



Trampas Topics

May, 2014

SIR Branch 116

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

May is a special month for our Branch since in addition to our normal activities we have three different special events planned. First up is the Carmel golf outing. SIR Jim Barstow has scheduled the event for May 12th and 13th and we will play golf and have a group Barbeque at the golf course. Non-golfing spouses and guests are invited. There is still room for a few signups, so call or email Jim right away if you can join us.



Next on May 17th we have a special travel event hosted by our Branch. SIRs Tom Eller and Bernie Wroblewski have arranged for a walking tour in San Francisco. We will start at the Ferry Building and walk up the Embarcadero. It's a flat walk so it should be easy for everyone. Our docent will give us a history lesson of the buildings as we go. Since it is on a Saturday it should be easy to take BART and Senior tickets are quite inexpensive. Call Bernie or Tom if you want to join the group.

The third and most popular special event is our annual Spring Fling on Tuesday, May 20th. It's being held at the San Ramon Country Club and SIR Jerry Christopherson has arranged for great food and entertainment. Spouses and guests are all welcome so sign up and join us. Jerry needs a firm headcount by May 10 so get your checks to him right away.

We have two important holidays this month, Mothers Day on Sunday, May 11th and Memorial Day on Monday, May 26th. Remember to do something special for the Mothers in your family. Being a good Mom is not easy and they deserve special recognition for their efforts. Also, on Memorial Day take the time to remember our Veterans and their contribution to the wonderful freedoms we enjoy every day.

We had two new members inducted at the April meeting, SIR Bob Price and SIR Bob Sada. Next time you see them be sure to introduce yourself and welcome them to the Branch. I met with them following the luncheon and both are anxious to join in some of our Branch activities.

We don't have a lunch meeting in May since we have so many other activities occurring. Enjoy the month and please join us for one or more of our special eve

Phil Goff Big SIR



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Bridge	Milt Greenstein	376-5589	Photographers	John Peterson	831-3692
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Host	Frank Crua	932-0975			
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*1. Doug Aalders, Matt Arena, Art Donaldson,
Lou Sandor

2014 SIR Area 2 (Inter-branch) Committee Chairmen

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SIR Branch 116 Activity Calendar

May 2014

Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
				1	2	3
4	18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Boundary Oak GC)	Duplicate Bridge (10:00@ Diablo Valley Bridge Ctr)	9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC)	8	Hiking & Walking (8:15@ Panera Bread, Treat & Bancroft, WC)	10
Mothers Day	CARMEL GOLF OUTING 18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Boundary Oak GC)	CARMEL GOLF OUTING Luncheon Bridge (11:30@ Round Hill CC)	9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Pine Meadow GC)	Computer & Tech (9:30@ Elks Club)	<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> SF Waterfront Tour (10:00@ SF Ferry Bldg.) </div> 	17
	18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Rancho Solano GC)	Spring Fling Luncheon (11:00@ San Ramon Golf Club, 9430 Fircrest Ln, San Ramon)	9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC)	Fishing (8:30@ Diablo Creek GC)	Hiking & Walking (10:45@ El Torito, San Leandro)	24
25	Memorial Day Holiday	Luncheon Bridge (11:30@ Round Hill CC)	9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Diablo Hills GC) 18-Hole Golf (9:36@ Paradise Valley GC) \$ums Investment (8:00@ Diablo Creek CC)	Wine Tasting (4:00@ TBD)	30	31



Membership

Andy Benz
(anbenz@aol.com)

SIR 116 Membership Status

Total Current Members:	245
This Month's Inductees:	2
Those in Interview Stage:	0
Total in Process:	2
On Inactive Status:	47
Left the Branch:	1
Waiting to be Installed:	0



Br. 116 Treasurer's Report

Carl Langhorst, Treasurer
(cslangho@mindspring.com)

	<u>Apr. 2014</u>	<u>2014 YTD</u>
Contributions	\$ 6,433.35	\$ 27,850.13
Disbursements	\$ (7,694.73)	\$ (23,313.77)
Net (gain/(loss))	\$ (1,261.38)	\$ 4536.36
April Cash Balance		\$ 9.923.09

**Want a Free Lunch ?
Sponsor a New Member !**

May Birthdays

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

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|--------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Doug Aalders | 11. George Kohut |
| 2. Larry Cannon | 12. Bob Matthews |
| 3. Thomas Conroy | 13. Darrell McClaughry |
| 4. Joseph Diehl | 14. John Riordan |
| 5. Rudy Gebert | 15. Robbie Robinson |
| 6. Charles Gilliam | 16. Anthony Rohrs |
| 7. Walt Grant | 17. Don Seaton |
| 8. Doug Hatton | 18. Al Serafino |
| 9. Jerry Hicks | 19. Chick Walsh |
| 10. Bob Kinser | 20. Al Zavattero |



Lunch Attendance

Jim Nachtweih
(majnacht@sbcglobal.net)

Attendance at the March 17th meeting:

Total:	175
Members:	167
Visitors:	5
Speakers:	2
Guests:	1
Excused:	56
Un-Excused:	21

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



Activity Chairman

Jerry Christopherson
(jchris161k@aol.com)

STILL NOT TOO LATE

You have about two weeks left, so...get your reservation in.. now!

What am I talking about?

Spring Fling! May 20th, San Ramon Golf Club

See the Flyer on page 12 for a reservation form and additional information about this great party.

Don't miss it! See you there.

REMINDER

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

Trampas Topics Submissions



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

Neil Schmidt, Trampas Topics Editor
trampastopics@gmail.com



Sunshine Report

Matt Arena

(marena@astound.net)

SIR **Harry Honstein** and I have been out of touch for a while. Harry has given me his cell phone number (25-395-3645) so he can be reached. Harry is dealing with painful arthritis which has slowed him down but everyone who knows this warrior can attest to his fighting spirit. We would hope for the day when he can join us for lunch.

SIR **Carl Cline** continues to work on the after affects of his stroke and gets out as much as possible. He loves to join his poker pals and take home the "big" winnings.

SIR **Larry Johnson** got the good news he was waiting for. His carotid arteries did not have to be treated and now he is doing his exercises waiting to return to our luncheons.

How nice it is to find so many of our members in good physical shape which allows for a shortened Sunshine Report this month. Enjoy the blessing of good health.

GET RID OF EVERYTHING THAT ISN'T USEFUL. CLUTTER WEIGHS YOU DOWN.....



**KTVU's Weekend Sports Anchor
Joe Fonzi talking sports at April Luncheon**



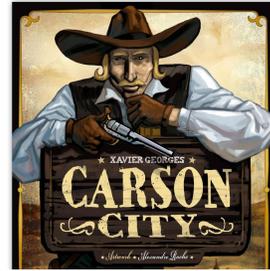
Poker Group #2

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.



2014 CARSON CITY GOLF GETAWAY

September 3-4-5, 2014

Entry Forms for this fantastic event are available on the Branch Golf Web Site if you wish to sign up early. Entry Forms will also be available in the Trampas Topics starting with the June issue.

The Getaway includes 3 nights lodging, 3 banquets preceded by an open bar, 2 rounds of golf with cart, golf balls, a tee prize, many raffle prizes and gaming and bar coupons at the Nugget Casino. One fee covers all expenses except the small prize money which will be collected at check in. This year the cost is actually less than last year!

The outing is always open to all Sirs, wives, significant others, friends and relatives. Early sign ups are encouraged as we are dealing with two separate hotels and need to be assured we have enough rooms for everyone. The hotels are conveniently located to the Casino which is where the banquets are held each night – an easy 2 block walk in a safe area.

Save the date so you can join us in September. The weather has been almost perfect at this time of year in Carson City. If you have any questions regarding this event contact Tim Hubbard.



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, May 22nd, 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.

Salmon season looks normal based on the opener on April 5th. Though not large, the fish were plentiful both north and south of the gate. Carl Moyer caught a 10 lber opening day at Moss Landing. Bodega Bay boats are also doing well. Our annual fishing gear auction went exceedingly well, and everyone got bargain treasures. Sturgeon continued to entertain us, Gordon Linebaugh, Terry Miller, and Carl Moyer caught keepers, but released them in hopes of tagging larger ones. Mike Corker came home with a delicious keeper striper while fishing for sturgeon with Carl. Further downstream, Tom Kostik and Terry Miller fished only for stripers in the rain. They caught 38, 13 of which were keepers to 10 lbs. Joe Karg fished for sturgeon from party boats twice, getting a striper and then some sturgeon meat from fellow anglers. Upstream from there, Karl Droese, Mario Moratorio, and Joe Miscione caught small stripers and a near keeper sturgeon. Even farther upstream Gene Schulting and son caught a fine mess of catfish. Chuck Vanoncini and son fly fished for trout at the Henderson Springs resort near Redding catching over 50 trout from 4 to 7 lbs over 3 days. Fishing at San Pablo Reservoir, Terry Miller caught a nice limit, and Harry Sherinian, fishing with Terry, caught 3 from 5 to 8 lbs. Mike Corker got a nice 4 lber. George Vogt, Gordon Linebaugh, George Schultz, Carl Moyer, Ron Maciak, and Barry Rauchle all got fine eatin trout at San Pablo. Paul Dubow and Carl Moyer were unsuccessful from the shore at Shadow Cliffs Reservoir which has been a disappointment this year. And, Tom Boltz caught a 60 lb sturgeon fishing with Rich Ficina, Pete Gates, and Joe Karg. They released another keeper on a very memorable tax day, April 15th.

We will be very busy this spring with: delta fishing

for bass, catfish, and sturgeon; trout in mountain and local lakes, salmon from the ocean, and halibut in the bay. We live in a fishermen's paradise.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, May 22nd, 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).



Harry Sherinian's 8 Lb. Trout



Terry Miller with His "Stripers"



"Dine-O-Sir" Dinner Group

Ben Smith

The Dine-O-Sir Herd will be out to pasture during the Month of May. Our Next event will take place in June.-----Stay tuned for all the details.

Hiking & Walking

Joel White

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On gorgeous early spring morning, between storms, March 28, 2014, David Geary led a walk on the Lafayette trail commencing at the community center. Wild flowers were in early bloom, and a slithery creature (the Newt pictured) crossed our sometimes muddy trail. Rich Black and Donna Argenbright, Art Donaldson, David and Colleen Geary, Dan Green, John Riordan, and Susan and Joel White enjoyed this outing followed by as usual, outstanding coffee and conversation, this day particularly about March Madness, travel, mudslides and more.

Alan Chasnoff will lead the **Friday, May 9** walk. Meet at **8:15 AM** at the Panera Bread on the corner of Treat and Bancroft in Walnut Creek. Please RSVP to Alan: allanchasnoff@gmail.com

The **Friday, May 25th**, 2014 walk will be led by **Joel White**. We will meet at **10:45 am (note time change)** at *El Torito*. 51 San Leandro Marina Dr, San Leandro CA 94577, and walk on the shoreline trail followed by lunch at El Torito. Please RSVP to Joel by Wednesday, May 23rd so a reservation can be made: zpz2mrz@yahoo.com.

Anyone wishing to be added to the e-mail reminder list should contact me at 964-0994 or e-mail me at address above.



Newt checking out SIR Hikers on Lafayette Trail

Bridge

Milt Greenstein

(margmilt@comcast.net)



On April 1st, the duplicate group met at the Diablo Valley Bridge Center with 24 men attending. The team of Conrad Robertson / Dan Greenberg were the top team with 87.50 points out of a possible 135, for 64.81 %, and earning 1.20 master points. In 2nd place were Jim Regan / Jim Nachtweih with 60.37 %, followed by Rudy Gebert / Barry Rauchle at 59.41 %, Norm Schoenfeld / Dan Green at 57.85 % and Milt Greenstein / Ernie Sherne with 51.70%.

The lunch/bridge group met on April 8th with 27 men attending. Our high scorer was Jim Nachtweih with 5,680 points, followed by Charley Schmidt with 5,480, Jerry Christopherson at 5,150, Tony Rohrs at 4,670 and Bob Wolf with 4,550. We had only one small slam today, made by Jim Nachtweih / Ron Wolberg (amazing). Overall, today was back to an average scoring day, with the average score for a round of 572 points (for 4 hands), compared to our normal average lately of over 600.

A small group of 14 men gathered at Diablo C.C. on April 22nd for lunch and bridge. This is the smallest group we have ever had. Our winners today were Bob Wolf with 4,860 points, followed by Jon Dickson at 4,450, Charley Schmidt (4,100) and Dick Chaffee (4,090). We had our first grand slam of the year by, who else, Bob Wolf / Jon Dickson. Otherwise the day was an average bridge day.

Book Exchange

John Fraser & Dick Kauffman

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



We Have Free Books for You!

Check out the Book Exchange as you pay for lunch. This is a free service on an exchange basis, "bring a book, take a book or take a book and bring a book to the next luncheon".

Hardback, paperback, and audio books all welcome.

Happy Reading....



Br. 116 Book Club

Rich Black

(blackrw41@comcast.net)

"Master and Commander" by Patrick O'Brian

It's 1799 and the British Navy is just getting involved in the Napoleonic wars on the Mediterranean. Enter Jack Aubrey, hungry to advance to Captain, and Stephen Maturin, a penniless physician curious about the natural world with some connection to the failed Irish Rebellion of 1798. That is where the story begins with many a heart-thumping sea battle before it ends. Paul Freitas recommended the book and kicked off the discussion which was then led by Richard Black. Adding their views were Brad Wait, Cord Hull, Jack Butler, Jerry Christopherson, John Riordan, Al Reynolds, Tim Tinnes, John Frazier, Bob Mathews, Nick Bowles, Jim Scott, Garrett Girvin, and Lytton DeSilva. The group awarded the book 4.3 stars out of a possible 5 stars.

The next meeting will be on Monday, June 2 at 10:15 am at Orinda books to discuss "Zealot" by Reza Aslan. Note that this meeting has been rescheduled from May 26 which is Memorial Day this year.



Area 2 Golf Touranaments

Bill Hemmelsbach

(wdhem@sbcglobal.net)

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



\$ums Investment Group

Allen Espenmiller

(aespenmiller@pacbell.net)

The Area 2 \$ums Investment Group will meet on **Wednesday May 28, 2014** at 8:00 a.m. at the Legends restaurant at Diablo Creek Golf Course, 4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord.

Our guest speakers will be Stacey L. Velez and Eswar C. Menon of Geneva Investment Management of Chicago, L.L.C. Their topic will be "Investment Opportunities in Emerging Markets." They will discuss growth, quality, valuation and the favorable demographics and emerging consumer in emerging markets around the world and Geneva's approach to investing in those markets.

Stacey is a financial advisor, with 14 years experience in providing investment management services and advice to high net worth individuals. Eswar is a Portfolio Manager on the Geneva Emerging Markets Equity and Geneva International Small Cap Strategies. Prior to joining Geneva, Eswar was a portfolio manager and equity analyst at WHV Investment Management. Previous to that, he founded Denahi Global Investments, L.L.C. an investment advisor that managed a long-short hedge fund, the Denahi Asia Focus Fund L.P. He also held portfolio management positions at Loomis Sayles & Co., L.P. and Nicholas-Applegate Capital Management.

The Legends restaurant opens at 7:00 A.M, so come early and have a leisurely breakfast with your colleagues prior to the meeting.

Senior Citizen Joke

An old fellow fell in love with a lady. He got down on his knees and told her there were two things he would like to ask her. She replied, "OK." He said, "Will you marry me?" She replied, "Yes," then asked what his second question was. He replied, "Will you help me up?"



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, **May 15th at 9:30 am.**

Our May presentation will be "Migrating from XP". As many of you already know, on April 8, 2014, Microsoft stopped their support for their Windows XP software and there are several ramifications of this move to individuals who still have an XP computer. The basic question is: "How does this impact me and what should I do?" There are three basic options: 1) Continue to use your XP with perhaps some software modifications, 2) Convert your existing computer to Windows 7 or 8.1, or 3) Buy a new Windows 7 or 8.1 computer and transfer your stuff over to the new machine. The three presenters, Neil Schmidt & Phil Goff will delve into these issues and explain how you can smoothly transition via each of these options. These presentations will also be a valuable learning experience for individuals who have already transitioned out of Windows XP.

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

Meetings of the Area 2 Computer and Technology Group are held the 3rd Thursday of each month (except June and December) from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge, 1475 Creekside Drive. Whether you are a beginner or a seasoned user, we try to offer something for everyone. Some months we ask for a donation of \$5 to cover the cost of the hall rental, coffee and cookies, other months are free.

SIR Website Addresses

SIR 116 Web Site

www.branch116.org

Branch 116 Golf

www.branch116.org/116-golf/

Trampas Topics

www.branch116.org/trampas/

Computer and Technology

www.a2cat.sirinc2.org/

SIR Happenings State Newsletter

www.sirinc.org/sirhappenings

State SIR Web Site

www.sirinc.org/



Wine Appreciation Group

Jack Bevis

(jackb435@comcast.net)

Carole and Lou Meylan hosted the March 27th event of the Wine Appreciation Group at their home. 16 of us gathered for a very enjoyable afternoon. Lou had chosen three reds to discuss and a fun white Moscato to finish, along with plenty of hors d'oeuvres. The reds were all Pinot Noirs from different locations; Stateland Cellars from Santa Maria; Stobi Winery from Republic of Macedonia; and, Shiloh Road Winery from Sonoma County.

Our every- other- month schedule means that the next event will be on May 29th. For more information call Jack Bevis at 925-254-7256.

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

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

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

Jul 8-12, 2014: Oregon Shakespeare Festival. (5 day bus tour to Ashland, Oregon featuring two lite comedy productions Cocanuts & 2 Men and Cabaret show Misbehavin. Many other tour stops are also planned on the return trip home. Cost \$1375, MikeConsoe, Br.54-32, 408-246-1080, or John Pletsch, 408-274-2992.

Jul 21-24, 2014: Festival of the Arts featuring Pageant of the Masters. The pageant is a performance of living paintings re-creations of classical and contemporary works with real people posing to look exactly like their counterparts in the original pieces. In addition the trip will include Catalina Island and the Space Shuttle Endeavor. Cost \$1335. John Pletsch, Br 32 & 54, 408-274-2992, or Mike Console 408-246-1080.

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.

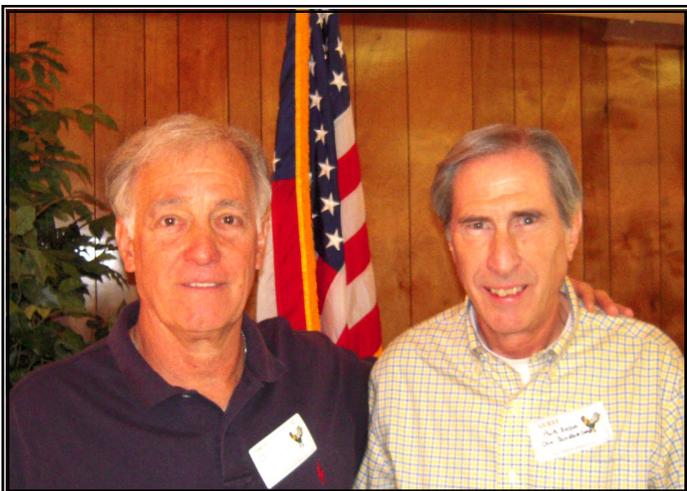
Additional SIR Travel Opportunities on State Web

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

New Branch 116 Members



**New Member Bob Price with
Sponsor Dick Socolich**

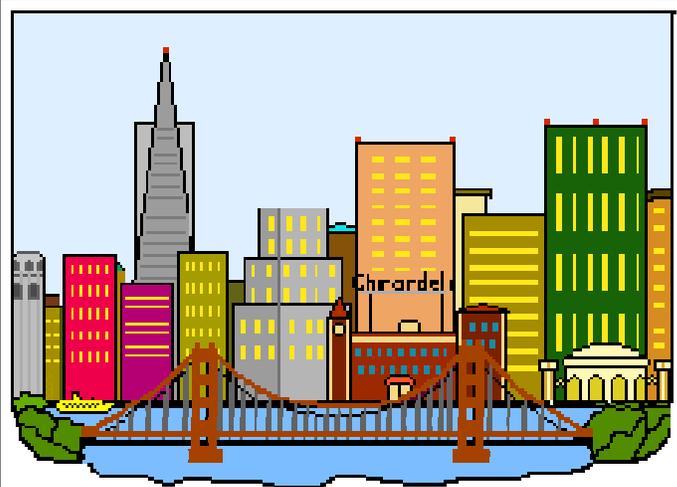


**Sponsor Don Schroeder with
New Member Bob Sada**



Bocce Ball
Jerry Kaplan
(mgkaplan@astound.net)

Several SIR members have expressed interest in starting a bocce ball group. If you are interested, please contact Jerry Kaplan at 925-938-1037 or mgkplan@astound.net.



SAN FRANCISCO WATERFRONT WALKING TOUR

A guided walking tour along the San Francisco waterfront is scheduled for Saturday, May 17, 2014. This tour is conducted through the San Francisco Public Library at a cost of \$10 per person and is limited to a maximum number of 20. There were several who signed up at the April luncheon meeting, but space is still available. Highlights of the tour include the Ferry Building, Saturday Farmers Market, Sydney Walton Square, a gold rush era saloon, Levi Plaza, Pier 1 renovation, and more. Other information:

The tour is over flat ground (no hills), starts at 10:00 am at the main entrance to the Ferry Building, and will last no longer than 2 hours.

The tour will end at Levi Plaza. There are no firm plans for an organized lunch as yet following the tour. However, there are several restaurants in the vicinity.

Payment deadline for the tour is Monday, May 13th. 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 the tour participants with your check.



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SPRING FLING

FOR SIR BRANCH 116

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

SAN RAMON GOLF CLUB

9430 Firecrest Lane, San Ramon, CA 94583 Phone: 925-828-6258

TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2014

11:00 No Host Social Hour

12:00 Sit-down Luncheon Served

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

43.00 Per Person (includes tax and tip)

Menu Choices

Petite Filet Mignon

Chicken Cordon Bleu

Salmon (bearnaise sauce)

Three Cheese Lasagna

(MENU INCLUDES SALAD, SEASONAL VEGETABLES & DESSERT)

Detach Here

Spring Fling – San Ramon Golf Club

Must be received no later than May 9, 2014

Name: _____ Beef ___ Salmon ___ Chicken ___ Veggie ___

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Make Check to: SIR Branch 116

Number x \$43.00 = \$ _____

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

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

SIR Branch 116 Golf

By Al Zavattono, Golf Chairman

(jandazav@juno.com)



We have an active golf organization consisting of 18-hole and 9-hole groups. A small annual donation is required to play in either group.

The 18-hole group plays once a week in a Tournament format with play alternating between local courses and courses that may be 10 to 50 miles away. Those playing in the 18-hole group must be members of the Northern California Golf Association (NCGA) and establish a handicap index. You may join the NCGA through our SIR club or through another club.

Foursomes in both the 18-hole and 9-hole groups are arranged so that players can meet and enjoy playing with most, if not all, the other players in the branch.

All our events are listed in our annual golf book, the Trampas Topics and on our web site at www.branch116.org/116-golf. Join up with us and enjoy outings with a great bunch of guys at some great courses with reasonable prices.

May 9-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Wed. 07	10:00	Buchanan Fields	Dick Chaffee
Wed. 14	10:00	Pine Meadow	D. McClaughry
Wed. 21	10:00	Buchanan Fields	Dick Chaffee
Wed. 28	10:00	Diablo Hills	Mike Murphy

May 18-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Mon. 05	9:30	Boundary Oak	Ron Armijo
Mon. 12	9:30	Boundary Oak	Ron Armijo
Mon. 19	9:30	Rancho Solano	Ron Armijo
Wed. 28	9:36	Paradise Valley	Ron Armijo

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.

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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

Eagle Vines -- Tuesday April 22, 2014

Official Scorer:
Al Satake

Flight 1				Flight 2				Flight 3				Flight 4			
1st	Jim Barstow	69	3	1st	Frank Crua	66	3	1st	Bob Price	75	3	Tie 1st	Conrad Robertson	68	3
2nd	Harry Oberle	70	2	2nd	Don Schroeder	72	2	Tie 2nd	Mark Jordan	77	2	Tie 1st	Fred Schafer	68	3
3rd	Dirk Meyer	71	1	3rd	Jim Clizbe	74	1	Tie 2nd	Alex Lutkus	77	2	3rd	Jerry Christopherson	69	1
Low Gross				Low Gross				Low Gross				Low Gross			
	Jim Barstow	87			Jim Clizbe	94			Bob Price	98			Terry Grummitt	100	

Closest to: Hole #6 - Frank Crua, Matt Arena -- Hole #15 - Harry Oberle, Bob Price

Boundary Oak -- Monday April 14, 2014

Official Scorer:
Jim Barstow

Flight 1				Flight 2				Flight 3				Flight 4			
1st	Bill McCord	67	3	1st	Jim Videle	65	3	1st	Al Hutchko	60	3	1st	Wayne Cook	60	3
Tie 2nd	Phil Goff	68	2	Tie 2nd	David Carlson	70	2	2nd	Dick Chaffee	65	2	2nd	Conrad Robertson	64	2
Tie 2nd	David Harris	68	2	Tie 2nd	Frank Crua	70	2	3rd	Paul Kim	67	1	3rd	Troy Powell	65	1
				Tie 2nd	Chuck Gilliam	70	2								
Low Gross				Low Gross				Low Gross				Low Gross			
	Stephen Cherepy	84			Jim Videle	89			Al Hutchko	86			Wayne Cook	94	
													Troy Powell	94	

Closest to: Hole #2 - Jerry Hicks, Bob Testa -- Hole #12 - Phil Goff, Wayne Cook

Boundary Oak -- Monday April 7, 2014

Official Scorer:
Jed Daniel

Flight 1				Flight 2				Flight 3				Flight 4			
1st	Neil Schmidt	64	3	1st	Bernie Wroblewski	60	3	1st	Alex Lutkus	66	3	Tie 1st	Wayne Cook	67	3
2nd	Harry Oberle	67	2	Tie 2nd	David Carlson	69	2	Tie 2nd	Al Hutchko	71	2	Tie 1st	Terry Grummitt	67	3
3rd	David Harris	68	1	Tie 2nd	Jim Clizbe	69	2	Tie 2nd	Al Serafino	71	2	Tie 1st	Phil Jenkins	67	3
												Tie 1st	Conrad Robertson	67	3
Low Gross				Low Gross				Low Gross				Low Gross			
	Jerry Hicks	81			Bernie Wroblewski	86			Alex Lutkus	93			Terry Grummitt	95	

Closest to: Hole #2 - David Harris, Alex Lutkus -- Hole #12 - Don Schroeder, Pete Coggiola

Oakhurst Country Club -- Monday March 31, 2014

Official Scorer:
David Harris

Event canceled due to bad weather



"I don't care if he is just trying to make a buck, following us with that defibrillator is unnerving."

2014 18-Hole Leader Board

FLIGHT 1		FLIGHT 2		FLIGHT 3		FLIGHT 4	
Index 0.0 - 18.0		Index 18.1 - 20.9		Index 21.0 - 27.1		Index 27.2 - 36.4	
NAME	POINTS	NAME	POINTS	NAME	POINTS	NAME	POINTS
David Harris	16	Frank Crua	21	Al Hutchko	29	Conrad Robertson	22
Phil Goff	13	Hugh Duggan	17	Bob Testa	15	Fred Schafer	18
Al Zavattero	13	Bernie Wroblewski	13	Jerry Hunter	10	Terry Grummitt	16
Neil Schmidt	12	David Carlson	9	Al Serafino	10	Phil Jenkins	12
Bill McCord	10	Don Schroeder	9	Mark Jordan	8	Troy Powell	12
Jerry Hicks	8	John Story	8	Alex Lutkus	7	Wayne Cook	7
Jim Barstow	7	Jim Clizbe	7	Carl Langhorst	6	Jerry Christopherson	4
Dirk Meyer	7	Chuck Gilliam	6	Ron Armijo	3	Bill Hemmelsbach	4
Harry Oberle	7	Tom Eller	5	Peter Coggiola	3	Al Satake	4
Jim Johnson	4	Norm Alberts	3	Bob Price	3	Matt Arena	3
Wayne Smith	3	Jim Videle	3	Carlos Xavier	3	Art Vogl	3
Dick Socolich	3	Robbie Robinson	2	Dick Chaffee	2	Jon Rasmussen	2
Chick Walsh	3	Paul King	1	Bill Clark	2	Terry Sherman	1
Stephen Cherepy	1			Paul Kim	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

Event Date	Location	Deadline	Amount
Monday, May 19	Rancho Solano	May-10	\$42
Wednesday, May 28	Paradise Valley	May-17	\$43
Tuesday, June 17	Lake Chabot	June-08	\$27
Monday, June 23	Chuck Corica	Jun-16	\$38
Monday, June 30	Blue Rock-East	Jun-15	\$35
Monday, July 07	Crow Canyon	Jun-17	\$45

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.