



Trampas Topics

November, 2014

SIR Branch 116

Next Meeting: 11:30 am,
Monday, November 17, 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

The year is winding down quickly but we still have some important events ahead of us. Foremost is election day on November 4 and I hope that every member will exercise their right to vote for the propositions and candidates of their choice. It's what makes our country great.



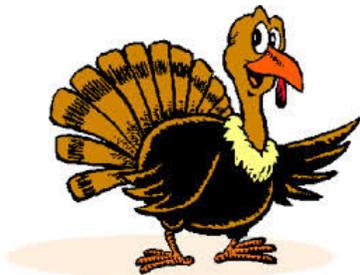
At the November Luncheon, Kristin Moore of EmbroidMe will bring an array of quality apparel with the SIR logo for sale. She will have shirts, jackets, hats, etc in multiple sizes for you to purchase. I understand the quality of the apparel is excellent so bring your checkbook or credit card if you wish to buy some of her goods.

Don't forget to make your reservations for the Christmas dinner party to be held on Tuesday, December 16. SIR Jerry Christopherson and his committee are planning a gala affair at the Round Hill Country Club and you won't want to miss it. There will be holiday singers from Monte Vista, a wonderful meal and dancing to music provided by the popular DJ, Strawberry Fields. Just send in the form from this Newsletter or bring your check to the November luncheon.

You may have noticed that our Branch activities have been advertised in some of the local newspapers. This is due to efforts by SIR Wayne Cook who has contacted a variety of local publications and sent them information about our Branch. The articles encourage visitors to attend one of our meetings and hear one of our interesting speakers. Keep up the good work Wayne.

At our November luncheon we will install the Officers and Directors for 2015. It is an excellent slate and they will do an outstanding job of leading our Branch in the coming year.

I wish all SIR members and their families a very happy Thanksgiving Day. It's a great time to spend quality time with family members and enjoy the bountiful life that we have.



Phil Goff Big SIR



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

2014 SIR 116 Officers & Directors



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831-3692



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Paul Romacciotti
229-2564



Art Vogl
288-0488

2014 SIR 116 Committee Chairmen

Activities Coord.	J. Christopherson	939-3973	Membership Roster	Dick Thomson	785-7600
Attendance	Jim Nachtweih	838-7417	Music Man	Robbie Robinson	798-4276
Audit	Ron Armijo	945-0637	Newsletter Editor	Neil Schmidt	831-3692
Book Club	Rich Black	283-8376	Asst. Editor	Phil Goff	939-5342
Book Exchange	John Fraser	837-7439	Nominating	Art Vogl	393-9373
"	Dick Kauffman	838-2334	Parties	J. Christopherson	946-0335
Bridge	Milt Greenstein	376-5589	Photographers	John Peterson	831-3692
Candy Sales	Don Seaton	932-4115	"	Neil Schmidt	939-5342
Chaplain	Rotating	*1 Below	"	Phil Goff	831-3692
Computer & Tech.	Neil Schmidt	939-5342	Poker Group—1	Bill Harrington	935-1625
Dine-O-Sir	Ben Smith	820-5403	Poker Group—2	Al Reynolds	254-1576
Duplicate Bridge	Mike Corker	672-7525	Storytellers	Various	Various
E-mail Contact	Phil Goff	831-3692	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
Computer Tech	Derek Southern (Br.8)	937-2035	Table Pool	Bill Weinberg(Br.146)	682-0962
Fishing	Dick Thomson	785-7600	Travel	Bob Spellman (A.2)	934-8428
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

November 2014

No	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
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2	3 18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Mira Vista CC)	4 Duplicate Bridge (10:00@ Diablo Valley Bridge Ctr)	5 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC)	6	7	8
9	10 18-Hole Golf (10:00@ Boundary Oak GC)	11  Veteran's Day Luncheon Bridge (11:30@ Round Hill CC)	12 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Pine Meadow GC)	13	14 Hiking & Walking (8:15@ Inspiration Point)	15
16	17 SIR Br 116 Mtg. (11:30@ Elks Club)	18 18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Franklin Canyon GC) Poker Group 2 (1:00@ Diablo CC)	19 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC)	20 Fishing (8:30@ Diablo Creek GC) Computer & Tech (9:30@ Elks Lodge) Wine Appreciation (4:00@ TBD)	21	22
23	24 18-Hole Golf (9:00@ Roddy Ranch GC)	25 Luncheon Bridge (11:30@ Diablo CC)	26 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Diablo Hills GC)	27 Thanksgiving 	28	29
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Membership

Andy Benz
(anbenz@aol.com)

SIR 116 Membership Status

Total Current Members:	237
This Month's Inductees:	2
Those in Interview Stage:	0
Total in Process:	0
On Inactive Status:	52
Left the Branch:	2
Waiting to be Installed:	0



Br. 116 Treasurer's Report

Carl Langhorst, Treasurer
(cslangho@mindspring.com)

	<u>Oct. 2014</u>	<u>2014 YTD</u>
Contributions	\$ 2,615.00	\$ 55,006.18
Disbursements	\$ (3,670.18)	\$ (53,734.91)
Net (gain/(loss))	\$ (1,055.18)	\$ 1,271.27
October Cash Balance (as of 27th)	\$	6,658.00

November Birthdays

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

- | | |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Norm Alberts | 10. Bill Hayes |
| 2. Stuart Berger | 11. JJ Johnson |
| 3. Doug Brown | 12. Oscar Krikorian |
| 4. Brent Chaney | 13. Dennis Lowe |
| 5. Bill Clarke | 14. Lonny Randle |
| 6. Carl Cline | 15. Neil Schmidt |
| 7. Bob Conlon | 16. Bob Testa |
| 8. Lytton DeSilva | 17. Art Vogl |
| 9. Art Donaldson | |

Want a Free Lunch ?
Sponsor a New Member !



Lunch Attendance

Jim Nachtweih
(majnacht@sbcglobal.net)

Attendance at the October 20th meeting:

Total:	169
Members:	164
Visitors:	0
Speakers:	1
Guests:	4
Excused:	60
Un-Excused:	16

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

REMINDER

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

November Luncheon Menu

Bountiful Thanksgiving Buffet
 Roasted Turkey (White & Dark Meat)
 Mashed Potatoes & Turkey Gravy
 Cornbread Stuffing
 Candied Sweet Potatoes
 Cranberry Sauce
 Ambrosia & Jello Salads
 Rolls & Butter
 Pumpkin Pie/Coffee/Iced Tea

State 'SIR Happenings'

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

www.sirinc.org/sirhappenings



Sunshine Report

Matt Arena

(marena@astound.net)

Sir **Ben Smith** has had a successful knee operation and is on the mend. He is being treated at Manor Care for his rehab. Ben is using a walker and is following his physical therapy as any good military man would do. It won't be long before he returns to our luncheons. We need you Ben.

Past Big Sir **Courtney Borrecco** continues to deal with his Parkinson's. On my last visit with him he wants us to know that he truly misses our luncheons and the camaraderie of our Branch.

Sir **Bert Berthold** is being treated for an illness which will prevent him from attending our luncheons for the time being. Bert sounded good when we talked. He is in treatment and will keep us informed on his progress.

Sir **Larry Johnson** has discovered that Schweppes quinine water is the cure for Restless Leg Syndrome. He tells me he is feeling good enough and expects to join us for lunch.

IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO BE HAPPY. BUT IT IS ALL UP TO YOU AND NO ONE

\$ums Investment Group

Gary Moore (Branch 174)

(mooregh1@gmail.com)

The Area 2 \$ums Investment Group will not have a meeting in November. Our 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.



Wine Appreciation Group

Jack Bevis

(jackb435@comcast.net)

Wine Tasting events are held every other month usually on the last Thursday of the month from 4 to 6:30 pm. The next one will be on **November 20th** (The November date is moved ahead one week because of Thanksgiving).

These informal gatherings are held at member's homes on a rotating basis, with the host selecting the wines and finger foods. Usually, four or five different wines are tasted and discussed.

The cost is nominal, normally around \$15 per person. Both SIR members and their wives are invited to attend. Contact Jack Bevis at 925-254-7256 for more information.



Notice

See's Christmas Candy Time!

Order forms will be available at our November 17th Luncheon Meeting.





SIR Fishing Group

Harry Sherinian

(h.sherinian@comcast.net)

Everybody keep good thoughts. We are starting to get some storms and hopefully this is the prelude of more to come. We really need the rain and if we don't get it, the future for fishing looks very dim. As you will see from the reports below, we fishermen are still out there trying and getting results despite the water conditions. 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, November 20th, 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.

The year has been a disappointment for salmon, but Stewart Davis and Joe D'Angelo did well on party boats. Romano Gnusti got lots of Silvers in British Columbia, and Steve Paulick got his in Alaska. Tom Kostik and Kent Cremolini got salmon and steelhead from the Klamath River. Ron Maciak went to Lake Okechobe in Florida for black bass.

Chuck Vanoncini got limits of Kokanee salmon from Lake Tahoe. Harry Sherinian, Terry Miller, and Carl Moyer got big Catfish from San Pablo Reservoir. Mike Corker got small stripers from the delta, and Tom Kostik continued to catch and release black bass there. The fishing group joined the Branch 8 SIR in the kitchen bunch for our annual fish extravaganza. Nearly 50 of us enjoyed the hospitality of Ed Benson for an incredible food orgy. Terry Miller fished for sturgeon twice, once with Carl Moyer once with Harry Sherinian. Both times the never ending wind sent them home early empty handed. Terry did better fishing with Carl on the ocean where he caught a 12 pound ling cod to go with nice limits of rock fish. Pete Gates, Tom Boltz, and Brad Hatcher fished the delta with a guide for salmon, coming home with an 11 pounder. Ron Maciak caught a lovely 3 lb. trout from a stream near Yosemite. And last but not least, Kent Cremolini returned from a long range trip to Mexican waters from San Diego with a

big cooler full of yellowtail and Dorado.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, November 20th, 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) or Harry Sherinian, Branch 116 Coordinator.



SF Walking Tours

Bernie Wroblewski

(bbwroblewski@comcast.net)

Despite the threat of rain that never materialized, the SIRS Branch 116 San Francisco Walking Tour along the Embarcadero took place on October 25th. Participants were treated to a number of fascinating architectural and engineering renovations and artistic displays, along with respective corresponding history, that have transformed this area of the San Francisco waterfront into the attractive setting that exists today.

The next San Francisco Walking Tour will not take place until January or February of next year due to the upcoming Thanksgiving and Christmas Holiday Seasons. Look for more SF Walking Tour details in the November and December issues of the Trampas Topics.

... Joke ...

"The Old Days"

A grandpa was telling his young grandson what life was like when he was a boy.

"In the winter we'd ice skate on our pond. In the summer we could swim in the pond, and pick berries in the woods. We'd swing on an old tire my dad hung from a tree on a rope. And we had a pony we rode all over the farm."

The little boy was amazed, and sat silently for a minute. Finally he said, "Granddad, I wish I'd gotten to know you a lot sooner!"



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

NAME: _____ Chicken Steak Salmon

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.

Note that there is no meeting on the 4th Monday of November. Likewise, the December 1 meeting will be the only meeting of the group in December. The first meeting in 2015 will be on January 26 and the title is “Child 44” by Tom Rob Smith.



Bridge

Milt Greenstein

(margmilt@comcast.net)

On October 7th, the duplicate bridge group met at the Diablo Valley Bridge Center with 12 men attending. The team of Dan Greenberg / Narendra Joneja were the top team with 36.50 points out of a possible 50, for 73.00 %, and earning 0.60 master points. In 2nd place were Barry Rauchle / Fred Cochran with 67.00 %, with 0.42 master points. Because we had just 3 tables (6 teams), only 2 places earned master points. (But 73% is still a very respectable score !)

The lunch/bridge group met on October 14th with 20 players in attendance. With 3 small slams and one grand slam, this was an above average scoring day ! Our high scorer was Ron Wolberg with 5,660 points, followed by Alvin Buchignani with 5,490, Walt Kawecki at 5,340, and Jim Nachtweih with 5,110. The grand slam was made by Walt Kawecki / Dennis Snarr, while the small slams were made by Walt Kawecki / Jerry Christopherson, Lytton DeSilva / Charley Schmidt and Jai Yee / Milt Greenstein.

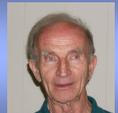
A group of 26 men gathered at Diablo C.C. on October 28th for lunch and bridge. A slow day at the bridge tables today, with a high score of only 4,970 points by Lytton DeSilva taking first prize and getting the only small slam of the day with Jack Butler. Charley Schmidt took 2nd place with 4,860points, while Bob Kahl and Bud Grisanti tied for 3rd with 4,320, and Jack Butler took 5th with 4,300 points.

On October 21st. we held our semiannual Ladies Day lunch and bridge event at Diablo Country Club with 40 people attending. After enjoying a delicious lunch of salad, salmon or chicken entree and apple pie, the group sat down to 3 hours of bridge. We had 4 small slams today, made by Darrell and Violet McClaughry, Dennis Perry / Joan Denny, Edna Nebinger / Yolande Smith and Carolyn Nelson / Fran Barry. Everyone had a great time (or at least that’s what they said), and are looking forward to our next event in April, 2015.

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.

Hiking & Walking

Joel White

(zpz2mrz@yahoo.com)



The Friday October 11 walk was led by Rick Black at Inspiration Point in Tilden Park. Those on the walk were Rich Black and Donna Argenbright, Lytton DeSilva, Art and Mary Alice Donaldson, Allan Chasnoff, Marc Jordon, David Geary and John Riordan.

The Oct. 24 walk was led by Dan Green at the Lafayette reservoir with the following attendees: Art and Mary Alice Donaldson, John and Gail Riorden, Rich Black and Dan Green. Coffee and conversation was at La Boulange in Lafayette with Donna Black and Andrea Green joining us.

David Geary will lead the **Friday, November 14** 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.

There is no additional scheduled walk for November, however if there is enough interest in working off Thanksgiving dinner on the 28th, I will arrange one and let those who respond to me by Tuesday November 25th the meeting place and location.

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



"Dine-O-Sir" Dinner Group

Ben Smith

(bjsssmith@aol.com)

The Dine-O-SIR group had their Oktoberfest feast at the Pyramid Alehouse on October 29. The next Dine-O-SIR event will be in early 2015. Please sign-up and attend our annual SIR Branch 116 Dinner Dance event on December 16th (see sign-up form on page 7 of this newsletter).



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, November 20th at 9:30 am**.

Chuck Joyce from Branch 8 will be making a presentation about Editing Video. He spent 45 years in his career editing video for local and network television. He started out editing film for newscasts; progressed with the technology to video tape and then to non-linear (computer editing). Because of advances in technology, anyone can now edit network quality television programming on their home computer.

He will play a brief montage of easy projects that he has edited over the years on his home computer.

These are basic projects for the beginner. All they need is an editing application (many are free) for PC or MAC; a digital camera or cell phone with camera; and an application to burn DVDs. Voila!

If there is time following the presentation, there will be a Q&A with the gurus, and possibly an informal "Sharing Tips & Tricks" segment where individuals will be asked to share some of their computer, smartphone, tablet, etc. tips 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 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

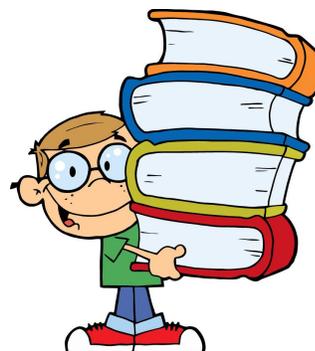


John Fraser & Dick Kauffman
(wokeagle@aol.com & rkkauffman@gmail.com)



The Book Exchange is:

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





Luncheon Speaker

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

Our guest speaker in November will be Ms. Ann White and she'll be presenting the **Road Scholar Program** to us. Road Scholar is a non-profit travel and education company that was formerly known as Elderhostel and they have been providing educational travel and service programs since 1974.

Ms. White resides in Concord, is a part time tax accountant and has been a volunteer for Road Scholar for the past eleven years, ever since they initiated their ambassador program.

New Branch 116 Member



Sponsor Duane Spencer with
New Member Randy Welker

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

2015 SIR Branch 116 Golf Fees

It's time to begin our 2015 membership drive. Max Foust has agreed to be our membership chairman again. We are going to keep the same cost for our members that get their NCGA membership through our branch, \$56 (\$36 for the NCGA and \$20 for our branch).

For those 18-hole members that get their NCGA membership through another club, their dues will be \$20. Golfers who only play in 9 hole tournaments and don't have an NCGA membership, their dues will be \$15. Please submit a check, and write either "9 Hole member" or "18 Hole member" on the memo line.

Cash will not be accepted. Bring your check to the November luncheon, and give to Max Foust. We will not be cashing checks until January when the NCGA sends us the bill. With no December luncheon, we must start now in order to have the final list to the NCGA by January 1st.

Anyone, who doesn't pay their membership dues by December 31st, is subject to a \$10 reinstatement fee imposed by the NCGA.

Thanks for your cooperation. All questions should be addressed to Max Foust.

SIR Website Addresses

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www.branch116.org

Branch 116 Golf
www.branch116.org/116-golf/

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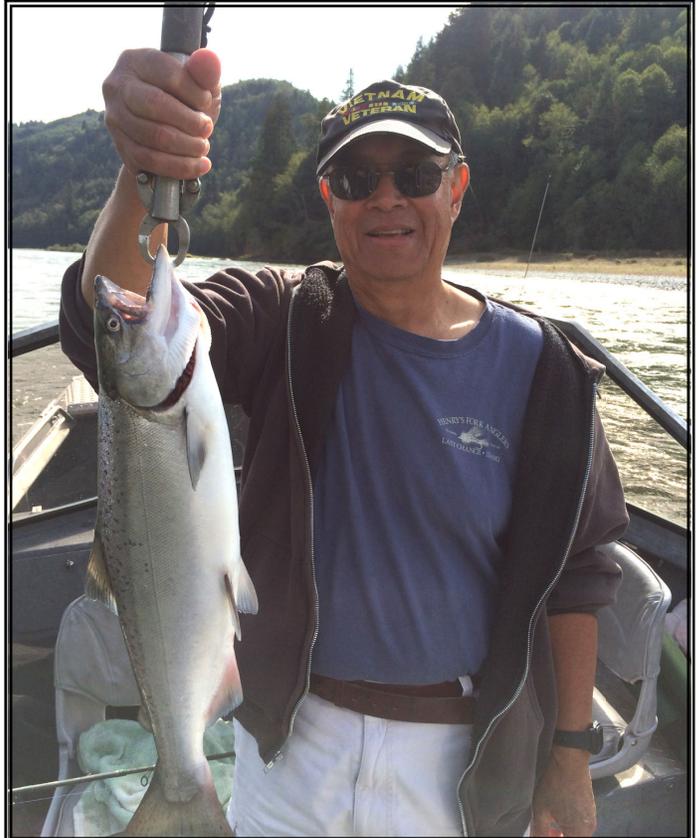
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SIR Happenings State Newsletter
www.sirinc.org/sirhappenings

State SIR Web Site
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Barbara Casados talking about Capes4Heroes at our October Luncheon Meeting



Ernie Wong showing off his Feather River trophy



Terry Miller and Harry Sherinian's catch



Terry Miller's Ling Cod

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.

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.

November 9-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Wed. 05	10:00	Buchanan Fields	Dick Chaffee
Wed. 12	10:00	Pine Meadow	D. McLaughry
Wed. 19	10:00	Buchanan Fields	Dick Chaffee
Wed. 26	10:00	Diablo Hills	Mike Murphy

November 18-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Mon. 03	9:30	Mira Vista CC	Jim Johnson
Mon. 10	9:30	Boundary Oak	Jim Johnson
Tue. 18	9:30	Franklin Canyon	Jim Johnson
Mon. 24	9:30	Roddy Ranch	Jim Johnson

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.



Congratulations to Frank Portillo for his Hole-In-One on Hole 13 at Oakhurst CC on October 27

18-Hole Results

Oakhurst Country Club -- Monday October 27, 2014

Official Scorer:
Phil Jenkins

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
1st	Al Zavattero	66 3	1st	Wayne Smith	72 3	1st	Max Foust	72 3	1st	Chuck Gilliam	70 3
2nd	Jim Johnson	67 2	2nd	Hugh Duggan	74 2	2nd	Terry Sherman	73 2	2nd	Robbie Robinson	74 2
3rd	Neil Schmidt	72 1	3rd	Bob Price	74 2	Tie 3rd	Bob Conlon	74 1	3rd	Ron Armijo	77 1
						Tie 3rd	Don Schroeder	74 1			
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
	Jim Johnson	82		Wayne Smith	91		John Story	98		Chuck Gilliam	106

Frank Portillo scored a Hole-In-One at Oakhurst Country Club on Hole 13. Congratulations Frank

Closest to: Hole #3 - Jim Johnson, Terry Sherman -- Hole #13 - Frank Portillo (**HOLE-IN-ONE**), Max Foust

Rossmoor -- Stanley Dollar -- Tuesday October 21, 2014

Official Scorer:
Troy Powell

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
1st	Phil Goff	70 3	Tie 1st	Dave Carlson	72 3	1st	Richard Madden	67 3	1st	Fred Schafer	66 3
2nd	David Harris	71 2	Tie 1st	Hugh Duggan	72 3	Tie 2nd	Don Schroeder	68 2	2nd	Ron Armijo	68 2
3rd	Neil Schmidt	74 1	Tie 1st	Al Hutchko	72 3	Tie 2nd	Kirk McVean	68 2	3rd	Conrad Robertson	70 1
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
	Phil Goff	86		Hugh Duggan	93		Richard Madden	92		Ron Armijo	97
	David Harris	86								Fred Schafer	97

Closest to: Hole #4 - Sam Beret -- Hole #14 - Don Schroeder

Boundary Oak -- Monday October 13, 2014

Official Scorer:
Neil Schmidt

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
1st	Stephen Cherepy	69 3	1st	Norm Alberts	69 3	1st	Pete Coggiola	66 3	Tie 1st	Wayne Cook	71 3
Tie 2nd	Jim Barstow	70 2	2nd	Al Hutchko	71 2	2nd	Alex Lutkus	68 2	Tie 1st	Joe Ostler	71 3
Tie 2nd	David Harris	70 2	3rd	David Carlson	73 1	Tie 3rd	Jerry Hunter	70 1	3rd	Fred Schafer	72 1
Tie 2nd	Jerry Hicks	70 2				Tie 3rd	Don Schroeder	70 1			
Tie 2nd	Jim Johnson	70 2				Tie 3rd	John Story	70 1			
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
	Jerry Hicks	80		Norm Alberts	89		Pete Coggiola	93		Wayne Cook	101
							Alex Lutkus	93			
							John Story	93			

Closest to: Hole #2 - Bernie Wroblewski, Jerry Hunter -- Hole #12 - Jim Barstow, Joe Ostler

Rancho Solano -- Monday September 29, 2014

Official Scorer:
Troy Powell

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
1st	Frank Crua	67 3	1st	Bob Testa	63 3	1st	Al Serafino	70 3	1st	Robbie Robinson	67 3
2nd	Bill McCord	69 2	2nd	Gary Boswell	68 2	2nd	Jerry Hunter	71 2	2nd	Ron Armijo	71 2
Tie 3rd	David Harris	73 1	3rd	Al Hutchko	73 1	3rd	Alex Lutkus	73 1	3rd	Matt Arena	75 1
Tie 3rd	Jerry Hicks	73 1									
Tie 3rd	Al Zavattero	73 1									
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
	Frank Crua	86		Bob Testa	86		Jerry Hunter	96		Ron Armijo	100
										Robbie Robinson	100

Closest to: Hole #5 - Gary Boswell, Alex Lutkus -- Hole #15 - Bob Testa, John Story

SIR Golfers contemplating over troubled waters at Oakhurst Country Club

(Dave Carlson, Chuck Giliam & Hugh Duggan)



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
1	Jim Barstow	15	1	Al Hutchko	18	1	Jerry Hunter	18
T2	Jim Johnson	13	T2	Norm Alberts	13	2	Don Schroeder	11
T2	Neil Schmidt	13	T2	Bob Testa	13	T3	Alex Lutkus	8
4	David Harris	11	4	Hugh Duggan	12	T3	Richard Madden	8
T5	Frank Crua	9	5	Jim Clizbe	8	5	John Story	7
T5	Al Zattero	9	6	Bob Price	7	T6	Phil Jenkins	6
T7	Harry Oberle	8	T7	David Carlson	6	T6	Mark Jordan	6
T7	Mel Williams	8	T7	Wayne Smith	6	T6	Carl Langhorst	6
9	Jerry Hicks	6	T7	Bernie Wroblewski	6	T6	Kirk McVean	6
T10	Bill McCord	4	T10	Gary Boswell	5	T10	Terry Grummitt	5
T10	Dick Socolich	4	T10	Carlos Xavier	5	T10	Al Serafino	5
T12	Stephen Cherepy	3	12	David Ferm	1	T12	Peter Coggiola	3
T12	Phil Goff	3				T12	Max Foust	3
						T12	Terry Sherman	3
						15	Dick Chaffee	2
						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
1	David Harris	23	1	Frank Crua	32	1	Al Hutchko	39
2	Phil Goff	19	2	Hugh Duggan	18	2	Mark Jordan	21
3	Al Zattero	18	3	Bernie Wroblewski	17	T3	Jerry Hunter	19
						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, November 3	Mira Vista CC	Oct-21	\$50
Tuesday, November 18	Franklin Cyn	Nov-09	\$33
Monday, November 24	Roddy Ranch	Nov-18	\$34
Monday, December 15	Shadow Lakes	Dec-06	\$34

Send checks made out to **SIR Branch 116 Golf**, P.O. Box 683, Lafayette, CA 94549-0683



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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).

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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.