



Trampas Topics

April, 2017

SIR Branch 116

Next Meeting: 11:30 am,
Monday, April 17, 2017
Boundary Oak, 3800 Valley
Vista Rd., Walnut Creek

A Nonprofit Public Benefit Organization for Men Enjoying Active Retirement

Sayings of 2017 Big Sir Paul Ramacciotti

“Spring, Membership and Activities”

SPRING: Is there a more uplifting word than this? Especially where we live?



Time for rebirth, to refresh, spring forward, or just test that “spring in our step”. The trees are starting to sprout leaves, with multiple shades of green, and a few of the early flowering trees and plants, like Acacias and Mustard Seed, are casting a sea of yellow color, especially throughout the vineyards in the Sonoma and Napa valleys.

The rain is finally done (hopefully) and the prospect of participating in outdoor sports on a regular basis again looms large. And by the way, this is also the perfect time for the annual “Spring Fling”, slated for Thursday, May 11, 2017. Priceless!!

MEMBERSHIP: “Bring a guest to lunch”. You will be hearing these words a lot in the coming months, because these words will be associated most closely with what is at the lifeblood of every successful organization: membership. Not only membership in numbers, but also active membership. The luncheons at Boundary Oak present the perfect place to introduce a friend to SIR, a great lunch in beautiful surroundings, especially after the weather warms up and members can sit on the patio overlooking the golf course.

ACTIVITIES: No shortage in this arena. Something for everyone. We’re all aware of the usual suspects, but new activities are springing up. Little SIR Marty Katz is initiating a casual 9-hole golf outing after each of the monthly luncheons. Great opportunity to hang with friends and/or spouses for a casual round of golf. Al Zattero is organizing the second annual “Baseball, Hot Dogs, & Golf”. This event starts off with an 18-hole round of golf followed by a Giants AAA game at Rivercats Stadium in Sacramento. This is one of the great places to watch a baseball game, especially on a warm summer night.

The great thing about the SIR platform is that activities are not only enjoyed by the members themselves, but can also be shared with friends, guests and spouses in a variety of events ranging from golf outings, to casual dining, to walking tours, to fishing, to poker, to whatever might interest you. So, click your heels, spring forward, participate and enjoy.

Paul Ramacciotti, Big SIR



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or send an email to
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Thursday prior to the
meeting to cancel your
standing reservation or to
bring a guest.

2017 SIR Branch 116 Officers & Directors



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Paul Ramacciotti
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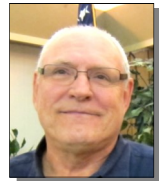
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2017 Activity Chairmen

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Dine-O-Sir	Ben Smith	820-5403
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Golf-9 Hole	Dick Chaffee	932-5087
" " Asst.	Darrell Mclaughry	933-1147
" " Asst.	Skip Berkson	437-1511
Golf - Carson City	David Harris	672-5543
" " Asst.	Tim Hubbard	944-0742
Golf - Carmel	Jim Barstow	938-2744
Hiking & Walking	Joel White	964-0994
Mexican Train	Richard Madden	788-4223
" " Asst.	Alex Lutkus	827-2828
Parties	J. Christopherson	393-9373
Poker	Jerry Kaplan	938-1037
\$ums in Retirement	Ben Smith	820-5403
Walking Tours	Bernie Wroblewski	820-3274
Wine Appreciation	Jack Bevis	254-7256

Some Other SIR Area 2 Activities

Apple User Grp.	Dick Macy (Br.171)	376-1180
Astronomy	Bill Hunter (Br.8)	947-6947
Bocce	Bob Barnes (Br.8)	686-0106
Bowling	Dan Weller (Br. 8)	935-5510
Digital Photo.	Bill Phelon (Br.8)	254-8338
Pocket Pool	Jerry White (Br.8)	944-9068
Tennis	Ralph Thornicraft (174)	376-8140

2017 Support Chairmen

Activities Coord.	Jerry Kaplan	938-1037
Attendance	Sam Beret	388-6145
Audio/Visual	Neil Schmidt	948-8702
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"	Carl Langhorst	672-2541
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Computer Support	Phil Goff	831-3692
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Guitar	Paul King	938-3035
Historian	Matt Arena	946-0404
Host	Frank Crua	932-0975
Interviewer	Max Foust	827-9323
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" " Asst.	Phil Goff	831-3692
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"	Gary Boswell	673-3545
Public Relations	Allan Chasnoff	933-6665
Raffle	Don Schroeder	837-6005
Storytellers	(rotating)	(various)
Sunshine	Matt Arena	946-0404
Travel	Marty Katz	484-0122
Visitors	Bernie Wroblewski	820-3274
Volunteers	Bob Kinser	837-8886
Webmaster	Phil Goff	831-3692
Welcoming	Jerry Kaplan	938-1037

SIR Branch 116 Activity Calendar

April 2017

Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
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2	3 18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Lake Chabot GC)	4 Duplicate Bridge (10:00 Contra Costa Bridge Center, Concord)	5 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC)	6	7	8
9	10 18-Hole Golf (9:32@ Boundary Oak CC)	11 Luncheon Bridge (11:30@ Diablo CC)	12 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Diablo Hills GC) Mexican Train Dominos (2:00@ TBD)	13	14 Hiking & Walking (8:15@ Lafayette Christian Church)	15 Tax Due Day
16 Easter	17 SIR Br. 116 Mtg. (11:30 @ Boundary Oak)	18 Ladies/Couples Bridge (11:30@ Diablo CC) 18-Hole Golf (9:00@ Lone Tree GC) Poker Group (1:00@ Diablo Country Club)	19 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Buchanan Fields)	20 Computer & Tech (9:30@ Elks Club)	21	22 Earth Day
23	24 18-Hole Golf (9:00@ Las Positas GC) Book Group (10:15@ Orinda Books)	25 Luncheon Bridge (11:30@ Diablo CC)	26 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Brentwood GC) \$ums Investment (8:00@ Diablo Creek GC)	27 Fishing Group (8:30@ Legends-Diablo Crk)	28 Hiking & Walking (8:15@ Panera Bread, Alamo)	29
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Br. 116 Treasurer's Report

Jim Nickels, Treasurer
(bjnickels@sbcglobal.net)

	March. 2017	2017 YTD
Contributions	\$ 5,029.89	\$ 18,977.16
Disbursements	\$ (4,901.57)	\$ (18,832.64)
Net (gain/(loss))	\$ 128.32	\$ 144.52
Mar. 26th Cash Balance		\$ 8,815.85

April Birthdays

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

1. Jerry Bennett	9. Jake Jacob
2. John Canane	10. Richard Madden
3. Dick Chaffee	11. Mac Mcloughlin
4. Jim Clizbe	12. Joe Ostler
5. Lee Dulac	13. Bob Shader
6. Denny Giambastiani	14. Ben Smith
7. Bill Hemmelsbach	15. Duane Spencer
8. Ron Henrickson	16. Marsh Stashyn

\$ums Investment Group

Tom Henry (Branch 174)
(tomh925@icloud.com)

\$ums, the Area 2 Investment Activity, will meet **Wednesday, April 26** at Legends Restaurant, Diablo Creek Golf Club. The program will start at 8:00AM. The topic will be "*Karl Marx-Master of Money*". This BBC presentation should help us understand why Vladimir Putin says: "The collapse of the Soviet Union was the worst catastrophe of the Twentieth Century". Come and learn why some believe economies can be managed successfully by governments, even though no country has done it.

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



Membership

Phil Goff
(philgoff@yahoo.com)

SIR 116 Membership Status

Total Current Members:	219
This Month's Inductees:	3
• Neil Desmond	
• Jim McCormick	
• Don Benioff	
Active to Inactive:	2
• Mark Jordan	
• Bob Keldgord	
Active Members Resigned:	3
• Ralph Schwarz	
• Frank Bryant	
• Doug Hatton	
Inactive Members:	24

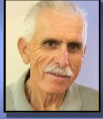


Carson City Golf Getaway 2017

Save the Date: Sept. 6, 7 & 8 2017

This 3 day event includes: 2 rounds of golf with cart at Silver Oak and Eagle Valley (East course for women, West course for men), a choice of lodging for 3 nights, 3 nightly banquets preceded by hosted cocktails, tee gift and sleeve of balls for each golfer, many raffle prizes, coupon book for food, drinks and gaming, several games for non-golfing women - Mexican Train, bridge etc. All inclusive for one very reasonable price. Friends and relatives are always welcome.

Entry forms will be available in late May with complete sign-up information. Until then put the dates on your calendar. If you want more information contact Tim Hubbard or David Harris.



Meeting Attendance

Sam Beret

(luncheon116@gmail.com)

March 2017 Meeting

• Number of Active Members	216
• Number Guests/ Visitors in Attendance	5
• Number Transfers & Inductees in Attendance	3
• Number of Speakers	1
• Number of Members Excused from Meeting	40
• Number of Members not attending due to long-term impairment and/or mobility reasons	6
• Number of Members NOT excused from Meeting [These members will be asked to pay for their missed lunch]	15
• Total In Attendance	164
• Number of Members in Attendance	158
• Percent of Active Members in Attendance, %	72

Next luncheon will be on **April 20, 2017**. If you are not going to attend the meeting, please notify me by no later than **April 13, 2017**, preferably by email at luncheon116@gmail.com. You can also call Attendance Hot Line 925-806-8874. We have to pay for members who do not attend without notifying me one week in-advance. These members will be charged \$25 lunch fee.



Activity Chairman

Jerry Christopherson

(jchris161k@aol.com)

LAST CHANCE!

Time is running out to sign up for this year's **Spring Fling**.

Where: Crow Canyon Country Club

When: Thursday, May 11,

Time: 11:30am – 2:30 pm

There'll be great food, a singing group for our enjoyment, and much, much more.

To secure a place at this event:

- Look for our "flyer" on page 9 of this month's Trampas Topics, clip it and mail it with your check

OR

- Bring your checkbook to our next SIR Meeting on April 17, and sign up then.

April Meeting Lunch Menu



THE CLUBHOUSE

AT BOUNDARY OAK

SIR 116 Luncheon

April 17, 2017

Salad

Tomato & Cucumber Salad

Tomatoes, Cucumbers, Red Onions, Feta Cheese
Red Wine Vinaigrette

Entrees

Herb Marinated Boneless Pork Chop

Boneless Pork Chop, Roasted Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables
Apple Compote

Or

Tilapia Dore

Pan Seared Tilapia with Brown Butter Sauce
Herb Rice Pilaf & Seasonal Vegetables

Or

Vegetarian Option

Roasted Vegetable Napoleon

Layered & Served With Melted Plum Tomatoes
Fresh Basil

Dessert

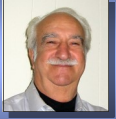
Raspberry Mousse Cake

White Cake Layered with Raspberry Mousse, Chantilly Cream

2017 "Dues" are Due!

Our Branch dues, formerly called "voluntary contributions", are only **\$5** this year. (Thanks to the change in our luncheon venue).

Don't forget to pay your dues at our March 20th Meeting. If you are unable to attend the March meeting, please send a check made out to "SIR Branch 116" to our Treasurer Jim Nickels at 52 Ball Road, Walnut Creek, CA 94596



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, April 27th**, 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 us. A lot of us get there about 7:45.

Water, water everywhere and not a fish in sight. This has been a difficult winter for us. We have fished for trout, sturgeon and striped bass. Tom Kostic, Harry Sherinian, and Terry Miller went fishing for Stripers. Terry Miller CAUGHT a 30 inch striper that weighed 13 pounds. At last, somebody caught a fish worth writing about. Harry and Tom tried plugging and caught a few just under the keeper size. Carl Moyer caught small carp fishing for trout in San Pablo Reservoir. Carl fished for trout several more times with less luck. While fishing for stripers, many of us caught a few and they were all small. While fishing for sturgeon we caught all manner of debris being flushed out by the high water. It is only up in all directions from here!

Contacts are Paul Dubow (415-495-6504) and Carl Moyer (925-685-5243.)



Alan Fitzgerald, Warren Garrison, Jerry Hick and Neil Schmidt mentally preparing themselves for a round of golf at Callippe Preserve



Book Exchange

John Fraser & Dick Kauffman

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



Everyone is invited to take advantage of the book exchange. There are no rules, enjoy a book and donate a book that you have read and liked. You are of course welcome at the book club meetings.

An interesting array of books are read and discussed over a years period



Br. 116 Book Group

"Hillbilly Elegy" by J.D. Vance

The Book Group met on Monday, 28 March, 2017 to discuss "*Hillbilly Elegy*" by J.D. Vance. The book was part memoir of a difficult childhood which led to better times, part reflection on the origin of Appalachians immigrants now betrayed by the rust belt economy and part just good storytelling about a colorful family. Jim Flessner recommended the book and Rich Black led the discussion. Other participants were Tim Tinnes, John Kopchik, Jerry Christopherson, John Riordan, Steve Bort, Dick Kauffman, Art Donaldson, Richard White, Paul Freitas, Nick Bowles, Mike Schneider, Mike Barrington, Garrett Girvin and John Frazier. The fact that 16 SIRs convened to discuss the book indicates some of the enthusiasm the group felt for the book.

The group awarded the book 3.9 stars.

On **Monday, 24 April** the group will meet to discuss "*Americanah*" by Chimamanda Adiche. Meetings are at 10:15 at Orinda Books, 276 Village Square, Orinda, California.

Sports Car Photo Shoot

If you own a sports car, I am attempting to get all SIR Br.116 sports car members together to take a photo (or two) of us "midlife crisis" car enthusiasts. Please contact me to get on the date & time notification list.

Neil Schmidt (np.schmidt2@gmail.com)



Computer & Technology

Neil Schmidt

(SIR.Area2.CAT@gmail.com)

The Area 2 Computer and Technology Group [A2CAT] announces that our next meeting will be at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge on Thursday **April 20, 2017** starting at 9:30 am, but come early for coffee, goodies, and chat. Sirs from all branches and their guests are welcome and invited to attend.

Barry Brown will be discussing "Putting Together Your Own Desktop Computer." He will demonstrate how you can save money and get precisely what you want by personally configuring your own desktop, as opposed to buying online or from the big box stores. A copy of Barry's notes can be downloaded a few days before the meeting by going to: <http://a2cat.sirinc2.org/>

We look forward to seeing you 9:15 AM, Thursday April 20, 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 April meeting is another one of those! All SIR members and their guests (spouses included!) are welcome to attend. See you there...

SIR Website Addresses

SIR 116 Web Site
branch116.org

Branch 116 Golf
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/



Bridge

Jon Dickson

(still26@sbcglobal.net)

Our transition to Diablo Country Club for our 2nd and 4th Tuesdays lunch & bridge every month has worked quite well and each week this year we have had 6 tables playing. All bridge players are welcomed and we hope you will join us for one or more of our bridge games.

Please put **April 19th** on your calendar and join us for our SPRING LADIES DAY lunch & bridge. All couples are welcome as you stay with your same partner all day. You go home with the partner you brought! You just need another player so find one and join us.

On top of our two games of Chicago Style bridge on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays SIR's have many other bridge choices for games. There is a SIR's sponsored duplicate game every 1st Tuesday of the month at the Bridge Club in Concord. Five plus tables are usually playing for Master Points. Starts at 10:00 AM and partners are assigned as you arrive.

Another SIR's sponsored duplicate game is the 2nd Monday of the month at Ageis in Moraga starting at 1:00 PM. There are usually 3 tables, but no Master Points given.

SIR's Branch 8 has duplicate games on the 1st and 4th Fridays of the month, now meeting at Round Table Pizza in Pleasant Hill, starting at 9:00 AM. Usually at least 5 tables playing. All are welcome to join this game. Just call in advance.

On all the above games, all bridge players are welcome. Remember, bridge is just a game!

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



Sunshine Report

Matt Arena

(marena@astound.net)

SIR **Tim Dorr** continues to improve and is now on a walker. Let's hope that Tim will be able to join us for lunch in the not to distant future.

SIR **Lonny Randall** surprised us with a visit at our luncheon. He made a speedy recovery and it was so good to see him back.

Past BIG SIR (Sacto-Branch) **Bob Keldgord** has been improving from his hip surgery and now had an appendectomy . Hopefully that is enough surgery for now . He ia planning to attend the April luncheon.

SIR **Larry Johnson** tells me he is having trouble using his right hand. After all that he is dealing with he really doesn't need more issues. Larry continues to go to the gym 3 days a week to keep up his strength. Larry is not a quitter.

Past BIG SIR **Robbie Robinson** had an overnight leg surgery. When I spoke to his wife Nancy she said Tom was out on the golf course.

SIR **Ross Gordon** developed a bronchitis and didn't want to spread it to his lunch mates. He is doing better and he tells me that he is looking forward to a vacation next month.



"Dine-O-Sir" Dinner Group

Ben Smith

(bjsssmith@aol.com)

The Dine-O-SIR group had their "Western Night at The Back Forty Road House" on March 29th. The next dining event will be probably be sometime in June. If you don't want to miss these extremely popular events, get on the Dine-O-SIR mailing list by contacting Ben Smith at the e-mail address above.

Also, don't forget to sign-up for the Spring Fling Luncheon on May 11th at the Crow Canyon Country Club.



Wine Appreciation Group

Jack Bevis

(jackb435@comcast.net)

We just had a meeting on March 30th, 2017.

We meet every other month at the home of one of the members. The host decides on the theme of the event, secures the wine and the hors d' oeuvres. He is reimbursed by the group for expenses.

Our next event will be on **March 30th, 2017.**

For information contact Jack Bevis, jack-b435@comcast.net or 925-254-7256.



Walking Tours

Bernie Wroblewski

(bbwroblewski@comcast.net)



Walking Tour group at USS Hornet tour on March 25th in Alameda



Meeting Speaker

Little SIR Marty Katz

(dagobuildr@comcast.net)

The April meeting speaker will be Steve Minniear with "Historic Preservation, Camp

I have many interesting speakers lined up for April and beyond (excluding May & December when we do not have a lunch meeting) so you don't to miss any of our upcoming meetings.



Hiking & Walking

Joel White

(zpz2mrz@gmail.com)

The Friday March 10 walk, led by Joel White, commenced at the Rudgear Park and Ride and proceeded south on the Iron Horse Trail toward Alamo. Steve Bort, Art and Mary Alice Donaldson, Paul and Anna Freitas, David Geary, Dan and Andrea Green, Don Murray, John and Gail Riordan, Tom Welte, and Joel and Susan White enjoyed both the walk and the morning convocation that followed at the Original Hickory Pit in Walnut Creek, a first time location for the Amiable Amblers.

The Friday, March 24th was to be led by past Big Sir Art Donaldson but the rains intervened to cancel the walk but that didn't stop this intrepid group from meeting at 9:15 at Panera Bread in Countrywood mall in Walnut Creek for coffee and conversation. Donna Arganbright, Art and Mary Alice Donaldson, John and Gail Riordan, Richard and Aase White, and new walker Joe Cain enjoyed the time together as the rain fell outside. Healing thoughts go out to walkers Richard Black, who had hoped to be with us this morning but is down with a bad cough, and David Geary who is now home recuperating from knee replacement surgery on March 21. Hope to have you gentlemen back with us soon.

The Friday, **April 14th** walk, to be led by Dan Green will gather at 8:15am at the Lafayette Christian Church parking lot near the trail, 584 Glenside Drive, Lafayette. We will walk north on the Lafayette/Moraga regional trail. After the walk, meet at Starbucks, 3343 Mt. Diablo Blvd. near Carol Lane in Lafayette. Please RSVP to Dan: asdgreen1210@gmail.com.

The Friday **April 28st** walk will be led by Richard White. Meet at 8:15am at the Panerra Bread in Alamo Plaza off the Stone Valley Road west exit from HWY 680. Please RSVP to Richard: toytrain13@comcast.net.

This is a very welcoming and congenial group. New members are always welcome. This is a

group activity with spouses, but members may come without their spouse if the spouse is otherwise occupied or unavailable, and vice versa (the spouse is welcome without the member).

By the way, it's okay to just come for coffee and conversation if that fits your schedule or current physical limitations. If you plan to do so, please RSVP to the walk leader so we can make sure we have enough tables saved to accommodate all.

Anyone wishing to be added (or to add their spouse) to the e-mail reminder list should contact Joel White 964-0994 or zpz2mrz@gmail.com .



"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 missed our regular meeting in February but we are all set for our game in March. We meet at 10:00 AM on the **second Wednesday of each month** at the Church of Christ located at 500 Minert Road, Walnut Creek. Our next meeting is on March 8th.

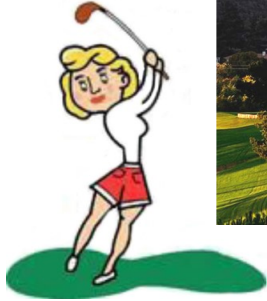
We plan to have couples train in March as well. I will send out a notice to our regular train members during the early part of March. If you are interested and not on my list please call or email me so I can add your mane to the list.

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

2017 Carmel Golf Outing

Wednesday/Thursday May 17th & 18th

Branch 116 is going back to Carmel. Spouses and Significant others are invited.



Here are the details

Hotel -- Our Group Hotel is Carmel Mission Inn, Phone (831) 624-1841. We have a SIR Branch 116 Group Rate of \$139. Reservations must be made by **April 3, 2017** to guarantee this rate. Various Hotel on-line promotions look attractive, but when our dates are selected, I have found none better than our guaranteed rate.

Golf Course -- Our Course will be new this year, Carmel Valley Ranch. This is, an exceptional course/facility. Entry includes Two rounds of Golf (including Range Balls), prize money, and Dinner. It will be Medal Play on Wednesday (two flights), and a Scramble on Thursday. Thursday's Teams will be determined by blind draw at Wednesday's Dinner

Wednesday's Dinner -- We are working on arrangements to have our Wednesday's Dinner at Carmel Valley Ranch. Details on the dinner are not yet available, with their new Food and Beverage Manager starting February 27th. Dinner details will be presented at March's Luncheon.

Cost -- You will be responsible for your own Hotel reservations/payments. The cost is \$200 (\$130 for two days of golf/range balls, \$30 prize money, and \$40 Dinner). Non-Golfers are encouraged to attend Wednesday evening's Dinner, at a cost of \$40 each. The cost of the dinner is approximate, and refunds/assessment will be made once the final cost is determined. Mail your check payable to: SIR Branch Golf, P.O. Box 683, Lafayette CA 94549-0683.

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Carmel Valley Golf Event, May 17 and 18, 2017

Name: _____

Name: _____

No. of Golfers x \$200: _____

Non-Golfers x \$40: _____

Total Amount: _____

Send Your Checks to SIR Branch 116 Golf - P. O. Box 683 - Lafayette, CA 94549-0683

Questions? Email Jim Barstow, jbarstow@aol.com

New Branch 116 Members



New member Neil Desmond with
Sponsor Carl Langhorst



New member Jim McCormick with
Sponsor Bernie Wroblewski



New member Don Benioff with
Sponsor Pete Coggiola

WELCOME
new members
.....

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

Golf Hotline: The Golf Telephone Hotline can be reached at 925-906-5355.

You may leave a message to register for 9-Hole & 18-Hole tournaments, cancel a previous registration, make special requests for pairings, ask to be added to a waiting list after the deadline and check to see if a tournament has been cancelled due to inclement weather or other reasons.

- If you are registering for Boundary Oak, please indicate whether you are Walking or Riding.
- If you are registering for Paid-in-Advance tournaments, please mail your check prior to the deadline to SIR Branch 116 Golf, P. O. Box 683, Lafayette, CA 94549-0683.

Electronic Signups and Cancellations

Please note that you may also signup for Boundary Oak & Paid-in-Advance tournaments on this website. Simply navigate to 18-Hole Group/Schedules & Signups and choose either Boundary Oak or Paid-in-Advance. You may cancel a previous signup either by using the telephone hotline or by sending an email to branch116golf@gmail.com.



SIR Branch 116 Golf

By Bernie Wroblewski, Golf Chairman
(bbwroblewski@comcast.net)

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.

In addition to the Tournament format, Special Events such as Match Play, Best Ball, Scramble, and others are also periodically scheduled.

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 2016 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 is: branch116golf.org

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

- 2016 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, start-

ing 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.

March 9-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Wed. 05	10:00	Buchanan Fields	Dick Chaffee
Wed. 12	10:00	Diablo Hills	D.McClaughry
Wed. 19	10:00	Buchanan Fields	Dick Chaffee
Wed. 26	10:00	Brentwood	Skip Berkson

March 18-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Mon. 03	9:30	Lake Chabot	Jim Barstow
Mon. 10	10:06	Boundary Oak	Jim Barstow
Tue. 18	9:00	Lone Tree	Jim Barstow
Mon. 24	9:00	Las Positas	Jim Barstow

18-Hole Results

Callippe Preserve, Mon, Mar 27, 2017

David Harris, Official Scorer

<u>Flight 1</u>		<u>Flight 2</u>		<u>Flight 3</u>		<u>Flight 4</u>								
1st	Al Zavattero	68	3	1st	Gary Boswell	70	3	1st	Richard Madden	74	3	1st	Art Vogl	80
2nd	Warren Garrison	69	2	2nd	Jim Barstow	74	2	2nd	Bob Testa	78	2	2nd	Conrad Robertson	84
Tie 3rd	Jerry Hicks	72	1	Tie 3rd	Don Schroeder	75	1	3rd	Dave Carlson	79	1	3rd	Phil Jenkins	85
Tie 3rd	Jim Johnson	72	1	ied 3rd	Randy Welker	75	1							
<u>Low Gross</u>		<u>low Gross*</u>		<u>low Gross*</u>		<u>low Gross*</u>								
Warren Garrison	87	Gary Boswell	92	Richard Madden	104	Art Vogl	114							
<u>Closest-to #6</u>		<u>Closest-to #6</u>		<u>Closest-to #6</u>		<u>Closest-to #6</u>								
Al Zavattero		Randy Welker		Kevin Donahue										
<u>Closest-to #13</u>		<u>Closest-to #13</u>		<u>Closest-to #13</u>		<u>Closest-to #13</u>								
Jim Johnson		Dick Chaffee (DQ)		Bob Testa										

Boundary Oak, Mon, Mar 13, 2017

Wayne Cook, Official Scorer

<u>Flight 1</u>		<u>Flight 2</u>		<u>Flight 3</u>		<u>Flight 4</u>									
1st	David Harris	66	3	1st	Frank Crua	67	3	1st	Marty Katz	60	3	1st	Art Vogl	69	3
2nd	Al Zavattero	69	2	2nd	Gary Boswell	68	2	2nd	Bernie Wroblewski	70	2	2nd	Phil Jenkins	71	2
Tie 3rd	Jerry Hicks	71	1	ied 3rd	Jim Barstow	69	1	3rd	Richard Madden	72	1	3rd	Bill Hemmelsbach	72	1
Tie 3rd	Jim Johnson	71	1	ied 3rd	Carlos Xavier	69	1								
<u>Low Gross</u>		<u>Low Gross</u>		<u>Low Gross</u>		<u>Low Gross</u>									
David Harris	86	Jim Barstow	90	Marty Katz	90	Art Vogl	104								
		Carlos Xavier	90												
<u>Closest-to #2</u>		<u>Closest-to #2</u>		<u>Closest-to #2</u>		<u>Closest-to #2</u>									
Al Zavattero		Mike Loughery		Bob Testa		-									

Dublin Ranch, Mon, Feb 27, 2017

Al Zavattero, Official Scorer

<u>Flight 1</u>		<u>Flight 2</u>		<u>Flight 3</u>		<u>Flight 4</u>									
1st	Al Zavattero	63	3	Tie 1st	Don Schroeder	59	3	1st	Kevin Donahue	61	3	1st	Conrad Robertson	61	3
2nd	David Harris	64	2	Tie 1st	Gary Boswell	59	3	2nd	Bob Testa	64	2	Tie 2nc	Robbie Robinson	64	2
Tie 3rd	Jim Johnson	68	1	Tie 3rd	Jim Barstow	61	1	3rd	David Carlson	65	1	Tie 2nc	Art Vogl	64	2
Tie 3rd	Bill McCord	68	1	Tie 3rd	Randy Welker	61	1								
<u>Low Gross</u>		<u>Low Gross</u>		<u>Low Gross</u>		<u>Low Gross</u>									
Al Zavattero	80	Don Schroeder	78	Bob Testa	88	Art Vogl	94								
		Jim Barstow	78												
		Gary Boswell	78												
<u>Closest-to #6</u>		<u>Closest-to #6</u>		<u>Closest-to #6</u>		<u>Closest-to #6</u>									
David Harris		Gary Boswell		Terry Sherman		-									

2017 Golf Leader Board

18-Hole First Half Leaders, January-June, 2017 (As of Boundary Oak, Mar. 13)

<u>FLIGHT 1</u>		<u>FLIGHT 2</u>		<u>FLIGHT 3</u>		<u>FLIGHT 4</u>	
Name	Pts	Name	Pts	Name	Pts	Name	Pts
Al Zavattero	14	Jim Barstow	11	Bernie Wroblewski	8	Conrad Robertson	13
Jerry Hicks	8	John Story	8	David Carlson	8	Robbie Robinson	11
Bill McCord	7	Gary Boswell	8	Bob Testa	8	Art Vogl	8
David Harris	7	Frank Crua	7	Kevin Donahue	6	Greg Hughes	5
Jim Johnson	7	Don Schroeder	7	Jed Daniel	4	Bill Hemmelsbach	5
Alan Fitzgerald	4	Carlos Xavier	4	Marty Katz	4	Phil Jenkins	3
Warren Garrison	2	Frank Portillo	2	Richard Madden	4	Fred Schafer	2
		Randy Welker	2	Alex Lutkus	1	Jerry Christopherson	2
		Al Hutchko	1	Terry Sherman	1		
		Hugh Duggan	1	Pete Coggiola	1		

9-Hole Leaders (as of Buchanan Fields, March 15)

NAME	PTS	CNT	BALLS	CNT
Chaffee, Dick	9	3	6	3
Christopherson, Jerry	6	2	5	2
Katz, Marty	5	3	0	0
McClaughry, Darrell	5	3	3	2
Sherman, Terry	5	2	1	1
Jordan, Mark	4	1	1	1
Anderson, Bob	3	1	0	0
Banducci, Ron	3	1	0	0
Boswell, Gary	3	1	0	0
Belten, Peter	2	2	1	1
Canane, John	2	1	0	0
Gillian, Chuck	1	1	0	0
Harris, David	1	1	1	1
Lee, Brad	1	1	2	1
Williams, Dave	1	1	0	0
Yee, Jai	1	1	0	0



Carl Langhorst and Bob Testa standing at Callippe Preserve's 1st Tee

18-Hole Pay In Advance Deadlines

<u>Event Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Tuesday, April 18	Lone Tree	Apr. 08	\$38
Monday, April 24	Las Positas	Apr. 17	\$43
Monday, May 08	Hiddenbrooke	Apr. 28	\$40
Monday, May 15	Delta View	May 05	\$27
Monday, May 22	Tilden Park	May 12	\$35
Monday, May 30	Blue Rock West	May 12	\$39

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



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94596-5805

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

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

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

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

Non Responsibility Declaration

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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.