



Trampas Topics

June, 2015

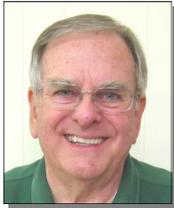
SIR Branch 116

Next Meeting: 11:30 am,
Monday, June 15, 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

It's June and Summer is in the air. Vacation plans have been made, the grandchildren will be getting out of school soon and some of us will be attending family graduations and possibly even a wedding or two. It's a great time to be a parent or a grandparent and a member of Sir Branch 116!



Our two big events in May were wonderful successes, for the most part, starting with **The Spring Fling**. Jerry Christopherson and his fantastic committee, consisting of Gary Boswell, Darrell McLaughry, Jim Nachtweih and Lou Sandor, along with their wives, did an outstanding job and everyone that attended had a great time. The attendance was about the same as in 2014 and I had hoped that we'd be able to increase the numbers somewhat. The Spring Fling is a major event for our branch and our wives, why is it that such a small percentage of our members attend?

The second annual **Carmel Golf Outing** was a huge success, thanks to the efforts of Jim Barstow and his committee of Tom Eller and Jim Johnson, along with major help from David Harris and Dave Carlson. Attendance was up from 2014 and our members, along with many of the women in their lives, had a marvelous time. The highlight of the tournament was a hole-in-one by Ex Big Sir, Art Vogl. Congratulations, Art! I'm sure that this will be an annual event and if you missed it this year, I hope that you'll be able to join us in 2016.

Remember our discussion at the beginning of the year regarding having fun? SIR is dedicated to having a great time and one of the most fun events that we have offered to us are the **Dine-O-Sir** events. Ben Smith and his committee have arranged for two evenings at the Brass Door Restaurant in San Ramon, on June 23rd and 30th. Ben will let us know how many people will be able to attend each evening, but as always, I'm sure that the evenings will sell out quickly. Please continue to stay safe and have a wonderful summer!.

I am going to have a **Q&A meeting for all of the new members** that have been inducted into our branch in 2015 after the June meeting on the 15th. I would ask that everyone new to Branch 116 this year, please plan to stay around for a while. We'll meet at the front of the dining room and it will give me a chance to meet you, if I haven't already done so, and also give you a chance to ask me anything about anything. Whatever input that you have that day will be appreciated.



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

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2015 SIR 116 Committee Chairmen

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E-mail Contact	Phil Goff	831-3692	Poker Group 1	Bill Harrington	935-1625
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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
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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
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
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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

June 2015

Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.	
	1 18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Boundary Oak GC) Book Club (10:15@ Orinda Books)	2 Duplicate Bridge (10:00 Diablo Vly. Bridge Ctr)	3 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Buchanan Fields)	4	5 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;"> Walking Tour (10:45@ Somersville Road, Antioch) </div>	6	
7	8 18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Boundary Oak GC)	9 Luncheon Bridge (11:30@ Round Hill CC)	10 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Diablo Hills GC)	11	12 Hiking & Walking (8:15@ Lafayette Community Ctr.)	13 Walking Tour	
14	15 SIR Br. 116 Mtg. (11:30@ WC Elks Lodge)	16 18-Hole Golf (9:00@ Lake Chabot GC)	17 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Diablo Hills GC)	18	19	20	
21	22 18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Roddy Ranch GC)	23 Dine-O-SIR (6:00@ Brass Door, San Ramon) Luncheon Bridge (11:30@ Round Hill CC)	24 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Buchanan Fields) \$ums Investment (8:00@ Diablo Creek GC)	25 Fishing Group (8:30@ Legends-Diablo Crk) Wine Appreciation (4:00@ TBD)	26 Hiking & Walking (8:15@ Geppetto's Café, Orinda Villiage)	27	
28	29 18-Hole Golf (10:00@ Blue Rock-East GC) Book Group (10:15@ Orinda Books)	30 Dine-O-SIR (6:00@ Brass Door, San Ramon)					



Membership

Andy Benz

(anbenz@aol.com)

SIR 116 Membership Status

Total Current Members:	245
This Month's Inductees:	0
Those in Interview Stage:	0
Total in Process:	0
On Inactive Status:	34
Left the Branch:	5
Waiting to be Installed:	0



Br. 116 Treasurer's Report

Carl Langhorst, Treasurer

(cslangho@mindspring.com)

	May 2015	2015 YTD
Contributions	\$ 5,481.00	\$ 34,483.75
Disbursements	\$ (4,682.27)	\$ (27,959.55)
Net (gain/(loss))	\$ 798.73	\$ 6,524.20
May 28th Cash Balance		\$ 12,965.59

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

June Birthdays

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

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|-------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Matt Arena | 13. Alex Lutkus |
| 2. Andy Anderson | 14. Bill. McCallum |
| 3. Andy Benz | 15. Charlie McInnis |
| 4. Sam Beret | 16. Dirk Meyer |
| 5. Dick Bergamini | 17. Louis Meylan |
| 6. Dave Carlson | 18. Mike Murphy) |
| 7. Bob Carter | 19. Troy Powell |
| 8. Rog Craig | 20. Don Schroeder |
| 9. Kevin Donahue | 21. Jim Scott |
| 10. Phil Goff | 22. Harry Sherinian |
| 11. Jerry Hunter | 23. David Tullus |
| 12. Jerry Kaplan | 24. Jai Yee |

June Luncheon Menu

Half Pound Cheeseburger Buffet
With All Condiments
Assorted Toppings for Best Berger
Beef Chili, Potato Salad
Dessert--Coffee--Ice Tea



Activity Chairman

Jerry Christopherson

(jchris161k@aol.com)

THANKS

To all of you who joined us for this years

SPRING FLING!

We hope you had a wonderful time. Please plan to attend our holiday party in December. Believe it or not, we've already started to plan for it.

Thanks again, your party committee,

Darrell, Gary, Jerry, Jim, Lou

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

SIR Website Addresses

SIR 116 Web Site
branch116.org

Branch 116 Golf
branch116.org/116-golf/

Trampas Topics
branch116.org/trampas/

Computer and Technology
a2cat.sirinc2.org/

SIR Happenings State Newsletter
sirinc.org/sirhappenings

State SIR Web Site
sirinc.org/



Sunshine Report

Matt Arena

(marena@astound.net)

Sir **Walt Grant** passed away on May 15th. In late April Walt was under the care of Hospice. Walt had a long association with our branch starting in 1982. He enjoyed the monthly luncheons and the friendships he made over the years. Walt will be missed.

SIR **Bill Harrington** has completed his rehabilitation and is looking forward to returning to the luncheons this month.

SIR **Carl Cline** was unable to see in one eye but had a procedure that completely restored his sight and now is able to see perfectly in both eyes. The marvels of medicine is something to behold. Carl is also making progress with his cane which is giving some extra mobility.

SIR **Roger Colton** was up and about. I have not spoken to him personally since last month but I know he would like to put this set back behind him.

OVER PREPARE ,
THEN GO WITH THE FLOW

In Memoriam
Walter Grant
May 6, 1922 - May 15, 2015



Br. 116 Book Club

Rich Black

(blackrw41@comcast.net)

"An Uncommon Friendship"

The Group did not meet in May since the 4th Monday in May is Memorial Day. The Group will next meet at 10:15 on **Monday, June 1** at Orinda Books to discuss "Being Mortal" by Atul Gawande. The group will again meet on June 29 (the 5th Monday) to discuss "*An Uncommon Friendship*" by Bernat Rosner (the March luncheon speaker) and Frederic Tubach. New members are welcome.



Walking Tours

Bernie Wroblewski

(bbwroblewski@comcast.net)

Our next Branch 116 walking tour is scheduled for Saturday, **June 13, 2015**. This tour will explore the history, geology, and mining methods of the Hazel -Atlas silica-sand mine (formerly Black Diamond).

The tour is scheduled to assemble at 10:45 am in the parking lot, and commence at 11:00 am with a 1/3 mile uphill walk to the mine entrance. The tour will last approximately 90 minutes. An optional lunch will follow. There is a \$5.00 charge for the tour and a \$5.00 parking fee per vehicle.

Other tour information -

LOCATION: Antioch, CA

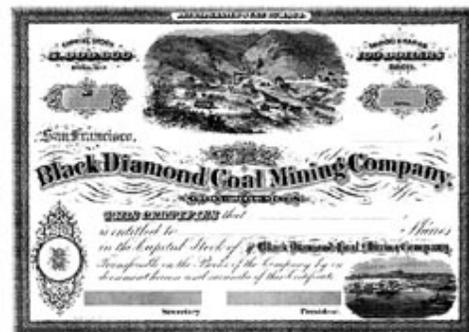
DIRECTIONS: East on HWY 4 to Somersville Road; Exit south on Somersville Rd. (into the hills) to the parking lot at the end of the road.

CLOTHING: Wear clothing suitable for underground temperatures of approx. 56-58 degrees F. (light jacket, wind breaker, etc.)

DESCRIPTION: A 950 ft deep mine has been restored to appear as it did when the mine was active.

PAYMENT: Either bring the \$5.00 fee in cash, or a check for \$5.00 made payable to SIR Branch 116 Walking Tour, on the day of the tour.

As always, spouses are welcome. Please pass this information on to anyone you believe would be interested in joining us. Also, please respond to this e-mail so that I can get an estimate of the number of participants.





SIR Fishing Group

Harry Sherinian

(h.sherinian@comcast.net)

All SIR members and guests are welcome and, indeed, encouraged to participate in fishing trips as well as attend the monthly meetings. Next meeting will be **Thursday, June 25th**, 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**. Come early and have breakfast and shoot the bull to many of us who are there early.

Pete Gates, Dick Thomson, Ron Maciak, Paul Dubow, Mike Corker, and Carl Moyer caught 8 stripers and a catfish on a guided trip to New Hogan Reservoir, fishing in the rain. Paul Dubow watched his friends catch Marlin to 165 lbs in Florida. He also caught some delicious yellow snapper and a shark on other trips. 24 fishermen enjoyed the annual spring fish fry in Carl Moyer's backyard. This is a bi-annual event and as always, the food and the comradiry is really great. A special

thanks to Carl Moyer for hosting the event.

Paul King caught 3 nice trout from San Pablo Reservoir. Harry Sherinian, Terry Miller, Mike Corker and Carl Moyer caught small stripers and sturgeon in the Delta. Gordon Linebaugh and Carl Moyer caught some small stripers there also, and they rescued a baby goose that swam out too far. Tom Kostik and Mike Corker caught lots of Black Bass further up in the Delta. Ernie Wong and Ken Konzak made two trips to Pyramid Lake in Nevada taking Carl Moyer with them the second trip. They caught some of the beautiful and large Lahonton Cutthroat trout there. Big waves and big winds have marred the action on the ocean. The salmon catch has been very poor so far. We keep trying and waiting for that big one.

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



Fishing Club looking "satisfied" at their annual Fish Fry



Hiking & Walking

Joel White

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The May 8, 2015, SIR walk met at 8:15am at the Moraga Commons and the group walked along the trail towards Lafayette. The walk was led by Dan Green with Rich Black, Donna Argenbright, Mary Alice and Art Donaldson, Colleen and David Geary, John Riordan, Norm Schoenfeld and Andrea Green attending. After the walk, we met for coffee, breakfast and conversation at Terzetto's café in Moraga.

The special Friday, May 22 walk, led by Joel White, was along San Francisco Embarcadero. On an overcast, great day for walking, Richard Black and Donna Argenbright, Art and Mary Alice Donaldson, Colleen Geary, Brad Lee, John and Gail Riordan and Susan and Joel White enjoyed the views of the bay, the bridge, and sculptures. We then adjourned to the Belden Taverna for a pleasant lunch.

The **June 12 walk**, will meet at 8:15am at Lafayette

Community Center on St. Mary's Road. This will be followed by coffee at La Boulange on Mt. Diablo Blvd. in Lafayette. The walk will be led by Rich Black. Please RSVP to Richard: <blackrw41@comcast.net>;

The **Friday, June 26**, walk will be led by Lytton DeSilva. Meet at 8:15 am Geppetto's Café, 87 Orinda Way in Orinda Village. Parking: Park on Orinda Way or in the lot behind the café. Walk: We'll walk along the San Pablo Dam Road to the Wagner Ranch School and back. Please RSVP to Lytton:, (925) 254-5289 or, LyttonAudrey@comcast.net.

Anyone wishing to be added to the e-mail reminder list should contact Joel White 964-0994 or zpz2mrz@yahoo.com. Also, anyone not able to make the walk but wishing to meet for coffee and conversation at the indicated post walk café, please RSVP to the walk leader so we may set a place for you.



May 22 walk -Pictured from left to right: Past Big Sir Art Donaldson, Susan White, Colleen Geary, Brad Lee, Gail Riordan, John Riordan, Donna Argenbright, and Rich Black. Photographer Joel White.

\$ums Investment Group

Gary Moore (Branch 174)

(mooregh1@gmail.com)

The June meeting of the Area 2 \$ums Investment Group will be on **Wednesday June 24, 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 June will be Matt Weaver, of Bedell Frazier Investment Counselling LLC. Matt's topic will be "Managing Risk Without Being Left Behind."

Bedell Frazier is a local registered investment advisory, headquartered in Walnut Creek. The firm was founded in 1975 and is celebrating 40 years in service this May. Matt joined Bedell Frazier in 2014 as a Portfolio Manager. Prior to joining Bedell Frazier, Matt was an Investment Strategist at Wells Fargo Private Bank where he worked with clients to create allocation strategies and build portfolios to meet client investment objectives.

Matt received his bachelor's degree in business from Belhaven University in Jackson, Mississippi. He holds professional designations of Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) and Financial Risk Manager (FRM). Matt spent 2 years teaching Operational and Investment Risk Management at the University of San Francisco.

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

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

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

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

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



Computer & Technology

Derek Southern & Neil Schmidt

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The Area 2 Computer and Technology Group announces that there will be no meeting in June, our next meeting will be at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge on **Thursday July 16th at 9:30 am**. Sirs and their guests are welcome and invited to attend.

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.



Bridge

Jon Dickson

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Bridge games are held the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays each month at Round Hill Country Club in Alamo, starting with lunch at 11:30 AM. We usually have 5 or 6 tables, playing Chicago style bridge. All are welcome. Call Jon Dickson 837-1178. Be aware that is a land line phone!

In May, Bob Kahl was dominating the first week in May (May 12th) with a score of 6,790 points. Charley Schmidt won last week's game (May 26th) with 5,640 points. Three small slams were made by Bob Wolf & Dennis Perry, Joel White & Darrell McCloughry, Charley Schmidt & Norm Schoenfeld on May 26th.

No slams were made the week of May 12th, a first for a while for our bridge group in a long while.

Duplicate bridge is also offered the first Tuesday of the month at the Walnut Creek Bridge Center, starting at 10:00 AM and in Moraga at Aegis in Moraga on the Second Monday of each month starting at 12:45 PM. All bridge players are welcome to all three opportunities.



"Dine-O-Sir" Dinner Group

Ben Smith

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The next Dine-O-Sir event will take place over two nights....Tuesdays---**June 23** and **June 30**,

These dinners will take place at the Brass Door Restaurant located at 2154 San Ramon Valley Blvd. in San Ramon. This is an outstanding restaurant which has been in business since 1955. You know that they provide a wonderful Venue to be in business for this many years.

We will have an excellent Menu which will consist of a Mixed Salad to Start. A choice of the following entree's.

Roast Prime Rib of Beef, New York Strip Steak, Chicken Picatta, and Fresh White Fish-Daily catch. All will be served with fresh vegetables and all the trimmings. Desert will consist of your choice of Ice Cream or Bread Pudding. Watch for e-mail and flyer for full details.

Social time will start at 6 PM and dinner will follow at 6:45 PM. Price for dinner will be \$35 PP inclusive of Tax and Tip. Special Wines will be available \$20 per bottle, \$5 per glass, House drinks \$5. Wine Corkage is available for \$12.

Reservation request should be sent to Sir-Ben Smith, 1837 Lackland Dr. Alamo, CA 94507

Reservations for each evening will become firm on a first to pay basis. Seating is on an open basis. This should prove to be a great evening with good food and a chance to socialize with lots of your fellow SIR. We look forward to new SIR members joining the Dine-O-Sir's group on these evenings.



CARSON CITY GOLF GETAWAY

September 9-10-11, 2015

It's time to start thinking about signing up for this year's golf outing in Carson City. This event has something for everyone: golf, bridge, banquets, hosted cocktails, prizes, gambling, shopping and lots of socializing.

The Getaway includes: 3 nights lodging (a choice of hotels), 2 rounds of golf with cart, 3 banquets including an open bar, ladies bridge, \$1,000 worth of raffle prizes, golf balls, tee gift and bar, food & gaming coupons all for one reasonable price.

We will be playing Silver Oak and Eagle Valley West (the women will play the East course). Golf carts will be provided both days. There will be 3 flights for men and 2 for women. The men's 3rd flight will hit from the red tees. Format will be shot gun. Couples will play together on the first day. Several prizes will be awarded to both men and women for lowest net scores in each flight, closest to the pin and most improved from the first day to the second.

A group of ladies will be playing bridge and other games both days, or if one chooses they can play bridge one day and golf the next. There are also many things for the ladies who do not golf to do in the Carson City, Reno and Tahoe area. In addition to the Casino, a beautiful new shopping center is near by, there are many good restaurants, and sight seeing trips and tours are available.

If you have never attended this 3 day event, we suggest you sign up and find out what a fun time we have every year. This Getaway is also open to friends and family. Several join us each year and always have a great time. Several couples from Br 8 will be joining us this year.

The Entry Form is available in this issue of the "Trampas Topics" and also on the Branch golf website <http://branch116.org/116-golf/>. Early sign ups would be greatly appreciated as it gives us the opportunity to get more rooms should it become necessary. If you would like more information contact Tim Hubbard (925) 944-0742 or hubbs@astound.net

SIR BRANCH 116

2015 CARSON CITY GOLF GETAWAY

SEPTEMBER 9-10-11, 2015



Sept. 10 at Silver Oak 8:30 Shotgun
 Sept. 11 at Eagle Valley West (Men) 8:00 Shotgun
 Sept. 11 at Eagle Valley East (Ladies) 8:00 Tees

36 holes of golf, including cart



Staying at Hardman House

Includes continental breakfast

Golfer\$375.00 Double Occupancy
 Non-Golfer.....\$270.00 Dbl Occupancy
 Single\$474.00

Staying at City Center Motel

Golfer\$342.00 Double Occupancy
 Non-Golfer.....\$237.00 Dbl Occupancy
 Single\$387.00

ALSO INCLUDES:

Open bar and buffet dinner all 3 nights
 Golf balls, tee prize and raffle prizes
 Food, gaming and bar coupons

Prize money of \$15.00 collected upon arrival

Entry deadline is August 26



Mail to: **Tim Hubbard**
1744 Carriage Drive
Walnut Creek, CA 94598



Non-Golfers!!
Ladies Bridge & Games Event is being planned
Please indicate your interest below**

Please complete the form and circle your selections
Hardman House or City Center Motel

1. Name: _____ Golfer Non-Golfer **
 2. Name: _____ Golfer Non-Golfer **

Golfer's NCGA GHIN # 1. _____ 2. _____

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

Please make checks payable to *SIR Branch 116 Golf*

Your e-mail address: _____

** I'm Interested in Playing Bridge & Other Games – One Day or Both Days (circle choice)

For Questions: e-mail Tim at tthubbs@astound.net
 or call (925) 944-0742



SIR Travel

By Tom Eller, Travel Chairman
(tomeller2000@yahoo.com)

Pick up brochures, forms, etc., at the travel desk at the luncheons. If we run out of these and you are



still interested in the trip, please ask your travel chairman and he will have one sent to you. Payment should be made to the travel agency arranging

the event unless otherwise stated:

Area 2 SIR Travel Opportunities

Jul 1-16, 2015: European Historical and Cultural Tour. 15 day sightseeing trip highlighting Nuremberg, Luxembourg, Bastogne Verdun, Reims, Normandy and 2 days in Paris. Plus visit Holland, Belgium, Amsterdam on a glass bottom canal boat. Cost \$3915 plus \$1650 airfare. Ron Berube Br 21 408-829-5588 or Dick Kohl 408-268-0428.

Aug 7-22, 2015: Baltic Cruise. You will cruise from Copenhagen to St Petersburg and back to Copenhagen. Cost \$5236 to \$6050 depending on cabin. Contact Jerry Wisenor, Br 145, 209-334-5181.

Aug 15-Sep 1, 2015: Blue Danube Discovery the Imperial Capitals of Central Europe. 17 day trip starting in Budapest with a river cruise down the Danube stopping a Bratislava, Vienna, Melk, Linz, Passau, Regensburg, and Nuremberg. Then motor coach to Karlovy, Prague, Dresden and Berlin. Cost \$7680 to \$8730 pp. not including air. Werner Schlapfer, Livermore, Br.101-121, 925-443-8291

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

Sep 9-19, 2015: Alaska Cruise. Round Trip leaving San Francisco on the Golden Princess. Includes 4 stops and glacier National Parks. Last trip of the

year to Alaska. Cost \$1965 to \$2680 depending on cabin. Jerry Wisenor, Lodi, Br.145, 209-334-5181.

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

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

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

Additional SIR Travel Opportunities on State Web

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

👉 REMINDER 👈

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

**Congratulations to SIR Fred Schafer-
2015 Match Play Champion**



**Congratulations to Art Vogl for his Hole-In-
One at Rancho Canada's 16th Hole (110
yards) on May 19th**



Wine Appreciation Group

Jack Bevis

(jackb435@comcast.net)

The May wine event will take place after the cutoff date for input to Trampas Topics .See the next 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 after May 28th will be on **July 30th**.



These informal gatherings are held at member's homes on a rotating basis, with the host selecting the wines and finger foods. Usually, four or five different wines are tasted and discussed. There is a nominal charge. Both SIR members and their wives are invited to attend. Contact Jack Bevis at 925-254-7256, for more information.



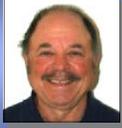
Luncheon Speaker

By Little Sir Jim Barstow

(jbarstow@aol.com)

The June Luncheon speaker will be Duane Spencer, one of the few Forensic Dental Consultants in North America and a member of both State and Federal emergency response groups. He will be discussing some of his most interesting events/cases. Duane has worked on a number of Bay Area tragedies, including the 1982 Caldecott Tunnel Fire, the 1989 Earthquake/Cypress Freeway Collapse, the 1991 East Bay Firestorm, and the 2010 San Bruno PG&E pipeline explosion. You will find Duane's "puzzle solving" experiences fascinating.

After graduating from the USC School of Dentistry in 1965, Duane spent four years on active duty in the Navy, eventually retiring from the Naval Reserve in 1991. He has spent the past 42 years practicing Pediatric Dentistry in Walnut Creek as the Snoopy Dentist and will be retiring from this practice the end of June.



SIR Branch 116 Golf

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

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

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

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

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

New Beta Golf Web Site

We have activated a new golf website at branch116golf.org, to run parallel to the existing site at branch116.org/116-golf/. While the navigation and appearance have changed, information on the old site also can be obtained from the new site as well. Among the new features, **you may sign up for Boundary Oak & Paid-in-Advance tournaments on the new website.** Simply navigate to 18-Hole Schedules & Signups and choose either Boundary Oak Signups or Paid-in-Advance. Please follow the instructions when signing up. And, don't forget to check out the Trivia section (navigate to Administrative/Trivia for the 19th Hole) on the new site. Both sites will continue to operate in parallel for the foreseeable future.



Nine Hole Info

Dick Chaffee, 9-Hole Chairman
(rwchaffee@sbcglobal.net)

SIR 116 9-Hole Golf Club membership is open to all Branch members and guests regardless of your golfing ability. We play every Wednesday starting at 10:00am. We rotate playing Buchanan Fields-Concord, Diablo Hills-Walnut Creek, and other 9 hole courses in the area.

The 9 Hole Golf Club is organized into a single flight. The weekly Champion is the player with the lowest net score. The weekly Champion is awarded 3 points, 2nd place 2 and 3rd 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.

June 9-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Wed. 03	10:00	Buchanan Fields	Dick Chaffee
Wed. 10	10:00	Diablo Hills	D.McClaghry
Wed. 17	10:00	Diablo Hills	Mike Murphy
Wed. 24	10:00	Buchanan Fields	Dick Chaffee

June 18-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Mon. 01	9:30	Boundary Oak	Jim Clizbe
Mon. 08	9:30	Boundary Oak	Jim Clizbe
Tue. 16	9:00	Lake Chabot	Jim Clizbe
Mon. 22	9:30	Roddy Ranch	Al Hutchko
Mon. 29	10:00	Blue Rock-East	Al Hutchko

18-Hole Results

Paradise Valley -- Tuesday May 26, 2015

Official Scorer:
Alex Lutkus

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
Tie 1st	Jim Barstow	70 3	1st	Hugh Duggan	62 3	1st	Al Serafino	68 3	1st	Carl Langhorst	72 3
Tie 1st	Jim Johnson	70 3	2nd	David Carlson	69 2	2nd	Don Schroeder	72 2	2nd	Matt Arena	73 2
3rd	Bill McCord	71 1	3rd	Bob Testa	72 1	Tie 3rd	Dick Chaffee	75 1	3rd	Bill Hemmelsbach	74 1
						Tie 3rd	Terry Grummitt	75 1			
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
	Jim Johnson			Hugh Duggan	85		Don Schroeder	96		Kevin Donahue	105

Closest to: Hole: #3 - Bill Clark, Kevin Donahue -- Hole: #15 - David Carlson, Don Schroeder

Special Event Results: 4 Man Team Low Net

First Place: Team #6: net score: 280 -- Chuck Gilliam, Don Schroeder, Mel Williams, Hugh Duggan -- \$80

Second Place: Team #2: net score: 291 -- Jim Johnson, Bernie Wroblewski, David Carlson, Bill Hemmelsbach -- \$60

Third Place: Team #9: net score: 293.26 -- Carl Langhorst, Alex Lutkus, Bill McCord -- \$30

Hiddenbrooke -- Monday May 18, 2015

Official Scorer:
Phil Jenkins

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
1st	Frank Crua	73 3	1st	Jim Videle	59 3	1st	Troy Powell	66	1st	Bill Hemmelsbach	72
			2nd	Hugh Duggan	69 2	2nd	Wayne Cook	71	2nd	Phil Jenkins	78
			3rd	John Story	72 1	3rd	Bernie Wroblewski	73	3rd	Conrad Robertson	80
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
	Frank Crua	94		Jim Videle	85		Bernie Wroblewski	99		Bill Hemmelsbach	110

Closest to: Hole: #3 - Hugh Duggan, Troy Powell -- Hole: #15 - John Story, Bill Hemmelsbach

Boundary Oak -- Monday May 11, 2015

Official Scorer:
Wayne Cook

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
1st	Jim Barstow	65 3	1st	Al Hutchko	61 3	1st	Pete Coggiola	68 3	1st	Robbie Robinson	62 3
2nd	Norm Alberts	66 2	Tie 2nd	Hugh Duggan	70 2	2nd	Wayne Cook	69 2	2nd	Terry Sherman	66 2
3rd	Jim Johnson	69 1	Tie 2nd	Bob Testa	70 2	Tie 3rd	Terry Grummitt	71 1	3rd	Conrad Robertson	69 1
						Tie 3rd	Jerry Hunter	71 1			
						Tie 3rd	Troy Powell	71 1			
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
	Stephen Cherepy	83		Hugh Duggan	93		Pete Coggiola	96		Terry Sherman	98
				Harry Oberle	93						

Closest to: Hole: #2 - David Harris, Richard Madden -- Hole: #12 - Al Zavattero, Jerry Hunter

Boundary Oak -- Monday May 4, 2015

Official Scorer:
Frank Crua

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
1st	Frank Crua	64 3	1st	Harry Oberle	68 3	Tie 1st	Wayne Cook	65 3	1st	Randy Welker	64 3
2nd	Norm Alberts	67 2	Tie 2nd	Al Hutchko	69 2	Tie 1st	Troy Powell	65 3	2nd	Matt Arena	66 2
3rd	Jim Barstow	68 1	Tie 2nd	Carlos Xavier	69 2	Tie 3rd	Terry Grummitt	66 1	3rd	Bill Hemmelsbach	69 1
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
	Frank Crua	84		Harry Oberle	89		Terry Grummitt	93		Randy Welker	94
				Carlos Xavier	89						

Closest to: Hole: #2 - Norm Alberts, Matt Arena -- Hole: #12 - Ron Radakovich, Wayne Cook



Book Exchange

John Fraser & Dick Kauffman

(wokeagle@aol.com & rkkauffman@gmail.com)



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2015 18-Hole Leader Board

FLIGHT 1			FLIGHT 2			FLIGHT 3			FLIGHT 4		
Index 0.0 - 17.9			Index 18.0 - 23.7			Index 23.8 - 28.2			Index 28.3 - 36.4		
Pos	NAME	Pnts	Pos	NAME	Pnts	Pos	NAME	Pnts	Pos	NAME	Pnts
1	Frank Crua	25	1	Hugh Duggan	36	1	Bernie Wroblewski	24	1	Matt Arena	19
2	Al Zavattero	18	2	Bob Testa	23	2	Troy Powell	20	2	Conrad Robertson	15
3	Jim Barstow	16	3	John Story	15	3	Don Schroeder	18	3	Ron Armijo	12
4	Jerry Hicks	14	4	Dick Socolich	12	4	Peter Coggiola	17	4	Carl Langhorst	11
5	Mel Williams	13	5	Al Hutchko	11	5	Wayne Cook	15	5	Sam Beret	10
6	Dirk Meyer	9	6	Harry Oberle	8	6	Al Serafino	14		Terry Sherman	10
	Wayne Smith	9	7	Bob Price	7	7	Terry Grummitt	13	7	Bill Hemmelsbach	9
8	David Harris	8		Carlos Xavier	7	8	Jerry Hunter	7		Greg Hughes	9
9	Norm Alberts	7	9	David Carlson	5	9	Alex Lutkus	5		Jim Nickels	9
10	Jim Johnson	6		Bob Donohue	5	10	Dick Chaffee	1		Robbie Robinson	9
11	Phil Goff	5	11	Jim Videle	4		Mark Jordan	1	11	Randy Welker	6
12	Bill McCord	4	12	Jim Clizbe	3				12	Fred Schafer	5
13	Neil Schmidt	2		Frank Portillo	3				13	Chuck Gilliam	4
14	Nick Fokas	1	14	Tom Eller	2				14	Jerry Christopherson	3
										Art Vogl	3
									16	Phil Jenkins	2

Latest SIR 116 Golf Info Available on Our Golf Web Site

The Golf Website address is:

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.

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.

18-Hole Pay In Advance Deadlines

<u>Event Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Tuesday, June 16	Lake Chabot	Jun-04	\$30
Monday, June 22	Roddy Ranch	Jun-10	\$34
Monday, June 29	Blue Rock— East	Jun-13	\$37
Tuesday, July 21	Metropolitan	Jul-05	\$35
Monday, July 27	Tilden Park	Jul-15	\$37

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



RETURN TO: Neil Schmidt
2231 San Miguel Dr.
Walnut Creek, CA
94596-5805

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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.