



Trampas Topics

February, 2015

SIR Branch 116

Next Meeting: 11:30 am,
Monday, February 16, 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



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February will be a busy month for all of us. Valentine's Day is on the 14th, so be sure to treat your wife or significant other like she truly is your Valentine. President's Day Weekend will also be in the middle of the month.



Our February meeting will be held on President's Day again this year and the parking lot may very well fill up quickly. If that's the case, don't forget the lower lot across the street; there should be plenty of parking down there.

A milestone for our Branch in February is that we'll be presenting Sir Ralph Schwarz with his "Super Senior" award. Ralph will be 95 on the 21st and he won our nine hole championship at the young age of 93, in 2013. Please take the time to congratulate Ralph for both of these accomplishments.

We started to collect the voluntary contributions in January and that will continue at the February meeting. If you haven't already made your contribution, please do so then.

The State SIR Organization, that we're part of, says that our main goal is to have fun. I believe strongly that we're a fun branch and a sure way to see that is to take a look around the Elks Lodge during one of our meetings. It's a noisy place, with lots of chatter and laughter; everyone having a great time. I love to see that and it's a very good thing! Having said that, I'd like to know what we can do to become even more enjoyable to more people? If you have an idea on how to better our branch, I'd love to hear it. I welcome any and all suggestions that you may have.

Have a wonderful and safe February and please stay off of Matt Arena's list.

Bob Donohue - Big SIR

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reservation or
to bring a guest.***

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" "	Carlos Xavier	947-6756	Visitors	Bernie Wroblewski	820-3274
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Hiking & Walking	Joel White	964-0994			

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

Other SIR Area 2 (Inter-branch) Activities

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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

February 2015

Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
1	2 18-Hole Golf (9:00@ Crow Canyon CC)	3 Duplicate Bridge (10:00@ Diablo Vlly. Bridge Ctr)	4 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC)	5	6	7
8	9 18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Boundary Oak GC)	10 Luncheon Bridge (11:30@ Round Hill CC)	11 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Pine Meadow GC)	12	13 Hiking & Walking (8:15@ Safeway in Moraga)	14 Valentine's Day
15	16 <u>SIR Br. 116</u> <u>Mtg.</u> (11:30 @ WC Elks Lodge) President's Day Holiday	17 18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Brentwood GC)	18 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC)	19 Computer & Tech (9:30@ Elks Club)	20	21
22	23 18-Hole Golf (9:24@ Callippe Reserve GC) Book Group (10:15@ Orinda Books)	24 Luncheon Bridge (11:30@ Round Hill CC)	25 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Diablo Hills GC) \$ums Investment (8:00@ Diablo Creek GC)	26 Fishing Group (8:30@ Legends-Diablo Crk)	27 Hiking & Walking (8:15@ La Boulange, Walnut Creek)	28



Membership

Andy Benz
(anbenz@aol.com)

SIR 116 Membership Status

Total Current Members:	238
This Month's Inductees:	4
Those in Interview Stage:	0
Total in Process:	4
On Inactive Status:	48
Left the Branch:	2
Waiting to be Installed:	0



Br. 116 Treasurer's Report

Carl Langhorst, Treasurer
(cslangho@mindspring.com)

(As of Jan. 27th)	January 2015	2015 YTD
Contributions	\$ 8,010.00	\$ 8,010.00
Disbursements	\$ (3,888.43)	\$ (3,888.43)
Net (gain/(loss))	\$ 4,121.57	\$ 4,121.57
January Cash Balance		\$10,562.96

February Birthdays

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

1 Ron Armijo	15 Harry Kinney
2 Norn Azevedo	16 Sheldon Lawrence
3 Jon Dickson	17 Gene McCullough
4 Clifford Egan	18 Harry Oberle
5 Robert Farmer	19 Edmund Regalia
6 Nick Fokas	20 Donald Roberts
7 Bob Frey	21 Al Robinson
8 James Foust	22 Richard Rossland
9 Daniel Green	23 Fred Schafer
10 Paul Harris	24 Edward Schommer
11 Cordell Hull	25 Jeffrey Smith
12 Pete Kallas	26 Ralph Swartz
13 Paul Kim	27 Tom Voorhis
14 Thomas King	28 Ernie Wong



Lunch Attendance

Jim Nachtweih
(majnacht@sbcglobal.net)

Attendance at the January 19th Meeting

Total:	174
Members:	166
Visitors:	4
Speakers:	0
Guests:	4
Excused:	49
Un-Excused:	18

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

REMINDER

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

February Luncheon Menu

Peppered Roast Pork Loin
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
Veggies
Salad
Roll/Butter
Desert
Coffee/Ice Tea

(Note: Chicken will be available for Jewish faith)

State 'SIR Happenings'

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

www.sirinc.org/sirhappenings



Sunshine Report

Matt Arena
(marena@astound.net)

SIR Max Foust is recuperating nicely following his ankle surgery. He now has some metal inside his ankle but has moved from a cast to a walking boot. We are saving a place for him when he gives us the word that he is ready for golf.

SIR Larry Johnson was planning to join us for lunch but he was nursing the flu. He has every intension to be with us the month.

SIR Al Chasnoff is dealing with a herniated disk. It is not his back that is so painful but rather standing for any length of time is the real problem. We are hoping that he shows enough improvement to join us shortly.

WHEN IT COMES TO CHOCOLATE,
RESISTANCE IS FUTILE.....



Wine Appreciation Group

Jack Bevis

The January wine event will take place after the cutoff date for input to Trampas Topics. See the Feb. issue for coverage of the event.

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 Jan. 29th.

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

The cost is nominal, normally around \$10 or \$15 per person.

Both SIR members and their wives are invited to attend.

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

\$ums Investment Group

Gary Moore (Branch 174)
(mooregh1@gmail.com)

The Area 2 \$ums Investment Group will meet on **Wednesday February 25, 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 February will **Jason Vitucci** from J. Vitucci Financial Services, Inc. Jason's topic will be **Understanding the Changing Tax Landscape and Your Financial Plan**, and will address many of today's tax planning questions, including:

The Current State of Tax Planning

The Case for Higher Future Tax Rates

The New Tax Landscape after the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012

Pitfalls & Opportunities in the Current Tax Code

The Taxability of Your Net Worth and Retirement Planning.

Jason is a Certified Financial Planner professional and Enrolled Agent, specializing in wealth management, tax planning and investment strategies. He has a team of tax and financial professionals working at his practice. He has written and produced content for various media and been a guest on many radio programs since becoming securities licensed in 1997. After graduating from St. Mary's College, Jason earned a post-graduate diploma in financial planning from UC Berkeley and a master's degree from University of London.

The Leg-ends restau-rant opens at 7:00 a.m., so come early and have a leisurely break-fast with your col-leagues prior to the meet-ing. Plan to attend this meet-ing and bring a prospec-tive SIR.

Co-Chairmen: Gary Moore (Br-174) 925-254-8742
David Sutton (Br-8) 925-686-0158
Leary Wong (Br-8) 925-457-0807



SIR Fishing Group

Harry Sherinian

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December looked great with all that rain which added to our water supply. We fishermen thought that we were going to have plenty of water to fill the reservoirs and streams for the next fishing season. **WRONG**, it's blue bird weather and bone dry. Let's hope for a wet February.

Carl Moyer started the New Year in style with a big 12lb trout from the shore at Shadow Cliffs Reservoir. Harry Sherinian was there with him and stated that it was the biggest trout that he had ever seen. By the way, Harry never had a bite. (It happens) Carl and Gordon Linebaugh caught several more on another outing, and Dick Thomson caught a nice trout on yet another foray.

Terry Miller and Tom Kostik caught some small stripers in the delta. Tom continued his amazing striper trips several other times. According to Tom, the water is so cold that the Stripers are just lethargic. Rich Fiscina and Joe Karg got a small sturgeon on a cold and windy day by Martinez.

Many of us drove to Sacramento to attend the Sportsman's EXPO. This is an annual event which is attended by all the top gear manufacturers, fishing lodges and guides. We enjoyed looking at all the new stuff and talking to the pros about the latest technics for catching fish. We all purchased some great bargains, garnered some good information, and made plans for the future fishing trips.

We will be very busy this winter (weather and water permitting) with delta fishing for bass, catfish, bluegill, crappie, striped bass, and sturgeon; trout in mountain and local lakes. We live in a fishermen's paradise.

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, February 26th, at the Legend Sports Bar and Grill at the Diablo Creek Golf Course at 4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord. Come early, have some breakfast and swap stories with other fishermen or just introduce yourself and join in. Meeting starts at 8:30am.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, February 26th, 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



Walking Tours

Bernie Wroblewski

(bbwroblewski@comcast.net)

The next Branch 116 walking tour is scheduled for **Saturday, February 14**, in Walnut Creek. We typically follow the tour with a lunch for those who wish to stay on. The actual location of this tour has not yet posted on the Walnut Creek web page. It is anticipated the posting will occur within the next week.

We do know the time of this tour will be 10:00 am. We also know there is no cost. Those who have already signed up as well as others others interested in participating can contact Bernie Wroblewski at (925) 820-3274 or email bbwroblewski@comcast.net for the tour location.



Luncheon Speaker

By Little Sir Jim Barstow

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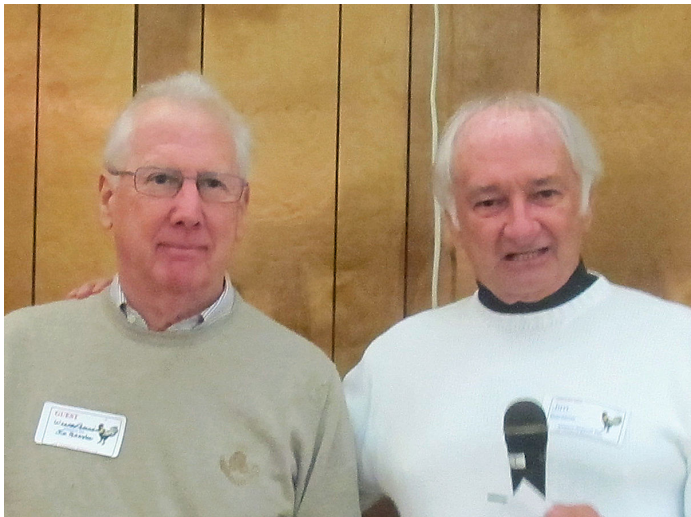
Since our February meeting is on the President's Day most speakers have Holiday plans and are not willing to be a guest speaker. We're still working on the issue and hope to have an interesting presentation.

New Branch 116 Members

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New Member Nick Fokas with sponsor
Jerry Hicks



New Member Warren Garrison with sponsor
Jim Barstow



New Member Stephen Bort with sponsor
Dan Green



New Member John Kopchik, Jr with sponsor
Garrett Girvin



Br. 116 Book Club

Rich Black

(blackrw41@comcast.net)

“Child 44” by Tom Rob Smith

War hero and State Security Officer Leo Stepanivich Demidov defends the Soviet State with skill and dedication until...until...he must 1) implicate his wife and 2) admit he's come across murder.

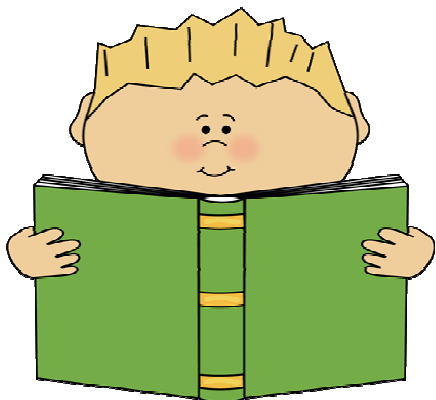
Smith's tale takes off as a page turner. In fact Joel White read all 436 pages on a single flite to Viet Nam. There is a factual basis to the book. There was a serial killer from Rostov an on the Don, and Smith presents a convincing picture of the paranoid logic of Stalin's regime in 1953. However the book is a bit too much of an adventure story to be authoritative.

Jack Butler recommended the book and Richard Black led the discussion. Contributing their views were Jerry Christopherson, John Riordan, Tim Tinnes, Paul Freitas, and Joel White, Jack Butler, Cord Hull, Richard Rossland, Jim Flessner, John Kopchik, Al Reynolds, John Frazier, Steve Bort, Art Donaldson, Lytton DeSilva, Brad Wait and Garrett Girvin, The group awarded the book 4.3 stars.

The group will next meet on at 10:15 on Monday, February 23 at Orinda Books to discuss “Artificial Intelligence and the End of the Human Era” by James Barrat.

The March book will be “Season of the Witch: Enchantment, Terror and Deliverance in the City of Love” by David Talbot.

Richard Black, Convener



Bridge

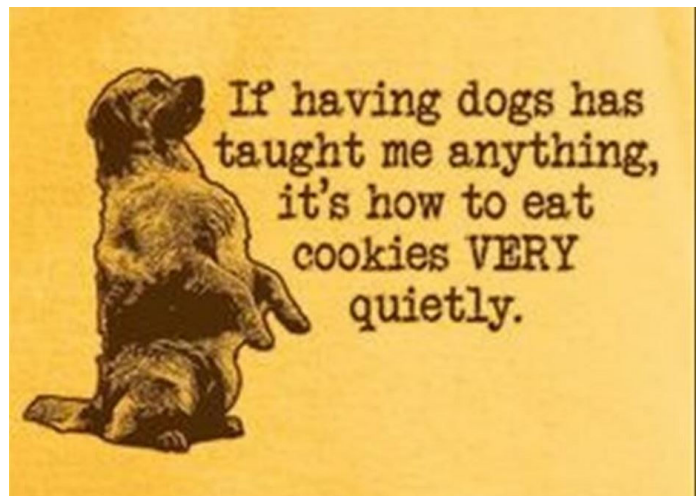
Milt Greenstein

(margmilt@comcast.net)

On January 10th, the duplicate bridge group met at the Diablo Valley Bridge Center with 16 men playing. The team of Dan Green / Ron Wolberg were the top team with 50.16 points out of a possible 84, for 59.71 %, and earning 0.80 master points. In 2nd place were Bob Wolf / Art Donaldson with 55.17 %, with 0.56 master points and Rudy Gebert / Tom Henry were third with 53.98 % and 0.40 master points.

The lunch/bridge group met on January 13th with 21 players in attendance. Our high scorer was Ron Wolberg with 8,100 points, followed by Bob Wolf at 5,870, Milt Greenstein with 5,270 and Rudy Gebert at 4,940. Two small slams were made today, by Ron Wohlberg / Bob Wolf and Milt Greenstein / Jim Nachtweigh. Ron Wohlberg's 8,100 points was pretty impressive.

On January 27th, the group met again at Round Hill C.C. Top scorer today was Bob Kahl with 6,680 points aided by 2 small slams, one with Lytton DeSilva and one with Lou Sandor. Charley Schmidt was second with 4,920, Lou Sandor third at 4,840 points, fourth was Art Donaldson with 4,170 and fifth was Hal Redsun with 4,160. (Not much separates 2nd and 3rd, and 4th and 5th.) The low score today was 460 points, earned by the roving dummy !





Computer & Technology

Derek Southern & Neil Schmidt



The Area 2 Computer and Technology Group advises all SIR and their guests that our next meeting will be at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge on Thursday, February 19th at 9:30 am.

The intriguing title of the presentation is "Lies, Lies and Damn Lies and DNA Solutions"

The Computer & Technology Group (CAT) has in the past had presentations on techniques for developing genealogical family history through library research. In February, we will take these research efforts to another level through ancestry DNA testing. With DNA testing, you can get personalized details about your ethnic origins. Discover more about your story with advanced DNA science from the experts in family history.

The presenter, Jeffrey Vaillant, is a professional genealogist, past president of the California Genealogical Society and a member of numerous Genealogical Societies throughout California and other North American States.

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.

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



Book Exchange

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Books
Books
Books

**The Book Exchange has books for you.
Bring a book, take a book or
take a book, bring a book.
AND it is free!**



Hiking & Walking

Joel White
(zpz2mrz@yahoo.com)



The first walk of the year, January 9th, was led by Lytton DeSilva along Happy Valley Road. Participants included Lytton, John & Gail Riordan, Richard & Aase White, Richard & Donna Black, Marc Jordan, Art & Mary Alice Donaldson, and Paul & Anna Freitas. Coffee and conversation followed at La Boulange, Lafayette.

The January 23rd led, by Paul Freitas, began at the Lafayette Moraga trail staging area. Unlike most of the week, the fog lifted early with the beautifully shining sun allowing the post walk get together at the Lafayette La Boulange to be outdoors. Participants included Paul and Anna Freitas, Rich Black and Donna Argenbright, Art and Mary Alice Donaldson, Lytton De Silva, Dan Green, John Riordan, and Joel and Susan White.

Friday, February 13th Walk will be led by John Riordan. Meet at **8:15am** in front of the **Safeway at the northern corner of the intersection of Moraga Road and Moraga Way** in (where else?) Moraga. We'll walk southerly along the Lafayette-Moraga Regional Trail to the Valle Vista staging area and back. Pastries or breakfast at Terzetto, just east of Safeway. Please RSVP to John: <gcriordan@comcast.net>. *By the way, it's okay to just come for coffee and conversation if that fits your schedule or current physical limitations.* Call or e-mail John if that's your intent.

The **Friday, February 27th** walk will be led by Joel White. We will meet at **8:15 am at the Iron Horse Trailhead at the end of Fostoria way, just east of the Danville Costco**, 3150 Fostoria Way, Danville, CA 94526. We will walk north on the Iron Horse Trail on a completely flat section. This will be followed by coffee/conversation/breakfast at Panerra Bread on the corner of Crow Canyon Road and Camino Ramon. Please RSVP to Joel at the telephone or e-mail below.

In case of inclement weather, check your e-mail at 7am prior to the walk for a possible cancellation notice from the walk leader. We will generally walk unless it is unreasonably cold and/or raining too hard.

This is a very welcoming and congenial group. New members are always welcome. This is a group activity with spouses, but members may come without their spouse if the spouse is otherwise occupied or unavailable, and vice versa (the spouse is welcome without the member).

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

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:

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SIR Website Addresses

SIR 116 Web Site
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Computer and Technology
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www.sirinc.org/sirhappenings

State SIR Web Site
www.sirinc.org/

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:



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SIR Travel Opportunities

Mar 27, 2015: Day at the Races. The horses are running at Golden Gate Field and the race track has dedicated March 27th to the Sons in Retirement. The cost of \$33.00 includes admission, reserve parking, daily program, great buffet lunch, tax and tips. Put your group together and join your fellow Sirs for a fun day at the Races. Contact **Ken Richter** BR. 146 689-6217.

Mar 10-14, 2015: Spring Training Phoenix. Your trip begins with your arrival at the Phoenix airport. The trip includes all transportation while in Phoenix, three Spring Training Games in the best seats available 4 nights at the Embassy Suites, 3 hosted meals per day during stay, morning activities, escort and guide service. Cost \$1795.00 .Contact **Ken Richter**, Br 146, 689-6217.

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



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.

Golf at Rancho Canada in Carmel, CA

Branch 116 is going back to Carmel.
Spouses and Significant others are invited.



Here are the Details

We will stay at the Carmel Mission Inn (Tel 1-800-348-9090.) You must make your own reservations and pay separately. Mention you are with the SIR 116 event and the room rate will be \$129/night.

We will play golf at Rancho Canada on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 19 & 20. First tee time on Tuesday is 10:00 so you may drive down that morning if you wish. Those driving down that morning will be assigned the later tee times. Golf fees for the two days are \$142 (\$108 for walkers.) This price includes \$20 for prize money and a BBQ dinner on Monday night.

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Rancho Canada Golf Event, May 19 and 20, 2015

Name _____ Name _____

No. of Golfers x \$142 (\$108 for walking) _____

Non-Golfers x \$30 _____

SIR Branch 116 Golf

By Al Zavattero, Golf Chairman
(jandazav@juno.com)



Sequoyah Country Club Monday March 9, 2015

Our second Country Club Golf event will be at Sequoyah Country Club on Monday March 9th. It will be a 9:30 AM shotgun. The price is \$50 with cart. Players using the regular tees will play from the white markers and those playing from the forward tees will play from the green markers. You are encouraged to invite your golfing friends who are not from Branch 116. Due date is our February 16th luncheon.

We have an active golf organization consisting of 18-hole and 9-hole groups. A small annual donation is required to play in either group.

The 18-hole group plays once a week in a Tournament format with play alternating between local courses and courses that may be 10 to 50 miles away. Those playing in the 18-hole group must be members of the Northern California Golf Association (NCGA) and establish a handicap index. You may join the NCGA through our SIR club or through another club.

Foursomes in both the 18-hole and 9-hole groups are arranged so that players can meet and enjoy playing with most, if not all, the other players in the branch.

All our events are listed in the Trampas Topics and on our web site at www.branch116.org/116-golf. Join up with us and enjoy outings with a great bunch of guys at some great courses with reasonable prices.

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.

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, Pine Meadows, Martinez and Diablo Hills, Walnut Creek.

The 9 Hole Golf Club is organized into a single flight. The weekly Champion is the player with the lowest net score. The weekly Champion is awarded 3 points, 2nd place 2 and 3rd place 1. The 2014 Champion will be the golfer with the highest point total.

In December, we will again hold our 9 Hole Golf Championship Tournament. The Tournament will be 3 rounds of golf. One round at each of the courses we play. The Tournament Champion will be the golfer with lowest net total for 2 rounds. If a participant plays all 3 rounds, he can choose which 2 rounds will count.

February 9-Hole Schedule

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

February 18-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Mon. 02	10:00	Crow Canyon	Alex Lutkus
Mon. 09	9:30	Boundary Oak	Alex Lutkus
Tues. 17	9:30	Brentwood	Alex Lutkus
Mon. 23	9:24	Callippe Reserve	Alex Lutkus

18-Hole Results

The Bridges -- Monday January 26, 2015

Official Scorer:
John Story

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
1st	Jim Barstow	72 3	1st	John Story	71 3	Tie 1st	Don Schroeder	73 3	1st	Jim Nickels	75 3
2nd	Al Zavattero	73 2	2nd	Jim Clizbe	73 2	Tie 1st	Bernie Wroblewski	73 3	2nd	Matt Arena	76 2
3rd	Phil Goff	75 1	3rd	Al Hutchko	75 1	3rd	Pete Coggiola	74 1	3rd	Gary Hughes	78 1
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
	Jim Barstow	90		Jim Clizbe	94		Don Schroeder	101		Ron Armijo	113
							Bernie Wroblewski	101		Carl Langhorst	113
										Randy Welker	113

Closest to: Hole #5 - Bob Tests, Art Vogl -- Hole #13 - Jim Clizbe, Randy Welker

Deer Ridge CC -- Tuesday January 20, 2015

Official Scorer:
Jim Johnson

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
1st	David Harris	67 3	1st	Dick Socolich	63 3	1st	Bernie Wroblewski	61 3	1st	Greg Hughes	64 3
2nd	Mel Williams	69 2	2nd	Hugh Duggan	64 2	2nd	Don Schroeder	64 2	2nd	Chuck Gilliam	65 2
3rd	Al Zavattero	70 1	3rd	Bob Price	65 1	3rd	Pete Coggiola	65 1	3rd	Conrad Robertson	68 1
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
	David Harris	82		Dick Socolich	81		Bernie Wroblewski	85		Chuck Gilliam	98
										Greg Hughes	98

Closest to: Hole #7 - Harry Oberle, Art Vogl -- Hole #13 - Bob Testa, Pete Coggiola

Boundary Oak -- Monday January 12, 2015

Official Scorer:
Bernie Wroblewski

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
1st	Al Zavattero	69 3	1st	Harry Oberle	68 3	1st	Don Schroeder	65 3		Conrad Robertson	69 3
Tie 2nd	Frank Crua	70 2	2nd	Carlos Xavier	70 2	2nd	Troy Powell	71 2		Matt Arena	71 2
Tie 2nd	Mel Williams	70 2	3rd	David Carlson	73 1	3rd	Jerry Hunter	73 1		Terry Sherman	73 1
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
	Stephen Cherepy	84		Harry Oberle	88		Don Schroeder	91		Terry Sherman	103

Closest to: Hole #2 - Mel Williams, Art Vogl -- Hole #12 - Mel Williams, Bill Hemmelsbach

Boundary Oak -- Monday January 5, 2015

Official Scorer:
Randy Welker

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
Tie 1st	Dirk Meyer	70 3	1st	Hugh Duggan	69 3	1st	Troy Powell	71 3	1st	Conrad Robertson	69 3
Tie 1st	Al Zavattero	70 3	2nd	Carlos Xavier	72 2	2nd	Al Serafino	74 2	2nd	Matt Arena	73 2
3rd	Nick Fokas	71 1	Tie 3rd	Bob Donohue	73 1	3rd	Wayne Cook	76 1	Tie 3rd	Sam Beret	74 1
			Tie 3rd	Jim Videle	73 1		Pete Coggiola	76 1	Tie 3rd	Greg Hughes	74 1
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
	Dirk Meyer	87		Carlos Xavier	92		Troy Powell	100		Conrad Robertson	104
	Al Zavattero	87									

Closest to: Hole #2 - Dirk Meyer, Joe Ostler -- Hole #12 - Jerry Hicks, Fred Schafer

Latest SIR 116 Golf Info Available on Our Golf Web Site

The Golf Website address is:

www.branch116.org/116-golf

Please bookmark it in your "Favorites" list of websites to access information on the following:

- 2013 Golf Schedule: Dates, times, and courses as well as detailed information on costs, payment information, deadlines, and special event facts.
- 18-Hole Pairings: Shows captains, teams, starting times & handicaps for next event.

- 18-Hole Leaders and Results: Shows results from recent events and leaders in each group.
- Paid-In-Advance Sign-Ups: Shows checks that have been received for the next 3-4 pre-paid outings.
- Boundary Oak Sign-Ups: Shows who has signed-up for the next two Boundary Oak sessions.

18-Hole Leaders -- First Half 2015

as of Monday January 26, 2015 -- The Bridges

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 Zattero	9	1	Hugh Duggan	5	1	Don Schroeder	8	1	Conrad Robertson	7
2	Mel Williams	4	2	Carlos Xavier	4	2	Bernie Wroblewski	6	2	Matt Arena	6
T3	Jim Barstow	3	T3	Harry Oberle	3	3	Troy Powell	5	3	Greg Hughes	5
T3	David Harris	3	T3	Dick Socolich	3	4	Peter Coggiola	3	4	Jim Nickels	3
T3	Dirk Meyer	3	T3	John Story	3	5	Al Serafino	2	5	Chuck Gilliam	2
6	Frank Crua	2	6	Jim Clizbe	2	T6	Wayne Cook	1	T6	Sam Beret	1
T7	Nick Fokas	1	T7	David Carlson	1	T6	Jerry Hunter	1	T6	Terry Sherman	1
T7	Phil Goff	1	T7	Bob Donohue	1						
			T7	Al Hutchko	1						
			T7	Bob Price	1						
			T7	Jim Videle	1						



**2014 Match Play Finals.
Jerry Hicks v Jim Johnson.
Jerry was the winner.**

18-Hole Pay In Advance Deadlines

Event Date	Location	Deadline	Amount
Tuesday February 17, 2015	Brentwood	Feb-8	\$32
Monday February 23, 2015	Callippe Reserve	Feb-7	\$47
Monday March 9, 2015	Sequoyah CC	Feb-14	\$50
Tuesday March 17, 2015	Dublin Ranch	Mar-7	\$38
Monday March 23, 2015	San Ramon	Mar-7	\$31
Monday March 30, 2015	Rancho Solano	Mar-20	\$39

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



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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).

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.

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.