



Trampas Topics

August, 2014

SIR Branch 116

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



Here we are in the lazy days of summer. The temperatures are high and the year is passing quickly, but it's a great time for leisure activities. If you wish to stay in from the heat you can participate in the Bridge, Book Club, Computers and Technology or other groups. If outdoors is your calling, then there are Golf, Fishing, and Walking groups. Just get out and enjoy yourself.

August is the month that we elect our new Officers and Directors for next year. The nominating committee headed by SIR Art Vogl introduced the candidate slate in June. Please be sure to attend the August luncheon to place your vote for the people who have volunteered to serve next year.

Speaking of special events, don't forget to sign up for the Carson City Golf Get-Away. The deadline for signing up is just a few weeks away. SIR Tim Hubbard, Jerry Hunter and David Harris work very hard to make this one of our most popular events with 3 days of socializing, eating, consuming beverages and of course, golfing. We will drive to Carson City on Wednesday, September 3 and play golf on Thursday at Empire Ranch and Friday at Eagle Valley. There is also playing bridge, shopping, sight-seeing, gambling and much more for entertainment. Please remember that **Guests Are Welcome**. If you like fun and making new friends, come join the party and sign up soon.

Just for fun, I'm declaring the August luncheon to be Hawaiian shirt day. If you don't show up in a Hawaiian shirt, we'll know that you didn't read the July Newsletter.

SIR Bernie Wroblewski is arranging for another walking tour in San Francisco on August 23rd. This time we will explore the Mission Bay Area south of Market St. It's a flat walk through an area that is undergoing an amazing transformation. The tour is on a Saturday which makes it easy for everyone to park and ride BART to the city. If you didn't join us on the first tour in May, please be sure to sign up for this tour. It's a lot of fun.

Phil Goff Big SIR



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2014 SIR 116 Committee Chairmen

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Bridge	Milt Greenstein	376-5589	Photographers	John Peterson	831-3692
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Chaplain	Rotating	*1 Below	"	Phil Goff	831-3692
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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	Sunshine	Matt Arena	946-0404
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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			

*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
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SIR Branch 116 Activity Calendar

August 2014

Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
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3	4 18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Boundary Oak GC)	5 Duplicate Bridge (10:00@ Diablo Valley Bridge Ctr)	6 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC)	7	8 Hiking & Walking (8:15@ Arbolado Park upper parking lot, Walnut Creek)	9
10	11 18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Boundary Oak GC)	12 Luncheon Bridge (11:30@ Round Hill GC)	13 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Pine Meadow GC)	14	15	16
17	18 SIR Br 116 Mtg. (11:30@ Elks Club)	19 18-Hole Golf (9:00@ Mare Island GC) Poker Group 2 (1:00@ Diablo CC) Dine-O-SIR (6:00@ Peasant & The Pear)	20 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC)	21 Computer & Tech (9:30@ Elks Club) Fishing (8:30@ Lendend Sports Bar, Diablo Creek GC)	22 Hiking & Walking (8:15@ Olympic Blvd. & Pleasant Hill Rd.)	23
24	25 18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Blue Rock- West GC) Book Group Mtg. (10:15@ Orinda Books)	26 Luncheon Bridge (11:30@ Diablo CC) Dine-O-SIR (6:00@ Peasant & The Pear)	27 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Diablo Hills GC) \$ums Investment (8:00@ Diablo Creek GC)	28]	29	30
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Membership

Andy Benz
(anbenz@aol.com)

SIR 116 Membership Status

Total Current Members:	243
This Month's Inductees:	2
Those in Interview Stage:	1
Total in Process:	3
On Inactive Status:	45
Left the Branch:	5
Waiting to be Installed:	0



Br. 116 Treasurer's Report

Carl Langhorst, Treasurer
(cslangho@mindspring.com)

	<u>July 2014</u>	<u>2014 YTD</u>
Contributions	\$ 2,926.00	\$ 42,978.16
Disbursements	\$ (3,884.29)	\$ (39,141.43)
Net (gain/(loss))	\$ (958.29)	\$ 3,836.73
July Cash Balance (as of July 28th)		\$ 9,223.46

August Birthdays

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

- | | |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Jim Barstow | 11. Terry Grummitt |
| 2. Bert Berthold | 12. Larry Johnson |
| 3. John Braun | 13. Don McQueen |
| 4. Dick Breitwieser | 14. Kirk McVean |
| 5. Peter Coggiola | 15. Otto Rinkert |
| 6. Kent Cremolini | 16. Roger Smith |
| 7. Frank Crua | 17. Bill Turnquist |
| 8. Bob Donohue | 18. Herman Walden |
| 9. Tim Dorr | 19. Joel White |
| 10. Paul Freitas | |

Want a Free Lunch ?
Sponsor a New Member !



Lunch Attendance

Jim Nachtweih
(majnacht@sbcglobal.net)

Attendance at the July 21st meeting:

Total:	184
Members:	171
Visitors:	5
Speakers:	1
Guests:	7
Excused:	49
Un-Excused:	20

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

August Luncheon Menu

Grilled Ham Steak with Jack Daniels Sauce
Rosemary Roasted Red Potatoes
Maple & Brown Sugar Carrots
Green Salad, Rolls/Butter
Dessert/Coffee/Iced Tea

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

REMINDER

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



Sunshine Report

Matt Arena

(marena@astound.net)

Sir **Don Roberts** has returned. He looks good and has bounced back very nicely from his stroke. It was good to see Don at our luncheon.

Past Big Sir **Courtney Borrecco** had every good intension to join us for lunch but had to postpone since he was not quite up to it on Monday morning. His Parkinson has slowed him down but his spirits are good and he hopes to make the next lunch.

Sir **Larry Johnson** is on the waiting list to have his surgery on his knee. He gets around with a cane which he hopes to give up following his surgery in September.

Happily there were no new members' names to add to the list. You are taking good care of yourselves. Alleluia!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

DO NOT REGRET GROWING OLD. IT IS A PRIVILEGE DENIED TO ANY!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



Barely Surviving the 1st Hole at Tilden: Don Schroeder, Mark Jordan, Frank Lockwood, Phil Jenkins, Matt Arena, John Story and Wayne Cook.



"Dine-O-Sir" Dinner Group

Ben Smith

(bjsssmith@aol.com)

On Tuesday, June 24 the Dine-O Herd met at the "FAZ" restaurant in Danville for a wonderful meal consisting of a tasty starter of Brick over baked Flat bread with a passion plate of fresh herbs and cheese spread, along with Entree selections of---Kubideh Kabob---Rack of Lamb---Chicken Marsala with Cheese Cake and a great berry sauce for dessert. The Wine was fine, the weather was great and the Dine-O-Sir gang was in rare form at this outside patio event. We had a great California Summer evening.

Our next event is being planned to take place at "Zio Fredo's Italian & Continental Restaurant" located in Pleasant Hill. The date we are working on is Wednesday August 27, 2014. This wonderful restaurant has been in business for many years and has developed a reputation for fine food and excellent service.

This will be the first restaurant we have returned to in the past four years of the Dine-O-Sir get-together's.

ZIO FREDO'S is very popular and always provides wonderful -- lots of good food. Stay tuned for all the details which we be sent out in flyer/e-mail format. You might also want to invite a friend, or couple and expose them to one of the popular SIR activities. This would be a great way to expose new people for membership in or SIR Branch. Everybody has to eat and everybody likes a good party with a chance to meet a lot of nice people. At Dine-O-Sir events we do it all...





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, August 28th, 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 but a lot of us get there early to have some breakfast and to talk about our latest fishing exploits. Come early and introduce yourself.

The year for salmon continues to be disappointing. Raleigh Davis did get a salmon from Bodega Bay, but he is the only one to eat fresh red meat from the ocean. Six of us chartered a boat from Bodega early on, and caught only rockfish, lots of rockfish and limits of ling cod, but no salmon. Tom Kostik continued his success with black bass and stripers in the delta. Dick Thomson, Harry Sherinian, and Terry Miller went to Alaska and brought back coolers full of salmon and halibut. Dick got the big fish, a 61 pound halibut. Carl Moyer ended the local trout season with two successful shore fishing trips to San Pablo Reservoir. George Vogt and Harry Sherinian joined Carl on the ocean for rock fish and ling cod. Brad Hatcher got 2 Mackinaw trout from Lake Tahoe. Rich Fiscina got some trout from Battle Lake, but trips to the bay were not very productive. Joe Miscione got both Kokanee and King salmon from New Melones reservoir, and two keeper stripers from Montezuma slough. Steve Paulick also got limits of Kokanee from New Melones. Don Mittlesteadt and Ernie Wong ended the shad season in great style.

We will be very busy this summer with: delta fishing for bass, catfish, and sturgeon; trout in mountain and local lakes; salmon and rockfish from the ocean; and halibut in the bay. We live in a fisherman's paradise.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, August 28th, 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, Branch 116 Coordinator, (925-846-7067).

\$ums Investment Group

Gary Moore (Branch 174)

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*Next Meeting: Wednesday August 27th - 8:00am
The Legends - Diablo Creek G.C.*

4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord.

Breakfast available at 7am.

Plan to attend this meeting and bring a prospective SIR.

Our guest speaker this month will be **Brent Cunningham**, a Financial Advisor at Merrill Lynch. Brent's topic will be "**Sell Side Indicator and What to Do in 2014, Mid Year Update.**" Brent will discuss current market conditions and how to know when it is time to sell.

Brent has been in the financial services industry since 2008 and joined Merrill Lynch in 2011. His focus is on developing strategies and recommendations for high net-worth individuals, their families and their businesses to help them meet their financial goals.

Brent graduated from the University of Colorado, Boulder with a BA in Economics and earned an MBA in finance from the University of Nevada, Reno. He holds a series 7 and 66 securities license.



Wine Appreciation Group

Jack Bevis

(jackb435@comcast.net)

The July 31st wine event will take place after the cutoff date for input to Trampas Topics .See the next 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 Sept. 25th.

These informal gatherings are held at 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 or \$15 per person. Both SIR members and their wives are invited to attend. Contact Jack Bevis - 925-254-7256.

Book Exchange
John Fraser & Dick Kauffman
 (wokeagle@aol.com & rkkauffman@gmail.com)




We Have Books for You!

The Book Exchange is gaining in popularity as a successful activity for Branch 116. During the July Luncheon, 30 - 40 books were taken home by members and at least that many were brought in to share.

Remember, the Book Exchange is free. Bring a book, take a book or if you see something you like, take it and bring a book next time. There is no paperwork, just a loose arrangement to exchange books.

Happy Reading



Richard Black manning Book Exchange Tables

Poker Group #2
Al Reynolds
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Poker Group #2 plays on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at Diablo Country Club in Diablo, from 1-4 p.m. It's a small stakes game, and socializing with fellow SIR members is the primary purpose.

If you would like to join, call Al Reynolds at 254-1576 or send an email.

Bridge
Milt Greenstein
 (margmilt@comcast.net)



On July 1st, the duplicate group met at the Diablo Valley Bridge Center with 16 men attending. The team of Bob Wolf / Ravi Bhalla were the top team with 52.50 points out of a possible 84, for 62.50 %, and earning 0.80 master points. In 2nd place were Joel White / Ron Wolberg with 60.71 %, followed by Dan Green / Marv DeHues at 56.94 %.

The lunch/bridge group met on July 8th with 23 players in attendance. This was a high scoring day ! Our high scorer was Lytton DeSilva with 6,510 points, followed by Dennis Perry with 6,230, Bob Wolf at 5,320, Lou Sandor with 4,530 and Dimitris Argyriou with 4,480. (Actually, the roving dummy was second with 6,420.) We had five small slams today, made by Bob Wolf and the roving dummy, Ron Wolberg / Norm Schoenfeld, and three by Lou Sandor with Lytton DeSilva, Tony Rohrs and Hal Redsun. Overall, today was back to a good scoring day, with the average score for a round of 641 points (for 4 hands), compared to our normal average of a little over 600. This was our best scoring day of the year todate.

A group of only 19 men gathered at Diablo C.C. on July 22th for lunch and bridge. (We had schedule conflicts with golf and the poker group.) This was a low scoring day with a high score of 4,490 points made by Dimitris Argyriou. (The bridge gods got even for the last session !) Dennis Perry took second place with 4,440 points, Marv DeHeus took third place with 4,360, in fourth place was Jai Yee with 4,340 and Bob Kahl took fifth with 4,190 points. Only 300 points separated first and fifth place ! That is about as close as it can get ! We had no slams made today, for the third time this year.



Br. 116 Book Club

Rich Black

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“The Man Without a Face-The Unlikely Rise of Vladimir Putin” by Masha Gessen.

So there was a Russian in the 1990’s, a fellow named Sobchak, who was mayor of Saint Petersburg. This fellow talked the democratic line but made sure not to alienate the authoritarians. At his elbow, and always in the shadows, was Vladimir Putin, who stepped forward to be Prime Minister of Russia on the retirement of Boris Yeltsen. Masha Gessen says he was a thug as a kid and is the same in power. Recent events seem to bear her out. Brad Wait recommended the book and Richard Black led the discussion on July 28 at Orinda Books. Contributing their views were Cord Hull, Jack Butler, Jerry Christopherson, John Riordan, Al Reynolds, John Frazier, Jim Scott, Joel White, Dick Kauffman, Tim Tinnes, and Lytton DeSilva. Those present awarded the book a respectable 3.38 stars.

The group will next meet on at 10:15 on Monday, August 25 at Orinda Books to discuss “Bloodlands, Europe Between Hitler and Stalin” by Timothy Snyder.

Note: The September book will be “Agent Zigzag” by Ben Macintyre rather than the book previously discussed.

Division 4 Individual Golf Qualifier

This event will be at Boundary Oak on August 13th. It is a 7:30am shotgun start and cost.s \$53.00 green fees, cart & prizes. There will be seven flights and the low scorers will advance to the State Finals at Poppy Hills in Monterey on October 27th. We are allowed 6 players and I already have 1 so if you are interested mail a check payable to me. The first 5 are in and I will hold any other to see if our allocation is increased. Contact Bill Hemmelsbach at: wdhem@sbcglobal.net



Walking Tours

Bernie Wroblewski

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New San Francisco Walking Tour!

A guided walking tour in San Francisco is scheduled for Saturday, August 23, 2014. This tour will explore sites at the extensive construction project leading to the transformation of the Mission Bay Area, and will be conducted by a docent from the San Francisco Public Library. The tour will start at 10:00 am from the plaza across from the Caltrain station at 4th and King Streets and last approximately 1 1/2 to 2 hours.

The tour is limited to 20 persons. There were some sign ups at the July SIRS luncheon meeting. Openings are still available. Cost of the tour is \$10 per person. Payment deadline is August 18, 2014. Checks can be made out to SIR Branch 116 Walking Tour and sent c/o Tom Eller at 10 San Ardo Court Walnut Creek, CA 94598-3107, or brought to the August 18th SIRS luncheon meeting. Lunch following the tour at a nearby restaurant is voluntary.





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, **August 21st at 9:30 am.**

Derek Southern will discuss "Setting up your (new) Email" and Phil Goff will present his "Removing your desktop hard-drive" show & tell. A copy of the presentation should be available the week prior to the meeting on the CAT Web page at: <http://a2cat.sirinc2.org>

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/

Hiking & Walking

Joel White
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On July 11, David Geary led an "inspirational" in the Berkley Hills from Inspiration point. We started in the fog and ended in sunshine at Gepetto's cafe in Orinda. Participants were David and Colleen Geary, Dan and Andrea, Green, John

Riordan, Paul and Anna Freitas, Joel and Susan White, The **Friday, August 8** walk will also be led by **David Geary.**

Meet at **8:15 AM**



at Arbolado Park, upper parking lot (near the rest rooms and tennis courts), in Walnut Creek. Please RSVP to David: dsgeary@comcast.net. In case you are delayed by traffic or get lost, you can call Colleen's cell 925-788-1235.

The **Friday, August 22nd** walk will be led by **Richard Black.** We will meet at the parking lot corner of Olympic Blvd and Pleasant Hill Road. That walk is all in shade in case this hot weather is still with us. Please RSVP to Rich: blackrw41@comcast.net. His cell # for those lost or stuck in traffic is 925-788-1987

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

Trampas Topics Submissions



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

Neil Schmidt, Trampas Topics Editor
trampastopics@gmail.com

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

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

Sep 12-30, 2014: The Essence of China. 19 day tour of China featuring Beijing, Zhengzhou, Xi'an, Chengdu, Guilin and Shanghai. Trip features include R/T air, and motorcoach, 4 star hotels, meals, national guide and local English speaking guides, Chinese visas and all departure taxes. Tour price \$ 5890.00, Dick Schally, Walnut Creek, Br 8, 925-260-5534.

Sep 19-Oct 3, 2014: Grand Norwegian Coastal Voyage. 14 night trip starting in Bergen, Norway with a stay at a Superior First Class Hotel before boarding your working Norwegian coastal vessel designed for comfortable cruising. You will visit 34 ports of call, with 12 orientation walking tours with Program Manager. Cost of \$4649 includes accommodations, 35 meals, audio headsets, all transfers and baggage handlings. Post trip to Copenhagen, Denmark also available. Bob Spellman, Br 146, Walnut Creek, 925-934-8428.

Sep 27-Oct 12, 2014: Panama Canal Island Princess Cruise. Cruise begins in San Francisco with

several port of call in Central America and the Panama Canal ending in Fort Lauderdale. Costs range from \$2870 to \$3495 pp depending on accommodations. Philip Manriquez, Br 1, San Mateo, 650-871-5009.

Sep 28-Oct 14, 2014: Istanbul and Black Sea Cruise. 3 nights in Istanbul with guided tours of the city. Followed by cruise on Celebrity Constellation to Yalta, Sevastopol, and Odessa, Ukraine. Burgas, Bulgaria, Mykonos, Greece and Kusadasi, Turkey. Cost approx.. \$4490 to 5360 pp. including airfare. Werner Schlapfer, Br 101/121, Livermore, 925-443-8291 or Micky 925-689-3680.

Oct 12-Nov 8, 2014: Cruise the Islands of Spain & Portugal. 25 day cruise on Emerald Princess to Madeira, Canary Islands, Santiago, Le Havre, Lisbon, Azores Islands and finally a Trans Atlantic crossing to Bermuda ending in Ft Lauderdale. Cost range from \$5395 to \$6995 and includes meals, entertainment, luggage handling, transfers, air, taxes, fees and porter gratuities. Brian Serpa, Br 141, San Jose, 408-227-7658, or Rollo Parsons, 408-268-5245.

Oct 18, 2014: Great Rivers of Europe. 15 day river cruise including Amsterdam, Cologne, Koblenz, Bamberg, Nuremberg, Passau and Vienna. Cost is \$4585 includes all meals, 11 exclusive tours, personal headsets and program director. Richard Beers, Br 175, Fresno, 559-431-3728.

Nov 4-17, 2014: Spain. 13 days to experience historic and culturally diverse Spain. You will travel to Madrid, Segovia, Toledo, Valencia, and Barcelona. The cost is \$4195 to \$4395 and includes airfare, accommodations, tours, taxes, gratuities, transfers and many meals. Jim Hohenshelt, Br 62, San Jose, 408-394-7226 or Roy Jordan 408-735-8765.

Additional SIR Travel Opportunities on State Web

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



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

Music for Lunch?

We're going to take a different tack at the August meeting and rather than a speaker, we're going to have a musical performance by our own SIR, Paul King and his duo, the Jump-In Band. Paul's singing partner is Mr. Terry Shields and the band will perform music from the 50's, 60's & 70's, similar to that of the Kingston Trio and the Limelighters. This should be a delightful time for all of us who grew up with that wonderful music.

New Branch 116 Members



New Member John Hughes with Sponsor Bernie Wroblewski



New Member Greg Hughes with Sponsor Al Sataka



CARSON CITY GOLF GETAWAY – 2014

The entry deadline for the Carson City Golf Getaway (September 3, 4, & 5) is fast approaching, so get your check and *entry form* in because this is one event you don't want to miss. For your convenience **the entry form is in this issue of the "Trampas Tropics"** and also on the golf web site.

Past participants consider this to be the best golfing event of the year. The golf courses (2 rounds with cart) are excellent, the food is great (3 banquets), the cocktails are hosted, over \$1,000 in free raffle prizes, the ladies have a bridge event; plus there are lots of sights to visit in the area and shopping galore for the ladies. All inclusive for one very reasonable price !

Remember guests are more than welcome so invite them to join you in Carson City. We hope to see you there in September. A fun time is guaranteed and who knows you might get lucky if you enjoy gambling as the Casino awaits.

Monday, August 18 is the last SIR luncheon prior to the deadline (Aug 20) for signing up and bringing your check. We have a specific deadline with the hotels in order to get enough rooms, so it would be greatly appreciated if you can get your check in within the next 2 weeks.

If you have any questions please contact Tim Hubbard at 944-0742 or by e-mail at thubbs@astound.net.



SIR BRANCH 116

2014 CARSON CITY GOLF GETAWAY

SEPTEMBER 3-4-5, 2014



Sept. 4 at Empire Ranch 8:30 Shotgun
 Sept. 5 at Eagle Valley West (Men) 8:00 Shotgun
 Sept. 5 at Eagle Valley East (Ladies) 8:30 Tees

36 holes of golf, including cart



Staying at Hardman House

Includes continental breakfast

Golfer.....\$358.00 Double Occupancy
 Non-Golfer.....\$258.00 Dbl Occupancy
 Single.....\$457.00

Staying at the City Center Motel

Golfer..... \$322.00 Double Occupancy
 Non-Golfer.... \$222.00 Dbl Occupancy
 Single..... \$364.00

ALSO INCLUDES:

Open bar and buffet dinner all 3 nights
 Golf balls, tee prize and raffle prizes
 Food, gaming and bar coupons

Prize money of \$15.00 collected upon arrival

Entry deadline is August 20



Mail to: **Tim Hubbard**
1744 Carriage Drive
Walnut Creek, CA 94598



Non-Golfers!!
A Ladies Bridge Event is being planned
Please indicate your interest below**

Please complete the form and circle your selections

Hardman House or City Center Motel

1. Name: _____ Golfer Non-Golfer **

2. Name: _____ Golfer Non-Golfer **

Golfer's NCGA GHIN # 1. _____ 2. _____

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ to cover my reservation

Please make checks payable to *SIR Branch 116 Golf*

Your e-mail address: _____

** I'm Interested in Playing Bridge – One Day or Both Days (circle choice)

For Questions: e-mail Tim at tthubbs@astound.net
 or call (925) 944-0742

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 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.

August 9-Hole Schedule

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

August 18-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Mon. 04	9:30	Boundary Oak	Mark Jordan
Mon. 11	9:30	Boundary Oak	Mark Jordan
Tue. 19	9:00	Mare Island	Mark Jordan
Mon. 25	9:30	Blue Rock- West	Mark Jordan

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.

2014
CARSON CITY
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September 3-4-5,
2014



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

Tilden Park -- Monday July 28, 2014

Official Scorer:
Troy Powell

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
1st	Mel Williams	66 3	1st	Gary Boswell	63 3	1st	Jerry Hunter	63 3	Tie 1st	Matt Arena	70 3
2nd	Jim Johnson	67 2	Tie 2nd	David Carlson	69 2	2nd	Terry Grummitt	64 2	Tie 1st	Robbie Robinson	70 3
3rd	Dick Socolich	69 1	Tie 2nd	Jim Clizbe	69 2	3rd	Alex Lutkus	69 1	3rd	Bill Hemmelsbach	71 1
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
	Jim Johnson	81		Gary Boswell	87		Terry Grummitt	91		Troy Powell	101
							Jerry Hunter	91			

Closest to: Hole #11 - David Harris

Metropolitan -- Tuesday July 22, 2014

Official Scorer:
Phil Jenkins

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
Tie 1st	Jim Johnson	74 3	1st	Bob Price	72 3	1st	Carl Langhorst	70 3	1st	Conrad Robertson	68 3
Tie 1st	Neil Schmidt	74 3	2nd	Jim Clizbe	73 2	2nd	Mark Jordan	71 2	2nd	Art Vogl	69 2
Tie 1st	Dick Socolich	74 3	3rd	Bernie Wroblewski	75 1	3rd	Dick Chaffee	73 1	3rd	Troy Powell	70 1
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
	Jim Johnson	88		Jim Clizbe	93		Dick Chaffee	97		Bill Hemmelsbach	99
										Troy Powell	99
										Conrad Robertson	99

Closest to: Hole #8 - David Carlson, Richard Madden -- Hole #12 - Jim Johnson, Dick Chaffee

Boundary Oak -- Monday July 14, 2014

Official Scorer:
Jim Barstow

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
1st	Jim Barstow	68 3	1st	Bob Testa	65 3	1st	Mark Jordan	65 3	1st	Jerry Christopherson	57 3
2nd	Frank Crua	70 2	2nd	Wayne Smith	70 2	2nd	Carl Langhorst	67 2	2nd	Robbie Robinson	66 2
3rd	Bill McCord	72 1	3rd	Carlos Xavier	72 1	3rd	Alex Lutkus	68 1	3rd	Art Vogl	70 1
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
	Jim Barstow	86		Bob Testa	89		Mark Jordan	92		Jerry Christopherson	92

Closest to: Hole #2 - Al Hutchko, Al Serafino -- Hole #12 - Hugh Duggan, Jerry Christopherson

Crow Canyon Country Club -- Monday July 7, 2014

Official Scorer:
Robbie Robinson

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
1st	Mel Williams	66 3	1st	Norm Alberts	69 3	1st	Kirk McVean	62 3	1st	Conrad Robertson	66 3
2nd	Frank Crua	68 2	Tie 2nd	Bob Price	71 2	2nd	Richard Madden	67 2	Tie 2nd	Ron Armijo	69 2
3rd	Harry Oberle	69 1	Tie 2nd	Al Hutchko	71 2	Tie 3rd	Dick Chaffee	68 1	Tie 2nd	Troy Powell	69 2
						Tie 3rd	Phil Jenkins	68 1			
						Tie 3rd	Mark Jordan	68 1			
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
	Mel Williams	85		Norm Alberts	90		Richard Madden	89		Ron Armijo	97

Closest to: Hole #8 - Harry Oberle, John Story -- Hole #12 - Jim Johnson, Phil Jenkins and Conrad's guest Dan Addegio

Blue Rock Springs / East -- Monday June 30, 2014

Official Scorer:
Norm Alberts

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
1st	Phil Goff	63 3	1st	Norm Alberts	70 3	1st	Al Hutchko	68	1st	Terry Grummitt	62 3
2nd	Jim Johnson	68 2	2nd	Tom Eller	71 2	Tie 2nd	Carl Langhorst	72	2nd	Troy Powell	69 2
Tie 3rd	Neil Schmidt	70 1	3rd	Robbie Robinson	75 1	Tie 2nd	Al Serafino	72	Tie 3rd	George Pryhuber	70 1
Tie 3rd	Mel Williams	70 1							Tie 3rd	Fred Schafer	70 1
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
	Phil Goff	79		Norm Alberts	91		Al Hutchko	92		Terry Grummitt	89
				Tom Eller	91						

Closest to: Hole #8 - Harry Oberle, Dick Chaffee -- Hole #16 - David Ferm, Terry Grummitt

2014 18-Hole Leader Board

FLIGHT 1		FLIGHT 2		FLIGHT 3		FLIGHT 4	
Index 0.0 - 17.7		Index 17.8 - 23.0		Index 23.1 - 27.8		Index 27.9 - 36.4	
NAME	Pnts	NAME	Pnts	NAME	Pnts	NAME	Pnts
Mel Williams	6	Bob Price	5	Mark Jordan	6	Conrad Robertson	6
Jim Johnson	5	Jim Clizbe	4	Carl Langhorst	5	Robbie Robinson	5
Frank Crua	4	Norm Alberts	3	Jerry Hunter	3	Troy Powell	3
Dick Socolich	4	Gary Boswell	3	Kirk McVean	3	Art Vogl	3
Jim Barstow	3	Bob Testa	3	Dick Chaffee	2	Matt Arena	3
Neil Schmidt	3	David Carlson	2	Alex Lutkus	2	Jerry Christopherson	3
Bill McCord	1	Al Hutchko	2	Terry Grummitt	2	Ron Armijo	2
Harry Oberle	1	Wayne Smith	2	Richard Madden	2	Bill Hemmelsbach	1
		Bernie Wroblewski	1	Phil Jenkins	1		
		Carlos Xavier	1				

18-Hole Leaders -- First Half 2014

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	Pnts	NAME	Pnts	NAME	Pnts	NAME	Pnts
David Harris	23	Frank Crua	32	Al Hutchko	39	Conrad Robertson	34
Phil Goff	19	Hugh Duggan	18	Mark Jordan	21	Fred Schafer	27
Al Zavattero	18	Bernie Wroblewski	17	Jerry Hunter	19	Troy Powell	24
Neil Schmidt	17	David Carlson	15	Bob Testa	19	Terry Grummitt	20
Harry Oberle	16	Jim Clizbe	14	Al Serafino	19	Phil Jenkins	19
Jim Johnson	15	Robbie Robinson	14	Alex Lutkus	10	Wayne Cook	12
Jim Barstow	15	Don Schroeder	11	Carl Langhorst	9	Matt Arena	8

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, August 19	Mare Island	Aug-10	\$38
Monday, August 25	Blue Rock-West	Aug-19	\$36
Tuesday, September 16	Paradise Valley	Sept-08	\$43
Monday, September 22	Lone Tree	Sept-16	\$38
Monday, September 29	Rancho Solano	Sept-21	\$42

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.