



# Trampas Topics

December, 2015

## SIR Branch 116

Next Meeting: 11:30 am,  
Monday, January 18, 2016  
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

Happy Holidays to all of you fantastic members of SIR Branch 116!

I can't believe that my tenure as your Big SIR is coming to an end. 2015 has moved along very quickly for me and I'm honored to have been in this position of leadership within the branch. We're truly blessed to have such an active, fun and wonderful group of guys! We're one of the healthiest branches in all of SIR and you are the main reasons for our success. Congratulations to all 242 of you.



I want to thank the Activity Chairmen, Directors and Officers for all of your efforts this year and I'm convinced that our branch will be in great hands in 2016, thanks to everyone who stepped up to fill the vacant positions. Your new Big SIR, Jim Barstow and your new Little SIR, Paul Ramacciotti, will need your help to keep our branch moving forward, please be willing to help out if you're asked.

Don't forget the Christmas Party on December the 16th, at Boundary Oak. I hope that all of you are planning to attend this great event and if you haven't signed up yet, please do so right away. This is an especially important event for our branch and our newer members who joined us this year, because it's a great opportunity to introduce your wives or girl friends to the other members and their spouses. Thanks, very much, to Jerry Christopherson and his band of elves for all of their efforts once again!

Also of importance is the Board's decision to reduce the voluntary contribution for next year to \$40.00. The success of the raffle has been a big contributor to this decision, so please continue to support this activity in 2016. We'll start collecting the voluntary contribution in January, so please bring your check to the meeting on 1/18.

Once again, it's been my pleasure to be your Big SIR and thank you for your support. Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and New Year and I hope that you have a wonderful and healthy 2016.

*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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513-5141



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## 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
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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

# December 2015

Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
		1  <b>Duplicate Bridge</b> (9:00 Diablo Vly. Bridge Ctr)	2  <b>9-Hole Golf</b> (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC)	3	4	5
6	7  <b>18-Hole Golf</b> (9:30@ Boundary Oak GC ) <b>Book Group</b> (10:15@ Orinda Books)	8  <b>Luncheon Bridge</b> (11:30@ Round Hill CC)	9  <b>9-Hole Golf</b> (10:00@ Pine Meadow GC)	10	11  <b>Hiking &amp; Walking</b> (8:15@ Sweet Affair Bakery, Walnut Creek)	12
13	14  <b>18-Hole Golf</b> (9:30@ Boundary Oak GC )	15	16  <b>9-Hole Golf</b> (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC) <b>\$ums Investment</b> (8:00@ Diablo Creek GC)	17  <b>Fishing Group</b> (8:30@ Diablo Creek GC)	18	19
20	21  <b>18-Hole Golf</b> (10:00@ Diablo Creek GC )	22	23  <b>9-Hole Golf</b> (10:00@ Diablo Hills GC)	24	25  	26
27	28  <b>18-Hole Golf</b> (9:30@ Delta View GC )	29	30	31  		



## Membership

**Andy Benz**

(anbenz@aol.com)

### SIR 116 Membership Status

Total Current Members:	242
This Month's Inductees:	0
Those in Interview Stage:	0
Total in Process:	0
On Inactive Status:	18
Left the Branch:	2
Waiting to be Installed:	0



## Lunch Attendance

**Jim Nachtweih**

(majnacht@sbcglobal.net)

### Attendance at the November 16th Meeting

Total:	184
Members:	177
Visitors:	2
Speakers:	4
Guests:	1
Excused:	42
Un-Excused:	16

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



## Br. 116 Treasurer's Report

**Carl Langhorst, Treasurer**

(cslangho@mindspring.com)

	Nov. 2015	2015 YTD
Contributions	\$ 4,443.00	\$ 60,076.81
Disbursements	\$ (5,418.00)	\$ (59,637.15)
Net (gain/(loss))	\$ <b>(975.00)</b>	\$ 439.66
Nov. 28th Cash Balance		\$ 6,881.05

## 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)

## December Birthdays

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

1. John Antczak	10. DaveHarris
2. Skip Berkson	11. Larry Heaton
3. Pat Bermingham	12. Tim Hubbard
4. Bill Best	13. Norm Jokerst
5. Nick Bowles	14. Phil Jenkins
6. Jack Butler	15. Walt Kawecki
7. Allan chasnoff	16. John Kopchik
8. Ed Cole	17. Conrad Robertson
9. Joe Collins	18. Wayne Smith
10. Marv DeHeus	19. Doug Waterman
11. Jim Gleason	

## 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** is out and about on a walker. He is recovering nicely from his stroke and looks very energetic. He is looking forward to be with us soon.

SIR **Mike Murphy** continues to receive treatment under his doctors' care. Mike has been missed from our luncheons.

SIR **Roger Colton** is taking it a day at a time following a long illness. His wife Laurie tells me that he has been a good patient and is doing everything the doctor has ordered.

SIR **Carl Cline** came to the last the last 2 luncheons with the help of his good friend Dick Breitweiser. it was great to see you both at the luncheon.

SIR **Don DeGraf** had a bad fall and is waiting for the results of an MRI. For the time being he is in a back brace to help give him some relief.

SIR Jerry Kaplan is recovering from a double hernia repair. He is moving about but slowly. Jerry is looking forward to return to our luncheons the sooner the better.

**HAPPINESS IS NOT A DESTINATION...IT IS A WAY OF LIFE !**



November Luncheon Entertainment— SIR Br.116  
Paul King and his acoustical band (Jump-In)



## Activity Chairman

Jerry Christopherson

(jchris161k@aol.com)

# YOU STILL HAVE TIME!

If you move fast, you can still make a reservation for this year's Dinner/Dance at Boundary Oak Golf Club on December, 16 at 6pm.

Get a reservation form from page 8, make your menu selections, mail the form with your check in time for us to receive it by December 2.

**Hope to see you there...**



## SIR Fishing Group

Harry Sherinian

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All 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, December 17th, 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.

Trout fishing in our local lakes got off to a great start. Harry Sherinian, Terry Miller, Carl Moyer, Ernie Wong, Ray Pixton, Ken Konzak, and Pete Gates all caught the tasty rainbow trout. Ernie caught 2 over 4 lbs. for big fish honors. Tom Kostik, Harry Sherinian, Terry Miller and Mike Corker enjoyed plugging for stripers in the delta. Tom spent some fruitless days on the Klamath for salmon. Carl Moyer spent some fruitless days on the delta for sturgeon, but did well on rockfish and ling cod on the ocean. Twenty of our hearty fishermen came to Carl Moyer's backyard for the annual fall fish fry, over 10 lbs. of rockfish and ling cod fillets were consumed. Jim Andrews and Don Mittlesteadt journeyed to Lake Davis for several days of catching large trout on their flies. Joe Miscione and son have enjoyed rockfish trips from Monterey, and striper fishing in the delta. Ernie Wong prepared and presented a power point presentation at our meeting in November on the clubs recent trip to Pyramid Lake in Nevada. It looked like the guys had a great time and caught a lot of fish. There seems to be a lot of interest for the next trip in April 2016.

We will be very busy this winter with: delta fishing for catfish, striped bass, and sturgeon; trout in local lakes, rockfish on the ocean. We live in a fishermen's paradise. We also begin our fishing related programs including our gala and extravagant Christmas dinner, the Sacramento EXPO, and our annual trek to Bass Pro and Fishermen's warehouse in Manteca.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, December 17th 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.)



Ernie Wong with his catch at Shadow Cliffs



## \$ums Investment Group

Gary Moore (Branch 174)

(mooregh1@gmail.com)

There will be no meeting of Area 2 \$ums Investment Group in December.

For your information, the 2016 programs co-chair for the group will be Tom Henry, from branch 174. Tom's email address is tomh925@icloud.com.

## Newly Sworn in 2016 SIR Br. 116 Officers and Directors



Left to right: John Story (Director), Bob Shader (Asst. Treasurer), Jim Nickels (Treasurer), Al Satake (Asst. Treasurer), Norm Alberts (Director), Allan Chasnoff (Asst. Secretary), Fred Schafer (Secretary), Harry Sherinian (Director), Phil Goff (Membership Secretary), Wayne Cook (Director), Jim Barstow (Big SIR), Paul Romacciotti (Little SIR), Bob Donohue (Director), not shown: Al Hutchko (Director)



**Computer & Technology**  
Derek Southern & Neil Schmidt  
(SIR.Area2.CAT@gmail.com)



The Computer & Technology Group meets on the 3rd Thursday of every month except in June and December. The next meeting will be on **January 21, 2016**.

This group typically has a technical presentation each month on a wide range of computer and new technology topics. In addition, the meetings are a good way to get answers to your own computer issues by asking the "experts". Complete computer novices, as well as experienced users, can get valuable information from these meetings.

If you want to get on the mailing list for meeting announcements, send a request to the e-mail address above. Also look for January meeting information in the January Trampas Topics

### 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)



**Wine Appreciation Group**  
Jack Bevis  
(jackb435@comcast.net)

The Wine Appreciation group meets every other month. The most recent wine event was held at the home of Lou and Carole Meylan on November 19<sup>th</sup>. Nineteen of us attended. Lou focused today on Zinfandel, California zinfandels. The first was a Toscana Old Vine Zinfandel 2012 from Plymouth Ca. That was followed by Cline Ancient Vines Zinfandel 2013 from Sonoma Ca. And, finally a St. Francis Old Vines Zinfandel 2012 from Santa Rosa, Ca. They were all very nice. Personally I favored the Tascono. To top it off Lou served a sweet desert wine, a Risata Moscato d'Asti 2014. Carole's delicious hors d'oeuvre table complemented all of the wines.

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 by the group. If interested in more information contact: Jack Bevis at 925-254-7256.

The next event is scheduled for **January 28, 2016**.



THE 2015 EDITION OF SIR BRANCH 116

# CHRISTMAS DINNER DANCE

Wednesday, December 16, 2015 – 6:00 to 10:30PM

## BOUNDARY OAK GOLF CLUB

3800 Valley Vista Road, Walnut Creek

Registration and No Host Bar from 6:00-7:00pm, followed by Dinner and Dancing

**Entertainment! Surprises!**

**Dancing with music by a Local DJ**

**Door prizes Special Bar Prices**

Choice of Entree @\$52.00 per person:

**Cabernet Braised Short Ribs**

**Pan Seared Salmon Vegetable Wellington**

Includes salad, seasonal vegetables and dessert

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CHRISTMAS DINNER DANCE - Boundary Oak Golf Club - 12/16/2015  
RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 2, 2015  
(Circle entrée choice)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Veggie Short Ribs 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 ten)



## Br. 116 Book Club

**Rich Black**

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**“Highest Duty: My Search for What Really Matters”** by Captain “Sully” Sullenberger and Jeffrey Zaslow (December 7)

**“The Great Reformer: Francis and the Making of a Radical Pope”** by Austen Iverligh

(January 25)

The Book Group has not met in November because it combines the November and December meeting. We will next meet on **December 7** at 10:15 am at Orinda Books to read Danville resident Sully Sullenberger’s book on the landing of a US Air flight in the Hudson River. All passengers and crew survived.

Our first meeting in 2016 will be on January 25, again at Orinda Books, to discuss “The Great Reformer.”

All SIR members are welcome.



## 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.



## Walking Tours

**Bernie Wroblewski**

(bbwroblewski@comcast.net)

Walking tours will resume after the upcoming Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years Holidays. A tour will be scheduled in **January of 2016**.



## Bridge

**Jon Dickson**

(still26@sbcglobal.net)

Bridge, Chicago Style, is every 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at Round Hill Country Club in Alamo. Lunch starts at 11:30 AM, bridge follows. All who enjoy (and even those to don't always enjoy) bridge are welcome.

Slams these past weeks have been few and far between which must mean we are shuffling the cards correctly.

There will be only one game in December, on **Tuesday, December 8th**.



# Do You Want Hardcopies of the Trampas Topics?

For Branch 116 members who don’t like reading electronic issues on the Trampas Topics, you can select to get hardcopy distribution of the newsletter. The subscription price for receiving printed copies of the “Topics”, sent to you each month in the mail, is **\$20/year**. If you want to receive, or to continue receiving printed copies in Year 2016, send a \$20 check now, payable to “SIR Branch 116”, to our new 2016 Treasurer:

Jim Nickels  
52 Ball Road  
Walnut Creek, CA 94596



## Hiking & Walking

Joel White

(zpz2mrz@yahoo.com)

On Friday, November the 13th, fourteen non-superstitious souls ventured to Danville Blvd and Stone Valley road in Alamo to walk north on the Iron Horse trail towards Rudgear Road. It was a brisk but crystal clear morning with very few other pedestrians or bikes in evidence. After an hour's walk we returned to the new Panera Bread location in the Alamo Shopping Center for coffee/sweets/breakfast and conversation. Panera is on the site of a former Wells Fargo Bank, and features a "vault" dining room where the bank vault used to be. The walkers were Donna Arganbright and Richard Black, Steve Bort, Art and Mary Alice Donaldson, David and Colleen Geary, Dan and Andrea Green, John and Gail Riordan, and Richard and Aase White, and Bob Wolf.

So Far, 8 hearty souls have signed up for the day after Thanksgiving "walk off your calories and then add some more" outing.

The **Friday, Dec. 11** walk will be led by Alan Chasnoff. We will meet at Sweet Affair Bakery 8:15 am, 1815 Ygnacio Valley Rd, Walnut Creek, in the shopping center across from Heather Farm Park and walk the Contra Costa canal trail with a stop at the rose garden. **Please RSVP** to Alan [al-lanchasnoff@gmail.com](mailto:al-lanchasnoff@gmail.com). If you have not already done so, please also copy me with your cell number for the walkers emergency contact list.

There is no formal walk scheduled for Christmas day.

Happy Holidays to all.

Anyone wishing to be added to the e-mail reminder list should contact Joel White 964-0994 or [zpz2mrz@yahoo.com](mailto:zpz2mrz@yahoo.com).

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

## Christmas Jokes

### Reindeer's Story at Christmas

According to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, while both male and female reindeer grow antlers in the summer each year, male reindeer drop their antlers at the beginning of winter, usually late November to mid-December.

Female reindeer retain their antlers till after they give birth in the spring. Therefore, according to EVERY historical rendition depicting Santa's reindeer, EVERY single one of them, from Rudolph to Blitzen, had to be a girl.

We should have known... ONLY women would be able to drag a fat man in a red velvet suit all around the world in one night and not get lost.

### Christmas Turkey

It was Christmas Eve in at the meat counter and a woman was anxiously picking over the last few remaining turkeys in the hope of finding a large one.

In desperation she called over a shop assistant and said, 'Excuse me. Do these turkeys get any bigger?'

'No, madam, 'he replied, 'they're all dead.'





## 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

**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,, Bandol, and Monte Carlo. Cost from \$3665. Ken Richter, Br.146, Walnut Creek, 925-689-6217.

### Other SIR Travel Opportunities

**Dec 29-Jan 2, 2016: New Year's Eve at the Broadmoor in Colorado Springs.** This AAA Broadmoor five star hotel is the Grand Dame of the Rockies. Tour includes home pick-up, RT airfare to Denver from Sacramento, Royal Gorge Bridge and lunch on the Royal Gorge train. City tour of Colorado Springs and much more. Cost \$1975 includes taxes, fees, and gratuities. Lee Suess, Br 96, 209-296-2235.

**Dec 29-Jan 2, 2016: New Year's in Scottsdale.** Ring in the New Year at the fabulous Hilton Double Tree Paradise Valley Resort. Enjoy tours of Oak Creek Canyon, Sedona, Phoenix & Scottsdale for New Year's Eve highlighted with a wonderful dinner along with Popular music of the Big Band era! Contact Bruce Bentley, 831-465-6590, for more information.

**Mar 10-16 ,2016: Azaleas, Plantations & Cajuns.** Experience the hospitality and charm of the south through educational tours of Natchez, Baton Rouge, Lafayette and New Orleans. See spring in full bloom with the surrounding flowers at historic

sites and plantations. 3 nights Baton Rouge & 3 nights New Orleans 7 day, 13 meals from \$2105 Bruce Bentley, Santa Cruz, Br 20, 831-465-6590

**Apr 16-25, 2016: Heritage of America.** 10 day escorted tour of New York, Philadelphia, Amish Country, Gettysburg, Shenandoah Valley, Monticello, Williamsburg, Mt Vernon, Washington DC. Cost of \$3299 includes Cancellation insurance, air tax fees, surcharges, hotel transfers, gratuities and & RT air fare. Bill Rodman, Br.38, San Jose, 408-274-4521 or Hank Clark 408-223-6464.

**Apr 17-25, 2016: AMA waterways Tulip Time Cruise.** 8 night river cruise through the Netherlands and Belgium aboard the AmaSerena riverboat. You will visit Amsterdam, Volendam, Edam, Antwerp, Ghent, Bruges, Kinderdijk and Keukenhof Gardens. Trip includes air, transfers, guided excursions, wine or beer with dinner, free WiFi and more. Cost \$5950 to \$7950 depending on cabin. Jim Stoner, Br.114, 408-238-8458 or Larry Martinson 408-528-0746.

**May 9-21, 2016: Kenya Safari Adventure.** Visit the best game reserves to see hundreds of animals. Game drives in the mornings and late afternoons. This tour is active and exciting! 4 & 5 star hotels, Mt Kenya National Park, Lake Nakura National Park, Amboseli National Park, Samburu National Game Reserve and Maasai Mara. 13 days, 28 meals. Starting at \$3975, Bruce Bentley, Br.20, Santa Cruz, 831-465-6590.

## 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.



## Note: The Historic SIR Br.116 Golf Web Site Will Be Shutting Down in January.

It is now time to bookmark the new "branch116golf.org" web site.

The new website gives you access the following information:

- **The Annual Golf Schedule:** Includes dates, times & courses as well as detailed information on costs, payment information, deadlines, & special events information.
- **18-Hole Pairings:** Shows captains, teams, starting times & handicaps for the next tournament.
- **Leaders & Results:** Shows results from recent 9-Hole & 18-Hole tournaments & the leaders in each group.
- **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 (Dave Carlson) receives your check.



### "Mexican Train" Dominos

Richard Madden

(maddenram@sbcglobal.net)

"Mexican Train" is a domino game which uses a set of Double Twelve Dominoes. From 2 to 8 can play. Each player draws 11 to 15 dominoes. The number of dominoes each player draws depends on the number of players. The object of the game is to play all your dominoes. When you draw your hand you set it up so that the adjacent dominoes match. During the play of a round there are things that can derail your train so that you cannot play. This can make the game very interesting and a lot of FUN!

We plan to meet on the second Wednesday of the month. The location of the meeting will be determined by the number of players we have. We had our second session on October 14th with 7 players. The players who attended were; Paul Harris, Bob Wolf, Joe Diehl, Alex Lutkus, Richard Madden, Kirk McVean and Gary Bonfiglio. Kirk was the winner with a low score of 179. We are not sure if he always started with the correct number of dominoes. Ask these guys about the game.

You can contact Richard Madden, maddenram@sbcglobal.net or 925.788.4223



### "Dine-O-Sir" Dinner Group

Ben Smith

(bjsssmith@aol.com)

The next future Dine-O-SIR event will be held in **January 2016**. If you want to get on the mailing list for this popular activity, contact Ben Smith at [bjsssmith@aol.com](mailto:bjsssmith@aol.com)





## SIR Branch 116 Golf

By Al Zavattero, Golf Chairman  
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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  
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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.

### December 9-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Wed. 02	10:00	Buchanan Fields	Dick Chaffee
Wed. 09	10:00	Diablo Hills	Mike Murphy
Wed. 16	10:00	Buchanan Fields	Dick Chaffee
Wed. 23	10:00	Diablo Hills	D.McClaughry
Wed. 30	10:00	open	open

### December 18-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Mon. 07	9:30	Boundary Oak	Phil Jenkins
Mon. 14	9:30	Boundary Oak	Phil Jenkins
Mon. 21	10:00	Diablo Creek	Phil Jenkins
Mon. 28	9:30	Delta View	Phil Jenkins

# 18-Hole Results

## Roddy Ranch -- Monday November 23, 2015

Official Scorer:  
Phil Jenkins

Flight 1				Flight 2				Flight 3				Flight 4			
Tie 1st	Jim Barstow	66	3	1st	Hugh Duggan	62		1st	Don Schroeder	71	3	Tie 1st	Fred Schafer	67	3
Tie 1st	Al Zavattero	66	3	2nd	Bob Donohue	66		Tie 2nd	Al Serafino	76	2	Tie 1st	Randy Welker	67	3
3rd	Mel Williams	68	1	3rd	David Carlson	69		Tie 2nd	Bernie Wroblewski	76	2	3rd	Conrad Robertson	68	1
Low Gross				Low Gross				Low Gross				Low Gross			
	Phil Goff	82			Hugh Duggan	87			Don Schroeder	93			Randy Welker	95	

Closest to: Hole: #3 - Frank Crua, Phil Jenkins -- Hole: #17 - Dirk Meyer, Don Schroeder

## Franklin Canyon -- Monday November 17, 2015

Official Scorer:  
Robbie Robinson

Flight 1				Flight 2				Flight 3				Flight 4			
1st	Dirk Meyer	64	3	Tie 1st	Hugh Duggan	65	1	1st	Don Schroeder	66	3	1st	Carl Langhorst	56	3
2nd	Jim Johnson	67	2	Tie 1st	John Story	65	1	2nd	Terry Grummitt	67	2	2nd	Fred Schafer	66	2
3rd	Neil Schmidt	71	1	3rd	Bob Testa	67	3	3rd	Bernie Wroblewski	68	1	Tie 3rd	Conrad Robertson	67	1
												Tie 3rd	Robbie Robinson	67	1
Low Gross				Low Gross				Low Gross				Low Gross			
	Dirk Meyer	85			John Story	90			Don Schroeder	88			Carl Langhorst	93	

Closest to: Hole: #17 - Bob Testa, Kevin Donahue

## Boundary Oak -- Monday November 9, 2015

Official Scorer:

Canceled -- bad weather

## Mira Vista Country Club -- Monday October 26, 2015

Official Scorer:

Canceled -- bad weather

## Oakhurst Country Club -- Monday October 26, 2015

Official Scorer:  
Phil Goff

Flight 1				Flight 2				Flight 3				Flight 4			
Tie 1st	Jim Barstow	68	3	1st	Dick Socolich	69	3	1st	Don Schroeder	64	3	1st	Marty Katz	67	3
Tie 1st	Bill Clark	68	3	2nd	Frank Portillo	70	2	2nd	Max Foust	69	2	Tie 2nd	George Pryhuber	71	2
3rd	Al Zavattero	69	1	3rd	Harry Oberle	71	1	3rd	Terry Grummitt	74	1	Tie 2nd	Jim Nickels	71	2
Low Gross				Low Gross				Low Gross				Low Gross			
	Jim Barstow	86			Dick Socolich	89			Don Schroeder	89			George Pryhuber	103	
	Bill Clark	86			Frank Portillo	89									

Closest to: Hole: #3 - Frank Portillo, Don Schroeder -- Hole: #13 - Bob Testa, Bill Hemmelsbach



## 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		
1	Bill Clark	22	1	Hugh Duggan	22	1	Terry Grummitt	28	1	Matt Arena	15
2	Frank Crua	16	2	John Story	21	2	Don Schroeder	23	2	Jim Nickels	13
3	Al Zavattero	13	3	Harry Oberle	16	3	Peter Coggiola	13	3	Carl Langhorst	12
4	Jim Johnson	12	4	Bob Testa	11		Mark Jordan	13		Randy Welker	12
	Bill McCord	12	5	David Carlson	10	5	Bernie Wroblewski	12	5	Terry Sherman	11
6	David Harris	10		Al Hutchko	10	6	Al Serafino	10	6	Art Vogl	9
7	Neil Schmidt	8	7	Dick Socolich	7	7	Kevin Donahue	9	7	Phil Jenkins	8
8	Jim Barstow	7	8	Jim Videle	5	8	Jerry Hunter	5		Fred Schafer	8
9	Alan Fitzgerald	6	9	Bob Donohue	4	9	Wayne Cook	4	9	Robbie Robinson	7
	Phil Goff	6		Frank Portillo	4	10	Richard Madden	3	10	Bill Hemmelsbach	5
11	Dirk Meyer	3	11	Jim Clizbe	3		Kirk McVean	3	11	Brent Chaney	4
	Mel Williams	3		David Ferm	3	12	Max Foust	2	12	Chuck Gilliam	3
13	Jerry Hicks	2		Bob Price	3	13	Dick Chaffee	1		Marty Katz	3
14	Norm Alberts	1	14	Bob Conlon	2		Troy Powell	1		Jai Yee	3
			15	Bob Huck	1				15	George Pryhuber	2
										Conrad Robertson	2
									17	Sam Beret	1
										Jerry Christopherson	1
										John Peterson	1
										Al Satake	1

## 18-Hole Leaders -- First Half 2015

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

## 18-Hole Pay In Advance Deadlines

<u>Event Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Monday, December 21, 2015	Diablo Creek	Dec-09	\$41
Monday, December 28, 2015	Delta View	Dec-16	\$28
Tuesday, January 19, 2016	Deer Ridge	Jan-10	\$30
Monday, January 25, 2016	Las Positas	Jan-15	\$43

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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.