



Trampas Topics

April, 2014

SIR Branch 116

Next Meeting: 11:30 am,
Monday, April 21, 2014
Elks Lodge—1475 Creekside
Dr, Walnut Creek, CA 94596

A Nonprofit Public Benefit Organization for Retired Men Enjoying Active Retirement

Sayings of 2014 Big Sir Phil Goff

April is a beautiful month with good weather and the Easter Holiday. We are looking forward to the Branch 116 Carmel Golf and Vacation event in early May that is being organized by SIR Jim Barstow. It promises to be a lot of fun for golfers and non-golfers alike. Spending a couple of days on the Monterey Peninsula in May is always enjoyable. Jim has a good crowd signed up and if everything works as planned we will try to make it an annual event.



Also scheduled in May is the Ladies Spring luncheon. It will be held on May 20 at the San Ramon Country Club so please sign up right away. SIR Jerry Christopherson is chairing the committee that puts it together, so you can be sure we will have good food, good entertainment and a really good time.

The Branch Nominating Committee is chaired by SIR Art Vogl with SIR members John Story, Bernie Wroblewski and Bob Testa. They are looking to fill the Director and Officer positions that will be open next year and are working hard to find the right people. The success of our Branch is dependent on members who are willing to assume leadership positions. If you or someone you know would like to be considered please contact one of the Committee members.

Our membership in the Branch is lagging somewhat this year. It's not a serious problem but if we don't bring in new members to keep our total level constant we could face a troubling decline. We need at least 25 new members each year so please do your best to find friends that might be interested in joining. Bring them to a luncheon as a guest and once they hear about all the activities we offer, I'm sure they will want to join.

Sir Don Seaton is running the See's Candy sales this year and he wants all the orders submitted by April 10. The order form is included in this month's Trampas Topics Newsletter. Everyone I know really enjoys See's candy at the Easter Holiday, so take the time to put in your orders. You won't regret it.

Have a happy Easter everyone. Visit with friends and relatives, eat a few chocolate bunnies and be thankful for all your blessings.

Phil Goff Big SIR



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PLEASE CALL 806-8874
by the Thursday prior to
the meeting to
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to bring a guest.

2014 SIR 116 Officers & Directors



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831-3692



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288-0488

2014 SIR 116 Committee Chairmen

Activities Coord.	J. Christopherson	939-3973	Membership Roster	Dick Thomson	785-7600
Attendance	Jim Nachtweih	838-7417	Music Man	Robbie Robinson	798-4276
Audit	Ron Armijo	945-0637	Newsletter Editor	Neil Schmidt	831-3692
Book Club	Rich Black	283-8376	Asst. Editor	Phil Goff	939-5342
Book Exchange	John Fraser	837-7439	Nominating	Art Vogl	393-9373
"	Dick Kauffman	838-2334	Parties	J. Christopherson	946-0335
Bridge	Milt Greenstein	376-5589	Photographers	John Peterson	831-3692
Candy Sales	Don Seaton	932-4115	"	Neil Schmidt	939-5342
Chaplain	Rotating	*1 Below	"	Phil Goff	831-3692
Computer & Tech.	Neil Schmidt	939-5342	Poker Group—1	Bill Harrington	935-1625
Dine-O-Sir	Ben Smith	820-5403	Poker Group—2	Al Reynolds	254-1576
Duplicate Bridge	Mike Corker	672-7525	Storytellers	Various	Various
E-mail Contact	Phil Goff	831-3692	Sums In Retirement	Ben Smith	820-5403
Fishing	Harry Sherinian	846-7067	Sunshine	Matt Arena	946-0404
Guitar	Paul King	938-3035	Travel	Tom Eller	939-5897
Golf	Al Zavattero	933-0465	Volunteers	Bob Kinser	837-8886
"	Carlos Xavier	947-6756	Webmaster	Phil Goff	831-3692
Greeters	Pat Bermingham	930-9477	Welcoming	Jerry Kaplan	938-1037
Hiking and Walking	Joel White	964-0994	Wine Appreciation	Jack Bevis	254-7256
Historian	Matt Arena	946-0404			
Host	Frank Crua	932-0975			
Interviewer	Max Foust	827-9323			

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

2014 SIR Area 2 (Inter-branch) Committee Chairmen

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

SIR Branch 116 Activity Calendar

April 2014

Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
		1 Duplicate Bridge (10:00@ Diablo Valley Bridge Ctr)	2 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC)	3	4	5
6	7 18-Hole Golf (8:00@ Boundary Oak GC)	8 Luncheon Bridge (11:30@ Round Hill CC)	9 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Pine Meadow GC)	10	11 Hiking & Walking (8:15@ Geppetto's Café, Danville)	12
13	14 18-Hole Golf (9:30 Boundary Oak GC)	15 Poker Group 2 (1:00@ Diablo CC)	16 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC)	17 Computer & Tech (9:30@ WC Elks Lodge)	18	19
20 Easter Sunday	21 SIR Br 116 Mtg. (11:30@ WC Elks Lodge)	22 18-Hole Golf (10:03@ Eagle Vines GC) Luncheon Bridge (11:30@ Diablo CC)	23 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Diablo Hills GC) Sums Investment 8:00@ Diablo Creek GC)	24 Fishing Group (8:30@ Legends-Diablo Crk)	25 Hiking & Walking (8:15@ La Boulange, Danville)	26
27	28 18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Poppy Ridge GC) Book Group Mtg. (10:15@ Orinda Books)	29	30			



Membership

Andy Benz
(anbenz@aol.com)

SIR 116 Membership Status

Total Current Members:	244
Last Month's Inductees:	0
Those in Interview Stage:	0
Total in Process:	0
On Inactive Status:	47
Left the Branch:	15
Waiting to be Installed:	0



Br. 116 Treasurer's Report

Carl Langhorst, Treasurer
(cslangho@mindspring.com)

Mar. 2014 2014 YTD

Contributions	\$ 3,715.00	\$ 21,416.77
Disbursements	\$ (3,594.19)	\$ (15,619.04)
Net (gain/(loss))	\$ 120.81	\$ 5,797.73
March Cash Balance		\$ 11,184.46

In Memoriam

Roy J. Hedtke

January 12, 1920 — January 28, 2014

April Birthdays

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

- | | |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Mac Brendan | 11. Gary Howard |
| 2. Frank Bryant | 12. Jake Jacob |
| 3. John Canane | 13. Mark Jordan |
| 4. Dick Chaffee | 14. Richard Madden |
| 5. Jim Clizbe | 15. Joe Ostler |
| 6. Roger Colton | 16. Bob Shader |
| 7. Lee Dulac | 17. Ben Smith |
| 8. Denny Giambastiani | 18. Duane Spencer |
| 9. Billy Hayes | 19. Marsh Stashyn |
| 10. Bill Hemmelsbach | |



Lunch Attendance

Jim Nachtweih
(majnacht@sbcglobal.net)

Attendance at the March 17th meeting:

Total:	175
Members:	167
Visitors:	5
Speakers:	2
Guests:	1
Excused:	56
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.

April Luncheon Menu

Spaghetti with Meatballs
Sautéed Zucchini
Caesar Salad
Sliced French Bread & Butter
Dessert /Coffee/Tea

Want a Free Lunch ?
Sponsor a New Member !

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



Sunshine Report

Matt Arena

(marena@astound.net)

SIR **Plato Grivas** has lost his wife Pat to melanoma of the eye. There will be a gathering at Heather Farms Lakeside Room on April 23rd at 2 P.M. to honor her memory. The SIR's are invited.

SIR **Cord Hull**'s wife Arta passed away on February 26 and Cord returned to their family home in Iowa for the burial. We want to extend our condolences to both our members at the loss of their wives.

SIR **Carl Cline** has been seen at the Diablo Country Club with his Poker Pals testing his luck at cards. Carl continues to improve following his stroke.

SIR **Mike Murphy** is recovering nicely following his surgery. In no time he was back on the golf course which shows you how resilient the men from the Greatest Generation deal with life.

Past Big SIR **Ron Domer**'s wife Angela got some wonderful news recently that her test following the bone marrow transplant was negative. We miss Ron's "Tennessee" stories and having the pleasure of Angela at our events.

SIR **Wayne Smith** is back after his nasty fall. I want to apologize to Wayne for not noticing that he had returned to our luncheon this month. He says he is doing just fine.

SIR **Larry Johnson** is awaiting results to determine if he will need a procedure on an ulcerated carotid artery. He is getting exercise on a stationary bike and gets some help from a cane but otherwise he is doing fine.

SIR **Tom McWilliams** has recovered nicely from surgery. He is feeling quite well and is glad the surgery is behind him.

LIFE IS TOO SHORT... ENJOY IT.....



Br. 116 Book Club

Rich Black

(blackrw41@comcast.net)

"The Round House" by Louise Erdrich

Who raped Joe's mother at the Roundhouse? Who had jurisdiction over the scene of the crime? The Ojibwe Native American courts? the State of North Dakota? Federal Courts? What is justice in this case? Louise Erdrich answers these questions, and so many more, in "The Round House. Joel White recommended the book and kicked off the discussion which was then led by Richard Black. Adding their views were guest Brad Wait, Cord Hull, Jack Butler, Jerry Christopherson, John Riordan, Al Reynolds, Art Donaldson, Tim Tinnes, John Frazier, Bob Mathews and Lytton DeSilva. The group awarded the book 4.3 stars out of a possible 5 stars.

The next meeting will be on Monday, April 28 at 10:15 am at Orinda books to discuss "*Master and Commander*" by Patrick O'Brian.



Carl Langhorst, Bill Hemmelsbach & Wayne Smith
at Sequoyah Country Club

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.



Bridge
Milt Greenstein
 (margmilt@comcast.net)

On March 4th, the duplicate group met at the Diablo Valley Bridge Center with 24 men attending. The team of Dick Chaffee / Kurt Teichman were the top team with 82.00 points out of a possible 135, for 60.74%, and earning 1.20 master points. In 2nd place were Jack Butler / Rudy Gebert with 58.15%, followed by Bob Wolf / Jim Slatterly at 57.41%, Mike Corker / Dan Greenberg at 57.04% and Dan Green / Fred Cochran with 56.30%.

The lunch/bridge group met on March 11th with 25 men attending. Our high scorer was Charley Schmidt with 4,500 points, followed by Marv DeHues with 4,190, Bill Sullivan at 4,110, Rudy Gebert at 4,010 and Hal Redsun with 4,000. We did not have any slams today, (amazing). Overall, today was a very low scoring day, with the average score for a round of 496 points (for 4 hands), compared to our normal average lately of over 600. That is the lowest average round since November 13, 2012.

A small group of 23 men gathered at Diablo C.C. on March 25th for lunch and bridge. A belated St. Patrick's Day lunch of corn beef and cabbage was followed by 3 1/2 hours of bridge. Charley Schmidt was our high scorer again today with 5,500 points. Bruce Ressen was in second place with 5,220 points and Jon Dickson took third place with 5,050 points. In fourth place was Ron Wolberg with 4,960 points, and in fifth place with 4,710 points was Paul Harris. Three small slams were made today by Charley Schmidt / Jon Dickson, Bruce Ressen / Ken Binning and Bob Wolf / Lou Sandor.



\$ums Investment Group
Allen Espenmiller
 (aespenmiller@pacbell.net)

The Area 2 \$ums Investment Group will meet on **Wednesday April 23, 2014** at 8:00 a.m. at the Legends restaurant at Diablo Creek Golf Course, 4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord.

Our guest speaker will **Greg Vogel** of GKV Capital

Management Inc. Greg's topic will be "**Utilizing ETFs for Portfolio Management.**" Greg will discuss the pros and cons of using ETFs in a portfolio to increase portfolio diversification and liquidity, evaluate the emerging actively managed ETF funds, and look closely at the perceived benefits of using ETFs for more illiquid assets including fixed income and certain commodities.

Greg has been working on Wall Street for more than 20 years, with experience at both large investment banks and boutique investment firms. He has been a regular guest on financial television including CNBC and CNN and has been mentioned frequently in the business press, including The Wall Street Journal, Business Week and Forbes. In 2000, Greg was ranked in The Wall Street Journal's "Best on the Street" analyst survey for his coverage of the software industry.

The Legends restaurant opens at 7:00 a.m., so come early and have a leisurely breakfast with your colleagues prior to the meeting. Plan to attend this meeting and bring a prospective SIR.



Activity Chairman
Jerry Christopherson
 (jchris161k@aol.com)

IT'S TIME--DO NOT DELAY! Our annual branch get together to honor our ladies is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 20th** at the San Ramon Golf Club. A great menu, door prizes and fabulous entertainment by a Dean Martin impressionist. How many of those old songs do you remember? So, get your favorite gal lined up (singles always welcome, as usual), mark your calendars and get your reservations in. **Remember, May 9th is the deadline.**

Hiking & Walking

Joel White

(zpz2mrz@yahoo.com)



The Friday, March 14th Walk was led by Richard Black. Walking with us last Friday were Dan and Andrea Green, Art and Mary Alice Donaldson, Richard Black and Donna Arganbright, John Reardon and Lytton DaSilva. We walked from the parking lot at Olympic Blvd and Pleasant Hill Road up the Bike Trail to Stanley Middle School. Coffee after at Starbucks on Mt. Diablo. A fine time was had by all.

Lytton DeSilva will lead the **Friday, April 11** walk. Meet at **8:15 AM** at the Geppetto's Café, 87 Orinda Way in Orinda. Please RSVP to Lytton (254-5289; lyttonaudrey@comcast.net).

The **Friday, April 25** walk will be led by Allan Paul Freitas. We'll gather at **8:15 AM**, at the La Boulange on Railroad Avenue in Danville, next to Lunardi's. Please RSVP to Paul pmfreitas@pacbell.net

Anyone wishing to be added to the e-mail reminder list should contact Joel White 964-0994 or zpz2mrz@yahoo.com.



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, April 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.

Sturgeon and trout are our winter prey. Barry Rauchle was our star, catching an 8 lb trout fishing with Paul Dubow, Carl Moyer, and George Schulz at San Pablo Reservoir. Earlier that week, Barry, Carl, Paul, Pete Gates, and Tom Boltz did well. Rich Fiscina fished there with Carl, and limited out. Carl did not, but did get a limit from shore later that week. Gene Schulting and son caught three trout fishing from shore. Paul, Carl, and Terry Miller fished from a pier at Shadow Cliffs where they caught two trout. Jack Waddell and

Paul Dubow travelled to the Smith River for two days catching steelhead. Rich Fiscina, Pete Gates, Gordon Linebaugh, Carl Moyer, Terry Miller, Romano Gnusti, Mike Corker, Terry Miller, Paul Dubow, and Joe Missione all fished for sturgeon in the lower delta, and all caught fish, but no keepers. Salmon season starts in mid April, should be a good year.

We will be very busy this spring with: delta fishing for bass, catfish, and sturgeon; trout in mountain and local lakes.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, April 24th, at the Legend Sports Bar and Grill at the Diablo Creek Golf Course at 4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord. Meeting starts at 8:30 am. For further information, please contact Harry Sherinian (925-846-7067).



Mike Corker with his large trout



Area 2 Golf Tournaments

Bill Hemmelsbach

([wdhem@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wthem@sbcglobal.net))

The Area 2 Team Qualifier will be held at Diablo Creek Thursday June 5th. The cost will be \$60 per person to include greens fees, a cart, range balls, a sleeve of 3 balls and lunch afterwards. It will be an 8:00am Scramble. Each team must have 1 player from each of the 4 flights. The winners of this tournament will go on to play at the State Team Championship at Rancho Solano on August 11th. You can email me, call me or give me your name at our next luncheon.

2014 Spring Fling

For SIR Branch 116

A Special Luncheon for our Ladies (Replacing our Regular May Lunch Meeting)

SAN RAMON GOLF CLUB

9430 Fircrest Lane, San Ramon, CA Phone: 925-828-6258

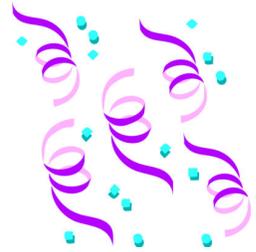
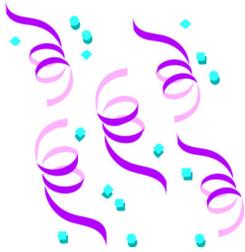
TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2014

11:00 No Host Social Hour, 12:00 Sit-down Luncheon Served

Fun! Entertainment! Special drink prices! Door prizes! Fun!

\$43 per person (includes tax & tip)

Menu: Choices: Petite Filet Mignon, Chicken Cordon Bleu, Salmon, or Three Cheese Lasagna



Spring Fling—San Ramon Golf Club
Must be received no later than May 9, 2014

Name: _____ Beef _____ Salmon _____ Chicken _____ Veggie _____

Name: _____ Beef _____ Salmon _____ Chicken _____ Veggie _____

Make Check to: SIR Branch 116 Number x \$43.00 = \$ _____

Mail Check to: Lou Sandor, 849 Stonehaven Drive, Walnut Creek, CA 94598

Note: I would like to reserve a table with the following people: (tables of eight only)



Golf at Rancho Canada in Carmel, CA

May 12 and 13, 2014

Branch 116 is planning a New Golf Event

Spouses and Significant others are invited and Non-golfers are welcome

Here are the Details



We will stay at the Carmel Mission Inn (Tel 1-800-348-9090). You must make your own reservations for and pay separately. Mention you are with the SIR 116 event and the room rate will be \$119/night.

We will play golf at Rancho Canada on Monday and Tuesday, May 12 & 13. First tee time on Monday is 11:00 AM so you may drive down that morning if you wish. Golf fees for the two days are \$142 (\$108 for walkers). This price includes \$20 for prize money and a BBQ dinner on Monday night.

Non-golfers will pay \$28 for the BBQ on Monday night.

Space is limited so send your checks in right away (no later than April 1).

Rancho Canada Golf Event, May 12 and 13, 2014

Name _____ Name _____

No. of Golfers x \$142 (\$108 for walking) _____

Non-Golfers x \$28 _____

Total Amount _____

Send your checks to SIR Branch 116 Golf, PO Box 683, Lafayette, CA 94549-0683

Questions? E-mail Jim Barstow (jbarstow@aol.com)



Computer & Technology

Derek Southern & Neil Schmidt



The Area 2 Computer and Technology Group advises all SIR and their guests that our next meeting will be at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge on Thursday, April 17th at 9:30 am.

Our April presentation will be about "Serious Security & Identity Threats". The presenter will be Evan Corstorphine who owns and operates Portable CIO, an IT consultancy and managed service provider (MSP) based out of Alamo, CA. He is an expert in several IT disciplines including Wireless Networking, Security, and the implementation of HIPAA, the medical privacy law. He will primarily be talking about the current and serious threats out there that folks need to know about, preparing individuals to make good decisions, and protecting against predators that are after your money and identity. He will discuss items such as:

- "Hi, I'm from "Windows" and our systems noticed that your computer has viruses. Let me help you..."
- "Crypto-locker". What is it, what does it mean, and why you should care.
- Prevention. How do you build the wall?
- "Why does my computer always get infected?"
- Security myths, busted.

Time permitting, he will also address some computer related issues such as typical computer problems encountered and how to get them fixed.

Following the presentation, also time permitting, there will be an informal "Sharing Tips & Tricks" segment where individuals will be asked to share some of their computer, smartphone, tablet, etc. tips with the group. **Bring your own Tips & Tricks to share with the group.**

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. Some months we ask for a donation of \$5 to cover the cost of the hall rental, coffee and cookies, other months are free.

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/



Cowhands Matt & Sarah Arena at the Dine-O-SIR Back Forty Texas BBQ dinner on March 20th.

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 Travel Opportunities

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.

Jun 6-13, 2014: American Queen Cruise. (Travel on the Mississippi River from New Orleans to Memphis with shore tours at Natchez, Vicksburg and Helena. The cost of \$2980 to \$4640 includes airfare, transfers, meals and complimentary wine or beer with dinner. Philip Manriquez, Br 1, San Mateo, 650-871-5009.

Jun 3-14, 2014: Alaska Cruise from San Francisco. (This 11 day cruise on the Star Princess starts and ends in San Francisco with stops in Ketchikan, Juneau, Skagway, and Victoria.) Cost \$2185 to \$3785 include 1 bottle of wine, one cocktail party, porter tips for luggage, port taxes, Travel protection. Bill Rodman, Br.38, San Jose, 408-274-4521 or Hank Clark, 408-223-6466.

Aug 24-Sep 8, 2014: 12 Day British Isles. The Brit-

ish Isles beckon adventurous travelers with fascinating cultures, awe-inspiring and stunning landscapes. This 12 day cruise on the Ruby Princess includes London, Guernsey, Cork, Dublin, Belfast, Glasgow, Orkney, Edinburgh and Paris. Cost \$4693 to \$6295 includes airfare, transfers, gratuities, Larry Garvin, Yuba City, Br. 45&109, 530-673-3693.

Aug 18-25, 2014: Canadian Rockies. 8 day trip traveling on the Rocky Mountaineer sightseeing train which only travels during the day so you can see the renowned beauty of Vancouver, Jasper, Lake Louise and Banff stay in deluxe hotels, Cost \$5265 to \$5735 Includes 16 meals, Gratuities, trip insurance, transfers, baggage handling, tax, park passes and airfare. Jim Stoner, Br,114, San Jose, 408-238-8458 or Larry Martinson. 408-528-0746.

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.

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'

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

See's Candies 2014 Easter Discount Sale
 This sale provides group discount prices to SIR Branch 116 members.
 THIS IS NOT A FUND RAISER.

- **Mail Orders** to: Don Seaton
 1961 San Miguel Dr
 Walnut Creek, CA 94596-5322
- **or Telephone** orders to: Don Seaton 932-4115
- **or Order** at the **Monday, March 17 SIR Luncheon.**

ORDER DEADLINE IS **Thursday April 10**

- Make checks payable to "Sir Branch 116 - Candy".
- Orders and checks must be from SIR members, *but you may include family and friends in your order.*
- Pick up candies in Elks Club parking lot on **Thursday, April 17 - 9:00 to 10:30 am.**

Your Name _____ **Phone** _____

Size	Item	Retail	How Many	Discount	Total \$
13.5 oz	Choc Butter Egg w Pecans	\$ 17.30		\$ 15.80	
9.5 oz	Rocky Road Egg	\$ 12.15		\$ 11.10	
6 oz	Choc Butter Egg	\$ 7.75		\$ 7.10	
5.4 oz	Scotchmallow Eggs 6 pk	\$ 6.15		\$ 5.65	
4.8 oz	Marshmallow Eggs 6 pk	\$ 5.90		\$ 5.40	
4.5 oz	Choc Butter Eggs 6 pk	\$ 6.15		\$ 5.65	
7.5 oz	Happy Easter Box	\$ 6.80		\$ 6.15	
4 oz	Chick Box	\$ 6.00		\$ 5.25	
8 oz	Truffles	\$ 10.25		\$ 8.90	
1 lb	Truffles	\$ 20.50		\$ 17.80	

Size	Item	Retail	How Many	Discount	Total \$
1 lb	Assorted Chocolates	\$ 18.00		\$ 14.00	
2 lb		\$ 36.00		\$ 28.00	
3 lb		\$ 54.00		\$ 42.00	
1 lb	Milk Chocolates	\$ 18.00		\$ 14.00	
2 lb		\$ 36.00		\$ 28.00	
1 lb	Dark Chocolates	\$ 18.00		\$ 14.00	
2 lb		\$ 36.00		\$ 28.00	
1 lb	Nuts & Chews	\$ 18.00		\$ 14.00	
2 lb		\$ 36.00		\$ 28.00	
3 lb		\$ 54.00		\$ 42.00	
1 lb	Bridge Mix	\$ 18.00		\$ 14.00	
1 lb	Toffee-ettes (can)	\$ 18.00		\$ 14.00	
1 lb	Almond Royal (can)	\$ 18.00		\$ 14.00	
8 oz	Molasses Chips	\$ 9.00		\$ 7.00	
1 lb 8 oz	Peanut Brittle	\$ 17.70		\$ 14.00	
8 oz	Awesome Peanut Brittle Bar (8 pack)	\$ 10.00		\$ 7.40	
12 oz	Awesome Nut & Chew Bar (8 pack)	\$ 10.00		\$ 7.40	
12 oz	Awesome Walnut Square Bar (8 pack)	\$ 10.00		\$ 7.40	
1 lb 5 oz	Lollypops, Assorted	\$ 17.25		\$ 13.45	
1 lb 5 oz	Lollypops, Chocolate	\$ 17.25		\$ 13.45	
1 lb 5 oz	Lollypops, Butterscotch	\$ 17.25		\$ 13.45	
1 lb 5 oz	Lollypops, Café Latte	\$ 17.25		\$ 13.45	
1 lb 5 oz	Lollypops, Vanilla	\$ 17.25		\$ 13.45	
1 lb	Gift Certificate ^{48states}	\$ 18.00		\$ 15.20	
Mailing Cartons (except items in italics) List items here:					
				\$ 1.00 for each carton	
TOTAL ORDER - Both Columns -					



Book Exchange

John Fraser & Dick Kauffman
(wokeagle@aol.com & rkkuffman@gmail.com)



Read any good books lately?

Would you like to exchange that book with another good book? If so, bring your book or books to the Book Exchange at the SIRS Luncheon. It is located in the area where you pay for lunch. There is no charge or cost to the Book Exchange.

Happy Reading



Wine Appreciation Group

Jack Bevis
(jackb435@comcast.net)

The March wine event will take place after the cut-off date for input to the Trampas Topics. See the April issue for coverage of the event.

Wine tasting events are held every other month on the last Thursday of the month from 4:00 to 6:30 pm. The next one will be on March 27th. These informal gatherings are held at the member's homes 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 around \$10 to \$12 per person. Both SIR members and their wives are invited to attend. Contact me at 925-254-7256 for more information.

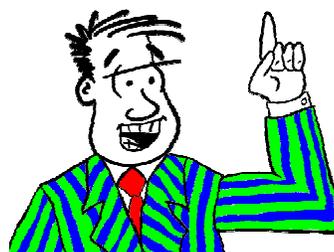


Luncheon Speaker

By Little Sir Bob Donohue
(bobdonohue@sbcglobal.net)

Our guest speaker for April will be Mr. **Joe Fonzi**, KTVU's weekend sports anchor.

Mr. Fonzi graduated with a B.A. degree from California State University, Chico and over the years has called the play-by-play for the Oakland A's, San Francisco Giants, San Francisco 49ers pre season games and Cal football games. He has been honored by the San Francisco Press Club and has received several UPI awards, two NorCal RTNDA awards and an Emmy Award.



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.



Branch 116's Dennis Lowe discussing "Personal Finance Software and Applications" at the Area 2 Computer & Technology meeting on March 20th.

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.

April 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

April 18-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Mon. 07	8:00	Boundary Oak	Mel Williams
Mon. 14	9:30	Boundary Oak	Mel Williams
Tue. 22	10:03	Eagle Vines	Mel Williams
Mon. 28	9:30	Poppy Rideg	Mel Williams

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 2014 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.

Carmel Golf Update!

Due to a high number of sign-ups and interest, this inaugural Carmel event has been expanded to accommodate 40 players (an increase of 12). If you have not already signed-up, you need to get your money in immediately because the money is due on **April 1, 2014**. See page 8 of this newsletter or the golf web page for more info.

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.

18-Hole Results

San Ramon -- Monday March 24, 2014

Official Scorer:
Troy Powell

Flight 1				Flight 2				Flight 3				Flight 4			
1st	David Harris	70	3	1st	David Carlson	74	3	Tie 1st	Al Hutchko	67	3	1st	Conrad Robertson	72	3
2nd	Jim Johnson	71	2	2nd	Hugh Duggan	76	2	Tie 1st	Bob Testa	67	3	Tie 2nd	Troy Powell	73	2
3rd	Neil Schmidt	73	1	3rd	Jim Clizbe	80	1	3rd	Jerry Hunter	73	1	Tie 2nd	Fred Schafer	73	2
Low Gross				Low Gross				Low Gross				Low Gross			
	Jerry Hicks	85			David Carlson	95			Bob Testa	90			Troy Powell	101	
	Jim Johnson	85													

Closest to: Hole #7 - David Harris, Bob Testa -- Hole #17 - Jerry Hicks, Troy Powell

Dublin Ranch -- Tuesday March 18, 2014

Official Scorer:
Hugh Duggan

Flight 1				Flight 2				Flight 3				Flight 4			
Tie 1st	David Harris	63	3	1st	Hugh Duggan	66	3	1st	Al Hutchko	64	3	1st	Bill Hemmelsbach	59	3
Tie 1st	Wayne Smith	63	3	Tie 2nd	Tom Eller	67	2	2nd	Bob Testa	70	2	Tie 2nd	Troy Powell	63	2
3rd	Harry Oberle	67	1	Tie 2nd	Robbie Robinson	67	2	3rd	Carlos Xavier	71	1	Tie 2nd	Fred Schafer	63	2
Low Gross				Low Gross				Low Gross				Low Gross			
	David Harris	77			Tom Eller	85			Al Hutchko	87			Bill Hemmelsbach	88	
													Troy Powell	88	

Closest to: Hole #7 - Jim Johnson, Carlos Xavier -- Hole #13 - John Story

Sequoyah Country Club -- Monday March 10, 2014

Official Scorer:
Alex Lutkus

Flight 1				Flight 2				Flight 3				Flight 4			
1st	David Harris	70	3	1st	Tom Eller	70	3	1st	Bob Testa	61	3	1st	Fred Schafer	74	3
Tie 2nd	Jim Barstow	72	2	Tie 2nd	Frank Crua	71	2	Tie 2nd	Carl Langhorst	72	2	2nd	Al Satake	76	2
Tie 2nd	Phil Goff	72	2	Tie 2nd	Hugh Duggan	71	2	Tie 2nd	Alex Lutkus	72	2	Tie 3rd	Conrad Robertson	79	1
Tie 2nd	Neil Schmidt	72	2									Tie 3rd	Terry Sherman	79	1
Tie 2nd	Dick Socolich	72	2												
Low Gross				Low Gross				Low Gross				Low Gross			
	David Harris	88			Tom Eller	92			Bob Testa	87			Al Satake	110	
													Fred Schafer	110	
													Terry Sherman	110	

Closest to: Hole #6 - Jerry Hicks, Pete Coggiola -- Hole #12 - Neil Schmidt, Ron Armijo

Boundary Oak -- Monday March 3, 2014

Official Scorer:
Tom Eller

Flight 1				Flight 2				Flight 3				Flight 4			
1st	Neil Schmidt	69	3	1st	Bernie Wroblewski	71	3	1st	Mark Jordan	67	3	1st	Jerry Christopherson	69	3
2nd	Phil Goff	71	2	Tie 2nd	John Story	74	2	Tie 2nd	Al Hutchko	68	2	2nd	Troy Powell	70	2
Tie 3rd	Bill McCord	72	1	Tie 2nd	Don Schroeder	74	2	Tie 2nd	Carl Langhorst	68	2	3rd	Terry Grummitt	71	1
Tie 3rd	Dirk Meyer	72	1			74		Tie 2nd	Bob Testa	68	2				
Low Gross				Low Gross				Low Gross				Low Gross			
	Stephen Cherepy	87			Bernie Wroblewski	97			Bob Testa	92			Troy Powell	98	

Closest to: Hole #2 - Harry Oberle, Fred Schafer -- Hole #12 - Phil Goff, Bob Testa



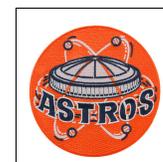
Oakland A's

April 20, 2014

\$11/ticket/ 1pm

Only 40 tickets

First come first served



Mail check & stamped return to: Shane Petersen, SIR 159 Treasurer, 3245 E. Sample Ave., Fresno, CA 93710

Make check out to "SIR 159"

2014 18-Hole Leader Board

FLIGHT 1		FLIGHT 2		FLIGHT 3		FLIGHT 4	
Index 0.0 - 18.0		Index 18.1 - 20.9		Index 21.0 - 27.1		Index 27.2 - 36.4	
NAME	POINTS	NAME	POINTS	NAME	POINTS	NAME	POINTS
David Harris	13	Hugh Duggan	17	Al Hutchko	24	Fred Schafer	15
Al Zattero	13	Frank Crua	16	Bob Testa	15	Conrad Robertson	14
Phil Goff	11	Bernie Wroblewski	10	Jerry Hunter	10	Terry Grummitt	13
Neil Schmidt	9	John Story	8	Al Serafino	8	Troy Powell	11
Jerry Hicks	8	Don Schroeder	7	Mark Jordan	6	Phil Jenkins	9
Bill McCord	7	David Carlson	5	Carl Langhorst	6	Bill Hemmelsbach	4
Dirk Meyer	6	Tom Eller	5	Ron Armijo	3	Al Satake	4
Jim Barstow	4	Jim Clizbe	4	Peter Coggiola	3	Matt Arena	3
Jim Johnson	4	Chuck Gilliam	4	Carlos Xavier	3	Jerry Christopherson	3
Harry Oberle	3	Norm Alberts	3	Bill Clark	2	Art Vogl	3
Wayne Smith	3	Robbie Robinson	2	Alex Lutkus	2	Jon Rasmussen	2
Dick Socolich	3	Paul King	1			Wayne Cook	1
Chick Walsh	3					Terry Sherman	1
Steve Cherepy	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

<u>Event Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Tuesday, April 22	Eagle Vines	Apr-12	\$45
Monday, April 28	Poppy Ridge	Apr-21	\$40
Monday, May 12	Carmel Valley	Apr-21	-
Monday, May 19	Rancho Solano	May-10	\$42
Wednesday, May 28	Paradise Valley	May-17	\$43

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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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).

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.

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.