



Trampas Topics

March, 2015

SIR Branch 116

Next Meeting: 11:30 am,
Monday, March 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

Topics Index

Well, here it is March already and Spring is showing itself all over the place. Many of the trees are in bloom and daylight Savings Time will be going into effect on the 8th. St Patrick's Day is on the 17th, so I would hope that you'll all be wearing the green at our meeting on the 16th. Enjoy the weather and don't forget to Spring Forward.



March is going to be a great time to be a Sir in Branch 116! Our raffle will be starting up and we'll start to think about the Spring Fling coming up in May. Jerry Christopherson and his merry band of men have scheduled the Contra Costa Country Club on May 14th and if you've never been there for a meal, you're in for a big treat. Also, Art Vogl will be taking Sees candy orders at the March meeting, for distribution prior to Easter, so take advantage of the discounted pricing.

Hopefully, we'll be wrapping up the voluntary contributions this month, so please be sure that you get your payment of \$45.00 in as soon as possible, if you haven't already done so. As of today, 73% of you have made your contribution, thank you for doing so.

We introduced the "Open Table" concept at the February meeting. There will be three open tables at each lunch meeting in the future. Two will be in the front and one will be near the back of the room and they'll be identified. These tables will be for our members that would rather not have a reservation card, or come late for whatever reason. Hopefully, in the future, this should help the scramble for seats when we're trying to get the meeting started.

I hope that March is a wonderful month for you and please stay healthy.

Bob Donohue - Big SIR

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

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Golf – 18 Hole	Al Zavatero	933-0465	Travel	Tom Eller	939-5897
" "	Carlos Xavier	947-6756	Visitors	Bernie Wroblewski	820-3274
Golf – 9 Hole	Dick Chaffee	932-5087	Volunteers	Bob Kinser	837-8886
Golf – Carson City	Tim Hubbard	944-0742	Webmaster	Phil Goff	831-3692
Golf – Carmel	Jim Barstow	938-2744	Welcoming	Jerry Kaplan	938-1037
Guitar	Paul King	938-3035	Wine Appreciation	Jack Bevis	254-7256
Greeters	Pat Bermingham	930-9477			
Hiking & Walking	Joel White	964-0994			

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

Other SIR Area 2 (Inter-branch) Activities

Apple User Grp.	Dick Macy (Br.171)	376-1180	Dominos	Danny Rinaldi (Br.8)	825-0519
Astronomy	Bill Hunter (Br.8)	947-6947	Pocket Pool	Jerry White (Br.8)	944-9068
Bocce	Bob Barnes (Br.8)	686-0106	\$ums Investment	Gary Moore (A.2)	934-8428
Bocce	John Fernando (Br.19)	798-9978	Table Pool	Bill Weinberg (Area 2)	682-0962
Bowling	Dan Weller (Br. 8)	935-5510	Tennis	Ralph Thornicraft (Br.174)	376-8140
Darts & Pub Games	Bill Cooke (Br.8)	691-9325	Travel	Bob Spellman (A.2)	934-8428
Digital Photography	Bill Phelon (Br.8)	254-8338			

SIR Branch 116 Activity Calendar

March 2015

Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
1	2 18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Boundary Oak GC)	3 Duplicate Bridge (9:00 Diablo Vly. Bridge Ctr)	4 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Buchanan Fields)	5	6	7
8	9 18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Sequoyah CC)	10 Luncheon Bridge (11:30@ Round Hill CC)	11 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Pine Meadow GC)	12	13 Hiking & Walking (8:15@ Lafayette Reservoir, East Parking Lot)	14
15	16 <u>SIR Br. 116 Mtg.</u> (11:30 @ WC Elks Lodge) Deadline for See's Candy Discount Order	17  Saint Patrick's Day 18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Dublin Ranch GC)	18 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Buchanan Fields)	19 Computer & Tech (9:30@ Elks Club)	20	21
22	23 18-Hole Golf (9:30@ San Ramon GC) Book Group (10:15@ Orinda Books)	24 Luncheon Bridge (11:30@ Diablo 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) Wine Appreciation (4:00@ TBD)	27 Hiking & Walking (8:15@ Heather Farms Swimming Pool Entrance)	28
29	30 18-Hole Golf (9:00@ Rancho Solano GC)	31				



Membership

Andy Benz

(anbenz@aol.com)

SIR 116 Membership Status

Total Current Members:	242
This Month's Inductees:	1
Those in Interview Stage:	0
Total in Process:	1
On Inactive Status:	47
Left the Branch:	0
Waiting to be Installed:	0



Br. 116 Treasurer's Report

Carl Langhorst, Treasurer

(cslangho@mindspring.com)

	February 2015	2015 YTD
Contributions	\$ 8,435.00	\$ 16,445.01
Disbursements	\$ (7,141.55)	\$ (11,029.98)
Net (gain/(loss))	\$ 1,293.45	\$ 5,415.03
February 24th Cash Balance		\$ 11,856.42

March Birthdays

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

1 Douglas G. Allen	12 Lloyd Plank
2 Gary A. Bonfiglio	13 Robert Price
3 Bill Harrington	14 Ron Radakovich
4 John Hughes	15 Paul Ramacciotti
5 Richard Kauffman	16 Norman Schoenfeld
6 Ron Leschot	17 David Sherman
7 Robert Loder	18 John Story
8 Bill McCord	19 Patrick Tinguely
9 Chuck O'Conner	20 Don Welsh
10 John Peterson	21 Dave Williams
11 Allen Pirkle	22 Bob Zurich

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



Lunch Attendance

Jim Nachtweih

(majnacht@sbcglobal.net)

Attendance at the February 16th Meeting

Total:	177
Members:	173
Visitors:	0
Speakers:	1
Guests:	3
Excused:	57
Un-Excused:	10

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

March Luncheon Menu

Corned Beef and Cabbage
 Red Potatoes & Carrots
 Spicy Mustard & Horseradish Sauce
 Salad
 Roll And Butter
 Dessert/ Coffee/ Ice Tea



Activity Chairman

Jerry Christopherson

(jchris161k@aol.com)

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!

No...not the first day of Spring Training, and nooo....not the start of Daylight Savings Time. But, it's....

SPRING FLING TIME!!!

This year, on Thursday, May 14th, we'll be at the Contra Costa Country Club in Pleasant Hill--to honor our Ladies with a very special luncheon.

You'll be treated to a great meal, entertainment and lots of fun and surprises.

Bring your checks to our March meeting to sign up. Also, there are reservation forms on page 10 of this newsletter.

You do not want to miss this event!



Sunshine Report

Matt Arena
(marena@astound.net)

Sir **Otto Rinkert** has suffered a fall and injured his shoulder. No surgery was required but he has had hospital stays as a result. He assures me that he will be at our March luncheon.

Sir **Carl Cline** is improving since his stroke. He is now able to get about with the help of a cane. I had a short visit with his wife Karen and his children last month and it was a pleasure to meet all of the children.

Sir **Roger Colton** was hospitalized but is now recovering from pneumonia. He sounded good on the phone and plans to join us for lunch this month.

Sir **Charlie Casassa** has had a hip replacement this past month. I do not have an update on his recovery, however, we wish him well.

Sir **Larry Johnson** has finally gotten over a persistent cough along with his other health issues. He was thinking of us at our last lunch and decided to not to come with the potential of infecting one of us. Is that a thoughtful SIR? He will with us in March.

Sir **Allan Chasnoff** is dealing with a herniated disk but is feeling much better and expects to join us in March for lunch.

Sir **Mario Beria** is on inactive but we should remember him for his longevity. He will celebrate his 100th birthday in August. I don't know the details but Max Foust reports that Mario had a "brush with death" this past month but is coming along.

Past Big Sir **Jed Daniel's** wife Rosemary passed away on February 21 st. Rosemary requested no local service and that she will be buried with her parents in Parkersburg, West Virginia. Jed and

Rosemary were married in Parkersburg in 1962.

DEATH ENDS A LIFE, NOT A RELATIONSHIP
LOVE LEAVES A MEMORY NO ONE CAN
STEAL.

In Memoriam

Alan W. Robinson

February 13, 1936 — February 2015



Wine Appreciation Group

Jack Bevis
(jackb435@comcast.net)

The Wine Group meets every other month on the last Thursday of the month at a member's home from 4:00 to 6:30. The member supplies the wine and food and is reimbursed for it. A standard wine event normally costs \$10 to \$15 per person while the Premium event will run around \$20.

The next meeting is **March 26** and if you are interested contact Jack Bevis at 925-254-7256.



Book Exchange

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



We Have Free Books for You!

Check out the Book Exchange as you pay for lunch. This is a free service on an exchange basis, "bring a book, take a book or take a book and bring a book to the next luncheon".

Hardback, paperback, and audio books all welcome. Happy Reading....

👉 **REMINDER** 👈

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



SIR Fishing Group

Harry Sherinian

(h.sherinian@comcast.net)

Winter is all about sturgeon and trout. All the sturgeon have been undersized, but fun and feisty. Dick Thomson and Carl Moyer worked the Pittsburg area for a couple. Rich Fiscina hosted Joe Karg, Chuck Person, Pete Gates, Tom Boltz and Carl for several trips from Martinez. Tom Kostik and Mike Corker had a good time with small stripers in the lower delta, and Mike caught and released the only sturgeon keeper this year while fishing for stripers with small gear. While this warm and calm weather is bad for the drought, it has made fishing outings very pleasant. Ernie Wong joined the winter local trout fishing folk and has caught many. He was joined by Dick Thomson, Paul Dubow, Harry Sherinian, Mike Corker, and Carl Moyer. Some trips were fruitless, a few with sparse results to Shadow Cliffs. Our first venture to San Pablo Reservoir was most productive with 9 good sized trout for 4 anglers. The weather was beautiful and we all got a good sun tan. Having such great fishing in our backyard is such a blessing. Our annual group foray to Bass Pro Shop, Fishermen's Warehouse, and Black Bear Diner near Manteca was a lot of fun. Two carloads of us went and we did our best to help strengthen the local economy by spending as much as we dare. Paul Dubow caught a 10 lb. skipjack tuna fishing in Hawaii. But Paul and Karl Droese got no steelhead on a guided Smith River attempt. Ron Maciak, Ken Konzak, Craig Walton, Joe Peterson and Carl Moyer went on a trip to Half Moon Bay for lunch at Barbara's Fish Trap and to buy some live crab from the boat in the harbor. Barbara's Fish Trap is a must go for all fish eaters. Delicious!

We will be very busy this winter with: delta fishing for bass, catfish, striped bass, and sturgeon; trout in mountain and local lakes. We live in a fishermen's paradise.

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, March 26th, at the Legend

Sports Bar and Grill at the Diablo Creek Golf Course at 4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord. Meeting starts at 8:30am. Come early and have breakfast and swap stories.

Our next meeting will be **Thursday, March 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 Coordinator, (925-846-7067) .



Luncheon Speaker

By Little Sir Jim Barstow

(jbarstow@aol.com)

Bernat Rosner was born in 1932 in rural Hungary. Overwhelmed by the Holocaust at the age of twelve, he was the only member of his family to survive the gas chambers of Auschwitz and the other horrors of the Nazi concentration camps. Bernie came to the United States in 1948 at the age of sixteen, and received his education at Cornell University and Harvard Law School. He spent his thirty-five years career in the legal department of the Safeway food chain, the last ten as the Company's chief legal officer. After his retirement in 1994, he and his friend Fritz Tubach co-wrote a book, *An Uncommon Friendship*, which tells the unique story of two youths trapped on opposite sides of the Holocaust.

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

See's Candies 2015 Easter Discount Sale

This sale provides group discount prices to SIR Branch 116 members.
THIS IS NOT A FUND RAISER.

- Telephone orders to:

Art Vogl 925 288-0488

- or **Order** at the **Monday, March 16** SIR 116 Luncheon.

- Make checks payable to "SIR Branch 116 – Candy".

- Orders and checks must be from SIR members, *but you may include family and friends in your order.*

- Pick up candies in Elks Club parking lot on

Thursday, March 19 - 9:00 to 10:30 am.

Your Name _____ **Phone** _____

Size	Item	Retail	How Many	Discount	Total \$
13.5 oz	Choc Butter Egg w Pecans			\$ 16.30	
9.5 oz	Rocky Road Egg			\$ 11.45	
6 oz	Dark Choc Butter Egg			\$ 7.35	
5.4 oz	Scotchmallow Eggs 6 pk			\$ 5.85	
4.8 oz	Marshmallow Eggs 6 pk			\$ 5.65	
4.5 oz	Choc Butter Eggs 6 pk			\$ 5.85	
7.5 oz	Spring Bunnies Box			\$ 6.35	
8 oz	Truffles	\$ 10.50		\$ 9.15	
1 lb	Truffles	\$ 21.00		\$ 18.30	
1 lb	Soft Centers	\$ 18.50		\$ 14.50	
2 lb	Soft Centers	\$ 37.00		\$ 29.00	

Size	Item	Retail	How Many	Discount	Total \$
1 lb	Assorted Chocolates	\$ 18.50		\$ 14.50	
2 lb		\$ 37.00		\$ 29.00	
3 lb		\$ 55.50		\$ 43.50	
1 lb	Milk Chocolates	\$ 18.50		\$ 14.50	
2 lb		\$ 37.00		\$ 29.00	
1 lb		\$ 18.50		\$ 14.50	
2 lb	Dark Chocolates	\$ 37.00		\$ 29.00	
1 lb		\$ 18.50		\$ 14.50	
2 lb		\$ 37.00		\$ 29.00	
3 lb	Nuts & Chews	\$ 55.50		\$ 43.50	
1 lb		\$ 18.50		\$ 14.50	
1 lb		\$ 18.50		\$ 14.50	
1 lb	Almond Royal (can)	\$ 18.50		\$ 14.50	
8 oz	Molasses Chips	\$ 9.25		\$ 7.25	
1 lb 8 oz	Peanut Brittle	\$ 18.30		\$ 14.30	
8 oz	Awesome Peanut Brittle Bar (8 pack)	\$ 10.40		\$ 7.70	
12 oz	Awesome Nut & Chew Bar (8 pack)	\$ 10.40		\$ 7.70	
12 oz	Awesome Walnut Square Bar (8 pack)	\$ 10.40		\$ 7.70	
1 lb 5 oz	Lollypops, Assorted	\$ 17.75		\$ 13.85	
1 lb 5 oz	Lollypops, Chocolate	\$ 17.75		\$ 13.85	
1 lb 5 oz	Lollypops, Butterscotch	\$ 17.75		\$ 13.85	
1 lb 5 oz	Lollypops, Café Latte	\$ 17.75		\$ 13.85	
1 lb 5 oz	Lollypops, Vanilla	\$ 17.75		\$ 13.85	
1 lb	Gift Certificate ^{48states}	\$ 18.50		\$ 15.70	
Mailing Cartons (except items in italics) List items here:					\$ 1.00 for each carton
TOTAL ORDER - Both Columns					-

\$ums Investment Group

Gary Moore (Branch 174)

(mooregh1@gmail.com)

The Area 2 \$ums Investment Group will meet on **Wednesday March 25, 2015** at 8:00 a.m. at the Leg-ends restaurant at the Diablo Creek Golf Course, 4050 Port Chicago Highway, Concord.

Our guest speaker in March will be **Roland Chow**, Director of Business Development for **Bloodhound Research**. The title of his presentation will be: **"Commonly Held Beliefs and Realities of Stock Market Investing."** Roland will discuss software tools designed to "simulate" an investment idea prior to implementation to gain a better understanding of how its likely to work and under what conditions. He will discuss some of the lessons he's learned while using the tool, The Bloodhound System, to evaluate various investment strategies, including those of well-known gurus. In addition, he'll show examples of various approaches to stock market investing that have demonstrated superior returns over the long-term. Topics will include:

- How to validate any investment thesis prior to putting real money into the strategy.
- How to set up and run a simulation covering any investment approach.
- How to create and manage your own portfolio utilizing advanced analytics and cloud computing.

Roland has been in the high-tech industry for over 16 years and in the financial industry for over 10 years. He was formerly a founding board member and investor of a regional business bank in the East Bay. He has experience with a number of different asset classes including real estate, alternatives, derivatives, and equities. Roland started his career at Ernst and Young LLP after graduating from the University of California at Berkeley. He is currently on the Board of Directors for Life Eldercare and the Silicon Valley Chapter of the American Association of Individual Investors.

The Leg-ends restaurant opens at 7:00 a.m., so come early and have a leisurely breakfast with your colleagues prior to the meet-ing. Plan to attend this meeting and bring a prospec-tive SIR.

Hiking & Walking

Joel White

(zpz2mrz@yahoo.com)

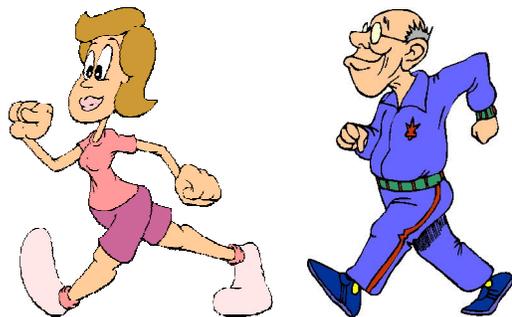


Dan Green will lead the **Friday, March 13** walk. Meet at 8:15 AM at the East end of the Lafayette Reservoir parking lot. Do not forget to bring change for the parking meter. Please RSVP to Dan: as-dgreen@comcast.net, 376-7087

The Friday, **March 27** walk will be led by Art Donaldson. We'll gather at 8:15 AM, at the Heather Farms swimming pool entrance in Walnut Creek. Please RSVP to Art: dnldsn@sbcglobal.net, 934-8391, 2635

Anyone wishing to join the post walk conversation please contact the walk leader for location and to let him know.

Anyone wishing to be added 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:

Neil Schmidt, Trampas Topics Editor

trampastopics@gmail.com



Computer & Technology

Derek Southern & Neil Schmidt

(np.schmidt2@gmail.com)

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

Barry Brown will be the presenter for the March 19th CAT meeting. His presentation will be "The Evolution of Windows" and will cover a brief review of how Windows has changed over the years and he will be demonstrating the new Windows 10 (beta). He will also be addressing the question: Should I upgrade to Windows 10 when it becomes available later this year?

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

(still26@sbcglobal.net)

SIRS BRIDGE

SIRS' bridge is every 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month at Round Hill Country Club in Alamo for lunch and then bridge. Play is "Chicago Style", changing partners every 4 hands. All are invited to join is a fun afternoon. On February 10th, Charlie Schmidt was the big winner with 5,540 points, Hal Redsun 2nd with 4,880 and Jai Yee 3rd with 4,690 points.

COUPLES BRIDGE – TUESDAY APRIL 21ST

Please also plan to join us for LADIES/COUPLES DAY on Tuesday April 21st, with lunch and bridge at Round Hill Country Club. We call it "ladies day" because we can bring our wives or friends to be our partner for the full afternoon of bridge. "Partners" are not restricted to wives so we encourage two women or two men to join us for bridge. You only need a partner to come and if you don't have a bridge partner, I will try to find one for you.

Sign-ups for our Ladies Day on April 21st will start in March but do put it on your calendar and plan to join us.

SIR President's Award



Ralph Schwarz being presented with the "Super Senior SIR President's Award" by his Sponsor Art Donaldson & Area 2 Governor Robbie Robinson

New Branch 116 Member



New Member Kevin Donahue and Sponsor Andy Benz

SPRING FLING

A Special luncheon for our ladies (replacing our regular May meeting)
CONTRA COSTA COUNTRY CLUB (801 Golf Club Road, Pleasant Hill, CA Phone 925-798-7135)
THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2015

11:30 No Host Social Hour

12:30 Luncheon Served

Fun! Entertainment! Special Drink Prices! DoorPrizes! Surprises!

\$46.00 Per Person (includes tax and tip)

Menu Choices

Choice Petite Beef Tenders with Brandy Mustard Sauce

Atlantic Poached Salmon Filet with Champagne Sauce

Wellington – Veggies, Rice & Cheese Wrapped in Pastry

Menu includes salad, seasonal vegetables and dessert



SPRING FLING AT CONTRA COSTA CC (MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN MAY 4TH)

Name _____ Beef _____ Salmon _____ Veggie _____

Name _____ Beef _____ Salmon _____ Veggie _____

Make Check Payable to : SIR Branch 116

Number x \$46 = \$ _____

Mail Check to: Lou Sandor, 849 Stonehaven Drive, Walnut Creek, CA 94598

Note: I would like to reserve a table with the following people (tables of eight) _____



Br. 116 Book Club

Rich Black

(blackrw41@comcast.net)

“Our Final Invention: Artificial Intelligence and the End of the Human Era” by James Barratt

Our computers now have ‘Artificial Intelligence.’ When they get as smart as we are they will have ‘Artificial General Intelligence.’ At that point, forecasts James Barrat, they will be capable of programming themselves and achieve ‘Artificial Super Intelligence.’ Will their effect be benign? Maybe not. Tim Tinnes recommended the book and Richard Black led the discussion. Contributing their views were Jerry Christopherson, John Riordan, Paul Freitas, Joel White, Jack Butler, Cord Hull, Richard Rossland, Jim Flessner, John Kopchik, Al Reynolds, Steve Bort, Lytton DeSilva, and Garrett Girvin. The group awarded the book 3.1stars.

The group will next meet on at 10:15 on **Monday**,

March 23 at Orinda Books to discuss “Season of the Witch” by David Talbot.

The April book will be “*The Burglary*” by Betty Medsger.



Walking Tours

Bernie Wroblewski

(bbwroblewski@comcast.net)

Our next walking tour is scheduled for **Saturday, April 18th**. We are looking into different options in San Francisco, Oakland, and locations within East Bay Regional Parks areas. More detail about the next walking tour will be provided at the March 16th SIRS Branch 116 luncheon meeting and the April issue of Trampas Topics.

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:

SIR Travel Opportunities

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.

Jun 19-30, 2015: The Italian Riviera & Lake Como. (five nights each in: the resort towns of San Remo and Lake Como. Other places visited include Rapallo, Portofino, Santa Margherita, Dolceacqua, Genoa, Belliagio and Bergamo. Cost of \$5140 includes, airfare, accommodations, 18 meals, Admissions, Tours, Mike Console, San Jose, Br 54 & 32, 408-246-1080 or John Pletsch 408-274-2992.

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.

Dine-O-SIR at Bella Ristorante

5458 Ygnacio Valley Rd, Concord (925) 524-0733 <http://www.bellaristorante.com/>

A Two Night Dining Event: Tuesday Nights, March 24 or March 31 (Limited to approximately 50 each night)
Social Adjustment Beginning at 6:00; Dinner at 6:45

Menu:

Bella Salad mixed greens, gorgonzola cheese, candied walnuts in a Balsamic vinaigrette

Choice of: • Veal Scallopine Marsala in a mushroom and wine sauce

• Chicken Limone a breast with capers herbs in a lemon wine sauce

• Salmon fillet seared in garlic, shallots, mushrooms, and herbs in a cream sauce

• Penne salicica with sausage, bacon, mushrooms and peas in a tomato cream sauce

Vegetarian meal upon request

Coffee and Dessert of Tiramisu

Cost: \$35 per person, Inclusive. Wine by the glass \$6.50, Beer \$5.00, Bottle of red or white wine for \$20.00
(Tip not included for alcoholic beverages)

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Dinner at Bella Ristorante, Tuesday, March 24 or 31 (Must be received no later than Wed., March 18)

Preferred Date: Tuesday, March 24 _____ or Tuesday, March 31 _____ Either _____

Name: _____ Entrée: _____

Name: _____ Entrée: _____

E-mail contact: _____ No. of Attendees x \$35: \$ _____

Send checks made out to "SIR Branch 116 Dining" to Ben Smith, 1837 Lackland Drive, Alamo, CA 94509
If you have questions contact Ben at: Tel. 925-820-5403 or E-Mail: BJSSSMITH@aol.com

Carmel Golf Outing Update

The Tuesday, May 19th and Wednesday, May 20th Carmel Golf Outing is approaching. Should you wish to participate, your entry fee (which includes Tuesday evening's BBQ) should be mailed to SIR Branch 116 Golf, P.O. Box 683, Lafayette, CA 94549-0683. The entry fee for those wishing to ride is \$142, and for those wishing to walk, \$108. Non-Golfing guests are encouraged to attend Tuesday evening's BBQ, at a cost of \$30. Hotel accommodations are the responsibility of each individual, with a group rate of \$129 per evening at the Carmel Mission Inn (1-800-348-9090).

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

Rancho Canada Golf Event, May 19 and 20, 2015

Name: _____ Name: _____

No. of Golfers x \$142 (\$108 for walking): _____ Non-Golfers x \$30: _____

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

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 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.

NOTICE:

Stone Tree April 13, 2015

We are playing Stone Tree Golf Club on Monday April 13th. It's a 9:30 AM Shotgun. The price is \$59, which includes a breakfast burrito, coffee, bottle of water, range balls and cart. We will be playing two sets of tees. Those who normally play the white tees, will be playing the blue tees (slope 128 - 5839 yards). Those who normally play the forward tees will be playing the white tees (slope 121 - 5062 yards). The cutoff date is March 28th, but would appreciate if you could sign-up as early as possible to get a good count for the golf course. Please ask your friends to join us.

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, 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.

March 9-Hole Schedule

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

March 18-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Mon. 02	9:30	Boundary Oak	Bob Testa
Mon. 09	9:30	Sequoyah	Bob Testa
Tues. 17	9:30	Dublin Ranch	Bob Testa
Mon. 23	9:30	San Ramon	Bob Testa
Mon. 30	9:00	Rancho Solano	Bob Testa

18-Hole Results

Callippe Preserve -- Monday February 23, 2015

Official Scorer:
Pete Coggiola

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
1st	Mel Williams	71 3	1st	Bob Testa	66 3	1st	Al Serafino	71 3	1st	Robbie Robinson	74 3
Tie 2nd	Frank Crua	73 2	2nd	Hugh Duggan	67 2	2nd	Alex Lutkus	72 2	2nd	Ron Armijo	77 2
Tie 2nd	David Harris	73 2	3rd	Gary Boswell	70 1	3rd	Terry Grummitt	77 1	Tie 3rd	Conrad Robertson	81 1
									Tie 3rd	Fred Schafer	81 1
	Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross	
	David Harris	90		Hugh Duggan	91		Alex Lutkus	99		Ron Armijo	107
	Mel Williams	90									

Closest to: Hole #6 - Bill McCord, Alex Lutkus -- Hole #13 - Hugh Duggan, Ron Armijo

Brentwood -- Tuesday February 17, 2015

Official Scorer:
Jim Barstow

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
1st	Frank Crua	67 3	1st	Hugh Duggan	67 3	1st	Alex Lutkus	66 3	1st	Matt Arena	63 3
2nd	Neil Schmidt	70 2	2nd	Al Hutchko	68 2	2nd	Bernie Wroblewski	71 2	2nd	Ron Armijo	67 2
3rd	Al Zattero	71 1	3rd	Dick Socolich	70 1	3rd	Don Schroeder	73 1	3rd	Fred Schafer	70 1
	Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross	
	Frank Crua	85		Dick Socolich	89		Alex Lutkus	92		Ron Armijo	96
	Neil Schmidt	85					Bernie Wroblewski	92			

Closest to: Hole Creekside #6 - David Harris, Art Vogl -- Hole Hillside #8 - Al Hutchko, Art Vogl

Boundary Oak -- Monday February 9, 2015

Official Scorer:
Bob Donohue

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
1st	Norm Alberts	68 3	1st	Bob Testa	70 3	1st	Bernie Wroblewski	72 3	1st	Ron Armijo	73 3
2nd	Phil Goff	69 2	2nd	Bob Donohue	75 2	Tie 2nd	Wayne Cook	76 2	2nd	Sam Beret	74 2
Tie 3rd	Jerry Hicks	71 1	3rd	John Story	76 1	Tie 2nd	Terry Grummitt	76 2	3rd	Bill Hemmelsbach	76 1
Tie 3rd	Al Zattero	71 1									
	Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross	
	Jerry Hicks	84		Bob Testa	96		Bernie Wroblewski	97		Ron Armijo	106

Closest to: Hole #2 - Wayne Smith, Mark Jordan -- Hole #12 - Jerry Hicks

Match Play: Jerry Hicks beats Phil Goff in tie breaker

Match Play: Bernie Wroblewski beats Bob Donohue 6 and 4

Match Play: Fred Schafer beats David Carlson 2 up

Crow Canyon Country Club -- Monday February 2, 2015

Official Scorer:
Phil Jenkins

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
Tie 1st	Frank Crua	67 3	Tie 1st	Hugh Duggan	67 3	1st	Bernie Wroblewski	64 3	1st	Randy Welker	67 3
Tie 1st	Dirk Meyer	67 3	Tie 1st	Bob Price	67 3	2nd	Pete Coggiola	67 2	Tie 2nd	Chuck Gilliam	68 2
Tie 1st	Wayne Smith	67 3	Tie 1st	Dick Socolich	67 3	3rd	Jerry Hunter	71 1	Tie 2nd	Carl Langhorst	68 2
	Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross	
	Jerry Hicks	81		Dick Socolich	87		Bernie Wroblewski	90		Randy Welker	99

Closest to: Hole #4 - Bill McCord -- Hole #12 - David Harris, Art Vogl

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.

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	Al Zavattero	11	1	Hugh Duggan	13	1	Bernie Wroblewski	14	1	Matt Arena	9
2	Frank Crua	10	2	Dick Socolich	7	2	Don Schroeder	9	2	Conrad Robertson	8
3	Mel Williams	7	3	Bob Testa	6	3	Peter Coggiola	5	3	Ron Armijo	7
4	Dirk Meyer	6	4	Bob Price	4	3	Alex Lutkus	5	4	Greg Hughes	5
5	David Harris	5	4	John Story	4	3	Troy Powell	5	5	Chuck Gilliam	4
6	Norm Alberts	3	4	Carlos Xavier	4	3	Al Serafino	5	6	Sam Beret	3
6	Jim Barstow	3	7	Bob Donohue	3	7	Wayne Cook	3	6	Jim Nickels	3
6	Phil Goff	3	7	Al Hutchko	3	7	Terry Grummitt	3	6	Robbie Robinson	3
6	Wayne Smith	3	7	Harry Oberle	3	9	Jerry Hunter	2	6	Randy Welker	3
10	Neil Schmidt	2	10	Jim Clizbe	2				10	Carl Langhorst	2
11	Nick Fokas	1	11	Gary Boswell	1				10	Fred Schafer	2
11	Jerry Hicks	1	11	David Carlson	1				12	Bill Hemmelsbach	1
			11	Jim Videle	1				12	Terry Sherman	1

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.



SIR Website Addresses

SIR 116 Web Site

www.branch116.org

Branch 116 Golf

www.branch116.org/116-golf/

Trampas Topics

www.branch116.org/trampas/

Computer and Technology

www.a2cat.sirinc2.org/

SIR Happenings State Newsletter

www.sirinc.org/sirhappenings

State SIR Web Site

www.sirinc.org/

18-Hole Pay In Advance Deadlines

<u>Event Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Tuesday March 17	Dublin Ranch	Mar-7	\$38
Monday March 23	San Ramon	Mar-7	\$31
Monday March 30	Rancho Solano	Mar-20	\$39
Monday, April 13	Stonetree	Apr-03	\$59
Tuesday, April 21	Lone Tree	Apr-09	\$38
Monday, April 27	Poppy Ridge	Apr-15	\$42

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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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.