



Trampas Topics

October, 2015

SIR Branch 116

Next Meeting: 11:30 am,
Monday, October 19, 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

October, footballs are flying through the air, the trees are turning colors, the weather is cooling down, the little ghosts and goblins are getting ready for Halloween and, hopefully, there will be lots of rain on the way. This is really a great time to be a SIR in Branch 116!



We honor our past Big SIRs at our meeting every October and I'm looking forward to visiting with all of them on the 19th. Be sure to thank them for their past efforts and for what they all did for our branch during their tenure in office. They stepped up to work for all of our members and who knows where we'd be without them? Please keep in mind that SIRs is a "volunteer" organization and we

need guys to fill the various branch positions of leadership along the way. Why not you?

The Carson City Golf Outing was another wonderful event for those who attended. Tim Hubbard, Jerry Hunter and David Harris, along with Dave Carlson all worked tirelessly to make the event a success. The attendance was greater than 2014, but we want to make this an even bigger activity next year, so please make plans to attend. We love to have the wives join us each year, but even if they don't elect to attend, you still can. If you play golf, you should be there! Most of the women that I talk to would love to get their husbands out of the house for a few days.

Jerry Christopherson and his committee are actively getting ready for our Holiday Party in December. This year, we'll be at the newly remodeled Boundary Oak Clubhouse and it should be beautiful. This is always a wonderful event, the wives and girlfriends enjoy it and I'm sure that the 2015 program will be a lot of fun for everyone. Please plan to attend.

Have a wonderful month and I'll look forward to seeing you at the meeting on the 19th. Please don't forget to continue to park across the street in the lower lot of Quail Court if the main lot is full. The small lot next to the Elks Lodge will continue to be closed for the time being.

Bob Donohue

Big SIR



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SIR Br.116 Christmas Dinner Dance

December 16, 2015

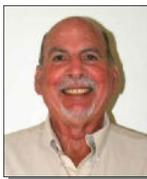
Boundary Oak Golf Club

(See flyer on Page 12)



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

2015 SIR 116 Officers & Directors

						
Big SIR	Little SIR	Secretary	Assist.Secretary	Treasurer	Asst.Treasurer 1	Asst.Treasurer 2
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2015 SIR 116 Committee Chairmen

Activities Coord.	J. Christopherson	939-3973	Historian (Br. 116)	Mat Arena	946-0404
Attendance	Jim Nachtweih	838-7417	Host	Frank Crua	932-0975
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Book Club	Rich Black	283-8376	Membership Roster	Dick Thomson	785-7600
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Dine-O-Sir	Ben Smith	820-5403	"	Neil Schmidt	948-8702
Duplicate Bridge	Art Donaldson	934-9391	"	Phil Goff	831-3692
E-mail Contact	Phil Goff	831-3692	Poker Group 1	Bill Harrington	935-1625
Fishing	Harry Sherinian	846-7067	Storytellers	(various)	-
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
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

October 2015

Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
				1	2	3
4	5 18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Napa-Kennedy GC)	6 Duplicate Bridge (9:00 Diablo Vly. Bridge Ctr)	7 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC)	8	9 Hiking & Walking (8:15@ TBD)	10
11	12 18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Boundary Oak GC)	13 Luncheon Bridge (11:30@ Round Hill CC)	14 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Pine Meadow GC) Mexican Train Dominos (10:00@ TBD)	15 Computer & Tech (9:30@ Elks Club)	16	17
18	19 <u>SIR Br. 116</u> <u>Luncheon</u> (11:30 @ WC Elks Lodge)	20 Ladies Day Bridge (11:30@ Round Hill CC) 18-Hole Golf (12:00@ Rossmoor CC)	21 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC) \$ums Investment (8:00@ Diablo Creek GC)	22 Fishing Group (8:30@ Legends-Diablo Crk)	23 Hiking & Walking (8:15@ TBD)	24
25	26 18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Oakhurst CC) Book Group (10:15@ Orinda Books)	27 Luncheon Bridge (11:30@ Diablo CC)	28 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Diablo Hills GC) Dine-O-SIR (6:00@ El Tapatio in Pleasant Hill)	29 Wine Appreciation (4:00@ TBD)	30	31

Halloween



Membership

Andy Benz

(anbenz@aol.com)

SIR 116 Membership Status

Total Current Members:	239
This Month's Inductees:	2
Those in Interview Stage:	0
Total in Process:	2
On Inactive Status:	32
Left the Branch:	8
Waiting to be Installed:	0



Br. 116 Treasurer's Report

Carl Langhorst, Treasurer

(cslangho@mindspring.com)

	Sept. 2015	2015 YTD
Contributions	\$ 5,400.00	\$ 52,759.79
Disbursements	\$ (6,668.46)	\$ (50,431.35)
Net (gain/(loss))	\$ (1,268.46)	\$ 2,328.44
Sept. 27th Cash Balance		\$ 8,769.83

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

October Birthdays

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

- | | |
|----------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Bruce Adair | 10. Terry Horton |
| 2. Jack Bevis | 11. Carl Langhorst |
| 3. Wayne Cook | 12. Lee Medeiros |
| 4. Urs Christen | 13. Ken Miller |
| 5. J. Christopherson | 14. Dennis Perry |
| 6. Jed Daniel | 15. Frank Portillo |
| 7. David Ferm | 16. Al Satake |
| 8. John Fraser | 17. Jim Shurr |
| 9. David Heck | 18. Dick Thomson |



Lunch Attendance

Jim Nachtweih

(majnacht@sbcglobal.net)

Attendance at the September 21st Meeting

Total:	163
Members:	158
Visitors:	0
Speakers:	1
Guests:	3
Excused:	62
Un-Excused:	12

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

October Luncheon Menu

Smoked Bratwurst
w/ Sweet Hot Mustard,
Sauerkraut, Red Cabbage Cole
Rye Bread/Butter, Coffee/ Iced Tea
German Chocolate Cake

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 (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/

Senior Honorary Life Member



Dick Thomson receiving a Senior Honorary Life Member Award from Big SIR Bob Donohue

New Branch 116 Member



New Member Craig Elliott with Sponsor Bernie Wroblewski



Sponsor Conrad Robertson with New Member Lee Medeiros



Book Exchange

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



We hope that you are not missing out!

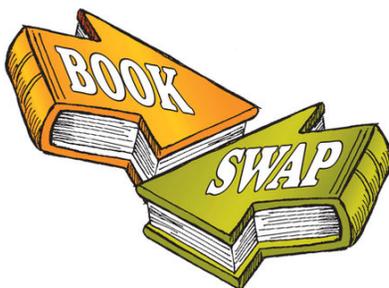
Free books are available at every SIRS Luncheon

Bring a book, Take a book

or

Take a book, Bring a book (next meeting)

Happy Reading



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.

Want a Free Lunch ?
Sponsor a New Member !



SIR Fishing Group

Harry Sherinian

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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, October 22nd, at the Legend Sports Bar and Grill at the Diablo Creek Golf Course at 4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord. Meeting starts at 8:30am.

The annual fish fry with the Sirs in the Kitchen was once again a food orgy of epic proportions. Thanks to gracious host Ed Benson, and fish donaters: Raliegth Davis, Pedro Contreras, and Carl Moyer. San Pablo reservoir gave up good sized catfish to Gordon Linebaugh, Carl Moyer, Gene Schulting, and Terry Miller. Gordon and Carl were joined by Ron Maciak, Steve Paulick and Ben LaSala had a very poor salmon trip on a boat out the gate. However, Ron Maciak caught the only fish for the group, a nice 18 lb. beauty that almost wore him out. It was not only Ron's biggest salmon, but also his first. Meanwhile, Mike Corker took Pete Gates and Harry Sherinian bass fishing in the delta where they enjoyed catching and releasing lots of black bass. Sal Costanza caught a limit of nice stripers in Montezuma slough. Raliegth Davis joined Carl Moyer for some fun rock fishing upon the ocean blue. Wind and rough ocean prevented more fishing forays, but hopefully that will settle down.

Our annual Back Yard Bar-B-Que was a huge success this year. This event is open to all members of the Area 2 Fishing Group and their significant others. The attendance this year was very close to fifty. It was held this year at Rich Fiscina's home in Walnut Creek. It was a beautiful day and with Rich making homemade Pizza in his outdoor Pizza oven and plenty of shade, we all had a great time. Everybody ate their fill of bar-b-que meats and all the trimmings. A special thanks to the Fiscina family for hosting this event and to Dick Thomson who arranged the catering, name tags, publicity and all the small things that goes into making an event successful.

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. We live in a fishermen's paradise.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, October 22nd at the Legend Sports Bar and Grill at the Diablo Creek Golf Course at 4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord. Meeting starts at 8:30 am. 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.)



Bridge

Jon Dickson

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Lunch & Bridge at Round Hill Country Club every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month. All are welcome for Chicago Style bridge in a relaxed mode.

On **Tuesday, October 20th** (I have it correct his month) we are having our Ladies Day Bridge at Round Hill Country Club, where it is a day for couples. Couples can be two women or two men if that is who your bridge partner is, as all are welcome. Lunch is fish or chicken and \$50 covers each couple for lunch and prizes. Call Jon Dickson 837-1178 to reserve a spot to play.

All SIR's who can play bridge are welcome and I encourage all to join is for an enjoyable day of bridge.



Luncheon Speaker

By Little Sir Jim Barstow

(jbarstow@aol.com)

Dr, Leigh Kjeldsen will be our October Speaker. She is with Valley Audiology, and will be presenting information regarding Hearing Loss, causes and remedies. She will also touch on the latest in hearing and balance research.



“Mexican Train” Dominos

Richard Madden

(maddenram@sbcglobal.net)

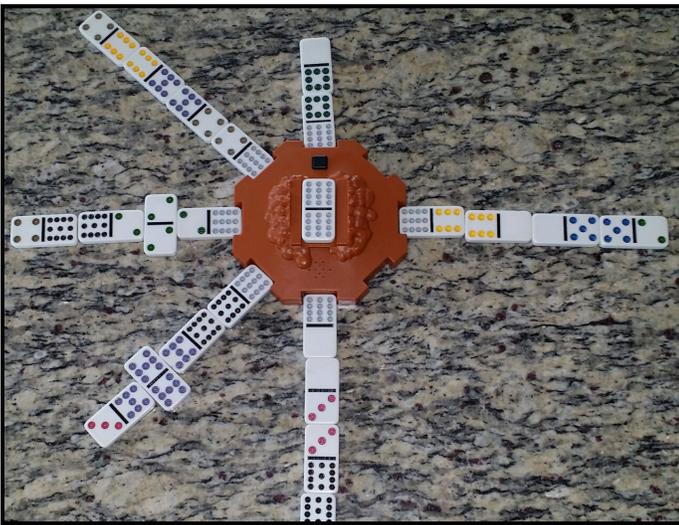
“Mexican Train” is a domino game which uses a set of Double Twelve Dominoes. From 2 to 8 can play. Each player draws 11 to 15 dominoes. The number of dominoes each player draws depends on the number of players. The object of the game is to play all your dominoes. When you draw your hand you set it up 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!

Look at the photo that shows how you would align the dominoes in your hand.

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 first session on September 18th with 6 players. The players who attended the first meeting were; Paul Freitas, Phil Jenkins, Alex Lutkus, Richard Madden, Kirk McVean and Harry Sherinian. Harry was the winner with a low score of 248. Ask these guys about the game.

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

Our next meeting is at 10:00 AM on **October 14th**. Hope to see you there.



Example of a Mexican Train Board



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 October 15** at 9:30 am. Sirs from all branches and their guests are welcome and invited to attend.

Barry Brown will be discussing “Windows 10.” He will review 10's strengths and point out its known weaknesses. If you're cautious you're waiting a few months before jumping into the program to let Microsoft take care of the usual glitches that often appear its new software. Barry should have something to say about that, so come join us on Thursday, October 15, to learn more about the status of the latest edition of Microsoft's flagship product.

We look forward to seeing you and come early to enjoy “coffee and chat” before the presentation at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge, 1475 Creekside Drive. 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 our October meeting is another one of those! All SIR members and their guests (spouses included!) are welcome to attend. See you there.



Walking Tours

Bernie Wroblewski

(bbwroblewski@comcast.net)

The next Branch 116 walking tour is being planned for November. Details will be provided in the November issue of the Trampas Topics.



\$ums Investment Group

Gary Moore (Branch 174)

(mooregh1@gmail.com)

The October meeting of the Area 2 \$ums Investment Group will be on **Wednesday October 21, 2015**, at 8:00 a.m. at the Legends restaurant at the Diablo Creek Golf Course, 4050 Port Chicago Highway, Concord. Note that this is the third Wednesday in October, a week earlier than our usual meeting day.

Our guest speaker in October will be **Kevin Gahagan** of **Mosaic Financial Partners, Inc.** in San Francisco. Kevin's presentation will address: "**Fixed Income Investing in a Rising Interest Rate Environment**". Kevin says "With interest rates at forty-year lows, it is not a question of if, but when rates will rise. When rates do rise, investors who have pursued higher yields in the current environment and those who bought bonds for safety will experience risks they had not anticipated." His presentation will cover how different bond classes performed in past periods of rising rates. He will also discuss assessing fixed income portfolio risks and strategies for reducing risk in fixed income portfolios.

Kevin Gahagan is a Principal, Senior Advisor and the Chief Investment Officer for Mosaic Financial Partners, Inc., a leading Bay Area wealth advisory firm. Kevin has been recognized as a leading advisory professional by the San Francisco Business Times, Reuters AdvicePoint and others. He is a Certified Financial Planner® certificant (CFP®) and Certified Investment Management Analyst (CIMA®). From 2000 through 2005, Kevin taught for the financial planning program at UC Berkeley.

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



Wine Appreciation Group

Jack Bevis

(jackb435@comcast.net)

The latest wine group event was held on September 24th at the home of Jim and Barbara Shurr. We gathered outside by the pool in the shady part of the deck and enjoyed some nice Lodi wines from Michael David. Jim frequents the Lodi area and also belongs to their wine club. He first poured a MDW chardonnay which was very well received on that warm day. Then on to four reds. An Incognito Rouge, made from warm weather varieties of the Rhone valley; a 6th Sense Syrah – very full bodied and fruity. There was considerable traffic back and forth to the delicious hors d'oeuvres in the dining room. The other two reds were both Cabs. In keeping with the interesting naming tradition of the David's one is called Freakshow Cab. The other, a reserve level wine is called Earthquake Cab. All in all an enjoyable afternoon and enjoyable wines.

We meet every other month, making the next event the week before Thanksgiving, **November 19th**. For more information call Jack Bevis, 925-254-7256.



Br. 116 Book Club

Rich Black

(blackrw41@comcast.net)

"The Wright Brothers" by David McCullough

Orville and Wilbur Wright developed manned flight in the first decade of the 20th Century with industry, vision, experimentation, analysis and a clear understanding of the risks. They enthralled hundreds of thousands, first in France and then in this country. Richard Black led the discussion with John Riordan, Al Reynolds, Lytton DeSilva, Jim Scott, Cord Hull, Nick Bowles, Tim Tinnes, Jerry Christopherson, Bob Wolf, Steve Bort, and John Frazier. The group awarded the book 4.6 stars which is pretty darn good.

The group will next assemble on **October 26** to discuss "*Thinking, Fast and Slow*" by Daniel Kahneman.



"Dine-O-Sir" Dinner Group

Ben Smith

(bjsssmith@aol.com)

Get Ready for a fun evening at a Real Mexican Fiesta at the El Tapatio Restaurant located on Golf Club-road in Pleasant Hill. This will be a two night affair slated for Wednesday October 28 and November 4, 2015. We will be limited to 50 people each evening., So get your reservations in early. Price is \$17.00 per person, including Tax and gratuity. The evening will start with a social time at 6 PM and dinner at 6:45 PM. During the Social Time we will be able to enjoy a side Board of Appetizers with a dinner menu to follow including 4 choices of Combination plates and Flan Dessert. This Restaurant has been in business for many years and the food is excellent. Special No Host drink prices will be available for Margaritas, Beer, Wine and House drinks. Wine corkage is available at \$8 per bottle. Parking is easy as it has a large parking log in front of the restaurant., We look forward to seeing all the Dine-O-Sir Herd at these two events. Send your checks made out to SIR Br. 116 Dining to Ben Smith at 1837 Lackland Dr. Alamo, CA 94507, An e-mail will be sent our to all Dine-O-Sirs in



Robbie Robinson showing off his "soiled" pants after playing golf at Paradise Valley GC on September 22nd.

Country Club Golf News



We are getting to our Country Club season in the months of October/November. I know it seems early to commit, but with Country Clubs we need a count at least two weeks in advance. If you are going to play at any of the events, it would be appreciated if you would send your check to PO BOX 683 Lafayette, Ca 94549-0683 as soon as possible.

A recap of the upcoming events:

Rossmoor – October 20th – 12:00 PM tee times.

Because they have a limited number of carts (16), we can only have 32 golfers who ride. We can have an unlimited number of walkers. Hopefully, we can find a few Rossmoor residents who have their own carts and we can add to the 32 players who want to ride. Until we get a better count, guests must go on a waiting list. Price is \$36 to walk, \$49 to ride.

Oakhurst – October 26th – 9:30 shotgun We need 80 players, so please ask your friends and potential SIR members to join us. Remember last year Frank Portillo got a hole in one. Lightning does strike twice! Price is \$52.

Mira Vista – November 2nd – 10:00 shotgun If you have never played here, this is a 100+ year old course in the El Cerrito hills with a fabulous view of SF Bay. A must! Again, we need 80 players, so please ask your friends to join us. No hole in ones, but maybe this year. Price is \$50.



**2015
Carson City
Golf
Getaway
Photos**



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

Sep 23-28, 2015: Custer State Park Roundup. (5 nights, 8 meals, plus Mt Rushmore, Crazy Horse Memorial, Historic Deadwood, Ken Costner's Tatanka, 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.

Sep 30-Oct 11, 2015: Canada and New England. 11 day cruise on the Caribbean Princess. Starts in Quebec City with 8 stops including Port Saguenay, Graspe, Charlottetown, Sydney and Halifax, Bar Harbor and ends in New York. Cost \$2990 to \$3389 which includes RT Air, motor-coach, gov't fees and more. Derlin German, Petaluma, Br 58, 707-763-6162.

Oct 3-10, 2015: Colors of New England. Visit Boston, Stowe, Lake Winnepesaukee, and Boothbay Harbor. Trip includes 7 breakfasts, 3 dinners, views of autumn colors, Air transportation, hotels and transfers. Cost \$2999 to \$4049 depending on accommodations. Bruce Saltzman, Br 128, San Ramon, 925-735-2366.

Oct 9-23, 2015: Eastern Mediterranean Cruise. (11 day cruise starting in Rome with visits to Istanbul, Athens,

Ephesus, Naples, Mykonos and Santorini) Trip includes transfers, all shipboard meals, entertainment, 2 days in Rome with breakfast, 2 sightseeing tours, travel protection plan covering pre-existing conditions, cocktail party, port taxes, and gov't fees. Cost \$5380 to \$6100 depending on stateroom. Jim Stoner, Br 114, San Jose, 408-238-8458 or Larry Martinson 408-238-0746.

Nov 5-23, 2015: Crossroads of Turkey. (19 day land tour of Turkey begins in Istanbul and then continues to Asiatic Turkey with stops at the WW1 battlefield of Gallipoli. Other stops will include many ancient Biblical, Roman and Greek sites.) Cost \$3795 which includes airfare, hotel, taxes and fees, gratuities for drivers/guides and 35 meals. Jim Hohenshelt, Br 62, San Jose, 408-394-7226 or Roy Jordan 408-735-8765.

Nov 6-22, 2015: Panama Canal Cruise. 16 day cruise from Ft. Lauderdale to L.A. and back to S.F. through the Panama Canal aboard the Coral Princess. Cost \$7000 for Two. Includes Air fare too and from SF and one night stay in Ft. Lauderdale as well as ship transfers. Ed Boll, Br 152, Arnold, 209-736-9466.

Dec 29-Jan 2, 2016: New Year's Eve at the Broadmoor in Colorado Springs. This AAA Broadmoor five star hotel is the Grand Dame of the Rockies. Tour includes home pick-up, RT airfare to Denver from Sacramento, Royal Gorge Bridge and lunch on the Royal Gorge train. City tour of Colorado Springs and much more. Cost \$1975 includes taxes, fees, and gratuities. Lee Suess, Br 96, 209-296-2235.

Dec 29-Jan 2, 2016: New Year's in Scottsdale. Ring in the New Year at the fabulous Hilton Double Tree Paradise Valley Resort. Enjoy tours of Oak Creek Canyon, Sedona, Phoenix & Scottsdale for New Year's Eve highlighted with a wonderful dinner along with Popular music of the Big Band era! Contact Bruce Bentley, 831-465-6590, for more information.

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.

October 9-Hole Schedule

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

October 18-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Mon. 05	9:30	Napa-Kennedy	Al Serafino
Mon. 12	9:30	Boundary Oak	Al Serafino
Tue. 20	12:00	Rossmoor	Al Serafino
Mon. 26	9:30	Oakhurst	Al Serafino

18-Hole Results

Paradise Valley -- Tuesday September 22, 2015

Official Scorer:
Fred Schafer

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
1st	Frank Crua	64 3	1st	Al Hutchko	67 3	1st	Jerry Hunter	69 3	Tie 1st	Chuck Gilliam	68 3
2nd	David Harris	67 2	2nd	Dick Socolich	68 2	Tie 2nd	Pete Coggiola	71 2	Tie 1st	Terry Sherman	68 3
3rd	Bill Clark	70 1	3rd	John Story	69 1	Tie 2nd	Don Schroeder	71 2	3rd	Carl Langhorst	70 1
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
	David Harris	84		Dick Socolich	87		Don Schroeder	95		Terry Sherman	99

Closest to: Hole: #3 - David Harris, Mark Jordan -- Hole: #15 - Dick Socolich, Don Schroeder

Two-Man Match: John Story and Jim Johnson defeat Bill Clark and Phil Goff 1 up

Boundary Oak -- Monday September 14, 2015

Official Scorer:
Phil Jenkins

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
1st	Bill Clark	68 3	1st	John Story	67 3	1st	Pete Coggiola	63 3	1st	Jim Nickels	63 3
2nd	Frank Crua	70 2	2nd	Bob Donohue	71 2	Tie 2nd	Al Serafino	71 2	2nd	Terry Sherman	68 2
3rd	Norm Alberts	71 1	3rd	Jim Clizbe	72 1	Tie 2nd	Bernie Wroblewski	71 2	3rd	Phil Jenkins	70 1
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
	Bill Clark	87		John Story	92		Pete Coggiola	90		Jim Nickels	99
										Terry Sherman	99

Closest to: Hole: #2 - Bill Clark, Richard Madden -- Hole: #12 - Neil Schmidt, Jai Yee

Eagle Vines -- Monday August 31, 2015

Official Scorer:
Bill Clark

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
1st	Al Zattero	70 3	1st	Harry Oberle	66 3	1st	Terry Grummitt	61 3	1st	Matt Arena	63 3
Tie 2nd	Bill Clark	75 2	2nd	Al Hutchko	72 2	2nd	Richard Madden	65 2	2nd	Randy Welker	71 2
Tie 2nd	Jim Johnson	75 2	Tie 3rd	Jim Clizbe	75 1	3rd	Al Serafino	67 1	Tie 3rd	Al Satake	74 1
Tie 2nd	Bill McCord	75 2	Tie 3rd	Hugh Duggan	75 1				Tie 3rd	Terry Sherman	74 1
Tie 2nd	Mel Williams	75 2									
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
	Al Zattero	88		Harry Oberle	86		Terry Grummitt	87		Matt Arena	100
										Randy Welker	100

Closest to: Hole: #5 - Harry Oberle, Al Serafino -- Hole: #14 - Bob Testa, Wayne Cook

Two-Man Match: McCord / Sherman defeat Harris / Hutchko 3 and 2

Two-Man Match: Clizbe / Powell defeat Hicks / Duggan 3 and 2

Blue Rock Springs - West -- Monday August 24, 2015

Official Scorer:
Harry Oberle

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
1st	Frank Crua	61 3	1st	John Story	66 3	1st	Terry Grummitt	62 3	1st	Art Vogl	67 3
Tie 2nd	David Harris	69 2	2nd	Hugh Duggan	68 2	2nd	Don Schroeder	65 2	2nd	Randy Welker	69 2
Tie 2nd	Bill McCord	69 2	Tie 3rd	David Carlson	69 1	3rd	Kevin Donahue	69 1	3rd	Jerry Christopherson	71 1
			Tie 3rd	Bob Testa	69 1						
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
	Frank Crua	84		Hugh Duggan	91		Terry Grummitt	89		Randy Welker	98
				John Story	91		Don Schroeder	89			

Closest to: Hole: #7 - Frank Crua, Robbie Robinson -- Hole: #15 - Jim Barstow, Mark Jordan

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	14	1	John Story	16	1	Terry Grummitt	23	1	Matt Arena	10
2	Frank Crua	13	2	Hugh Duggan	10	2	Peter Coggiola	11	2	Terry Sherman	9
3	Bill McCord	9		Bob Testa	10	3	Don Schroeder	9		Randy Welker	9
	Al Zattero	9	4	Al Hutchko	9	4	Mark Jordan	8	4	Jim Nickels	8
5	Jim Johnson	8	5	Harry Oberle	7		Al Serafino	8		Art Vogl	8
6	Alan Fitzgerald	6	6	David Carlson	5	6	Kevin Donahue	7	6	Phil Jenkins	6
	Phil Goff	6		Jim Videle	5		Bernie Wroblewski	7	7	Robbie Robinson	5
8	David Harris	4	8	Dick Socolich	4	8	Jerry Hunter	5	8	Brent Chaney	4
	Neil Schmidt	4	9	Jim Clizbe	3	9	Richard Madden	2	9	Chuck Gilliam	3
10	Mel Williams	2		David Ferm	3	10	Dick Chaffee	1		Fred Schafer	3
11	Norm Alberts	1		Bob Price	3		Troy Powell	1		Jai Yee	3
			12	Bob Donohue	2				12	Bill Hemmelsbach	2
									13	Sam Beret	1
										Jerry Christopherson	1
										Carl Langhorst	1
										John Peterson	1
										Al Satake	1

Latest SIR 116 Golf Info Available on Our Golf Web Sites

There are two golf web sites, the historic site (branch116.org/116-golf) and a new Beta site (branch116golf.org). Both sites are currently being run in parallel until full conversion to the new web site. Please bookmark both of these sites in your "Favorites" list of websites to access the following information:

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- **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 October 20, 2015	Rossmoor	Oct-9	\$36/49
Monday October 26, 2015	Oakhurst	Oct-14	\$52
Monday November 2, 2015	Mira Vista CC	Oct-21	\$50
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

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



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Rules of Attendance and Membership for SIR Branch 116

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

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

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

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

Non Responsibility Declaration

RULE 345: All activities arranged for or by, Sons In Retirement, Incorporated, and its Branches, are for the convenience and pleasure of the members and their guests who desire to participate. Sons In Retirement, Incorporated, and its Branches do not assume any responsibility for the well being or safety of the participants or their property, in any matters pertaining to said activities.

Checks for Trips

Trips of 2 days and 1 night or less may be made payable to the Branch conducting the trip. Trips in excess of 1 night must be made payable to the travel agency involved.