



Trampas Topics

July, 2017

SIR Branch 116

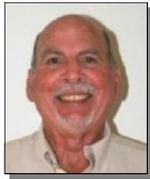
Next Meeting: 11:30 am,
Monday, July 17, 2017
Boundary Oak, 3800 Valley
Vista Rd., Walnut Creek

A Nonprofit Public Benefit Organization for Men Enjoying Active Retirement

Sayings of 2017 Big Sir Paul Ramacciotti

When did we find the time to Work? What is Retirement?

When did we find the time to Work? I left Safeway in 1994 after 24 years because I received an offer from a small biotech company that was, as I



said to my wife Donna, "an offer that was too good to be true".

Funny thing about those statements, they generally prove themselves out. After ten minutes on my first day of my new job I realized I had made a colossal mistake, and seven months later I was walking through the door at the Pleasant Hill Unemployment Office,

a humbling experience in itself. Since I was in no rush to jump back into the job market, especially the corporate world, I decided to take my time and figure out what I wanted to do. The next few months proved very interesting. To fast forward, at about the sixth month mark I finally had to take a reality check and commit to going back to work, but as I tried to explain to Donna, "I don't have the time to do that". My days were full, so full in fact, that I wasn't finding the time to do everything I wanted to do. My best friend from college was experiencing the same thing I was, but being a little better off financially than I was, he never did go back to work. Just didn't have the time. On a couple of occasions when we have gotten together, we talk about that. Thing is, we really were too busy to go back to work, doing projects that were actually productive, one project leading to another. Part of that time I was remodeling my townhouse and honing in on my construction skills which would eventually segway into my construction company, coaching boys basketball, working on my daughter's grad night, or assisting my elderly parents. At one point Donna finally said, "your good looks aren't going to fund your retirement", which brings me to:

What is Retirement? When we're younger I think retirement is that moment in our lives when we will say goodbye to the working world...for good. But, my simple, short answer is that retirement is what we feel good doing when we "don't have" to work anymore, and that may be continuing to work. But, that's the way I look at it because I was fortunate enough to find occupations I really enjoyed, made some money and I hope made a difference. But, like many years ago, I can't seem to find the time to do everything I want to do.

Paul Ramacciotti, Big SIR

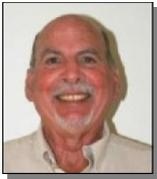


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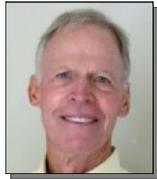
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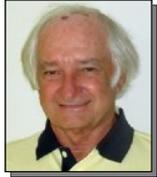
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2017 Activity Chairmen

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Walking Tours	Bernie Wroblewski	820-3274
Wine Appreciation	Jack Bevis	254-7256

Some Other SIR Area 2 Activities

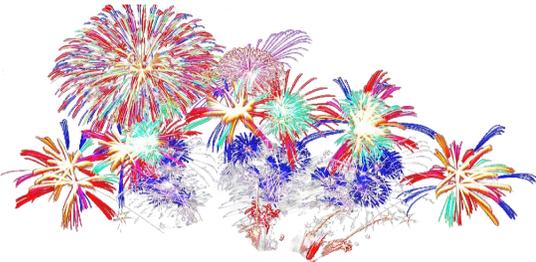
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2017 Support Chairmen

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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

July 2017

Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
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2	3 18-Hole Golf (9:32@ Boundary Oak GC)	4 	5 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC) 18_Hole Golf (9:00@ Boundary Oak GC)	6	7	8
9	10 18-Hole Golf (9:32@ Boundary Oak GC)	11 Luncheon Bridge (11:30@ Diablo CC)	12 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Diablo Hills GC) Mexican Train (10:00@ Church of Christ, WC)	13	14 Hiking & Walking (8:15@Behind Railroad Museum, Danville)	15
16	17 SIR Br. 116 Mtg. (11:30@ Boundary Oak)	18 18-Hole Golf (10:00@ Rooster Run GC) Poker (1:00@ Diablo CC) Duplicate Bridge (10:00 Diablo Valley Bridge Ctr., WC)	19 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Buchanan Fields GC)	20 Computer & Tech (9:30@ WC Elks Lodge)	21	22
23	24 18-Hole Golf (9:30@ Metropolitan GC) Book Club (10:15@ Orinda Books)	25 Luncheon Bridge (11:30@ Diablo CC)	26 9-Hole Golf (10:00@ Brentwood CC)	27 Fishing Group (8:30@ Legends-Diablo Crk) Wine Appreciation (4:00@ TBD)	28 Hiking & Walking (8:15@ Inspirion Point Parking Lot, Tilden)	29
30	31 18-Hole Golf (9:32@ Redwood Canyon CC)					



Br. 116 Treasurer's Report

Jim Nickels, Treasurer
(bjnickels@sbcglobal.net)

	June 2017	2017 YTD
Contributions	\$ 4,117.40	\$ 34,827.46
Disbursements	\$ (4,093.80)	\$ (34,605.06)
Net (gain/(loss))	\$ 23.60	\$ 222.40
June 26th Cash Balance		\$ 8,893.73

July Birthdays

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

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|-------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Don Benioff | 11. Don Miller |
| 2. Meade Bernard | 12. Bob Nichols |
| 3. Gary Boswell | 13. Hal Redsun |
| 4. Steve Cherepy | 14. John Takacs |
| 5. Bill Clark | 15. Tim Tinnes |
| 6. Garrett Girvan | 16. Chuck Vanoncini |
| 7. Al Hutchko | 17. Bob Vetro |
| 8. Paul King | 18. Jim Videle |
| 9. Dick Krieger | 19. Bernie Wroblewski |
| 10. Brad Lee | |



Membership

Phil Goff
(philgoff@yahoo.com)

SIR 116 Membership Status

Total Current Members:	218
Resigned:	
Bruce Adair	
Inactive Members:	25

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 Speaker

Little SIR Marty Katz
(dagobuildr@comcast.net)

For our meeting on **July 17th** we will have a special presentation on Mt. Diablo. Our speaker, Ted Clement will excite us with the history and significance of our beloved Mt. Diablo. Mt. Diablo is also in danger and needs our help. Ted will also discuss the "Saving of Mt. Diablo". Let's all attend our July 17th SIRS meeting and learn about the Devil Mountain, Mt. Diablo. See you all there.

July Meeting Lunch Menu



THE CLUBHOUSE

AT BOUNDARY OAK

SIR 116 Luncheon

July 17, 2017

Salad

Louis Salad

Butter Lettuce, Applewood Smoked Bacon, Vine Ripened Tomatoes Feta Cheese, Hardboiled Egg Creamy Louis Dressing

Entrees

Pork Loin

Grilled Herb Marinated Pork Loin, Garlic Mashed Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables, Spicy Peach Compote Red Wine Reduction Demi

Or

Potato Crusted Cod

Alaskan Cod, Rice Pilaf, Seasonal Vegetables Lemon Chive Butter Sauce

Or

Vegetarian Option

Vegetable Wellington

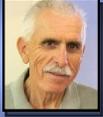
Sautéed Spinach, Mushrooms, Roasted Bell Peppers, Ricotta Cheese Wrapped In Puff Pastry Red Pepper Coulis & Balsamic Reduction

Dessert

Grand Marnier Cake

Raspberry Sauce, Chantilly Cream

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



Meeting Attendance

Sam Beret

(luncheon116@gmail.com)

We have our monthly meetings on the 3rd Monday of each month except for May and December. There are no lunch meetings in those two months. For each monthly meeting, all Branch 116 members have a standing reservation and they are expected to attend. They are welcome to bring guests if they wish.

We meet at the Boundary Oak Golf Course located in Walnut Creek on Valley Vista Road. The meeting room is open beginning at 11:00 and attendees are free to buy drinks in the bar area. Lunch is served at 12:00.

Our luncheons are served at the table and members have a choice between two entrees. Lunch cost is \$25.

Next luncheon will be on **Jul 17, 2017**. If you are not going to attend the meeting, please notify me by **no later than Monday, July 10, 2017**, preferably by email at luncheon116@gmail.com. You can also call Attendance Hot Line 925-806-8874; however email is preferred. 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.

If you are bringing a guest to the meeting, also notify me by email [preferred] or by calling the Attendance Hotline by no later than June 12, 2017. Please spell out the full name of your guest and your name and badge number.



Poker

Jerry Kaplan

(mgkaplan@astound.net)

Poker Group plays on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at Diablo Country Club in Diablo, from 1-4 p.m. Low stakes, good times and fun. To play, contact Jim Shurr (925-937-9142) or Jerry Kaplan (925-938-1037) at least 24 hrs. before the game.



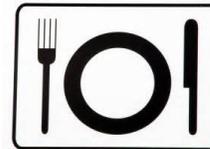
"Dine-O-Sir" Dinner Group

Ben Smith

(bjsssmith@aol.com)

Dine-O-SIR just had a two-night event at Massimo Ristorante in Walnut Creek on June 20th and 27th. The next Dine-O-SIR event will probably be in August.

If you are interested in future Dine-O-SIR events, it is recommended that you get on their mailing list by contacting Ben Smith at the e-mail address above.



Bridge

Jon Dickson

(still26@sbcglobal.net)

SIR's bridge is every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month, played at Diablo Country Club, with lunch and bridge starting at 11:30. It is Chicago style so all bridge players are welcome.

We had a bit of a bump in May, as Diablo CC could not accompany us on the 2nd Tuesday due to a club event, but we are back on schedule for the balance of the year.

If you have any interest in bridge, so come join us. We are basically harmless and play at all levels of bridge. Call Jon Dickson, 837-1178 if you are interested.

\$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, July 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.

June has us split in two: the ocean and bay start to produce; and the piney mountains summon us to their pristine waters. 13 of us led by Chuck Vanoncini went to Lake Almanor where we caught many trout. From the big pond: Brion Beetz and Carl Moyer got rockfish; and Lee Clark got salmon. Ernie Wong had a good early summer with over a hundred shad, Don Mittlesteadt and Carl Moyer also enjoyed that fly fishing. Ernie and Ken Konzak took time out from the big cutthroat at Pyramid lake in Nevada. Ernie released his biggest yet, a 10 pounder. Tom Kostik led a group to Pinecrest Lake where they caught bass and trout. Tom and Mike Corker and Harry Sherinian caught striped and black bass from the delta. Terry Miller and Ron Lew got Halibut from the bay. Karl Droese, Ken Konzak and Joe Miscione traveled to Pyramid Lake NV catching and releasing cutthroat from a charter boat. Thom Watkins, Terry Miller and Carl Moyer ended a bad local trout spring season by catching one small trout at San Pablo Reservoir.

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



Terry Miller's halibut caught in the Bay



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, 24 July**, 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.



Book Exchange

John Fraser & Dick Kauffman

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



The Book Exchange is in the area next to the bar at Boundary Oak. There are signs directing you to it. Please come by and take a book or books. We welcome your contribution of books that you have enjoyed



Computer & Technology

Neil Schmidt

(SIR.Area2.CAT@gmail.com)

The Area 16 Computer and Technology Group announces that our next meeting will be at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge on **Thursday July 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.

Neil Schmidt will be discussing "**Travelling with Technology**". Do you remember to old days when you carried heavy hardbound books in your suitcase, brought magazines to read on the plane and made calls on payphones? Thanks to technology, times have sure changed.

Neil will be presenting ways to use technology to help plan and to assist you in your travels. This discussion will include his favorite travelling apps and techniques and he will encourage others in attendance to contribute their own travelling tips and tricks.

We look forward to seeing you around 9:15 AM, Thursday July 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 July meeting is another one of those! See you there.



Sunshine Report

Matt Arena

(marena@astound.net)

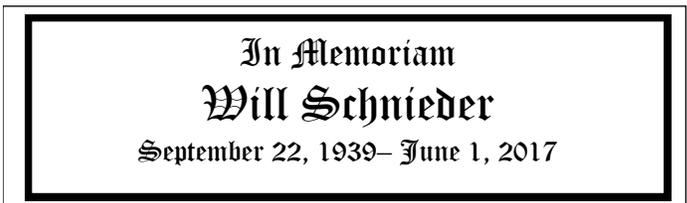
SIR **Will Schneider** passed away on JUNE 1, 2017. Will told us 2 years ago that he received a diagnosis of stage 4 Cancer and decided to leave the Branch. We were saddened to learn of this news however he planned to fight the disease with the best treatment at his disposal. He loved his golf and the friendships he made. Will shall be missed.

SIR **Tim Dorr** and I spoke last week and he was in good spirits and was out of the house. This has been a long haul but he continues to make progress.

SIR **Kent Cremolini** is completely recovered from his hip operation. He tells me that he has a number of surgeries lined up for later this year and next. In the mean time Kent is supervising a major construction job on his home. Sounds like this will keep him out of trouble for a while.

"LIFE IS LIKE RIDING A BICYCLE. TO KEEP YOUR BALANCE ,YOU MUST KEEP MOVING"

-ALBERT EINSTEIN



Wine Appreciation Group enjoying their time at Jerry & Kathy Hick's house on May 25th

CARSON CITY GOLF GETAWAY

September 6, 7 & 8, 2017

This event has something for everyone: 2 rounds of golf, bridge, Mexican Train, banquets, **hosted cocktails**, prizes, gambling, shopping and lots of socializing.

The Getaway includes: 3 nights lodging (a choice of hotels), 2 rounds of golf with cart, 3 banquets with open bar, ladies' bridge/games, \$1,200 of raffle prizes, golf balls, tee gift and bar, food & gaming coupons --- **all for one reasonable price.**

We will be playing Silver Oak and Eagle Valley West (the women will play the East Course). Golf carts will be provided both days. There will be 3 flights for men and 2 for women. The men 3rd flight will hit from the red tees. Format will be shot gun. Couples will play together on the first day. Several prizes will be awarded to both men and women for lowest net scores in each flight, closest to the pin and most improved from the first day to the second.

A group of ladies will be playing bridge, Mexican Train and other games both days, or if one chooses they can play bridge or games one day and golf the next. There are also many things for the ladies who do not golf to do in the Carson City, Reno and Tahoe area. In addition to the Casino, a beautiful new shopping center is near by, there are many good restaurants, and sight seeing trips and tours are available.

If you have never attended this 3-day event, we suggest you sign up and find out what a fun time we have every year. **Friends, relatives and all SIRs are welcome.** Several join us each year and always have a great time.

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/> **other** tournaments. Early sign ups would be greatly appreciated as it gives us the opportunity to get more rooms should it become necessary. If you would like more information contact Tim Hubbard (925) 357-8273 or e-mail hubbstt@gmail.com.



Wine Appreciation Group

Jack Bevis

(jackb435@comcast.net)

Our next event will be on July 27th. See the next edition of Trampas Topics for coverage of that event.

We meet 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.

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



Jack & Claire Bevis sampling "The Juice"

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branch116.org/trampas/

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SIR Happenings State Newsletter
sirinc.org/sirhappenings

State SIR Web Site
sirinc.org/

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

2017 SIR Branch 116 Concours d'Elegance

June 18, 2017

(Our Boys and Their Toys)



Matt Arena
2001 BMW Z3 Roadster



Jim Barstow
1980 Chevrolet Corvette



Jerry Bennett
1973 Porsche 911



Nick Bowles
2000 Toyota MR2 Spyder



Dave Carlson
2007 Porsche Cayman



Jim Flessner
2007 Chevrolet Corvette



Marty Katz
2004 Chrysler Crossfire



Brad Lee
1965 Mercedes 230SL



Paul King
2005 BMW 325 CI



Fred Schafer
2004 Chevrolet Corvette



Neil Schmidt
2006 Lotus Elise



Bob Testa
2004 Lexus SC 430



Hiking & Walking

Joel White

(zpz2mrz@gmail.com)

The Friday, June 9, walk, led by Joe Cain commenced and concluded at Panera Bread in the Country Wood shopping center. Joe and Sharon Cain, Paul and Anna Freitas, Dan and Andrea Green, John and Gail Riordan, and Joel and Susan White then enjoyed heading west on the Contra Costa Canal Trail and circling the lake in Heather Farms Park before returning to coffee and conversation.

The Friday, June 23, walk led by Don Murray provided us with a new venue starting at the Osage Station Park, off of Sycamore Valley Road in Danville. The first morning in a week that had not already reached the mid-70's by 8am provided the perfect day for Rich Black and Donna Argenbright, Art and Mary Alice Donaldson, John and Gail Riordan, Richard and Aase White, and Joel and Susan White. Unfortunately Don was ill and after making sure all had arrived, returned home. He had planned a beautiful walk that he was unable to enjoy, meandering through the subdivision, then proceeding north on the Iron Horse Trail, which was partially shaded, into Downtown Danville. Coffee and conversation followed at the nearby Black Bear Diner.

The **Friday July 14th** walk will be led by Joel White. We will meet at 8:15am behind the Museum of the San Ramon Valley (Railroad Museum) 205 Railroad Avenue in downtown Danville. We will walk north on a mostly shaded part of the Iron Horse trail. RSVP to Joel: zpz2mrz@gmail.com.

The **Friday July 28** walk will be led by Rich Black. Meet at the Inspiration Point Parking lot in Tilden Park at 8:15am. Please RSVP to Rich: blackrw41@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)



"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 this month. We were happy to have Alex Lutkus back after his time away floating around the world. Harry Sherinian, Robbie Robinson, Kirk Mc Vean and Richard Madden were also in attendance. Richard was the winner just beating out Harry by 55 points. Third place was a tie between Robbie and Alex at 357. Alex complained as he was late and had to start with a score of 143 points at the beginning of the third round. I'll let you decide if he has a case. The scores ranged from 260 to 399.

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 **July 12th**.

We had Couples Train on May 24th with four couples. All seemed to have a good time. Couples Train is scheduled for July 26th. I will be away so I will see if someone steps forward to host the event. I will send out an announcement to the regular Train List letting you know. Let me know if you would like to be added to this list.

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

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)

The Walking Tours Group toured the estate and formal gardens at The Filoli Gardens in Woodside on Saturday, June 17th. The next event will be in a couple months so look for it in the Trampas Topics or contact Bernie Wroblewski at (925) 820-3274 or e-mail bbwroblewski@comcast.net.



Walking Tour at Filoli Gardens in Woodside on June 17th

SPECIAL EVENT SCOREBOARD		
4 - MAN TEAM LOW NET TOURNAMENT		
TEAMS	TEAM TOTAL	FINISH
Michael Barrington	271	1ST
Dave Carlson		
Conrad Robertson		
Bob Testa		
Al Hutchko	276	2ND
Alan Fitzgerald		
Richard Madden		
Robbie Robinson		
Terry Sherman	277	3RD
Jim Johnson		
Gary Boswell		
Carl Langhorst		
Marty Katz	281	4TH
Jim Barstow		
Don Schroeder		
Art Vogl		
Wayne Cook	292	5TH
David Harris		
Bill McCord		
Phil Jenkins		



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

Some of the many SIR Travel Opportunities

Aug 14-22, 2017: US & Canadian National Parks. Explore 7 spectacular including Glacier National Park, Banff National Park, Kootenay National Park, Waterton National Park. You'll also visit Lake Louise, Emerald Lake, Silverado Silver Mine, and Spokane. Cost of \$3250 includes RT Air, Tour Transportation, Lodging, Meals, Taxes and Gratuities. Tom Duncanson, Br.20, 831-662-8605.

Sep 28-Oct 6, 2017: Norman Rockwell New England. Tour through the backroads of the Berkshire and Adirondack Mountains as you admire the fall foliage and visit the life memories of Norman Rockwell. The tour includes Boston City Tour then ferry cross Lake Champlain to Burlington VT and into the Green Mountains. Then cross the Connecticut River in New Hampshire into the coastal town of York Beach, Maine. Price is \$3385, John Pletsch, Br 32, San Jose, 408-274-2992 or Mike Console, 408-246-1080 or Tom Duncanson Br. 20, 831-662-8605.

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

Some SIR Travel Opportunities

SIR Area 2 web site has many other travel opportunities. Check them out at: <http://area2.sirinc2.org/>



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.

July 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

July 18-Hole Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Organizer
Mon. 03	9:32	Boundary Oak	Al Zavattero
Mon. 10	9:32	Boundary Oak	Al Zavattero
Tue. 18	10:00	Rooster Run	Jim Johnson
Mon. 24	9:30	Metropolitan	Greg Hughes
Mon. 31	9:30	Redwood Cyn.	Greg Hughes

18-Hole Results

Franklin Canyon, Mon, Jun 26, 2017

Jim Johnson, Official Scorer

<u>Flight 1</u>			<u>Flight 2</u>			<u>Flight 3</u>			<u>Flight 4</u>		
1st	Michael Barrington	65 3	1st	Terry Grummitt	62 3	1st	Dave Carlson	66 3	1st	Robbie Robinson	58 3
2nd	Jim Johnson	67 2	2nd	Jim Barstow	65 2	2nd	Richard Madden	71 2	2nd	Carl Langhorst	64 2
Tie 3rd	Al Zattero	68 1	3rd	Jim Clizbe	67 1	Tie 3rd	Alex Lutkus	72 1	3rd	Matt Arena	67 1
Tie 3rd	Alan Fitzgerald	68 1				Tie 3rd	Bob Testa	72 1			
<u>Low Gross</u>			<u>Low Gross</u>			<u>Low Gross</u>			<u>Low Gross</u>		
	Michael Barrington	82		Jim Barstow	86		Dave Carlson	93		Robbie Robinson	96
<u>Closest-to #17</u>			<u>Closest-to #17</u>			<u>Closest-to #17</u>			<u>Closest-to #17</u>		
	Mel Williams			Terry Grummitt			Alex Lutkus			Robbie Robinson	

Napa Kennedy, Tue, Jun 20, 2017

Bernie Wroblewski, Official Scorer

<u>Flight 1</u>			<u>Flight 2</u>			<u>Flight 3</u>			<u>Flight 4</u>		
1st	Denny Giambastiani	68 3	1st	Gary Boswell	65 3	1st	Bernie Wroblewski	68 3	1st	Robbie Robinson	67 3
2nd	Jim Johnson	71 2	2nd	Terry Grummitt	67 2	2nd	Bob Testa	70 2	2nd	Conrad Robertson	76 2
Tie 3rd	Michael Barrington	75 1	3rd	Al Hutchko	72 1	3rd	Richard Madden	72 1	3rd	Art Vogl	79 1
Tie 3rd	David Harris	75 1									
<u>Low Gross</u>			<u>Low Gross</u>			<u>Low Gross</u>			<u>Low Gross</u>		
	Denny Giambastiani	84		Gary Boswell	87		Bernie Wroblewski	95		Robbie Robinson	106
<u>Closest-to #16</u>			<u>Closest-to #16</u>			<u>Closest-to #16</u>			<u>Closest-to #16</u>		
	Jim Johnson			Al Hutchko			Alex Lutkus				

Boundary Oak, Mon, Jun 12, 2017

David Harris, Official Scorer

<u>Flight 1</u>			<u>Flight 2</u>			<u>Flight 3</u>			<u>Flight 4</u>		
1st	Jim Johnson	65 3	1st	Terry Grummitt	65 3	1st	Bernie Wroblewski	67 3	1st	Phil Jenkins	65 3
2nd	Al Zattero	69 2	2nd	Jim Barstow	69 2	2nd	Phil Perrelli	68 2	2nd	Robbie Robinson	67 2
3rd	David Harris	70 1	3rd	Jim McCormick	71 1	3rd	Richard Madden	70 1	3rd	Ron Armijo	68 1
<u>Low Gross</u>			<u>Low Gross</u>			<u>Low Gross</u>			<u>Low Gross</u>		
	Jim Johnson	82		Jim Barstow	90		Bernie Wroblewski	93		Phil Jenkins	100
<u>Closest-to #2</u>			<u>Closest-to #2</u>			<u>Closest-to #2</u>			<u>Closest-to #2</u>		
	Bill McCord			Gary Boswell			Alex Lutkus			George Pryhuber	

Boundary Oak, Mon, Jun 5, 2017

Harry Oberle, Official Scorer

<u>Flight 1</u>			<u>Flight 2</u>			<u>Flight 3</u>			<u>Flight 4</u>		
1st	David Harris	67 3	1st	Gary Boswell	65 3	1st	Phil Perrelli	64 3	1st	Art Vogl	63 3
2nd	Al Zattero	69 2	Tie 2nc	Jim Barstow	69 2	2nd	Richard Madden	68 2	2nd	Phil Jenkins	66 2
3rd	Alan Fitzgerald	70 1	Tie 2nc	Don Schroeder	69 2	Tie 3rd	Dave Carlson	70 1	3rd	Carl Langhorst	73 1
						Tie 3rd	Bob Testa	70 1			
						Tie 3rd	Jim Videle	70 1			
<u>Low Gross</u>			<u>Low Gross</u>			<u>Low Gross</u>			<u>Low Gross</u>		
	David Harris	86		Gary Boswell	86		Phil Perrelli	91		Art Vogl	99
<u>Closest-to #7</u>			<u>Closest-to #7</u>			<u>Closest-to #7</u>			<u>Closest-to #7</u>		
	Denny Giambastiani			Jim Clizbe			Terry Sherman			Phil Jenkins	

18-Hole **Final** First Half Leaders, January-June, 2017 (As of Franklin Canyon, Jun 26, 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
Al Zavattero	25	Don Schroeder	29	Bernie Wroblewski	29	Art Vogl	30
Jim Johnson	23	Jim Barstow	27	David Carlson	25	Conrad Robertson	26
David Harris	20	Gary Boswell	22	Bob Testa	24	Robbie Robinson	20
Jerry Hicks	13	John Story	8	Richard Madden	14	Bill Hemmelsbach	15
Phil Goff	12	Terry Grummitt	8	Terry Sherman	9	Carl Langhorst	14
Alan Fitzgerald	10	Frank Crua	7	Kevin Donahue	6	Phil Jenkins	11
Bill McCord	9	Carlos Xavier	7	Phil Perrelli	6	Greg Hughes	5
Mel Williams	8	Dirk Meyer	6	Alex Lutkus	6	Fred Schafer	5
Denny Giambastiani	7	Al Hutchko	6	Jed Daniel	4	Jerry Christopherson	2
Michael Barrington	7	Bob Donohue	4	Marty Katz	4	Matt Arena	2
Warren Garrison	2	Frank Portillo	2	Pete Coggiola	1	Ron Armijo	1
		Randy Welker	2	Jim Videle	1		
		Hugh Duggan	2				
		Sam Beret	2				
		Don Benioff	1				
		Jim McCormick	1				
		Jim Clizbe	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.

18-Hole Pay In Advance Deadlines

<u>Event Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Tuesday, July 18	Rooster Run	July 10	\$42
Monday, July 24	Metropolitan	July 10	\$35
Monday, July 31	Redwood Canyon	July 10	\$37
Monday, August 14	Crow Canyon CC	Aug.. 04	\$45
Tuesday, August 22	Eagle Vines	Aug. 12	\$47
Monday, August 28	Chardonnay	Aug. 18	\$46

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.