



Trampas Topics

December, 2017

SIR Branch 116

Next Meeting: 11:30 am,
Monday, January 15, 2018
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

I Can't Believe The Time Went By So Quickly

Thank you!! So, this is my last "Big SIR Sayings" I'm composing on this rainy Sunday afternoon in November. Hard to believe I'm already at this point. I want to thank all of you for the support you've given me, both as Little SIR and Big SIR, and I want to especially thank Phil Goff and Neil Schmidt for giving me the occasional "prompts" to keep me headed in the right direction. Secondly, I want to tell you how much fun it's been writing each month's Sayings. I started out at Saint Mary's as an English major, with the intent of teaching English and doing some writing. But an Economics professor told me there would be no demand for teachers when I graduated, so I changed my major to business/economics, with the intention of writing for fun. Never happened. Life got in the way. But, every month for the past year I have been living the dream. This never would have happened if I hadn't decided to participate in SIR activities. Which leads me to:



Participation: I guess two of the main areas in any organization like SIR is membership and participation by the membership. If I had not decided to be an active member, I would have missed out on a whole lot of good things. Every organization needs good leaders and each one of us has some type of leadership quality to share. I don't believe I know of any other organization that has the number of activities that SIR offers, especially activities involving spouses and significant others. And, participating is easy to do. Just sign up and Do It! Participation does something special to the soul. There's a sense of satisfaction, a sense of sharing, a sense of contributing, not to mention a sense of enjoyment. With all of the activities SIR has to offer, there has to be something that you have always wanted to do, but just never gave it the time.

So, are you interested? I'm chairman of the Nominating Committee for 2018. If you are interested in participating, even in a small way, please contact me. The important thing is that every person who participates makes a contribution, and every contribution makes the organization better.

Paul Ramacciotti, Big SIR

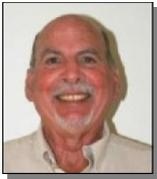


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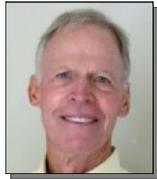
2017 SIR Branch 116 Officers & Directors



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229-2564



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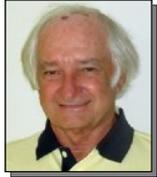
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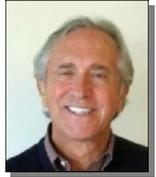
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2017 Activity Chairmen

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Poker	Lou Sandor	944-1634
\$ums in Retirement	Ben Smith	820-5403
Walking Tours	Alan Fitzgerald	930-0449
Wine Appreciation	Lou Meylan	933-0675

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
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	Neil Schmidt	948-8702
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Guitar	Paul King	938-3035
Historian	Matt Arena	946-0404
Host	Frank Crua	932-0975
Interviewer	Max Foust	827-9323
Member Relations	Bob Donohue	513-5142
Membership Roster	George Pryhuber	*984-3791
Member. Secretary	Phil Goff	831-3692
Music Man	Robbie Robinson	798-4276
Newsletter Editor	Neil Schmidt	948-8702
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Nominating	Jim Barstow	938-2744
Photographers	Neil Schmidt	948-8702
"	Phil Goff	831-3692
"	Gary Boswell	673-3545
Public Relations	Allan Chasnoff	933-6665
Raffle	Don Schroeder	837-6005
Storytellers	(rotating)	(various)
Sunshine	Matt Arena	946-0404
Travel	Don Murray	837-9402
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

December 2017

Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
					1	2
3	4 18-Hole Golf (9:32@ Boundary Oak GC) Book Group (10:15@ Orinda Books)	5 Duplicate Bridge (10:00 Diablo Valley Bridge Ctr.)	6 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Buchanan Field GC)	7	8 Hiking & Walking (8:15@ Inspiration Point Trailhead, Tilden)	9
10	11 18-Hole Golf (9:32@ Boundary Oak GC)	12 Luncheon Bridge (11:30@ Diablo CC)	13 Christmas Dinner Dance 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Brentwood CC) Mexican Train (10:00@Church of Christ)	14	15	16
17	18 18-Hole Golf (10:00@ Delta View GC)	19 Poker Group 2 (1:00@ Diablo Country Club)	20 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Buchanan Fields)	21 Fishing Group (8:30@ Diablo Creek GC)	22	23
24	25 CHRISTMAS	26 18-Hole Golf (9:00@ Canyon Lakes GC)	27 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Brentwood GC)	28	29	30
31 New Years	2018					



Br. 116 Treasurer's Report

Jim Nickels, Treasurer
(bjnickels@sbcglobal.net)

	Nov. 2017	2017 YTD
Contributions	\$ 7,511.41	\$ 64,294.44
Disbursements	\$ (8,408.82)	\$ (67,915.64)
Net (gain/(loss))	\$ (897.41)	\$ (3,621.20)
Nov. 27th Cash Balance		\$ 5,050.13

December Birthdays

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

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|---------------------|----------------------|
| 1. John Antczak | 10. David Harris |
| 2. Skip Berkson | 11. Larry Heaton |
| 3. Pat Bermingham | 12. Tim Hubbard |
| 4. Nick Bowles | 13. Phil Jenkins |
| 5. Jack Butler, Jr. | 14. Norm Jokerst |
| 6. Allan Chasnoff | 15. Walt Kaweck Jr. |
| 7. JC Collins | 16. John Kopchik Jr. |
| 8. Marv DeHeus | 17. Conrad Robertson |
| 9. Jim Gleason | 18. Doug Waterman |



Membership

Phil Goff
(philgoff@yahoo.com)

SIR 116 Membership Status

Total Current Membership is **215**

Three New Members in August

Steve Reid – Sponsor Don Schroeder

Ken Duley – Sponsor Fred Schafer

Bill Turnquist – Returning from Rossmoor Br.

Resigned:

Bob Carter – Resigned due to Health Issues

Jack Bevis – Passed Away on Nov 1, 2017

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



Meeting Speaker

2018 Little SIR Jerry Hicks
(jerryhicks@astound.net)

Speaker for January 15, 2018 Luncheon



With our usual year end golf awards, we will have as speaker from the First Tee of Contra Costa, Monica Sanders. Monica is a Class "A" member of the LPGA, Teaching & Club Professionals who grew up locally and was a member of the Alhambra

HS Golf Team (Boy's). She then helped to begin the Girls Golf Team. She was one of the first founding helpers and instructors when the LPGA Girls Golf was brought to Boundary Oak in 2006. Monica will, weather permitting, conduct a putting seminar for 10 Sir's following our meeting.

Please make plans to stay for our entire luncheon. It has been a little embarrassing to have members leave prior to the Speaker's presentation.

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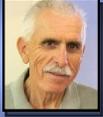
For Branch 116 members who don't like reading electronic issues on the Trampas Topics, you can elect to receive a hardcopy distribution of the newsletter each month. The subscription price for receiving printed copies of the "Topics", via the US mail, is \$20/year. **If you want to receive, or to continue receiving printed copies in Year 2018, send a \$20 check now, payable to "SIR Branch 116", to our Treasurer: Jim Nickels 52 Ball Road, Walnut Creek, CA 94596**

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



Meeting Attendance

Sam Beret

(luncheon116@gmail.com)

November 20, 2017 Meeting Attendance

Active Members:	212
Guests/Visitors:	3
Transfers & Inductees:	02
Speakers:	1
Members Excused:	51
Excused due to long term illness:	6
Members NOT excused:	16
Total Attendance:	145

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

Do You Know the Secret Password?

Did you know that you can get the latest, and most up to date, Branch roster via our web site? The roster, can be found under the "Member Info" tab on our Branch web site, and is password protected for security. If you don't know or can't remember the password, it is mentioned each month at our Lunch Meeting. You can also get the password by contacting our Membership Secretary Phil Goff. The SIR Br. 116 Web Site address is: branch116.org

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/

New Branch 116 Members



Sponsor Fred Schafer with
New Member Ken Duley



New Member Steve Reid
with Sponsor Don Schroeder



Returning Member Bill Turnquist
(from Rossmoor Branch)



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, December 21st, THE THIRD THURSDAY, 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.

We have shifted into our winter mode: trout, sturgeon, stripers, crabs, and rockfish for a while. We got the trout portion off with a bang: Stan Wong, Phil Scimonelli, Bob Hillacker, Terry Miller, Reggie Fromm, and Carl Moyer all got in on the early action at San Pablo Reservoir (now closed for the winter,) and Lafayette Reservoir. Phil lead the charge with a nice 4 pound rainbow. Rich Fiscina and Tom Boltz each took nice sturgeon. Tom Kostik, Mike Corker, and Pete Gates had fun with stripers. Stan Wong and Raleigh Davis have been busy on crab/rockfish combo trips upon the ocean, doing quite well. Lee Clark and Raleigh Davis finished a scintillating salmon season with big fish. Chuck Vanoncini lead a large group of us to Lake Almanor for 3 days of fishing, feasting, and frolicking. This has been a highlight of our year and thoroughly enjoyed by the participants. Thank you, Chuck.

The Fishing contact is Paul Dubow (415-495-6504)



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

In Memoriam
Grobenor J. Fox
11/18/1920 – 11/2/2017



Sunshine Report

Matt Arena

(marena@astound.net)

SIR **Jack Bevis** passed away following a Hospice intervention with Lung Cancer. Jack's funeral was attended by a large representative of SIR members at Santa Maria Catholic Church in Orinda. Jack chaired the Wine Tasting Group and was secretary of the Computer and Technology Group. Jack and his wife Claire were very active in the many activities in the Branch. He will be missed by his many friends.

SIR **Grove Fox** passed away at age 96. Grove had left the branch and resided in Hollister. In WWII he served in the Seabees and fought in Normandy and IWO JIMA. He was sent to Washington, D.C. to place a wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier to honor his military service .

SIR **Brent Chaney** has returned home following heart surgery at Stanford. Brent tells me he is recovering nicely but needs a little more time before returning to our luncheons and taking up the game of golf again.

SIR **Harry Kinney** has gone inactive since he has been dealing of an arthritic back. At this stage he is waiting for a second opinion to see if anything further can be done for him.

THERE ARE 3 STAGES OF A MAN'S LIFE: HE BELIEVES IN SANTA CLAUS, HE DOESN'T

BELIEVE IN SANTA CLAUS , HE IS SANTA CLAUS !!!!!!!!!

AUTHOR UNKNOWN

In Memoriam
John Hilary "Jack" Bevis
10/25/1926 – 11/1/2017



Activity Chair

Jerry Christopherson
(jchris161k@aol.com)



LAST CHANCE!

(Really.....No Kidding)

December 4th is the deadline for signing up for this year's big event, the **Annual Branch Christmas Dinner Dance**

Where: The Boundary Oak Golf Club

When: Wednesday, December 13th

Time Schedule:

5-6pm Registration and Social Hour

6-7pm Business Meeting and Entertainment

7-8pm Dinner

8-10pm Dancing and Door Prizes with Santa

Cost: \$53 per person

NOW.... If you haven't already signed up, clip the reservation form on page 10 of this issue of *Trampas Topics*, mail it with your check, and.....polish up your dancing shoes!



Computer & Technology

Neil Schmidt
(SIR.Area2.CAT@gmail.com)

New Computer & Technology web site!

Check it out at: sirinc2.org/a16cat/

We look forward to seeing you around 9:15 AM, **January 18, 2018**, at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge, 1475 Creekside Drive for our 9:30 AM meeting. 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 January meeting is another one of those! All SIR members and their guests (spouses included!) are welcome to attend. See you there.



"Dine-O-SIR" Dinner Group

Alex Lutkus
(alutkus@yahoo.com)

"The Dine-O-Sir Committee Members express their sincere appreciation to Ben Smith for his long continued guidance and leadership to the Dine-O-Sir Dinner Group.

Alex Lutkus, who will take over as Chairman in the New Year, is committed to continue Ben's legacy of high-level and enjoyable experiences. The next Dine-O-Sir event will be held on **Sunday, January 28, 2018**, at the Crow Canyon Country Club. This will be our annual Sunday Champagne Brunch. Further details will be announced in the January, 2018 Newsletter. Mark your calendar now, so as not to miss this popular dining event. If you want to get on the mailing list for announcements of all future dining events, contact Alex Lutkus at alutkus@yahoo.com."



Wine Appreciation Group

Lou Meylan
(loumeylan@hotmail.com)

With the passing of SIR Jack Bevis I have been selected to coordinate the group. We will continue to carry on in the same manner, meeting on the last Thursday, every other month.

The November get together was at the home of Paul Freitas on Nov. 16th because of the Thanksgiving holiday.. Our next get together will be Jan. 25, 2018 at the home of Bob Wolf.



Br. 116 Book Group

Rich Black
(blackrw41@comcast.net)

The Last Days of Night by Graham Moore

The Book Group does not meet in November. It will next meet on **Monday, 04 December**, to discuss "*The Last Days of Night*" by Graham Moore. Meetings are at 10:15 at Orinda Books, 276 Village Square, Orinda, California.



2018 Big SIR
Marty Katz
 (mctkatz@pacbell.net)

What a Year What a Year What a Year!

It has been my honor to represent Branch 116 and all its fine members as your Little SIR for 2017. I have enjoyed leading you and being inspired by you for the last 12 months.

Paul Ramacciotti, Big SIR, thank you for your leadership and guidance. I have learned a great deal sitting next to you at the BEC meetings. You are very organized yet at the same time make the meeting enjoyable and most importantly have meetings that we all look forward to attending. I have large shoes to fill and with my small size 8's, I'll be able to grow a great deal.

I am looking forward to working with my Little SIR Jerry Hicks. Jerry brings to Branch 116 a great deal of organizational skills and command leadership. I believe we will make a Great Team. To the Board, I look forward to your guidance and support. A fine group of Gentlemen.

Its been a fun year and I look forward to carrying on the enjoyment for 2018. I thoroughly enjoyed bringing you a wide variety of speakers and topics of interest. Magic anyone? How about one of our own bringing life to that wonderful Eclipse, Mark Jordan. Who could forget not a dry eye in the house about the Transplant Documentary. Fond memories for some that were stationed or who's family was stationed at Camp Parks. For those of us that have sailed the Pacific or Atlantic on a Liberty Ship, Anchors Away Mate. Don't forget to take a trip up Mt. Diablo. A healthy Prostate for everyone. Even if you don't think you need Travel Insurance, it is there to help you. For the Peace de Resistance, the longest presentation of the year, one that no one wanted it to end. A really informative and humorous presenter Jim Darby. You never thought sports could be that fun. Did you know he dated Big SIR Bob Donohue's sister? He also knew Bill McCord who was Bob's neighbor. And friend of Bob's older sister. There's not much to 6° of separation.

You'll never know who you will meet or bump into at a Branch 116 Meeting. So I encourage all of you to attend, tell a friend and look forward to a Wonderful Branch 116 Year.

Thank you and Bless you All. Wishing you and yours a Merry Christmas and Joyous New Year.

See you All January 15, 2018
 Who Loves you first in 2018

Marty Katz
 Little SIR



Hiking & Walking
Joel White
 (zpz2mrz@gmail.com)

The **November 10** (Veterans Day observed) walk led by Rich Black met at Civic Park in Walnut Creek. The "2 bridges" walk north was enjoyed on a beautiful fall day with only a few sprinkles by Rich Black and Donna Argenbright, Dan and Andrea Green, John and Gail Riordan, Joel and Susan White, and Bob Wolfe. Coffee and conversation followed at Cafe La Scalla. There was no second walk in November due to Thanksgiving,

The only scheduled walk in December will be led by David Geary at one of our favorite locations. Meet on **Friday, December 8, at 8:15am** at the **Inspiration Point trail head** in Tilden Park in the Berkley Hills. The post walk convocation will be at Geppeto's Café in Orinda. RSVP to David:dsgeary@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@gmail.com, 925-964-0994)



“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 had five players in November. The game was shortened by three rounds because of a Doctor visit so I was able post a win with 75 points. Robbie Robinson came in second, Paul was third, Gary Bonfiglio was fourth and John Riordan came in fifth by only 37 points. Our scores ranged from 75 to 280.

Mexican Train is scheduled for **December 13th**.

We have not had Couples Train in November yet however we have one scheduled for November 29th.



Book Exchange

John Fraser & Dick Kauffman

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



Everyone is invited to visit the book exchange in the room adjacent to the bar. We have a wide variety of books for you to borrow and read. We welcome your contribution of books you have read and enjoyed. No rules! Please enjoy

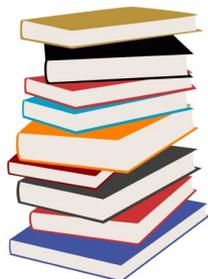


Photo Review of Year 2017





THE 2017 EDITION OF SIR BRANCH 116'S

CHRISTMAS DINNER DANCE !

Wednesday, December 13, 2017 – 5:00 to 10:00PM

The Clubhouse at Boundary Oak

3800 Valley Vista Road, Walnut Creek 94598

5:00-6:00 Registration and No Host Bar

6:00-7:00 Entertainment/Brief Business Meeting

7:00-10:30 Dinner/Door Prizes/Dancing

Choice of Entree @\$53.00 per person:

Vegetable Wellington

Grilled Marinated Bistro Filet

Pan Seared Salmon with Ginger Salsa

Includes salad, seasonal vegetables and dessert

CHRISTMAS DINNER DANCE - Boundary Oak - 12/13/2017

RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 4, 2017

(Circle entrée choice)

NAME: _____

Salmon Filet Veggie

NAME: _____

Salmon Filet Veggie

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: Sir Branch 116 (S53.00 Per Person)

MAIL CHECK TO: Lou Sandor, 581 Cesar Court, Walnut Creek, CA 94598-2228

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

2018 Golfing NCGA Dues Reminder

Our Branch 116 annual NCGA registration is due. If you are registered with the NCGA through Branch 116, you need to renew your registration by the end of the year. The NCGA has increased its annual registration from \$36 to \$39. Typically, we also collect \$20 each year for prize money, golf balls, awards, etc. This year we are rounding up to **\$60** to cover these costs.

If you haven't yet paid your dues, make your checks payable to SIR Branch 116 Golf and send your check for NCGA registration renewal to: Sir Branch 116 Golf, P.O. Box 683, Lafayette, CA 94549-0683.

18 Hole Golf Special Event Two Man Best Ball

Our Annual Two Man Best Ball Special Event will be held at Boundary Oak on Monday, **December 11th**. There will be a "blind draw" for partners. This is really a fun event, with "your partner" capable of making up for any poor score you may have on a hole. This is a great opportunity to share a good time on the course with a "yet to be named" team mate. This is a team event, and an opportunity to form a bond between you and your partner. We encourage everyone to participate in this FUN format.

We currently have 22 players entered in this Special Event, and there is still time for you to register.

Sign up on the Golf Web Site, or contact a member of the Special Event Committee.

Special Event Committee

Wayne Cook
Alex Lutkus
Jim Barstow

2018 Carmel Golf Outing Wednesday/Thursday May 23rd & 24th

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, 2018 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 -- We are returning to last years fantastic course, Carmel Valley Ranch. This is an exceptional course/facility. Entry fee 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 have arranged to have Wednesday's Dinner at our host Hotel, the Carmel Mission Inn. Dinner will be a "Plated Dinner", including coffee\ tea, salad, choice of entree (Salmon or New York Steak), and desert.

Cost -- You will be responsible for your own Hotel reservations/payments. The entry cost is \$200 and includes \$130 for two days of golf/range balls, \$20 prize money, and \$50 Dinner. Non-Golfers are encouraged to attend Wednesday evening's Dinner, at a cost of \$50 each.

Mail your check payable to "SIR Branch 116 Golf, P.O. Box 683, Lafayette CA 94549-0683".

\$ums Investment Group

Tom Henry (Branch 174)

(tomh925@icloud.com)

There's no meeting in December. Back to 4th Wednesdays starting January 24, 2018.

\$UMS Chairman Tom Henry -
tomhenry925@gmail.com

Co-chair Dave Sutton -
davesutn@comcast.net



SIR Travel

By Don Murray, Travel Chairman
(dmurray721@comcast.net)

Some SIR Travel Opportunities Include:

Dec 29-Jan 2, 2018: Rose Parade New Years Making a difference. A way to honor and celebrate all of the people in our communities. RT air, 4 nights hotel, 7 meals, deluxe Motorcoach, Professional escorts. Reserved seating at the 129th Annual Tournament of Roses Parade with many tour options included. Joe Salamida, Br 54, 408-767-2838 or Archie Beloglovski, 408-253-3956.

Dec 29- Jan 2, 2018: New Year's in Memphis at New Graceland Guest House. Highlights include 4 nights at the New Graceland Guest House, Gala New Year's Eve Dinner, Tour of Graceland, Rock n Soul Museum, Memphis Music Hall of Fame, The Cotton Museum, Lorraine Motel & Nat'l Civil Rights Museum. Fabulous Memphis Farewell Dinner & entertainment. Tom Duncanson, Br 20, Santa Cruz, 831-662-8605.

Jan 12-22, 2018 Cruising the Mexican Riviera. A 10 night cruise from SF on the Grand Princess with ports of call in Puerto Vallarta, Manzanillo, Mazatlan, Cabo San Lucas and back to SF. Cost ranges from \$1565 to \$2375 depending on cabin and includes all taxes and fees, all tipping for drivers, pre trip orientation, home pick up and return and all shipboard meals. Rollo Parsons Br.141, 408-268-5245 or Bdrian Serpa, 408-227-7658.

Feb 8-16,2018: Tropical Costa Rica. Highlights of this trip include, air, insurance, 13 meals, gratuities and guides.You will vist the unique ecosystem of the Monteverde Cloud Forest, the Doka Coffee Estate, the Arenal Volcano The Cano Negro Nature Preserve and much more. Cost is \$3299. Jim Stoner, Br 114, 408-238-8458 or Larry Martinson, 408-528-0746.

Apr 4-14, 2018: Tulip Time in Holland. A 7 night Cruise R/T to Amsterdam aboard AMA Waterways. Celebrate the beauty of the Netherlands and

Belgium in the springtime. You will visit the legendary Keukenhof Gardens, and pass colorful row houses and houseboats, See Ann Franks home then indulge in culinary bliss via Belgium chocolates and stropwafel. Cost ranges from \$4830.00 to \$6195.00 based on cabin choice and includes complimentary bikes, unlimited complimentary fine dining and wines, all guides, gratuities and taxes, R/T air, choice of excursions, and riverview state-rooms or suites. John Pletsch, Br.32, 408-274-2992 or Mike Console, 408-246-1080.

Sep 8-15,2018: Colorado Train Trip. 7-day trip with stops at the US Airforce academy, Pikes Peak, Garden of the Gods, Colorado National Monument and Colorado Museum. Cost \$3035 and includes 15 meals, R/T Air, home pickup and back, professional tour manager. Larry Yarberry, Br 8, 925-890-9245.

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



Bridge

Jon Dickson

(still26@sbcglobal.net)

We had a record (for me) turnout at our last game on Tuesday, November 14th with 28 players or 7 tables playing. There were four slams bid and made but at the same time there was a record amount of money collected for going "down" on bids. We pay ten cents a trick for not making a bid to pay for the slams, which pay \$6.00 for small slams and \$10 for grand slams. We must be taking more risks to be short on tricks but it pays off with more slams.

Lunch & bridge is every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at Diablo Country Club, starting at 11:30 AM. If you play bridge, do plan to join us. There will be no bridge on the 4th Tuesday of December, the 26th.



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.

December 9-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Wed. 06	10:00	Buchanan Fields	Dick Chaffee
Wed. 13	10:00	Diablo Hills	D.McClaughry
Wed. 20	10:00	Buchanan Fields	Dick Chaffee
Wed. 27	10:00	Brentwood	Skip Berkson

December 18-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Mon. 04	9:32	Boundary Oak	Alex Lutkus
Mon. 11	9:32	Boundary Oak	Alex Lutkus
Mon. 18	9:30	Delta View	Alex Lutkus
Mon. 26	9:00	Canyon Lakes	Alex Lutkus

18-Hole Results

Lake Chabot, Tue, Nov 21, 2017

Phil Jenkins, Official Scorer

<u>Flight 1</u>			<u>Flight 2</u>			<u>Flight 3</u>			<u>Flight 4</u>		
1st	Denny Giambastiani	66 3	1st	Dirk Meyer	65 3	1st	Kevin Donahue	65 3	1st	Bill Hemmelsbach	61 3
2nd	David Harris	71 2	2nd	Gary Boswell	70 2	2nd	Bernie Wroblewski	71 2	2nd	Art Vogl	73 2
3rd	Mel Williams	42 1	3rd	Don Schroeder	72 1	3rd	Richard Madden	72 1	3rd	Conrad Robertson	76 1
<u>Low Gross</u>			<u>Low Gross</u>			<u>Low Gross</u>			<u>Low Gross</u>		
Denny Giambastiani 78			Dirk Meyer 89 Gary Boswell 89			Bernie Wroblewski 93			Bill Hemmelsbach 105		
<u>Closest-to #2</u>			<u>Closest-to #2</u>			<u>Closest-to #2</u>			<u>Closest-to #2</u>		
Phil Goff									Art Vogl		

Boundary Oak, Mon, Nov 13, 2017

Conrad Robertson, Official Scorer

<u>Flight 1</u>			<u>Flight 2</u>			<u>Flight 3</u>			<u>Flight 4</u>		
1st	Bill McCord	68 3	1st	Sam Beret	67 3	1st	Alex Lutkus	64 3	1st	Matt Arena	71 3
2nd	Al Zavattero	69 2	2nd	Dirk Meyer	70 2	2nd	Terry Sherman	68 2	Tie 2nd	Robbie Robinson	72 2
3rd	David Harris	70 1	Tie 3rd	Carlos Xavier	71 1	3rd	Bernie Wroblewski	69 1	Tie 2nd	Fred Schafer	72 2
			Tie 3rd	Al Hutchko	71 1						
<u>Low Gross</u>			<u>Low Gross</u>			<u>Low Gross</u>			<u>Low Gross</u>		
Phil Goff 87 Bill McCord 87			Jim Barstow 93 Sam Beret 93 Gary Boswell 93 Carlos Xavier 93			Alex Lutkus 92			Robbie Robinson 107		
<u>Closest-to #17</u>			<u>Closest-to #17</u>			<u>Closest-to #17</u>			<u>Closest-to #17</u>		
David Harris			Terry Grummitt			Alex Lutkus					

Berkeley Country Club, Mon, Nov 6, 2017

David Harris, Official Scorer

<u>Flight 1</u>			<u>Flight 2</u>			<u>Flight 3</u>			<u>Flight 4</u>		
1st	Al Zavattero	65 3	1st	Bob Price	63 3	1st	Dave Carlson	66 3	1st	Wayne Cook	65 3
2nd	Warren Garrison	66 2	Tie 2nd	Don Schroeder	66 2	2nd	Kevin Donahue	68 2	2nd	Conrad Robertson	75 2
3rd	Mel Williams	67 1	Tie 2nd	Gary Boswell	66 2	3rd	Jim Videle	69 1	3rd	Phil Jenkins	79 1
<u>Low Gross</u>			<u>Low Gross</u>			<u>Low Gross</u>			<u>Low Gross</u>		
Warren Garrison 79			Don Schroeder 86			Dave Carlson 93 Jim Videle 93			Wayne Cook 99		
<u>Closest-to #17</u>			<u>Closest-to #17</u>			<u>Closest-to #17</u>			<u>Closest-to #17</u>		
Phil Goff			Gary Boswell			Dave Carlson					

Oakhurst Country Club, Mon, Oct 30, 2017

Bernie Wroblewski, Official Scorer

<u>Flight 1</u>			<u>Flight 2</u>			<u>Flight 3</u>			<u>Flight 4</u>		
1st	Jerry Hicks	71 3	Tie 1st	Jim Barstow	74 3	Tie 1st	Kevin Donahue	79 3	1st	Bill Hemmelsbach	70 3
2nd	Jim Johnson	72 2	Tie 1st	Gary Boswell	74 3	Tie 1st	Marty Katz	79 3	2nd	Matt Arena	72 2
3rd	Al Zavattero	76 1	3rd	Don Schroeder	76 1	3rd	Bernie Wroblewski	81 1	3rd	Wayne Cook	78 1
<u>Low Gross</u>			<u>Low Gross</u>			<u>Low Gross</u>			<u>Low Gross</u>		
Jerry Hicks 86			Jim Barstow 93			Bernie Wroblewski 104			Bill Hemmelsbach 106		
<u>Closest-to</u>			<u>Closest-to</u>			<u>Closest-to</u>			<u>Closest-to</u>		
Jim Johnson			Carlos Xavier			Marty Katz			Wayne Cook		

18-Hole Second Half Leaders, July-December 2017 (As of Lake Chabot, Tue Nov. 21, 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	18	Jim Barstow	23	Alex Lutkus	20	Bill Hemmelsbach	25
Jim Johnson	15	Al Hutchko	23	Marty Katz	19	Robbie Robinson	23
Al Zavattero	15	Gary Boswell	22	Kevin Donahue	16	Matt Arena	16
Denny Giambastiani	14	Don Schroeder	17	Bernie Wroblewski	15	Conrad Robertson	14
David Harris	13	Terry Grummitt	12	Terry Sherman	12	Phil Jenkins	10
Alan Fitzgerald	12	Jim Clizbe	9	Dave Carlson	9	Jerry Christopherson	7
Mel Williams	12	Hugh Duggan	5	Bob Testa	8	Carl Langhorst	7
Michael Barrington	8	Carlos Xavier	5	Pete Coggiola	6	Wayne Cook	7
Jerry Hicks	6	Dirk Meyer	5	Richard Madden	6	Fred Schafer	5
Harry Oberle	5	Randy Welker	4	Phil Perrelli	4	Art Vogl	5
Bill McCord	5	Bob Price	4	Dick Chaffee	4	Ron Armijo	3
Bill Clark	2	Sam Beret	4	Jim Nickels	3	Mike Schneider	2
Warren Garrison	2	Hank Mc Dermott	3	Al Satake	3		
		Andy Benz	2	Kirk McVean	3		
				Jim Videle	3		

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.

18-Hole Pay In Advance Deadlines

<u>Event Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Monday, December 18	Delta View	Dec. 8	\$22
Tuesday, December 26	Canyon Lakes	Dec. 19	\$35
Monday, January 22	Canyon Lakes	Jan. 11	\$40
Monday, January 29	Paradise Valley	Jan. 20	\$45

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).

Non Responsibility Declaration

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

Checks for Trips

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