



Trampas Topics

December, 2014

SIR Branch 116

Next Meeting: 11:30 am,
Monday, January 19, 2015
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

Once again the year has passed quickly and the Holiday season is upon us. It has been an honor for me to serve our organization for the past two years as Little and Big SIR.



I want to give credit to all of our Officers, Directors, Activity Chairmen and their Assistants who make our ongoing events possible. Golf, Dine-O-SIR, Walking, Spring and Holiday Parties, Bridge, and many others keep us healthy and active. SIR is an important part of my life and I hope it is important to you also. I believe that friendships, socialization and physical activity are the keys to a healthier and happier life.

Next year we will have some excellent new leadership. I'm sure the team of Big SIR Bob Donohue and Little SIR Jim Barstow will continue the great traditions of our Branch and make it even better.

Good News! The Directors of the Branch approved the budget for 2015 and the lunch price will remain at \$15 and the Voluntary Contribution at \$45. We will begin collecting Voluntary Contributions at the January luncheon so remember to bring your checks.

I'm looking forward to our best event of the year, the annual Christmas party. SIR Jerry Christopherson and his team have placed it at the beautiful Round Hill Country Club and you know it will be nice. SIR Jim Barstow and I will be taking pictures, so put on your finest attire and join your friends for a special evening of socializing and entertainment.

In closing I want to share a fun quote I saw in another publication:

*"How did it get so late so soon?
It's night before its afternoon.
December is here before it's June.
My goodness how the time has flown.
How did it get so late so soon?"*

Dr. Seuss

I wish everyone a most special Holiday season and look forward to a healthy and prosperous new year.

Phil Goff Big SIR



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Dine-O-Sir	Ben Smith	820-5403	Poker Group—2	Al Reynolds	254-1576
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E-mail Contact	Phil Goff	831-3692	Sunshine	Matt Arena	946-0404
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Host	Frank Crua	932-0975			
Interviewer	Max Foust	827-9323			

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Lou Sandor

2014 SIR Area 2 (Inter-branch) Committee Chairmen

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SIR Branch 116 Activity Calendar

December 2014

Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
	1 18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Boundary Oak GC) Book Group Mtg. (10:15@ Orinda Books)	2 Duplicate Bridge (10:00@ Diablo Valley Bridge Ctr)	3 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Pine Meadow GC) \$ums Investment (8:00@ Diablo Crk GC)	4	5	6
7	8 18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Boundary Oak GC)	9 Luncheon Bridge (11:30@ Round Hill CC)	10 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Diablo Hills GC)	11	12	13
14	15 18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Shadow Lakes GC)	16 CHRISTMAS DINNER DANCE (6:00@ Round Hill CC) Poker Group 2 (1:00@ Diablo CC)	17 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC)	18 Fishing Group (8:30@ Legends-Diablo Crk)	19	20
21	22 18-Hole Golf (10:32@ Diablo Creek GC)	23 Luncheon Bridge (11:30@ Diablo CC)	24	25 Christmas 	26	27
28	29 18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Delta View GC)	30	31 New Years Eve	Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year !!!		



Membership

Andy Benz
(anbenz@aol.com)

SIR 116 Membership Status

Total Current Members:	238
This Month's Inductees:	2
Those in Interview Stage:	0
Total in Process:	0
On Inactive Status:	52
Left the Branch:	0
Waiting to be Installed:	0



Br. 116 Treasurer's Report

Carl Langhorst, Treasurer
(cslangho@mindspring.com)

	Nov. 2014	2014 YTD
Contributions	\$ 2,432.00	\$ 60,334.20
Disbursements	\$ (4,099.79)	\$ (60,598.04)
Net (gain/(loss))	\$ (1,667.79)	\$ (263.84)
November Cash Balance (as of 25th)	\$ 5,122.89	

December Birthdays

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

- | | |
|-------------------|----------------------|
| 1. John Antczak | 11. Jim Gleason |
| 2. Skip Berkson | 12. Dave Harris |
| 3. Pat Bermingham | 13. Larry Heaton |
| 4. Bill Best | 14. Tim Hubbard |
| 5. Nick Bowles | 15. Norm Jokerst |
| 6. Jack Butler | 16. Phil Jenkins |
| 7. Allan chasnoff | 17. Walt Karvecki |
| 8. Ed Cole | 18. Conrad Robertson |
| 9. Joe Collins | 19. Wayne Smith |
| 10. Marv DeHeu | 20. Doug Waterman |

Want a Free Lunch ?
Sponsor a New Member !



Lunch Attendance

Jim Nachtweih
(majnacht@sbcglobal.net)

Attendance at the November 17th meeting:

Total:	189
Members:	184
Visitors:	0
Speakers:	1
Guests:	4
Excused:	39
Un-Excused:	14

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

Do You Want Trampas Topics Hardcopies?

For Branch 116 members who don't like reading electronic issues on the Trampas Topics, you can select to get hardcopy distribution of the newsletter. The subscription price for receiving printed copies of the "Topics", sent to you each month in the mail, is \$20/year. If you want to receive, or to continue receiving printed copies in Year 2015, send a \$20 check now, payable to "SIR Branch 116", to our new 2014 Treasurer:

Carl Langhorst
120 Mount Whitney Way
Clayton, CA 94517

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



Sunshine Report

Matt Arena

(marena@astound.net)

Sir **Frank Lockwood** passed on November first. Frank was a long and faithful member who enjoyed golf and the many social activities of our Branch. He will be missed.

Sir **Joe Verdoia** passed on November 15. Joe had been inactive because of health problems but he was a founding member of our Branch. Joe was a gentle giant who was a very special friend. He will also be missed.

Sir **Carl Cline** had a short hospitalization but is now at home. He is missed by his poker players. Carl has had some setbacks since his stroke but he is a fighter and keeps a good spirit.

Sir **Bill Sullivan** was hospitalized at John Muir Medical Center. I visited with him upon his discharge and he send his regards to his many friends and visitors.

Sir **Don Booth** surprised me while shopping at Costco. I saw him with a shopping cart and he tells me has had some heart and back issues but was doing fine. He looked different without his walker but I recognized him just the same.

Sir **Bill McCord** is dealing with the effects of shingles but he can't be slowed down. He was on the golf course at Roddy Ranch in spite of it all.

Sir **Ben Smith** returned to our luncheon following his knee surgery. He said he lost 30 pounds during his convalescence but doesn't recommend surgery as a short cut to dropping a few pounds.

Sir **Larry Johnson** tells me he is much better following a heart issue and surgery on his leg. He continues with his therapy and is looking forward to be with us with us at the January luncheon.

In Memoriam

Frank N. Lockwood

March 14, 1928 — November 1, 2014

In Memoriam

Josepy P. Verdoia

September 17, 1921 — November 15, 2014



Wine Appreciation Group

Jack Bevis

(jackb435@comcast.net)

Paul and Anna Freitas hosted the November 20th event of the Wine Appreciation Group at their home. 16 of us attended and had a very enjoyable time. Paul's theme was Australian/ New Zealand wines that he knew and was able to locate here locally. For comparison purposes he started with a California Sauvignon Blanc followed by a Kim Crawford New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc. The reds were all Australian; a Jacobs Creek Reserve Shiraz and a Penfold's Bin 9 Cabernet Sauvignon. We finished with Whiskers Blake Classic Tawny Port. They were all good examples of their type.

Anna had a tasty array of hors d'oeuvres available in the center of activity with the feature attraction being a great baked brie dip.

Our every- other- month schedule means that the next event will be in January on the last Thursday of the month, Jan. 29th.

For more information on the group email or call Jack Bevis at 925-254-7256.

\$ums Investment Group

Gary Moore (Branch 174)

(mooregh1@gmail.com)

The Area 2 \$ums Investment Group's next meeting will be our annual planning meeting, which will be on **Wednesday, December 3, 2014** at 8:00 a.m. at the Legends restaurant at the Diablo Creek Golf Course, 4050 Port Chicago Highway, Concord.



SIR Fishing Group

Harry Sherinian

(h.sherinian@comcast.net)

The big news is that we have just set up our fishing outing calendar for 2015. It looks like a busy and exciting year of fishing for all our members. From the ocean to the mountain lakes we have set up a calendar which will be both challenging and fun for all those who participate. Most of our trips will be to places that are not affected by the drought. (If you can believe that) A lot of thought and planning went into this calendar of events for us and we think that it will mean a successful year for our Area 2 Fishing Group. There are several outings planned for each month of the year. All SIR members and guests are welcome and, indeed, encouraged to participate in these fishing trips as well as attend the monthly meetings. Next meeting will be Thursday, December 18th, 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. MEETING MOVED TO THE THIRD THURSDAY DUE TO THE HOLIDAY.

Harry Sherinian led 8 fellow fishermen to the Antioch pier for a morning of fishing for small stripers and a hot chili shore lunch. Many, many stripers were caught and released, and a good time was had by all. Tom Kostik took Harry, Mike Corker, Pete Gates and Terry Miller out plugging for stripers, and many fish were caught and also released. Terry and Mike on a separate trip caught a delicious 12 lb. striper and released a beautiful 27 inch steelhead. Terry Miller, Chuck Vanoncini, Ernie Wong, and Harry Sherinian fished Lake Davis for trout on 2 very windy, nasty days for a few good sized rainbows. Dick Thomson, Karl Droese, and Gene Shulting fished the delta for stripers and salmon with good weather, and poor fishing. Crab season opened up, and everyone that went came back with big dungenous crabs.

One of the events that are very well attended is Carl Moyer's, bi-annual, Back Yard Fish Fry. In the month of November a large group of us gathered at Carl's house and partook of appetizers, fried fish, potato and macaroni salad plus drinks. A great time was had by all and a special thanks to Carl for his hospitality.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, December 18th, 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 Dick Thomson, Big Fish (925-944-1760) Harry Sherinian, Branch 116 Coordinator, (925-846-7067).



Mike Corker & Dick Thomson



Terry Miller & his 12 lb. Striper



THE 2014 EDITION OF SIR BRANCH 116

CHRISTMAS DINNER DANCE

Tuesday, December 16, 2014 – 6:00 to 10:30PM

ROUND HILL Country Club

3169 Round Hill Road, Alamo, CA

Registration and No Host Bar from 6:00-7:00pm, followed by Dinner and Dancing

Holiday Music by the Monte Vista H.S. Singers

Dancing with music by Strawberry Fields

Door prizes

Choice of Entree @\$52.00 per person:

Chicken Breast in Chardonnay Sauce

Angus New York Steak Baked Atlantic Salmon

Includes salad, seasonal vegetables and dessert

CHRISTMAS DINNER DANCE - ROUND HILL COUNTRY CLUB - 12/16/2014

RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 2, 2014

(Circle entrée choice)

NAME: _____ Chicken Steak Salmon

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MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: Sir Branch 116 (\$52.00 Per Person)

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

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



Br. 116 Book Club

Rich Black

(blackrw41@comcast.net)

“House of Rain” by Craig Childs

What happened to the Anasazi, the cliff dwellers of the American Southwest. Are they still here as the Hopi? The Zuni? And or did they migrate to Northern Mexico to be killed by the diseases brought by the Spanish Conquistadores? Crag Childs has his theories and he travels about the Southwest to substantiate them. John Reardon recommended the book while Richard Black led the discussion on October 27 at Orinda Books. Contributing their views were Richard Rossland, Al Reynolds, Lytton DeSilva, Cord Hull, Bob Mathews, Jack Butler, Joel White and John Fraser. While the group found the author’s prose dazzling at times, its length and subjective voice were a barrier to full endorsement. The group awarded it 2.7 stars.

The group will next meet on at 10:15 on **Monday, December 1** at Orinda Books to discuss “American Nations: A History of the Eleven Rival Regional Cultures of North America” by Colin Woodard.

The first meeting in 2015 will be on January 26 and the title is “Child 44” by Tom Rob Smith.



Bridge

Milt Greenstein

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On November 4th, the duplicate bridge group met at the Diablo Valley Bridge Center with 14 men attending. The team of Dan Greenberg / Ron Wolberg were the top team with 27.89 points out of a possible 46, for 60.63%, and earning 0.70 master points. In 2nd place were Dan Green / Dimitris Argyriou with 56.76%, with 0.49 master points and Milt Greenstein / Tom Henry were third with 53.91% and 0.35 master points.

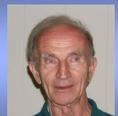
The lunch/bridge group met on November 11th with 21 players in attendance. Our high scorer was Lou Sandor with 5,380 points, followed by Charley Schmidt with 5,010, Milt Greenstein at 4,800, and Marv DeHeus with 4,700. Two small slams were made today: Charley Schmidt/ Lytton DeSilva and Marv DeHeus / Dennis Snarr.

A group of 18 men gathered at Diablo C.C. on November 25th for lunch and bridge. It was a slow day at the bridge tables, with an average score of only 3,046 points. Our high scorer for the day was Milt Greenstein with 5,180 points. Second place was taken by Norm Schoenfeld with 4,090 points, followed by Joel White at 3,870 points and Hal Redsun with 3,620 points. No slams were made today.

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.



"Dine-O-Sir" Dinner Group

Ben Smith

(bjsssmith@aol.com)

The Dine-O-Sir Herd will be out to pasture during December, but most of us will be attending the annual Christmas Dinner-dance on Tuesday December 16 at the beautiful Round Hill Country Club. Social hour starts at 5:30 PM and dinner at 7:00 PM. This should prove to be a wonderful event and a great way to start off the upcoming Holidays.

On **Sunday, January 25 2015** the Dine-O-Sir's group will be kicking off the NEW YEAR with a Champagne extravaganza Buffet at Crow Canyon Country Club. Social time will start at 10:30 AM and the Buffet will be open from 11 AM till 2:00 PM. Tables will be set up for seating of 8 people per table. We will have our own private room for this event. (The O'Neill Room)

When you arrive you will receive a New year Kick off glass of Champagne and the servers will keep your glass topped up during the entire Brunch. Juices, soft drinks, coffee and Tea will also be available. A full no-Host bar will also be available. Sample of the Buffet food offerings is as follows:

Food Stations:

- Meat carving station-- featuring Prime Rib, Ham and other selections
- Extensive Salad Bar with Several types of fresh fruit, green and pasta salads
- Wide selections of hot breakfast/lunch entree dishes, eggs Benedict, bacon, sausage, ham waffles,
- French toast, potatoes.
- Custom made Omelette Bar with all your egg selections cooked to your liking.
- Sea food selections, shrimp, smoked salmon, sauces, etc.
- Cheese Board selections
- Asian Dim-Sum selections
- Large desert tables with pastry, pies, cakes, donuts, strawberries, tarts, etc.

Price for this Gourmet extravaganza is just \$31 PP (Tax and Tip included). This is truly one of the finest Sunday Buffet's in the Bay area. The secret to your full enjoyment of this event is to come early, take a careful look at the extensive food displays, take small portions of what looks good to you and go back as many times as you wish to fully enjoy this full spread of food.

We will have limited seating for this event so be sure to place your reservations as soon as possible.

Send your reservation and checks to Sir-Ben Smith, 1837 Lackland Dr. Alamo, CA 945078--bjsssmith@aol.com, Tel. 925 820-5403.

Lots of free parking is available in front of the of the club house.

Bon appétit and a Happy New Year to all the SIR gang.



Activity Chairman

Jerry Christopherson

(jchris161k@aol.com)

Christmas Dinner Dance Update

A couple things about our upcoming Dinner Dance:

- We've settled on a Caesar Salad and Tiramisu as our salad and dessert selections.
- Our singers from Monte Vista H.S. are 8 young ladies and are known as "Beauty Shop".

It will be dark when you arrive, so don't get lost! The entrance to the Country Club is on Round Hill Road not far from Stone Valley Road. The entrance is well lighted. Just go up the hill, and use the valet for parking. Or, you can park in the lower parking lots and walk up the hill.

There are a limited number of reservations left, so if you haven't signed up yet, DO IT NOW!! Get the reservation form in this month's Trampas Topics.

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

Dec 8, 2014: McHenry Mansion and Duarte Farms.

McHenry Mansion is Modesto's treasure. It is the city's only original Victorian home and one of the few remaining reminders of the town's rich heritage. Each year the Mansion is decorated in all of its Christmas finery, inside and out. At the conclusion of the docent tour you will enjoy a hosted family style lunch at the Concetta restaurant. After lunch you will visit Duarte Farms to view their amazing Holiday Poinsettias. You will tour the facility with time to shop before you depart for Walnut Creek. Cost is \$64.00 including Motorcoach, Docent Tour, Family Style Lunch, Duarte Farms Tour and Gratuities. Contact **Ken Richter**, BR 146, 689-6217.

Aug 21-Sep 12, 2015: Treasures of France a River Journey from Normandy to Provence. A 22 day river cruise aboard a deluxe river boat. The highlights include visits to D-Day Beaches of Normandy, Beaujolais, Burgundy Regions, Lyon, and other river towns. Prices range from \$6499 to \$8299 which include airfare, 22 nights accommodations, 59 meals, 17 sightseeing tours with audio headsets, all transfers, luggage handling, and beer or wine at dinner. Pre and Post trips are available. Contact **Ken Richter** Br. 149, 698-6217.

Aug 21- Sep 1, 2015: Paris & Highlights of Normandy a Seine River Cruise. 12 day cruise aboard deluxe river boat with visits to Paris, D-Day Beaches of Normandy, Vernon, Honfleur, and

Rouen. Prices range from \$3699 to \$6199 including 10 night accommodations, 29 meals, 9 sightseeing tours with audio headsets and beer or wine at dinner. Two for one airfare is available plus Pre or Post trips. Contact **Ken Richter** Br.146, 689-6217.

Aug 31-Sep 12, 2015: French Waterways: Highlights of Burgundy, Beaujolais & Provence. 12 day river cruise on deluxe river boat with visits to Lyon, Avignon, Vivier . and Beaujolais-Burgundy regions. The prices range from \$3999 to \$6649. Trip includes 10 nights accommodations, 29 meals, 8 sightseeing tours with audio headsets, and beer or wine with dinner. Two for one airfare is available plus Pre & Post trips. Contact **Ken Richter** Br 146, 689-6217

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.

Book Exchange

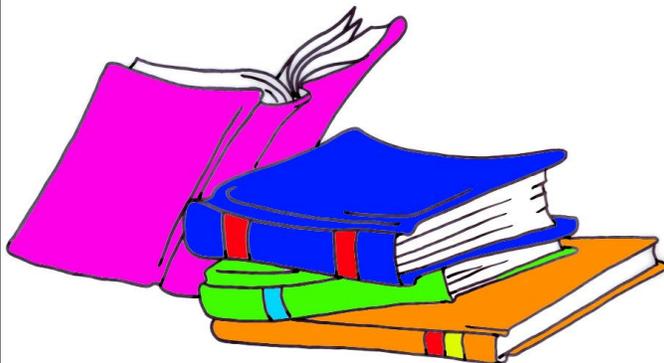


John Fraser & Dick Kauffman
(wokeagle@aol.com & rkkauffman@gmail.com)



The Book Exchange is:

**Free
Convenient
No Paperwork**
"Bring a book, take a book"
or
"Take a book, bring a book"





CARSON CITY GOLF GETAWAY 2015

The annual Carson City Golf outing has been scheduled for next year. This 3 day event will be held Sept. 9, 10 & 11, 2015. We will play Silver Oak on Thurs. 9/10 and the Eagle Valley courses on Fri. 9/11.

The cost of the event is all inclusive : 2 rounds of golf with cart, 3 nights lodging (with a choice of 2 motels), 3 banquets which include hosted cocktails and wine on the table each night, ladies games and bridge 1 or 2 days, gaming and bar coupons, tee gifts and sleeve of golf balls and many nice raffle prizes which include tickets to a SF Giants game. All of this for one very reasonable price !!

We will not have the exact cost until March, however we expect it to be comparable to last year. Entry forms will be available in late May, so sign ups can begin shortly thereafter. Further information will be updated on the Branch Golf Web-site.

If you would like more information please contact Tim Hubbard (925) 944-0742 or tthubbs@astound.net Save the date . We'd love to have you join us in Carson City. We always have a great time !!!

New Branch 116 Members



Sponsor Frank Bryant with
New Member Charles Casassa



New Member Jim Nickels with
Sponsor Duane Spencer

SONS IN RETIREMENT

"MEN ENJOYING ACTIVE RETIREMENT"

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Computer & Technology

Derek Southern & Neil Schmidt



The Area 2 Computer and Technology Group is designed as a tool for learning and sharing information on recent developments in computers and technology. Our informal group is very diverse and range from the highly experienced to novices in technology. Individuals who just want to learn how to use a computer are encouraged to attend.

Our meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of every month except in June and December. The next meeting will be on Thursday, January 15, 2015. Stay tuned, via the January 2015 Trampas Topics, for information on our next meeting.

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/

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

Hiking & Walking

Joel White

(zpz2mrz@yahoo.com)



The hiking group normally has two meetings each month on Friday and starting at 8:15 AM. The location and dates for the December hikes have not yet be determined by the TT Newsletter deadline and will be announced to the regular members via e-mail. Contact Joel White at zpz2mrz@yahoo.com if you want to be on the mailing list.



SF Walking Tours

Bernie Wroblewski

(bbwroblewski@comcast.net)



The next San Francisco Walking Tour will not take place until January or February of next year due to the upcoming Christmas Holiday Season. Look for more SF Walking Tour details in the January 2015 Trampas Topics.



URL: T3DS.com/808722

The3dStudio.com

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.

December 9-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Wed. 03	10:00	Pine Meadow	D. McClaughry
Wed. 10	10:00	Diablo Hills	Mike Murphy
Wed. 17	10:00	Buchanan Fields	Dick Chaffee
Wed. 24		No golf	
Wed. 31		No golf	

December 18-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Mon. 01	9:30	Boundary Oak	Harry Oberle
Mon. 08	9:30	Boundary Oak	Phil Jenkins
Mon. 15	9:30	Shadow Lakes	Phil Jenkins
Mon. 22	10:32	Diablo Creek	Phil Jenkins
Mon. 29	9:30	Delta View	Phil Jenkins

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, 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.

2015 Golf Dues

If you plan on playing golf with the SIRS in 2015, you must pay your dues by December 31, 2014. If you plan to play with the 18 hole group, your dues are \$56, unless you belong to another NCGA club, the dues are \$20. If you are going to play exclusively with the 9 hole group and do not want a NCGA index, dues are \$15. Send your check to Max Foust, 732 Savannah Circle, Walnut Creek, CA 94598-1616. Check made out to: SIR Branch 116 Golf. Write 2015 Golf Dues at the bottom of your check.

18-Hole Results

Roddy Ranch -- Monday November 24, 2014

Official Scorer:
Al Hutchko

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
1st	Neil Schmidt	63 3	Tie 1st	Gary Boswell	69 3	Tie 1st	Don Schroeder	68 3	Tie 1st	Troy Powell	69 3
2nd	Al Zavattero	66 2	Tie 1st	Bob Donohue	69 3	Tie 1st	John Story	68 3	Tie 1st	Fred Schafer	69 3
Tie 3rd	Phil Goff	72 1	3rd	Norm Alberts	72 1	3rd	Dick Chaffee	75 1	Tie 1st	Randy Welker	69 3
Tie 3rd	Jim Johnson	72 1									
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
	Neil Schmidt	81		Gary Boswell	91		John Story	92		Fred Schafer	92

Closest to: Hole #3 - Al Zavattero, John Story -- Hole #17 - Bob Testa, Fred Schafer

Franklin Canyon -- Tuesday November 18, 2014

Official Scorer:
Jim Clizbe

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
Tie 1st	Phil Goff	68 3	Tie 1st	Hugh Duggan	67 3	Tie 1st	Dick Chaffee	65 3	1st	Matt Arena	58 3
Tie 1st	Jim Johnson	68 3	Tie 1st	Bob Testa	67 3	Tie 1st	Mark Jordan	65 3	2nd	Troy Powell	60 2
3rd	Jim Barstow	72 1	3rd	Jim Clizbe	68 1	3rd	John Story	67 1	3rd	Conrad Robertson	62 1
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
	Phil Goff	84		Jim Clizbe	89		Dick Chaffee	91		Troy Powell	91
	Jim Johnson	84		Hugh Duggan	89		Mark Jordan	91			
							John Story	91			

Closest to: Hole #4 - no one hit the green -- Hole #17 - Al Hutchko, Don Schroeder

Boundary Oak -- Monday November 10, 2014

Official Scorer:
Norm Alberts

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
1st	Jerry Hicks	73 3	Tie 1st	Jim Clizbe	70 3	1st	Richard Madden	69 3	1st	Troy Powell	70 3
Tie 2nd	Phil Goff	75 2	Tie 1st	Al Hutchko	70 3	2nd	John Story	72 2	2nd	Conrad Robertson	73 2
Tie 2nd	Jim Johnson	75 2	Tie 3rd	Hugh Duggan	71 1	3rd	Terry Grummitt	73 1	Tie 3rd	Bill Hemmelsbach	74 1
			Tie 3rd	Bob Donohue	71 1				Tie 3rd	Fred Schafer	74 1
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
	Jerry Hicks	83		Jim Clizbe	91		Richard Madden	95		Troy Powell	101
							John Story	95			

Closest to: Hole #2 - Harry Oberle, Al Serafino -- Hole #12 - Jim Johnson, Richard Madden

Mira Vista Country Club -- Monday November 3, 2014

Official Scorer:
Pete Coggiola

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
1st	Neil Schmidt	68 3	Tie 1st	David Carlson	74 3	1st	Richard Madden	72 3	1st	Troy Powell	67 3
2nd	Mel Williams	74 2	Tie 1st	Hugh Duggan	74 3	2nd	Pete Coggiola	73 2	2nd	Al Satake	68 2
3rd	Al Zavattero	75 1	3rd	Norm Alberts	75 1	3rd	Don Schroeder	74 1	3rd	Art Vogl	70 1
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
	Neil Schmidt	85		Norm Alberts	94		Richard Madden	99		Troy Powell	98

Closest to: Hole #2 - David Ferm, Terry Grummitt -- Hole #17 - Neil Schmidt, John Peterson

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.

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		
Pos	NAME	Pnts	Pos	NAME	Pnts	Pos	NAME	Pnts	Pos	NAME	Pnts
T1	Jim Johnson	19	1	Al Hutchko	21	1	Jerry Hunter	18	1	Troy Powell	22
T1	Neil Schmidt	19	2	Hugh Duggan	19	2	Don Schroeder	15	T2	Conrad Robertson	17
3	Jim Barstow	16	3	Bob Testa	16	3	Richard Madden	14	T2	Robbie Robinson	17
4	Al Zavattero	12	4	Norm Alberts	15	4	John Story	13	4	Fred Schafer	14
5	David Harris	11	5	Jim Clizbe	12	5	Mark Jordan	9	5	Art Vogl	10
6	Mel Williams	10	6	David Carlson	9	6	Alex Lutkus	8	6	Matt Arena	9
T7	Frank Crua	9	7	Gary Boswell	8	T7	Dick Chaffee	6	7	Ron Armijo	7
T7	Phil Goff	9	8	Bob Price	7	T7	Terry Grummitt	6	T8	Jerry Christophers	6
T7	Jerry Hicks	9	T9	Wayne Smith	6	T7	Phil Jenkins	6	T8	Bill Hemmelsbach	6
10	Harry Oberle	8	T9	Bernie Wroblewski	6	T7	Carl Langhorst	6	10	Al Satake	5
T11	Bill McCord	4	11	Carlos Xavier	5	T7	Kirk McVean	6	T11	Wayne Cook	3
T11	Dick Socolich	4	12	Bob Donohue	4	T12	Peter Coggiola	5	T11	Chuck Gilliam	3
13	Stephen Cherepy	3	13	David Ferm	1	T12	Al Serafino	5	T11	Joe Ostler	3
						T14	Max Foust	3	T11	Randy Welker	3
						T14	Terry Sherman	3			
						16	Bob Conlon	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		
Pos	NAME	Pnts	Pos	NAME	Pnts	Pos	NAME	Pnts	Pos	NAME	Pnts
1	David Harris	23	1	Frank Crua	32	1	Al Hutchko	39	1	Conrad Robertson	34
2	Phil Goff	19	2	Hugh Duggan	18	2	Mark Jordan	21	2	Fred Schafer	27
3	Al Zavattero	18	3	Bernie Wroblewski	17	T3	Jerry Hunter	19	3	Troy Powell	24
						T3	Bob Testa	19			
						T3	Al Serafino	19			

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: Shows captains, teams, starting times & handicaps for next event.

- 18-Hole Leaders and Results: Shows results from recent events and leaders in each group.
- Paid-In-Advance Sign-Ups: Shows checks that have been received for the next 3-4 pre-paid outings.
- Boundary Oak Sign-Ups: Shows who has signed-up for the next two Boundary Oak sessions.

18-Hole Pay In Advance Deadlines

Event Date	Location	Deadline	Amount
Monday, December 15	Shadow Lakes	Dec-06	\$34
Monday, December 22	Diablo Creek	Dec-13	\$40
Monday, December 29	Delta View	Dec-20	\$33
Tuesday, January 20	Deer Ridge	Jan-11	\$38
Monday, January 26	The Bridges	Jan-16	\$39



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RULE 100. A member may be notified in writing by his Branch of the pending termination of his membership (Rule 107) should he be responsible for any of the following:

Miss three (3) consecutive regular luncheon meetings without having been excused by contacting the designated Branch Attendance person prior to the meeting date.

Did not attend one-half (5) of the regular luncheon meetings within the previous twelve consecutive month period. NOTE: Excused meetings cannot be included to achieve the minimum attendance.

RULE 101. Certification of attendance by a member at another Branch meeting will be considered as a credit to his attendance record. (Maximum of 2 visits per calendar year).

Non Responsibility Declaration

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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.