



Trampas Topics

August, 2017

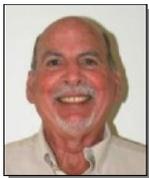
SIR Branch 116

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

How Many Choices Have We Had to Make in Life? An endless number?!!, with most not being so easy to make, but all having consequences. Nothing addresses this dilemma better than the following poem.....enjoy!



The Road Not Taken

Robert Frost

Two Woods diverged in a yellow wood
And sorry I could not travel both
And be one traveler, long I stood
And looked down one as far as I could
To where it bent in the undergrowth;

Then took the other, as just as fair,
And having perhaps the better claim,
Because it was grassy and wanted wear;
Though as far that the passing there
Had worn them really about the same,

And both that morning equally lay
In leaves no step had trodden black.
Oh, I kept the first for another day!
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,
I doubted if I should come back.

I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence:
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I-
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference.

Paul Ramacciotti, Big SIR

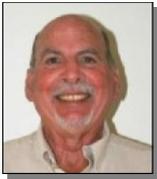


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or send an email to
snb49@outlook.com *by the*
Thursday prior to the
meeting to cancel your
standing reservation or to
bring a guest.

2017 SIR Branch 116 Officers & Directors



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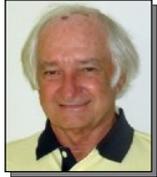
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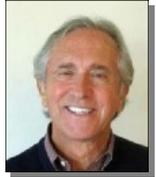
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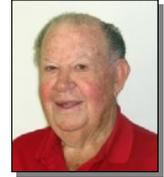
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2017 Activity Chairmen

Book Group	Rich Black	283-8376
Book Exchange	John Fraser	837-7439
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Bridge	Jon Dickson	837-1178
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" " Asst.	Skip Berkson	437-1511
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" " Asst.	Tim Hubbard	357-8273
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	Lou Sandor	944-1634
\$ums in Retirement	Ben Smith	820-5403
Walking Tours	Bernie Wroblewski	820-3274
Wine Appreciation	Jack Bevis	254-7256

2017 Support Chairmen

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Sunshine	Matt Arena	946-0404
Travel	Don Murray	837-9402
Visitors	Bernie Wroblewski	820-3274
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Webmaster	Phil Goff	831-3692
Welcoming	Jerry Kaplan	938-1037

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

SIR Branch 116 Activity Calendar

August 2017

Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
		1 Duplicate Bridge (10:00 Diablo Valley Bridge Ctr.)	2 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC)	3	4	5
6	7 18-Hole Golf (9:32@ Boundary Oak GC)	8 Luncheon Bridge (11:30@ Diablo CC)	9 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Diablo Hills GC) Mexican Train (10:00@ Church of Christ, WC)	10	11 Hiking & Walking (8:15@ Panera Bread, Bancroft & Treat, WC)	12
13	14 18-Hole Golf (8:30@ Crow Canyon CC)	15 18-Hole Golf (8:33@ Chardonnay GC)	16 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC)	17 Computer & Tech (9:30@ Elks Club)	18 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">(10:00@ East Bay Regional Parks Coyote Hills Visitor Ctr.)</div>	19 Walking Tour
20	21  Max. at 10:15AM SIR Br. 116 Mtg. (11:30 @ Boundary Oak)	22 18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Eagle Vines GC) Luncheon Bridge (11:30@ Diablo CC)	23 Dine-O-SIR (6:00@ Three Bros. from China, PH) 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Brentwood GC)	24 Fishing Group (8:30@ Legends-Diablo Crk)	25 Hiking & Walking (8:15@ Eastern end of Lafayette Reservoir Parking Lot)	26
27	28 18-Hole Golf (8:33@ Chardonnay GC) Book Group 10:15@ Orinda Books)	29	30 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Diablo Hills GC)	31		



Br. 116 Treasurer's Report

Jim Nickels, Treasurer
(bjnickels@sbcglobal.net)

	July 2017	2017 YTD
Contributions	\$ 7,742.40	\$ 42,569.86
Disbursements	\$ (8,362.03)	\$ (42,967.09)
Net (gain/(loss))	\$ (619.63)	\$ (397.23)
July 23th Cash Balance		\$ 8,274.10

August Birthdays

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

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|---------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Jim Barstow | 10. Kirk McVean |
| 2. Steve Bort | 11. Don Murray |
| 3. Dick Breitwieser | 12. Steve Sandoval |
| 4. Peter Coggiola | 13. Roger Smith |
| 5. Kent Cremolini | 14. Bill Turnquist |
| 6. Frank Crua | 15. Herman Walden |
| 7. Bob Donohue | 16. Randy Welker |
| 8. Paul Freitas | 17. Joel White |
| 9. Terry Grummitt | |



Membership

Phil Goff
(philgoff@yahoo.com)

SIR 116 Membership Status

Total Current Members: 219

This Month's Inductees:

- Dan Marini — Sponsor is Terry Grummitt
- Mark Nollsch — Sponsor is Neil Schmidt
- Al Farbman — Sponsor is Tom Eller

Active to Inactive:

- Lloyd Plank — Temporarily relocated
- Ross Gordon — Health issues

Total Inactive Members: 27

**Want a Free \$25 Lunch ?
Sponsor a New Member !**

July Meeting Lunch Menu



THE CLUBHOUSE

AT BOUNDARY OAK

SIR 116 Luncheon

August 21, 2017

Salad

Mediterranean Green Salad

Baby Greens, Tomatoes, Red Onions, Feta Cheese, Black Olives,
Red Wine Vinaigrette

Entrees

BBQ Beef Brisket

Slow Braised Beef Brisket, Garlic Mashed Potatoes Sautéed
Vegetables

Or

Mahi Mahi

Herb Marinated Mahi Mahi, Confetti Rice Pilaf, Sautéed
Vegetables, Fresh Tomato & Avocado Relish

Or

Vegetarian Option

Vegetarian Option Stuffed Portobello Mushrooms

Stuffed with Seasonal Vegetables, Dried Chili Tomato Sauce

Dessert

Strawberry Mousse Cake

Whipped Cream, Raspberry Sauce

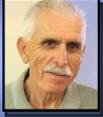
Partial Solar Eclipse in Walnut Creek

A Partial Solar Eclipse will occur on the day of our August 21st Meeting with a maximum 76% partial obscuration at 10:15 AM in Walnut Creek.

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



Meeting Attendance

Sam Beret

(luncheon116@gmail.com)

July 17, 2017 Meeting Attendance

Active Members:	215
Guests/Visitors:	0
Transfers & Inductees:	3
Speakers:	2
Members Excused:	45
Excused due to long term illness:	6
Members NOT excused:	17
Total Attendance:	152

Members not excused will be asked to pay for their missed lunch.



Bridge

Jon Dickson

(still26@sbcglobal.net)

All bridge playing SIR's are welcome to play bridge on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of every month at Diablo Country Club. It is lunch followed by bridge, playing Chicago Style, with prizes for top scores. On Tuesday, July 11th we had an extraordinary day, in a negative way, as everyone had bad cards, or played poorly. We ended with the lowest individual "High Score" for the year, lowest "Low Score" for the year, ten points short of the "Lowest Average" score for the year and no slams. We are hoping the worm turns and cards will return to normal. Or even favorable! Please do join us for bridge.



Poker

Lou Sandor

(lsandor@astound.net)

Contact Lou Sandor at 925-944-1634 or lsandor@astound.net if you are interested in joining the Poker group



Meeting Speaker

Little SIR Marty Katz

(dagobuildr@comcast.net)

For our August meeting we will be bringing in the SS Jeremiah O'Brien. Not really the ship but, David Ainsworth. David is the newly appointed Chairman of the SS Jeremiah O'Brien Speakers Bureau. The topic will be the History of Liberty ships and the O'Brien's history. She (ships are referred to as She) partook in the 50th Anniversary of D Day, June 6, 1994. For those of us that have sailed on these ships and their cousin ships, Victory Ships. This will be an exciting look back into history. Try to visit the O'BRIEN in San Francisco at Pier 45 before the August meeting.

For Sept. we will have one of our own. Michael Barrington will speak on something fun and interesting. "Marriage Customs".



"Dine-O-Sir" Dinner Group

New Dine-O-SIR Event

Wednesday, August 23—Grand Chinese banquet at "*Three Bros. from China Restaurant*" in Pleasant Hill (2001 Contra Costa Blvd.). The cost is \$22/person including tax and tip.

To make your reservations for this fantastic Dine-O-SIR event, send your check, made out to "SIR Branch 116 Dining", to Ben Smith at 1837 Lackland Dr., Alamo. CA 94507.

To get on the Dine-O-SIR mailing list for future event announcements, send email to Ben at the address above.

\$ums Investment Group

Tom Henry (Branch 174)

(tomh925@icloud.com)

There will be no \$ums meetings in July or August. The next meeting will be on **Wednesday, September 27**.

Chair: tomhenry925@gmail.com

Co-chair Dave Sutton - davesutn@comcast.net



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, August 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.

SALMON! The local salmon fishing has been the best in years. Bob Stein and Carl Moyer scored on boats out the gate, and from Half Moon Bay. Karl Droese, Richard Bal, Ed Dijkman, Paul Dubow, and Rick Fend travelled to Alaska for their salmon, and halibut. They released several halibut over 200 lbs on a fantastic trip. Pedro Contreras and Steve Paulick went south on a long range boat for yellow tail, dorado, and grouper, filling their freezers to capacity. Closer to home, Carl Moyer caught halibut in the bay, rock fish in the ocean, and blue gill and crappie in the delta. Ernie Wong ended a solid season for shad with his fly rod with 20 more. Tom Kostik, Mike Corker and Harry Sherinian worked the delta for many black bass. Dick Thomson and Karl Droese went up to Oregon for sturgeon catching many.

Contacts are Paul Dubow (415-495-6504) and Harry Sherinian Branch 116 Fishing Coordinator (925-846-7067).



Dick Thompson with his Sturgeon



Book Exchange

John Fraser & Dick Kauffman

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



Everyone is invited to take advantage of the book exchange. We have a wide variety of books for you to borrow or keep. We welcome your contributions of books you have read and enjoyed. For you avid readers, please consider joining our book club which meets the Monday after our luncheon at Orinda Books at 10:15 We are located in the room adjacent to the bar.



Br. 116 Book Group

Rich Black

(blackrw41@comcast.net)

"A Man Called Ove" by Fredrik Backman

The Book Group met on Monday, 26 June, 2017 to discuss "*A Man Called Ove*" by Fredrik Backman, a tale of a Swede with 19th century values living in a twenty-first century world. Ove, a principled curmudgeon, is constantly, and hilariously, thwarted in his efforts to join his beloved Sonja in the next world by the confounding demands of the present. It was perhaps inevitable that the wives of at least half of those present had endorsed the book after it was recommended by Art Donaldson. Rich Black led the discussion. Other participants were Mac McLoughlin, Jerry Christopherson, John Riordan, Bob Wolf, Joel White, Richard White, John Kopychik, and Dick Kauffman. The group awarded the book a hilarious 4.4 stars. If you haven't read it, get the movie on Netflix.

On **Monday, August 28**, the group will meet to discuss "*Blood of Tyrants: George Washington and the Forging of the Presidency*," by Logan Beirne. Meetings are at 10:15 at Orinda Books, 276 Village Square, Orinda, California.



Computer & Technology

Neil Schmidt

(SIR.Area2.CAT@gmail.com)

The Area 16 Computer and Technology Group [formerly A2CAT] announces that our next meeting will be at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge on **Thursday August 17, 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.

Phil Goff is going to focus on getting organized and show us some of the basic functionality of *PhotoShop Elements*. People often ask how to get photos off their smart phones, or how can they find photos that are currently on their computer. Well, Phil is going to help with that and more at our August 17 meeting. His presentation notes should be available on the CAT Web page (a2cat.sirinc2.org) several days prior to the meeting.

We look forward to seeing you around 9:15 AM, Thursday August 17, 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 July meeting is another one of those! All SIR members and their guests (spouses included!) are welcome to attend. See you there.



Activity Chair

Jerry Christopherson

(jchris161k@aol.com)

IT'S THAT TIME

(Happy Festivus!)

We're starting to plan this year's **Christmas Party**. It will be on **Wednesday, December 13** at **Boundary Oak**.

More details will be forthcoming in the next few months, but in the meantime

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



Sunshine Report

Matt Arena

(marena@astound.net)

Matt Arena suddenly had to go out of town and was not able to provide an up-to-date Sunshine Report this month

Stay off the Sunshine Report by staying Healthy!

In Memoriam

Carl F. Cline

November 25, 1928 — July 14, 2017

In Memoriam

Herman Walden

August 11, 1935 — July 18, 2017

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 Website Addresses

SIR 116 Web Site (With new design)
branch116.org

Branch 116 Golf
branch116golf.org

Computer and Technology
a2cat.sirinc2.org/

SIR Happenings State Newsletter
sirinc.org/sirhappenings

State SIR Web Site
sirinc.org/



Hiking & Walking

Joel White

(zpz2mrz@gmail.com)

The Friday July 14th walk led by Joel White was a wow day. We set a new record with 17 walkers and a welcome back to Bob Wolf who joined us afterwards, not yet ready to participate in the walk while still recovering from joint replacement surgery. We began **at the Museum of the San Ramon Valley** (Railroad Museum) in downtown Danville. The walk on the Iron Horse trail was extremely pleasant as the rising sun and setting moon (also pictured below) jointly reigned over a glorious morning that did not get excessively hot until later.

Breakfast and conversation occurred at the Country Waffle in Danville where the staff managed to accommodate all of us at a single table.

The Friday July 28 walk will be led by **Rich Black**. Details next month.

The **Friday August 11** walk will be led by Art Donaldson. We will meet at **8:15 am** at the Panera Bread in Countrywood mall, corner of Bancroft and Treat in Walnut Creek. We will walk west on the Contra Costa Canal trail and then right on the Iron horse trail toward the Treat bridge, Coffee and conversation will continue afterwards at Panera Please **RSVP** to Art for the walk or coffee and conversation: dnldsn@sbcglobal.net

The **Friday August 25** walk will be led by John Riordan, meeting at **8:15 am** at the **Eastern end of the Lafayette Reservoir Parking lot**. This is a circle walk, but those not able to walk the full circle can do an "out and back" turning around at about a half hour. (When our group started doing this walk 9 years ago, almost all were able to complete it in 52 minutes with even the slowest walkers under an hour. Not necessarily the case anymore).

Following the walk, we will adjourn to Chow restaurant in Lafayette. Please RSVP to John: gcriordan@comcast.net.

All walks are with or without significant others. The significant other/spouse is also invited to participate even when the member is unable. Also,

members and/or spouses are invited to join the post walk convocation even if they are unable to participate in a particular walk.

Those from other sirs branches wishing to join this mellow group, or to be added to the e-mail contact list, should contact Joel White (zpz2mrz@yahoo.com, 925-964-0994)



Iron Horse Trail Walk

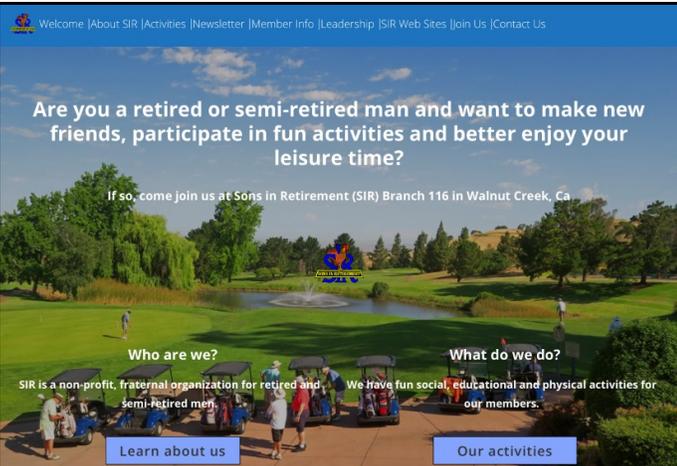
Front Row (right to left for all rows) Susan White, Mary Alice Donaldson, Gail Riordan; Second Row Colleen Geary, Art Donaldson, John Riordan; Third Row Dan and Andrea Green; herd of cats row Steve Bortz, Richard White, David Geary, Don Murray, Aase White, Joe Cain. Joel White and Bob Wolf not pictured.



9-Holers Getting Ready at Buchanan Fields

(Darrell McClaughry, Ron Armijo, Ron Banduci, Dick Chaffee)

New SIR Branch 116 Web Design

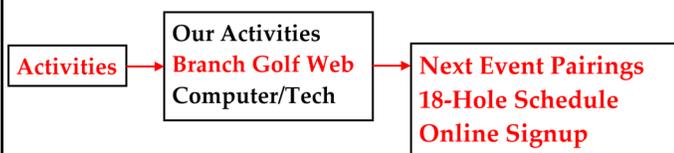


In mid-July a new Branch 116 web design was launched and it is located at our traditional “branch116.org” web address. The new design is more graphical, contains more Branch information, and is easier to navigate than the older site. The new design was demonstrated at our July Meeting and if you haven’t yet checked it out, you are encouraged to do so.

One of the new additions to this design is an online Branch roster. This roster, will be periodically updated to include new members as well as email and phone number changes. Access to the roster is password protected and is therefore only accessible to Branch members. The roster password was announced at the July Meeting and will be re-announced at future Meetings (Another reason to attend our Luncheon Meetings).

Web Tip for Golfers

On the newly designed web page, if you hover the mouse cursor over the “Activities” tab in the header and draw the cursor down to “Branch Golf Web” you can select and jump directly to “Next Event Pairings”, “18-Hole Golf Schedule” or “Online Signups”. This is a quick and easy way to access the three most frequently used Golf Web site pages. . Give it a try!



“Mexican Train” Dominos

Richard Madden

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“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 had seven players so the group was larger than last month. We were happy to have John Riordan join for the first time. We hope to see him in the future. Harry Sherinian, Robbie Robinson, Bob Wolf, Gary Bonfiglio, Kirk McVean and Richard Madden were also in attendance. We were hoping to have a first time winner, Robbie Robinson, but a last round on about 100 points did him in. Harry Sherinian won beating Gary Bonfiglio by 25 points. Third place went to Kirk with 324 points while Robbie Robinson came in fourth place with 327 points. The scores ranged from 274 to 460.

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 August 9th.

We did not have Couples Train in July but are trying to schedule it for August 2nd. Couples Train for August will be scheduled for August 23rd. I will send out an announcement to the regular Train List. Let me know if you would like to be added to this list.

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

New Branch 116 Members



Sponsor Neil Schmidt with
New Member Mark Nollsch



Sponsor Terry Grummitt with
New Member Dan Marini



New Member Al Farberman
with Sponsor Tom Eller

CARSON CITY GOLF GETAWAY — 2017

The entry deadline for the Carson City Golf Getaway (September 6, 7 & 8) is fast approaching, so get your check and *entry form* in because this is one event you do not want to miss. For your convenience **the entry form is in this issue of the “Trampas Tropics”** and also on the Branch golf web site (<http://branch116golf.org/schedules-signups/othertournaments/>).

Past participants consider this to be the best golfing event of the year. The golf courses (2 rounds with cart) are excellent, the food is great (3 banquets), the cocktails are hosted and over \$1,200 in free raffle prizes. You have a choice of 2 hotels for your 3 nights lodging.

The non-golfing ladies usually play Mexican Train, or they play Mexican Train one day and golf the next; plus there are lots of sights to visit in the area and shopping galore at expansive shopping centers. All (except gambling & shopping) are inclusive for one very reasonable price. The socializing at the banquets and cocktail parties make this outing a really fun event.

Remember guests are more than welcome so invite them to join you in Carson City. We hope to see you there in September. A fun time is guaranteed and who knows you might get lucky if you enjoy gambling in the Casino.

Monday, August 21 is the last SIR luncheon prior to the deadline (Aug 23) for signing up and bringing your check. If you are planning to stay at the City Center please send in your entry form and check as soon as possible. We have a specific deadline with the hotels in order to get enough rooms, so it would be greatly appreciated if you can get your check in within the next 2 weeks.

If you have any questions please contact Tim Hubbard at (925) 357-8273 or by e-mail at hubbstt@gmail.com

The **Entry Form** is available in this issue of the “Trampas Topics” and also on the Branch golf web site <http://branch116golf.org/schedules-signups/othertournaments/>.

SIR BRANCH 116

2017 CARSON CITY GOLF GETAWAY

SEPTEMBER 6-7-8, 2017



Sept. 7 at Silver Oak 8:30 Shotgun
 Sept. 8 at Eagle Valley West (Men) 8:30 Shotgun
 Sept. 8 at Eagle Valley East (Ladies) 8:30 Tees
 36 holes of golf, including cart



Staying at Hardman House

Includes continental breakfast

Golfer..... \$391.00 Double Occupancy
 Non-Golfer.....\$283.00 Dbl Occupancy
 Single.....\$491.00

Staying at City Center Motel

Golfer.....\$351.00 Double Occupancy
 Non-Golfer.....\$243.00 Dbl Occupancy
 Single..... \$411.00

ALSO INCLUDES:

Open bar and buffet dinner all 3 nights
 Golf balls, tee gift and raffle prizes
 Food, gaming and bar coupons

Prize money of \$15.00 collected upon arrival

Entry deadline is August 23



Mail to: Tim Hubbard
 1744 Carriage Drive
 Walnut Creek, CA 94598

Non-Golfers
*Ladies Bridge or Mexican Train
 are being planned
 Please indicate your interest below***

Please complete the form and circle your selections

Hardman House or City Center Motel

1. Name: _____ Golfer Non-Golfer **

2. Name: _____ Golfer Non-Golfer **

Golfer's NCGA GHIN # 1. _____ 2. _____

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ to cover my reservation

Please make checks payable to *SIR Branch 116 Golf*

Your e-mail address: _____

**** I'm Interested in Playing Mexican Train or Bridge- One Day or Both Days (circle choice)**

For Questions: e-mail Tim at hubbstt@gmail.com or call (925) 357-8273



Walking Tours

Bernie Wroblewski

(bbwroblewski@comcast.net)

Our next Branch 116 Walking Tour is scheduled for **Saturday, August 19**, and will involve a bit of archeology. The tour will commence at the East Bay Regional Parks Coyote Hills Visitor Center at 10:00 am. There will be a short introductory talk/video followed by a guided, mile and a half walk, through marsh habitat to the site of a 2000 year old Ohlone Indian village. The entire outing should last about 2 hours. An optional lunch will follow.

The Visitors Center is located at 8000 Patterson Ranch Road in Fremont. Directions to the visitors center are as follows. From the Walnut Creek/Concord area, take I-680 south to I-580. Go west on I-580 to Hwy 238. Take Hwy 238 to Exit 34, which leads to I-880 south. Take I-880 south to Alverado Blvd. (Exit 32) toward Fremont Blvd. Stay straight to go onto Deep Creek Road (about 1mi.). Turn right onto Paseo Padre Parkway. Go about 1 and 1/4 mi. on Paseo Padre Parkway to Patterson Ranch Road and turn right. Go about 1 and 1/2 mi. To the end of Patterson Ranch Road to the Visitors Center.

There is no cost for the tour. However there is a \$5.00 parking fee. It is suggested we meet at 9:45 am at the Visitors Center. Carpools are encouraged.



Wine Appreciation Group

Jack Bevis

(jackb435@comcast.net)

Our group meets every other month. There will be an event on July 27th. The only problem is that the deadline for Trampas Topics input is also July 27th. See you in the next edition.

Contact Jack Bevis for more information at Jackb435@comcast.net or call 925-254-7256.



SIR Travel

By Don Murray, Travel Chairman

(dmurray721@comcast.net)

Some SIR Travel Opportunities Include:

Oct 7, 2017: Fleet Week San Francisco Belle. The Belle is a San Francisco landmark and this 292-foot sternwheeler features Art nouveau style on all three enclosed levels plus a spacious sun deck and three full wrap around decks for fantastic viewing of the Blue Angels. She will depart at 11:30am and return at 6:30pm. Cost is \$144,00 pp which includes R/T motor coach, cruise the bay, reserved seating, Hosted Hot Buffet Lunch, Music entertainment, driver gratuity and special viewing of Blue Angel Show. Milt Smith, Br. 146, 925-280-0328

Oct 20-Nov 5, 2017: Panama Canal Cruise. 15-day cruise from SF with stops in Puerto Vallarta, Puerto Chiapas, Puerto Quetzal, Puerto Corinto, Puerto Caldera, Panama Canal, Cartagena ending at Ft. Lauderdale. Cost is from \$3099 to \$4575. Contact Larry Yarberry, Br.8, 925-890-9245.

Oct 27, 2017: Princess Cruise from SF through the Panama Canal to Ft. Lauderdale. 15 days with ports of call at Cabo San Lucas, San Juan Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Panama Canal, Cartagena, and Aruba. Prices range from \$2300 and up and does not include airfare. Contact Milt Smith, Br 146, 925-280-0328

Apr 11-21, 2018: Tulip Time on the Rhine. 11-days, 23 meals, Experience the reawakening of spring along the Rhine and Mosel Rivers. See the countryside bloom as you sail along these two historic rivers of Europe. Prices range from \$4200 to \$6000 depending on cabin. Free airfare from SF if you sign up before May 31st. Contact Milt Smith, Br 146, 925-280-0328.



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.

August 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

August 18-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Mon. 07	9:32	Boundary Oak	Greg Hughes
Mon. 14	8:30	Crow Cyn. CC	Al Zavattero
Tue. 22	9:30	Eagle Vines	Greg Hughes
Mon. 28	8:33	Chardonnay	Greg Hughes

18-Hole Results

Metropolitan, Mon, Jul 24, 2017

Marty Katz, Official Scorer

<u>Flight 1</u>		<u>Flight 2</u>		<u>Flight 3</u>		<u>Flight 4</u>	
1st Phil Goff	65 3	Tie 1st Hank McDermott	64 3	1st Marty Katz	66 3	1st Robbie Robinson	67 3
Tie 2nd Michael Barrington	67 2	Tie 1st Terry Grummitt	64 3	2nd Bernie Wroblewski	72 2	2nd Ron Armijo	72 2
Tie 2nd Alan Fitzgerald	67 2	Tie 1st Al Hutchko	64 3	3rd Alex Lutkus	75 1	3rd Conrad Robertson	74 1
<u>Low Gross</u>		<u>Low Gross</u>		<u>Low Gross</u>		<u>Low Gross</u>	
Phil Goff	80	Don Schroeder	85	Marty Katz	96	Ron Armijo	106
						Robbie Robinson	106
<u>Closest-to #5</u>		<u>Closest-to #5</u>		<u>Closest-to #5</u>		<u>Closest-to #5</u>	
Phil Goff		Al Hutchko		Marty Katz		Robbie Robinson	

Rooster Run, Tue, Jul 18, 2017

Kevin Donahue, Official Scorer

<u>Flight 1</u>		<u>Flight 2</u>		<u>Flight 3</u>		<u>Flight 4</u>	
1st Mel Williams	65 3	1st Gary Boswell	70 3	Tie 1st Dave Carlson	69 3	1st Bill Hemmelsbach	67 3
2nd David Harris	68 2	2nd Don Schroeder	73 2	Tie 1st Bob Testa	69 3	2nd Robbie Robinson	78 2
3rd Jim Johnson	70 1	Tie 3rd Andy Benz	77 1	3rd Kevin Donahue	72 1	3rd --	
		Tie 3rd Al Hutchko	77 1				
<u>Low Gross</u>		<u>Low Gross</u>		<u>Low Gross</u>		<u>Low Gross</u>	
Mel Williams	83	Gary Boswell	90	Dave Carlson	95	Bill Hemmelsbach	104
		Don Schroeder	<u>90</u>				
<u>Closest-to #15</u>		<u>Closest-to #15</u>		<u>Closest-to #15</u>		<u>Closest-to #15</u>	
Bill McCord		Don Schroeder				Bill Hemmelsbach	

Boundary Oak, Mon, Jul 10, 2017

Jim Johnson, Official Scorer

<u>Flight 1</u>		<u>Flight 2</u>		<u>Flight 3</u>		<u>Flight 4</u>	
1st Denny Giambastiani	66 3	1st Terry Grummitt	68 3	1st Kevin Donahue	63 3	1st Matt Arena	65 3
Tie 2nd Phil Goff	68 2	2nd Carlos Xavier	69 2	Tie 2nd Pete Coggiola	65 2	2nd Robbie Robinson	69 2
Tie 2nd Harry Oberle	68 2	Tie 3rd Don Schroeder	70 1	Tie 2nd Bernie Wroblewski	65 2	3rd Jerry Christopherson	72 1
		Tie 3rd Sam Beret	70 1				
<u>Low Gross</u>		<u>Low Gross</u>		<u>Low Gross</u>		<u>Low Gross</u>	
Denny Giambastiani	79	Don Schroeder	88	Bernie Wroblewski	90	Matt Arena	101
<u>Closest-to #12</u>		<u>Closest-to #12</u>		<u>Closest-to #12</u>		<u>Closest-to #12</u>	
Denny Giambastiani		Carlos Xavier		Pete Coggiola		Conrad Robertson	

Match Play Results

Don Schroeder def. Hugh Duggan 2 up

Boundary Oak, Mon, Jul 3, 2017

Jim Johnson, Official Scorer

<u>Flight 1</u>		<u>Flight 2</u>		<u>Flight 3</u>		<u>Flight 4</u>	
1st Jim Johnson	67 3	1st Al Hutchko	67 3	1st Bob Testa	64 3	1st Phil Jenkins	69 3
2nd Al Zattero	71 2	Tie 2nd Don Schroeder	68 2	Tie 2nd Marty Katz	68 2	Tie 2nd Bill Hemmelsbach	73 2
Tie 3rd Phil Goff	73 1	Tie 2nd Jim Barstow	68 2	Tie 2nd Jim Videle	68 2	Tie 2nd Conrad Robertson	73 2
Tie 3rd David Harris	73 1						
<u>Low Gross</u>		<u>Low Gross</u>		<u>Low Gross</u>		<u>Low Gross</u>	
Jim Johnson	85	Don Schroeder	86	Jim Videle	91	Phil Jenkins	103
<u>Closest-to #2</u>		<u>Closest-to #2</u>		<u>Closest-to #2</u>		<u>Closest-to #2</u>	
		Al Hutchko		Alex Lutkus			

18-Hole Second Half Leaders, July-December 2017 (As of Metropolitan, Mon, July 24, 2017)

<u>FLIGHT 1</u>		<u>FLIGHT 2</u>		<u>FLIGHT 3</u>		<u>FLIGHT 4</u>	
Name	Pts	Name	Pts	Name	Pts	Name	Pts
Phil Goff	6	Terry Grummitt	6	Bob Testa	6	Robbie Robinson	7
Jim Johnson	4	Al Hutchko	6	Marty Katz	5	Bill Hemmelsbach	5
Denny Giambastiani	3	Don Schroeder	5	Kevin Donahue	4	Phil Jenkins	3
David Harris	3	Gary Boswell	3	Bernie Wroblewski	4	Matt Arena	3
Mel Williams	3	Hank Mc Dermott	3	Dave Carlson	3	Conrad Robertson	3
Al Zavattero	2	Jim Barstow	2	Jim Videle	2	Ron Armijo	2
Harry Oberle	2	Carlos Xavier	2	Pete Coggiola	2	Jerry Christopherson	1
Michael Barrington	2	Sam Beret	1	Alex Lutkus	1		
Alan Fitzgerald	2	Andy Benz	1				

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.



**Match Play
Final Results
on July 10**

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Don Schroeder (left)
defeated
Hugh Duggan (right),
2 up.



18-Hole Pay In Advance Deadlines

<u>Event Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Monday, August 14	Crow Canyon CC	Aug.. 04	\$45
Tuesday, August 22	Eagle Vines	Aug. 12	\$47
Monday, August 28	Chardonnay	Aug. 18	\$46
Monday, September 5	Diablo Creek	???	\$41
Tuesday, September 19	Rancho Solano	Sept. 11	\$42
Monday, September 25	Paradise Valley	Sept. 13	\$40

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



RETURN TO: Neil Schmidt
2231 San Miguel Dr.
Walnut Creek, CA
94596-5805

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Rules of Attendance and Membership for SIR Branch 116

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

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

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

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

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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.