



# Trampas Topics

April, 2015

## SIR Branch 116

Next Meeting: 11:30 am,  
Monday, April 20, 2015  
Elks Lodge—1475 Creekside  
Dr, Walnut Creek, CA 94596

A Nonprofit Public Benefit Organization for Men Enjoying Active Retirement

### Sayings of 2015 Big Sir Bob Donohue

If it's April, it must be Springtime and Easter can't be too far away. This is my favorite time of the year and the perfect time to get outside and do something fun. Earth Day is on the 22nd, so get out and enjoy this great community of ours!



Our Branch 116 Nominating Committee, headed by Sir Phil Goff, is scouring our membership for "a few good men", willing to step up in 2016 and help lead our branch. We're dependent on volunteers to move forward in a healthy manner, so please give some serious thought to throwing your name in the hat and being one of our leaders. Don't rely on somebody else to step up, we need your help and you'll be glad that you did.

As you know, it's very important for you to keep introducing your friends and contacts to our branch. 2015 is off to a good start as far as guests, visitors and new members are concerned, but we really can't increase our membership without more of your help. If each of us brings one guest to a meeting this year, we'll be in excellent shape! Remember, too, if you sponsor a guest who becomes a member, you'll be eating for free soon.

Sir Wayne Cook has been doing a fantastic job as our branch public relations coordinator and his "press releases", sent to many local newspapers are published on a regular basis. One of our newer members, Kevin Donahue, came to us because of one of Wayne's articles.

Please don't forget to sign up for the Spring Fling and also the Carmel golf outing in May. Both of these events are for our members and their wives or significant others...fun for everyone. Fun is what we want to be noted for and having more fun is our goal!

I hope that you and your families all have a happy and blessed Easter.

*Bob Donohue* - Big SIR



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**by the Thursday prior to**  
**the meeting to**  
**cancel your standing res-**  
**ervation or**  
**to bring a guest.**

## 2015 SIR 116 Officers & Directors



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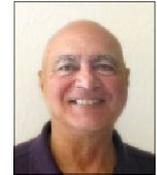
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## 2015 SIR 116 Committee Chairmen

Activities Coord.	J. Christopherson	939-3973	Historian (Br. 116)	Mat Arena	946-0404
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Fishing	Harry Sherinian	846-7067	Storytellers	(various)	-
Guitar	Paul King	938-3035	Sunshine	Matt Arena	946-0404
Golf – 18 Hole	Al Zavatero	933-0465	Travel	Tom Eller	939-5897
" "	Carlos Xavier	947-6756	Visitors	Bernie Wroblewski	820-3274
Golf – 9 Hole	Dick Chaffee	932-5087	Volunteers	Bob Kinser	837-8886
Golf – Carson City	Tim Hubbard	944-0742	Webmaster	Phil Goff	831-3692
Golf – Carmel	Jim Barstow	938-2744	Welcoming	Jerry Kaplan	938-1037
Guitar	Paul King	938-3035	Wine Appreciation	Jack Bevis	254-7256
Greeters	Pat Bermingham	930-9477			
Hiking & Walking	Joel White	964-0994			

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

## Other SIR Area 2 (Inter-branch) Activities

Apple User Grp.	Dick Macy (Br.171)	376-1180	Dominos	Danny Rinaldi (Br.8)	825-0519
Astronomy	Bill Hunter (Br.8)	947-6947	Pocket Pool	Jerry White (Br.8)	944-9068
Bocce	Bob Barnes (Br.8)	686-0106	\$ums Investment	Gary Moore (A.2)	934-8428
Bocce	John Fernando (Br.19)	798-9978	Table Pool	Bill Weinberg (Area 2)	682-0962
Bowling	Dan Weller (Br. 8)	935-5510	Tennis	Ralph Thornicraft (Br.174)	376-8140
Darts & Pub Games	Bill Cooke (Br.8)	691-9325	Travel	Bob Spellman (A.2)	934-8428
Digital Photography	Bill Phelon (Br.8)	254-8338			

# SIR Branch 116 Activity Calendar

## April 2015

Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
<b>Easter</b>	18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Boundary Oak GC )	Duplicate Bridge (9:00 Diablo Vly. Bridge Ctr)	9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC)		Hiking & Walking (8:15@ Arbolado Park, Walnut Creek)	
	12	13	14	15	16	17
	18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Stonetree GC )	Luncheon Bridge (11:30@ Round Hill CC)	9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Pine Meadow GC)	Computer & Tech (9:30@ Elks Club)	Walking Tour (10:00@ Lake Chabot)	Walking Tour
19	20	21	22	23	24	
SIR Br. 116 Mtg. (11:30 @ WC Elks Lodge)	Ladies/Couples Bridge (11:30@ Round Hill CC) 18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Lone Tree GC)	<b>Earth Day</b> 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Buchanan Fields) \$ums Investment (8:00@ Diablo Creek GC)	Fishing Group (8:30@ Legends-Diablo Crk)	Hiking & Walking (8:15@ Rudge ar Park & Ride, Walnut Creek)		
26	27	28	29	30		
	18-Hole Golf (9:00@ Poppy Ridge GC ) Book Group (10:15@ Orinda Books)	Luncheon Bridge (11:30@ Round Hill CC)	9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Diablo Hills GC)			



## Membership

**Andy Benz**

(anbenz@aol.com)

### SIR 116 Membership Status

Total Current Members:	244
This Month's Inductees:	2
Those in Interview Stage:	0
Total in Process:	2
On Inactive Status:	47
Left the Branch:	0
Waiting to be Installed:	0



## Lunch Attendance

**Jim Nachtweih**

(majnacht@sbcglobal.net)

### Attendance at the March 16th Meeting

Total:	194
Members:	182
Visitors:	1
Speakers:	1
Guests:	11
Excused:	49
Un-Excused:	11

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



## Br. 116 Treasurer's Report

**Carl Langhorst, Treasurer**

(cslangho@mindspring.com)

	March 2015	2015 YTD
Contributions	\$ 4,842.71	\$ 21,287.73
Disbursements	\$ (3,659.62)	\$ (14,689.60)
Net (gain/(loss))	\$ 1,183.09	\$ 6,598.13
March 24th Cash Balance		\$ 13,039.52

## 👉 REMINDER 👉

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

## April Luncheon Menu

Spaghetti and Meatballs  
 Zucchini  
 Caesar Salad  
 French Bread & Butter  
 Dessert / Coffee / Ice tea

## April Birthdays

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

1Frank Bryant	11Gary Howard
2John Canane	12Jake Jacob
3Dick Chaffee	13Mark Jordan
4Jim Clizbe	14Richard Madden
5Roger Colton	15Mac Mcloughlin
6Lee Dulac	16Joe Ostler
7Denny Giambastiani	17Bob Shader
8Billy Hayes	18Ben Smith
9Bill Hemmelsbach	19Duane Spencer
10Ron Henrickson	20Marsh Stashyn

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

## 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)



## Sunshine Report

**Matt Arena**

(marena@astound.net)

Sir **Mario Beria** has met his maker after 99 1/2 years serving his fellow man. Mario had too many accomplishments to mention but most of all he was a faithful SIR attending luncheons even with a help of a walker. After a couple of trips to the hospital Hospice helped him through his last days which was blessing. Max and Betty Foust were good friends and neighbors until the end.

Sir **Lloyd Plank** had a bout of infections which is coming under control. He looked fine at the Dine-O-Sir dinner at Bells's Italian Restaurant. I am sure he will join us at the April luncheon.

Sir **Otto Rinker** is having problems with his lumber region of the spine. He experiences pain when he is on his feet too long. Hopefully he will continue to improve and join us for lunch.

Sir **Charlie Casassa** has had a hip replacement and his sponsor Frank Bryant tells me he is recovering.

Sir **Roger Colton** is now receiving physical therapy to strengthen him . Some days are good others are not as good . He is working hard to get mostly good days.

CARE MORE THAN OTHERS  
THINK NECESSARY

TRUST MORE THAN OTHERS  
THINK WISE

SERVE MORE THAN OTHERS  
THINK PRACTICAL

-Anonymous

In Memoriam  
**Mario Firmino Beria**  
August 31, 1915-March 20, 2015



## Activity Chairman

**Jerry Christopherson**

(jchris161k@aol.com)

Time is running out to sign up for this years **SPRING FLING! May 14** is the big date, but May 6, is the deadline for getting your reservation in. Organize a table of 8 or come as a couple and we will assign you a table.

Our entertainment this year is "Antonia", a lady singer who has performed in the Bay Area, LA, New York, Italy and Africa. You are going to Love her.

Fill out the reservation form in this months Trampas Topics, write a check and get it in the mail. And, don't forget to make a note:

**May 14, 11:30, Contra Costa Country**



## Bridge

**Jon Dickson**

(still26@sbcglobal.net)

### SIRS BRIDGE

SIRS' bridge is every 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month at Round Hill Country Club in Alamo for lunch and then bridge. Play is "Chicago Style", changing partners every 4 hands. All are invited to join is a fun afternoon. On February 10th, Charlie Schmidt was the big winner with 5,540 points, Hal Redsun 2nd with 4,880 and Jai Yee 3rd with 4,690 points.

### COUPLES BRIDGE – TUESDAY APRIL 21ST

Please also plan to join us for **LADIES/COUPLES DAY on Tuesday April 21st**, with lunch and bridge at Round Hill Country Club. We call it "ladies day" because we can bring our wives or friends to be our partner for the full afternoon of bridge. "Partners" are not restricted to wives so we encourage two women or two men to join us for bridge. You only need a partner to come and if you don't have a bridge partner, I will try to find one for you.

Sign-ups for our Ladies Day on April 21st will start in March but do put it on your calendar and plan to join us.



## SIR Fishing Group

Harry Sherinian

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Well the water situation seems to be getting worse with no relief in sight. We still find places to fish and to spend time with each other. This drought will defiantly curtail some of our activities in the Sierra's this spring and summer but we are blessed to have the delta and the ocean in our front and back yards. There will always be some kind of fishing going on. Right now, it's all about the trout, most from San Pablo Reservoir. Fishing there were Ernie Wong, Pete Gates, George Vogt, Reggie Fromm, Karl Droese, Rich Fiscina, Terry Miller, Mike Corker, and Carl Moyer. Everybody caught fish. The one's we kept were between one and two pounds. No giants yet. Carl Moyer, Ernie Wong, and Ken Konzak fished the shore at Shadow Cliffs Reservoir for a couple of trout. Shadow Cliffs is still too low to launch our boats there, but it is being filled, so we are hopeful. Two boats tried for sturgeon by the mothball fleet. Rich Fiscina took Pete Gates, Tom Boltz, and Ron Maciak, Carl Moyer took Terry Miller. Only a few small sturgeon were caught on a gorgeous spring day. April 4th is the opening day for Salmon in our area. April 15th is the opening day for rockfish from the ocean. Ernie Wong had a great couple of days at Pyramid Lake catching some very large trout. We have great expectations. Meanwhile Tom Kostik continues his fun and productive striper fishing in the delta. Soon the black bass will be occupying his time. **At our next meeting in April, our own Ernie Wong and Carl Dorose will give a power point presentation on fishing at Pyramid Lake.** This will be a timely presentation since a trip is planned for later this year on our fishing calendar.

We will be very busy this spring with: delta fishing for bass, catfish, striped bass, and sturgeon; trout in mountain and local lakes. Salmon and rockfish season on the ocean starts in early April. We have plans for trips to McSwain Reservoir and later up to Davis Lake. These two venues in the Sierra's seem to have enough water at this time to be on our fishing calendar. The Area 2 Fishing Group

usually has four to five fishing events on its calendar for its members each month. We live in a fishermen's paradise.

Our next meeting will be **Thursday, April 23rd**, at the Legend Sports Bar and Grill at the Diablo Creek Golf Course at 4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord. Meeting starts at 8:30 am. For further information, please contact Dick Thomson, Big Fish (925-944-1760) Harry Sherinian, Branch 116 Coordinator, (925-846-7067) or Romano Gnusti, Treasurer/Secretary, (925-376-3313.)



Dan Corker with his limit



Ernie Wong with his Cutthroat Trout from Pyramid Lake

## New Branch 116 Members



Sponsor David Harris with  
New Member Mike Schneider



Sponsor Dave Carlson with  
New Member Ron Henrickson

## 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](mailto:trampastopics@gmail.com)



March Luncheon speaker Bernat Rosner  
talking about his experiences during and after  
the Holocaust.



## Luncheon Speaker

By Little Sir Jim Barstow

([jbarstow@aol.com](mailto:jbarstow@aol.com))

Jane Kreidler, a member of the Contractors State License Board's (CSLB) Public Affairs Office, will be talking about the scamming of seniors.

Seniors are the most targeted group for scammers. Join us and learn how to avoid becoming victims of fraud. Information about scams relating to home repair, phone solicitations, insurance, Medicare, Mail/foreign lottery fraud, and the list goes on and on will be covered. Attendees can get answers to their questions and obtain assistance if they have been scammed.

Jane Kreidler joined CSLB in May 2011. Jane began her state career in 1981, and has held various positions for CalFire, the California Highway Patrol, the California State Teachers Retirement System and the Department of Consumer Affairs.



## \$ums Investment Group

Gary Moore (Branch 174)

(mooregh1@gmail.com)

The Area 2 \$ums Investment Group will meet on **Wednesday April 22, 2015** at 8:00 a.m. at the Legends restaurant at the Diablo Creek Golf Course, 4050 Port Chicago Highway, Concord.

Our guest speaker in April will be **Brian Pretti**, Partner and Chief Investment Officer of **Capital Planning Advisors**, in Walnut Creek. Brian's topic will be "**Through the Global Financial And Economic Wormhole**". On the surface, the general economy and markets appear as if all is well. But Brian will discuss how underneath we are watching one of the most **anomalous economic and financial market cycles** we've ever seen. Just what is the character of the current domestic and global economies and what are the key points we need to watch as investors?

Brian has been an investment management professional for over three decades. Prior to joining Capital Planning Advisors as Partner and Chief Investment Officer, he served as Senior Vice President and Chief Investment Officer for Mechanics Bank Wealth Management since 1990 where he was instrumental in growing assets under management from \$150 million to over \$1.4 billion. Brian is a sought after public speaker on the topics of the financial markets and economy, and has been quoted in Barrons, the Financial Times, San Francisco Business Times and Comstock's. Brian was the founder, publisher and editor of [ContraryInvestor.com](http://ContraryInvestor.com), a subscription based investment research website serving institutional, private and retail investors from 1998-2012, and continues to write for numerous well known investment websites such as ZeroHedge and Financial Sense.

Brian holds the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) and Certified Financial Planner (CFP(r)) designations as well as having earned an MBA in Finance from San Francisco State University, a BS in Economics and BA in Business Administration from the

University of San Francisco.

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

Co-Chairmen: Gary Moore (Br-174) 925-254-8742

David Sutton (Br-8) 925-686-0158

Leary Wong (Br-8) 925-457-0807



## Computer & Technology

Derek Southern & Neil Schmidt

(np.schmidt2@gmail.com)



The Area 2 Computer and Technology Group announces that our next meeting will be at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge on **Thursday, April 16th** at 9:30 am. Sirs and their guests are welcome and invited to attend.

Our speaker will be Nick Klowksi and he will discuss 3D Printing! It's amazing the range of products which a 3D printer can produce; from biological items such as bones to replicas of archeological treasures or fossils. Some uses are more trivial, exact models of bride and groom to adorn a wedding cake for example! When did this technique start? What other uses lie in store for the printer? Come and find out.

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.





## Hiking & Walking

Joel White

(zpz2mrz@yahoo.com)

Dan Green led the Friday, March 13 walk. On a glorious day, Rich Black and Donna Argenbright, Steve Bort, Lytton De Silva, Art and Mary Alice Donaldson, David Geary, Dan and Andrea Green, Brad Lee, John and Gail Riordan, and Susan and Joel White. Some negotiated the entire 2.75 circuit of Lafayette Reservoir (although a few took over 1 hour to do so) and others did a standard out and back route. This was followed by coffee and conversation at La Boulange in Lafayette where we were joined by Colleen Geary who was recovering from a cold.

The **Friday, April 10** walk will be led by Allan Chasnoff. Meet at the lower parking lot of

Arbolado Park in Walnut Creek at 8:15 am. This will be followed by coffee/breakfast and conversation at Denica's at the Citrus center on Oak Grove. Please RSVP to Allan: allanchasnoff@gmail.com, 286-9266.

The **Friday, April 24** walk will be led by Paul Freitas. We'll gather at 8:15 AM, at the Rudgear Park and Ride, on the Southeast corner of the 680-Rudgear Road exit. Paul will decide route and meeting place at a later date. Please RSVP to Paul: pmfreitas@pacbell.net, 457-4378.

Anyone wishing to join the post walk conversation please contact the walk leader for location and to let him know.

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



14 people and 3 dogs met on March 27 on a gorgeous morning in front of Heather Farm pool to walk the Regional Parks trail to Pleasant Hill BART and back. Coffee and conversation followed at Panera Bread in Pleasant Hill. Standing left to right: Allan Chasnoff, Rhonda Wieder, Mary Alice Donaldson, Lynda Chasnoff, John Riordan, Gail Riordan, Richard White, Aase White, Donna Arganbright, Richard Black, Andrea Green, Dan Green. Kneeling: Dennis Snarr. Canine Friends: Tucker, Tzeitel, Riley. The photographer (shadow): Art Donaldson

# SPRING FLING

A Special luncheon for our ladies (replacing our regular May meeting)  
CONTRA COSTA COUNTRY CLUB (801 Golf Club Road, Pleasant Hill, CA Phone 925-798-7135)  
**THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2015**



11:30 No Host Social Hour

12:30 Luncheon Served

Fun! Entertainment! Special Drink Prices! DoorPrizes! Surprises!

\$46.00 Per Person (includes tax and tip)

### Menu Choices

Choice Petite Beef Tenders with Brandy Mustard Sauce

Atlantic Poached Salmon Filet with Champagne Sauce

Wellington – Veggies, Rice & Cheese Wrapped in Pastry

Menu includes salad, seasonal vegetables and dessert

SPRING FLING AT CONTRA COSTA CC (MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN **MAY 4TH**)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Beef \_\_\_\_\_ Salmon \_\_\_\_\_ Veggie \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Beef \_\_\_\_\_ Salmon \_\_\_\_\_ Veggie \_\_\_\_\_

Make Check Payable to : SIR Branch 116

Number x \$46 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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) \_\_\_\_\_



## *Carmel Golf Outing*



The **Tuesday, May 19th** and **Wednesday, May 20th** Carmel Golf Outing is approaching. Should you wish to participate, your entry fee (which includes Tuesday evening's BBQ) should be mailed to SIR Branch 116 Golf, P.O. Box 683, Lafayette, CA 94549-0683. The entry fee for those wishing to ride is \$142, and for those wishing to walk, \$108. Non-Golfing guests are encouraged to attend Tuesday evening's BBQ, at a cost of \$30. Hotel accommodations are the responsibility of each individual, with a group rate of \$129 per evening at the Carmel Mission Inn (1-800-348-9090).

Space is limited, so send your checks in right away (no later than April 1)

### **Rancho Canada Golf Event, May 19 and 20, 2015**

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

No. of Golfers x \$142 (\$108 for walking): \_\_\_\_\_ Non-Golfers x \$30: \_\_\_\_\_

Send checks made out to "SIR Branch 116 Golf" to PO Box 683, Lafayette, CA 94549-0683



## 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:

### Area 2 SIR Travel Opportunities

**July 22-28, 2015:** Baseball Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony. Trip will include baseball games in New York and Boston. The Highlight will be the Baseball Hall of Fame and induction ceremonies at Cooperstown. Travelers will enjoy home pick-up, airport transfers, professional tour host, RT airfare, 6 night accommodations, all taxes and gratuities. Cost \$2,975.00. Contact **Ken Richter**, Br. 146, 698-6217.

**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

**Oct 10, 2015: Fleet Week on the San Francisco Belle.** The Belle is a San Francisco Landmark That evokes the City's charm. There will be no better vantage point to see the Fleet Week Air Show than directly under the planes. Cost \$128.00 includes RT deluxe motorcoach transportation, cruise on board the SF Belle, reserved seats on board ship, hosted buffet luncheon, music entertainment, special viewing of the Blue Angels and gratuity. Contact **Ken Richter**, Br 146, 689-6217

**Dec 7, 2015: The Holidays are Blooming in the Valley.** Your first stop will be at Hilmar Cheese Factory, where your guide will step onto your motorcoach for a tour through their facility, followed by a delicious hosted buffet lunch. After lunch you will have time to shop in their large country store. Next stop will be Duarte Nursery to view their amazing Holiday Poinsettias. Their greenhouses hold one of the largest selections of Poinsettias available. You will tour the facility with time to shop before departing for home. Cost \$54.00 pp including RT motorcoach, hosted lunch, tours and driver gratuity. 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.



## Br. 116 Book Club

Rich Black

(blackrw41@comcast.net)

### "Season of the Witch: Enchantment, Terror, and Deliverance in The City of Love" by David Talbot

There was the Summer of Love in 1967 and then all hell broke loose. Talbot tells the tale of George Moscone, Willie Brown, Diane Feinstein, Joseph Alioto, Jim Jones and so many more from San Francisco in this highly readable and thought provoking work. Richard Black recommended the book and led the discussion. Contributing their views were Jerry Christopherson, John Riordan, Jack Butler, Cord Hull, Richard Rossland, Jim Flessner, John Kopchik, Al Reynolds, Steve Bort, Lytton DeSilva, Tim Tinnes, Jim Scott, Mac McLoughlin, Art Donaldson and Garrett Girvin. The group awarded the book 4 stars.

The group will next meet on at 10:15 on **Monday, April 27** at Orinda Books to discuss chapters 1-16 of "The Burglary" by Betty Medsger.

Since the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday in May is Memorial Day the group will meet on **June 1** to discuss "Being Mortal" by Atul Gawande.



## Walking Tours

Bernie Wroblewski

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The next Branch 116 walking tour is scheduled for **Saturday, April 18** at Lake Chabot. This no cost, docent led, tour will take place over relatively flat ground along the scenic East Shore Trail of the lake and explore the lake's history. The tour will begin at 10:00 am at the Marina and last approx. 2 hours. Optional lunch will follow. Parking is available at the Marina for \$5.00. Parking outside the Marina is free, but limited, with a short walk in. An e-mail reminder of this tour will be sent out about a week in advance of April 18 to those who have participated in past walking tours as well as those who have expressed interest in this one. If you have any questions you can e-mail (bbwroblewski@comcast.net) or telephone Bernie Wroblewski (925) 820-3274.



## Book Exchange

John Fraser & Dick Kauffman

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## Wine Appreciation Group

Jack Bevis

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The next wine appreciation event will not be until **March 26th**. This write up is about our recently enjoyed gathering held on January 29th at Al and Nancy Reynold's home.

We tried a little different approach in January and held a premium wine event. It was fun. Al had three varieties, chardonnay, pinot and zinfandel in both a premium version and a more modest version. It was a blind tasting but only to see if we could tell the expensive wine from the cheaper one. The Rombauer Chardonnay and Garry Farrell Pinot were obvious. The Zinfandel, however was closer. The more modest OZV brand was quite good.

24 of us attended, enjoyed Nancy's hors d'oeuvres and concluded that the new format was a good one. We plan to do it again soon.

We meet every other month on the last Thursday of the month at a member's home from 4:00 to 6:30. The member supplies the wine and food and is reimbursed for it. A standard wine event normally costs \$10 to \$15 per person while the Premium event will run around \$20. If interested contact Jack Bevis at 925-254-7256.



## SIR Branch 116 Golf

By Al Zavattero, Golf Chairman

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.

### Last Chance Notice:

#### Stone Tree April 13, 2015

We are playing Stone Tree Golf Club on **Monday April 13th**. It's a 9:30 AM Shotgun. The price is \$59, which includes a breakfast burrito, coffee, bottle of water, range balls and cart. We will be playing two sets of tees. Those who normally play the white tees, will be playing the blue tees ( slope 128 - 5839 yards). Those who normally play the forward tees will be playing the white tees ( slope 121 - 5062 yards). The cutoff date is March 28th, but would appreciate if you could sign-up as early as possible to get a good count for the golf course. Please ask your friends to join us.



### Nine Hole Info

Dick Chaffee, 9-Hole Chairman

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.

#### March 9-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Wed. 04	10:00	Buchanan Fields	Dick Chaffee
Wed. 11	10:00	Pine Meadow	D.McClaughry
Wed. 18	10:00	Buchanan Fields	Dick Chaffee
Wed. 25	10:00	Diablo Hills	Mike Murphy

#### March 18-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Mon. 02	9:30	Boundary Oak	Bob Testa
Mon. 09	9:30	Sequoyah	Bob Testa
Tues. 17	9:30	Dublin Ranch	Bob Testa
Mon. 23	9:30	San Ramon	Bob Testa
Mon. 30	9:00	Rancho Solano	Bob Testa

# 18-Hole Results

## San Ramon -- Monday March 23, 2015

Official Scorer:  
Conrad Robertson

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
1st	Jerry Hicks	69 3	1st	Bob Testa	68 3	Tie 1st	Terry Grummitt	70 3	1st	Sam Beret	72 3
2nd	David Harris	70 2	2nd	Dick Socolich	71 2	Tie 1st	Bernie Wroblewski	70 3	2nd	Carl Langhorst	73 2
3rd	Jim Barstow	72 1	3rd	Hugh Duggan	72 1	3rd	Jerry Hunter	79 1	3rd	Terry Sherman	74 1
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
	Jerry Hicks	82		Dick Socolich	91		Bernie Wroblewski	94		Sam Beret	103

Closest to: Hole: #7 - Frank Crua, Terry Sherman -- Hole: #17 - Jerry Hicks, Jai Yee

## Dublin Ranch -- Tuesday March 17, 2015

Official Scorer:  
Phil Jenkins

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
1st	Wayne Smith	60 3	1st	Dick Socolich	54 3	1st	Don Schroeder	56 3	1st	Art Vogl	55 3
2nd	Bill McCord	62 2	2nd	Hugh Duggan	59 2	2nd	Pete Coggiola	62 2	2nd	Carl Langhorst	57 2
3rd	Jim Barstow	64 1	Tie 3rd	John Story	60 1	3rd	Bernie Wroblewski	63 1	Tie 3rd	Ron Armijo	60 1
			Tie 3rd	Bob Testa	60 1				Tie 3rd	Sam Beret	60 1
									Tie 3rd	Greg Hughes	60 1
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
	Bill McCord	79		Dick Socolich	72		Don Schroeder	79		Art Vogl	82
	Wayne Smith	79									

Closest to: Hole: #7 - Jim Johnson, Don Schroeder -- Hole: #13 - Dick Socolich, Terry Grummitt

## Sequoyah Country Club -- Monday March 9, 2015

Official Scorer:  
Art Vogl

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
1st	Jerry Hicks	67 3	1st	Bob Price	73 3	1st	Don Schroeder	70 3	1st	Terry Sherman	75 3
Tie 2nd	Frank Crua	70 2	Tie 2nd	Tom Eller	75 2	2nd	Bernie Wroblewski	73 2	2nd	Greg Hughes	76 2
Tie 2nd	Al Zavattero	70 2	Tie 2nd	John Story	75 2	3rd	Jerry Hunter	75 1	3rd	Matt Arena	78 1
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
	Jerry Hicks	81		Tom Eller	97		Don Schroeder	98		Terry Sherman	109

Closest to: Hole: #5 - Dick Socolich, Greg Hughes (John Markley) -- Hole: #12 - Warren Garrison, Terry Sherman

## Boundary Oak -- Monday March 2, 2015

Official Scorer:  
Phil Goff

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
1st	Wayne Smith	67 3	1st	Al Hutchko	69 3	1st	Pete Coggiola	65 3	1st	Robbie Robinson	65 3
2nd	Phil Goff	68 2	2nd	John Story	73 2	2nd	Troy Powell	71 2	2nd	Sam Beret	70 2
Tie 3rd	David Harris	70 1	Tie 3rd	David Carlson	74 1	3rd	Mark Jordan	75 1	Tie 3rd	Matt Arena	71 1
Tie 3rd	Jerry Hicks	70 1	Tie 3rd	Harry Oberle	74 1				Tie 3rd	Greg Hughes	71 1
									Tie 3rd	Conrad Robertson	71 1
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
	Jerry Hicks	83		Al Hutchko	93		Pete Coggiola	94		Robbie Robinson	101

Closest to: Hole: #6 - Norm Alberts, Al Serafino -- Hole: #12 - Phil Goff, Al Serafino

## 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.

## 2015 18-Hole Leader Board

FLIGHT 1			FLIGHT 2			FLIGHT 3			FLIGHT 4		
Index 0.0 - 17.9			Index 18.0 - 23.7			Index 23.8 - 28.2			Index 28.3 - 36.4		
Pos	NAME	Pnts	Pos	NAME	Pnts	Pos	NAME	Pnts	Pos	NAME	Pnts
1	Al Zavattero	11	1	Hugh Duggan	13	1	Bernie Wroblewski	14	1	Matt Arena	9
2	Frank Crua	10	2	Dick Socolich	7	2	Don Schroeder	9	2	Conrad Robertson	8
3	Mel Williams	7	3	Bob Testa	6	3	Peter Coggiola	5	3	Ron Armijo	7
4	Dirk Meyer	6	4	Bob Price	4	3	Alex Lutkus	5	4	Greg Hughes	5
5	David Harris	5	4	John Story	4	3	Troy Powell	5	5	Chuck Gilliam	4
6	Norm Alberts	3	4	Carlos Xavier	4	3	Al Serafino	5	6	Sam Beret	3
6	Jim Barstow	3	7	Bob Donohue	3	7	Wayne Cook	3	6	Jim Nickels	3
6	Phil Goff	3	7	Al Hutchko	3	7	Terry Grummitt	3	6	Robbie Robinson	3
6	Wayne Smith	3	7	Harry Oberle	3	9	Jerry Hunter	2	6	Randy Welker	3
10	Neil Schmidt	2	10	Jim Clizbe	2				10	Carl Langhorst	2
11	Nick Fokas	1	11	Gary Boswell	1				10	Fred Schafer	2
11	Jerry Hicks	1	11	David Carlson	1				12	Bill Hemmelsbach	1
			11	Jim Videle	1				12	Terry Sherman	1

### 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.

### SIR Website Addresses

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

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

Trampas Topics  
[www.branch116.org/trampas/](http://www.branch116.org/trampas/)

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

SIR Happenings State Newsletter  
[www.sirinc.org/sirhappenings](http://www.sirinc.org/sirhappenings)

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

## 18-Hole Pay In Advance Deadlines

<u>Event Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Monday, April 13	Stonetree	Apr-03	\$59
Tuesday, April 21	Lone Tree	Apr-09	\$38
Monday, April 27	Poppy Ridge	Apr-15	\$42
Monday, May 18	Hiddenbrooke	May-08	\$45
Tuesday, May 26	Paradise Valley	May-16	\$43

Send checks made out to SIR Branch 116, Golf, PO Box 683, Lafayette, CA 94549-0683



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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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### **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.