



# Trampas Topics

August, 2015

## SIR Branch 116

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

August, typically the hottest month of the year and here we are in one of the worst droughts in Contra Costa history. I hope that you're all doing your part to conserve our precious water, even if your lawns and shrubs are suffering.



This month we'll be electing our new officers and directors for 2016. Phil Goff and his Nominating Committee have done an excellent job putting together a slate of candidates for us to consider.

These SIR gentlemen have stepped forward so that our branch will continue to succeed and move forward into the new year. How

about you considering a spot on the executive committee in 2017?

Two very special Senior Awards will be presented at this month's meeting on the 17th. SIRs Otto Rinkert and Bill Turnquist will be turning 90 this month, so please be sure to congratulate them when you see them. Well done Gentlemen and my best wishes to the both of you.

Please consider attending our annual visit to Carson City in September. Although it's touted as a "golf outing", there are certainly many other things to do to enjoy yourselves. Wives and friends are welcome and a great time is always had by all. Tim Hubbard and his committee constantly put on a great show for all of us in attendance. The deadline for signing up is only a few weeks away and you really don't want to miss this event! I have gone several times and will be there again this year...I hope that you'll join us.

The August meeting will be Hawaiian Shirt day, so please be sure to dress accordingly. This tradition was started in 2012 by then Big SIR, Neil Schmidt and everyone seems to enjoy it. I know that not all of you have an Aloha Shirt hanging in your closet, but it's never too late to start your collection!

If you're going on vacation this month, have a wonderful time and please be careful out there. I would hate to see your name on Matt Arena's Sunshine List.

*Bob Donohue*

Big SIR



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

## 2015 SIR 116 Officers & Directors



**Big SIR**  
Bob Donohue  
513-5141



**Little SIR**  
Jim Barstow  
938-2744



**Secretary**  
Fred Schafer  
648-4199



**Assist.Secretary**  
Joel White  
964-0994



**Treasurer**  
Carl Langhorst  
672-2541



**Asst.Treasurer 1**  
Bob Shader  
939-8421



**Asst.Treasurer 2**  
Al Satake  
254-9589



**Member.Secr.**  
Andy Benz  
937-5706



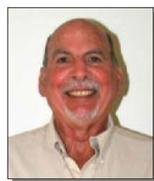
**Director**  
Norm Alberts  
837-4074



**Director**  
Wayne Cook  
933-8337



**Director**  
Phil Goff  
831-3692



**Director**  
Paul Romacciotti  
229-2564



**Director**  
John Story  
932-8826



**Director**  
Bob Testa  
254-8457

## 2015 SIR 116 Committee Chairmen

Activities Coord.	J. Christopherson	939-3973	Historian (Br. 116)	Mat Arena	946-0404
Attendance	Jim Nachtweih	838-7417	Host	Frank Crua	932-0975
Audit	Ron Armijo	945-0637	Interviewer	Max Foust	827-9323
Book Club	Rich Black	283-8376	Membership Roster	Dick Thomson	785-7600
Book Exchange	John Fraser	837-7439	Music Man	Robbie Robinson	798-4276
" "	Dick Kauffman	838-2334	Newsletter Editor	Neil Schmidt	948-8702
Bridge	Jon Dickson	837-1178	" Asst. Editor	Phil Goff	831-3692
Candy Sales	Art Vogl	288-0488	Nominating	Phil Goff	831-3692
Chaplain	(rotating *)	-	Parties	J. Christopherson	393-9373
Computer & Tech.	Neil Schmidt	948-8702	Photographers	John Peterson	946-0335
Dine-O-Sir	Ben Smith	820-5403	"	Neil Schmidt	948-8702
Duplicate Bridge	Art Donaldson	934-9391	"	Phil Goff	831-3692
E-mail Contact	Phil Goff	831-3692	Poker Group 1	Bill Harrington	935-1625
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

## August 2015

Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
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2	3  <b>18-Hole Golf</b> (9:30@ Boundary Oak GC )	4  <b>Duplicate Bridge</b> (9:00 Diablo Vly. Bridge Ctr)	5  <b>9-Hole Golf</b> (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC)	6	7	8
9	10  <b>18-Hole Golf</b> (9:30@ Boundary Oak GC )	11  <b>Luncheon Bridge</b> (11:30@ Round Hill CC)	12  <b>9-Hole Golf</b> (10:00@ Diablo Hills GC)	13	14  <b>Hiking &amp; Walking</b> (8:15@ La Boulange, Danville)	15
16	17  <b><u>SIR Br. 116 Mtg.</u></b> (11:30 @ WC Elks Lodge)	18  <b>18-Hole Golf</b> (9:33@ Chardonnay GC)	19  <b>9-Hole Golf</b> (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC)	20  <b>Computer &amp; Tech</b> (9:30@ Elks Club)	21	22
23	24  <b>18-Hole Golf</b> (10:00@ Blue Rock-West GC ) <b>Hiking &amp; Walking</b> (8:45@ Lafayette Reservoir) <b>Book Group</b> 10:15@ Orinda Books)	25  <b>Luncheon Bridge</b> (11:30@ Diablo CC)	26  <b>9-Hole Golf</b> (10:00@ Brentwood GC) <b>\$ums Investment</b> (8:00@ Diablo Creek GC)	27  <b>Fishing Group</b> (8:30@ Legends-Diablo Crk)	28	29
30	31  <b>18-Hole Golf</b> (10:30@ Eagle Vines GC )					



## Membership

**Andy Benz**

(anbenz@aol.com)

### SIR 116 Membership Status

Total Current Members:	242
This Month's Inductees:	1
Those in Interview Stage:	0
Total in Process:	1
On Inactive Status:	37
Left the Branch:	1
Waiting to be Installed:	0



## Br. 116 Treasurer's Report

**Carl Langhorst, Treasurer**

(cslangho@mindspring.com)

	July 2015	2015 YTD
Contributions	\$ 6,696.00	\$ 44,564.77
Disbursements	\$ (7,619.25)	\$ (39,464.15)
Net (gain/(loss))	\$ <b>(923.25)</b>	\$ 5,100.62
July 27th Cash Balance		\$ 11,542.01

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

## August Birthdays

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

- |                     |                    |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Jim Barstow      | 12. Larry Johnson  |
| 2. Steve Bort       | 13. Don McQueen    |
| 3. John Braun       | 14. Kirk McVean    |
| 4. Dick Breitwieser | 15. Don Murray     |
| 5. Peter Coggiola   | 16. Otto Rinkert   |
| 6. Kent Cremolini   | 17. Roger Smith    |
| 7. Frank Crua       | 18. Bill Turnquist |
| 8. Bob Donohue      | 19. Herman Walden  |
| 9. Tim Dorr         | 20. Randy Welker   |
| 10. Paul Freitas    | 21. Joel White     |
| 11. Terry Grummitt  |                    |



## Lunch Attendance

**Jim Nachtweih**

(majnacht@sbcglobal.net)

### Attendance at the July 20th Meeting

Total:	178
Members:	169
Visitors:	3
Speakers:	1
Guests:	5
Excused:	55
Un-Excused:	19

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

## August Luncheon Menu

Grill Ham Steak w/ Jack Daniels Sauce  
 Rosemary Roasted Red Potatoes  
 Maple Brown Sugar Carrots  
 Green Salad, Rolls & Butter  
 Dessert/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:

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

## SIR Website Addresses

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

**Branch 116 Golf (Old Site)**  
[branch116.org/116-golf/](http://branch116.org/116-golf/)

**Branch 116 Golf (New Beta Site)**  
[branch116golf.org](http://branch116golf.org)

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

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

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

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



## Sunshine Report

Matt Arena

(marena@astound.net)

SIR **Tim Dorr** following a fractured leg is doing much better. He is using a wheel chair and is not walking . He is receiving physical therapy and is looking forward to a complete recovery.

SIR **Otto Rinkert** following a mini stroke is doing a lot of sleeping according to his wife Sally. The pacemaker which he received has been helping during his recovery.

SIR **Carl Cline** after 2 1/2 years following his stroke is doing everything to gain full use of his arm and leg. The best news is that he is very positive and looks forward to playing with the poker group each month.

SIR **Jerry Hicks** reports that his wife Kathie has been discharged from John Muir after 2 month of treatment. He will keep us posted on her continued treatment. She needs another hip operation and may be convalescing through the rest of the year.

HAPPINESS IS NOT A DESTINTION.....

IT IS A WAY OF LIFE.....

## New Branch 116 Member



New Member Don Murray  
with Sponsor Bernie Wroblewski

## SIR Branch 116

### Officer Nominations for 2016

The Nominating Committee met earlier this year to identify candidates for Officer and Director positions for 2016. Membership was Phil Goff – Chairman, John Story, Paul Ramaciotti, Harry Shernian, and Art Donaldson. We contacted all of the Branch Activity Chairmen to help us identify people who might be interested in being an Officer or Director.

If you and someone you know would like to be a candidate for any of the Officer or Director positions, please notify the Big SIR, Bob Donohue, right away. We are always looking for people to help run our organization.

Following are the candidates selected by the Nominating Committee that will be presented to the Branch membership for election at the August lunch meeting:

**Big SIR** – Jim Barstow (current Little SIR)

**Little SIR** – Paul Ramacciotti

**Secretary** – Fred Schafer (incumbent)

– Asst Secretary – Allan Chasnoff (replaces Joel White)

**Treasurer** – Jim Nickels (replaces Carl Langhorst)

– Asst Treasurer – Al Satake (incumbent)

– Asst Treasurer – Bob Shader (incumbent)

**Membership Secretary** – Phil Goff (replaces Andy Benz)

**Board of Directors:**

– Norm Alberts (Incumbent: term extends through 2017)

– Wayne Cook (Incumbent: term extends through 2016)

– John Story (Incumbent: term extends through 2017))

– Harry Sherinian to replace Bob Testa (Completed term of service in 2015)

– Al Hutchko to replace Paul Ramacciotti (terminated early to be Little SIR)

– Bob Donohue (former Big SIR for one year term)



## SIR Fishing Group

Harry Sherinian

(h.sherinian@comcast.net)

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, August 27th, at the Legend Sports Bar and Grill at the Diablo Creek Golf Course at 4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord. The meeting starts at 8:30am but come early and has breakfast. It's a great time to exchange stories and yarns about your last fishing outing.

Rich Ball hosted a trip to Oregon for black cod, and salmon. Joining Rich were Ed Djikman, Karl Droese, and Gary Yancey. They fished for 5 days, limiting each day, for a total of 56 cod, and 48 salmon on a calm ocean. That was an awesome outing. Closer to home, Carl Moyer and Ken Konzak got 2 salmon out the gate. Paul Dubow continued his far away fishing. After fishing in Florida and Wisconsin, Paul went to ICELAND! There he and his children caught cod in the ocean, and char in the lakes. Could Antarctica be next? Meanwhile, Tom Kostik and Harry Sherinian continued to harass the black bass in the Delta. Tom is an ardent Black Bass Fisherman. Pedro Contreras took an 8 day boat from San Diego into Mexican Waters, returning with a heavy cooler filled with yellowtail and yahoo. Carl Moyer and Rich Fiscina caught rock fish and ling cod on the ocean, but were turned back from a salmon attempt by nasty waves out the gate. It was Gene Schulting day at San Pablo Reservoir. Terry Miller, Harry Sherinian, Barry Rauchle, Carl Moyer and Gene caught 7 catfish. Gene caught 5 of them, including an 11 pound monster. Good for you, Gene.

We will be very busy this summer with: delta fishing for bass, catfish, striped bass, crappie, bluegill, and sturgeon; trout and catfish in mountain and local lakes, salmon and rockfish on the ocean. We live in a fishermen's paradise.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, **August 27th** 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.)



## 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 August 20 at 9:30 am**. Sirs and their guests are welcome and invited to attend.

In August, our subject for discussion is "*How to fix a slow computer*," presented by Dean Steichen. If you're finding that your computer seems to be running slower than in did in the past, come learn some of the ways to correct the problem and return you PC's operation to "like new."

We look forward to seeing you 9:15 AM, August 20, 2015, at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge, 1475 Creekside Drive. We ask for a donation of \$5 to cover the cost of the hall rental, coffee and cookies - but some months are free, so come and see if our August meeting is another one of those! All SIR members and their guests (spouses included!) are welcome to attend. See you there.



## "Dine-O-Sir" Dinner Group

Ben Smith

(bjsssmith@aol.com)

A great time was had by all at our June event held at the Brass Door Restaurant in San Ramon. This was a two-night dine out and we had a full house both nights.

We are just about set for our August event which we are planning for the last week of that month. Stay tuned for all the details which will be sent out very soon.



## Hiking & Walking

Joel White

(zpz2mrz@yahoo.com)

On July 10, Joel White led a joyful walk in the Berkeley Hills from Inspiration point, enjoying a few sprinkles but with mostly bright sunshine and lots of wildflowers and wildlife spotted. This was followed by socializing at La Boulange in Lafayette. Participants were Donna Argenbright and Rich Black, Art and Mary Alice Donaldson, Paul and Anna Freitas, David and Colleen Geary, Dan Green, John and Gail Riordan, Joel and Susan White and I apologize to those not mentioned because I lost my list.

On a sunny, but not yet overly hot, July 24 Art Donaldson led a very well attended flat walk on the Contra Costa Canal trail beginning at Panerra Bread in Walnut Creek.

The **Friday, August 14** walk will be led by Paul Freitas. Meet at 8:15 at La Boulange, 405 Railroad Ave, Danville, CA. There is parking there and in adjacent lots. Please RSVP to Paul: pmfreitas@pacbell.net. .

The **Friday, August 28th** walk will be led by Richard Black. We will meet at the parking lot corner of Olympic Blvd and Pleasant Hill Road. That walk is all in shade in case this hot weather is still with us

Please RSVP to Rich: blackrw41@comcast.net. His cell # for those lost or stuck in traffic is 925-788-1987

There will also be a "pre-book club" walk on Monday **August 24** beginning at **8:45 am** beginning at the east end of the Lafayette reservoir. You need not attend the book club to participate in this walk, but we do need an RSVP to Joel: zpz2mrz@yahoo.com.

*This Group is open to all members and spouses. Walks are on an "out and back" basis for 30 minutes in each direction, with groups walking at various paces and designed so all can return to the start at roughly the same time. We then join together for coffee and conversation at a local breakfast type establishment. Wives are invited to participate without their husbands if they so wish. Anyone wishing to be added to the e-mail reminder list should contact Joel White 964-0994 or zpz2mrz@yahoo.com.*



**The Hiking Group on the July 24th Contra Cost Canal Trail Walk**

(left to right) Allan and Linda Chasnoff with Tzeitel, Joel and Susan White, Rich Black, Donna Argenbright with Mary Alice Donaldson crouching in front of her, Paul Freitas (back) John and Gail Riordan, Dan Green (back), Anna Freitas and Andrea Green. Crouching in front are Dennis Snarr and Reilly, Brad Lee, and Shadow is Art behind the camera.

## \$ums Investment Group

Gary Moore (Branch 174)

(mooregh1@gmail.com)

The Area 2 \$ums Investment Group will meet on **Wednesday August 26, 2015** at 8:00 a.m. at the Legends restaurant at the Diablo Creek Golf Course, 4050 Port Chicago Highway, Concord.

Our guest speakers in August will be **Jenifer Leece** and **Ryan Lockhart**, trusts and estates attorneys at **Buchman Provine Brothers Smith LLP** in Walnut Creek. Jenifer and Ryan will discuss: **Planning for the Designated Beneficiary and Overview of Trust Administration**, including:

- Primer on New Tax Act
- Irrevocable Life Insurance Trusts
  - What are they, how do they work, and how can we fix a broken one?
- Non-Trust Assets
  - Planning for retirement plans and when joint ownership is appropriate
- Trust Administration After Death of First Spouse
- Trust Administration After Death of Surviving Spouse (or Single Person)

Jenifer is a partner at Buchman Provine Brothers Smith, where her practice focuses on estate planning, trust and estate administration and estate related litigation. Ms. Leece has extensive litigation and mediation experience of trust and probate related matters representing trustees, executors, beneficiaries and conservators. Ryan is an associate attorney at the firm and focuses his practice on estate planning, wealth transfer planning, estate and gift tax planning, tax controversy, trust administration and probate.

Please feel free to bring your wife or other family member to this timely presentation on estate planning.

The Legends restaurant opens at 7:00 a.m., so come

early and have a leisurely breakfast with your colleagues prior to the meeting.

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

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

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



## Walking Tours

Bernie Wroblewski

(bbwroblewski@comcast.net)

The next Branch 116 walking tour is scheduled for **Saturday, August 8 at 10:00 am**. This no cost, do-cent led tour will explore the acreage, architecture, and notable burials at the Mountain View Cemetery in Oakland. Spouses are welcome.

August is a busy vacation month. I will be away and unable to participate in this tour. However, Tom Eller has agreed to coordinate for us. The August issue of Trampas Topics will include a reminder with tour details (time, place, directions, etc.).

Please forward this e-mail to anyone I may have omitted, or who you believe would be interested in joint us on August 8.



## Wine Appreciation Group

Jack Bevis

(jackb435@comcast.net)

Wine Tasting events are held every other month on the last Thursday of the month from 4:00 to 6:30 pm. The next one will be on September 24.

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. There is a nominal charge. Both SIR members and their wives are invited to attend.

Contact Jack Bevis at 925-254-7256, for more information.

## Editorial Correction

The photos labeled “*Having Fun at the Spring Fling—2015*” in the July Trampas Topics (page 8) were actually photos from the previous year’s Spring Fling. **This was a test to see if you are carefully reading the Topics each month** (Actually it was an Editor error). The photos to the right are from the 2015 Spring Fling. Note that everyone always has fun at the annual Spring Fling and, if you haven’t ever attended this fantastic event, plan to do so at the next one.



### Br. 116 Book Club

Rich Black

(blackrw41@comcast.net)

#### “Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End” by Atul Gawande

Boston surgeon Gawande through personal and professional experience found that too often doctors never talked honestly about end of life choices and so he wrote “Being Mortal” to understand what had happened and how he elderly and their loved ones could address the problem. Richard Rossland recommended this book and on June 1 Richard Black led the discussion with Jerry Christopherson, John Riordan, Jack Butler, Cord Hull, Jim Flessner, John Kopchik, Al Reynolds, Lytton DeSilva, Tim Tinnes, Jim Scott, Mac McLoughlin, Art Donaldson, Alan Chasnoff, Joel White, Nick Bowles and Garrett Girvin. The group awarded the book an astonishing 4.5 out of 5 stars.

The Book group, which did not meet in May, also met on June 29 to discuss “An Uncommon Friendship” by Bernat Rosner and Frederic C. Tubach. A report on that discussion will be in the August Trampas Topics.

On **July 27** the group will discuss “Astoria: Astor and Jefferson’s Lost Pacific Empire” by Peter Stark at 10:15 in Orinda Books.

## Having Fun at the Spring Fling—2015





# CARSON CITY GOLF GETAWAY—2015



The entry deadline for the Carson City Golf Getaway (**September 9,10 &11**) is fast approaching, so get your check and *entry form* in because this is one event you don't want to miss. For your convenience **the entry form is below** and also on both golf web sites.

Past participants consider this to be the best golfing event of the year. The golf courses ( 2 rounds with cart) are excellent, the food is great (3 banquets), the cocktails are hosted, over \$1,000 in free raffle prizes, the ladies have a bridge and Mexican Train event; plus there are lots of sights to visit in the area and shopping galore for the ladies. All inclusive for one very reasonable price !

Remember guests are more than welcome so invite them to join you in Carson City. We hope to see you there in September. A fun time is guaranteed and who knows you might get lucky if you enjoy gambling as the Casino awaits.

**Monday, August 20 is the last SIR luncheon prior to the deadline (Aug 26) for signing up and bringing your check.** We have a specific deadline with the hotels in order to get enough rooms, so it would be greatly appreciated if you can get your check in within the next 2 weeks.

If you have any questions please contact Tim Hubbard at 944-0742 or by e-mail at [tthubbs@astound.net](mailto:tthubbs@astound.net).

### Staying at Hartman House

Includes continental breakfast

Golfer           \$ 375 Double Occupancy  
Non-Golfer   \$ 270 Dbl. Occupancy  
Single           \$ 474

### Staying at City Center Motel

Golfer           \$ 342 Double Occupancy  
Non-Golfer   \$ 237 Dbl. Occupancy  
Single           \$ 387

Mail completed form and check to: Tim Hubbard, 1744 Carriage Dr., Walnut Creek, 94598

Please complete the form and circle your selections

## Hartman House or City Center Motel

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Golfer Non-Golfer \*\*

2. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Golfer Non-Golfer \*\*

Golfer's NCGA Ghin # 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to cover my reservation

Please make checks payable to: **SIR Branch 116 Golf**

Your e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\* I'm interested in playing bridge & other games—One Day or Both Days (circle choice)**

For questions: e-mail Tim at [tthubbs@astound.net](mailto:tthubbs@astound.net)  
or call 925-944-0742



## 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

**Aug 21, 2015: Treasures of France.** (20 night cruise on the Grand Rivers of France from Normandy to Provence.) trip includes 17 sightseeing tours along the way, 59 meals, complimentary beer, wine and soft drinks, audio headsets, all transfers & baggage handling plus free International Airfare, Cost \$6499, Ken Richter, Br. 146, Walnut Creek, 925-689-6217.

**Mar 25-Apr 10, 2016: Big Band Voyage Across the Atlantic Ocean.** 16 day all inclusive cruise across the Atlantic on the Crystal Symphony. Relish the blissful luxury of days at sea, highlighted by visits to Bermuda, the Azores, Barcelona, Bandon, and Monte Carlo. Cost from \$3665. Ken Richter, Br.146, Walnut Creek, 925-689-6217.

### Other SIR Travel Opportunities

**Sep 9-19, 2015: Alaska Cruise.** Round Trip leaving San Francisco on the Golden Princess. Includes 4 stops and glacier National Parks. Last trip of the year to Alaska. Cost \$1965 to \$2680 depending on cabin. Jerry Wisenor, Lodi, Br.145, 209-334-5181.

**Sep 12-17, 2015: Great Gatsby Getaway.** You are invited to attend 3 luxurious roaring 20's parties at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island, Michigan. Here is your chance to swing the night away, step back in time, as there are no motorized vehicles on the Island; instead, horse drawn carriages are the mode of transportation. Cost starting at \$2150. Bruce Bentley, Br 20, Santa Cruz, 831-465-6590.

**Sep 17-25, 2015: The Island of Cuba.** The door is open and Cuba is waiting to be discovered. Start your trip in Camaguey, Cuba with a professionally guided seven-day tour. This tour is designed to provide an educational as well as pleasurable experiences. Visit colonial towns as well as the city of Havana. Cost is \$4560 pp. Prices include RT airfare, Cuban Visa fee, all trips and baggage fees on charter flights. Phil Manriquez Br.1, San Bruno, 650-871-5009.

**Sep 19-27, 2015: Upper Mississippi River Steamboat Cruise.** You will board the elegant American Queen in Minneapolis-St Paul and cruise along the Upper Mississippi during the Fall Color season.) Each day visiting a different port with free excursions. Cost of \$4875 to \$5765 depending on Stateroom includes meals, evening entertainment, wine with dinner, and cocktail party. Allen Daily, Br 74, San Jose, 408-265-8140 or Don House 408-268-1703

**Sep 23-28, 2015: Custer State Park Roundup.** (5 nights, 8 meals, plus Mt Rushmore, Crazy Horse Memorial, Historic Deadwood, Ken Costner's Tatanka, Badlands Nat'l Park, 1880 Train Ride & More. Cost \$2095. Home pickup and airfare included. Gary DeRosa, Br.96, Amador County, 209-296-4934/Cell 209-601-6439.

**Sep 30-Oct 11, 2015: Canada and New England.** 11 day cruise on the Caribbean Princess. Starts in Quebec City with 8 stops including Port Saguenay, Grasse, Charlottetown, Sydney and Halifax, Bar Harbor and ends in New York. Cost \$2990 to \$3389 which includes RT Air, motorcoach, gov't fees and more. Derlin German, Petaluma, Br 58, 707-763-6162.

**Oct 3-10, 2015: Colors of New England.** Visit Boston, Stowe, Lake Winnepesaukee, and Boothbay Harbor. Trip includes 7 breakfasts, 3 dinners, views of autumn colors, Air transportation, hotels and transfers. Cost \$2999 to \$4049 depending on accommodations. Bruce Saltzman, Br 128, San Ramon, 925-735-2366.

## Additional SIR Travel Opportunities on State Web

The quarterly State SIR Happenings Web Site at: [sirinc.org/sirhappenings/](http://sirinc.org/sirhappenings/) offers additional SIR travel options.



## Bridge

**Jon Dickson**

(still26@sbcglobal.net)

On July 14th we set a record that might never be broken when playing a total of 120 hands in the afternoon, we had 6 small slams and 1 grand slam for a record of 6% of hands resulting in slams! Are we not shuffling enough?

Dennis Snarr came out on top with 6,630 total points for the day. Jai Yee and Oscar Krickorian were close behind with over 6,000 points each. The lowest daily score was still above 2,000 points. This balances the days when scores in the 4,000's win and the lowest score is in the hundreds.

We play every 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at Round Hill Country club and welcome all bridge players for a fun day of lunch and bridge.



## Poker Group #2

**Jim Shurr**

(shurrjim@astound.net)

Poker Group #2 plays on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at Diablo Country Club in Diablo, from 1-4 p.m. Low stakes ,good times and fun. To play, contact Jim Shurr (925-937-9142) or Jerry Kaplan (925-938-1037) at least 24 hrs before the game.

## 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)

## REMINDER

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

## First Half 2015 Golf Flight Champions



Right to Left:

- Frank Crua, Flight 1 Champion
- Hugh Duggan, Flight 2 Champion
- Bernie Wroblewski, Flight 3 Champion
- Matt Arena, Flight 4 CO-Champion
- Conrad Robertson, Flight 4 Co-Champion



## Luncheon Speaker

**By Little Sir Jim Barstow**

(jbarstow@aol.com)

Our August speaker will be Ms. Rosemary Robles. Rosemary is with the California Department of Motor Vehicles, and is the Driver Safety Manager out of the Oakland Office. Rosemary will be discussing the obstacles and challenges facing Senior Drivers. Rosemary will be offering advice for the Senior Driver.



## Book Exchange

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



## Book Exchange

There will be at least 100 books available for exchange at the August luncheon.

Hopefully, you can find something of interest.

**Happy Reading**



## 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 [branch116.org/116-golf](http://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, Diablo Hills-Walnut Creek, and other 9 hole courses in the area.

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 2015 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.

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

The Golf Website addresses (old & new beta) are: [branch116.org/116-golf](http://branch116.org/116-golf) or [branch116golf.org](http://branch116golf.org) (beta)

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.

### August 9-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Wed. 05	10:00	Buchanan Fields	Dick Chaffee
Wed. 12	10:00	Diablo Hills	D.McClaughry
Wed. 19	10:00	Buchanan Fields	Dick Chaffee
Wed. 26	9:30	Brentwood	Skip Berkson

### August 18-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Mon. 03	9:30	Boundary Oak	Jim Johnson
Mon. 10	9:30	Boundary Oak	Jim Johnson
Tue. 18	8:33	Chardonnay	Jim Johnson
Mon. 24	10:00	Blue Rock- West	Jim Johnson
Mon. 31	10:30	Eagle Vines	Jim Johnson

# 18-Hole Results

## Tilden Park -- Monday July 27, 2015

Official Scorer:  
Greg Hughes

Flight 1				Flight 2				Flight 3				Flight 4			
1st	Jim Johnson	67	3	1st	Bob Price	60	3	1st	Terry Grummitt	70	3	Tie 1st	Robbie Robinson	66	3
2nd	Bill Clark	71	2	2nd	Dick Socolich	69	2	2nd	Bernie Wroblewski	71	2	Tie 1st	Terry Sherman	66	3
Tie 3rd	Bill McCord	72	1	3rd	John Story	70	1	Tie 3rd	Dick Chaffee	74	1	3rd	John Peterson	68	1
Tie 3rd	Al Zavattero	72	1					Tie 3rd	Bob Donohue	74	1				
Low Gross				Low Gross				Low Gross				Low Gross			
	Jim Johnson	83			Bob Price	85			Bernie Wroblewski	94			Terry Sherman	97	

Closest to: Hole: #4 - Don Schroeder -- Hole: #11 - Dick Socolich, Bill Hemmelsbach

## Metropolitan Golf Links -- Tuesday July 21, 2015

Official Scorer:  
Frank Crua

Flight 1				Flight 2				Flight 3				Flight 4			
Tie 1st	Jim Johnson	71	3	1st	Bob Testa	63	3	1st	Bernie Wroblewski	69	3	Tie 1st	Brent Chaney	70	3
Tie 1st	Bill McCord	71	3	2nd	John Story	75	2	2nd	Terry Grummitt	70	2	Tie 1st	Jim Nickels	70	3
3rd	Frank Crua	73	1	3rd	Al Hutchko	78	1	3rd	Don Schroeder	71	1	3rd	Robbie Robinson	71	1
Low Gross				Low Gross				Low Gross				Low Gross			
	Jim Johnson	87			Bob Testa	87			Bernie Wroblewski	92			Brent Chaney		

Closest to: Hole: #7 - Mel Williams, Bernie Wroblewski -- Hole: #12 - Jim Johnson, Don Schroeder

## Boundary Oak -- Wednesday July 15, 2015

Official Scorer:  
Don Schroeder

Flight 1				Flight 2				Flight 3				Flight 4			
Tie 1st	Alan Fitzgerald	71	3	1st	Bob Testa	66	3	Tie 1st	Pete Coggiola	70	3	1st	Fred Schafer	64	3
Tie 1st	Al Zavattero	71	3	Tie 2nd	David Carlisor	69	2	Tie 1st	Kevin Donahue	70	3	2nd	Matt Arena	69	2
3rd	Phil Goff	72	1	Tie 2nd	John Story	69	2	Tie 1st	Terry Grummitt	70	3	3rd	Robbie Robinson	71	1
								Tie 1st	Don Schroeder	70	3				
Low Gross				Low Gross				Low Gross				Low Gross			
	Stephen Cherepy	86			Bob Testa	90			Don Schroeder	93			Fred Schafer	100	
	Phil Goff	86													

Closest to: Hole: #2 - Phil Goff, Al Serafino -- Hole: #12 - Phil Jenkins

## Boundary Oak -- Monday June 6, 2015

Official Scorer:  
Pete Coggiola

Flight 1				Flight 2				Flight 3				Flight 4			
1st	Phil Goff	68	3	1st	Jim Videle	67	3	1st	Mark Jordan	65	3	1st	Jai Yee	66	3
2nd	Neil Schmidt	68	3	2nd	Harry Oberle	68	2	2nd	Terry Grummitt	70	2	2nd	Bill Hemmelsbach	68	2
3rd	Bill McCord	70	1	Tie 3rd	John Story	70	1	Tie 3rd	Pete Coggiola	71	1	Tie 3rd	Matt Arena	69	1
				Tie 3rd	Al Hutchko	70	1	Tie 3rd	Troy Powell	71	1	Tie 3rd	Sam Beret	69	1
								Tie 3rd	Al Serafino	71	1	Tie 3rd	Phil Jenkins	69	1
Low Gross				Low Gross				Low Gross				Low Gross			
	Phil Goff	82			Harry Oberle	88			Mark Jordan	93			Jai Yee	95	

Closest to: Hole: #2 - Phil Goff, Ron Armijo -- Hole: #12 - Harry Oberle, Jerry Christopherson

## Blue Rock Springs - East -- Monday June 29, 2015

Official Scorer:  
Bill Hemmelsbach

Flight 1				Flight 2				Flight 3				Flight 4			
1st	Bill McCord	64	3	1st	John Story	71	3	1st	Bernie Wroblewski	65		1st	Matt Arena	63	3
2nd	Phil Goff	67	2	2nd	Jim Clizbe	75	2	2nd	Wayne Cook	72		2nd	Conrad Robertson	68	2
3rd	Neil Schmidt	70	1	3rd	Bob Testa	76	1	3rd	Richard Madden	75		Tie 3rd	Robbie Robinson	69	1
												Tie 3rd	Randy Welker	69	1
Low Gross				Low Gross				Low Gross				Low Gross			
	Phil Goff	82			John Story	95			Bernie Wroblewski	90			Randy Welker	97	

Closest to: Hole: #8 - Phil Goff, Wayne Cook -- Hole: #16 - Phil Goff, Fred Schafer

## 2015 18-Hole Leader Board

### 18-Hole Leaders -- Second Half 2015

as of Monday July 27, 2015 -- Tilden Park  
By David C Harris and the Handicap Committee

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	Jim Johnson	6	1	John Story	6	1	Terry Grummitt	10	1	Robbie Robinson	5
2	Bill McCord	5		Bob Testa	6	2	Bernie Wroblewski	5	2	Matt Arena	3
3	Phil Goff	4	3	Bob Price	3	3	Peter Coggiola	4		Brent Chaney	3
	Al Zavattero	4		Jim Videle	3		Kevin Donahue	4		Jim Nickels	3
5	Alan Fitzgerald	3	5	David Carlson	2		Don Schroeder	4		Fred Schafer	3
	Neil Schmidt	3		Al Hutchko	2	6	Mark Jordan	3		Terry Sherman	3
7	Bill Clark	2		Harry Oberle	2	7	Dick Chaffee	1		Jai Yee	3
8	Frank Crua	1		Dick Socolich	2		Troy Powell	1	8	Bill Hemmelsbach	2
							Al Serafino	1	9	Sam Beret	1
										Phil Jenkins	1
										John Peterson	1

### 18-Hole Leaders -- First Half 2015

Pos	NAME	Pnts	Pos	NAME	Pnts	Pos	NAME	Pnts	Pos	NAME	Pnts
1	Frank Crua	27	1	Hugh Duggan	45	1	Bernie Wroblewski	33	1	Matt Arena	22
2	Jim Barstow	23	2	Bob Testa	29	2	Troy Powell	28		Conrad Robertson	22
3	Al Zavattero	21	3	John Story	21	3	Don Schroeder	18	3	Robbie Robinson	17

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

There are two golf web sites, the historic site ([branch116.org/116-golf](http://branch116.org/116-golf)) and a new Beta site ([branch116golf.org](http://branch116golf.org)). Both sites are currently being run in parallel until full conversion to the new web site. Please bookmark both of these sites in your "Favorites" list of websites to access the following information:

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- **Sign-ups:** Identifies advance sign-ups for Boundary Oak & Paid-in-Advance tournaments. Additionally, the new (Beta) site offers the opportunity to sign up for those events. Please note that Paid-in-Advance signups become official only after the Treasurer (David Carlson) receives your check.

### 18-Hole Pay In Advance Deadlines

<u>Event Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Tuesday, August 18	Chardonay	Aug 07	\$45
Monday, August 24	Blue Rock—West	Aug 08	\$37
Monday, August 31	Eagle Vines	Aug 23	\$45
Monday, September 22	Paradise Valley	Sep-12	\$43

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



RETURN TO: Neil Schmidt  
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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.