



# Trampas Topics

October, 2014

SIR Branch 116

Next Meeting: 11:30 am,  
Monday, October 20, 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

Fall is here and it's time to enjoy the last of the really good weather. We all want rain this winter, but dry fall days can still be especially nice.



SIR Bernie Wroblewski has arranged for another walking tour of San Francisco on **Saturday, October 25th** and I'm sure it will be interesting. Details are in this Newsletter.

In the spirit of Oktoberfest, the Dine-O-SIR committee is planning a night out at the Pyramid Ale House in Walnut Creek on **October 29**. You can be sure there will be plenty of good food and beer so sign up right away.

At the October luncheon each year we honor our past Big SIRs for their contribution to the success of our Branch. Please take the time to say thanks when you see them.

In September the annual trek to Carson City for golf and entertainment was a rousing success. SIRs Tim Hubbard, Jerry Hunter and David Harris put together a really special event. The weather was great, the golf was fun and as always, there was plenty of food and drink. Some pictures of the event are posted on our website at [www.branch116.org](http://www.branch116.org). Just click on the button "Carson City Golf" on the lower left.

Our annual Christmas party is scheduled for **December 16** and will be held at the beautiful Round Hill Country Club. SIR Jerry Christopherson has arranged for an elegant meal in a most beautiful setting. We will have a Christmas choral group, dancing, and lots of socialization. You won't want to miss it.

Our Little SIR, Bob Donohue has been bringing some excellent speakers for our Lunch meetings. SIR Wayne Cook has been advertising the lunch speakers in several local papers and we've had a number of visitors call in and ask to attend. Keep up the good work guys, we need a continuing stream of new members to keep our Branch healthy.

I see that Halloween costumes and decorations are in our local stores so it won't be long until we get to enjoy the little ones when they come to our door. I'll see you at the luncheon on **October 20th**.

*Phil Goff* Big SIR



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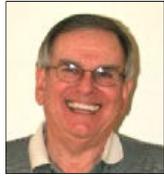
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\*1. Doug Aalders, Matt Arena, Art Donaldson, Lou Sandor

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# SIR Branch 116 Activity Calendar

## October 2014

Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
			1  9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC)	2	3	4
5	6  18-Hole Golf (No Event Scheduled)	7  Duplicate Bridge 10:00@ Diablo Valley Bridge Ctr)	8  9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Pine Meadow GC)	9	10  Hiking & Walking (8:15@ Noah's Bagel at Countrywood Mall, WC)	11
12	13  18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Boundary Oak GC) <b>Columbus Day</b>	14  Poker Group 2 (1:00@ Diablo CC) Luncheon Bridge (11:30@ Round Hill CC)	15  9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC)	16  Computer & Tech (9:30@ Elks Club)	17	18
19	20  SIR Br 116 Mtg. (11:30@ Elks Club)	21  18-Hole Golf (12:00@ Rossmoor CC) Ladies Day Bridge (11:00@ Diablo CC)	22  9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Diablo Hills GC) \$ums Investment Group (8:00@ Diablo Creek GC)	23  Fishing Group (8:30@ Legends-Diablo Crk)	24  Hiking & Walking (8:15@ East End of Lafayette Reservoir Parking Lot)	25  SF Walking Tour (10:00@ Mission & Stuart St's)
26	27  18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Oakhurst CC) Book Group Mtg. (10:15@ Orinda Books)	28  Luncheon Bridge (11:30@ Diablo CC)	29  9-Hole Golf (10:00@ TBD GC) Dine-O-SIR Oktoberfest! (6:00@ Prymaid Ailhouse)	30	31  HALLOWEEN  	



## Membership

Andy Benz  
(anbenz@aol.com)

### SIR 116 Membership Status

Total Current Members:	239
This Month's Inductees:	3
Those in Interview Stage:	1
Total in Process:	4
On Inactive Status:	50
Left the Branch:	2
Waiting to be Installed:	0



## Br. 116 Treasurer's Report

Carl Langhorst, Treasurer  
(cslangho@mindspring.com)

	<u>Sept. 2014</u>	<u>2014 YTD</u>
Contributions	\$ 2,714.00	\$ 54,123.18
Disbursements	\$ (4,506.00)	\$ (50,064.73)
Net (gain/(loss))	\$ (1,792.00)	\$ 4,067.45
Aug. Cash Balance (as of Aug. 27th)	\$ 9,454.18	

## October Birthdays

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

- |                         |                    |
|-------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Bruce Adair          | 11. Carl Langhorst |
| 2. Jack Bevis           | 12. Ken Miller     |
| 3. Wayne Cook           | 13. Dennis Perry   |
| 4. Urs Christen         | 14. Frank Portillo |
| 5. Jerry Christopherson | 15. Jon Rasmussen  |
| 6. Jed Daniel           | 16. Bob Sada       |
| 7. David Ferm           | 17. Al Satake      |
| 8. John Fraser          | 18. Jim Shurr      |
| 9. David Heck           | 19. Dick Thomson   |
| 10. Terry Horton        | 20. John West      |

Want a Free Lunch ?  
Sponsor a New Member !



## Lunch Attendance

Jim Nachtweih  
(majnacht@sbcglobal.net)

Attendance at the September 15th meeting:

Total:	170
Members:	163
Visitors:	2
Speakers:	1
Guests:	4
Excused:	57
Un-Excused:	19

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.

## October Luncheon Menu

Smoked Bratwurst  
with Sweet Hot Mustard (on the side)  
Sauerkraut  
Red Cabbage Cole Slaw  
Rye Bread/Butter  
German Chocolate Cake/Coffee/Iced Tea



## "Dine-O-Sir" Dinner Group

Ben Smith  
(bjsssmith@aol.com)

## Dine-O-SIR Oktoberfest

October 29th at Pyramid Alehouse

The next fantastic Dine-O-SIR event will be an old German style October celebration at the Pyramid Alehouse in Walnut Creek on October 29th. Check-out the details and sign-up using the form on page 7 of this newsletter..



## Sunshine Report

**Matt Arena**

(marena@astound.net)

Sir **Larry Johnson** was prepared to join us for lunch but had a sleepless night from an episode of Restless Leg Syndrome. Hopefully this will pass. He has recovered nicely from his knee surgery.

Past Big Sir **Courtney Borrecco** is dealing with his Parkinson', however, he is troubled with a swallowing problem. Here is hoping that this will pass and he can return and join us for lunch again.

Sir **Paul King** following his elbow injury joined us for lunch with a brace on the affected arm. In spite of this problem he accompanied us for our music, brace and all.

Past Big Sir **Jed Daniel** has done quite well following his surgery but he had a mishap which requires him to use a cane. Jed joined us for lunch and as usual was his cheerful self. Hang in there old friend.

We are taking good care of ourselves since there are very few new additions to our list. AMEN

**WHATEVER DOESN'T KILL YOU REALLY DOES MAKE YOU STRONGER .....**

## \$ums Investment Group

**Gary Moore (Branch 174)**

(mooregh1@gmail.com)

The Area 2 \$ums Investment Group will meet on **Wednesday, October 22, 2014** at 8:00 a.m. at the Legends restaurant at the Diablo Creek Golf Course, 4050 Port Chicago Highway, Concord.

Our guest speaker in October will be **J. Wesley Smith**, a principal at Buchman Provine Brothers Smith LLP in Walnut Creek. His topic will be **"Updates on Revocable Planning and Common Irrevocable Planning to Minimize Estate Tax."**

Mr. Smith is an attorney specializing in estate and tax planning, business, real estate and litigation.

After graduating from the University of California, Davis (BA, 1990), Mr. Smith attended the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law with a concentration in Business and Estate Planning. He graduated with distinction in 1994 and was awarded the American Jurisprudence Award in Business Planning and Development.

Join us for this timely discussion. The Leg-ends restaurant opens at 7:00 a.m., so come early and have a leisurely break-fast with your col-leagues prior to the meeting.



## Wine Appreciation Group

**Jack Bevis**

(jackb435@comcast.net)

Larry and Fran Heaton hosted the September 25th event of the Wine Appreciation Group at their home. 16 of us gathered for a very enjoyable Spanish Wine Evening outdoors on their deck. Larry had certain Spanish wines that he knew in mind for us. He said that he had to search high and low to find what he wanted.

We started with a very nice sparkling artisan cava along with an array of hors d'oeuvres. He had chosen three reds of different varieties to sample: a Garnacha, a Tinta de Toro and a Tempranillo; then a port (Portuguese) to finish. All very nice.

Our every- other- month schedule means that the next event will be in November. However, with Thanksgiving being on our usual last Thursday of the month we will move to the week before, Nov. 20th.

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





## SIR Fishing Group

Harry Sherinian

(h.sherinian@comcast.net)

We ask everyone to pray for rain. The lakes are down so low that in many cases you cannot launch a boat. This has put a real crimp in our fishing activities but we still manage to find places to wet a line or drop some bait. As always we invite guests and all Sir Members in Area 2 to join us, participate in our fishing outings and attend our monthly meetings. Our next meeting will be Thursday, October 23rd, 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. Come early and have breakfast with many of us and tell us about your latest fishing adventure.

Jack Waddell traveled to Priest Lake in Idaho catching 10 Mackinaw trout to 15lbs. He also caught many smallmouth bass there. Rich Fiscina, Gordon Linebaugh, and Raliegth Davis caught salmon out the gate. Raliegth also caught halibut in Alaska, and Salmon in Bodega Bay. Brad Hatcher, Paul Dubow, Joe Karg, and Karl Droese caught Mackinaw trout from Lake Tahoe. Don Mittlesdedt had a lot of fun catching salmon on flies in Alaska. Our annual barbecue generously hosted by Joe Miscione was wonderful. Karl Droese and Mario Moritorio caught many Dorado at the east cape of Mexico. They also enjoyed catching trigger fish, puffers, and needlefish from the shore there. Gordon Linebaugh, Harry Sherinian, and Terry Miller caught lots of rockfish from the ocean fishing with Carl Moyer. The same group also got many big catfish to 12lbs from San Pablo Reservoir which has been very productive for catfish this summer. Kent Cremolini caught salmon and steelhead from the Klamath River, releasing most. Bill Karr got lucky on a party boat from Berkeley catching 2 delicious salmon. Ernie Wong was fishing up on the Klamath River and caught salmon and steelhead. Ernie is a catch and release fly fisherman but as you can see in the picture attached to this article, he kept one for the guides friend.

We will be very busy this fall with: delta fishing for bass, catfish, bluegill, crappie, striped bass, and sturgeon; trout in mountain and local lakes; salmon from the ocean and rivers; and rockfish and crab

from the ocean. We live in a fishermen's paradise.

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## Bridge

Milt Greenstein

(margmilt@comcast.net)

On September 2nd, the duplicate group met at the Diablo Valley Bridge Center with 20 men attending. The team of Dan Green / Barry Rauchle were the top team with 62.25 points out of a possible 108, for 57.64 %, and earning 1.00 master point. In 2nd place were Bob Wolf / Narendra Joneja with 55.21 %, followed by Jon Dickson / Dimitris Argyriou at 54.98 %. Dan Greenberg / Ernie Sherne were 4th with 52.21 %.

The lunch/bridge group met on September 9th with 24 players in attendance. Despite 3 small slams, this was a very low scoring day ! Our high scorer was Marv DeHeus with 5,570 points, followed by Jim Nachtweih with 5,340, Art Donaldson at 5,250, Charley Schmidt with 4,510 and Hal Redsun with 4,410. This was a pretty dismal scoring day.

A group of 16 men gathered at Diablo C.C. on September 23rd for lunch and bridge. Another low scoring day and only one small slam by Bob Wolf and Marv Deheus. (Our players must be getting timid in their bidding!) Lou Sandor was the high scorer today with a mediocre 5,030 points. In second place at 4,530 was Jack Butler, and trailing him was Lytton DeSilva with 4,490 and Bob Wolf at 3,710.

Don't forget **LADIES DAY ON October 21ST** at Diablo CC (\$50/couple including prize money). Don't pass up the opportunity to mark up some + points with your significant other !



# DINE - O - SIRS



## SIR Branch 116 Oktoberfest

### At Pyramid Alehouse

1410 Locust Street, Walnut Creek (Ph. 925-946-1520)

Parking: Locust Street Garage (1 block), RCA garage (2 blocks), Broadway Garage (3 blocks)

# Wednesday, October 29, 2014

Social Adjustment Beginning at 6:00; Dinner at 6:45

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### Menu: Brewmaster Buffet

*Mixed Green Salad*

*Sautéed Seasonal Vegetables*

*Roasted Red Mashed Potatoes & Gravy*

*Assorted Brewer's Sausages & Sauerkraut*

*Chicken Schnitzel*

*Herb Marinated Tri Tip w/ Alehouse Amber Balsamic Vinaigrette*

*Apple Strudel w/ Ice Cream*

*Coffee, Tea*

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## Cost of Just \$31 per person, Inclusive

Selected wines at \$20.00, \$5.00 per glass; Pyramid brewed beer at \$5.00 per glass  
(Tax and tip are NOT included!)

Detach:

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### Buffet Dinner at

**Pyramid Alehouse, Walnut Creek, Wednesday, October 29, 2014**

*Must be received no later than Wednesday, October 22, 2014*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail contact

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Make Check to: **SIR Branch 116 Dining**

No. of Attendees x \$31: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail Check to: Jerry Hicks, 74 Amberwood Lane, Walnut Creek, CA 94598

Call or email Jerry if you have questions: 925-945-7465

[jerryhicks@astound.net](mailto:jerryhicks@astound.net)



## Br. 116 Book Club

Rich Black

(blackrw41@comcast.net)

### "Agent Zigzag" by Ben Macintyre

At the start of World War II, England engaged a criminal citizen to act as a double agent. Spying for both the British and the Germans, given the code name Zigzag, this agent used his criminal mind, feral charm, and thrill for danger to travel undetected through a time of rudimentary but developing espionage. Eventually forced to resign from the British spy agency M-15, this fascinating character, expunged of his initial crimes, finished his life as a successful criminal. This book, recommended by Dick Kauffman, was well received and enjoyably discussed by the following attendees: Paul Freitas, Brad Wait, Ken Sandy, Jack Butler, John Frazier, Joel White, Garret Girvin, Bob Matthews and Al Reynolds. The book received a unanimous 4.5 star rating.

The book group will next meet at Orinda Books on Monday, October 27 at 10:15 am to discuss "*House of Rain: The Tracking of a Vanishing Civilization across the American Southwest*" by Craig Childs.

## 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](http://www.sirinc.org/sirhappenings)

## 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.



## SF Walking Tours

Bernie Wroblewski

(bbwroblewski@comcast.net)



## Port of SF's Turbulent Waters

The next San Francisco walking tour is scheduled for **Saturday, October 25, 2014**. The tour is entitled **PORT OF SAN FRANCISCO'S TURBULENT WATERS** and will explore how the Port of San Francisco, once an exclusive neighborhood, has risen and fallen in prominence.

The tour is scheduled to begin at 10:00 am at the corner of Mission and Stuart Streets, which is about 2-3 blocks from the Embarcadero BART Station and will last approximately 1 1/2 to 2 hours. It will be conducted by a docent from the San Francisco Public Library. Cost of the tour is \$10 per person. Lunch following the tour is optional.

Checks may be made out to SIR Branch 116 and sent in advance to Bernie Wroblewski at 625 Thornhill Road Danville, CA 94526. Checks may also be brought to the October 20 SIRS Luncheon meeting, where there will be a sign up sheet. Please contact Bernie Wroblewski at (925) 820-3274 if you have any questions.

## Hiking & Walking

Joel White

(zpz2mrz@yahoo.com)



The Friday, September 12 walk was led by **Joel White** on a beautiful morning, which quickly became warm. We ambled north on the Iron Horse trail starting at the Railway Museum in Danville. Participants were Art and Mary Alice Donaldson, David and Coleen Geary, Dan Green, Brad Lee (first timer), Joel and Susan White, and Richard White (no relation). Coffee and conversation continued at Blanca Café entered directly from the trail.

The Friday, September 26 walk was led by **Lytton DeSilva**. The walk started on the corner of El Nido Ranch Road and Upper Happy Valley Rd. and proceeded north and back on Upper Happy Valley Rd. The participants were: Lytton DeSilva Richard and Aase White and Paul and Anna Freitas. Post walk activities continued at La Boulange de Lafayette for breakfast.

The Friday, October 10 walk will be led by **Paul Freitas**. Meet at 8:15 am at Noah's Bagel at Countrywood mall, Corner of Treat and Bancroft, in Walnut Creek. Please RSVP to Paul at pmfreitas@pacbell.net.

The Friday, October 24 walk will be led by **Dan Green**. Meet at 8:15 am at the east end of the Lafayette Reservoir parking lot. **Please do not forget to bring quarters to feed the parking meter if you do not have an annual pass.** Please **RSVP** to Dan at asdgreen@comcast.net.

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



## 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, October 16th at 9:30 am.

The subject for discussion in October is **"Cloudy but Foggy"**. There are a surfeit of choices for cloud storage - Microsoft Windows and OneCloud; Google Chrome and Google Drive; Apple Maverick and iCloud. Each is more or less coupled to its own ecosystem. Then there are the established independents like Box, DropBox, Amazon® Cloud Player and AWS. There are also a slew of smaller outfits trying to gain traction, like Cubby, IDrive, MiMedia and Mozy. Frank

Frank May, our October presenter, will be discussing **"All Things Cloud,"** including selecting a cloud storage provider and the features, costs and limitations of each company's offering. Frank, a member of our CAT Group, is an independent retail IT consultant who has worked in the industry for over 40 years. His last engagement was helping Microsoft implement a new POS (Point of Sale) solution in their newly opened retail stores.

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

**Sep 15, 2014: Levi's Stadium Tour.** We will be the first to go behind the scenes of this state-of-the-art venue that has created the ultimate quest experience through innovated technology. Following our visit to all areas of the stadium we will go to a local restaurant for a no host lunch. Cost is \$57.00 including RT motorcoach, Admission to the 49ers Museum and Drivers Gratuity. contact **Ken Richter**, Br 146, 689-6217

**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 it's 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 October speaker is **Mrs. Barbara Casados**, a tri-valley native, the mother of three young boys and the founder of **Capes4Heroes**.

In 2010, Mrs. Casado's son Maddox was diagnosed with autism and refused to wear anything but a superhero cape. Barbara bought a sewing machine, taught herself to sew and made several different capes for him. Other parents saw the impact that the capes had on Maddox and they asked Barbara to make capes for their children with special needs. Over time, friends wanted to start buying capes for children who were chronically ill and could use some support and encouragement. Barbara recruited additional volunteers to help sew the capes and the idea of a non-profit organization that could spread strength and empowerment to children across the country was born.

To date, Barbara and Capes4Heroes has distributed superhero capes to over 4,000 brave children at hospitals, camps, Ronald McDonald Houses and similar organizations in the Bay Area and beyond.

## SIR Website Addresses

SIR 116 Web Site  
[www.branch116.org](http://www.branch116.org)

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[www.branch116.org/116-golf/](http://www.branch116.org/116-golf/)

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[www.a2cat.sirinc2.org/](http://www.a2cat.sirinc2.org/)

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[www.sirinc.org/sirhappenings](http://www.sirinc.org/sirhappenings)

State SIR Web Site  
[www.sirinc.org/](http://www.sirinc.org/)

## New Branch 116 Members



New Member Samil Beret with  
Sponsor Terry Sherman



New Member Richard Rossland with  
Sponsor Andy Benz



New Member James Flessner with  
Sponsor Garrett Girvan



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

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

RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 2, 2014

(Circle entrée choice)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken    Steak    Salmon

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

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

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

# 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](http://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, 2<sup>nd</sup> place 2 and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

## October 9-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Wed. 01	10:00	Buchanan Fields	Dick Chaffee
Wed. 08	10:00	Pine Meadow	D. McLaughry
Wed. 15	10:00	Buchanan Fields	Dick Chaffee
Wed. 22	10:00	Diablo Hills	Mike Murphy
Wed . 29	10:00	TBD	TBD

## October 18-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Mon. 06	10:00	Adobe Creek	Al Serafino
Mon. 13	9:30	Boundary Oak	Al Serafino
Tue. 21	12:00	Rossmoor CC	Al Serafino
Mon. 27	9:30	Oakhurst CC	Al Serafino

## 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.

## Golfers— Please note:

The **Adobe Creek Golf** event on October 6th has been cancelled because the course did not have SIR 116 on their schedule. All Adobe checks that have been received will be shredded.....

# 18-Hole Results

## Lone Tree -- Monday September 22, 2014

Official Scorer:  
Phil Jenkins

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
1st	Jim Barstow	65 3	Tie 1st	Al Hutchko	72 3	1st	John Story	68	1st	Conrad Robertson	68 3
2nd	Al Zavattero	67 2	Tie 1st	Bernie Wroblewski	72 3	2nd	Jerry Hunter	69	2nd	Matt Arena	72 2
3rd	Harry Oberle	70 1	3rd	Norm Alberts	73 1	3rd	Kirk McVean	70	3rd	Al Satake	74 1
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
	Jim Barstow	81		Norm Alberts	92		John Story	92		Conrad Robertson	100

Closest to: Hole #5 - Lonny Randall, Phil Jenkins -- Hole #11 - Bernie Wroblewski, Kirk McVean

## Paradise Valley -- Tuesday September 16, 2014

Official Scorer:  
Fred Schafer

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
Tie 1st	Jim Johnson	71 3	1st	Norm Alberts	71 3	1st	Alex Lutkus	65 3		Fred Schafer	65 3
Tie 1st	Jim Barstow	71 3	2nd	Al Hutchko	72 2	Tie 2nd	Don Schroeder	69 2		Troy Powell	69 2
3rd	David Harris	72 1	3rd	Bernie Wroblewski	77 1	Tie 2nd	Al Serafino	69 2		Conrad Robertson	69 2
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
	Jim Johnson	86		Norm Alberts	90		Alex Lutkus	90		Fred Schafer	98

Closest to: Hole #3 - Phil Goff, Jerry Hunter -- Hole 12 - David Harris, Al Serafino

## Boundary Oak -- Monday September 8, 2014

Official Scorer:  
Jim Clizbe

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
1st	David Harris	62 3	1st	Hugh Duggan	69 3	1st	Phil Jenkins	67 3	1st	Fred Schafer	65 3
2nd	Neil Schmidt	66 2	2nd	Jim Clizbe	73 2	2nd	Don Schroeder	68 2	2nd	Robbie Robinson	66 2
3rd	Jim Barstow	71 1	3rd	Carlos Xavier	74 1	3rd	Terry Sherman	69 1	3rd	Troy Powell	67 1
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
	David Harris	78		Hugh Duggan	93		Phil Jenkins	96		Troy Powell	97
							Alex Lutkus	96			

Closest to: Hole #2 - David Harris, Terry Grummitt -- Hole #12 - Mel Williams, Brent Chaney



### Activity Chairman

Jerry Christopherson  
(jchris161k@aol.com)

I'm sure by now, all of you have heard about our holiday branch party....but if you haven't, it's worth repeating. Arrange you schedule to attend the **Annual Christmas Dinner Dance** on Tuesday, December 16 at 6pm at Round Hill Country Club in Alamo (yea!). Our publicity Flyer is included in this month's Trampas Topics. It will give you information on all the details you need to know about the party. At the bottom of the Flyer is a reservation form. Cut it out...fill it out... and mail it with a check.



## 2014 18-Hole Leader Board

FLIGHT 1			FLIGHT 2			FLIGHT 3			FLIGHT 4		
Index 0.0 - 17.7			Index 17.8 - 23.0			Index 23.1 - 27.8			Index 27.9 - 36.4		
Pos	NAME	Pnts	Pos	NAME	Pnts	Pos	NAME	Pnts	Pos	NAME	Pnts
1	Jim Barstow	13	1	Al Hutchko	12	1	Jerry Hunter	15	1	Conrad Robertson	13
2	Neil Schmidt	11	T2	Norm Alberts	10	2	Don Schroeder	7	2	Robbie Robinson	12
3	Jim Johnson	9	T2	Bob Testa	10	T3	Phil Jenkins	6	3	Troy Powell	11
T4	Harry Oberle	8	4	Jim Clizbe	8	T3	Mark Jordan	6	4	Art Vogl	8
T4	Mel Williams	8	5	Hugh Duggan	7	T3	Carl Langhorst	6	T5	Jerry Christopherson	6
T6	Frank Crua	6	6	Bernie Wroblewski	6	T3	John Story	6	T5	Fred Schafer	6
T6	David Harris	6	T7	Bob Price	5	T7	Terry Grummitt	5	T7	Matt Arena	5
8	Al Zattero	5	T7	Carlos Xavier	5	T7	Alex Lutkus	5	T7	Bill Hemmelsbach	5
9	Dick Socolich	4	T9	Gary Boswell	3	T7	Richard Madden	5	9	Al Satake	3
10	Jerry Hicks	3	T9	Wayne Smith	3	10	Kirk McVean	4	10	Ron Armijo	2
11	Bill McCord	2	11	David Carlson	2	T11	Dick Chaffee	2			
			12	David Ferm	1	T11	Al Serafino	2			
						13	Terry Sherman	1			

### 18-Hole Leaders -- First Half 2014

FLIGHT 1			FLIGHT 2			FLIGHT 3			FLIGHT 4		
Index 0.0 - 18.0			Index 18.1 - 20.9			Index 21.0 - 27.1			Index 27.2 - 36.4		
Pos	NAME	Pnts	Pos	NAME	Pnts	Pos	NAME	Pnts	Pos	NAME	Pnts
1	David Harris	23	1	Frank Crua	32	1	Al Hutchko	39	1	Conrad Robertson	34
2	Phil Goff	19	2	Hugh Duggan	18	2	Mark Jordan	21	2	Fred Schafer	27
3	Al Zattero	18	3	Bernie Wroblewski	17	T3	Jerry Hunter	19	3	Troy Powell	24
						T3	Bob Testa	19			
						T3	Al Serafino	19			

## Latest SIR 116 Golf Info Available on Our Golf Web Site

The Golf Website address is:

[www.branch116.org/116-golf](http://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
Tuesday, October 21	Rossmoor CC	Oct-11	\$36/\$49
Monday, October 27	Oakhurst CC	Oct-10	\$50
Monday, November 3	Mira Vista CC	Oct-21	\$50
Tuesday, November 18	Rio Vista	Nov-09	\$30

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).

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### **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.

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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.