Lot, Moraga)	26
27	28 18-Hole Golf (9:32@ Lone Tree GC) Book Group Mtg. (10:15@ Orinda Books)	29	30 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ TBD GC)	31 HALLOWEEN 		



Membership

Andy Benz
(anbenz@aol.com)

SIR 116 Membership Status

Total Current Members:	254
Last Month's Inductees:	1
Those in Interview Stage:	0
Total in Process:	1
On Inactive Status:	55
Left the Branch:	0
Waiting to be Installed:	0



Br. 116 Treasurer's Report

John Peterson, Treasurer
(delanaimp@aol.com)

	Sept. 2013	2013 YTD
Contributions	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 51,447.62
Disbursements	\$ (5,461.30)	\$ (48,987.60)
Net (gain/(loss))	\$ (961.30)	\$ 2,460.02
September Cash Balance		\$ 7,185.27

October Birthdays

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

- | | |
|-------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Bruce Adair | 12. Carl Langhorst |
| 2. Jack Bevis | 13. Ken Miller |
| 3. Wayne Cook | 14. Dennis Perry |
| 4. Urs Christen | 15. Frank Portillo |
| 5. Jerry Christopherson | 16. Jon Rasmussen |
| 6. Bob Daily | 17. Al Satake |
| 7. Jed Daniel | 18. Jim Shurr |
| 8. David Ferm | 19. Joe Stralovich |
| 9. John Fraser | 20. Dick Thomson |
| 10. David Heck | 21. John West |
| 11. Terry Horton | 22. Bob Wolf |

Want a Free Lunch ?
Sponsor a New Member !



Lunch Attendance

Jim Nachtweih
(majnacht@sbcglobal.net)

Attendance at the September 17th meeting:

Total:	171
Members:	165
Visitors:	0
Speakers:	1
Guests:	5
Excused:	69
Un-Excused:	20

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.

Octoberfest Luncheon Menu

Smoked Bratwurst
Warm Caraway Sauerkraut
Maple Brown Sugar Carrots, German Potato Salad
Sliced Rye Bread/Butter
Dessert/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

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www.sirinc.org/



Sunshine Report

Matt Arena

(marena@astound.net)

Sir **Marty Ratteree** has gone through a successful surgery for a heart valve replacement, bypass, and a pacemaker. Marty is home and recovering nicely. What would you expect from Doolan's friend? God bless his heart.

Sir **Lou Meylan** is out and about following his back surgery. He feels better every day while following doctor's order to keep up with his exercises.

Sir Jack Vollmer is continuing to make progress following his multiple surgeries. He has made some adjustments on his medications but considering the surgery he is making good progress.

Sir **Chuck Cuny** has been dealing with neuropathy of his legs and is using a cane. He is unable to drive but through the generosity of Terry Horton who has volunteered to drive Chuck to our luncheons we might see Chuck at an upcoming meeting.

Sir **Don Roberts** looks great and has honored us with his presence at our last Luncheon. He and Marlene were missed at Carson City. They have probably never missed one of these clambakes.

Sir **Ed Regalia** received accolades in the Contra Costa Times for the scholarship foundation he and his law partners started early in their careers. These scholarships benefit students who would normally miss an opportunity to attend college. Over 600 students have benefitted from Ed's generosity. Ed sounds good and is working hard to overcome the deficits resulting from this stroke.

Sir **Carl Cline** continues to work hard with his therapists to treat the after effects of his stroke. His spirits are good and I know he would love to join us for lunch. We wish him well.

Sir **Bob Donohue** injured his shoulder just prior to

Carson City. He is now scheduled to have his surgery this coming month. Good luck on the surgery, Bob. We will be thinking of you.

Past Big Sir **Courtney Borrecco** was all ready to attend our luncheon this past month but as happens to Parkinson's patients you deal with the moment as best you can. Courtney sends his regards and we hope he will be with us next month.

ENVY IS A WASTE OF TIME. ACCEPT WHAT YOU ALREADY HAVE AND NOT WHAT YOU WANT.....



Br. 116 Book Club

Rich Black

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Freedom's Forge: How American Business Produced Victory in World War II by Arthur Herman

In 1940, 18 months before Pearl harbor, William Knudsen of General Motors and Henry Kaiser of Kaiser Industries began the massive increase in production required for the eventual allied victory. Herman presents the biography of these two individuals and details their frustrations and eventual triumphs in increasing US manufacturing. While some thought there was more to the story than Herman presented, all agreed the facts presented were eye-opening. The average score was a most complimentary 4.4 stars. Lytton DeSilva recommended this book while engaging in the discussion were Richard Black, Cord Hull, Al Reynolds, John Riordan, Jack Butler, Paul Freitas, Jerry Christopher, Garrett Girvan, Dick Kauffman, Jim Scott, John Fraser, Bob Matthews and Ken Sandy.

The group will next meet on October 28 to discuss "This Town: Two Parties and a Funeral" by Mark Leibovich. According to our long standing practice there will be no November meeting, rather the group will have a combined November/December meeting on December 2. The book for that date has yet to be chosen.

Hiking & Walking

Joel White

(zpz2mrz@yahoo.com)



The Friday September 13th walk was led by Art Donaldson, and as on the last Friday the 13th walk, again had a lucky 13 walkers: Rich Black and Donna Argenbright, Alan and Lynda Chasnoff, Lytton DeSilva, Art and Mary Alice Donaldson, Paul and Anna Frietas, John Riordan, and Joel and Susan White. On a beautiful morning with the fog burning off before our walk, we followed the Contra Costa Canal Trail from Arbolado Park back toward John Muir Hospital. Coffee and conversation followed at Sweet Affair Bakery.

With a meager 25% response rate to last month's survey, it was nearly a consensus that the time and format for most walks will remain the same with a 2-3 times per year special walk commencing around 10am with lunch to follow.

The **Friday, October 11**, walk will be led by Richard Black. The walk will start at the Inspiration Point parking lot in the Berkeley Hills and follow the Nimitz Trail in Tilden Park.

Please RSVP to Richard (283-8376, blackrw@comcast.net)

The **Friday, October 25** walk will be led by **Dan Green** at 8:15am. We will meet in the Moraga Commons Parking Lot at the corner of Moraga and St Mary's roads. Please RSVP to Dan (925) 376-7087 or asdgreen@comcast.net.

"Dine-O-Sir" Dinner Group

Ben Smith

(bjsssmith@aol.com)



Your committee members are busy determining which restaurant the herd will visit in late October but haven't yet reached a final decision. As soon as the details are ironed out I will send an email to the Dine-O-SIR distribution list. Expect to hear something in a week or two. In the meantime, email or call me (925-820-5403) if you have any questions.



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 October Luncheon.



Wine Appreciation Group

Jack Bevis

(jackb435@comcast.net)

We held our September Wine Event on Thursday the 26th at the home of Bill and Bev McCallum. There were 13 present including first time attendee Jon Dickson.

It was a beautiful day in the garden and we enjoyed 5 wines especially selected by Bill from his cellar; a not often seen Marsanne, a limited production Armagh Syrah, an interesting blend of California and Mexico called Contraste Red Blend and finally two superior Cabs-one from Napa and one from PasoRobles. There could not be a winner, they were all excellent. We meet every other month. The next event will be in November. For more information call Jack Bevis.



Luncheon Speaker

By Little Sir Phil Goff
(philgoff@yahoo.com)

We are all aware of the increasing political and economic influence of China. Yet there is always a mystery about the actions and intentions of the Chinese people. The ethical values and principles derived from traditional Chinese culture helped create 5-thousand years of splendor in Chinese history. Unfortunately this rich tradition was interrupted by the communist regime. With the present state of the world, understanding the true China has never been more important.

In October we will have Mr. David Zhang speak to us about the renaissance of traditional Chinese culture and its global impact. David was born and raised in southwestern China and immigrated to the U.S. in 1994. Currently he is a mainframe software engineer of IBM Corp.

David's presentation will cover:

- The essence of Chinese culture;
- Traditional values and principles: the genuine Chinese culture; and
- Transcending cultural boundaries—how it touches a global audience



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, October 24th, 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.

Corrie Oranje, Paul Dubow, Jack Waddell, Karl Droese, and Gordon Linebaugh fished with a guide on the Sacramento River for 6 salmon to 23 lbs. Joe Miscione, Chuck Denney, Jack Waddell, Pete Hanlet, and Barry Rauchle caught 8 nice salmon in

the same area. Joe Karg went salmon fishing out the gate and caught rock fish. Carl Moyer and daughter caught a few small sturgeons near Pittsburg on a rare day without wind. Rich Fiscina and George Vogt joined Carl Moyer on the ocean for some nice rock fish and ling cod. Dick Thomson, Craig Walton, Terry Miller and Harry Sherinian fished at New Melones Reservoir during the Rim Fire in Yosemite. The fishing was bad and the smoke was worse. The Branch 8 Sir's in the Kitchen chefs and the fishing group held a joint fish fry, attended by 40 eager eaters who thoroughly enjoyed this annual food orgy.

We will be very busy this fall with: delta fishing for bass, catfish, and sturgeon; trout in mountain and local lakes; and salmon, crab, and rock fish from the ocean. Our next overnight outing will be trout fishing at Lake Davis in mid-October.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, October 24th, at the Legend Sports Bar and Grill at the Diablo Creek Golf Course at 4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord. Come early and swap fish stories and the latest hot tips with fellow fishermen. The early birds get there about 7:30 am. Meeting starts at 8:30 am. For further information, please contact Harry Sherinian, Branch 116 Coordinator, (925-846-7067) .



Bocce Ball

Jerry Kaplan

(mgkaplan@astound.net)

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

State 'SIR Happenings'

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

www.sirinc.org/sirhappenings



Computer & Technology

Derek Southern & Phil Goff



Do you have a Smartphone or Tablet computer? If you don't you should get one! They are changing our daily lives in many positive ways. At the October CAT Meeting Neil Schmidt will be leading a demonstration of the best smartphone & tablet apps. (apps are the programs that run on these devices.)



Since there are literally thousands of apps available for download, we are collecting a list of the favorite ones used by fellow SIR members. Whether you are interested in shopping for bargains, checking the weather, reading magazines and books, etc., we have some recommended apps for you. If you already have some favorite apps, you can share them with the group.

Neil Schmidt will lead the discussion and we will try to have several different smartphones and tablets available for demonstration. This will include iPhone, Android and the new Windows phone systems. See which you like best.

Time permitting, we may have some ideas for technology Christmas presents.

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, October 17th at 9:30am. Whether you are a beginner or a seasoned user, we try to offer something for everyone. We always have free coffee and cookies and time for lots of socializing. From time to time we collect a voluntary donation of \$5 to cover our ongoing costs.

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.



SIR Frank Lockwood, Terry Sherman & Terry Grummitt play on at Boundary Oak GC on Sept. 9th while Mt. Diablo burns



Jerry Hunter, Norm Alberts & Jim (Quick Trigger) Clizbe at Napa Muni GC on September 23

Carson City Getaway 2013



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 Branch 116 Lodi Wine Tour

Thursday, Oct 24, 2013

Stama Winery & Woodbridge Winery tour and tasting. Includes motor coach transportation from Heater Farms and hosted lunch in beautiful downtown Lodi — \$99/person (All inclusive including driver's tip). **Registration deadline is October 9.** Contact Tom Eller at 925-939-5897.

SIR Area 2 Travel Opportunities

Nov 13-25, 2013: Paris, Rhone River & Provence. (A land and river cruise starting in Nice w/ stop in Arles where you board river boat for 8 day cruise of the Rhone and Saone rivers. The ship will visit Avignon, Vivier, Lyon, and Macon. After cruise you will tour Paris.) Cost is approximately \$4510 to \$4710 pp depending on Cabin. Jim Hohenshelt, San Jose, Br. 62, 408-394-7226 or Roy Jordan, 408-735-8765.

Nov 14-19, 2013: Branson Holiday: (6 day tour of Branson featuring the Osmond's, Lennon Sisters, Miracle of Christmas, Twelve Irish Tenors, Shoji Tabuchi and much more.) Includes RT air, motor coach, accommodations, 10 meals, show admissions, and Gratuities. Cost \$2270 pp. John Pletsch, Br.32 & 54. San Jose, 408-274-2992 or Mike Console, 408-246-1080.

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

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.

Chess Players

Fellow Branch 116 SIR— Would like to play chess on a casual, informal basis. No timed or competitive chess, just a fun time to get together for a hour or two at individual members homes once a week or whenever members would like to play; i.e., on a regular or irregular basis. If so, please contact Gary Bonfiglio at 932-4242 or e-mail him at: cgbonfig@astound.net, so he can get a sense if there is a interest and how serious are the chess players.



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

NAME: _____ Chicken Tri-tip Salmon Ravioli

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

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

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



\$ums Investment Group

Allen Espenmiller

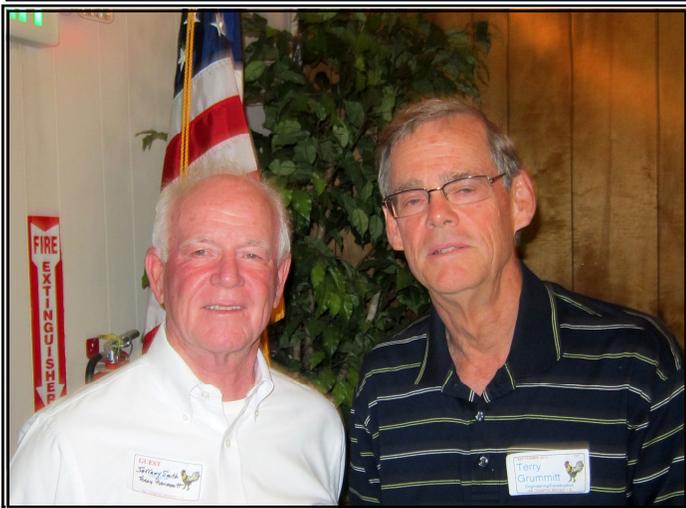
(aespenmiller@pacbell.net)

The Area 2 \$ums Investment Group meeting will be held on Wednesday October 23, 2013 the Diablo Creek golf course – Port Chicago Highway in Concord. Our returning speaker is Peter Karp of Karp Capital in San Francisco. Peter’s presentation “Peace, Prosperity and Headwinds” will share with us Karp Capitals view of our changing world and how these changes will affect the investment community and our choices for investment opportunities. Before the meeting date a complete outline of Peter’s presentation will be posted for you to download and read in preparation for the meeting. Peter is one of the Bay area’s most prominent financial professionals and knowledgeable advisors so you will “want” to attend this meeting.

The Legend’s restaurant opens at 7:00 AM so plan to come and share a breakfast with your colleagues. Bring a potential member to SIR so they see what the Investment Group offers as an activity.

Look forward to seeing you all soon,

New Branch 116 Member



**New Member Jeff Smith
with Sponsor Terry Grummitt**



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 / Milt Greenstein with 45.00 points out of a possible 72, (62.50 %). Second place was taken by the team of Ron Wolberg / Barry Rauchle (59.03%). Third place was won by Bob Wolf / Joel White (58.33 %), and fourth place by Jim Regan / Fred Cochran (54.86 %).

On September 10th, the lunch / bridge group met at Round Hill C.C. with 28 men enjoying lunch and 3 hours of bridge. Ron Wolberg with 7,010 points was our top score for the day, Marv DeHues was second with 6,740. In third place was Charley Schmidt with 6,320, followed by Lytton DeSilva at 5,760 and Alvin Buchignani at 5,050. We had 3 small slams today by the teams of Milt Greenstein / Jai Yee, Milt Greenstein / Lytton DeSilva and Joel White / Dick Chaffee.

On September 24, the group met again at Diablo C.C., 23 men had lunch and then played bridge. Our big winner was Ron Wohlberg again (2 sessions in a row, but with a much better score) with 8,070 points. Trailing Ron was Bob Wolf (5,830), Jai Yee (5,080), Jim Nachtweih (4,580) and Milt Greenstein (4,530). We had 2 small slams today, both by Ron Wohlberg, the first one with Darrell McLaughry and the second with Bob Wolf.

Last alert ! Our next **Ladies Day** event is coming up. **OCTOBER 15, Diablo C.C., 11:00 am.** Our entree choices are turkey with the trimmings, salmon or a vegetarian pasta dish. Cost is \$48 per couple, (\$43 for lunch for 2 plus \$5 for prize money). Call me, 376.5589, to sign up. Spend a pleasant day with good fellowship and treat your significant other to a great event. Reservations now being taken !

PLAY BRIDGE



IT'S A FASCINATING GAME

SIR Branch 116 Golf

By Al Zavattono, 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.

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.

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.

Checkout the Carson City 2013 YouTube Slideshow

at: <http://youtu.be/LD3FBHouG3Y>

October 9-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Wed. 02	10:00	Buchanan Fields	Dick Chaffee
Wed. 09	10:00	Pine Meadow	D. McClaughry
Wed. 16	10:00	Buchanan Fields	Dick Chaffee
Wed. 23	10:00	Diablo Hills	Mike Murphy
Wed. 30	10:00	TBD	TBD

October 18-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Mon. 07	9:30	Boundary Oak	Al Serafino
Mon. 14	9:30	Boundary Oak	Al Serafino
Tue. 22	9:30	Franklin Cyn	Al Serafino
Mon. 28	9:32	Long Tree	Al Serafino

18-Hole Results

Napa at Kennedy Park -- Monday September 23, 2013

Official Scorer:
Ron Armijo

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
1st	David Harris	69 3	1st	Bob Testa	69 3	1st	Jerry Humter	69 3	Tie 1st	Matt Arena	72 3
2nd	Bill McCord	73 2	2nd	Norm Alberts	70 2	2nd	Conrad Robertson	77 2	Tie 1st	Ron Armijo	72 3
3rd	Jim Johnson	74 1	3rd	David Ferm	75 1	3rd	Wayne Cook	79 1	Tie 3rd	Terry Grummitt	75 1
									Tie 3rd	Carl Langhorst	75 1
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
	David Harris	86		Bob Testa	94		Jerry Humter	96		Ron Armijo	102
				John Story	94						

Closest to: Hole #7 - David Harris, Mark Jordan -- Hole #16 Al Zavattero - Dick Chaffee

Paradise Valley -- Tuesday September 17, 2013

Official Scorer:
Fred Schafer

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
1st	Jim Johnson	68 3	1st	John Story	70 3	1st	Al Serafino	70 3	Tie 1st	Terry Grummitt	71 3
2nd	Harry Oberle	72 2	Tie 2nd	Norm Alberts	72 2	2nd	Bernie Wroblewski	72 2	Tie 1st	Robbie Robinson	71 3
3rd	David Harris	75 1	Tie 2nd	Dick Socolich	72 2	Tie 3rd	Dick Chaffee	73 1	Tie 3rd	Chuck Gilliam	72 1
						Tie 3rd	Jerry Hunter	73 1	Tie 3rd	Mark Jordan	72 1
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
	Jim Johnson	81		Neil Schmidt	93		Bernie Wroblewski	96		Mark Jordan	100
				Dick Socolich	93						

Closest to: Hole #3 - Dick Socolich, Al Serafino -- Hole #12 - Jim Johnson, Carl Langhorst

Boundary Oak -- Monday September 9, 2013

Official Scorer:
Frank Lockwood

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
1st	David Harris	70 3	1st	Jim Clizbe	69 3	1st	Troy Powell	65 3	1st	Terry Grummitt	66 3
2nd	Bill McCord	75 2	Tie 2nd	Lonny Randall	73 2	2nd	Al Serafino	66 2	2nd	Robbie Robinson	69 2
3rd	Harry Oberle	82 1	Tie 2nd	Neil Schmidt	73 2	3rd	Alex Lutkus	67 1	3rd	Chuck Gilliam	70 1
			Tie 4th	David Ferm	74 -						
			Tie 4th	Bob Testa	74 -						
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
	David Harris	87		Jim Clizbe	88		Hugh Duggan	93		Terry Grummitt	100

Closest to: Hole #2 - Jim Clizbe, Alex Lutkus -- Hole #12 - John Story, Chuck Gilliam

Boundary Oak -- Wednesday September 4, 2013

Official Scorer:
Troy Powell

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
1st	Harry Oberle	72 3	1st	Neil Schmidt	65 3	1st	Troy Powell	66 3	1st	Terry Grummitt	69 3
			2nd	Jim Clizbe	75 2	2nd	Al Serafino	69 2	2nd	Chuck Gilliam	72 2
			Tie 3rd	Frank Portillo	79 1	3rd	Max Foust	74 1	3rd	Jai Yee	74 1
			Tie 3rd	Lonny Randall	79 1						
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
	Harry Oberle	89		Neil Schmidt	83		Al Serafino	98		Jai Yee	101

Closest to: Hole #2 - Frank Portillo, Max Foust -- Hole #12 - Frank Portillo, Al Serafino

Country Club Golf

Golf at Mira Vista CC - November 4, 2013

Don't forget to get your checks into the PO Box as soon as possible or bring to the October luncheon. October 21st is cut off date for first 80 players. Price is \$50. Guests are welcome.

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	34	Neil Schmidt	37	Jerry Hunter	37	Chuck Gilliam	35
Al Zavattero	34	Jim Clizbe	28	Al Serafino	29	Terry Grummitt	32
Jim Barstow	28	John Story	27	Conrad Robertson	24	Robbie Robinson	31
Jim Johnson	25	Frank Crua	26	Phil Jenkins	23	Ron Armijo	25
Harry Oberle	25	Bob Testa	26	Alex Lutkus	23	Mark Jordan	25
Bill McCord	21	Wayne Smith	25	Hugh Duggan	21	Carl Langhorst	21
Phil Goff	20	Lonny Randall	17	Jon Rasmussen	17	Matt Arena	20
Mel Williams	20	Tom Eller	8	Troy Powell	16	Fred Schafer	20
David Carlson	18	Norm Alberts	7	Peter Coggiola	11	Frank Lockwood	9
Dirk Meyer	10	David Ferm	7	Bernie Wroblewski	11	Terry Sherman	7
Bill Clark	9	Pat Tinguely	7	Bob Donohue	9	Bill Hemmelsbach	5
Jerry Hicks	9	Jim Videle	7	Gary Boswell	8	Allan Chasnoff	3
Alan Fitzgerald	2	Paul Kim	6	Jed Daniel	4	Jai Yee	1
		Richard Madden	5	Terry Legler	4		
		Carlos Xavier	5	John Peterson	4		
		Walt Kawecki	4	Dick Chaffee	3		
		Dick Socolich	4	Ken Binning	2		
		Phil Perrelli	3	Bob Conlon	2		
		Bob Nichols	2	Kirk McVean	2		
		Frank Portillo	2	Don Roberts	2		
		Paul King	1	Wayne Cook	1		
				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
Tuesday, Oct. 22	Franklin Canyon	Oct-12	\$37
Monday, Oct. 28	Lone Tree	Oct-31	\$36
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

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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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.