



# Trampas Topics

September, 2013

SIR Branch 116

Next Meeting: 11:30 am,  
Monday, September 16, 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

Fellow SIRs: We are a unique organization in this day and age. One in which we can continue to pursue the continued life of fulfillment, fun, and activities after retirement. The essence of SIRs is to give us all the opportunity to first find comradeship with all our fellow SIRs and then to find our niche in one or more of the activities SIR Branch 116 has to offer.



Please don't feel that just because you don't golf (one of our most popular activities), that you don't belong. Just take a look on page 2 to find all the activities that are available to you. Go on in the Trampas Topics and you'll find reports from each committee Chairman about their particular activity. There has got to be something that will appeal to you and you will enjoy the company of like minded men.

One of the many popular activities is one that you can involve your wives and/or significant others in. For instance, Dine-O-SIR. Getting together in a wonderful selected restaurant in the area and have a fine meal with great fellowship all while the wives and/or significant others can see first hand who we all "hang-out" with. There are lots more and if you haven't found one yet, just ask a fellow SIR or check out the Trampas Topics, and join in. The experts agree that staying active in mind and body is the key to a healthier and happier life...and here at 116 we've got it all. You won't be sorry, I promise.

Oh by the way, here's one to look forward to—the upcoming Christmas Dinner Dance at Crow Canyon Golf Club. I know you're saying, "Christmas? It's only September." Well, you know how fast the last eight months went by and the next three and a half months will go by just as fast. I'm asking that you mark your calendar for December 17th so that you won't miss the fun, fun, fun of our Christmas Dinner Dance.

One last item. Little SIR Phil Goff has ordered a fresh batch of SIR logo hats for the mere price of \$11.00 each and they'll be on sale at the September SIR meeting. We have 23 new members since our last sale so I think many of you would like to show off your organization by sporting one of these beauties.



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*Art Vogl* Big SIR



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

## 2013 SIR 116 Officers & Directors



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## 2013 SIR 116 Committee Chairmen

Activities Coordinator	J. Christopherson	939-3973	Newsletter Editor	Neil Schmidt	939-5342
Attendance	Jim Nachtweih	838-7417	Newsletter Edtr. Asst.	Phil Goff	831-3692
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Book Club	Rich Black	283-8376	Parties	J. Christopherson	393-9373
Bridge	Milt Greenstein	376-5589	Photographers	John Peterson	946-0335
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"	Don Seaton	932-4115	"	Neil Schmidt	939-5342
Chaplain	Rotating	#1 See Below	Poker Group #1	Bill Harrington	935-1625
Computer & Tech..	Phil Goff	831-3692	Poker Group #2	Al Reynolds	254-1576
Dine-O-Sir	Ben Smith	820-5403	Storytellers	Rotating	#2 See Below
Duplicate Bridge	Mike Corker	872-7525	Sums In Retirement	Ben Smith	820-5403
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Fishing	Harry Sherinian	846-7067	Travel	Tom Eller	939-5897
Guitar	Paul King	938-3035	Volunteers	Bob Kinser	837-8886
Golf	Al Zavattero	933-0465	Webmaster	Phil Goff	831-3692
"	Carlos Xavier	947-6756	Welcoming	Jerry Kaplan	938-1037
Greeters	Pat Bermingham	930-9477	Wine Appreciation	Jack Bevis	254-7256
Hiking and Walking	Joel White	964-0994			
Historian	Matt Arena	946-0404			
Host	Frank Crua	932-0975			
Interviewer	Max Foust	827-9323			
Membership Roster	Dick Thomson	785-7600			
Music Man	Robbie Robinson	798-4276			

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

#2. Pat Bermingham, Milt Greenstein, Marty Ratterree

## 2013 SIR Area 2 (Inter-branch) Committee Chairmen

Bowling	Lloyd West (Br.19)	228-9037	Rubber Bridge	Fred Bolton (Br.146)	932-1580
Computer & Tech	Co-Derek Southern (Br.8)	253-1646	Table Pool	Bill Weinberg (Br.146)	682-0962
Fishing	Pete Gates (Br. 146)	937-2035	Travel	Bob Spellman (A.2)	934-8428
Golf	Jim Willey (Br.19)	689-3199	Speakers Bureau	John Roebuck (Br.19)	685-8764
Publicity	Walt Schick (Br.8)	934-0656	Sums Retirement	Allen Espenmiller (A.2)	376-3977

# SIR Branch 116 Activity Calendar

## September 2013

Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.	
1		3 <b>Duplicate Bridge</b> (9:00@ Diablo Valley Bridge Ctr)	4 <b>9-Hole Golf</b> (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC) <b>18-Hole Golf</b> (9:30@ Boundary Oak GC)	5 <b>Carson City Golf Getaway</b>	6 <b>Carson City Golf Getaway</b>	7	
8	9 <b>18-Hole Golf</b> (9:30@ Boundary Oak GC)	10 <b>Lunch &amp; Bridge</b> (11:30@ Round Hill CC)	11 <b>9-Hole Golf</b> (10:00@ Pine Meadow GC)	12	13 <b>Hiking &amp; Walking</b> (8:15@ Arbolado Park, WC)	14	
15	16 <b>SIR Br 116 Mtg.</b> (11:30@ Elks Club)	17 <b>18-Hole Golf</b> (9:04@ Paradise Valley GC) <b>Poker Group 2</b> (1:00@ Diablo CC)	18 <b>9-Hole Golf</b> (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC)	19 <b>Computer &amp; Tech</b> (9:00@ Elks Club)	20	21	
22	23 <b>18-Hole Golf</b> (9:30@ Napa Kennedy GC) <b>Book Group Mtg.</b> (10:15@ Orinda Books)	24 <b>Lunch &amp; Bridge</b> (11:30@ Diablo CC)	25 <b>9-Hole Golf</b> (10:00@ Diablo Hills GC) <b>Sums Investment</b> 8:00@ Diablo Creek GC)	26 <b>Fishing Group</b> (8:30@ Legends-Diablo Crk) <b>Wine Appreciation</b> (4:00@TBD)	27 <b>Hiking &amp; Walking</b> (8:15@ Laf. Community Center)	28	
29	30 <b>18-Hole Golf</b> (9:00@ Rancho Solano GC)						



## Membership

Andy Benz  
(anbenz@aol.com)

### SIR 116 Membership Status

Total Current Members:	254
Last Month's Inductees:	3
Those in Interview Stage:	2
Total in Process:	5
On Inactive Status:	54
Left the Branch:	1
Waiting to be Installed:	0



## Br. 116 Treasurer's Report

John Peterson, Treasurer  
(delanaimp@aol.com)

	<u>July 2013</u>	<u>2013 YTD</u>
Contributions	\$ 75.00	\$ 43,857.62
Disbursements	\$ (156.19)	\$ (39,760.30)
Net (gain/(loss))	\$ (81.19)	\$ 4,097.32
July Cash Balance		\$ 8,822.57

## September Birthdays

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

- |                      |                     |
|----------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Richard Black     | 12. Mike Loughery   |
| 2. Dave Butner       | 13. Doug McClelland |
| 3. Rob Campbell      | 14. Terry Miller    |
| 4. Michael Carpenter | 15. Jim Nachtweih   |
| 5. Mike Corker       | 16. Will Schnieder  |
| 6. Don DeGraf        | 17. Dennis Snarr    |
| 7. Alan Fitzgerald   | 18. David Tittle    |
| 8. Al Groeper        | 19. Joseph Verdoia  |
| 9. Ivan Hendrick     | 20. Joe Weaver      |
| 10. Arnie Jacobson   | 21. Melvin Williams |
| 11. Allen Leschot    | 22. Carlos Xavier   |

Want a Free Lunch ?  
Sponsor a New Member !



## Lunch Attendance

Jim Nachtweih  
(majnacht@sbcglobal.net)

Attendance at the August 19th meeting:

Total:	197
Members:	191
Visitors:	0
Speakers:	1
Guests:	5
Excused:	42
Un-Excused:	21

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.

## September Luncheon Menu

Homemade Meatloaf  
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy  
Veggie, Salad  
Roll/Butter  
Dessert/Coffee/Ice Tea

## 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/)



## Sunshine Report

**Matt Arena**

(marena@astound.net)

Sir **Bob Daily** Passed away on August 16<sup>th</sup> after dealing with cancer. Bob was a very active member of our Branch playing golf among many other activities including bridge, poker, book club and \$ums in Retirement. He will be missed by his many friends.

Sir **Jack Vollmer** is home following complex heart surgery. Both he and his wife Alice were both at Manor Care together and now they are happily at home in Rossmoor. He sounded wonderful on the phone and now will be visiting with his doctors until he gets the go ahead to rejoin us for lunch.

Sir **Alex Lutkus** returned to join us for lunch in August. He is doing fine but is still waiting for a proper diagnosis following a visit to John Muir Medical Center.

Sir **Bob Shader** was fading in and out at the Branch Executive Committee meeting .He was transported to Kaiser for observation and released. You can't keep a good soldier down. After all who will take our money for our lunch?

Past Big Sir **Courtney Borrecco** joined us for lunch this month. We hope he will continue to be with us since he truly enjoys this outing each month.

Sir **Larry Johnson** returned this past month after his bike accident. He promises to be more careful and watch for the pot holes.

Sir **Len Komar** was with us this past month following surgery on his back. His surgery was very successful.

Sir **Bill Best** returned following his knee operation. He was pleased that he had such a good result.

Sir **Don McQueen** was operated this past month. He tells me he is doing just fine .He will be at our next lunch.

HOWEVER GOOD OR BAD A SITUATION IS, IT WILL CHANGE.....



## Wine Appreciation Group

**Jack Bevis**

(jackb435@comcast.net)

August is a month without an event. Wine Tasting events are held every other month on the last Thursday of the month from 4 to 6:30 pm. The next one will be on September 26th.

These informal gatherings are held at member's home on a rotating basis, with the host selecting the wines and finger foods. Usually, four or five different wines are tasted and discussed.

The cost is nominal, normally \$10 or less per person. Both SIR members and their wives are invited to attend. Contact Jack Bevis at 925-254-7256, for more information.



## Br. 116 Christmas Dinner Dance

Believe it or not, our Christmas Dinner Dance is just a few short 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 will be on its way as the date gets closer. So...put the date on your calendar and start organizing your tables. Sign-ups will start at the September monthly meeting.

*In Memoriam*

**Robert F. Daily**

*October 10, 1924—August 17, 2013*

## Hiking & Walking

Joel White

(zpz2mrz@yahoo.com)



Many thanks to Dan and Andrea Green for organizing our special walk on August 23, 2013. This was special not only because all got to sleep later (we met at the civil hour of 10:00 rather than the usual 8:15), but also for the beautiful ever changing vistas of Lake Merritt as we circled it, and the fantastic lunch afterwards at The Chalet Seafood Bar and Grill right on the lake. Participants are pictured from right to left: Joel White, Dan Green, David Geary, Bobbie Schoenfield, Lytton DeSilva, Susan White, Audrey DeSilva, Andrea Green, Anna Freitas, Paul Freitas, Norman Schoenfield, Mary Alice Donaldson, Art Donaldson, and Colleen Geary.

The **Friday, September 13<sup>th</sup>** walk will be led by **Art Donaldson**. Meet at the lower parking lot of Arboledo Park in Walnut Creek at **8:15am**. Please RSVP to Art : [dnldsn@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dnldsn@sbcglobal.net), 934-8391.

The **Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup>** walk will be led by **David Geary**. Meet at the Lafayette Community Center on St. Mary's Road at **8:15am**. Please RSVP to David: [dsgeary@comcast.net](mailto:dsgeary@comcast.net), 376-7031.

*I would like to have feedback with answers to the following questions:*

- 1. Should we change the walking group format to 10am followed by lunch  
Once per month?  
Both walks?  
add a third walk, not necessarily on Friday?  
Have a 10am/lunch walk sporadically?*
- 1. Are there members who would join the walking group if it were at a different time on a different day?*

*Please e-mail response to [zpz2mrz@yahoo.com](mailto:zpz2mrz@yahoo.com)*

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).



Hiking & Walking Group at Lake Merritt on August 23rd



## SIR Fishing Group

Harry Sherinian

(h.sherinian@comcast.net)

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, September 26th, at the Legend Sports Bar and Grill at the Diablo Creek Golf Course at 4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord. Meeting starts at 8:30am. Many of the members come early to have breakfast and discuss their latest fishing trips. A lot of good information is passed around at these early breakfast gatherings.

Rich Fiscina hosted several forays out the gate on his boat, catching a salmon, a ling, and rock cod. Fishing with Rich was: Gene Schulting, Pete Gates, Al Brunner, Al's grandson, and Mario Moratorio. Pete Gates, Tom Boltz, Karl Droese, and Steve Lofton made their annual pilgrimage to Alaska where they caught salmon, halibut, and "other fish." Carl Moyer played host to Harry Sherinian, Terry Miller, Pete Gates, Gordon Linebaugh, Dick Thomson and Rich Fiscina upon the ocean where everyone caught limits of nice sized rock fish, and ling cod. Pete Gates, fishing with Carl, wrestled in two giant Cabazon of 9 and 8 lbs. Huge and delicious. George Schulze joined a half day boat from Lahina with his daughter bringing back some rock-fish for a luau. Dick Thomson and Harry Sherinian gave Lake Berryessa a try but had a terrible day without a single hook up.

August was the month for our Annual Back Yard Bar-B-Que. Members and their wife's or significant others gathered at the lovely home of Jack and Joann Waddell, Their charming back yard was the setting for our gastronomic intake of food and drink. We ate our fill of Ribs, Chicken, Brisket, Beans, and Salad. A special thanks to Dick Thomson for taking care of all the arrangements in regards to ordering the food and taking care of the reservations. We had a great turnout for this annual event and it is always enjoyed by all who attend.

We will be very busy this summer with: delta fishing for bass, catfish, and sturgeon; trout, king and kokanee salmon in mountain lakes and rivers; salmon, halibut and rock fish from the ocean; as

well as some distant forays to Mexico, Canada, and Alaska.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, September 26th, 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 Harry Sherinian (925-846-7067).

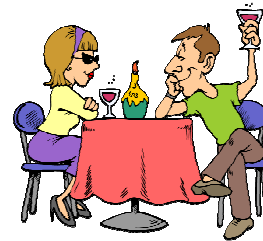
## "Dine-O-Sir" Dinner Group

Ben Smith

(bjsssmith@aol.com)



Dine-O-Sir just had a fantastic 2 night dining event at the award winning PEASANT & THE PEAR restaurant in Danville on August 20th and 27th. The next D-O-S event will be sometime in October at a yet to be named restaurant. Keep yours eyes open and ear to the ground so you won't miss the next extremely popular Dine-O-Sir event.



## Luncheon Speaker

By Little Sir Phil Goff

(philgoff@yahoo.com)

Our guest speaker for the September luncheon is an exciting and popular sports figure, Gary St Jean. He was head coach of the Sacramento Kings from 1992 to 1997 and then became General Manager of the Golden State Warriors. In 2000, he doubled as head coach for the Warriors after P.J. Carlesimo was fired. Gary was a pro scout for the New Jersey Nets in 2010 and 1011 and is currently an analyst for Comcast SportsNet Bay Area television.

Gary will reveal the secrets of operating a successful professional sports franchise. Be ready with your questions about professional basketball; I'm sure Gary will have interesting answers.



## Computer & Technology

Derek Southern & Phil Goff

The Area 2 Computer and Technology Group advises all Sirs and their guests that our next meeting

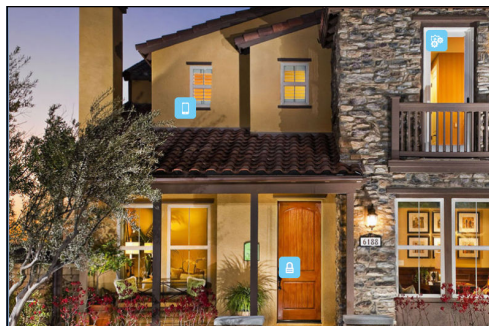


will be at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge on Thursday, SEPTEMBER 19th at 9:30 am. We are expecting a presentation by a representative from AT&T. He will talk about

Digital Life, a security product that lets people monitor and manage home security and energy systems from afar using a smartphone, computer, or tablet. AT&T provides and installs Internet-connected cameras, along with sensors on doors and windows, and smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, door locks, thermostats, and moisture sensors. The devices and sensors are all hooked up to a home broadband connection and can be controlled from a computer or mobile device. The Digital Life application is available on most browsers and there are mobile apps for iOS, Android, and Windows Phone devices.!

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



## Home Security & Energy Management

## 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)



Computer History Museum Docent Talking to the Area 2 Computer & Technology Group in Mountain View on August 15th



## Newly Elected 2014 SIR Branch 116 Officers & Directors



**Big SIR**  
Phil Goff



**Little SIR**  
Bob Donohue



**Secretary**  
Dick Chaffee



**Asst. Secretary**  
Joel White



**Treasurer**  
Carl Langhorst



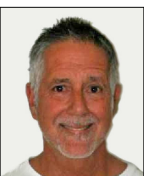
**Asst. Treasurer**  
Bob Shader



**Membership Secr.**  
Andy Benz



**Director**  
Wayne Cook



**Director**  
Jim Johnson



**Director**  
Jerry Kaplan



**Director**  
Bob Testa



**Director**  
P. Ramacciotti



**Director**  
Art Vogl



**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.



### What is a golfing "rider"?

Four old men went into the pro shop after playing 18 holes of golf.

The pro asked, "Did you guys have a good game today?"

The first old guy said, "Yes, I had three riders today."

The second old guy said, "I had the most riders ever. I had five."

The third old guy said, "I had seven riders, the same as last time."

The last old man said, "I beat my old record. I had 12 riders today."

After they went into the locker room, another golfer who had heard the old guys talking about their game went to the pro and said, "I've been playing golf for a long time and thought I knew all the terminology of the game, but what's a rider?"

The pro said, "A rider is when you hit the ball far enough to actually get in the golf cart and ride to it."

## 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 2013-14

Oct 3, 2013

#### Bay Cruise on the USS Potomac.

Join fellow SIR members for a delightful cruise on San Francisco Bay aboard President Franklin D. Roosevelt's personal Yacht. Our 2 hour bay cruise will include narration by a experienced Docent focusing on the history of the Bay. We will leave from the dock at Jack London Square promptly at 10:30AM. Following the cruise we will have a no host lunch at one of the restaurants on the Square for those interested. Cost is \$50.00 pp. Contact Bob Spellman Br 146 at 934-9428 if interested. All SIR Area 2 members are welcome.

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Oct 18, 2013

#### SIR Day at the Races

It's that time to again enjoy horse racing at Golden Gate Fields. Cost \$29.00 pp which includes: admission, reserve parking, daily race program, great buffet lunch and tax & tips. It's a great entertainment value. Contact Bob Spellman Br 146 at 934-8428. All SIR Area 2 members are welcome subject to space available.

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Jan 9, 2014

#### Cuba: Music, Culture & the Roots of Revolution

A people to people program that visits Santiago de Cuba a cultural melting pot of Afro-Cuban trad-

itions as well as Baracoa an unspoiled gem on the coast. The Cuban capital will also be included. The cost of \$5295 includes RT airfare, all accommodations, 28 meals, private motor coach, and English speaking guide. Contact Russ Aubry, Br. 171, 510-644-2692 for more information.

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May, 2014

#### Hidden Gems of the Dalmatian Coast & Greece

A 16 day Cruise aboard a privately owned Grand Circle small ship with a maximum of 50 passengers. Ports of Call will include Zagreb, Split, Hvar, Korcula, Dubrovnik, Montenegro, Butrint, Albania, Corfu, Delphi and Athens. Prices range from approximately \$4595 to \$6170 depending on accommodations and airfare. Trip also includes 37 meals, 12 exclusive tours with personal headsets, home hosted dinner, and resident Grand Circle Program Director. Contact Ken Richter Br 146, 689-6217. Currently 22 people have signed up for this trip.

### 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.

## 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.

## New Branch 116 Members



**Sponsor Nick Bowles with  
New Member Ron McDougall**



**Sponsor Max Foust with  
New Member Terry Horton**



**New Member Duane Spencer with  
Sponsor Dave Tullus**



## Br. 116 Book Club

**Rich Black**

(blackrw41@comcast.net)

### **A Year in the Life of William Shakespeare: 1599 By James Shapiro**

In 1599 Shakespeare and his colleagues opened their new theater, The Globe, and the Bard began to write soliloquies exposing the inner thoughts and feelings of his characters. Actor, Shakespearean teacher and fellow SIR Mark Jordan gave an opening summary of the events and political currents of the last years of Queen Elizabeth's reign and a discussion followed. While attendance was perhaps the best ever, the reviews were decidedly mixed, with some feeling the book too much of an academic exercise and others maintaining it provided a welcome entre into the history of the time and an enlightening exposition of Shakespeare's development. The average score was 3 stars. Lytton DeSilva recommended this book while engaging in the discussion were Richard Black, Cord Hull, Al Reynolds, John Riordan, Joel White, Jack Butler, Paul Freitas, Jerry Christopherson, Garrett Girvan, Dick Kauffman, Art Donaldson, Jim Scott, John Fraser and Bob Matthews.

The group will next meet on September 23 to discuss Freedom's Forge by Arthur Herman. Tentatively scheduled for the October 28 meeting is "This Town: Two Parties and a Funeral" by Mark Leibovich.

## 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)



## \$ums Investment Group

Allen Espenmiller

(aespenmiller@pacbell.net)

The Area 2 \$ums Investment Group will meet on Wednesday September 25, 2013, 8:00 AM at the Diablo Creek Golf course, 4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord. Our speakers will be Sue and Jim Breedlove of Breedlove Insurance Services in Orinda. There will be a two part presentation covering aspects of Medicare you should be aware of and an update on what the new government health care (Obamacare) plan is beginning to look like. As we get closer to the meeting date additional information will be provided.

The Legends restaurant opens for breakfast at 7:00 AM so plan to have an enjoyable breakfast with your colleagues. Plan to bring a guest or a prospective SIR to let them know about our Investment Group and enjoy an informative presentation.

### Unforgettable Senior Moments

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A 61-year-old man told the doctor that he was no longer able to help around the house like he used to. After the doctor had finished examining him, the man said: "Now, doc, tell me in plain English what is wrong with me."

"In plain English," said the doctor, "you're just lazy."

"Ok," said the man, "now give me the medical term so I can tell my wife."

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An elderly couple were sitting quietly on the porch in their rocking chairs when the old man suddenly reached across and slapped his wife in the face. "What was that for?" she demanded. "That's for 40 years of lousy sex!"

She didn't say anything, but a few minutes later she slapped him back. "What was that for?" he cried. "That's for knowing the difference!"



## Bridge

Milt Greenstein

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The duplicate bridge group met on August 6th at the Diablo Valley Bridge Center , with 6 teams playing. First place was won by the team of Rudy Gebert / Dan Greenberg with 29.00 points out of a possible 50, ( 58.00 % ). Second place was taken by the team of Jack Butler / Milt Greenstein ( 53.00% ), ( just 2 winners with only 3 tables ).

On August 13th, the lunch / bridge group met at Round Hill C.C. with 24 men enjoying lunch and 3 hours of bridge. Bob Wolf with 9,380 points was our top score for the day, the second highest score ever recorded in our group ! Jerry Christopherson was second with 5,450. In third place was Bob Kahl with 5,110, followed by Alvin Buchignani at 4,770 and Norm Schoenfeld with 4,750. We had 6 small slams today by the teams of Bob Wolf / Norm Schoenfeld ( twice ), Joel White / Jack Butler, Jerry Christopherson / Bob Kahl, Bob Kahl / Milt Greenstein and Oscar Krikorian / Walt Kaweck. This is the most small slams ( 6 ) we have ever had in one session!

On August 27th, the group met again at Diablo C.C., 24 men meeting for lunch and bridge. Lytton DeSilva, with an excellent score of 6,580, was our high scorer for the day. In second place with 6,090, was Ali Aghaiepour, followed by Jerry Christopherson (5,210), Bob Kahl (5,140) and Charley Schmidt (4,870). We had 3 small slams made today by the teams of Joel White/Jerry Christopherson, Lytton DeSilva/Alvin Buchignani and Art Donaldson/Ali Aghaiepour.

**Second 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!

# SIR Branch 116 Golf

By Al Zavattono, 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.

### How many penalty strokes do I take when I hit my ball out-of-bounds?

Either hit the ball again from the original spot (1 stroke penalty) or, to speed up play, place your ball 2 club lengths from where it entered the OB (**2 stroke penalty**). See Golf Web site at [branch116.org/116-golf/](http://branch116.org/116-golf/) for all the special SIR Golf Rules.

## September 9-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Wed. 04	10:00	Buchanan Fields	Dick Chaffee
Wed. 11	10:00	Pine Meadow	D. McClaughry
Wed. 18	10:00	Buchanan Fields	Dick Chaffee
Wed. 25	10:00	Diablo Hills	Mike Murphy

## September 18-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Wed. 04	9:30	Boundary Oak	T. Gurmmitt
Mon. 09	9:30	Boundary Oak	T. Gurmmitt
Tue. 17	9:04	Paradise Valley	T. Gurmmitt
Mon. 23	9:30	Napa Kennedy	T. Gurmmitt
Mon. 30	9:00	Rancho Solano	T. Gurmmitt

# 18-Hole Results

## Blue Rock Springs - East -- Monday August 26, 2013

Official Scorer:  
Bill Clark

Flight 1				Flight 2				Flight 3				Flight 4			
Tie 1st	David Harris	67	3	Tie 1st	Dave Ferm	68	3	1st	Hugh Duggan	61	3	1st	Carl Langhorst	70	3
Tie 1st	Harry Oberle	67	3	Tie 1st	Neil Schmidt	68	3	Tie 2nd	Alex Lutkus	72	2	2nd	Robbie Robinson	72	2
3rd	David Carlson	71	1	3rd	Norm Alberts	70	1	Tie 2nd	Conrad Robertson	72	2	3rd	Fred Schafer	73	1
								Tie 2nd	Al Serafino	72	2				
Low Gross				Low Gross				Low Gross				Low Gross			
	Harry Oberle	84			Neil Schmidt	86			Hugh Duggan	85			Carl Langhorst	98	

Closest to: Hole #6 - Jim Barstow, Robbie Robinson -- Hole #16 - Neil Schmidt

## Rossmoor Stanley Dollar -- Tuesday August 20, 2013

Official Scorer:  
Phil Jenkins

Flight 1				Flight 2				Flight 3				Flight 4			
1st	David Carlson	66	3	1st	Richard Madden	61	3	1st	Troy Powell	64	3	1st	Terry Sherman	61	3
2nd	Al Zattero	67	2	2nd	Wayne Smith	69	2	2nd	Hugh Duggan	65	2	2nd	Ron Armijo	66	2
3rd	Bill Clark	68	1	Tie 3rd	Norm Alberts	71	1	3rd	Kirk McVean	67	1	3rd	Carl Langhorst	73	1
				Tie 3rd	Frank Crua	71	1								
Low Gross				Low Gross				Low Gross				Low Gross			
	Jim Johnson	82			Richard Madden	86			Hugh Duggan	89			Terry Sherman	93	

Closest to: Hole #4 - Wayne Smith -- Hole #14 - Al Zattero

## Boundary Oak -- Monday August 12, 2013

Official Scorer:  
Jerry Hunter

Flight 1				Flight 2				Flight 3				Flight 4			
1st	David Harris	70	3	Tie 1st	Paul Kim	72	3	1st	Pete Coggiola	65	3	1st	Ron Armijo	67	3
2nd	Jim Barstow	71	2	Tie 1st	Neil Schmidt	72	3	2nd	Troy Powell	67	2	Tie 2nd	Chuck Gilliam	68	2
3rd	Harry Oberle	72	1	Tie 1st	Pat Tinguely	72	3	3rd	Alex Lutkus	68	1	Tie 2nd	Bill Hemmelsbach	68	2
Low Gross				Low Gross				Low Gross				Low Gross			
	Jim Barstow	85			Neil Schmidt	90			Pete Coggiola	91			Ron Armijo	97	

Closest to: Hole #2 - Phil Goff, Bernie Wroblewski -- Hole #12 - Phil Goff, Fred Schafer

## Boundary Oak -- Monday August 5, 2013

Official Scorer:  
Jed Daniel

Flight 1				Flight 2				Flight 3				Flight 4			
1st	Al Zattero	73	3	Tie 1st	Frank Crua	70	3	Tie 1st	Jon Rasmussen	70	3	1st	Chuck Gilliam	68	3
2nd	Harry Oberle	74	2	Tie 1st	John Story	70	3	Tie 1st	Al Serafino	70	3	Tie 2nd	Ron Armijo	69	2
Tie 3rd	David Carlson	75	1	3rd	Neil Schmidt	71	1	Tie 3rd	Hugh Duggan	71	1	Tie 2nd	Fred Schafer	69	2
Tie 3rd	Bill Clark	75	1					Tie 3rd	Kirk McVean	71	1				
Low Gross				Low Gross				Low Gross				Low Gross			
	Jim Barstow	90			Neil Schmidt	89			Hugh Duggan	96			Ron Armijo	99	

Closest to: Hole #2 - Bob Testa, Ron Armijo -- Hole #12 - Al Zattero, Fred Schafer

## Tilden Park -- Monday July 29, 2013

Official Scorer:  
Bill McCord

Flight 1				Flight 2				Flight 3				Flight 4			
1st	Bill McCord	68	3	1st	Bob Testa	66	3	1st	Troy Powell	60	3	1st	Mark Jordan	64	3
Tie 2nd	Jim Johnson	69	2	2nd	Jim Clizbe	68	2	2nd	Al Serafino	64	2	Tie 2nd	Chuck Gilliam	68	2
Tie 2nd	Bill Clark	69	2	3rd	Walt Kawecki	69	1	3rd	Hugh Duggan	66	1	Tie 2nd	Bill Hemmelsbach	68	2
Tie 2nd	Harry Oberle	69	2												
Low Gross				Low Gross				Low Gross				Low Gross			
	Jim Johnson	84			Jim Clizbe	88			Hugh Duggan	90			Mark Jordan	93	

Closest to: Hole #4 - Mel Williams, Chuck Gilliam -- Hole #11 - Bill McCord, Frank Lockwood

## 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
Al Zattero	34	Neil Schmidt	32	Jerry Hunter	33	Chuck Gilliam	31
Jim Barstow	28	Frank Crua	26	Phil Jenkins	23	Robbie Robinson	26
David Harris	27	Wayne Smith	25	Alex Lutkus	22	Mark Jordan	24
Jim Johnson	21	John Story	24	Conrad Robertson	22	Ron Armijo	22
Phil Goff	20	Jim Clizbe	23	Al Serafino	22	Terry Grummitt	22
Mel Williams	20	Bob Testa	23	Hugh Duggan	21	Carl Langhorst	20
Harry Oberle	19	Lonny Randall	14	Jon Rasmussen	17	Fred Schafer	20
David Carlson	18	Tom Eller	8	Peter Coggiola	11	Matt Arena	17
Bill McCord	17	Pat Tinguely	7	Troy Powell	10	Frank Lockwood	9
Dirk Meyer	10	Jim Videle	7	Bob Donohue	9	Terry Sherman	7
Bill Clark	9	David Ferm	6	Bernie Wroblewski	9	Bill Hemmelsbach	5
Jerry Hicks	9	Paul Kim	6	Gary Boswell	8	Allan Chasnoff	3
Alan Fitzgerald	2	Richard Madden	5	Jed Daniel	4		
		Carlos Xavier	5	Terry Legler	4		
		Walt Kawecki	4	John Peterson	4		
		Norm Alberts	3	Ken Binning	2		
		Phil Perrelli	3	Dick Chaffee	2		
		Bob Nichols	2	Bob Conlon	2		
		Dick Socolich	2	Kirk McVean	2		
		Paul King	1	Don Roberts	2		
		Frank Portillo	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](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
Tuesday, Sept. 17	Paradise Valley	Sep-08	\$43
Monday, Sept. 23	Napa Kennedy	Sep-16	\$35
Monday, Sept. 30	Rancho Solano	Sep-21	\$42
Tuesday, Oct. 22	Franklin Canyon	Oct-12	\$37
Monday, Oct. 28	Lone Tree	Oct-31	\$36
Monday, Nov. 4	Mira Vista	Oct-21	\$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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### **Non Responsibility Declaration**

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

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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.