



Trampas Topics

July, 2014

SIR Branch 116

Next Meeting: 11:30 am,
Monday, July 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



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.Good News! We've arranged for some additional parking for our lunch meetings across the street at the Creekside Business offices. They have agreed to allow us to park in their lower level. There are about 30 spots available so this should ease the parking shortage at the Elks Lodge. It's critically important that we *only park on the lower level* or we will lose our spots. We'll put out some signs before the next meeting to guide members to the right spots. Just turn left at the first entrance on Creekside Drive and then turn left down to the lower level. All the spots on the lower level are available to us. Branch 116 Officers and Directors have agreed to park there for the next meeting to get the process rolling.



Our June speaker, Mr. Dan Franklin, spoke about the D Day landing at Normandy. It was a sobering remembrance of a historical event. SIR Wayne Cook was able to get free advertising in the local newspapers of Dan's planned speech and we had 7 new visitors call in and come to the meeting. I don't know how many will decide to join, but attracting new faces always is a good thing. Thanks to Little SIR Bob Donohue for inviting Dan to speak to our Branch.

Golfers, don't forget to sign up for the annual Carson City Golf Getaway. This is a three day extravaganza of banquets, hosted cocktail parties, playing bridge, sightseeing, gambling and, of course, playing golf in beautiful Carson Valley. Be sure to sign up soon.

July is a month to celebrate America's Independence day. Given all the strife occurring in many parts of the world, it's a good time to be thankful for our Declaration of Independency in 1776 and the freedoms we all enjoy. Also it's a great time to enjoy family and friends in the beautiful summer weather.

Stay healthy, enjoy your SIR activities and bring in a new member.

Phil Goff

Phil Goff Big SIR



***PLEASE CALL 806-8874
by the Thursday prior to
the meeting to
cancel your standing reser-
vation or
to bring a guest.***

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2014 SIR 116 Committee Chairmen

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Attendance	Jim Nachtweih	838-7417	Music Man	Robbie Robinson	798-4276
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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	Sunshine	Matt Arena	946-0404
Fishing	Harry Sherinian	846-7067	Travel	Tom Eller	939-5897
Guitar	Paul King	938-3035	Volunteers	Bob Kinser	837-8886
Golf	Al Zavattero	933-0465	Webmaster	Phil Goff	831-3692
"	Carlos Xavier	947-6756	Welcoming	Jerry Kaplan	938-1037
Greeters	Pat Bermingham	930-9477	Wine Appreciation	Jack Bevis	254-7256
Hiking and Walking	Joel White	964-0994			
Historian	Matt Arena	946-0404			
Host	Frank Crua	932-0975			
Interviewer	Max Foust	827-9323			

*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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Golf	Jim Willey (Br.19)	934-0656	\$ums Investment	Gary Moore (Br.174)	254-8742
Publicity	Walt Schick (Br.8)		Speakers Bureau	John Roebuck (Br.19)	685-8764

SIR Branch 116 Activity Calendar

July 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 (10:00@ Crow Canyon CC)	8 Luncheon Bridge (11:30@ Round Hill CC)	9 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Pine Meadow GC)	10	11 Hiking & Walking (8:15@ Inspiration Point, Tilden Regional Park)	12
13	14 18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Boundary Oak GC)	15	16 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Diablo Hills GC)	17 Computer & Tech (9:30@ Elks Club)	18	19
20	21 SIR Br 116 Mtg. (11:30@ Elks Club)	22 18-Hole Golf (9:28@ Metropolitan GC) Luncheon Bridge (11:30@ Diablo CC)	23 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC) Sums Investment (8:00@ Diablo Crk. GC)	24 Fishing Group (8:30@ Legends-Diablo Crk)	25 Hiking & Walking (8:15@ La Boulange Café, Danville)	26
27	28 18-Hole Golf (10:00@ Tilden GC) Book Group Mtg. (10:15@ Orinda Books)	29	30 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ TBD)	31 Wine Appreciation (4:00@ TBD)		



Membership

Andy Benz
(anbenz@aol.com)

SIR 116 Membership Status

Total Current Members:	245
This Month's Inductees:	1
Those in Interview Stage:	0
Total in Process:	1
On Inactive Status:	46
Left the Branch:	1
Waiting to be Installed:	0



Br. 116 Treasurer's Report

Carl Langhorst, Treasurer
(cslangho@mindspring.com)

	<u>June 2014</u>	<u>2014 YTD</u>
Contributions	\$ 2,880.00	\$ 36,727.15
Disbursements	\$ (3,438.45)	\$ (31,932.14)
Net (gain/(loss))	\$ (558.45)	\$ 4,795.01
June Cash Balance (as of June 24th)	\$ 10,181.74	

July Birthdays

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

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|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Jim Amland | 12. Don Miller |
| 2. David Bernard | 13. Bob Nichols |
| 3. Gary Boswell | 14. Hal Redsun |
| 4. Stephen Cherepy | 15. Allen Reynolds |
| 5. Bill Clark | 16. Ken Sandy |
| 6. Garrett Girvan | 17. John Takacs |
| 7. Milt Greenstein | 18. Tim Tinnes |
| 8. Al Hutchko | 19. Chuck Vanoncini |
| 9. Paul King | 20. Bob Vetro |
| 10. Dick Krieger | 21. Jim Videle |
| 11. Brad Lee | 22. Bernie Wroblewski |

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Lunch Attendance

Jim Nachtweih
(majnacht@sbcglobal.net)

Attendance at the June 16th meeting:

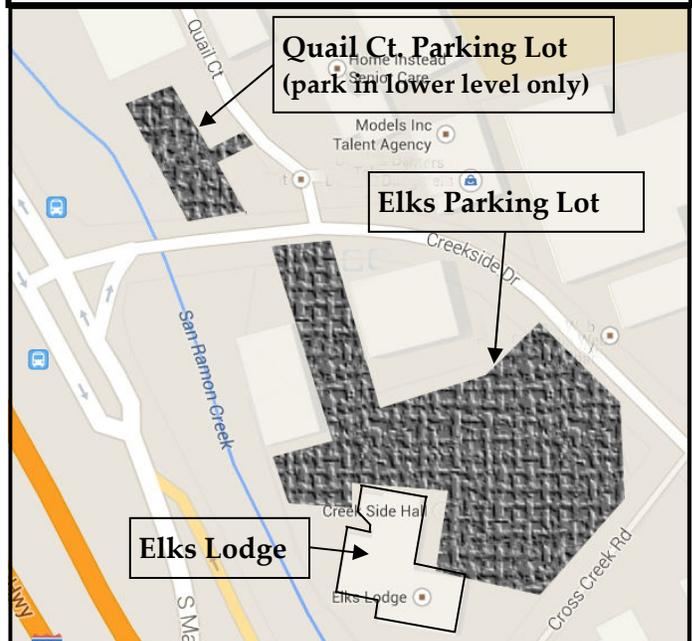
Total:	187
Members:	175
Visitors:	9
Speakers:	1
Guests:	2
Excused:	51
Un-Excused:	18

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

July Luncheon Menu

Teriyaki Baby Back Ribs
Baked Beans, Corn on the Cob
Cole Slaw, Watermelon Wedges
Rolls/Butter
Dessert/Coffee/Iced Tea

Luncheon Parking Map



Parking lots for SIR Br. 116 Luncheon
(You may park in the shaded areas or on Creekside Dr.)



Sunshine Report

Matt Arena

(marena@astound.net)

SIR BRANCH 116 wishes to express our condolences to the **Johnston family** at the passing of Bob. Bob was dealing with the aftermath of a stroke for over 3 years ago.

We extend our condolences to **Max and Bette Foust** and their family at the loss of their son Mark. A memorial service will be held in Mark's honor on Saturday June 28th. (Details for the service have been emailed to our members courtesy of Neil Schmidt)

Past BIG SIR **Courney Borrecco** had cataract surgery on both eyes and is doing quite well. He is thrilled to be able to read and watch TV with so much clarity.

Sir **Don Roberts** experienced a stroke while playing golf with his Chevron pals in Carson City. He was hospitalized and has returned home. This is Don's second stroke and it is hoped his last.

Sir **Larry Johnson** is scheduled for surgery in September. In the mean time he is trying to keep himself active as best he can.

Sir **Carl Cline** continues to work through his stroke and keep active. He would like very much to join us for lunch when he is able.

Sir **Harry Honestein** sends his regards and wishes he could join us for lunch but his aches and pains make that prohibitive for the near future.

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.



"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...

In Memoriam

Robert R. Johnston

March 6, 1926 — June 20, 2014



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, July 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. Please come early and have breakfast with the rest of us. It is an opportunity to hear all about the latest fishing tales.

Salmon fishing has been slow, but is starting to pick up. The ocean has been turgid, and the wind is angry everywhere. Tough fishing conditions. We have caught trout from the shore at San Pablo and Shadow Cliffs Reservoirs. George Schulz was the lucky one at Shadow Cliffs, but he used a borrowed pink reel, which resulted in significant loss of macho points. Ron Masick, Barry Rauchle, and Carl Moyer did not fare as well there, but Carl fished San Pablo with Gordon Linebaugh for limits to 4 lbs., and once solo for lots of small fish. Ernie Wong's expertise with Shad with the fly rod up river on the Sacramento continued with vigor. Fishing with Don Mittelstaedt and Carl Moyer, Ernie caught over a dozen, with a busy day of near 60. Rich Fiscina took home a 45 inch sturgeon fishing with Carl and Joe Karg. Mike Corker caught a keeper striper just a bit upriver, and Raleigh Davis caught two nice stripers even further upriver, and Tom Kostik again did well with stripers and black bass all over the delta. Pete Gates, Brad Hatcher, Chuck Vanoncini, and Tom Boltz fished Lake Don Pedro with a guide for king salmon, kokanee salmon, and rainbow trout. Dick Thomson, Terry Miller and Harry Sherinian went to Alaska for a seven day fishing adventure. They ate and drank like kings and brought home a whole mess of fish. They even mentioned that the weather was great and very little liquid Alaska sunshine.

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 fishermen's paradise and everybody is welcome.

Our next meeting will be **Thursday, July 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).



Terry Miller's 30 lb. Salmon

\$ums Investment Group

Gary Moore (Branch 174)

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The Area 2 \$ums Investment Group will meet on Wednesday July 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 this month will be Peter C. Karp of Karp Capital Management. Peter's topic will be "An Energized Market." Peter will discuss recent global events and how they are affecting the markets. He'll touch on rising energy prices, ways to hedge against inflation, and the anticipation of rising interest rates.

After years of experience managing investments at institutional brokerage firms and banks, Peter C. Karp founded Karp Capital Management to provide asset management and financial planning service for individuals. He has experience in a variety of investment management and financial planning roles. Peter received a Bachelor of Arts in Economics and Bio-Chemistry from the University of California at Santa Barbara.

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



Wine Appreciation Group

Jack Bevis

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The Wine Appreciation group, 15 strong, gathered at Jerry and Kathy Hicks's home on May 29th. The weather was perfect and allowed a nice outdoor tasting, featuring Zinfandels. Guests were met at the door with a Kenwood 2012 Sauvignon Blanc Reserve. We sampled a Kenwood, Sonoma 2009 Zin, followed by Walnut Creek's only winery, ShadowBrook's 2007 and 08 Zinfandel, a real treat. We then poured a 2009 Primitivo (the Italian grape which is the "father" of Zinfandel) from Deaver Vineyards in Amador County. Amador, and especially the Shenandoah Valley, is known for its "Old Vine" Zins; some of the vines dating back to the 1860's are still in production. The finale was a hearty Deaver 2009 late harvest Zinfandel which had been picked at 35 brix and fermented to 16.6% alcohol. It was full, sweet, and we decided that it would be a great after dinner wine.

Members of the Wine group take turns hosting this event. The next one will be in the afternoon on July 31st. If you are interested in more information, contact Jack Bevis by email or at 925-254-7256.



Br. 116 Book Club

Rich Black

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"Zealot" by Reza Aslan

On June 2 the group met to discuss Aslan's interpretation of the times and events in first century Israel and the subsequent amazing change in the story of Jesus. Tim Tinnes led the discussion which was attended by Jack Butler, Alan Chasnoff, Jerry Christopherson, Lytton DeSilva, Garrett Girvin, Cord Hull, Dick Kauffman, Al Reynolds, Brad Wait, and Joel White. The 11 guys in attendance awarded the book 4.0 stars.

"The Boys in the Boat" by Daniel Brown

Who knew the cracking good story behind the 1936 Olympic Crew team at the Berlin Olympics? Nine very ordinary college men at the University of

Washington took on the elite of the American rowing competition, defeated all comers and then went on to best Germany and the other contenders. Richard Black led the discussion with participation by Brad Wait, Cord Hull, Jack Butler, Jerry Christopherson, John Riordan, Al Reynolds, John Frazier, Jim Scott, Garrett Girvin, Allan Chasnoff and Lytton DeSilva. Those present awarded the book an astonishing 4.85 stars, which may be an all-time high.

The group will next meet on at **10:15 on July 28** at Orinda Books to discuss "The Man Without a Face-The unlikely Rise of Vladimir Putin" by Masha Gessen.

Hiking & Walking

Joel White

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The **Friday, Jun 13** (nothing bad happened) walk was lead John Riordan. He and his wife Gail were accompanied by Paul Frietas and Susan and Joel White on a beautiful day walking from Moraga commons past St Mary's and the dry waterfall. Delightful coffee and conversation followed at Terzetto's.

David Geary will lead the **Friday, July 11** walk. Meet at **8:15 AM** at Inspiration point. 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, July 25th** walk will be led by Paul Freitas. It will meet in front of La Boulange café, Anyone wishing to be added to the e-mail reminder list should contact Joel White 964-0994 or zpz2mrz@yahoo.com.

State 'SIR Happenings'

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

www.sirinc.org/sirhappenings



Computer & Technology

Derek Southern & Neil Schmidt



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

The two presentations at this meeting will be:

- How to setup your new computer. Neil Schmidt will discuss several options for transferring your data and programs from your old (XP?) computer to a new one.
- The Pros and Cons of Installing a Solid State (SSD) Hard-drive. Barry Brown will discuss SSD advantages and show us how to install them.

Following these presentations, also time permitting, we will have an informal wrap-up segment titled "Sharing Tips & Tricks" where individuals will have the opportunity to share their own computer, smartphone, and tablet tricks with the group. Think about your own interesting tricks and share them with us. We can also use this segment to address your technology related problems.

You may get an advance copy of the presentations at our CAT website: <http://a2cat.sirinc2.org/>

All members of SIR and their guests (especially spouses) are welcome to attend. We do ask for a voluntary donation of \$5 to cover the cost of the hall rental and the cookies & coffee. So please plan to join us. We have a lot of fun and try to answer all your questions about computers and electronic devices in your home.



2015 SIR Branch 116 Officer Slate

The following individuals have been nominated for 2015 Branch 116 Officer positions. If you have any other nominations, please contact Art Vogl via e-mail at carolvogl@sbcglobal.net

- Big SIR: Bob Donohue (past Little SIR)
- Little SIR: Jim Barstow (new)
- Secretary: Fred Shaefer (new)
- Asst. Secretary: Joel White (returning)
- Treasurer: Carl Langhorst (returning)
- Asst. Treasurer #2: Al Satake (new)
- Membership Chair: Andy Benz (returning)

Directors:

- Wayne Cook (2nd yr.)
- Paul Ramacciotti (2nd yr.)
- Bob Testa (3rd yr.)
- Phil Goff (past Big SIR)
- John Story (new)
- Norm Alberts (new)

The State SIR Schedule for identifying and electing the officer slate is:

- Identify proposed slate: May 31 (The slate was announced at our June Luncheon)
- Election of Officers: August Luncheon (Aug. 18)

Nominating Committee:

- Art Vogl
- John Story
- Bob Testa
- Bernard Wroblewski



Dick Thompson with his 61 Lb. Halibut



Walking Tours

Bernie Wroblewski

(bbwroblewski@comcast.net)

Another guided walking tour is scheduled for Saturday, **August 23, 2014**. This tour will explore the transformation of the **Mission Bay area** which includes the largest construction project in San Francisco since the 1906 earthquake. This tour should provide a unique perspective on the transformation from a backwater area of the bay to a modern biotech center. The tour will be conducted by a docent from the San Francisco Public Library at a cost of \$10 per person.

The tour will commence at 10:00 am from the plaza across from the Caltrain station at 4th and King Streets. It will take place over flat ground and last approximately 1 1/2 to 2 hours. There will be a sign up sheet at the July 21st SIRS luncheon meeting at which time more tour specifics will be provided.

Payment deadline for this tour is Monday, August 18, 2014. Checks can be made out to SIR Branch 116 Walking Tour and sent c/o Bernie Wroblewski to 625 Thornhill Rd. Danville, CA 94526. Please include the names of participants with your check.



Bridge

Milt Greenstein

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On June 3rd, the duplicate group met at the Diablo Valley Bridge Center with 18 men attending. The team of Barry Rauchle / Ernie Scherne were the top team with 45.00 points out of a possible 72, for 62.50 %, and earning 0.90 master points. In 2nd place were Jack Butler / Dan Greenberg with 60.42 %, followed by Art Donaldson / Dimitris Argyriou at 57.64 %, and a tie for 4th place between Bob Wolf / Conrad Robertson and Milt Greenstein / Ron Wolberg at 50.00 %.

The lunch/bridge group met on June 10th with 28 players. Our high scorer was Bob Kahl with 5,680 points (helped with a last hand small slam with Jim Amland, the only slam of the day), followed by Norm Schoenfeld with 4,730, Bruce Ressen at 4,500,

Oscar Krikorian at 4,370 and Dennis Perry with 4,240. A low scoring day today, with the average score for a round of 531 points (for 4 hands), compared to our normal average of a little over 600, our lowest scoring day of the year todate.

A group of 20 men gathered at Diablo C.C. on June 24th for a great lunch of sirloin tips, but the bridge did not match the lunch.

Another really low scoring day, the lowest of the year to date, even lower than our last session, had Jai Yee as high man with 5,080 points, Ron Wolberg with 4,560 and Bud Grisonti at 4,060. In fourth place was Bob Wolf at 4,090 followed by Alvin Buchignani with 4,060. Two small slams were made today by Paul Harris / Ron Wolberg and by Bob Wolf / Alvin Buchignani. The average round today was only 515 points for 4 hands.

SIR Website Addresses

SIR 116 Web Site

www.branch116.org

Branch 116 Golf

www.branch116.org/116-golf/

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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

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

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

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 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.

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)

Our July speaker will be an encore presentation of Mr. Wayne Korsinen. Mr. Korsinen gave us a wonderful presentation last year on the Pearl Harbor attack and this year he's back to tell us all about the Port Chicago disaster in 1944.

Mr. Korsinen's story will unfold how Port Chicago, a small Contra Costa County town, was badly damaged by a wartime ammunition ship explosion in July, 1944, that killed 323 servicemen. The presentation will also uncover how the United States Navy launched a thirteen year campaign against the town and finally uprooted it from the county. Today, our speaker considers Port Chicago to be a ghost town that is still very much alive.

New Branch 116 Member



New Member Brad Lee and Sponsor Bill Best

Book Exchange

John Fraser & Dick Kauffman

(wokeagle@aol.com & rkkauffman@gmail.com)



Got Books?

The Book Exchange is having a lot of activity. In fact, more books are going out than coming in. If you have any interesting books at home that you would like to put into the Book Exchange, please bring them in to the Monthly SIRS Luncheon.

Happy Reading

CARSON CITY GOLF GETAWAY – 2014

This 3 day event is one you don't want to miss. It has something for everyone who likes to golf, eat out, attend cocktail parties, play bridge, sightsee, shop or gamble. **The cost is all inclusive for:**

- Two rounds of golf, with cart, on two courses (Empire Ranch & Eagle Valley)
- Three nights lodging at a choice of motels, one with continental breakfast
- Three banquets - includes wine on the table and is preceded by an open bar
- Ladies bridge, either 1 day (& play golf the other) or bridge both days
- Free raffle prizes with a total value over \$1,200
- Coupon books for cocktails, food and gaming at the Nugget Casino
- A tee gift and a sleeve of balls for each golfer

This year's Getaway will be September 3 – 4 - 5

Friends, relatives and all SIRS are welcome. Ladies, especially, have a wonderful time even if they don't golf. There are beautiful shopping centers close by and lots of things to do and see in the Carson City, Virginia City, Reno and Tahoe areas.

The "Entry form" is included in this issue of the Trampas Topics and is also available on the Branch Golf Web Site. Early sign-ups would be greatly appreciated as it gives us the opportunity to get more motel rooms should it become necessary. If you sign up early we will not hold your check for any length of time as we deposit them frequently.

If you have questions or would like more information please contact Tim Hubbard at 944-0742 or e-mail at tthubbs@astound.net. We are looking forward to seeing you in Carson City in September where a "fun time" is guaranteed !

👉 REMINDER 👈

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

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.

July 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	Diablo Hills	Mike Murphy
Wed. 23	10:00	Buchanan Fields	Dick Chaffee
Wed. 30	10:00	TBD	TBD

July 18-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Mon. 07	10:00	Crow Canyon	Jim Clizbe
Mon. 14	9:30	Boundary Oak	Jim Clizbe
Tue. 22	9:28	Metropolitan	C. Robertson
Mon. 28	10:00	Tilden	C. Robertson

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
GOLF GETAWAY
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

Chuck Corica / Earl Fry -- Monday June 23, 2014

Official Scorer:
Art Vogl

Flight 1				Flight 2				Flight 3				Flight 4			
1st	Al Zavattero	60	3	1st	Frank Crua	64	3	1st	Mark Jordan	60	3	1st	Art Vogl	67	3
2nd	Jim Johnson	65	2	2nd	Robbie Robinson	66	2	2nd	Jerry Hunter	62	2	2nd	Matt Arena	69	2
Tie 3rd	Phil Goff	66	1	3rd	Tom Eller	69	1	3rd	Carl Langhorst	66	1	3rd	Terry Grummitt	70	1
Tie 3rd	Neil Schmidt	66	1												
Low Gross				Low Gross				Low Gross							
	Al Zavattero	77			Frank Crua	83			Mark Jordan	87			Terry Grummitt	96	

Closest to: Hole #9 - Harry Oberle, Carl Langhorst -- Hole #11 - Robbie Robinson, Phil Jenkins

Lake Chabot -- Tuesday June 17, 2014

Official Scorer:
Conrad Robertson

Flight 1				Flight 2				Flight 3				Flight 4			
1st	David Harris	66	3	1st	Robbie Robinson	65	3	1st	Jerry Hunter	70	3	1st	Conrad Robertson	67	3
2nd	Jim Johnson	67	2	2nd	John Story	68	2	2nd	Dick Chaffee	74	2	2nd	Phil Jenkins	71	2
3rd	Mel Williams	74	1	3rd	Bernie Wroblewski	69	1	3rd	Walt Kawecki	75	1	3rd	Troy Powell	74	1
Low Gross				Low Gross				Low Gross				Low Gross			
	David Harris	81			Bernie Wroblewski	92			Jerry Hunter	96			Conrad Robertson	98	
													Phil Jenkins	98	

Closest to: Hole #9 - Robbie Robinson, Ron Armijo -- Hole #12 - Bernie Wroblewski, Frank Lockwood

Boundary Oak -- Monday June 9, 2014

Official Scorer:
Pete Coggiola

Flight 1				Flight 2				Flight 3				Flight 4			
1st	Jim Johnson	66	3	1st	David Carlson	68	3	1st	Al Serafino	64	3	1st	Fred Schafer	64	3
2nd	Jim Barstow	68	2	2nd	Norm Alberts	70	2	2nd	Mark Jordan	68	2	2nd	Phil Jenkins	68	2
3rd	Al Zavattero	71	1	3rd	David Fern	72	1	Tie 3rd	Jed Daniel	69	1	3rd	Conrad Robertson	69	1
								Tie 3rd	Al Hutchko	69	1				
Low Gross				Low Gross				Low Gross				Low Gross			
	Jim Johnson	83			David Carlson	92			Al Serafino	91			Phil Jenkins	96	

Closest to: Hole #2 - Harry Oberle, Jerry Hunter -- Hole #12 - Harry Oberle, Al Hutchko

Boundary Oak -- Monday June 2, 2014

Official Scorer:
Jed Daniel

Flight 1				Flight 2				Flight 3				Flight 4			
1st	David Harris	71	3	1st	Frank Crua	73	3	1st	Mark Jordan	65	3	1st	Conrad Robertson	66	3
Tie 2nd	Jim Barstow	72	2	2nd	Bernie Wroblewski	74	2	2nd	Al Hutchko	66	2	Tie 2nd	Phil Jenkins	68	2
Tie 2nd	Phil Goff	72	2	3rd	Hugh Duggan	75	1	3rd	Carlos Xavier	68	1	Tie 2nd	Troy Powell	69	1
Low Gross				Low Gross				Low Gross				Low Gross			
	David Harris	87			Frank Crua	94			Al Hutchko	90			Phil Jenkins	96	
									Carlos Xavier	90					

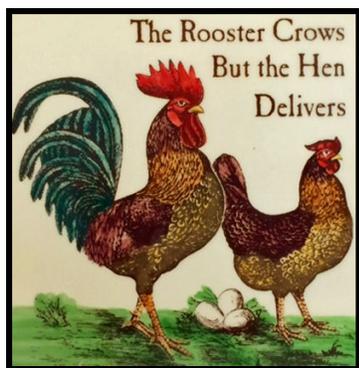
Closest to: Hole #2 - Phil Goff, Conrad Robertson -- Hole #12 - Jim Barstow, Wayne Cook

Paradise Valley -- Wednesday May 28, 2014

Official Scorer:
Wayne Cook

Flight 1				Flight 2				Flight 3				Flight 4			
1st	Jim Barstow	68	3	1st	Bob Conlon	68	3	1st	Ron Armijo	72	3	Tie 1st	George Pryhuber	68	3
2nd	Harry Oberle	70	2	2nd	Jim Clizbe	74	2	2nd	Jerry Hunter	73	2	Tie 1st	Fred Schafer	68	3
3rd	David Harris	71	1	Tie 3rd	David Carlson	75	1	3rd	Al Hutchko	75	1	3rd	Wayne Cook	77	1
				Tie 3rd	Bernie Wroblewski	75	1								
Low Gross				Low Gross				Low Gross				Low Gross			
	Jim Barstow	86			Jim Clizbe	94			Jerry Hunter	98			Fred Schafer	102	
	David Harris	86													

Closest to: Hole #3 - Phil Goff, Al Hutchko-- Hole #12 - Dave Carlson, Ron Armijo



Note: This tile was photographed at a museum shop in Kauai by Branch 116 SIR Art Donaldson.

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	
David Harris	23	Frank Crua	32	Al Hutchko	36	Conrad Robertson	34
Al Zattero	18	Hugh Duggan	18	Mark Jordan	21	Fred Schafer	26
Phil Goff	16	Bernie Wroblewski	17	Jerry Hunter	19	Troy Powell	22
Neil Schmidt	16	David Carlson	15	Bob Testa	19	Phil Jenkins	19
Harry Oberle	16	Jim Clizbe	14	Al Serafino	17	Terry Grummitt	17
Jim Barstow	15	Robbie Robinson	13	Alex Lutkus	10	Wayne Cook	12
Jim Johnson	13	Don Schroeder	11	Carl Langhorst	7	Matt Arena	8
Bill McCord	10	John Story	10	Dick Chaffee	7	Art Vogl	6
Jerry Hicks	8	Norm Alberts	7	Ron Armijo	6	Bill Hemmelsbach	4
Dirk Meyer	7	Tom Eller	7	Peter Coggiola	5	Al Satake	4
Lonny Randall	6	Chuck Gilliam	6	Carlos Xavier	4	Jerry Christopherson	4
Mel Williams	3	Jim Videle	6	Bob Price	3	George Pryhuber	3
Dick Socolich	3	Bob Conlon	6	Bill Clark	2	Jon Rasmussen	2
Wayne Smith	3	Gary Boswell	2	Paul Kim	1	Terry Sherman	1
Chick Walsh	3	David Ferm	1	Jed Daniel	1		
Stephen Cherepy	1	Paul King	1	Walt Kawecki	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, July 22	Metropolitan	Jul-13	\$35
Monday, July 28	Tilden Park	Jul-20	\$37
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.