



Trampas Topics

January, 2015

SIR Branch 116

Next Meeting: 11:30 am,
Monday, January 19, 2015
Elks Lodge—1475 Creekside
Dr, Walnut Creek, CA 94596

A Nonprofit Public Benefit Organization for Retired Men Enjoying Active Retirement

Sayings of 2014 Big Sir Bob Donohue

Happy New Year and welcome to what I hope will be a delightful and fun 2015 for everyone in Branch 116. I'm honored to be your Big Sir and welcome Jim Barstow as our Little Sir. You golfers know Jim very well and I'm sure that he'll do an excellent job. I very much look forward to working with Jim and we both ask for your patience as we move forward into the new year.



I would like to thank Phil Goff for all of his efforts as our Big Sir in 2014. Phil's leadership was outstanding and the new programs that were initiated under his tenure were all very well received during the course of the year. Thanks, also, to the leadership on our BEC. Last, but certainly not least, I want to thank the men who have volunteered to be committee chairmen, co-chairmen and members of the various committees that we need to have to survive. Without all of you, we'd have a very sad branch, indeed!

Having said all of that, I want to send out a very big thank you to Jerry Christopherson and his wonderful Christmas Dinner Dance Committee. The party seems to get better every year and this year was certainly no exception. Everyone in attendance seemed to have had a marvelous time. The pictures taken that evening will be available at the January meeting, thanks to our photographer, Phil Goff.

The Membership Rosters will be available at our next Meeting, thanks to the efforts of Dick Thomson. We'll also start collecting the \$45.00 voluntary contribution that day, so please bring your check or cash.

Our main goal in 2015 is to have a good time!



Bob Donohue - Big SIR



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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
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* 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
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Bocce	John Fernando (Br.19)	798-9978	Table Pool	Bill Weinberg (Area 2)	682-0962
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Digital Photography	Bill Phelon (Br.8)	254-8338			

SIR Branch 116 Activity Calendar

January 2015

Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
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4	5 18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Boundary Oak GC)	6 Duplicate Bridge (10:00@ Diablo Valley Bridge Center)	7 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Pine Meadow GC)	8	9 Hiking & Walking (8:15@ Happy Vly Rd & Mt. Diablo Blvd., Laf.)	10
11	12 18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Boundary Oak GC)	13 Luncheon Bridge (11:30@ Round Hill CC)	14 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC)	15 Computer & Tech (9:30@ Elks Club)	16	17
18	19 <u>SIR Br. 116 Mtg.</u> (11:30 @ WC Elks Lodge) Martin Luther King Day Holiday	20 18-Hole Golf (9:06@ Deer Ridge GC)	21 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC)	22 Fishing Group (8:30@ Legends-Diablo Crk)	23 Hiking & Walking (8:15@ Lafayette-Moraga Trail at Olympic Blvd.)	24
25	26 18-Hole Golf (9:30@ The Bridges GC) Book Group (10:15@ Orinda Books)	27 Luncheon Bridge (11:30@ Round Hill CC)	28 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Diablo Hills GC) \$ums Investment (8:00@ Diablo Creek GC)	29 Wine Appreciation (4:00@ TBD)	30	31



Membership

Andy Benz
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SIR 116 Membership Status

Total Current Members:	238
This Month's Inductees:	0
Those in Interview Stage:	0
Total in Process:	0
On Inactive Status:	52
Left the Branch:	0
Waiting to be Installed:	0



Br. 116 Treasurer's Report

Carl Langhorst, Treasurer
(cslangho@mindspring.com)

	<u>Dec. 2014</u>	<u>2014 YTD</u>
Contributions	\$ 12,458.00	\$ 72,792.21
Disbursements	\$(11,058.98)	\$(71,657.02)
Net (gain/(loss))	\$ 1,399.02	\$ <u>1,135.19</u>
December Cash Balance (as of 19th)	\$	6,521.92

January Birthdays

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

- | | |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Ken Binning | 10. "T" Legler |
| 2. Don Booth | 11. John Maerzke |
| 3. Dick Conger | 12. Donald Peckham |
| 4. Hugh Duggan | 13. George Pryhuber |
| 5. Tom Eller | 14. Marty Ratterree |
| 6. Jack Fucik | 15. Lou Sandor |
| 7. Bill Ginter | 16. Dick Socolich |
| 8. Dudley Hattaway | |
| 9. Ed Klein | |

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

👉 REMINDER 👈

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

January Luncheon Menu

Chicken Cordon Bleu
Potatoes Au Gratin
Veggies
Roll/Butter
Desert
Coffee/Ice Tea



Activity Chairman

Jerry Christopherson
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To all of you who made it through the rain and heavy traffic to the annual Christmas Party...I hope you had a great time! (see photos on page 7) It took lots of effort to make this party happen, and my thanks goes out to the committee: Gary Boswell, Darrell McClaughry, Jim Nachtweih and Lou Sandor. Great job guys.

Believe it or not, in just a matter of a few weeks, I'll be "pestering you to attend our annual SPRING FLING, which we'll be scheduling for sometime in May.

Watch this space for the details in the months to come.

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

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PAST BIG SIR COURTNEY BORRECCO passed away on December 20 following a long period fighting Parkinson's. He was hospitalized with pneumonia and released to his home with Hospice Care. Courtney, even though wheelchair bound, came to our luncheons with his caregiver. He loved the Branch and made so many contributions, far too many to mention here.

SIR BILL SULLIVAN passed away on December 15. Bill was hospitalized but was discharged and returned home. Bill was a wonderful gentleman and loved playing Bridge.

SIR BERT BERTHOLD passed on December 14. Bert had been inactive because of health problems. He had been a faithful member of the Branch and he will be missed.

SIR DOUG BROWN passed away on December 14. Doug enjoyed his golf with the golf group and he was a southern gentleman through and through.

SIR CARL CLINE attended the Christmas party at Round Hill Country Club. It was so nice to see him with Karen enjoying themselves.

THE BEST IS YET TO COME.....
HAPPY NEW YEAR!

\$ums Investment Group

Gary Moore (Branch 174)

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The Area 2 \$ums Investment Group will meet on **Wednesday January 28, 2015** at 8:00 a.m. at the Legends restaurant at the Diablo Creek Golf Course, 4050 Port Chicago Highway, Concord.

Our guest speaker again this January is **Tom Kopas** from Pring Turner Capital Group. Tom's topic will be **Financial Outlook—2015**, and will address many of today's topical questions, including: What's Ahead for the Economy in 2015? Tom will discuss what asset allocation decisions will bring investors profitably through this cycle, and where the risks and opportunities are for investors now and in the coming months and years. Timely investment themes for both income and growth will be reviewed.

Tom is one of our most popular guest speakers having been invited to present to the \$ums Investment Group each year since 2002. He is a principal and portfolio manager at Pring Turner Capital Group in Walnut Creek. Tom co-authored a book published by McGraw Hill entitled "Investing in the Second Lost Decade".

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

In Memoriam
Erich Berthold

August 11, 1920 — December 14, 2014

In Memoriam
William Joseph Sullivan

January 7, 1927 — December 15, 2014

In Memoriam
Douglas H. Brown

November 28, 1933 — December 14, 2014

In Memoriam
Courtney J. Borrecco

November 9, 1930 — December 20, 2014



SIR Fishing Group

Harry Sherinian

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Well the year is over and the Area 2 Fishing Club had a pretty good year. Even with the lack of water, most of us persevered and had a good year fishing where Mother Nature made it possible for us to do so. We have a rather full calendar set up for next year and prospects for a good year seem to be in the making. 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, January 22nd, 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.

It has been a rather bleak fishing period since our last report; really wretched weather. However, we did have a good day for Carl Moyer's backyard fish fry. Over 20 of us enjoyed the food and fishing stories. Don Mittlestaedt caught nice steelhead on the Feather River with flies. Don also travelled to Louisiana where he caught some giant redfish. Joe Karg caught an 11 lb. striper in San Pablo Bay. Carl Moyer and Gordon Linebaugh made one last try for trout and catfish from San Pablo Reservoir before it closed for the winter. Harry Sherinian and Tom Kostik fished honker bay with lures for stripers and caught and released quite a few. Harry was lucky enough to catch and release a 38 inch Striper. That is a big striper and you do not see many of them being caught.

This year's Area 2 Christmas Party was held at Zeo Alfredo in Pleasant Hill. Over 50 of us gathered at the restaurant and had a great time visiting with our wife's and guests. A special thanks must go out to Pete Gates who was the chairman of the event and to Dick Thomson for his help. There was a raffle drawing where many of the members and guests left with prizes and flowers. This is an annual event and one of the two events that include wife's and guests.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, January 22nd, 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.



Happy Fisherman Dick Thompson



Harry Sherinian with his 38" Striper



Walking Tours

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Some alternatives to a San Francisco walking tour are being considered for our next walking event. Currently we are looking into walking tours in Walnut Creek and/or Oakland and a possible tour at the old Diamond mine in eastern Contra Costa County. Pending receipt of information, a decision on a February date for these possible alternatives, or another San Francisco walking tour, will be made sometime in January of the new year.

If the information on the next walking tour becomes available by the January luncheon meeting, an announcement will be made at that time. Otherwise, information will appear in the February 2015 Tramps Topics.

2014 Christmas Dinner Dance Review





Br. 116 Book Club

Rich Black

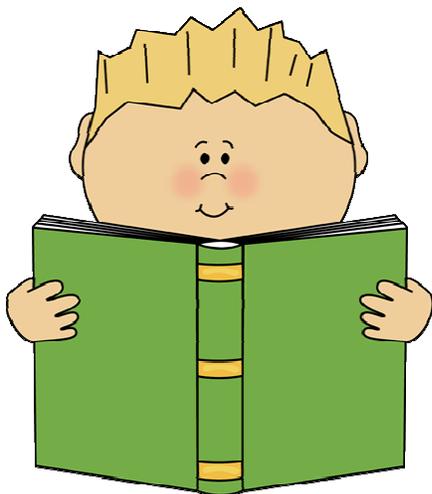
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“American Nations” by Colin Woodard

Woodard posits there are in fact eleven rival regional cultures in North America. They were established with the initial European immigrations in the 16th and 17th centuries and they persist in meaningful ways in the present day. The group was impressed by the historical detail and perspective Woodard brought to his topic and acknowledged that the book gave a new lens through which to judge the American experience. However the logical contortions he went through to give perspective to present day events, let alone his predictions for the future, were more than most members of the group could accept. Lytton DeSilva recommended the book and Richard Black led the discussion. Contributing their views were Jerry Christopher-son, John Riordan, Tim Tinnes, Paul Freitas, and Joel White, Jack Butler, Cord Hull, Richard Ross-land, Jim Flessner, John Kopchik, Al Reynolds, and Garrett Girvin, The group awarded the book 3.6 stars.

The group will next meet on at 10:15 on Monday, January 26 at Orinda Books to discuss “Child 44” by Tom Rob Smith.

The February book will be “Artificial Intelligence and the End of the Human Era” by James Barrat.



Bridge

Milt Greenstein

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On December 2nd, the duplicate bridge group met at the Diablo Valley Bridge Center with 16 men playing. The team of Norm Schoenfeld / Barry Rauchle were the top team with 48.66 points out of a possible 84, for 57.93 %, and earning 0.80 master points. In 2nd place were Ron Wolberg / Dimitris Argyriou with 56.15 %, with 0.56 master points and Art Donaldson / Jon Dickson were third with 55.95 % and 0.40 master points.

The lunch/bridge group met on December 13th with 23 players in attendance. Our high scorer was Ron Wolberg with 6,580 points, followed by Walt Kawecki at 6,330, Jai Yee with 6,090, Jack Butler with 5,850 and Bob Kahl at 4,880. Three small slams were made by Jai Yee / Lytton DeSilva, Walt Kawecki with Jai Yee and Walt Kawecki / Bob Kahl. We finally broke out of our low scoring doldrums and had a very good average score of 3,861 points, well above recent averages. Actually our roving dummy (since we only had 23 players) was 2nd with 6,510 points, only 70 points behind the leader !

Due to Christmas being so close to our next session on Dec.23, and the small number of people available to play, the group decided to cancel the Dec. 23 session this year. Our group will next meet on January 13th at Round Hill Country Club. Also, the group decided to hold all of our sessions at Round Hill C. C. in 2015.



Computer & Technology

Derek Southern & Neil Schmidt



The Area 2 Computer and Technology Group advises all Sirs and their guests that our first meeting of 2015 will be at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge on Thursday, January 15th at 9:30 am.

For most of us the primary use of the home computer involves access to the internet. Whether shopping, reading the latest news, genealogy research or downloading financial information, the internet has become the "go to" source of information and commerce. There are many Browsers available to access the internet with Internet Explorer and Google Chrome being the most popular. Both products have a lot of hidden features which can make your access to the internet much faster and more fun.

In January Phil Goff will be our presenter and he will show many tips and tricks you can use with your browser software. He will focus on Internet Explorer and Google Chrome to demonstrate features such as bookmark bars, tabbed browsing, application extensions, browsing incognito and more. Even if you are a Firefox or Safari user, there should be a tip or trick for everyone.

Also, since passwords have become such an issue, Phil will show some of the more popular password manager programs. Many companies have developed password manager software to cash in on the common problem of remembering and using good passwords. He will show the most common design approaches and demonstrate two of the most popular products, LastPass and Dashlane. Both are robust products and if used properly, can greatly improve your security and reduce the pain of remembering and using strong passwords.

Meetings of the Area 2 Computer and Technology

Group are held the 3rd Thursday of each month (except June and December) from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge, 1475 Creekside Drive. Whether you are a beginner or a seasoned user, we try to offer something for everyone. Some months we ask for a donation of \$5 to cover the cost of the hall rental, coffee and cookies, other months are free.

Hiking & Walking

Joel White

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The December walks succumbed to faint hearted abandonment in rainy weather.

The Friday, **January 9**, 2015 walk, the first of the New Year, as seems to have become tradition, will be led by Lytton DeSilva, meeting at the usual time 8:15am.

Directions: Assemble at the intersection of Happy Valley Rd and Mt. Diablo Blvd. in Lafayette. Parking: In the shopping center serving Diablo Foods, CVS and Trader Joes. Walk: We'll walk north on Happy Valley Rd. for 30 minutes, return and then adjourn for pastries at La Boulange at 3597 Mt Diablo Blvd.

RSVP to Lytton DeSilva, (925) 254-5289 or LyttonAudrey@comcast.net.

The Friday, **January 23** walk will be led by Paul Freitas, meeting at 8:15am at the Lafayette Moraga trail Olympic Boulevard Staging area, at the corner of Olympic and Pleasant Hill Road. Afterwards we will meet up at Le Boulange in Lafayette.

RSVP to Paul: 925-9339-3921; pmfreitas@pacbell.net.

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

SIR Travel

By Tom Eller, Travel Chairman
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Pick up brochures, forms, etc., at the travel desk at the luncheons. If we run out of these and you are still interested in the trip, please ask your travel chairman and he will have one sent to you. Payment should be made to the travel agency arranging the event unless otherwise stated:



SIR Travel Opportunities

Mar 19-25, 2015: Azaleas, Plantations & Cajuns. (7 day in Cajun country includes home pick up, RT Air, 3 nights Drury Inn, Baton Rouge, 3 nights Royal Sonesta, New Orleans, 13 meals, 4 lunches, 3 dinners.) Tour includes New Orleans School of Cooking, Nat'l WWII Museum, Evangeline State Park, Antebellum Homes, Plantation & Garden Tour, City Tour, Cost \$2630. John Pletsch, Br 32 & 54, San Jose, 408-274-2992, & Mike Console, 408-246-1080.

Apr 6-12, 2015: National Cherry Blossom Festival & Historic Virginia. Celebrate the beauty of spring in Washington DC and historic Virginia. Tour includes reserved seating at the National Cherry Blossom Parade, Tour of Montcello, Colonial Williamsburg, Mt Vernon, and many more. Contact Ron Berube, Br 21, San Jose, 408-829-5588 or Dick Kohl 408-268-0428 for more information.

Apr 7-18, 2015: Eastern Caribbean Cruise. (12 day cruise aboard the Royal Princess, ports of call include St Kitts, St Lucia, Barbados, Antigua, St Thomas, and Princess Cays.) Cost \$ 2395 to \$3450 pp. Brian Serpa Br 141, San Jose, 408-227-7658 or Rollo Parsons 408-268-5245.

Apr 19-29, 2015: Mexican Riviera Cruise. Princess 10 day cruise out of S.F. includes R/T to pier. Gratuities, and much more. Prices per person recently reduced \$250 to \$390 depending on cabin. Cost \$1249 to \$2159. You must sign up by 12/31/2014 for these prices. Veterans show your DD214 for an additional \$100 ship board credit.

Contact Tom Molinari Br.147, 707-762-1880.

May 6-18, 2015: Cruising the Best of Scandinavia. (13 day escorted tour with stops in Stockholm & Copenhagen plus a seven day Royal Caribbean Cruise of the Norway Fjords, Stavanger, Bergen, Alesund, and Geirangerfjord) Bill Rodman, Br.38, San Jose, 408-274-4521 or Hank Clark 408-223-6464.

May 12-22, 2015 Alaska inside Passage w/ Glacier Bay. (11 day cruise from SF aboard the Golden Princess with stops in Juneau, Skagway, Ketchikan and Victoria. The cruise includes all meals on board, RT transfers to and from SF, Bottle of wine in cabin, baggage and gratuities, and port taxes. Cost \$1975 to \$2995 depending on Cabin, Bill Stires, Br 143, Modesto, 209-544-2684.

May 30, 2015: Columbia and Snake River Cruise. The American Empress (sister to the American Queen) sails her way from Portland, OR. up the Columbia and Snake Rivers, arriving at Clarkston, WA. On the 9 day. Many extras include prepaid excursions, beer and wine with dinner, and daily lectures and entertainment. Veranda Staterooms start at \$4089 (approx.) Price includes airfare from SFO/OAK return from Spokane and coach to/from Petaluma. Derlin German, Br 58, 707-763-6162

Jun 2015: World Series of Poker. (6 days) The exact date will be determined when the schedule is defined. You can watch the excitement of the Senior players or if your adventurous take part at the Rio Hotel and Casino. Optional tours and shows are available on request. Cost is \$675 includes airfare and 5 nights in a luxury suite at the Rio. Jim Hohenshelt, Br 62, San Jose, 408-394-7226 or Roy Jordan, 408-735-8765.

Additional SIR Travel Opportunities on State Web

The quarterly State SIR Happenings Web Site at: <http://www.sirinc.org/sirhappenings/> offers additional SIR travel options.



Book Exchange

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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!

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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Wine Appreciation Group

Jack Bevis
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December is a month without a wine event. Wine Tasting events are held every other month on the last Thursday of the month from 4 to 6:30 pm. The next one will be on January 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 \$10 to \$15 per person. Both SIR members and their wives are invited to attend.

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

Angus & Phil

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***Golf at Rancho Canada in Carmel, CA
May 19 and 20, 2015***

**Branch 116 is planning this second year golf event.
Spouses and Significant others are invited.
Non-golfers are welcome.**



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 \$139/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. Golf fees for the two days are \$142 (\$108 for walkers.) This Price includes a BBQ dinner on Tuesday at 5:00 PM and includes \$20 for prize money.

Non-golfers should pay \$30 for the BBQ on Tuesday night.

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

Detach Here _____ Detach Here
Rancho Canada Golf Event, May 19 and 20, 2015

Name _____ Name _____

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

Non-Golfers x \$30 _____

Total Amount _____

Send Your Checks to SIR Branch 116 Golf - P. O. Box 683 - Lafayette, CA 94549-0683

Questions? Email Jim Barstow, jbarstow@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 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.

January 9-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Wed. 07	10:00	Pine Meadow	D. McClaughry
Wed. 14	10:00	Buchanan Fields	Dick Chaffee
Wed. 21	10:00	Buchanan Fields	Dick Chaffee
Wed. 28	10:00	Diablo Hills	Mike Murphy

January 18-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Mon. 05	9:30	Boundary Oak	Fred Shafer
Mon. 12	9:30	Boundary Oak	Fred Shafer
Tues. 20	9:06	Deer Ridge	Fred Shafer
Mon. 26	9:57	The Bridges	Fred Shafer

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.

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.

CROW CANYON COUNTRY CLUB

FEBRUARY 2, 2015

Our first country club event is Monday February 2, 2015. The cost is \$45 with cart. 1st and 2nd flight will play the white tees, 3rd and 4th flight will play the gold tees. Please invite your friends to join us. Due date to sign-up is at our January luncheon on Monday January 19th.

18-Hole Results

Delta View -- Monday December 29, 2014

Official Scorer:
David C Harris

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
1st	Mel Williams	71 3	1st	Bob Donohue	72 3	1st	Alex Lutkus	67 3	1st	Randy Welker	66 3
2nd	Phil Goff	74 2	2nd	Al Hutchko	73 2	2nd	Don Schroeder	74 2	2nd	Conrad Robertson	69 2
3rd	Bill McCord	75 1	Tie 3rd	Bernie Wroblewski	76 1	Tie 3rd	Jerry Hunter	75 1	3rd	Bill Hemmelsbach	72 1
			Tie 3rd	Carlos Xavier	76 1	Tie 3rd	Terry Sherman	75 1			
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
	Mel Williams	90		Bob Donohue	96		Alex Lutkus	92		Randy Welker	98
				Carlos Xavier	96						

Closest to: Hole #3 - Phil Goff -- Hole #13 - Carlos Xavier, Alex Lutkus

Diablo Creek -- Monday December 22, 2014

Official Scorer:
Bill Hemmelsbach

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
Tie 1st	Mel Williams	73 3	Tie 1st	Al Hutchko	74 3	Tie 1st	Jerry Hunter	75 3	1st	Randy Welker	67 3
Tie 1st	Al Zattero	73 3	Tie 1st	Bob Testa	74 3	Tie 1st	Alex Lutkus	75 3	2nd	Troy Powell	72 2
3rd	Jim Johnson	74 1	Tie 1st	Bob Donohue	74 3	3rd	Don Schroeder	76 1	3rd	Greg Hughes	74 1
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
	Jim Johnson	88		Carlos Xavier	94		Jerry Hunter	98		Randy Welker	97
							Alex Lutkus	98			

Closest to: Hole #7 - Dirk Meyer, Art Vogl -- Hole #17 - Jim Johnson, Bill Hemmelsbach

Shadow Lakes -- Monday December 15, 2014

Official Scorer:
Mark Jordan

CANCELED DUE TO BAD WEATHER

Boundary Oak -- Monday December 8, 2014

Official Scorer:
Harry Oberle

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
1st	Jim Barstow	69 3	1st	Bernie Wroblewski	72 3	1st	Terry Grummitt	66 3	1st	Ron Armijo	71 3
Tie 2nd	Phil Goff	74 2	2nd	Al Hutchko	74 2	2nd	Pete Coggiola	72 2	2nd	Art Vogl	72 2
Tie 2nd	Neil Schmidt	74 2	3rd	Bob Testa	75 1	3rd	Sam Beret	73 1	Tie 3rd	Greg Hughes	74 1
									Tie 3rd	Randy Welker	74 1
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
	Jim Barstow	86		Norm Alberts	96		Terry Grummitt	93		Ron Armijo	101

Closest to: Hole #2 - Neil Schmidt, Troy Powell -- Hole #12 - Jim Johnson, Randy Welker

Boundary Oak -- Monday December 1, 2014

Official Scorer:
John Story

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
1st	Jim Johnson	70 3	1st	Al Hutchko	70 1	1st	Terry Grummitt	67 3	1st	Randy Welker	69 3
Tie 2nd	Jerry Hicks	72 2	Tie 2nd	Norm Alberts	75 2	2nd	Mark Jordan	71 2	2nd	Wayne Cook	72 2
Tie 2nd	Al Zattero	72 2	Tie 2nd	David Carlson	75 2	Tie 3rd	Pete Coggiola	73 1	3rd	Fred Schafer	77 1
			Tie 2nd	Hugh Duggan	75 2	Tie 3rd	Don Schroeder	73 1			
			Tie 2nd	Bob Testa	75 2						
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
	Jerry Hicks	82		Norm Alberts	94		Terry Grummitt	93		Randy Welker	101

Closest to: Hole #2 - David Harris, Bill Hemmelsbach -- Hole #12 - Phil Goff, Terry Grummitt

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.

2014 18-Hole End of Year Leader Board

18-Hole Leaders -- Second Half 2014

FLIGHT 1			FLIGHT 2			FLIGHT 3			FLIGHT 4		
Index 0.0 - 17.7			Index 17.8 - 23.0			Index 23.1 - 27.8			Index 27.9 - 36.4		
Pos	NAME	Pnts	Pos	NAME	Pnts	Pos	NAME	Pnts	Pos	NAME	Pnts
1	Jim Johnson	23	1	Al Hutchko	31	1	Jerry Hunter	22	1	Troy Powell	24
2	Neil Schmidt	21	2	Bob Testa	22	2	Don Schroeder	19	2	Conrad Robertson	19
3	Jim Barstow	19	3	Hugh Duggan	21	3	Alex Lutkus	14	3	Robbie Robinson	17
4	Al Zattero	17	4	Norm Alberts	17	3	Richard Madden	14	4	Fred Schafer	15
5	Mel Williams	16	5	Jim Clizbe	12	5	John Story	13	5	Randy Welker	13
6	Phil Goff	13	6	David Carlson	11	6	Terry Grummitt	12	6	Art Vogl	12
7	David Harris	11	7	Bob Donohue	10	7	Mark Jordan	11	7	Ron Armijo	10
7	Jerry Hicks	11	7	Bernie Wroblewski	10	8	Peter Coggiola	8	8	Matt Arena	9
9	Frank Crua	9	9	Gary Boswell	8	9	Dick Chaffee	6	9	Bill Hemmelsbach	7
10	Harry Oberle	8	10	Bob Price	7	9	Phil Jenkins	6	10	Jerry Christopherson	6
11	Bill McCord	5	11	Wayne Smith	6	9	Carl Langhorst	6	11	Wayne Cook	5
12	Dick Socolich	4	11	Carlos Xavier	6	9	Kirk McVean	6	11	Al Satake	5
13	Stephen Cherepy	3	13	David Ferm	1	13	Al Serafino	5	13	Chuck Gilliam	3
						14	Terry Sherman	4	13	Joe Ostler	3
						15	Max Foust	3	15	Greg Hughes	2
						16	Sam Beret	1			
						16	Bob Conlon	1			

18-Hole Leaders -- First Half 2014

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

18-Hole Pay In Advance Deadlines

Event Date	Location	Deadline	Amount
Tuesday, January 20	Deer Ridge	Jan-11	\$38
Monday, January 26	The Bridges	Jan-16	\$39
Monday, February 02	Crow Canyon CC	Jan-21	\$45
Tuesday, February 17	Brentwood	Feb-08	\$32
Monday, February 23	Callippe Preserve	Feb-07	\$47
Monday, March 2	Sequoyah CC	Feb-14	\$50

Send checks made out to **SIR Branch 116 Golf, P.O. 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

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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.