



Trampas Topics

November, 2015

SIR Branch 116

Next Meeting: 11:30 am,
Monday, November 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

November and the year is starting to wrap up. Daylight Savings Time ends on the 1st, Veteran's day is on the 11th, our last monthly meeting is on the 16th and Thanksgiving is on the 26th. A busy month for sure!

I want to offer a big thanks to all of the veterans in our branch for your service to our country. We all appreciate, very much, what you've done for us!



I also want to apologize to our members who were inconvenienced at our last meeting and were asked to move their cars from the lower lot across the street. We tried to get the word out, regarding not parking down there that day, but obviously some of you didn't get the message. That lot is now open again and will be available to us on the 16th.

If you bring a guest to the meeting in November, I'll present you with a nice bottle of wine. We need to try to increase our membership and I ask you to do your best to introduce someone to the good times that we have. If you newer guys are having fun being a part of 116, I'd hope that you would show a friend what we do and bring him along on the 16th. If you do, please be sure to call the hot line and let us know his name.

Jerry Christopherson and his Merry men are currently working on the Christmas Party plans. The date is December the 16th, at Boundry Oak and I would hope that all of you plan to attend. We have a great time every year and the more people the merrier! The ladies have a wonderful time and it's not too late to sign up. This is also a great time for the newer members to get to know more people in a fun environment.

We'll be installing our new officers for 2016 at the November meeting. Take a good look at them as they stand in the front of the room, because these are the guys who will be keeping our branch strong next year. You, too, can be a part of this in 2017 and I'd hope that you'll consider giving some of your time to our branch. It's not difficult and we can use your help.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Bob Donohue
Big SIR

Reminder: Don't miss our Christmas Party on December 16th. Reservations must be received no later than December 2 (See signup form on page 12).



VETERANS DAY

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

2015 SIR 116 Officers & Directors

						
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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

November 2015

Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.	
1	2 18-Hole Golf (10:00@ Mira Vista CC)	3 Duplicate Bridge (9:00 Diablo Vly. Bridge Ctr)	4 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC)	5	6	7	
8	9 18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Boundary Oak GC)	10 Luncheon Bridge (11:30@ Round Hill CC) See's Candy Deadline (see page 11)	11 <u>VETERAN'S DAY</u> 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Pine Meadow GC) Mexican Train (10:00@ TBD)	12	13 Hiking & Walking (8:15@ Panera Bread, Alamo)	14	
15	16 <u>SIR Br. 116 Mtg.</u> (11:30 @ WC Elks Lodge)	17 18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Franklin Canyon GC)	18 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC) \$ums Investment (8:00@ Diablo Creek GC)	19 Computer & Tech (9:30@ Elks Club) Fishing Group (8:30@ Diablo Creek GC) Wine Appreciation (4:00@ TBD)	20	21	
22	23 18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Roddy Ranch GC)	24 Luncheon Bridge (11:30@ Diablo CC)	25 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Diablo Hills GC)	26  Happy Thanksgiving	27 Hiking & Walking (8:15@ Maybe: Call Joel White)	28	
29	30 18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Shadow Lakes GC) Book Group (10:15@ Orinda Books)	 November 11 Veteran's Day					



Membership

Andy Benz

(anbenz@aol.com)

SIR 116 Membership Status

Total Current Members:	242
This Month's Inductees:	3
Those in Interview Stage:	0
Total in Process:	3
On Inactive Status:	20
Left the Branch:	13
Waiting to be Installed:	0



Br. 116 Treasurer's Report

Carl Langhorst, Treasurer

(cslangho@mindspring.com)

	Sept. 2015	2015 YTD
Contributions	\$ 2,874.00	\$ 55,633.80
Disbursements	\$ (3,787.80)	\$ (54,219.15)
Net (gain/(loss))	\$ (913.80)	\$ 1,414.65
Oct. 29th Cash Balance		\$ 7,856.04

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

November Birthdays

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

- | | |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Norm Alberts | 10. JJ Johnson |
| 2. Stuart Berger | 11. Oscar Krikorian |
| 3. Brent Chaney | 12. Philip Perrelli |
| 4. Bill Clarke | 13. Lonny Randle |
| 5. Carl Cline | 14. John Sandler |
| 6. Bob Conlon | 15. Neil Schmidt |
| 7. Lytton DeSilva | 16. Bob Testa |
| 8. Art Donaldson | 17. Art Vogl |
| 9. Bill Hayes | |



Lunch Attendance

Jim Nachtweih

(majnacht@sbcglobal.net)

Attendance at the October 19th Meeting

Total:	179
Members:	174
Visitors:	1
Speakers:	1
Guests:	3
Excused:	60
Un-Excused:	16

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

November Luncheon Menu

Thanksgiving Buffet
 Roasted Turkey (White & Dark Meat)
 Mashed Potatoes & Turkey Dressing
 Cornbread Stuffing
 Candied sweet Potatoes, Cranberry Sauce
 Rolls & Butter
 Pumpkin Pie
 Coffee/Iced Tea/Lemonade

SIR Website Addresses

SIR 116 Web Site
branch116.org

Branch 116 Golf (Old Site)
branch116.org/116-golf/

Branch 116 Golf (New Beta Site)
branch116golf.org

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)

Jim Nachtweih pinch heating for Matt Arena....:

Tim Dorr fell awhile back and broke his hip...He is doing a bit better now, using a walker to get around, and hopes to switch to a cane soon. He thinks he can make the November meeting

Mike Murphy is fighting bladder cancer and is under doctor's care

Dave Butner is just out of hospital after a bout with pancreatitis. I don;t know much about that but the doctors say he needs a lot of rest

Dick Kauffman's son up in Alaska has severe cancer problems and Dick is spending as much time as possible with him

Wayne Smith is O.K. but his Grandson has serious problems and Wayne is spending as much time as needed with him



Book Exchange

John Fraser & Dick Kauffman

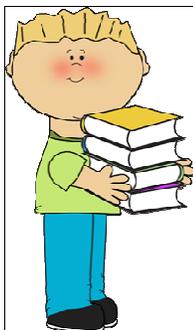
(wokeagle@aol.com & rkkauffman@gmail.com)



The Book Exchange collects books from our local Branch members and redistributes these books to you. It is on an exchange basis and there is no cost.

Check out the ever changing books that we have available at the beginning of the monthly Luncheon.

Enjoy your Reading



New Branch 116 Members



New Member Bob Anderson
with Sponsor Brad Lee



New Member Paul Johnson
with Sponsor Marsh Stashyn



Sponsor Jim Barstow with
New Member Michael Barrington



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, November 19th, 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.

The big excursion of the early fall was a trip to Pyramid Lake in Nevada led by Ernie Wong and Karl Droese. Twelve of our adventurous anglers fished in two groups: Karl's group fished with a guide from a boat, and Ernie's group fished from the shore with ladders using either spinning or fly gear. The fishermen were Karl Droese, Joe Karg, Rich Fiscina, Chuck Cornell, Larry Gray, Jeff Gray (Larry's son), Steve Paulick, Ben LaSala, Ken Konzak, Ernie Wong, Pete Gates, Pedro Contreras, and Paul Dubow. About a hundred of the beautiful Lahontan Cutthroat trout were caught, most released. Pedro Contreras, who has a vacation home nearby, hosted a rib cookout with chef Rich Fiscina for the happy folk. At the other end of the State, Carl Moyer chartered a salmon boat out the gate and Paul Dubow, Brad Hatcher, Rich Fiscina, Karl Droese, and Richard Bal caught limits of bright and delicious salmon. Carl was less successful on 2 sturgeon outings, catching and releasing only small fish. Harry Sherinian was surprised when he caught a 14 lb salmon fishing for stripers with Tom Kostik in the Delta. Both Tom and Harry caught keeper sized stripers also. Mike Corker also enjoyed the plugging for stripers, getting more keepers as the fall run begins. Carl Moyer continued to catch rock and ling cod from the ocean. Alas, the catfish boom from San Pablo Reservoir ended, and none were caught on Carl's last two attempts.

We will be very busy this fall 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. Crab season starts November 1st. We live in a fishermen's paradise.

Our next meeting will be **Thursday, November 19th** at the Legend Sports Bar and Grill at the Diablo Creek Golf Course at 4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord. Meeting starts at 8:30 am. For further information, please contact Dick Thomson, Big Fish (925-944-1760), Harry Sherinian, Branch 116 Coordinator, (925-846-7067) or Romano Gnusti, Treasurer/Secretary, (925-376-3313.)



Harry Sherinian with his 14 lb Salmon



Bridge

Jon Dickson

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Bridge games are every 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at Round Hill Country Club, starting with lunch at 11:30 AM. Play is Chicago Style, is a relaxed bridge game. All welcome to join us.

On Tuesday, October 20th we had Ladies Day or Couples Bridge (couples defined as any two people) at Round Hill Country Club and 46 people, 23 pairs, had lunch and then played an enjoyable afternoon of bridge. Two ladies won the top prize and others suggested we must have a booby prize next spring when we again have our couples bridge as some cards seemed poor. Only two small slams were made after all those hands of bridge.

Do put next April 19th on your calendar for next spring's Couples bridge day. There is also a SIR's duplicate bridge game at Walnut Creek Bridge Club the first Tuesday of each month, starting at 10:00 AM. Plus a duplicate game at Moraga Aegis on the 2nd Monday of the month. All bridge players are welcome at both.



"Mexican Train" Dominos

Richard Madden

(maddenram@sbcglobal.net)

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

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

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

Our next meeting is on **November 11th**. Hope to see you there.



Luncheon Speaker

By Little Sir Jim Barstow

(jbarstow@aol.com)

November's luncheon will feature Branch 116's member Paul King and his four person acoustical band (Jump-In) playing folk and popular music from the 40's to the 90's. Special preference will be paid the the early 60's folk era. As the name suggests, audience members may "jump-in" and join them in singing familiar favorite songs.



Computer & Technology

Derek Southern & Neil Schmidt

(np.schmidt2@gmail.com)



The Area 2 Computer and Technology Group announces that our next meeting will be at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge on **Thursday November 19** at 9:30 am. Sirs from all branches and their guests are welcome and invited to attend.

Sir Alan Baker will present "Protecting Your Home Computer" with three main topics: why and how we are attacked, automatic system defenses, and human defenses. He will include phishing fraud, how to detect poisoned emails, backups, passwords, and how to handle specific attacks. As usual, the talk will be posted on the A2CAT website in pdf and/or ppt formats at <http://www.a2cat.sirinc2.org>

Some members like to arrive early to enjoy coffee and chat before the presentation which starts at 9:30.

We meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 9:30 am at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge except for July and December; so there will not be a meeting next month. We ask for a donation of \$5 to cover the cost of the hall rental, coffee and cookies -- but some months are free, so come and see if this meeting is another one of those! All SIR members and their guests (spouses included!) are welcome to attend. See you there.



Activity Chairman

Jerry Christopherson

(jchris161k@aol.com)

Just a few more weeks

to signup for the

Fantabulous Branch Christmas Party.

Find the party flyer on **page 12** for a reservation form and mail it in, or **your last chance is the November SIR Meeting.**

Remember this year we have tables of ten.
Do Not Miss out!!

\$ums Investment Group

Gary Moore (Branch 174)

(mooregh1@gmail.com)

The Area 2 \$ums Investment Group will hold its annual planning meeting on **Wednesday, November 18, 2015** at 8:00 a.m. at the Legends restaurant at the Diablo Creek Golf Course, 4050 Port Chicago Highway, Concord. We will not have an outside speaker this month, but will discuss speakers and activities that the members would like to see in the coming year. There will no meeting in December.

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

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

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



"Dine-O-Sir" Dinner Group

Ben Smith

(bjsssmith@aol.com)

The Dine-O-SIR had the first of two fantastic events at El Tapatio Restaurant in Pleasant Hill on October 28th. The second of the two events will be held on November 4th.

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



Wine Appreciation Group

Jack Bevis

(jackb435@comcast.net)

October is a month without a wine event.

Wine Tasting events are normally held every other month. On the last Thursday of the month from 4 to 6:30 pm. The next one will be on **November 19th**. (Because of Thanksgiving.)

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. Both SIR members and their wives are invited to attend.

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

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



Our SIR group straining to hear Dr. Leigh Kjeldsen talking about hearing loss at our October Luncheon



Celebrating Past (& Present) Branch 116 Big SIR

Left to right: Ken Miller (1999), Ron Armijo (2011), Frank Crua (2009), Jerry Hunter (2006), Art Vogl (2013), Carlos Xavier (2003), Art Donaldson, (2008), Bob Donohue (2015), Robbie Robinson (2004), Bill Hayes (1990), Neil Schmidt (2012), Phil Goff (2014)



Br. 116 Book Club
Rich Black
 (blackrw41@comcast.net)

“Thinking, Fast and Slow” by Daniel Kahneman

The central thesis of this book is that all humans use two systems that drive the way we think: System 1 is fast, intuitive and emotional; System 2 is slower, more deliberative and more logical. Lytton DeSilva recommended the book and led the discussion with Steve Bort, John Kopchik, Mac McLaughlin, Al Reynolds, John Riordan, Joel White, and Bob Wolf contributing their views. The group awarded the book 2.8 stars out of a possible 5.

The group will next meet at 10:15 on Monday, **December 7** at Orinda Books to discuss “**Highest Duty**” by Capt. Chesley Sullenberber. Because of the crowded holiday calendar, the Br 116 Book Club will meet only once in the November/December timeframe. The next meeting after that will be on **January 25** to discuss “**The Great Reformer**” by Austen Ivereigh.



Poker Group #2
Jim Shurr
 (shurrjim@astound.net)

Poker Group #2 plays on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at Diablo Country Club in Diablo, from 1-4 p.m. Low stakes ,good times and fun. To play, contact Jim Shurr (925-937-9142) or Jerry Kaplan (925-938-1037) at least 24 hrs before the game.



Conrad Robertson, Bob Donohue and Carlos Xavier soaking in the beauty of Oakhurst Country Club



**See's
CANDIES**

Notice

See's Christmas Candy Time!

This year we'll be offering **Gift Certificates** at the cost of \$14.50. This will buy you a one pound box that costs \$18.50 or you can spend the Certificate on any other See's Candies product (A\$4 savings per certificate!).

Purchase as many Certificates as you like and your cost is our cost.

Make the check out to: **SIR Branch 116 Candy**. If your check does not have your name and address on it, please include it on another sheet of paper.

Bring your order to our **November 16th SIR Meeting** or mail it to me no later than **December 10th** (All checks won't be cashed until after December 10th)

Send checks to: Art Vogl
724 Savannah Circle
Walnut Creek, CA 94598



Hiking & Walking

Joel White

(zpz2mrz@yahoo.com)

The Friday October 9th walk was led by Rich Black, David and Coleen Geary, Bob Wolf, Andrea and Dan Green plus Richard Black and Donna Arganbright walked the lower end of the Lafayette-Moraga trail, followed by coffee at Terzettos. A good time was had by all.

The Oct. 23rd walk was led by Joel White on a Mid portion of the Iron Horse Trail heading north from the Museum of the San Ramon Valley (old railway station). Enjoying the walk were Art and Mary Alice Donaldson, John Riordan, Dan and Andrea Green, Lytton DeSilva, Paul Freitas, Steve Bort, and Susan and Joel White. Coffee and conversation was Pascal's in downtown Danville.

Start your **Friday the 13th** off right with a walk with friends. We will meet at **8:15am** in front of Panera Bread and walk North on the Iron Horse Trail. Coffee and conversation will be at Panera Bread at 9:15. Please RSVP to Art Donaldson:

dnldsn@sbcglobal.net

DIRECTIONS: From Interstate 680 take the Stone Valley South exit. After 1/2 mile cross Danville Blvd. and turn right into the Safeway shopping center. Proceed straight to Peet's and turn right to Panera Bread.

There is no additional scheduled walk for November, however if there is enough interest in working off Thanksgiving dinner on the 27th, I will arrange one and let those who respond to me

(zpz2mrz@yahoo.com) by Tuesday November 24th the meeting place and time, probably more 9ish.

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

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



SIR Travel

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

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



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

the event unless otherwise stated:

Area 2 SIR Travel Opportunities

Mar 25-Apr 10, 2016: Big Band Voyage Across the Atlantic Ocean. 16 day all inclusive cruise across the Atlantic on the Crystal Symphony. Relish the blissful luxury of days at sea, highlighted by visits to Bermuda, the Azores, Barcelona,, Bandol, and Monte Carlo. Cost from \$3665. Ken Richter, Br.146, Walnut Creek, 925-689-6217.

Other SIR Travel Opportunities

Dec 7, 2015: The Holidays are Blooming in the Valley. Your first stop will be at Hilmar Cheese Factory, where your guide will step onto your motorcoach for a tour through their facility, followed by a delicious hosted buffet lunch. After lunch you will have time to shop in their large country store. Next stop will be Duarte Nursery to view their amazing Holiday Poinsettias. Their greenhouses hold one of the largest selections of Poinsettias available. You will tour the facility with time to shop before departing for home. Cost \$54.00 pp including RT motorcoach, hosted lunch, tours and driver gratuity. Contact **Ken Richter**, Br. 146, 689-6217.

Feb 3, 2016: Jersey Boys. This is a true story of Frankie Valli and the The Four Seasons who became one of the biggest American pop music sensations of all time. The musical features such Four Season hits as "Big Girls Don't Cry," "Sherry", "Walk Like A Man", and "Can't Take My Eyes Off You. Cost is \$116.00 which includes RT motorcoach, reserved center Orchestra seats at the Or-

pheum Theatre and driver gratuity. Contact **Ken Richter**, Br 146, 689-6217.

Mar 13-17, 2016: Spring Training with #SIR 146. 5 day trip with something for everyone. Upon arrival in Phoenix you will be transferred to your accommodations at the Embassy Suites for your 4 night stay. Amenities include hosted breakfast and happy hour. All meals during your stay are included. You will enjoy morning activities that include a variety of local attractions and guest speakers. Your game tickets are the best seats available. Every effort will be made to include A's and Giants games. Cost of \$1795.00 includes RT to and from airport, three games, 4 night accommodations, tours, and guide services. Contact **Ken Richter**, Br 146, 689-6217.

Mar 25-Apr 10, 2016: big Band Voyage Across The Atlantic Ocean. 16 day all inclusive cruise on the Crystal Symphony. Relish the blissful luxury of days at sea, highlighted by visits to Bermuda, the Azores, Barcelona, Bandol and Monte Carlo. Cruise cost from \$3665. Join SIR 146 on May 14th, 2015 at 1:30 pm for a special cruise presentation and extra savings opportunities. Contact **Ken Richter**, Br 146, 925-689-6217.

May 3-5, 2016: Vatican Splendors exhibit at the Reagan Presidential Library. The Vatican exhibit only travels every other year so don't miss the opportunity to experience 2,000 years of Vatican art and history. You will also visit the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library. Cost \$591.00 including RT motorcoach, 2 night stay at the Pepper Tree in Santa Barbara, baggage handling, 6 meals, guided tours of the Library, and Santa Barbara Mission, with a visit to Solvang, and drivers gratuity. Contact **Ken Richter**, Br. 146, 925-689-6217.

Additional SIR Travel Opportunities on State Web

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



THE 2015 EDITION OF SIR BRANCH 116

CHRISTMAS DINNER DANCE

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

BOUNDARY OAK GOLF CLUB

3800 Valley Vista Road, Walnut Creek

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

Entertainment! Surprises!

Dancing with music by a Local DJ

Door prizes Special Bar Prices

Choice of Entree @\$52.00 per person:

Cabernet Braised Short Ribs

Pan Seared Salmon Vegetable Wellington

Includes salad, seasonal vegetables and dessert

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

NAME: _____ Veggie Short Ribs Salmon

NAME: _____ Veggie Short Ribs Salmon

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: Sir Branch 116 (\$52.00 Per Person)

MAIL CHECK TO: Lou Sandor, 849 Stonehaven Drive, Walnut Creek, CA 94598

I WOULD LIKE TO RESERVE A TABLE WITH THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE: (tables of ten)



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.



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.

Latest SIR 116 Golf Info Available on Our Golf Web Site

The Golf Website addresses (old & new beta) are:
branch116.org/116-golf or branch116golf.org (beta)

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

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

starting times & handicaps for next event.

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

November 9-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Wed. 14	10:00	Buchanan Fields	Dick Chaffee
Wed. 11	10:00	Diablo Hills	D.McClaughry
Wed. 18	10:00	Buchanan Fields	Dick Chaffee
Wed. 25	10:00	Diablo Hills	Mike Murphy

November 18-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Mon. 02	10:00	Mira Vista CC	
Mon. 09	9:30	Boundary Oak	Mark Jordan
Tue. 17	9:30	Franklin Canyon	C. Robertson
Mon. 23	9:30	Roddy Ranch	Art Vogl
Mon. 30	9:30-	Shadow Lakes	Frank Crua

18-Hole Results

Oakhurst Country Club -- Monday October 26, 2015

Official Scorer:
Mel Williams

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

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

Rossmoor Country Club -- Tuesday October 20, 2015

Official Scorer:
Mel Williams

Flight 1				Flight 2				Flight 3				Flight 4			
1st	David Harris	62	3	1st	Hugh Duggan	68	3	1st	Kirk McVean	65	3	1st	Carl Langhorst	64	3
Tie 2nd	Bill Clark	70	2	Tie 2nd	Frank Portillo	70	2	2nd	Don Schroeder	71	2	2nd	Terry Sherman	67	2
Tie 2nd	Jim Johnson	70	2	Tie 2nd	John Story	70	2	3rd	Pete Coggiola	73	1	3rd	Robby Robinson	71	1
Low Gross				Low Gross				Low Gross				Low Gross			
	David Harris	80			Frank Portillo	88			Kirk McVean	95			Terry Sherman	96	
									Don Schroeder	95					

Closest to: Hole: #4 - Alan Fitzgerald, Terry Sherman -- Hole: #14 - Walt Garrison, Kirk McVean

Boundary Oak -- Monday October 12, 2015

Official Scorer:
Pete Coggiola

Flight 1				Flight 2				Flight 3				Flight 4			
1st	David Harris	68	3	1st	Harry Oberle	67	3	1st	Wayne Cook	68	3	1st	Carl Langhorst	70	3
2nd	Jerry Hicks	71	2	2nd	Bob Conlon	69	2	Tie 2nd	Terry Grummitt	69	2	2nd	Phil Jenkins	71	2
3rd	Bill Clark	73	1	3rd	David Carlson	70	1	Tie 2nd	Mark Jordan	69	2	3rd	Jim Nickels	73	1
Low Gross				Low Gross				Low Gross				Low Gross			
	Jerry Hicks	81			Harry Oberle	86			Terry Grummitt	94			Phil Jenkins	103	
													Jai Yee	103	

Closest to: Hole: #2 - Frank Crua, Terry Grummitt -- Hole: #12 - Neil Schmidt, Wayne Cook

Napa GC at Kennedy Park -- Monday October 5, 2015

Official Scorer:
Bill Hemmelsbach

Flight 1				Flight 2				Flight 3				Flight 4			
1st	Bill McCord	70	3	1st	David Carlson	74	3	1st	Don Schroeder	60	3	1st	Bill Hemmelsbach	73	3
2nd	Bill Clark	71	2	2nd	Harry Oberle	76	2	2nd	Kevin Donahue	71	2	2nd	Matt Arena	74	2
3rd	Frank Crua	76	1	3rd	Al Hutchko	77	1	Tie 3rd	Wayne Cook	76	1	3rd	Art Vogl	75	1
								Tie 3rd	Richard Madden	76	1				
Low Gross				Low Gross				Low Gross				Low Gross			
	Bill Clark	90			Harry Oberle	96			Don Schroeder	85			Bill Hemmelsbach	108	
	Bill McCord	90											Art Vogl	108	

Closest to: Hole: #7 - Don Schroeder -- Hole: #16 - Richard Madden

Rancho Solano -- Monday September 28, 2015

Official Scorer:
Art Vogl

Flight 1				Flight 2				Flight 3				Flight 4			
1st	Neil Schmidt	66	3	Tie 1st	Hugh Duggan	68	3	1st	Mark Jordan	63	3	1st	Matt Arena	71	3
2nd	Frank Crua	68	2	Tie 1st	Harry Oberle	68	3	2nd	Bernie Wroblewski	64	2	Tie 2nd	Carl Langhorst	74	2
3rd	Jim Barstow	70	1	3rd	Bob Huck	72	1	3rd	Pete Coggiola	67	1	Tie 2nd	Jim Nickels	74	2
Low Gross				Low Gross				Low Gross				Low Gross			
	Neil Schmidt	84			Harry Oberle	87			Bernie Wroblewski	88			Randy Welker	104	

Closest to: Hole: #8 - Al Zavattero, Terry Grummitt -- Hole: #15 - Al Zavattero, Phil Jenkins

2015 18-Hole Leader Board (2nd Half)

FLIGHT 1			FLIGHT 2			FLIGHT 3			FLIGHT 4		
Index 0.0 - 17.9			Index 18.0 - 23.7			Index 23.8 - 28.2			Index 28.3 - 36.4		
1	Bill Clark	22	1	John Story	18	1	Terry Grummitt	26	1	Matt Arena	15
2	Frank Crua	16	2	Hugh Duggan	16	2	Don Schroeder	17	2	Jim Nickels	13
3	Bill McCord	12		Harry Oberle	16	3	Peter Coggiola	13	3	Terry Sherman	11
4	David Harris	10	4	Al Hutchko	10		Mark Jordan	13	4	Carl Langhorst	9
	Jim Johnson	10		Bob Testa	10	5	Kevin Donahue	9		Art Vogl	9
	Al Zattero	10	6	David Carlson	9		Bernie Wroblewski	9		Randy Welker	9
7	Neil Schmidt	7	7	Dick Socolich	7	7	Al Serafino	8	7	Phil Jenkins	8
8	Alan Fitzgerald	6	8	Jim Videle	5	8	Jerry Hunter	5	8	Robbie Robinson	6
	Phil Goff	6	9	Frank Portillo	4	9	Wayne Cook	4	9	Bill Hemmelsbach	5
10	Jim Barstow	4	10	Jim Clizbe	3	10	Richard Madden	3	10	Brent Chaney	4
11	Jerry Hicks	2		David Ferm	3		Kirk McVean	3	11	Chuck Gilliam	3
	Mel Williams	2		Bob Price	3	12	Max Foust	2		Marty Katz	3
13	Norm Alberts	1	13	Bob Conlon	2	13	Dick Chaffee	1		Fred Schafer	3
				Bob Donohue	2		Troy Powell	1		Jai Yee	3
			15	Bob Huck	1				15	George Pryhuber	2
									16	Sam Beret	1
										Jerry Christopherson	1
										John Peterson	1
										Al Satake	1

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- **18-Hole Pairings:** Shows captains, teams, starting times & handicaps for the next tournament.
- **Leaders & Results:** Shows results from recent 9-Hole & 18-Hole tournaments & the leaders in each group.
- **Sign-ups:** Identifies advance sign-ups for Boundary Oak & Paid-in-Advance tournaments. Additionally, the new (Beta) site offers the opportunity to sign up for those events. Please note that Paid-in-Advance signups become official only after the Treasurer (David Carlson) receives your check.

18-Hole Pay In Advance Deadlines

<u>Event Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Tuesday November 17, 2015	Franklin Canyon	Nov-6	\$33
Monday November 23, 2015	Roddy Ranch	Nov-11	\$34
Monday November 30, 2015	Shadow Lakes	Nov-22	\$30
Monday, December 21, 2015	Diablo Creek	Dec-09	\$41
Monday, December 28, 2015	Delta View	Dec-16	\$28

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



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Rules of Attendance and Membership for SIR Branch 116

RULE 100. A member may be notified in writing by his Branch of the pending termination of his membership (Rule 107) should he be responsible for any of the following:

Miss three (3) consecutive regular luncheon meetings without having been excused by contacting the designated Branch Attendance person prior to the meeting date.

Did not attend one-half (5) of the regular luncheon meetings within the previous twelve consecutive month period. NOTE: Excused meetings cannot be included to achieve the minimum attendance.

RULE 101. Certification of attendance by a member at another Branch meeting will be considered as a credit to his attendance record. (Maximum of 2 visits per calendar year).

Non Responsibility Declaration

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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.