



Trampas Topics

September, 2015

SIR Branch 116

Next Meeting: 11:30 am,
Monday, September 21, 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

Well my SIR friends, it's September and the dry, hot summer is winding down. With any luck, the promised El Nino will bring us some rain soon and the drought will hopefully be over. Keep your fingers crossed.



Parking for the next couple of months is going to be an issue around the Elks Lodge. The small parking lot next door will be closed, so that the buildings can be torn down. Please remember that we can park in the lower lot across the street at Quail Creek, as well as in any available spot in the Elks lot, including the reserved spaces, except for the "Guest Speaker Spot".

As you know, we had our elections last month and I believe that our branch will be in wonderful hands in 2016. The SIR gentlemen that stepped forward are great guys, as you know, and I'm convinced that they will lead the way for Branch 116 to move in a very positive direction next year. As Phil Goff did this year, I'll be heading the Nominating Committee for 2017 and, like the Marines, will be looking for a few good men. Please seriously consider becoming a leader within our little community of SIRs. Thanks, again, to Phil and the 2016 Nominating Committee for the wonderful job that they did.

I also want to thank Tim Hubbard, Jerry Hunter and David Harris, along with Dave Carlson, for all of their efforts in organizing the Carson City Golf Outing. We'll be up there from the 9th to the 12th and I'm looking forward to everyone in attendance having a fantastic time as usual. If you haven't experienced this wonderful Branch 116 event, you really should consider going next year. Like the Carmel trip, this is a classic experience and really shouldn't be missed.

I hope that September is a wonderful and safe month for all of us. Stay healthy and I'll look forward to seeing you at the meeting on the 21st.

Bob Donohue

Big SIR



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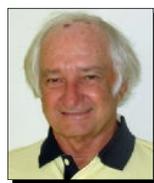
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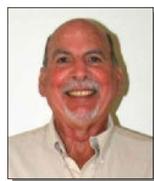
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Attendance	Jim Nachtweih	838-7417	Host	Frank Crua	932-0975
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Golf – 18 Hole	Al Zavatero	933-0465	Travel	Tom Eller	939-5897
" "	Carlos Xavier	947-6756	Visitors	Bernie Wroblewski	820-3274
Golf – 9 Hole	Dick Chaffee	932-5087	Volunteers	Bob Kinser	837-8886
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Golf – Carmel	Jim Barstow	938-2744	Welcoming	Jerry Kaplan	938-1037
Guitar	Paul King	938-3035	Wine Appreciation	Jack Bevis	254-7256
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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

September 2015

Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
		1 Duplicate Bridge (9:00 Diablo Vly. Bridge Ctr)	2 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC)	3	4	5
6	7  Labor Day	8 Luncheon Bridge (11:30@ Round Hill CC)	9 <u>Carson City Golf</u> <u>Getaway</u> 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Diablo Hills GC)	10 <u>Carson City Golf</u> <u>Getaway</u>	11 <u>Carson City Golf</u> <u>Getaway</u> Hiking & Walking (8:15@ Lafayette Christian Church)	12
13	14 18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Boundary Oak GC)	15	16 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC)	17 Computer & Tech (9:30@ Elks Club)	18	19
20	21 SIR Br. 116 Mtg. (11:30 @ WC Elks Lodge)	22 Luncheon Bridge (11:30@ Diablo CC) 18-Hole Golf (9:04@ Paradise Valley GC)	23 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Brentwood GC) \$ums Investment (8:00@ Diablo Creek GC)	24 Fishing Group (8:30@ Legends-Diablo Crk) Wine Appreciation (4:00@ TBD)	25 Hiking & Walking (8:15@ Moraga Commons)	26
27	28 18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Rancho Solano GC) Book Group (10:15@ Orinda Books) Hiking & Walking (8:45@ Lafayette Reservoir)	29	30 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Diablo Hills GC)			



Membership

Andy Benz

(anbenz@aol.com)

SIR 116 Membership Status

Total Current Members:	239
This Month's Inductees:	0
Those in Interview Stage:	0
Total in Process:	0
On Inactive Status:	39
Left the Branch:	0
Waiting to be Installed:	0



Br. 116 Treasurer's Report

Carl Langhorst, Treasurer

(cslangho@mindspring.com)

	August 2015	2015 YTD
Contributions	\$ 2,795.00	\$ 47,359.78
Disbursements	\$ (3,517.79)	\$ (42,981.94)
Net (gain/(loss))	\$ (722.79)	\$ 4,377.84
August 27th Cash Balance		\$ 10,819.23

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

September Birthdays

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

1. Richard Black	9. Tom Hickey
2. Dave Butner	10. Allen Leschot
3. Rob Campbell	11. Terry Miller
4. Michael Carpenter	12. Jim Nachtweih
5. Mike Corker	13. Will Schnieder
6. Don DeGraf	14. Dennis Snarr
7. Alan Fitzgerald	15. Melvin Williams
8. Warren Garrison	16. Carlos Xavier



Lunch Attendance

Jim Nachtweih

(majnacht@sbcglobal.net)

Attendance at the August 17th Meeting

Total:	184
Members:	182
Visitors:	0
Speakers:	1
Guests:	1
Excused:	42
Un-Excused:	13

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

September Luncheon Menu

Roasted Rosemary Chicken Quarters
Mashed Potatoes & Creamy Chicken
Corn Niblets
Spinach Salad, Rolls-Butter
Dessert/Coffee/Iced Tea

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/



Sunshine Report

Matt Arena

(marena@astound.net)

SIR **Otto Rinker** passed away on August 8 following a number of health problems. His wife Sally tells me that he had heart failure and pneumonia. They enjoyed traveling with SIR and Otto enjoyed golf as long he was able to play.

SIR **Dennis Lowe** passed away on August 20 following a diagnoses of ALS. Dennis had been suffering falls and had lost weight. Following a fainting spell he was hospitalized. He enjoyed his friendship with the members and in particular with his fellow retirees. He will be missed.

SIR **Don Roberts** found himself in Kaiser following a stroke. He rehabbed at Kaiser in Vallejo and got his wish by being discharged in order to attend his son's wedding. He expects to be at the September luncheon.

SIR **Lonny Randal** had a knee operation which was very successful so much so the doctors called it a miracle. He spent one day in the hospital. Lonny is ready to join us at the September lunch.

SIR **Roger Colton** is not able to do lunch because of

low energy and his associated health issues. Hopefully he will get stronger and join us again.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO WIN EVERY ARGUMENT
.....LET THE OTHER FELLOW WIN ONE
ONCE IN A WHILE

In Memoriam

Dennis J. Lowe

November 19, 1943-August 21, 2015



Book Exchange

John Fraser & Dick Kauffman

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



Book Exchange

There will be at least 100 books available for exchange at the August luncheon.

Hopefully, you can find something of interest.

Happy Reading



Newly Elected 2016 SIR Br.116 Officers. Left to Right: John Story (Director), Allan Chasnoff (Asst. Secretary), Norm Alberts (Director), Jim Barstow (Big SIR), Harry Sherinian (Director), Phil Goff (Membership Secretary), Bob Donohue (Director), Al Satake (Assist. Treasurer), Jim Nickels (Treasurer), Bob Shader (Asst. Treasurer). Not shown: Paul Ramacciotti (Little SIR), Fred Schafer (Secretary), Wayne Cook (Director) and Al Hutchko (Director).



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, September 24th, 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 with your fellow fishermen.

Barry Rauchle, Brad Hatcher, Gordon Linebaugh, Steve Paulick, and Carl Moyer caught salmon on a fishing group charter from Half Moon Bay. Gordon landed a 28 pound brute, his largest ever. Clem Teeters caught an 18 lb salmon, and Bob Decker got a 14lb salmon fishing out the gate. Karl Droese caught a 17 lb salmon upriver fishing with Paul Dubow, Barry Rauchle, Ken Konzak, Jack Waddell, and Chuck Vanoncini. Karl Droese, Joe Miscione, and Dick Thomson brought home 75 salmon from a great Alaskan trip. Closer to home, new member Ray Pixton, Carl Moyer, Alex Go, Harry Sherinian, Terry Miller, Gene Schulting, Barry Rauchle, and Gordon Linebaugh caught big catfish from San Pablo Reservoir. Harry Sherinian and Mike Corker caught a lot of black bass in the delta on an outing but the catch of the day was a 22 inch Black Bass caught by Mike Corker. That is a large Bass.

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, September **24th** 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.)



Mike Corker and his 22" Black Bass



Dick Thomson and his buddies in Alaska

👉 REMINDER 👈

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



Hiking & Walking

Joel White

(zpz2mrz@yahoo.com)

The Friday, August 14 walk led by Paul Freitas meandered north on a shaded, tree lined portion of the Iron horse trail starting at La Boulange in downtown Danville. This beautiful and pleasant walk was enjoyed by Rich Black and Donna Argenbright, Lytton De Silva, Art Donaldson, Paul and Anna Freitas, David and Colleen Geary, and Susan and Joel White. Post walk coffee and conversation (of course there was also plenty conversation during the walk) was of course at La Boulange.

Sadly, Starbucks which purchased La Boulange only a couple of years ago will be shutting it down. An unofficial policy decision (by Paul with Joel's agreement) was that the group patronizes as many of the local La Boulange sites as possible before their closure in the middle of this month.

The **Friday, September 11** walk will be led by **Dan Green**. We will meet at **8:15 am** in the parking lot of **Lafayette Christian Church**, 584 Glenside Drive, Lafayette. Please RSVP to Dan: dsgreen@comcast.net.

Directions: Heading towards Lafayette on St. Mary's Road, make a right turn onto Glenside. The Church is across the street from the Las Trampas Swim Club. The intersection of St. Mary's and Glenside is about a mile from the Lafayette Community Center. Note that Glenside drive also intersects St. Mary's Road about 1 mile further on towards Lafayette.

The **Friday September 25** walk will be led by **John Riordan**. Meet at **8:15 am** at the **Moraga Commons**. Please RSVP to John: gcriordan@comcast.net.

There will also be a "pre-book club" walk on **Monday September 28** beginning at **8:45 am** beginning at the east end of the Lafayette reservoir. You need not attend the book club to participate in this walk, but we do need an RSVP to Art Donaldson: dnldsn@sbcglobal.net.

This Group is open to all members and spouses.

Walks are on an "out and back" basis for 30 minutes in each direction, with groups walking at various paces and designed so all can return to the start at roughly the same time. We then join together for coffee and conversation at a local breakfast type establishment. Wives are invited to participate without their husbands if they so wish. Anyone wishing to be added to the e-mail reminder list should contact Joel White 964-0994 or zpz2mrz@yahoo.com.



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 September 17** at 9:30 am. Sirs and their guests are welcome and invited to attend.

The topic will be "**Personal Information Available on the Internet.**" Just how much information is on the internet about you? How do you find information about old friends and relatives? Phil Goff will show us the data that is publicly available for just about everyone. It's fascinating and a little scary but it's the reality of the internet.

We look forward to seeing you at 9:00 AM 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 September meeting is another one of those! All SIR members and their guests (spouses included!) are welcome to attend. See you there.



\$ums Investment Group

Gary Moore (Branch 174)

(mooregh1@gmail.com)

The September meeting of the Area 2 \$ums Investment Group will be on **Wednesday September 23, 2015**, at 8:00 a.m. at the Legends restaurant at the Diablo Creek Golf Course, 4050 Port Chicago Highway, Concord.

Our guest speakers in September will be **Robert Gallo** and **Matt Gallo** of the Gallo-Carneto-Gallo Global Wealth Management Group at Merrill Lynch in Walnut Creek. Their presentation will address: “**Money Printing, Currency Wars, & Rising Tension In The World**”. A timely topic indeed.

Robert Gallo is a 35-year veteran of Merrill Lynch and is currently Managing Director – Wealth Management and Wealth Management Advisor and is a specially qualified Senior Portfolio Manager. For the sixth consecutive year, Robert was recognized in Barron’s Top 1,200 Advisors report as one of the Top Financial Advisors in the nation.

Matt joined the Gallo-Carneto-Gallo group in 2014. He holds Series 7 and 66 FINRA Registrations and works closely with the team to provide wealth management advice and guidance to high net worth clients.

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.

Co-Chairmen: Gary Moore (Br-174) 925-254-8742
David Sutton (Br-8) 925-686-0158
Leary Wong (Br-8) 925-457-0807



Walking Tours

Bernie Wroblewski

(bbwroblewski@comcast.net)

The next Branch 116 walking tour is being planned for mid to late October. More detail will be provided at the September luncheon meeting and in the October issue of Trampas Topics.



Wine Appreciation Group

Jack Bevis

(jackb435@comcast.net)

Wine Tasting events are held every other month on the last Thursday of the month from 4:00 to 6:30 pm. The next one will be on **September 24**.

These informal gatherings are held at member’s homes on a rotating basis, with the host selecting the wines and finger foods. Usually, four or five different wines are tasted and discussed. There is a nominal charge. Both SIR members and their wives are invited to attend.

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



“Dine-O-Sir” Dinner Group

Ben Smith

(bjsssmith@aol.com)

Another great time was had by all at LeChavel in Walnut Creek on August 25th.

The next Dine-O-SIR event will be in November. If you want to get on the mailing list for this extremely popular activity, send an e-mail to Ben Smith at bjsssmith@aol.com.

I am a **Seenager**. (Senior teenager)

I have everything that I wanted as a teenager, only 60 years later.

I don’t have to go to school or work.

I get an allowance every month.

I have my own pad.

I don’t have a curfew.

I have a driver’s license and my own car.

The people I hag around with are not scared of getting pregnant and they do not use drugs.

And I don’t have acne.

Life is Great.



Br. 116 Book Club

Rich Black

(blackrw41@comcast.net)

"An Uncommon Friendship" by Bernat Rosner and Frederic Tubach (June 29)

After Bernat Rosner addressed a recent SIR's luncheon the Book Group wanted to know, "the rest of the story". The group was in awe of this tale of survival and triumph which resulted from the decision of two men to get to know each other's history after a series of casual convivial dinner parties. The decision to read the book was by consensus and on June 29, Richard Black led the discussion with Jerry Christopherson, John Riordan, Jack Butler, Steve Bort, Al Reynolds, Lytton DeSilva, Jim Scott, Art Donaldson, Joel White, and Nick Bowles. The group awarded the book 3.6 stars

"Astoria: Astor and Jefferson's Lost Pacific Empire" by Peter Stark (July 27)

John Jacob Astor was the "disruptor" of his day. Already a successful New York fur trader in 1810, he launched dual expeditions, one by sea around the horn and another by land up the Missouri to reach the Pacific Northwest to found a trading center at the mouth of the Columbia. His goal was to collect furs and sell them in China, where in turn his ships could purchase goods for the European and American markets. The tale of the two expeditions which did eventually meet and found Astoria in what later became the Oregon territory, was one of danger, hardship, and alternating conflict and harmony with the American Indians. Richard Black led the discussion with Jerry Christopherson, John Riordan, Jack Butler, Al Reynolds, Lytton DeSilva, Jim Scott, Art Donaldson, Cord Hull,

Paul Freitas, Alan Chasnoff, Mac McLoughlin, and John Frazier. The group awarded the book 3.7 stars after considering Joel White's in absentia vote of 3.41376.

"The Art of Fielding" by Chad Harbach

When is a baseball book not a baseball book? When Chad Harbach uses his dazzling prose to describe the lives and loves of many different people in

addition to the baseball players at his fictitious Westish College on the shores of Lake Michigan.

Joel White recommended the book and Richard Black led the discussion with John Riordan, Jack Butler, Al Reynolds, Lytton DeSilva, Jim Scott, Art Donaldson, Cord Hull,

Paul Freitas, John Kopchik, Nick Bowles, Jim Flessner, Garrett Girvin, Jim Flessner and John Frazier. The group awarded the book 3.6 stars.

The group will next assemble on **September 28** to discuss *The Wright Brothers* by David McCullough.

SIR President's Award



Bill Turnquist receiving the Senior SIR President's Award from Big SIR Bob Donohue





Activity Chairman

Jerry Christopherson
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GET READY GET SET and GO!

Mark your calendars

Your fabulous year end Christmas Party is
scheduled for:

Wednesday, December, 16 at the Boundary Oak
Golf Club

Look for additional information and reservation
forms in next month's Trampas Topics.



Bridge

Jon Dickson
(still26@sbcglobal.net)

SIR's bridge is held at Round Hill Country Club every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month. It is lunch and bridge after. We usually have 5 to 6 tables and welcome all who want to play. After last months flood of slam bids we have come back to normal with two slams in each of our last two sessions. Dennis Snarr was our big winner on August 11th and also had the two slams that day to end the day with a winning 5,880 points.

Final tally of August 25th is not computed yet as our statistics man, Bob Wolfe, was out attending to his niece. Family comes in front of everything! All are invited to our LADIES DAY LUNCH & BRIDGE at Round Hill Country Club on Tuesday, October 21st. This game is for couples and that can mean man & woman, woman & woman or man & man. If you enjoy a day of bridge, find a partner and join us that Tuesday. Call Jon Dickson, 837-1178 to make your reservation.



Luncheon Speaker

By Little Sir Jim Barstow
(jbarstow@aol.com)

Our September guest speaker will be Dr. Michael Barrington.

Dr. Barrington, a former Catholic Missionary Priest, will be discussing his experiences in Nigeria where he lived for 10 years, both during and following the civil war. His experiences include bouts of Malaria, stood up to be shot by a group of drunken soldiers, the death of children he was mentoring, and other unusual experiences. His experiences are set in the pivotal period of history of the Catholic Church and the bloody civil war in Nigeria. He also offers an unfettered glimpse into the rarely entered domain of the highest level of church management.



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.



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



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.

SIR Branch 116 Golf

Welcome Golf Hotline 18-Hole Group 18-Hole Schedules & Signups 9-Hole Group Volunteer Responsibilities Administrative

Golfers: Have you tried the new beta SIR Branch 116 Golf website?

If not, give it a try at: branch116golf.org

When using this website, by placing your cursor on the web site's menu items (Welcome, Golf Hotline, 18-Hole Group, etc.) you can easily access all the important golfing information. Items contained in these menu choices include:

18-Hole Group

- Next Event Pairings
- Results
- Leader Board

18-Hole Schedules & Signups

- Annual Schedule
- Boundary Oak Signups
- Paid-in Advance
- Golf Outings
- Special Event Tournaments
- Scorer's Schedule
- Organizer's Schedule

9-Hole Group

- Results
- Leader Boarr
- 9-Hole Schedule

Volunteer Responsibilities

- Captain
- Organizer
- Scorer
- Webmaster

One of the nice features for users of the new web site is the ability to signup online for both 18-Hole Boundary Oak and Paid-in Advance golfing events (Note: Your name is put on the Paid-in Advance list but you still are not officially signed up until your check is received).

Another advantage of the new beta is the ability by the website administrator to more easily post or change information on the site.

The original Golfing web site (branch116.org/116-golf/) is still available, and running in parallel to the beta site, while the new site is being tested. If you encounter any problems or have suggestions for improvement to the new beta golf website, please send them to Bob Testa at bobtesta@sbcglobal.net.





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.

September 9-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Wed. 02	10:00	Buchanan Fields	Dick Chaffee
Wed. 09	10:00	Diablo Hills	D.McClaughry
Wed. 16	10:00	Buchanan Fields	Dick Chaffee
Wed. 23	10:00	Brentwood	Skip Berkson
Wed. 30	10:00	Diablo Hills	D.McClaughry

September 18-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Mon. 14	9:30	Boundary Oak	Bill McCord
Tue. 22	9:04	Paradise Valley	Bill McCord
Mon. 28	9:30	Rancho Solano	Bill McCord

18-Hole Results

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

Chardonnay -- Tuesday August 18, 2015

Official Scorer:
David Harris

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
1st	Alan Fitzgerald	65 3	1st	David Ferm	67 3	1st	Mark Jordan	68 3	1st	Randy Welker	74 3
2nd	Frank Crua	70 2	2nd	John Story	72 2	2nd	Jerry Hunter	71 2	2nd	Art Vogl	75 2
3rd	Neil Schmidt	71 1	3rd	Hugh Duggan	75 1	Tie 3rd	Terry Grummitt	74 1	Tie 3rd	Matt Arena	76 1
						Tie 3rd	Don Schroeder	74 1	Tie 3rd	Brent Chaney	76 1
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
	Alan Fitzgerald	81		David Ferm	90		Mark Jordan			Randy Welker	

Closest to: Hole: #3 - Hugh Duggan, Wayne Cook -- Hole: #16 - David Carlson, Randy Welker

Boundary Oak -- Monday August 10, 2015

Official Scorer:
David Ferm

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
1st	Bill Clark	62 3	1st	Al Hutchko	67 3	1st	Terry Grummitt	68 3	1st	Phil Jenkins	65 3
2nd	Frank Crua	64 2	Tie 2nd	David Carlson	70 2	Tie 2nd	Pete Coggiola	72 2	Tie 2nd	Art Vogl	66 2
3rd	Al Zavattero	68 1	Tie 2nd	Hugh Duggan	70 2	Tie 2nd	Mark Jordan	72 2	Tie 2nd	Randy Welker	66 2
			Tie 2nd	Harry Oberle	70 2	Tie 2nd	Al Serafino	72 2			
			Tie 2nd	Bob Testa	70 2						
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
	Bill Clark	82		Al Hutchko	90		Terry Grummitt	95		Randy Welker	95
				Harry Oberle	90						

Closest to: Hole: #2 - Jim Barstow, Fred Schafer -- Hole: #12 - Bill Clark, Terry Grummitt

Boundary Oak -- Monday August 3, 2015

Official Scorer:
Hugh Duggan

Flight 1			Flight 2			Flight 3			Flight 4		
1st	Bill Clark	68 3	1st	Hugh Duggan	67 3	1st	Terry Grummitt	65 3	1st	Matt Arena	66 3
2nd	Phil Goff	70 2	2nd	Jim Videle	72 2	Tie 2nd	Kevin Donahue	68 2	2nd	Jim Nickels	67 2
3rd	Al Zavattero	71 1	Tie 3rd	Al Hutchko	73 1	Tie 2nd	Al Serafino	68 2	Tie 3rd	Phil Jenkins	69 1
			Tie 3rd	John Story	73 1				Tie 3rd	Art Vogl	69 1
			Tie 3rd	Bob Testa	73 1						
Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross			Low Gross		
	Phil Goff	83		Hugh Duggan	90		Terry Grummitt			Art Vogl	101

Closest to: Hole: #2 - Phil Goff, John Peterson -- Hole: #12 - Bill Clark, Al Serafino

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	1	Pos	NAME	Pnts	1	Pos	NAME	Pnts	1	Pos	NAME	Pnts	
1	Bill Clark	8		1	John Story	12		1	Terry Grummitt	20		1	Art Vogl	8	
	Frank Crua	8		2	Bob Testa	10		2	Mark Jordan	8		2	Matt Arena	7	
3	Bill McCord	7		3	Hugh Duggan	8		3	Kevin Donahue	7			Randy Welker	7	
4	Alan Fitzgerald	6		4	Al Hutchko	6			Don Schroeder	7		4	Phil Jenkins	5	
	Phil Goff	6		5	David Carlson	5		5	Peter Coggiola	6			Jim Nickels	5	
	Jim Johnson	6			Jim Videle	5		6	Al Serafino	5			Robbie Robinson	5	
	Al Zattero	6		7	Harry Oberle	4			Bernie Wroblewski	5		7	Brent Chaney	4	
8	Neil Schmidt	4		8	David Ferm	3		8	Jerry Hunter	2		8	Fred Schafer	3	
9	David Harris	2			Bob Price	3		9	Dick Chaffee	1			Terry Sherman	3	
				10	Dick Socolich	2			Troy Powell	1			Jai Yee	3	
												11	Bill Hemmelsbach	2	
												12	Sam Beret	1	
													Jerry Christophers	1	
													John Peterson	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:

- **The Annual Golf Schedule:** Includes dates, times & courses as well as detailed information on costs, payment information, deadlines, & special events information.
- **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 September 22, 2015	Paradise Valley	Sep-12	\$43
Monday September 28, 2015	Rancho Solano	Sep-18	\$39
Monday October 5, 2015	Napa CG at Kennedy Park	Sep-26	\$35
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

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.